

**WTOG 11**

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**FIRST QUARTER FCC REPORT**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023**

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

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

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

**60 MINUTES                      SUNDAY                                      7:00 – 8:00 PM**

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

**48 HOURS                                      SATURDAY                                      10:00 – 11:00PM**

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

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

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

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

SHOW FOCUSES ON FARMERS IN GEORGIA

**NEWS SERIES                      ANY DAY                                      WITHIN LOCAL NEWS**

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

**SKILLED TO WORK TUESDAYS AT 5**

THIS EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 5PM SEGMENT INCLUDES WORK TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE AREA THROUGH AREA SCHOOLS.

**HOMETOWN HERO MONDAYS AT 7**

THIS WEEKLY SEGMENT INCLUDES ORDINARY PEOPLE DOING HEROIC ACTIONS.

**PROUD TO BE A FARMER**

THIS ONCE WEEKLY SEGMENT FOCUSES ON FARMERS IN OUR AREA AND THE CROPS THEY RAISE.

**RESCUE ME FRIDAYS**

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

**TOP TEACHER**

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

**CBS THIS MORNING MONDAY-FRIDAY 7AM-9AM**

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

**CBS THIS MORNING SATURDAY SATURDAY-8-10AM**

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

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

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

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

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

**SPECIALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

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

**2023 Community Affairs Issues**  
**First Quarter**

1. **Public Safety & Crime including crime prevention, alcohol and drug abuse, fire safety, and police conduct. Plus, the Coronavirus Pandemic.**
2. **Education including education standards, school safety, budget and alternative schools.**
3. **Minority Issues including affirmative action, NAACP activities, women and Gay Rights, etc. Plus, how minorities have made a difference.**
4. **Economic Development including business development, employment opportunities, community infrastructure, small business development, and visitor attractions. Plus, the effects of the Pandemic on the economy.**
5. **Terrorism/National Security, conflict in Ukraine and overseas. Plus, border security and Veteran celebrations.**
7. **Political Section-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 WTOC (TV) PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023**

**CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 01/01/23 **Guests:** Michael Gapen, managing director, chief U.S. economist, Bank of America (1); Kristalina Georgieva, managing director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2); John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (3); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor (3); Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, Obama Administration (3); General H.R. McMaster, former national security adviser, Trump administration (3); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (4); Kevin Book, energy analyst, managing director, Clearview Energy Partners (4)  
2) Topics include: / China's relaxation of its "zero-COVID" policies
- 01/15/23 **Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor, former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House" (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
6) a discussion and analysis on how classified documents should be managed, including by outgoing administrations, when possessing classified documents becomes a criminal act, the risks and the differences between the cases of Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden
- 01/22/23 **Guests:** Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1) Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (4); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (6); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL), president, United States Conference of Mayors (7); LaToya Cantrell, mayor (D-New Orleans, LA) (7); Andre Dickens, mayor (D-Atlanta, GA) (7); John Giles, mayor (R-Mesa, AZ) (7)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
1) a report from Monterey Park, CA on the mass shooting after a Lunar New Year celebration  
2) the latest on the investigation regarding the mass shooting in Monterey, CA, where at least ten people were killed and another ten wounded
- 01/29/23 **Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), vice chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); former Representative Val Demings (D-FL), former police chief, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, FL (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4)  
3) Topics include: video of five Memphis, TN police officers beating Tyre Nichols, an unarmed Black man who died three days later / Memphis Police Chief C.J. Davis / police reform
- 02/12/23 **Guests:** Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (5) (6); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (6); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND) (6); Governor Wes Moore (D-MD) (6)  
4) a report from Hatay, Turkey on continuing rescue efforts in Turkey and Syria as the death toll from a series of earthquakes and aftershocks continues to rise
- 03/05/23 **Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)  
1) Topics include: proposed bipartisan rail safety legislation in the wake of the train derailment that was carrying toxic chemicals in Ohio;  
4) Topics include:; second train derailment in Ohio  
5) Topics include:; President Biden's skin cancer diagnosis

01/01/23

**“The Vanishing Wild”** – a report on mass extinction. Scientists warn human activity has driven us to the brink of a sixth mass extinction, predicting life on Earth will drastically change in the next 20 years. Includes interviews with Dana Wilson and Armando Briones, fishermen; Paul Ehrlich, Tony Barnosky, and Liz Hadly, biologists; and Gerardo Ceballos, a leading extinction scientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)

**“Obesity”** – a report on obesity and its different causes. Wegovy, a new weight loss medication on the market boasts results, but it is expensive and most health insurers refuse to cover it, thus preventing widespread use. Includes interviews with Dr. Fatima Cody Stanford, an obesity doctor at Mass General Hospital and Associate Professor at Harvard Medical School; Nicole Sams, Maya Cohen, who have all struggled with weight loss; Dr. Caroline Apovian, Co-Director of the Weight Management and Wellness Center at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston; and Thomas Philipson, a University of Chicago health care economist. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

02/12/23

PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”

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**“Canada’s Unmarked Graves”** – a report on Canada’s history of residential schools, which forcibly held more than 150,000 Indigenous children in inhumane conditions. Includes interviews with Leona Wolf, Chief Wilton Littlechild, Chief Cadmus Delorme, and Ed Bitternose, who were all sent to the residential schools; and Kisha Supernant and Terry Clark, archaeologists. (See also: “Killing The Indian”, OAD: 05/08/01, Rebroadcast: 04/10/02 – both on 60 MINUTES II) (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 02/06/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)

02/19/23

**The Last Minute** – Recovery continues in southwest Turkey and northern Syria after the devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake 13 days ago. (C: Bill Whitaker)

03/12/23

**“Comparative Oncology”** – a report on Comparative Oncology. The growing field boasts promising genetic cancer research with dogs and humans. Includes interviews with Elaine Ostrander, a senior geneticist at the NIH; Nicola Mason, University of Pennsylvania professor and veterinarian who oversees a national network of comparative oncology trials funded by the White House’s Cancer Moonshot Initiative; Krystie Gomes, who was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in 2020; Kathy Feder, Krystie’s mom; Dr. Elyssa Rubin, Krystie’s oncologist; Matt Olson, owner of Sandy the golden retriever; Dan Heffron, owner of Otto the boxer; Julie Hinseth, who was diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2020; and Doug Hinseth, Julie’s husband. (C: Anderson Cooper – P: Denise Schrier Cetta) (OAD: 11/27/22)

**“Wild Horses”** – a report on the Wyoming Honor Farm. The state operated minimum security prison aims to tame the wild horse population through a program where inmates train the animals. Includes interviews with Jess Oldham, who runs the Wind River Wild Horse Sanctuary outside Lander, WY with her family; Holle Waddell, division chief of the program that oversees wild horses for the Bureau of Land Management; Curtis Moffat, warden of the Wyoming Honor Farm; Travis Shoopman, manager of the farm; and Peytonn Suchor and Michael Davis, inmates. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Karzis, Katie Kerbstat) (OAD: 11/20/22)

**48 HOURS**

01/07/23

**48 HOURS: “The Idaho Student Murders”** – a report on the latest developments and inside details surrounding the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 murders of four University of Idaho students – Kaylee Goncalves, Ethan Chapin, Xana Kernodle and Madison Mogen – in their off-campus home in Moscow, ID; all four victims were stabbed with a large knife. Bryan Kohberger, studying to get his Ph.D. in criminology at Washington State University, was arrested Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at his family’s home in Albrightsville, PA; he was flown back to Idaho on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and appeared in court the next day, charged with the four murders. **On-screen text graphic:** Bryan Kohberger’s next court appearance is scheduled for January 12. He will have a chance to enter a plea at a later date. Interviewed: Steve Goncalves, Kaylee Goncalves’ father; Benjamin Roberts, Kohberger’s Washington State University classmate; James Gagliano, retired FBI supervisory special agent, CBS News consultant; CeCe Moore, genetic genealogist; Jason LaBar, Monroe County public defender, represented Bryan Kohberger before he was extradited to Idaho; Bree, Kohberger’s friend from when they attended Pleasant Valley High School - requested her last name not be used; Casey Arntz, Kohberger’s high school classmate; Andrew Miller, Ethan Chapin’s former boss at a tulip farm in Skagit Valley, WA; Reese Gardner and Ariah Macagba, Ethan’s former co-workers; Matt Loveless, journalism professor, Washington State University;

Cathy Mabbutt, coroner. (C: Peter Van Sant. No producers listed.)

01/14/23

**48 HOURS: “Melissa Turner’s Closing Act”** – a report on the investigation into the death of Matthew Trussler, who lived with his fiancée, Melissa Turner, in Riverview, FL, a suburb of Tampa. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Turner called 911, saying she had discovered Trussler lying unresponsive near their swimming pool. He was pronounced dead at the scene and an autopsy later revealed he had died from stab wounds. Turner initially told detectives that the couple had been drinking the night before and could remember few details. Investigators located a security camera above a neighbor’s garage door that recorded audio of screaming and yelling and when confronted, Turner’s story changed. She then claimed to have acted in self-defense and stabbed Trussler when he tried to choke her. Turner was eventually arrested and charged with second degree murder with a weapon. Turner, who had been out on bail since her 2019 arrest, went on trial on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022; prosecutors used the audio from the neighbor’s camera, as well as video from inside the couple’s home. The trial wrapped on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022; after seven hours of deliberation, the jury found Turner guilty of murder in the second degree. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Melissa Turner was sentenced to 20.5 years in the Florida State Prison. **On-screen text graphic:** Prosecutors say Matthew Trussler was a victim; of domestic violence. If you or someone you know needs help, please contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or visit TheHotline.org. Interviewed: Melissa Turner, former cosplay model; Sean Trussler, Matthew’s brother; Jennifer Giles, Sean’s fiancée; Ryan LaGasse, a detective for the sheriff’s office at the time; Cameron Walega, Melissa’s former boyfriend; John Trevena, Melissa’s attorney; Katherine Fand, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; Chinwe Fossett, prosecutor, Hillsborough County; and Donald Goodwin, juror. (C: Erin Moriarty - P: Asena Basak)

01/21/23

**48 HOURS: “A Killer In The Family Tree”** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the murders of Tanya Van Cuylenborg, 18, and her boyfriend, Jay Cook, 20, in November 1987 and the connection to Chelsea Rustad, an amateur genealogist from Tumwater, WA. On November 18<sup>th</sup>, 1987, Tanya and Jay left British Columbia in Jay’s parent’s van for Seattle, WA, to pick up furnace parts. After they did not return home, Jay and Tanya were reported missing. On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Tanya’s body was found in Skagit County, some eighty miles north of Seattle; she had been raped and shot in the head. The next day, her wallet, the keys to the van, bullets and other items were found under the porch of a tavern in Bellingham, WA. The following day, Jay’s body was found under High Bridge, seventy miles south from where Tanya was found; he had been strangled. Recovered evidence and semen samples allowed investigators to create a profile for “Individual A”. In 2017, Parabon NanoLabs was hired to predict the genetic traits of “Individual A” through Snapshot Phenotyping. After the Golden State Killer was arrested in 2018, Parabon NanoLabs agreed to upload the DNA of “Individual A” to the genetic database GEDmatch on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Genetic genealogist CeCe Moore assisted with what became her first criminal case and soon identified William Earl Talbott II. Investigators sought information from Chelsea Rustad, Talbott’s second cousin, who had also uploaded her DNA to GEDmatch. After a fresh DNA sample from Talbott was matched to “Individual A”, William Talbott was arrested on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018; he pleaded not guilty. Talbott’s trial began in June 2019 in the Snohomish County Superior Court; he was found guilty of the aggravated murders of Tanya and Jay and sentenced to two life terms in prison without parole. Also included in this broadcast is an interview with Andrea Roth, who expressed her concerns about sharing DNA on public genealogy websites and the lack of legal oversight. *This broadcast does not contain an on-screen text graphic summary at its conclusion.* Interviewed: Chelsea Rustad; CeCe Moore, investigative genetic genealogist; Jim Scharf, Snohomish County cold case detective; John Van Cuylenborg, Tanya’s older brother; Lisa Collins, forensic scientist, Washington State Patrol; Matthew Baldock, chief criminal deputy, lead prosecutor on the Talbott case; Jon Scott, William Talbott’s defense attorney; Rachel Forde, William Talbott’s defense attorney; and Andrea Roth, UC Berkeley Center for Law and Technology. (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Lisa Freed, Sarah Prior, Mary Ann Rotondi) (OAD: 11/20/21)

01/21/23

**48 HOURS: “The Daughters Who Disappeared”** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the latest developments in the murders of four young women: 12-year-old Laura Smither, who disappeared on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1997 in Friendswood, TX (her body was found on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 1997); 20-year-old Kelli Cox, who disappeared on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Denton, TX (her remains were found in April 2016); 26-year-old Tiffany Johnston, who disappeared on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Bethany, OK (her body was found the next day); and 17-year-old Jessica Cain, who disappeared on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1997 in Le Marque, TX (her remains were found in March 2016). William Reece, a sex offender who had been released from prison six months before the murders began and was working in Friendswood, was named a suspect. Investigators found evidence that tied him to Laura Smither’s murder but were unable to make an arrest. While police continued to investigate, he remained free. In April 1998, William Reece went on trial for the kidnapping of Sandra

Sapaugh in Texas; he was convicted and sentenced to 60 years in prison. Eventually identified by DNA, William Reece agreed to talk to investigators about the cases in 2016. In May 2021, he went on trial for the murder of Tiffany Johnston in Oklahoma and was found guilty and sentenced to death. In Texas, William Reece agreed to plead guilty to murdering Laura Smither, Kelli Cox, and Jessica Cain; in exchange, he received three life sentences. **On-screen text graphic:** William Reece is still in a Texas prison. Oklahoma authorities are in the process of trying to bring him back to face his sentence there. Interviewed: Mary Ellen O'Toole, retired FBI profiler; Gay Smither, Laura Smither's mother; Jan and Alexis Bynum, Kelli Cox's mother and daughter; Kathy Dobry, Tiffany Johnston's mother; Josh Rogers, deputy chief of police, Friendswood, TX; Lynn Williams, retired police chief who in 2012, was working on cold cases at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI) and was assigned to Tiffany Johnston's case; Wendy Duke, supervising criminologist, OSBI cold case unit; Jimmy Harmon, Oklahoma County prosecutor; and Ryan Stephenson, Oklahoma County prosecutor. (Note: The broadcast marks 48 HOURS' 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary; 48 HOURS launched as a regular series on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1988.) (See also: "Killer In Friendswood", OAD: 05/01/97; "Prime Suspect", OAD: 10/23/97; and 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "The Killing Fields", OAD: 10/22/11, Rebroadcast: 07/07/12, which includes a follow-up to "Killer in Friendswood") (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Sarah Prior, Richard Fetzer)

01/28/23

**48 HOURS: "What Ally Kostial Didn't Know"** (9:00 – 10:00p) – a report on the July 2019 murder of 21-year-old Ally Kostial and the digital trail investigators followed to find her killer. Kostial, originally from St. Louis, MO, was a business and marketing student at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Investigators found her body near a remote fishing camp near to campus; she was shot at least nine times. By using Kostial's Apple Watch and the stored text messages, investigators tracked Kostial's life before her death, which led Lafayette County sheriff's deputies to fellow student Brandon Theesfeld. Enroute to where his parents lived in Texas, Theesfeld was arrested in Memphis, TN three days after Kostial was found. Kostial and Theesfeld dated throughout college, but each viewed the relationship differently, with Theesfeld treating it much more casually. In April 2019, Kostial feared she was pregnant; Theesfeld did not see fatherhood in his immediate future. Investigators believe Kostial's murder was premeditated; Theesfeld denies it was planned and claims he snapped under the influence of alcohol and cocaine. Facing a death sentence, Theesfeld pleaded guilty to first-degree murder on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The judge sentenced him to life in prison. Autopsy results indicated Kostial was not pregnant at the time of her death; her parents believe she had a miscarriage. **On-screen text graphic:** If you or anyone you know is struggling with substance abuse or mental health visit SAMHSA.gov or call 1-800-662-HELP for more information. Interviewed: Keith and Cindy Kostial, Ally's parents; Morgan Hull, friend; Elizabeth Brock, friend; Maddy Norris, friend; Ben Creekmore, district attorney; Mickey Mallette, Lafayette County assistant district attorney; Jarrett Bundren, investigator; Tony Farese, Theesfeld family attorney; Jake Thompson, former reporter for the Oxford Eagle; Dr. Kris Mohandie, forensic psychologist asked by 48 HOURS to read some of the text messages between Ally and Brandon. (C: Michelle Miller, co-anchor, CBS SATURDAY MORNING – P: Marcelena Spencer, Susan Mallie) (OAD: 03/05/22)

01/28/23

**48 HOURS: "The Death of an Officer's Wife"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – a report on the events leading up to the day Seth Perrault reported his wife, Amanda Perrault, dead. Five days after Amanda made allegations of abuse against Seth, an Eatonton, GA police officer, he reported that she took her life by shooting herself on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Investigators immediately doubted Seth's story, based in part on the crime scene, including the position of her body in the couple's bed, the way the Smith and Wesson .380 was found lying next to her body with its magazine ejected, other forensic evidence and allegations of abuse. Two days after Amanda's shooting, Seth was arrested, but the COVID pandemic shut down the courts and Seth remained in jail. During that time, the medical examiner released the autopsy report, which declared Amanda's death a suicide. In November 2020, the grand jury decided that the case should go to trial; Seth was charged with malice murder, felony murder and aggravated assault. At his February 2022 trial, Seth decided not to testify; prosecutors included evidence found on Amanda's cell phone. Seth Perrault was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life, without the possibility of parole. **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. Seth Perrault's daughter is living with her mother, who has custody. Perrault's sister is petitioning to take custody. Seth Perrault's first appeal has been denied. Interviewed: Angie and Alesha Johnson, Amanda's sisters; Wright Barksdale, district attorney; Justin Kenney, Seth's attorney; Howard Sills, sheriff, Putnam County, GA; and Terrell Abernathy, deputy, Putnam County, GA. (Contributor: Anne-Marie Green – Producer: Judy Rybak)

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: "The Station Nightclub Fire: Who's Responsible?"** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the February 20th, 2003 fire at The Station, a nightclub in West Warwick, RI, which left 100 dead and more than 200 injured. The fire began when the band, Jack Russell's Great White, took the stage and



their tour manager set off four large fireworks called gerbs. Flames appeared on the walls on either side of the stage and spread quickly due to the highly flammable foam that lined the walls and ceiling, installed to dampen the sound. In December 2003, brothers and owners Jeff and Michael Derderian were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter; Daniel Biechele, Great White's tour manager, faced the same charges – he had failed to get a license for the pyrotechnics from the state of Rhode Island and permits from the local fire department. In February 2006, a plea deal was reached with the tour manager: sentenced to 4 years, Daniel Biechele was paroled after 22 months. Michael and Jeff Derderian pleaded no contest. Their plea deal stated only one of them would go to prison and because Jeff had young children, Michael served 33 months in prison; Jeff completed 500 hours of community service. Eighteen years after the fire, the brothers use this broadcast to tell their story and reveal new information about the foam used to line the walls and ceiling of the club, claiming the foam company sent them the wrong foam. The Derderians have since learned that the fire marshal should have tested the foam and have always maintained they never gave the band permission to use pyrotechnics. Former Rhode Island attorney general Patrick Lynch led the investigation into the fire; he stands by his initial findings and disagrees with the brothers' decision to come forward. In 2017, a memorial was opened to honor the lives lost in the fire. **On-screen text graphic:** At the time of The Station fire, older clubs in Rhode Island weren't required to install sprinklers. It is now mandatory for nightclubs with occupancy over 150 to have them. Since The Station fire, many states have adopted stricter fire prevention codes. Interviewed: Linda Saran, survivor; Phil Barr, survivor; Jody King, brother of Tracy King, who worked as a bouncer at The Station and died in the fire; Scott James, author, "Trial by Fire"; Patrick Lynch, attorney, former Rhode Island Attorney General; and Jeff and Michael Derderian, brothers and co-owners of The Station nightclub. (C: Jim Axelrod – P: Betsy Shuller, Chris Young Ritzen) (OAD: 10/23/21)

02/11/23

**48 HOURS: "The Kidnapping of Michelle and Breea Renee"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – an update on the story of Michelle and Breea Renee, a single mother who was forced to rob the bank she managed after she and her seven year old daughter were held captive and threatened with dynamite – first featured on 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Show Me The Money", OAD: 10/03/09. In November 2000, three masked shooters broke into Renee's Vista, CA home and held them hostage. The abductors told Renee she would have to rob the bank she worked at and, in the morning, strapped them both with what they were told was dynamite, later discovered to be fake. Renee, told that the dynamite would be detonated if she didn't follow their orders, stole \$360,000. Once the shooters had the money, Renee raced home to find her daughter still alive and called for help. A police and FBI investigation soon apprehended four suspects: ringleader Christopher Butler and his girlfriend Lisa Ramirez, Christopher Huggins and Robert Ortiz. At trial, Butler falsely claimed Renee masterminded the bank robbery and that they'd had an affair. Ramirez was found innocent; Butler, Huggins and Ortiz were found guilty and sentenced to jail. The 2023 update details the impact of being falsely accused of masterminding the plot, as well as Breea Renee's multiple sclerosis (MS) diagnosis at 18 and her recovery. In June 2020, Christopher Butler was up for parole. Though denied, Tom Manning managed to get Butler to recant his whole story and admit that he and Michelle Renee never had a relationship. She wrote a follow-up book, "Nine Days"; Breea Renee spoke at Ortiz' parole hearing. **On-screen text graphic:** Robert Ortiz was granted parole in January 2021. Interviewed: Michelle Renee; Breea Renee; Dave Estey, Michelle's brother; Tom Manning, prosecutor, San Diego County; and Herb Weston, attorney who represented Lisa Ramirez. Also includes footage and interviews from the 2009 broadcast: neighbor Rick Brown; and San Diego County Sheriff's detectives Rudy Zamora and Dale Martin. (See also: 48 HOURS MYSTERY: "Show Me The Money", OAD: 10/03/09; Rebroadcast: 07/23/10) (Contributor: Tracy Smith – Producer: Gayane Keshishyan Mendez)

02/25/23

**48 HOURS: "The Brighton Ax Murder"** (10:02 – 11:02p) – 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 didn't 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. **On-screen text graphic:** Cathy's family and Sara haven't spoken since the trial. Sara has moved out of the country. Interviewed: Sharon Krauseneck, Jim's current wife; Mark Libertore, 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). (C: Erin Moriarty – P: Josh Yager, James Stolz)

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: "The Poisonous Wife"** (9:00 – 10:00p) - a report on the June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 murder of Ben Renick, found dead at his snake breeding facility about 80 miles west of St. Louis, MO. Discovered by his wife Lynlee Renick, investigators originally believed Ben had been the victim of an attack by one of his reptiles. The coroner discovered he had been shot eight times, once at close range. Lynlee eventually admitted to investigators she had been having an affair with Brandon Blackwell and been in contact with Michael Humphrey, an ex-boyfriend just released from prison. Investigators also discovered that Lynlee's spa business was losing money and that she had lied to Ben about it. With just circumstantial evidence, the case went cold for nearly three years. In January 2020, a jailhouse tip from Brandon Blackwell provided enough information for investigators to arrest Lynlee Renick and Michael Humphrey, as well as Lynlee's former employee Ashley Shaw, who turned on her one-time boss in exchange for leniency. In late 2021, Michael went on trial and was convicted of first-degree murder; he then agreed to cooperate with the state. During Lynlee's trial, she claimed that Ben was abusive, Michael shot Ben, and also apologized for her attempts to implicate her former brother-in-law. Lynlee was found guilty of murder in the second degree and armed criminal action; she was sentenced to 16 years in prison. Ben was honored with a new breed of snake, the Renick Ghost. **On-screen text graphic:** The stalking and related charges against Brandon Blackwell were dropped. Lynlee Renick will be eligible for parole by 2035. Interviewed: Sam Renick, Ben's brother; Dav Kaufman, snake breeder, documentary filmmaker; Dave Colbert, coroner; Katherine Berger, defense attorney; Tim Hesemann, defense attorney; Beth Mayberry, Columbia, MO resident; Dave McKenna, journalist, Defector Media. (C: Peter Van Sant – P: Chris O'Connell, James Stolz, Alicia Tejada) (OAD: 03/12/22)

03/04/23

**48 HOURS: "The Trial of Alex Murdaugh"** (10:00 – 11:00p) – 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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. **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. 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.)

03/11/23

**48 HOURS: "What Angelina Saw"** (10:36 – 11:36p) – 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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)

03/18/23

**48 HOURS: "Remembering the Chowchilla Kidnapping"** (10:23 – 11:23p) - a retitled, reedited and updated rebroadcast of 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: "The Chowchilla Kidnapping", originally aired on 10/12/19, rebroadcasted on 07/11/20. After 46 years, Fred Woods, the last of three men convicted of kidnapping 26 children and their bus driver, was paroled from a prison in California. For the first time, 48 HOURS reveals a powerful and emotional interview with Jodi Heffington, one of the survivors from that event, believed to be the largest kidnapping in American history. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1976, 26 children and their bus driver, Ed Ray, were kidnapped as they headed home from Dairyland Elementary School in Chowchilla, CA. The three masked kidnapers, one armed, were later identified as: Fred Woods, and brothers James and Richard Schoenfeld. The kidnapers drove the bus to a wooded area where they preceded to unload the bus driver and children into a van that was set up as a makeshift prison. After driving for 12 hours, the van stopped 100 miles away from Chowchilla, at a rock quarry owned by Fred Wood's father in Livermore, CA. The victims were removed one by one from the van and instructed to climb down a ladder to a truck trailer, buried 12 feet underground. The children and Ed escaped from the ground after 16 hours. The motive for the kidnapping was money, despite all three men hailing from wealthy families. All three pleaded guilty to 27 counts of kidnapping for robbery and ransom but each refused to plead guilty to eight counts of bodily harm. On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1978, the kidnapers were sentenced to life in prison without parole. Four years after the crime, lawyers appealed the finding of bodily harm and the appellate court overturned it, throwing out the sentence. In 2012, 36 years after the kidnapping, Richard Schoenfeld was the first to be granted parole. Three years later James Schoenfeld was paroled. Fred Woods, who has repeatedly been caught with pornography and cell phones, remains in prison, but was up for parole the week of this broadcast. Original on-screen text graphic for the 10/12/19 broadcast: On Tuesday, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in five years. On-screen text graphic for the 07/11/20 rebroadcast: In 2019, kidnapper Fred Woods was denied parole. He is eligible for parole again in 2024. **On-screen text graphic for the 03/18/23 broadcast:** In January 2021, Jodi Heffington passed away. She was 55 years old. Fourteen months after Jodi's death, Fred Woods went before the parole board for the 18th time. He was granted parole. Interviewed: Jennifer Brown Hyde, Larry Park, Michael Marshall and Jodi Heffington (Jodi's interview is new to the 03/18/23 edition), survivors; Joan Brown, Jennifer's mother; Sheriff Ed Bates, Madera County, CA; and Prosecutor Jill Klinge, assistant district attorney, Alameda County. (See also: 48 HOURS: LIVE TO TELL: "The Chowchilla Kidnapping", OAD: 10/12/19; Rebroadcast: 07/11/20) (Contributor / Narrator: David Begnaud - Producers: Chris Young Ritzen, George Osterkamp)

03/25/23

**48 HOURS: "The Mysterious Death of Tiffiney Crawford"** – a report on the death of Tiffiney Crawford, mother to a son and daughter, and the case against her husband, Jason Crawford. On the night of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, then-37-year-old Jason dialed 911 to report that his wife had been shot. When sheriff's deputies arrived at their home in Cullman, AL, they found 32-year-old Tiffiney dead in the driver's seat of her van. Two bullet wounds were in her head; one to her left jaw area, the other to her left temple. The gun was in her left hand, but Tiffiney was right-handed. It initially appeared to at least one deputy to be a suicide. Because Jason's mother works as an office manager at the sheriff's office, the case was turned over to the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation. Jason admitted that they fought the night of her death, after he discovered Tiffiney was having an affair. Further investigation and the death ultimately being ruled a homicide by the medical examiner, resulted in an indictment for murder; Jason surrendered on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. In November 2022, Jason went on trial for Tiffiney's murder; he was found guilty on November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney's mother, supported her son-in-law until she finally viewed the evidence in the public record; she spoke at Jason's sentencing hearing on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Under Alabama law, Jason will be eligible for parole in 15 years. **On-screen text graphic:** Tiffiney's children currently live with Jason's parents. Interviewed: Jason Crawford, his only interview about the case; Cheryl McGucken, Tiffiney's mother; Lindsay Luke, Tiffiney's

friend; Debra Ball, legal assistant, State of Alabama; Jeff Roberts, former assistant district attorney, Cullman County, AL; Robert Tuten, defense attorney; Nickolas Heatherly, defense attorney; Matt Gentry, sheriff, Cullman County, AL; Joe Parrish, lead investigator, Alabama State Bureau of Investigation; Dr. Valerie Green, medical examiner, conducted Tiffiney's autopsy; Megan Brock, juror; and Angela Fletcher, DNA analyst, testified for the prosecution. (Contributor: David Begnaud – Producers: Stephanie Slifer, Judy Rybak)

## CBS SPECIAL REPORT

- On Friday, January 27, a CBS News Squeeze and Crawl (update on Tyre Nichols investigation / police body cam footage) aired for 1:47 from 7:20:22-7:22:09pm cnyt, during CBS Sports coverage of the Farmers Insurance Open, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, March 2**, a CBS News Special Report (Alex Murdaugh found guilty of murders of wife and son) aired for 9:36 from 7:04:22-7:13:58pm cnyt, live to all stations.

- On Friday, March 3, a CBS News Squeeze and Crawl (Alex Murdaugh sentenced to life in prison) aired for :46 from 10:15:00-10:15:46am cnyt, during the 10:00am cnyt feed of LET'S MAKE A DEAL.

## WTOC SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

1/4/23-11:35AM-11:48AM-SEVERE WEATHER CUT IN

1/12/23-7:30PM-8PM-WEATHER CUT-IN

1/22/23-6:28PM-7:05PM-TORNADO WARNING

2/24/23-9:47AM-1:03PM AND 2:24PM-3:54PM, 4:15PM-4:46PM-ALEX MURDAUGH TESTIMONY

3/2/23-7PM-8:20PM-ALEX MURDAUGH VERDICT

3/3/23-9:40AM-10:11AM-ALEX MURDAUGH SENTENCING

3/3/23-12:22PM-12:30PM-ALEX MURDAUGH LAWYER PRESS CONFERENCE

3/12/23-2:50PM-3:15PM-WEATHER CUT-IN

## WTOC NEWSCASTS

ISSUE 1-PUBLIC SAFETY-ALERTING THE PUBLIC ABOUT CRIMINAL AND UNSAFE ACTIVITIES IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND HOW THE COMMUNITY CAN CONTACT THE POLICE IF THEY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE CRIME. BRYAN CO. HOUSE EXPLOSION, FENCING OFF CITY MARKET AT MIDNIGHT DUE TO SAFETY ISSUES, LIBERTY CO. CHURCH RAID FBI, ALEX MURDAUGH TRIAL IN WHICH HE WAS GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES FOR HIS SON AND WIFE, SHOOTER ARRESTED FOR MALICE MURDER AT JENNIFER ROSS COMPLEX LATER BONDING OUT IS FOUND AT ANOTHER MURDER SCENE. BEAUFORT CO. FATAL CRASHES, LEILANI SIMON ON NEW MOTION,, BRYAN CO. HOME EXPLOSION UPDATE, NEW COASTAL HEALTH DISTRICT DIRECTOR, HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION, JASPER CO. 911 OUTAGE, SEVERE WX PREP, CHATHAM CO. ER WAIT TIMES, LIBERTY CO. MATERNAL HEALTH, HOMELESSNESS PROBLEMS, WTOC INVESTIGATION ON THOSE FALSELY ACCUSED, ST. PATRICK'S DAY PUBLIC SAFETY, STEPHEN SMITH HOMICIDE CASE, BAXLEY STORM DAMAGE, CHATHAM CO. TRAFFICKING NEWSER, AAA TOW TO GO, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS, GLYNN CO. BULLYING INCIDENT, WTOC INVESTIGATES WHY CARS ARE BEING HELD UP IN ONE BODY SHOP, SOURCE: SPD, OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENTS,

The first one happened New Years Eve around 6 A-M. A person was walking along Trask Parkway near Glass Road when the driver of a van hit and killed the person. South Carolina Highway Patrol says the driver stayed at the scene. Less than 24 hours later another person was killed on Broad River Boulevard just after midnight on New Year's Day. The South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating and working to identify the driver. No information has been released about the make and model of the car. We'll keep you updated as we learn more, including the names of those killed.

1/2/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

BEAUFORT CO.  
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CRASHES

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1/2/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD

WHITE BLUFF  
RD  
CONVICTED  
KILLER  
SENTENCING

A Chatham County jury convicted 20-year-old Xavier Dennis and 24-year-old Cameron Blige of felony murder. Court records show at the time of the murder Blige was on probation in another felony case that involved him firing a gun near a street.

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1/3/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD MURDER CASE HEARINGS PUSHED BACK Judge John Morse Jr. pushed the trial date back to February. He said that if the state isn't ready for trial by then, he will consider dismissing the murder charges. Katie Kelly, the public defender for John Bailey- one of the four men accused of abducting and murdering Melanie Steele- made a motion to dismiss the case today. She told the judge the understaffing in the DA's office is "not her client's problem." The case goes back to March of 2020 -- when Steel's body was found - more than six months after police say she was murdered. The murder charges against three of the men go back to December of 2020. One of their attorneys said in court today his client has been quote "wasting away in jail for years". 00:00:41

1/4/2023 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREA K OD MURDER CASE HEARINGS PUSHED BACK According to the indictment -- the men are accused of abducting and killing Melanie Steele in September 2019. Investigators say it happened during a drug deal involving meth and heroin. The prosecutor on the case resigned from the D-A's office three days before Christmas. 00:00:16

1/6/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CAMPAIGN STAFFER SHOOTING LATEST Court documents are providing a clearer picture in the case of a 15-year-old shot while campaigning for Senator Warnock. Jimmy Paiz was arrested for the shooting which happened back on December first in the 500 block of Hartridge Street. A police report claims the teen had a small gunshot wound in his left thigh after investigators allege Paiz shot him through the front door. In a letter filed in court to the teenage victim...Paiz says " I am so very sorry, young man. I am sincerely ashamed to have hurt you, and all the more, for having done so while you were out righteously serving our community, and in a time of great struggle." The letter goes on to say.."please know that none of this tragedy comes from a place of malice. None. I took the events of this tragedy as an intrusion; that is all, without hate or rage, and solely from the position of feeling threatened." Senator Warnock reacted to the shooting a day later during a campaign stop. "Well, I was saddened to hear about this incident, and I'm praying for the young teen and their family even as we monitor what's the situation." Savannah police say the teen has been released from the hospital. Court documents show that Paiz was released on bond. Under the terms of his release...Paiz has been placed on house arrest and isn't allowed to have any guns or dangerous weapons in his possession. A Chatham County judge also ruled that Paiz must continue undergoing mental health treatment. In his letter...Paiz says the teenager's healing is the priority...saying..."had the events unfolded differently, you would certainly have been greeted at the door by a friend and ally, which is my lifelong shame to endure." 00:01:38

1/10/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LIBERTY CO. CHASE AND CRASH According to the Coastal News Service--- A deputy pulled over a car on Cooper Highway for an expired registration. The deputy then found out the car was uninsured and the driver had an arrest warrant for contempt of court. They also had a suspended license. The deputy asked the driver to get out the car. That's when they say the driver sped off. The driver then crashed into the woodline and ran away from the scene. But again, the suspect has been taken into custody. 00:00:28

1/10/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MAYOR JOHNSON ON CITY MARKET FENCING

"Mayor Van Johnson wanted to make it very clear that the City of Savannah had no say in eventually closing City Market at midnight, as City Market is privately owned. They're owned by Green Room Partners. Mayor Johnson said he doesn't oppose safety measures out here as he says shootings that took place out here happened after midnight." (sot) "It's about safety" One of the owners of City Market, Rob Tulloch, told me they wanted to make the area more family friendly and less nightlife oriented. However, he said it could take years until they are able to close City Market at midnight because of current lease agreements with tenants. Pictures from the business The Bar Bar show a gate surrounding the City Market courtyard. They say they felt this made it seem like they were closed at midnight, although they still close at 3 AM, which was bad for businesses. In a statement sent to WTOC today, Tulloch said in part...the fence creates a pathway to the three business open after midnight, while closing off the courtyard for access to the 37 businesses closed for the evening. He says they feel this change adds more direction for guest looking for night life at City Market while maintaining the security of the property and other businesses. While Mayor Johnson said he wasn't thrilled about the changes, he understands after multiple shootings there this summer. Johnson says he's heard from concerned business owners about how closing earlier will affect business. "Yea, some were disappointed but on the other end of it, the same ones are disappointed, dismayed when we have a violent incident to occur in the area. That's bad for business for everybody as well." "It's about safety because my concern is that when something occurs, it falls in our laps." No businesses will be asked to terminate their lease early, according to Tulloch. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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1/11/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA MAN IN FOOT CHASE K OD CCPD INJURES

Chatham County Police say they responded to Johnny Mercer Boulevard \*yesterday\* morning. They say a homeless person had repeatedly been sleeping in an unsecured area of a business. Officers found the man sleeping in the area. Police say when they were trying to serve a no trespass notice, he took off. Police say they chased him and he ran out the parking lot into traffic. He was then hit by a car and taken to the hospital where he is expected to survive. The man--27-year-old Niye Turner-- is now charged with obstruction by fleeing.

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1/11/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DOJ SUES HINESVILLE CHURCH AFTER RAID

"One of the things we've really been pushing for and are still advocating for, is that the laws be strengthened, for when you get a school like this that's not accredited, the laws for approval that the State Approving Agencies have to follow when deciding to allow the school access to G.I. Bill dollars, we're petitioning that those laws be strengthened so that this kind of situation doesn't arise again." The 25-page document details exactly how the church was able to get so much money from the VA...

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1/11/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WCSC: MALLORY BEACH LAWSUIT UPDATE

19-year-old Mallory Beach was killed in a boat crash where the deceased son of disbarred attorney Alex Murdaugh, Paul Murder was accused of driving drunk while underage. Beach's family has named several defendants in a wrongful death lawsuit... including the estate of Alex's late wife - Maggie - and his surviving son Buster, whose I-D was accused of being used to buy alcohol. Now, the family attorney Mark Tinsley says an agreement is in the works that would drop both Maggie's estate and Buster from the case.

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"There's a lot of things now looking back that were normal then, and I look back and think 'what was I thinking?' Obviously, how they would use people's credit, use people's houses, move people around that was normal to me growing up in it." Sydney Daniels-Emanuel, grew up in the House of Prayer Church in Hinesville. The daughter of an Army family, she says the church was all she knew. "18 is when I had tried to leave the first time. I got married at 19 in an arranged marriage, and I left when I was 21.." Sydney's story about what members experience in the House of Prayer churches matches up with what's in the court documents... inside the lawsuit, the document states that the church "used various psychological efforts, including public shaming, financial coercion, and control of minute aspects of the military members and veterans' lives in order to control and exploit them economically" "Even our parents were so much under his control, no one was saying anything, it was like no one could protect you if he just decided to do whatever." He – being one of House of Prayer's leaders, church members have identified as Rony Denis. Arlen Bradeen – who has since left the church, was previously a teacher in the bible seminary school – the school that's listed in the lawsuit. "Denis would always say, 'do not tell Bradeen this. Do not tell him we're doing this, do not let him know.'" The document states that the school "targeted military members and veterans to exploit them of their benefits" and didn't provide a proper education in return – while "falsifying educational records, including attendance rosters, hours of instruction, and additional paperwork." "Whatever they submitted they made up. Although I was listed as CEO for years, Denis controlled everything." Veterans Education Success – a non-profit that helps service members further their education – says they've been raising concerns over the school for years – sending letters to the V-A and Georgia's State Approving Agency in 2020. "We would like for any of the policymakers and legislators to learn from the experience of the veterans at the school to learn from the experience of the veterans at this kind of school, and strengthen those kinds of program approval requirements, so it's not so easy for a "school" to suddenly gain access to millions of really hard-earned G.I. Bill benefits." Justice says... while a refund on G.I. Bill money isn't typically available for victims of fraud – her organization is working to help veterans impacted by House of Prayer. And for military kids like Sydney – she says leaving the church... was an important decision. "It's just so much freedom to be my own person, without someone over you getting upset because you didn't do something."

1/11/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

LIBERTY CO.  
CHURCH FBI  
RAID FOLO

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It's been more than a year since a terrifying evening for parents, coaches, and players at the Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex in Savannah. On the night of Oct 12th in 2021, hundreds of people attending youth football and soccer games heard gunshots and took cover. In the parking lot, police found a football parent with gunshot wounds. 27-year-old Rajah Young died at the hospital. At the scene, police arrested Mario Deshaun Wallace on malice murder charges. After he spent a month and a half in jail, court records show Wallace posted bond and went home on house arrest. His bond conditions required him to stay at home except for work, medical appointments, court appearances and attorney visits. But less than six months later, prosecutors say he violated the order when he was spotted at another murder scene. On the night on May 8th - police say a driver shot two pedestrians at Broughton and Bull Streets in downtown Savannah. Prosecutors say Wallace was seen on video in the passenger seat of the murder suspect's vehicle. Wallace is not a suspect in the May 8th murder case, another man has been charged. But prosecutors say his presence at the scene is a violation of the bond order.

1/12/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

JENNIFER  
ROSS  
SHOOTING  
UPDATE

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1/13/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD BRYAN COUNTY HOUSE EXPLOSION "Going around looking for any type of clues, anything that would lead us to the cause of this fire. Right now we have a bunch of different blast patterns that they're looking at things like that..." // "The rest of the house for the most part seems to be okay. But like I said we'll still get building inspectors to come in here and check things out and make sure everything's safe." Our Camille Syed is working to find out more details today. She will have that story coming up on The News at 5. 00:00:28

1/13/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD BRYAN CO. HOME EXPLOSION "My wife and I were in bed when we heard an explosion. We got up and looked at each other speculating what is that? But we really didn't do anything right then so I got up and we heard the ambulances and fire trucks." He says the house has been here for at least 15 years. 00:00:15

1/13/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD LEILANI SIMON NEW MOTION DETAILS The new court filing asks the judge to review whether turning over those records will affect Leilani Simon's ability to receive a fair trial. A Chatham County grand jury indicted the mother of three on murder charges last month. She is accused of killing her 1-year-old son, Quinton, and throwing his body in a dumpster. She's expected in court on January 25th for a hearing about the new filing. 00:00:23

1/13/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO. HOUSE EXPLOSION FOLO Can you imagine moving to your new home one day and waking up to an explosion? That was the reality for one family here in Bryan county and they're devastated. Look at the extent of the damage to the garage area where investigators believe the explosion happened, and the debris spread across the area and into other people's yards. Neighbors say the explosion sounded like plane crash and literally shook their homes." "We got up, looked at each other, speculating like what is that?" Bricks scattered across this yard and a family forced out of their home. Terry Lemmons was one of the many neighbors woken up around 4:30 this morning by the explosion and came to see what happened. "They we're still bringing people out of the house who are apparently the new residents there so unfortunately, it's a sad situation for them on their first night in that house." Several agencies including Bryan County Fire, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Farm and explosives investigators and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have been out here trying to piece together what happened. The house is still intact with damage also to the side, back and front. Chatham county sheriffs K-9 unit was also here sniffing for explosives. What stumped several people living out here is there was clearly an explosion, but no fire or smoke which investigators say is rare. "Right now we got a bunch of different blast patterns. We are looking at and things like that like I said it's still under investigation." ATF investigators tell me they're investigating every possibility. The explosion feeling like an earthquake to neighbors was so powerful I saw minor damages to another home. Regardless, neighbors want to help their new neighbors anyway they can. "We're good neighbors and such we're going to try to help out as much as we can and welcome them to the neighborhood hopefully under better circumstances in the future. But it's unfortunate." "Investigators did interview the mother who just moved in here and of course she was heartbroken. We saw responders bring what little luggage they have out of the house so certainly a devastating situation. In Bryan County. CS WTOC N." 00:02:07

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5:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
WCSC: 1 WEEK AWAY FROM MURDAUGH TRIAL  
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1/17/2023  
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
ARBERY KILLER PRISON STATUS UPDATE  
As for the two other men convicted: Travis McMichael and William "Roddie" Bryan Jr, They are also serving life without parole. State correctional records show they are in the prison system, but haven't received a permanent housing assignment.  
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1/17/2023 5:30pm  
6:29:00 PM OD BREAKING:  
LADYS ISLAND SHOOTING

Breaking news out of Beaufort County - one person is in the hospital after a shooting on Lady's Island. The Sheriff's Office says a man was shot in the leg just after 4 o'clock this afternoon. It happened on Hazel Farms Road. Deputies will be out there processing the scene for a while. The Sheriff's Office says expect to see them out there if you're driving in the area. Anyone with information is asked to give the Sheriff's Office a call.

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1/17/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD BRYAN CO.  
HOME  
EXPLOSION  
FOLO

"The force of it felt like it was lifting me off the floor." Larissa Apperson and her daughter moved from California into this Bryan County home on Thursday. The next morning something Apperson says she never imagined happened... "I just remember it being like a bomb going off and at first I thought I was shot." an explosion that investigators believed happened in her garage destroyed a part of the home she purchased a week prior. "I just started screaming for help every where." She says one of the scariest part for her was watching her 6-year-old's reaction. "She let this loud scream out and the last time I heard that scream was when she found out her daddy passed away on August 6th of last year." "Take a look at the extent of the damage here inside her home. To put it in perspective her daughter's play room was supposed to be right above me." The big question...how did all this happen? The most odd part to her and investigators... there was no smoke or fire from the explosion, which officials say is rare. Property records show the home was built about 16 years ago in 2007. All Larissa knows from investigators.... "They came to the conclusion that at that point and time it's not my propane tank which is gas, there's nothing electricity wise that could be inside so they weren't sure and that's how the investigation started." The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives investigated the cause over the weekend and into the holiday. ATF officials say they still have a lot to go through and it may be a while before they can narrow down a cause. In the meantime, Apperson says her neighbors have been a blessing trying to help how they can. "They come together so fast...that's been wanting to help with the cleaning of the place, asking if we needed food." This experience while heartbreaking, making her more grateful for those trying to lift her spirits, especially her daughter. "Mom I love you, I love you more." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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1/17/2023  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD ARBERY  
KILLER  
PRISON  
STATUS  
UPDATE

As for the two other men convicted... Travis McMichael and Roddie Bryan are being held at the Diagnostic and Classification State Prison in Jackson, Georgia. A department of corrections spokesperson says - it's the first stop for new offenders. She says from there, they will get a permanent housing assignment.

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1/18/2023  
12:01:00 AM 11PM OD LADYS ISLAND  
SHOOTING

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1/18/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD BRKG: NEW MURDAUGH FILING ON EVIDENCE The Defense says that the State and the witness did not comply with a Court order to turn over certain documents. Murdaugh's attorneys also accused SLED and the witness of lying in the report. They asked that the witnesses testimony not be allowed at trial in any form. The trial will begin on Monday in Walterboro. 00:00:18

1/19/2023 7:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA K OD 5AM SARAH PW HWY 21 DRIVE TIMES REDUCED The stretch of highway 21 we are talking about is between state road 30 and interstate 95. They also added signal upgrades to the intersection of 30 and 21 -- and added a second right turn lane onto 21 southbound. All of these updates are complete but there are still a couple of orange barrels out there because there are still some final touches that need to be completed. While the traffic patterns will not change anymore -- there will be some overnight lane closures as they finish re-paving and striping the road. 00:00:30

1/19/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD ALEX MURDAUGH TRIAL EVIDENCE DETAILS The report answered questions about the wounds and the blood found at the scene. But Defense attorneys point to Question 4, where an expert says he cannot form an opinion on whether or not the stains on Alex Murdaugh's shirt are consistent with blood spatter from a gunshot. That evidence would be key to placing Alex at the scene when Paul and Maggie were shot and killed. 00:00:22

1/19/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD ALEX MURDAUGH TRIAL EVIDENCE DETAILS This report is part of the State's evidence \*they say puts Alex Murdaugh at the scene when Maggie and Paul were killed. Their bodies were found a short distance apart. Inside, details of each gunshot wound, 2 to Paul from a shotgun, and 5 rifle shots to Maggie, including one to the back of her head. Much of it too graphic to describe here. The report analyzed blood stains found at the scene, to try and paint a picture of Maggie and Paul's final moments. 00:00:26

1/20/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD	MURDAUGH CASES QUICK NUTS & BOLTS	The South Carolina Prosecutors and investigators working the case haven't said anything about how they arrived at those charges. Murdaugh has entered not guilty pleas in this case. Before he was charged with murder - Murdaugh turned himself in on an arrest warrant in a separate case. He's now facing dozens of charges in a fraud scheme under investigation by the state and F-B-I. He's also charged in a 2022 Labor Day weekend shooting investigators called an insurance fraud scheme. We'll give those cases a little more context in a few minutes.	00:00:32
1/20/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD	WALTERBORO PREPARES FOR TRIAL	"It's up and down as far as which way it's going to go. We know there's going to be a whole lot of media and a whole lot of people coming to town for the trial itself, but it's also not necessarily our target audience, so we're concerned about the capacity on the street to hold the folks who are coming for the trial only, versus who's coming for our downtown vendor areas." Regardless, Bradley says he feels the crowd won't be busy all day every day – so his shop is planning to extend their hours over the weekend... to hopefully draw in some extra business.	00:00:32
1/20/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD	MURDAUGH FRAUD CHARGES	When it comes to the financial crimes he's accused of - the most recent charges are for tax evasion. The State says Murdaugh failed to report the over 6 point 9 million dollars of income they say he earned illegally. Altogether - he's facing 99 charges in schemes that defrauded people of more than 8 million dollars. Those all come from an ongoing investigation. State prosecutors filed a motion the week of Christmas - pushing for the evidence of the financial crimes to be allowed into evidence for the murder trial.	00:00:30
1/20/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD	MURDAUGH SUICIDE FOR HIRE CHARGES	Murdaugh is charged with conspiracy, false claim for payment and filing a false police report. Smith is charged with conspiracy, assisted suicide, and assault and battery in the case. Both men were also indicted on separate conspiracy charges including a narcotics count related to Oxycodone relating to a different insurance fraud case.	00:00:20

LL INTRO: Walterboro... is a town of about 5,000 – which will soon see an influx of up to 1500 people starting next week, according to the city's tourism director. It's caused the city to put extra effort into planning for the crowd – and local businesses and hotels... are preparing for more customers than usual. This small town – will be packed next week – including hotels. "I have heard right now that we're at 100 percent. Everybody has pretty much filled up, they're renting houses in the area for not only media for the trial, but also court personnel, anybody who's happened to come into town." That's driving business to some locally-owned options, like Old Academy Bed and Breakfast – just a few blocks away from the courthouse. The owner is getting calls from – around the world. "A call came in, I could barely understand what he was saying, I was trying to help him. I said 'where are you calling from?' and he said Paris. Then, I realized why he was coming." Walterboro has become well known in the shadow of the Murdaugh trial... and a local antique shop owner – says it makes for an interesting dynamic. "It's a dubious honor obviously. This is not what we want to be known for, this is a charming little community. This is certainly a flier from the normal condition in Walterboro, it's a lovely place to live." The city is only shutting down one street for the duration of the trial – that's North Walter Street right next to the courthouse. The city will also be bringing in food trucks to accommodate for the large crowd. "The city is not making one cent off of the food trucks. The food trucks are setting up, because we could not feed a lunchtime of one hour, with people having to leave the property, go down to one of the other restaurants. In the city of Walterboro, we have two restaurants on Main Street, both of them would be overwhelmed if we didn't use the food trucks." LL TAG: The city's tourism department expects the largest crowds at the beginning of the trial next week, and toward the end in mid-February. Regardless, this town is expected to have way more visitors than normal. In Walterboro, HB WTOC NEWS.

MURDAUGH  
DOUBLE  
MURDER TRIAL  
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LL: Stephanie Lange says she was driving northbound on Ogeechee Road when she came across the crash. She says people tried desperately to help free the SUV driver. PKG: "The car, like, exploded, and everybody backed away and it started to catch more fire." Stephanie Lang says the SUV was already billowing with smoke when she and others pulled over to help the driver. Lange didn't want to go on camera...but says once the group realized the tow truck operator didn't have a fire extinguisher...they used shovels to break through the SUV's windows...but it was too late. "It kept on exploding and it would do a big cloud of smoke, or a big fireball and it would catch more on fire." Preliminary info from GSP says the tow truck was traveling north on Ogeechee Road making a U-turn to travel south. The SUV...a gold Yukon GMC was unable to stop and struck the tow truck. Its driver...32-year-old...Adam Daughtry was pronounced dead on scene. Lange says...it was difficult to get ahold of 911. "When I called 911, no one answered the phone. It was a good 20, 30 seconds. Then, I hung up. I called 911 back again. And it took another 20 seconds to answer the phone and it was Ft. Stewart 911." She says the Ft. Stewart operator transferred her to a Chatham County call center. "I'm screaming like, hurry up, this car's about to blow up. Hurry." We took her concerns to Chatham County commissioner Aaron Whitley. He says this isn't the first time he's heard about problems contacting 911 and the county is working to overcome staffing shortages at times of high call volume. "The challenge we have with 911 is you can't just hire somebody in the 911 center and throw them on the phone. There's an extensive training process they have to go through that can be at least 6 months along. When you're hiring someone, there's going to be a minute before they're actually operational." Commissioner Whitley also voiced concerns over Ogeechee Road after a string of recent crashes. The latest GDOT traffic count shows an average 25 thousand cars drive on the stretch of Ogeechee Road where this crash happened daily. Ogeechee road is a GDOT operated highway...not county-owned. "One thing it just makes me think about is, are there things that we can do as a Board of Commissioners to actually help it? Considering that this is happening in my district, these are my neighbors who are often times involved in these accidents." And for Lange...the nightmare of Wednesday's crash remains. "I'm traumatized. And, like, nobody – like I can't sleep at night to know that I feel like I tried to help somebody, and other bystanders tried to help and we couldn't save his life or save the dog's life. Yeah, it eats you alive." LL: Back in December...G-DOT provided funding for a study along the Ogeechee Road corridor between the Ogeechee River and I-516. We also reached out to the Chatham County 911 call center and are waiting to hear back. In Chatham County...FS...WTOCN.

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CHATHAM CO.  
CRASH  
WITNESS  
SPEAKS

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Standup: Day one of the double homicide trial of Alex Murdaugh here in Colleton county means day one of jury selection process, as Judge Clifton Newman takes these jurors through a series of questions, one of them being if they've heard of this case. Sot: (Hon. Clifton Newman - Residing judge) "If you have heard about this case, read about this case or know anything about this case, please stand." BUTTED TO - "It appears that everyone stood." On cam tag "as you just heard every single juror in that room at the time answered 'yes' they had heard about this case prior to coming to the Colleton county courthouse today. They specified they heard about it through a myriad of ways, including local news, social media, word of mouth, and one person even saying through the grapevine. We're going to have more details about this entire day here at Colleton County Courthouse coming up on the news at five and six but for now reporting from Colleton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC news.

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MURDAUGH  
MURDER TRIAL  
JURY SELECT  
DAY1

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1/23/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

MURDAUGH  
SETUP:  
CHARGES  
RECAP

He faces two charges of murder and two gun charges connected to the shootings of his wife Maggie and son Paul. Both were found dead on the family's hunting property in June of 2021.

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1/23/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD TYLER: JURY SELECTION LATEST "That's what we would be testifying to, that the financial pressures that Alex was under - not only from his law firm, but from being discovered and having stolen money from clients - forced him take that extraordinary step of killing his wife and his son." 00:00:15

Murdaugh's family ties run deep here in the 14th Circuit. Members of Murdaugh family ran the Solicitor's Office for more than 85 years... from 1920 to 2006. The Solicitor's Office prosecutes criminal cases across its jurisdiction... in this case, Allendale, Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and Jasper Counties. Meaning, the Murdaugh's were the "top cops" in that large stretch of the Lowcountry for the better part of a century. It started in 1920... when Randolph Murdaugh Sr., Alex Murdaugh's great grandfather, became the first man elected to the role. His son, Randolph Murdaugh Jr., took over the position after his father's death and served until 1987. Alex Murdaugh's own father, Randolph Murdaugh the third, then took over the post... Alex, himself, also worked in the solicitor's office part-time under his father.. and his father in power until 2006, when he left the office to focus on his private practice. That family legacy highlighted during a pre-trial motion... when the judge ordered Murdaugh's grandfather's portrait be removed from the courtroom. The current Solicitor, Duffie Stone, took-over after Murdaugh's retirement... and still serves in that role. He has recused himself from the case.

1/23/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MAX: MURDAUGH FAMILY TREE 00:01:12

Prosecutor Creighton Waters is the chief prosecutor for the state's grand jury and is the lead attorney prosecuting Alex Murdaugh. Waters has worked for the South Carolina Attorney General's Office for more than 24 years. Defense attorneys Dick Harpootlian and Jim Griffin will represent Murdaugh. Harpootlian has 30 years of trial experience as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and civil litigator. He's also a state lawmaker, and former chair of the South Carolina Democratic Party. Both he and Griffin run private practices in Columbia, South Carolina. Griffin has been lead counsel in a number of high-profile criminal cases. He previously served as assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina. Circuit Court Judge Clifton Newman will preside over the courtroom in this case. The 71-year-old South Carolina native has served in his capacity for more than 20 years. In 2021, the state's Supreme Court appointed Newman to oversee Murdaugh's criminal matters.

1/23/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MAX: KEY PLAYERS IN THE TRIAL 00:00:58

1/23/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD MURDAUGH JURY SELECTION EXPLAINER WTOC's team coverage continues LIVE from the Colleton County courthouse Coming up on THE News at 6 - look for Lowcountry Reporter Tyler Manion and Investigative Anchor Max Diekneite - as they break down the biggest moments of the day and give this case some context. 00:00:16



1/23/2023 5:30pm MURDAUGH  
6:29:00 PM OD JURY SELECTION EXPLAINER And once jury selection ends, WTOC will be streaming this trial. From opening statements to closing arguments - you can watch it all on WTOC Plus, along with the WTOC app and, of course, on WTOC dot com. 00:00:12

1/23/2023 5:30pm AUG SHOOTING SUSPECT ARRESTED A WTOC update-- A suspect in a downtown Savannah shooting is in custody. Savannah Police say U-S Marshals and officers arrested 26-year-old Ashley Scott last week. The shooting happened back in August on Broughton and Whitaker streets. Police say a 25-year-old woman was shot and taken to the hospital. Detectives then identified Scott as the suspect. She is now charged with aggravated assault. 00:00:24

1/23/2023 5:30pm LEILANI HEARING THIS WEEK A motion hearing is scheduled for Wednesday. Her attorneys are asking a judge to review whether disclosing records from Family and Children's Service might affect her rights to a fair trial. Leilani was arrested back in November. She is charged with murder, concealing a death, false statements and false report of a crime. She was also indicted on felony charges back in December by a Chatham County grand jury. For more information on the case, head over to our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:29

1/23/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD MAX: 911 CALLS RECAP His first call went to the Hampton County dipatch center. That's when he told them he'd discovered his wife and son shot on their Colleton County property. Take a listen. "Murdaugh: This is Alex Murdaugh at 4147 Mosel Road. I need the police and an ambulance immediately! My child and my wife have been shot badly!" Murdaugh was then transferred to Colleton County dispatch. While he's waiting for police to arrive, you can hear him crying and dogs barking in the background. Here's more from the 911 call. MURDAUGH: I've been up to it now, it's bad. OPERATOR: Okay, and are they breathing? MURDAUGH: No ma'am? OPERATOR: Okay, and it's your wife and your son? MURDAUGH: My wife and my son. OPERATOR: Are they in the vehicle? MURDAUGH: No ma'am they are on the ground out at my kennel. OPERATOR: Okay- and did you see anyone? Okay- Is he breathing at all? MURDAUGH: No. No. She asks Alex NOT to touch them, because police would want to get evidence off their bodies. He said that he had already touched them to see if they were breathing. The tape ends there. 00:01:00

A Savannah native... "I actually got my childhood immunizations through the department of public health as a kid." The new director of the Coastal Health District, Dr. Bonzo Reddick, is pretty familiar with our area. Reddick started his career at Morehouse College and later became a physician. It was years later when he discovered another passion, addressing health on a much larger level. While on the district's Health Equity Council, Dr. Reddick worked with Savannah Chatham Public School system and Savannah mayor's office during the height of the COVID 19 pandemic. "What really started getting my attention was how do you find out how to vaccinate thousands of people at a time and that kind of thing. And other project I worked on with DPH like our HIV screening project where we were screening about 15,000 people a year. That's the thing that really started getting me excited and got my attention." "Now as the director of the Coastal Health District, Dr. Reddick says one of his main priorities is making sure everyone including minorities like himself have equal access to health care." "People that are at increased risk for dying during childbirth or an increase risk of acquiring an HIV infection and how we find ways to level that playing field so they have an opportunity to pursue optimal health. Those are two example because those are two big problems we have in Georgia but for me anything related to health equity." While he has big goals, he says he knows he also has big shoes to fill. So he's challenging himself to get out to the all the communities that make up Coastal Georgia. "Establishing that trust, finding out what the needs are of each individual county which all have their unique challenges. That's the part that's probably going to take a while to but I feel like I'm up for the challenge." Camille Syed WTOG News.

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NEW COASTAL  
HEALTH  
DISTRICT  
DIRECTOR

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"I just think it's so tragic. This family dynasty had so much going for it, to build and build. And, for this to take them down, I guess because they thought they were untouchable... it will be interesting to see how it comes out." "The cover-up stuff... all of the covering for things that happened. Because you have power, you just get to cover it up and keep moving... until now, somebody finally caught up with him."

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...This trial has become of a show of its own. Quite a few people showed up here today to see this process get underway. But there are just as many cameras... including several national outlets... here for this trial, which has grabbed national headlines. People in our area have been following it from the start. I talked to a mother and daughter, who drove up from Beaufort just to be here today. Here's what they had to say - about this huge case, in their back yard.

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1/23/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD MURDAUGH MURDER TRIAL JURY SELECTION DAY1 I was watching Alex throughout the day as he sat in the courtroom in front of me with a white button down shirt on black jacket, dress, pants, and his hair is growing back out from the last time we saw him in July... As jury selection went on I saw Alex chewing his glasses, biting his fingernails, checking through papers as jurors were speaking and taking notes about some of their answers. He also was smiling toward the end of each session as jurors were qualified. Now this process is all essentially just a bunch of questions from the judge to these potential jurors, one of the most fascinating to me is this one. 00:00:36

1/23/2023  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD SPD SEARCHING FOR CREDIT CARD FRAUD SUSPECTS Take a look at your screen. Surveillance footage captured the suspects leaving Best Buy after using the stolen cards to buy an Ipad and a Macbook Pro. The cards were stolen back in November. The couple is believed to be hispanic. The man was wearing a black hat, black shirt, gray pants, and black shoes. The woman has long black hair and was wearing a black hat, maroon sweater, and black pants and shoes. Anyone with information should call Crimestoppers. 00:00:27

1/24/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MURDAUGH MURDER TRIAL DAY 2 "The significance of the blood spatter evidence is it's the only evidence that puts him, if believed, squarely in close proximity, as close as you and I are to each other to the murder at the moment of their murder. You lose that, then you have a real problem." 00:00:15

1/24/2023 MURDAUGH Those motions are about various things but essentially all looking to determine whether or not certain  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MURDER TRIAL evidence should be presented to the jury throughout this case. One key motion focuses on blood spatter  
DAY 2 evidence, and with attorneys all around us, we asked one just how crucial that would be in trial. 00:00:18

1/24/2023 BRKG: POLICE You're looking at some video of the scene. This is in the Cann Park area. We are still waiting for  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD PRESENCE Savannah Police to tell us what happened there. WTOC has a crew on the way there and we will be  
SCENE sure to keep you updated on any new information. 00:00:14

1/25/2023 HUMAN Today, the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council hosted a news conference to invited everyone to  
12:01:00 TRAFFICKING their 8th annual Traffick Jam. The event will bring experts together to educate not only law enforcement,  
AM 11PM OD PREVENTION social work and education, but also the everyday citizens. SPD's assistant chief Devonn Adams says  
people should not let their guard down with such a serious issue. 00:00:22

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K OD PREVENTION prevent human trafficking. Mayor Johnson says people should not let their guard down with such a  
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1/25/2023 4:30AM HUMAN  
 5:30:00 AM DAYBREA TRAFFICKING  
 K OD PREVENTION Van Johnson: "Human Trafficking is still an issue in our community and we know in great airports just like this human trafficking often occurs right in plain sight. It is more than we hear about from time to time and its more than we see on TV." 00:00:14

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1/25/2023  
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 TRIAL: JURY  
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1/25/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD LEILANI SIMON Today- Judge Tammy Stokes was supposed to oversee the proceedings. However, it ended up being  
MOTION Judge Michael Karpf presiding- he stated that Stokes was "unavoidably out of court" and he was  
HEARING covering in her absence. Also present- Leilani Simon's public defender and a prosecutor working the  
case. Judge Karpf said that Georgia law "generally allows media to cover trials and in-court  
proceedings." The prosecutor responded that he plans on objecting to any media recording,  
broadcasting, or livestreaming what happens in court. Judge Karpf said that Judge Stokes would have  
to be the one to rule on this- and that he "might watch the livestream when it happens." Karpf then  
ended court for the day without making a ruling. 00:00:43

1/25/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD WAYNE CO. According to the incident report – the 78-year-old told officers Hedman followed him to his car and  
DEPUTY wouldn't let him leave, then he– quote -- "tried to push Hedman out of the way and get into his truck  
ARRESTED & saying that he was leaving. He stated that Hedman then took him out of his truck and threw him down  
FIRED on the ground causing lacerations to his arms and hands." Then – when officers spoke to Hedman – he  
said he had walked up to the man's door, and that the man kicked him in the stomach. That's when he  
grabbed the man, and called for police. The report also says the man yelled obscenities at Hedman –  
and Hedman threatened to get someone to write him a ticket. The Wayne County Sheriff's Office has  
issued a statement on the incident – saying "Because two of the charges are felonies, the Georgia  
Peace Officers' Standards and Training Council will rescind his arrest powers, rendering his service  
unnecessary. Upon the securing of the warrants, Deputy Hedman was served and immediately  
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1/26/2023 7:00:00 AM 6AM K OD	530 SARAH: MURDAUGH TRIAL DAY 3 PREVIEW	On the third day in the courtroom the defense and prosecution have agreed on the jury of 12 and 6 alternates that will decide the fate of Alex Murdaugh who is accused of murdering his wife Maggie and son Paul. During the opening statements — Lawyers on both sides painted different pictures of the relationship between Alex, Paul and Maggie.	00:00:20
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1/26/2023 6AM 530 SARAH: DICK HARPOOTLIAN/ DEFENSE ATTORNEY: "ALEC, STAND UP, THIS IS ALEC MURDAUGH. AND ALEC WAS THE LOVING FATHER OF PAUL AND THE LOVING HUSBAND OF MAGGIE." /// CREIGHTON WATERS SOUTH CAROLINA SENIOR ASST. DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL "ALEX MURDERED MAGGIE AND PAUL THAT HE WAS THE STORM, THAT THE STORM WAS COMING FOR THEM, AND THE STORM ARRIVED ON JUNE 7, 2021, JUST LIKE THE STORMS THAT ARE HEADING HERE RIGHT NOW. THAT THEY DIED AS A RESULT OF IT" AFTER WE HEARD FROM BOTH SIDES, JUDGE CLIFTON NEWMAN ASKED THE STATE IF THEY WERE READY TO CALL THE FIRST WITNESS. THE STATE SAID THEY HAD BEEN PREPARED TO CALL SOMEONE WHO RESPONDED TO THE SCENE ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDERS AND SHOWN FOOTAGE FROM THE WORN BODYCAM, BUT THE COURT'S AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM WAS NOT ALLOWING SOUND TO PLAY OUT. 00:00:45

1/26/2023 6AM 5AM SARAH: IN THE COURTROOM YESTERDAY THE STATE REITERATED THEY WOULD PURSUE ALL FOUR CHARGES AGAINST MURDAUGH — INCLUDING TWO COUNTS OF MURDER AND TWO WEAPONS CHARGES. WE ALSO HEARD THE OPENING STATEMENTS FROM THE PROSECUTION AND THE DEFENSE. THE STATE POINTED TO A CELL PHONE VIDEO TAKEN AROUND THREE MINUTES BEFORE THE MURDERS THAT PUTS ALEX AT THE SCENE. LEAD PROSECUTOR CREIGHTON WATERS ALSO MENTIONS THAT ALEX HAD PURCHASED THREE DIFFERENT .300 BLACKOUT RIFLES, ONE FOR EACH OF HIS SONS IN 2016 AND A THIRD IN 2018 AFTER PAUL'S WAS STOLEN. WATERS SAYS INVESTIGATORS WERE ONLY ABLE TO LOCATE ONE OF THE RIFLES AT THE MOSELLE PROPERTY. THE DEFENSE SAYS THAT THE MURDAUGHS WERE A LOVING FAMILY AND IT JUST DOESN'T MATCH HOW BRUTAL THESE MURDERS WERE. MOST OF THE DEFENSE'S STATEMENT TO THE JURY REVOLVED AROUND WHAT THEY SAY IS A LACK OF FORENSIC EVIDENCE THAT LINKS MURDAUGH TO THE CRIME SCENE AND TO THE SHOOTINGS. 00:00:54

1/26/2023 1:00:00 PM NOON OD MURDAUGH MURDER TRIAL DAY 4: WITNESS THE FIRST WITNESS TO TAKE THE STAND WAS SGT. DANIEL GREENE WITH THE COLLETON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. HE WAS THE FIRST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON SCENE. THE STATE BEGAN BY SHOWING A SHOTGUN TAKEN FROM ALEX MURDAUGH AT THE SCENE ON THE NIGHT OF MAGGIE AND PAUL'S DEATHS. SGT. GREENE SAYS MURDAUGH TOLD HIM HE HAD THE SHOTGUN FOR PROTECTION AFTER FINDING HIS WIFE AND SON'S BODIES. THE STATE THEN PLAYED AUDIO CLIPS FROM SGT. GREENE'S BODYCAM THAT NIGHT. WE DO WANT TO WARN YOU - SOME OF WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO HEAR IS GRAPHIC. 00:00:30



1/26/2023  
1:00:00 PM NOON OD WITNESS

MURDAUGH  
MURDER TRIAL  
DAY 4:

"Did he ask you to confirm they were dead," the prosecution asked. "He did. He asked multiple time while I was on scene," said Sgt. Greene. "Did you ever see tears, any physical tears," the prosecution asked. "I did not," said Sgt. Greene. "Did you ever see him approach the bodies," the prosecution asked. "I did not see him approach them, no," said Sgt. Greene. "Did you observe any visible blood on him," asked the prosecution. "There was no blood on him that I could see," answered Sgt. Greene. "The bodies, as you saw them, was there a lot of blood around them given the injuries they had suffered," asked the prosecution. "Yes there was a pool of blood around each of the bodies that extended out from the body," said Sgt. Greene. Our Tyler Manion is in the courtroom right now. He'll have more on what witnesses had to say coming up tonight on THE News.

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1/26/2023  
1:00:00 PM NOON OD INDICTMENT

EFFINGHAM  
TRAILER FIRE

New at noon-- We're learning two Effingham County suspects accused in a trailer fire and homicide have been indicted on several charges. According to the indictment-- Richard Knaust and Dusty Hamilton are now charged with 6 counts including malice and felony murder. The fire happened in November in Guyton. The Effingham County Sheriff's Office says Wesley Thomas's body was found inside the burned trailer. His family says they were told he was killed before it was burned.

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CROCKER  
CASE  
PRETRIAL  
HEARING

Court today is all about objections the defense has over the grand jury that indicted the defendants. The defense lawyers say the grand jury list was not fair and the charges against the defendants should be thrown out. WTOC's Camille Syed was in the courtroom. She'll have an update coming up on THE news at 5.

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1/26/2023  
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EFFINGHAM  
TRAILER FIRE  
INDICTMENT

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Day four here in Colleton county saw the trial's first witness called to the stand, Sergeant Daniel Greene of the Colleton county sheriffs office, who was the first person on scene the night of June 7, 2021. Of course that night when Paul and Maggie Murdaugh were shot and killed. Vo The shotgun Sgt Greene secured from the scene was brought into the courtroom and then the state played his body cam video from that night. Due to the gruesome images of the victims the video was only shown to the jury, as you can see it was blocked from Alex and the rest of the courtroom's audience. While reliving that night, Murdaugh wiped away tears. I noticed a few jurors shift their eyes away from the video the second time they were shown Paul's body, while others leaned in to focus. Alex emotional again. The defense pressed Sgt Green on potential evidence contamination that night by his team. "If there is exculpatory or inculpatory evidence that would help you find the perpitrator and prosecute them, or evidence that would clear somebody some of that was destroyed that night because you, your department, and maybe even SLED didn't preserve that evidence... is that correct I'm not sure if I fully understand your question." Vo The state countered that, the video here will show Alex Murdaugh but focus on the question and answer between the prosecutor and witness. You were asked a series of questions about contaminating evidence are you aware that any evidence was contaminated in this case? I'm not. Did you engage in everything you could to avoid contaminating evidence? Yes. Did you in fact instruct your deputies to set up a crime scene and instruct them to avoid areas where evidence might be contaminated. We did everything we possibly could to avoid contaminating evidence. On cam tag During a break in the morning session, I noticed Alex turn to the row of family sitting behind him, specifically exchanging brief words with his younger brother John Marvin and his son Buster. As he turned back around, he seem to mouth the words we're good. Sgt Greene was just the first witness called today, we'll have more details on the rest of court coming up on the news at 5 and 6.

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MURDAUGH  
FIRST  
WITNESS  
CALLED

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1/26/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

MURDAUGH  
ALIBI DEFENSE  
MOTION

Our crews were here this morning... for the moment Alex and Buster Murdaugh arrived at courthouse. Murdaugh smiled, but did not say anything. Buster is Alex Murdaugh's other son, Paul's older brother.

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<p>1/26/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>CROCKER CASE MOTION HEARING TODAY</p>	<p>LL: "In this pre-trial motion hearing, several witnesses including the Effingham County Clerk of Court were called to testify by the defense representing Elwyn Crocker Sr., Mark Anthony Wright and Kimberley Wright. They're accused of killing Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr." The motion debated today--- whether the grand jury who indicted the three defendants on October 24, 2019 was properly seated. Their defense attorneys said the grand jury was compromised and they're asking the judge to dismiss the indictment that charged them with murder in the death of the Crocker children. "In terms of creating a constitutional grand jury of randomness and inclusiveness...there was serious compromise of those two goals." They say the grand jury summons list had more than 48,000 people on it. The defense brought in an expert witness that studies jury selections. That witness said one person that made it onto the jury that indicted the defendants was on two different jury summons. "That person had a higher chance of being selected in that group of people who were summoned." Former Clerk of Superior Court Elizabeth Hursey who served in 2019 said duplications are common for many reasons. The defense also questioned the people who were excused from the grand jury. Lead state prosecutor Matt Breedon asked Hursey about this concern. (Matt Breedon, Assistant District Attorney) "In excusing and deferring any of the jurors we're talking about here did you follow those Georgia Statutes? (Elizabeth Hursey, Former Clerk of Superior Court) "Yes" More than 60 pre-trial motions have been filed in this case. None have been ruled on by Judge F. Gates Peed who is hearing the case. It's not clear when the trial for these defendants will be begin. However, Elwyn Crocker Sr., the teenagers father, will be tried first. (Camille) "And all three defendants are due back in court tomorrow. In Effingham County, Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	<p>00:01:47</p>
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<p>1/26/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>MURDAUGH ALIBI DEFENSE MOTION</p>	<p>As you read Alex Murdaugh's Alibi Defense motion... a few things stand out. His team claims he was on their property where Maggie and Paul were killed.. from 8:30 until just after 9 p.m.... when he left to visit his mother about 20 minutes away in Varnville, South Carolina. Murdaugh claims he arrived in Varnville around 9-20 p.m. The motion says he visited with his mother and her nurse until around 9:45. He says he got back to the Moselle Road property around 10. He claims he found Maggie and Paul's bodies five minutes later, at 10-05.</p>	<p>00:00:32</p>
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<p>1/27/2023 6:00:00 AM K OD</p>	<p>5AM SARAH TRAFFICK JAM DAYBREA EVENT PREVIEW</p>	<p>The message the organizers hope to get out to the public is simple -- if you see something say something. Danny Drake who is now retired law enforcement that worked with the US Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Georgia -- says he can recall a human trafficking case in Savannah that was initially called into law enforcement as a house that was moving drugs turned into case with several human trafficking victims.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>
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1/27/2023 MORNIN HUMAN  
10:00:00 G BREAK TRAFFICKING  
AM OD 1 27 WORKSHOP

Happening today.. the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council is having an event this weekend to try and stop human trafficking in our area. During the event there will be workshops to teach about the warning signs of human trafficking and what to be on the look out for and who to contact if you are suspicious. Today -- they will be hosting specialized training for law enforcement to recognize signs of human trafficking and how to handle those situations if they come across those victims. Then tomorrow the event is free and open to the public -- you can register ahead of time on or you can register the day of the event.

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1/27/2023 MURDAUGH  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD COURT DAY 5

Vo As he has all week... with his jacket draped over his wrist to hide the handcuffs, Alex Murdaugh arrived for day 5 here in Colleton County. Standup Once he got inside, the first witness to take the stand was Detective Laura Rutland, who assisted with SLED's double homicide investigation starting the night of June 7th, 2021. She helped interview Alex Murdaugh at 12:57 a.m. that night, and today we saw and heard that interview for the first time. VO I can describe the reactions people had in the courtroom as the video was played. As you can see, the questioning happened in a law enforcement vehicle and the lead SLED agent in charge of the case David Owen sat in the driver seat. Alex Murdaugh was to his right in the passenger seat, with Detective Rutland behind him and a personal attorney beside her. Vo In the interview Alex started crying just moments after getting in the car. He also cried in court as he was reliving it. You'll hear him describe to investigators the moments he saw his wife and son dead. Nat I ran over to Maggie actually I think I tried to turn Paul over first... you know, I tried to turn him over. Vo 4 minutes later the SLED agent asks Alex how his relationships with the victims were. He says he and his wife were wonderful together, and is then asked about his son. Nat "And your and Paul's relationship? As good as it could be." Vo After the recording finished playing the state asked Detective Rutland to describe Alex's appearance, allegedly 2 hours after trying to turn his son's body. "How would you describe his hands? They were clean. How would you describe his arms? Clean. How would you describe his tshirt? Clean. How would you describe his shorts? Clean. How would you describe his shoes? They were clean." "To my visual eye he was clean. To your visual eye he did not look like he had just blown his son's head off in the confines of a feed room where splatter is everywhere, isn't that correct? I didn't say that." On cam tag The interview lasted around 35 minutes that night and Detective Rutland was on the stand for more than 2 hours in court today. We will continue to follow this case as long as it lasts. In Colleton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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MCINTOSH  
INMATE DEATH  
NEW DETAILS

They're now identifying that inmate as 53-year-old Rodney Grant. They say Grant was found dead in his cell by jail staff Wednesday night. The McIntosh County Sheriff's Office told WTOC yesterday that Grant had been arrested the day before. The G-B-I says autopsy results are pending.

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Outside of the courtroom, I spoke to people who say they're family members of one or more of the defendants and they said they were frustrated by how long this case has taken to move forward. Inside the courtroom, we learned new details about the case involving Elwyn Crocker Sr., Mark and Kimberly Wright and what's next before trial begins. (Judge F. Gates Peed) "Mr. Crocker, you've been here during those proceedings today?" (Elwyn Crocker Sr.) "Yes sir" We're learning for the first time Elwyn Crocker Sr. spent eight hours giving a statement to police after his children Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr. were found dead in the backyard of their home. Defense attorneys say only four and a half hours of the statement was recorded. They agreed to give that recording to the Judge F. Gates Peed for review before the next hearing and discuss what wasn't recorded. Looking ahead in the case, the last of the roughly 10 pre-trial motions are expected to be heard at the end of March. One of those motions from Crocker's defense is to prevent his statement to police from being heard during trial and to conceal his past arrest warrants. State prosecutors filed a motion to present audio and video evidence when the trial comes. It's unclear when this case will go to trial, as Judge Peed mentioned another step in the process after pre-trial motions end. "We're looking at maybe the end of April to send this in for an interim review." State Prosecutor Matt Breedon said that review by a state supreme court can take months. Both sides are also waiting on DNA evidence from the FBI. (Camille) "Those pre trial motion hearings are tentatively set for March 23rd and 24th. WTOC plans to be there to bring you the latest. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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CROCKER  
COURT  
PRETRIAL  
HEARING

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(sot) The defendant in this case asked the judge to remove and replace his public defender..just three days before he stands trial for murder. (vo) Lee Mayhew faces murder and other charges in the October 2020 shooting and robbery of Bonnie Lanier Rushing. Mayhew was arrested days after the shooting in Florida..with Rushing's SUV. Today, Mayhew told Judge Lovett Bennett that his attorney Renata Newbill-Jallow had acknowledged that she'd known Rushing from her years with Department of Family & Children's Services. (sot) Where I come from, if you know the judge, or the victim, or somebody from the Parole/Probation Department, that raises a conflict. (vo) Mayhew also claimed he hadn't had sufficient communication with his attorneys until recent weeks leading to the trial. Judge Bennett gave the court his decision. (sot) He himself indicated this case has been going two and a half years. He's had opportunity to hire an attorney but hasn't done so. He is not allowed to pick and choose his appointed councils, so court denies the motion. (vo) Mayhew was on pre-trial release from Tennessee on weapons charges at the time of Rushing's murder. Attorneys debated how much of that information can be introduced during the trial. The judge must also consider the sheriff's office request for Mayhew to wear leg shackles during the trial due to security concerns. (sot) The trial is set to begin on Monday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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COURT

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MURDAUGH  
11PM OD COURT

Vo Day 5 in Colleton County started just like the rest of the week, Alex Murdaugh walking into the courthouse with his jacket draped over his handcuffs. The similarities stopped there though, as we heard a law enforcement interview with Alex from 12:57 am the night his wife and son were killed... for the very first time. The video showed him crying, and watching it back in court brought similar emotion. Nat "I ran over to Maggie. Actually I think I tried to turn Paul over first... you know I tried to turn him over." Vo A state attorney focused on that later, asking an investigator how someone would turn a body over, even getting on the floor and showing possible motions himself. Sot: (John Meadors - State Prosecutor) "Whether you're this way or this way? Correct. Either underneath or here, is that right? Yes. Is that right? Yes. Vo The state followed that by asking if the witness, who was in the car during that 'night-of' interview, to describe her observations of Alex's appearance. Sot "How would you describe his hands? They were clean. How would you describe his arms? Clean. How would you describe his T-shirt? Clean. How would you describe his shorts? Clean. How would you describe his shoes? They were clean." Vo Murdaugh's attorneys disputed both those points, first in reference to the turning over of Paul. Sot: (Jim Griffin - Defense Attorney) "Seeing Mr. Meadors crawl around on the floor down here as trying to re-enact something, but that night he never was asked specifically what did you do to try to turn your son over... correct? That is correct, we did not ask that." Vo The defense then moved to prodding at the state's focus on Alex's appearance. Sot "To my visual eye he was clean yes. And to your visual eye it did not look like he had just blown his son's head off in the confines of a feed room where splatter is everywhere. Isn't that correct? I didn't say that." Vo A few other witnesses were called and the final day of court for the week ended around 5 pm. The trial will resume at 9:30am Monday morning and WTOC will be there to bring you all the details.

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11PM OD COURT

Elwyn Crocker Sr., Mary Wright and Mark Anthony Wright all getting closer to their trial where they're accused of killing Mary and Elwyn Crocker Jr. I spoke to people off camera who say they're family members of one or more of the defendants and they said they were frustrated by how long this case has taken to move forward. We're learning Elwyn Crocker Sr. spent eight hours giving a statement to police after the teenagers were found dead in the backyard of their home. Defense attorneys say only four and a half hours of the statement was recorded. Judge F. Gates Peed will hear it. "Y'all are going to provide me 4-and-a-half-hour statement to go ahead and listen to so it won't hold that up." There's about 65 pre-trial motions, a vast majority are filed by the defense. Today and yesterday, the defense argued the grand jury who indicted the three defendants years ago wasn't properly seated and they think the indictments should be dismissed because of that. They say the make-up of the jury wasn't fair or inclusive. While on the witness stand, former Effingham Clerk of Court Elizabeth Hursey who served in 2019 said they did not discriminate when choosing the grand jury. "Do you ever excuse jurors based on their race?" "No sir" "Do you excuse them based on their gender?" "No sir" Both sides have until the end of February to provide a brief with their arguments on the grand jury indictment. DNA evidence was also supposed to be discussed during these hearings but the defense has to subpoena the FBI for the documents they need to argue their case. (Peed) "I don't have any anticipation on how long that may take for the FBI and department of justice to respond." Looking ahead in the case, the last of the roughly 10 pre-trial motions are expected to be heard at the end of March and an interim review to be submitted by the end of April. One of those motions from Crocker's defense is to prevent his statement to police from being heard during trial and to conceal his past arrest warrants. State prosecutors filed a motion to present audio and video evidence when the trial comes. Those hearings are scheduled for March 23rd and 24th. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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1/28/2023 SATURDA INMATE DEATH  
7:00:00 AM Y OD NEW DETAILS

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"All I know is just, I'm here to go to school, get an education, then go back home and provide for my family. It all sounds peachy, but that's not what life was when I came to the U.S." Adoboe-Herrera was just seven years old when he came to the United States from Togo- a country that borders Ghana. He was brought to Michigan with the help of a man he thought was a family friend. Adoboe-Herrera: "He started to abuse me, use me as his own personal slave. He controlled everything I do from day one from when I wake up to when I go back to bed, and if I don't do things his way, I get punished for not waking up early, for not cleaning the house, for not doing what he asked me to do." He didn't know it at the time, but Adoboe-Herrera was a victim of labor trafficking- which the Human Trafficking Hotline defines as a form of modern day slavery. It wasn't until he was in middle school that Adoboe-Herrera was able to get help from two teachers. Adoboe-Herrera: "They saw something in me, and they said, 'I need to help that child,' and they did. And I'm here now because of those two wonderful ladies." Now, as an adult, Adoboe-Herrera is an anti-trafficking activist. A big part of what he does- spread awareness about labor trafficking- a form of trafficking he says isn't very well known. Adoboe-Herrera: "That's what brings me to shine a light on those things. Let's show people like, 'Hey, there are more of me out there that need the help.' But that fact that we don't have the resources for them? That's why they don't want to identify as survivors. That's why they don't want to be known." If you suspect that someone you know is a victim of human trafficking- you can contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

1/29/2023 11PM  
 12:01:00 WEEKEN SHEA:  
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The prosecution and defense in Alex Murdaugh's case agreed on one thing the night of the murders -- the gruesome, chilling crime scene. Maggie, Murdaugh's wife and Paul his son, laying in a pool of their own blood. And for the first time -- We saw the interview Murdaugh gave investigators just hours after it all happened. "I ran over to Maggie....actually I think I tried to turn Paul over first..you know I tried to turn him over." Colleton County Sheriff's Office Investigator Laura Rutland and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Agent David Owen questioned him inside of a vehicle on the crime scene due to weather...Murdaugh described his marriage as "wonderful". "And your's and Paul's relationship?" "As good as it can get." The defense made attempts to discredit the preservation of evidence on scene -- deputies not wearing protective foot coverings and citing there isn't enough evidence to prove Murdaugh is guilty "No forensics tying him to the murder. When I say forensics...fingerprints...blood. Whatever tying him to shooting anyone that night. The cellphone records indicate he had less than 10 minutes to kill him, get them to the house, get in the car, crank it up covered in blood." Among the prosecution's main arguments we can expect to go into next week, inconsistencies in Alex Murdaugh's timeline of that night and whether he cleaned himself up after his wife and son were killed. "Did you see blood on his hands? I did not. on his arms? No. On his shirt? None. On his shorts? No. On his shoes? I did not." Rutland -- confirming when questioned by the prosecution that Murdaugh's clothes looked fresh out of the laundry because she noticed him sweating when his clothes were dry. Murdaugh's defense attorney doubled down on his innocence to the jury -- the defendant had a healthy relationship with his wife and son -- in a snapchat video that has not been made public yet, Harpootlian alludes to Murdaugh bonding with Paul the same day he was killed saying there was no way he could've executed his family. "Not believable..not believable"

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Murdaugh family members pulled up for the first day of the second week here in Colleton County, ready to sit behind Alex yet again as this trial continues. The day's first witness - SLED senior criminalist Melinda Worley - started on the stand before Friday's lunch break, and today faced cross examination from the Defense. Worley's testimony was mostly procedural, as the Defense brought out a measuring stick and had her draw potential bullet paths on a not to scale model of the crime scene based on angles and measurements she took in person... arguing the paths could indicate more than one perpetrator. "Doesn't this indicate to you there were more than two shooters? A shooter up here and a shooter down here. Let me rephrase, is it a possibility that there are two shooters?" As Harpootlian was making this argument, several state prosecutors went into conversation including attorney general Alan Wilson who's making his first appearance at the trial. During this argument, the defense yet again graphically described Paul Murdaugh's death... bringing out emotions from not only Alex but his brother John Marvin as well. The state went back to the multiple shooter suggestion in their redirect. "It's possible that people can move around? Yes. And it's also possible that one person could have two guns? That's right." On cam tag Worley was just the first witness of the day and of course there were more. I'm working to bring you into the rest of the day for the news at 6. Reporting from Colleton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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New video shows investigators searching the Murdaugh property in Colleton County the morning after Maggie and Paul were murdered. This video was entered into evidence today - as prosecutors continue to build their case against Alex Murdaugh. The footage is coming from Jeff Croft's body cam...who took the stand today. It shows him and another investigator picking up spent casings around the property-- however he testified that the casings were worn and tarnished implying they had weathered.

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"In this case, I entered a number that successfully unlocked the phone rather quickly." "And what was that number associated with?" "I believe the number was associated with the date of birth of... Paul Murdaugh." Secret Service investigators testified today and said they were called in to help SLED with the investigation because SLED did not have the technology to unlock a locked cell phone.

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" Did you take notes?" "I was writing specific stuff down." "Now you mentioned you made a mental note, on what you heard or misheard, I did him so bad, but did you make a written note of him saying that." "I don't recall if I wrote it or not, sir." "So it's possible that you're sitting there, with a guy who's now been charged with murder on June 10th, in an interview, the father, the only one in the circle, and he says I did him so bad, and you can't tell a jury you even wrote it down on a piece of paper." "I don't recall if I actually made a physical note of it or not, sir." Members of the U.S. Secret Service took the stand in the afternoon, as the prosecution tries to bring light to cell phone records the state says places Alex Murdaugh at the crime scene. One agent described the process they used to get into Paul's phone.

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THE DEFENSE STARTED THE MORNING OFF WITH A BLISTERING CROSS OF SLED AGENT JEFF CROFT ABOUT THE MURDAUGH FAMILY GUNS, SEEKING TO CAST DOUBT OVER THE FACT THAT A GUN OWNED BY THE FAMILY WAS USED TO KILL MAGGIE AND PAUL.. HE ALSO TOOK CROFT TO TASK OVER THAT CRITICAL MOMENT DURING ALEX'S SECOND INTERVIEW WITH INVESTIGATORS WHERE PROSECUTORS SAY HE APPEARS TO MAKE A CONFESSION. ((PKG)) DEFENSE ATTORNEY JIM GRIFFIN ASSERTING THAT DESPITE SLED RETRIEVING SEVERAL SHOTGUNS FROM THE MOSELLE PROPERTY, NONE WERE CAPABLE OF FIRING THE 12-GUAGE SHOTGUN SHELLS THAT KILLED PAUL... ((SOT)) "Have you ever found the murder weapons to your knowledge?" ((SOT)) "Not to my knowledge, sir." GRIFFIN SUGGESTED THAT .300 BLACKOUT ROUNDS ARE COMMONLY USED IN RURAL AREAS LIKE HAMPTON COUNTY... THE STATE, PUSHING BACK ON REDIRECT.. ((SOT)) "How many criminal investigations have you worked where .300 Blackout was the murder round?" // "I have none." ((SOT)) "None? // "None." DEFENSE ALSO CRITICIZING LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR ALLEGEDLY NOT CHECKING ALEX'S ALIBI -- THE HOME OF HIS MOTHER - THE DAY AFTER THE MURDERS. ((SOT)) "Are you aware of anyone ever going to Alameda to search the house until sometime Sept of 2021?" ((SOT)) "A number of agents out working, not sure what the other agents did." LATER, CONTINUED QUESTIONING OF SLED AGENT JEFF CROFT'S RECOLLECTION OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH ALEX ON JUNE 10... ((SOT)) "Are you 100 percent confident that Alex said I did him so bad rather than they did him so bad?" ((SOT)) "I'm 100 percent confident in what I heard and I interpreted him as saying." ((TAG)) THIS AFTERNOON, THE STATE INTRODUCED CELL PHONE EVIDENCE, INCLUDING RECORDS FOR ALEX, PAUL, MAGGIE AND BUSTER. MUCH OF THIS TESTIMONY WAS VERY TECHNICAL, BUT ITS CRUCIAL TO THE STATE'S CASE AS THEY EXPLAINED IN OPENING ARGUMENTS THAT CELL PHONE RECORDS WILL CONTRADICT ALEX'S TIMELINE OF THAT NIGHT AND PLACE HIM AT THE MURDER SCENE AT THE TIME MAGGIE AND PAUL WERE KILLED.

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-Voice of Alex Murdaugh: interview with SLED agent Jim Griffin (Defense attorney) "Did you hear now, they, or I?" Jeff Croft (SLED agent) "I will still testify that my hearing, I hear I." Griffin then continuously questioned Croft about the interview asking if he had wrote down what Murdaugh said in it. Croft told Griffin he had made a mental note of it but didn't recall if he actually physically wrote the words out on paper.

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Vo Walked in Nat Vo And walked through... Nat "How many blackouts, AR style rifles did you make for Alex Murdaugh? Three." Vo Alex Murdaugh attentive as state witnesses continue to take the stand. His legal team started the day off pointing out that the murder weapon has not been presented in court. "The shot that blew Paul Murdaugh's head off was Winchester dry lock steel waterfowl ammunition? I was aware the pellets were steel. Did you find any similar ammunition at Moselle on June 8th or any time after that? I did not sir." Vo Ammunition and firearms have been a topic of conversation throughout this trial. That continued through the testimony of John Bedingfield, a second cousin of Alex Murdaugh who made and sold guns to Alex. Bedingfield testified that Alex asked him to make a rifle for each of his boys around the holidays in 2016. "When he called me he was excited about getting these for his boys. It was a big Christmas for them? Yessir." Vo These are the 300 blackout rifles referenced throughout trial. As Alex talked with attorneys more than any other time throughout the day, it was established that Paul misplaced his and Bedingfield sold the Murdaugh's a third to replace it. Only one of those guns is accounted for at this point in the case and the state says the missing one killed Maggie Murdaugh. Speaking of Maggie, her phone was brought forward to the next witness. Nat "I began my career at SLED in June of 2008." Vo Lt. Britt Dove completed file extractions from the phone of Maggie Murdaugh, a process he explains comes with an incredible amount of detail. "You're probably talking about 9000 pages just for the timeline section of that report." Vo He simplified the report to be produced as evidence. As the state showed pictures of evidence to the jury, it was shown that Maggie's phone had five missed calls from Alex, two from his brother John Marvin, and one from her son Buster... the state suggesting they were missed because she was dead.

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?(sot) Prosecutors brought to jurors a string of witnesses and evidence to try and track Lee Mayhew from the Rushing home at the time of the shooting all the way to his capture in Florida in her SUV. (vo) Florida deputies and investigators testified to stopping Bonnie Rushing's white SUV in Columbia County just off Interstate 10. They testified to arresting Mayhew and finding a gun inside the vehicle. Local investigators had already testified the gun was stolen from a break-in near the Rushings and matched the bullet that killed Bonnie Rushing. They testified to the shoes he was wearing. GBI agents testified to the shoe prints found at the Rushing's barn and in a nearby field where Rushing's phone was found. Prosecutors also introduced security camera footage from a neighbor that showed a golf cart stolen from neighbors the night before driven toward the Rushings by someone at least resembling Mayhew. (sot) And we'll have more on this case coming up tonight on THE News. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Just as certain as birds flying and traffic lights turning green... Alex Murdaugh walked into the Colleton county courthouse about a half hour before trial began. Standup During opening statements last week, lead state prosecutor Creighton Waters pointed out that cell phones would be a huge piece of evidence used in this case and today that was more evident than any other throughout the trial so far. Nat "Let's take a look at Alex's call logs." Vo In comparison to the records on his wife's phone, as displayed yesterday, the state showed that calls were missing from Alex's logs, calls that he made the hours after his wife and son were killed. Sot: (John Conrad - State Prosecutor) "At some point between when those calls were placed on the night of June 7th and when you got the phone in September those calls disappeared off that phone. Correct? Those calls were not on the phone anymore." Vo The state switched gears from records of communication to records of activity, like steps tracked by Alex's phone. Displaying that it tracked no steps between 8:09 and 9:02 the night of the murders. Conrad then brought Paul's phone to the witness, which had been used far more than Alex's that night. Nat In the matter of about 4 1/2 hours it's over 900 entries on here. Vo One of the key records shows by the data in Paul Murdaugh's phone was a 58 second video he took at 8:44, minutes before the state says he was killed. For the first time we heard and saw that video... listen to see how many different voices you hear while watching Alex relive that moment. Nat Video plays while Alex cries in court Vo The state says it was three voices, all by the dog kennels where Paul was shot. The defense cross examined the witness and pushed at the activity of Maggie's and Alex's phones. Sot: (Phil Barber - Defense Attorney) "If the same person had had both phones on them and one of the phones was recording a significant number of steps, wouldn't you expect to see the same number of steps or something very similar on the other phone? I would expect to see steps on both phones, yes sir." On cam tag Lt. Dove was excused from the witness stand just before lunch break today and of course there were more witnesses called in the afternoon session. I'm working to bring you into those testimonies coming up on the news at 6. Reporting from Colleton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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2/1/2023 5:30pm BOMB FOUND  
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It all started when somebody was dredging the entrance channel of the Savannah River.. that person discovered the device and reported it to the Coast Guard. After that, several agencies came in to help- including the Army Corps of Engineers, the Savannah Bomb Squad and the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit from the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort. When it was discovered that the device was indeed some unexploded military weapon, the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit took over, transporting the device to a safe place by boat with a Coast Guard escort keeping a 200-yard safety zone around it. According to them, they disposed of it at the Townsend Bombing Range- which is located in Long County.

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DAY 8

Covered How old were you when you got to know Paul Murduagh? I've known him all my life. They were like a second family to you? That is correct. Were you close friends with Paul until the day he was murdered? I was. Vo Rogan Gibson moved in next to the Murdaughs when he was around 11 years old, but says he might as well have lived at the Moselle estate. While he didn't actually live there, his dog Cash did at points. Sot: (Rogan Gibson - Friend of Paul Murdaugh) "I asked Mr. Alex if I could leave him there. I'd be gone a week at a time." Vo June 7th, 2021 was one of those times. The state brought forward pictures of phone records from that day between Rogan and Paul, showing they had called and texted throughout the day... a topic of conversation that night, if Cash - Rogan's chocolate lab - was doing alright. Nat He called and asked if something was wrong with the dog's tail. Vo Rogan says for that call around 8:40pm, Paul was at the kennels with Cash... but he also heard the voices of Maggie and Alex in the background. Paul and Rogan tried to FaceTime but service was bad, so the backup plan was for Paul to take a video to send to Rogan. Nat Video Vo We saw this video for the first time in court today, and Rogan says Paul never got to send it to him. After it played in court, Rogan was asked whose voices he heard. Sot: (Creighton Waters - State Prosecutor) "Did you recognize Paul's voice? Yes sir. Did you recognize Maggie's voice? Yes sir. Did you recognize Alex's voice? Yes sir. 100%? Yes sir."

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The prosecution claims a possible reason Alex could have killed his family was to gain sympathy and take attention from his financial problems. Murdaugh faces nearly a hundred charges from tax evasion, money laundering, forgery, and fraud — all related to alleged financial crimes dating back years. Murdaugh is charged with swindling victims out of nearly 9 million dollars.

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These cases started popping-up about 6 years before Maggie and Paul were murdered. That's when a 19-year-old was found dead on the side of Sandy Run Road. Stephen Smith was killed in what was described as a hit-and-run on July 8th, 20-15. According to the report from SC Highway Patrol, the Murdaugh name was mentioned multiple times while they were investigating his death. SLED says they re-opened that investigation on June 22, 2021, due to evidence they found during the Murdaugh murder investigation. Less than 3 years later - a tragedy at the Murdaugh family home in Hampton County. Longtime house keeper Gloria Satterfield died in what was described as a trip and fall accident. SLED reopened the criminal investigation into her death in September 2021 after a request from the Hampton County coroner. They say they also reopened it due to information found while investigating Alex Murdaugh. SLED got permission to exhume her body last June. We're still waiting for that to happen. A year after that - Paul Murdaugh was charged in Mallory Beach's death. Authorities say Paul drunkenly crashed his father's boat into a bridge near Parris Island, killing Beach. Those charges dropped after his death. Beach's family is still navigating a wrongful death lawsuit. The latest case in Septmber 2021 - Alex Murdaugh called 911 after being shot on the side of the road in Varnville. Officials say it was a "superficial wound." Murdaugh's lawyer says he was airlifted to a Savannah hospital. Ten days later - Murdaugh and another man, Curtis Smith, were charged with what law enforcement called a suicide-for-hire plot. Again, all of these cases came out of where we are right now, Hampton County. We will continue to follow them closely. In Hampton County, Max Diekneite, WTOC News.

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The morning session of day 9 was dominated by a hearing without the jury, as Judge Newman considered whether or not charges against Alex Murdaugh for financial crimes should be allowed to be included as evidence for the double murder trial. Nat "The money is taken straight to you? That would be stealing it." Vo With the CFO of Murdaugh's former law firm on the stand, the state ran through some of the 99 financial crimes we know Alex is charged with. Sot: (Creighton Waters - State Prosecutor) and (Jeanne Seckinger, CFO PMPED) "So the rest of that money went to the client didnt it? It did not, it actually went to the fake FORGE account where Alex stole the money from the client. Every last bit of it? Every bit. The \$152,866. That client didn't get one dime until y'all had to make it right? That's right. And that's similar to the rest of the examples we have? Exactly like the rest. Going on for years? Yes." Vo The defense believes those crimes shouldn't be included in this trial, instead focusing on the deaths of Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. Sot: (Jim Griffin - Defense attorney) "And there's nothing about murder of Maggie and Paul that prevented you from accessing that information at any point in time? No, what prevented me was work and personal obligations to get to that point in time to have the opportunity to look." On cam tag: During that hearing without the jury, I didn't see Alex show any emotion from where I was sitting. At the end of it, Judge Newman decided to proceed the rest of the day with the murder trial and jury... saying the financial crimes inclusion status will be continued later. I'm working to bring you into the rest of court as the jury was present for the news at 6, but for now reporting from Colleton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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Nat Laughing Covered sot Is that video, the video we just discussed that was part of the snap chat search warrant return? Yes. That you just testified was uploaded at 7:39 p.m. and sent at 7:56 p.m.? Yes. Vo A Snapchat employee confirming this video of Alex Murdaugh, was taken by his son Paul just over an hour before he was killed. The jury was excused shortly after that around 10:30 a.m. as court went into a private hearing. The jury returned for the afternoon session about four hours later and was met with more discussion of Alex's phone records. "On June 7th I only saw two FaceTime calls on the phone extraction and I saw a series of around 73 phone calls on the Verizon detail record." Vo The investigator did a brief search of Alex's phone, which he says there showed starkly different results than the cell company's data. In the defense's questioning of the same witness, they focused on a briefing held by law enforcement agents the morning after the murders. "So somebody, even two people or one person with two guns, was at large at that point as far as y'all were concerned? Yes sir, I mean ideally. Ok. Did any of those agents indicate during your briefing that they felt there was somebody at large that posed a danger to the community? Did you hear any of that? I don't believe so." Vo The next witness was SLED's Sr. Special Agent Katie McCallister, who searched the Murdaugh home the night after the murders. Sot "You're telling this jury that you saw no evidence of blood or tissue or anything that could indicate somebody had showered or washed off or bathed to remove evidence of a crime. Is that what you're telling them? Yes sir there was nothing visible to me."

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(sot) A Bulloch County jury needed less than two hours to find Lee Mayhew guilty on all counts in the murder of Bonnie Rushing. (vo) Jurors heard the final words from both sides this morning before deciding Lee Mayhew's fate. (sot) For all the evidence that you heard, there is no evidence that Mr. Mayhew maliciously murdered Ms. Rushing. (sot) From the phone call that you hear, from his testimony on the stand...he doesn't have a shred of remorse. (vo) He stood accused of murdering Bonnie Rushing at her home, then stealing her car to keep running from the law in Tennessee. Just after 3:00 o'clock, the jury had their verdict. (sot) (nat) Count one, we the jury find the defendant guilty of malice murder. (vo) They found him guilty of murder, aggravated assault, theft by taking...13 counts in all. (sot) We are grateful to a great team of prosecutors and staff, investigators and jurors. (sot) Family members will be able to directly address the court and talk about the impact this crime has had on them when Mayhew returns to court for sentencing on February 14. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Max intro I am standing in front of the driveway to Alex Murdaugh's former Hampton home. The county tax assessor's office confirmed to me today that he sold this property back in 2020. While Murdaugh may be in a Colleton County courtroom this week... signs of his impact can be seen here in Hampton. Murdaugh's former law office - which is still in operation - is right in the heart of Hampton, off Mulberry Street. They recently changed their name. The large building takes up nearly an entire block. Pearl Heyward says, she rents the building right across the street... which is the Murdaugh's old law office.. "Alex and my brother went to school together and played ball together. And, he said he and Alex were really good friends. They was really good friends." Heyward says, before the trial, \*she'd only heard good things. "I hadn't heard any bad talks at all." That's just around the corner from the Hampton County Courthouse... where the Murdaughs tried cases. For better or for worse... people across town, they know the Murdaugh's. One Hampton native who works for the county told me off-camera, if you had a legal dispute... the old saying was... "He who gets to Murdaugh first, wins." Some feel, this tragedy has put Hampton in a bad light. "It's really put the community in an impossible situation." Executive Director for Hampton friends of the Arts Heather Bruemmer says, people here want to be known for more than one person's accused actions.. and hopes their community will get more than just a bad reputation.. "People are making millions of dollars off this case..." "... how much of that money is going toward bettering the community of Hampton?" As we headed out of town... we stopped by the Hampton home where the Murdaugh's used to live, off Holly Street East. County records I got show... they bought the land in 1999 for 20-thousand-dollars. They sold it to another attorney in April of 2020... for 375-thousand-dollars. Max tag We have more on each of the cases Murdaugh is accused in here in Hampton County on our web site. Just look for the Murdaugh case page. In Hampton, MD, WTOC NEWS.

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"I mean the first thing I asked him you know Alex what the f... or what the h... is going on here you know what is going on and have you done something else to me or that involves me that I don't know about cause I know about this and I got to deal with this but is there something else you've done that I don't know about that I need to be concerned with." Earlier Wilson testified -- Murdaugh used their friendship to get Wilson to sign checks made out to him personally rather than Murdaugh's firm. After all he went through though, he says he was less concerned about the money than about the lies.

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He's facing 99 charges in schemes that defrauded people of more than 8 million dollars. Recently - he was also charged with tax evasion. The State says Murdaugh failed to report the over 6 point 9 million dollars of income they say he earned illegally. Like we told you yesterday - the state wants to use those charges as evidence in the murder trial. Lowcountry reporter Tyler Manion walks us through what we heard from the witness stand - as the judge is still deciding whether to allow the charges into evidence.

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"The results for those comparisons were inconclusive, again that means I was unable to determine if they had been fired by item 33 or they had been firearm or firearms with similar characteristics." Vo As weapon after weapon from the Murdaugh property was brought forward, the SLED firearms expert reviewed his analysis... stating that two of the guns were not used in the murders, and another two brought inconclusive results as he just testified. He tested specific ammunition as well though, and he was more confident in those results. "If I understand it correctly, the items collected right by Maggie have been loaded into, extracted to and ejected by the same firearm that identified items were picked up by the side of the house? Yes sir that is correct." Vo The defense, who objected to this testimony being allowed into the trial at all, poked at its significance. "You cannot and you did not and you are not offering an opinion that item 22 shotgun was used to murder Paul Murdaugh, correct? My result was inconclusive, what that ultimately means is I'm not able to determine that."

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\*DO NOT TAKE LOWER OVER VIDEO It's on video -- a person coming through an entry point in the ceiling -- using tools to pry open coolers full of food -- and on two occasions just days a part -- passing the food under the door before taking off. This happened at Ardsley Station in Thomas Square. And the owner -- Tyler Kopkas says they've been hit pretty hard "Thousands of dollars, 4 to 5 -thousand bucks" \*BRING UP LOWER Just looking at the surveillance footage -- it looks like it's the same person "You feel violated" We weren't able to get more comprehensive data from Savannah Police in time for this story -- but based on crime stats from their website, there have been two burglaries in that area in the past year, not including the most recent two. Since we noticed the suspect only took food -- we asked the owner could the person just be in need? , OWNER, ARDSLEY STATION} "Our city is growing. It could be an issue of folks not having food or access to food" Homelessness and crime are an ongoing problem in the city...so Kopkas says they also had to make investments to make the restaurant more secure "We don't want our guests supporting us who are our lifeline to feel unsafe coming here." He says this isn't just a city or county problem and he wants other business owners in the area to see how they can come together and be a part of a solution. That is still in its early stages. "As a group we're only stronger and more effective together"

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2/4/2023 12:01:00 AM MURDAUGH MURDER TRIAL DAY 10 11PM OD "The results for those comparisons were inconclusive, again that means I was unable to determine if they had been fired by item 33 or they had been firearm or firearms with similar characteristics." Vo As weapon after weapon from the Murdaugh property was brought forward, the SLED firearms expert reviewed his analysis... stating that two of the guns were not used in the murders, and another two brought inconclusive results as he just testified. He tested specific ammunition as well though, and he was more confident in those results. "If I understand it correctly, the items collected right by Maggie have been loaded into, extracted to and ejected by the same firearm that identified items were picked up by the side of the house? Yes sir that is correct." Vo The defense, who objected to this testimony being allowed into the trial at all, poked at its significance. "You cannot and you did not and you are not offering an opinion that item 22 shotgun was used to murder Paul Murdaugh, correct? My result was inconclusive, what that ultimately means is I'm not able to determine that." 00:01:04

2/4/2023 7:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA ALYSSA: K ARDSLEY STATION BURGLARY Y OD \*DO NOT TAKE LOWER OVER VIDEO It's on video -- a person coming through an entry point in the ceiling -- using tools to pry open coolers full of food -- and on two occasions just days a part -- passing the food under the door before taking off. This happened at Ardsley Station in Thomas Square. And the owner -- Tyler Kopkas says they've been hit pretty hard "Thousands of dollars, 4 to 5 -thousand bucks" \*BRING UP LOWER Just looking at the surveillance footage -- it looks like it's the same person "You feel violated" We weren't able to get more comprehensive data from Savannah Police in time for this story -- but based on crime stats from their website, there have been two burglaries in that area in the past year, not including the most recent two. Since we noticed the suspect only took food -- we asked the owner could the person just be in need? , OWNER, ARDSLEY STATION} "Our city is growing. It could be an issue of folks not having food or access to food" Homelessness and crime are an ongoing problem in the city...so Kopkas says they also had to make investments to make the restaurant more secure "We don't want our guests supporting us who are our lifeline to feel unsafe coming here." He says this isn't just a city or county problem and he wants other business owners in the area to see how they can come together and be a part of a solution. That is still in its early stages. "As a group we're only stronger and more effective together" 00:01:22



4 years ago this month, 19-year-old Mallory Beach was killed when authorities say a drunken Paul Murdaugh crashed his father's boat into a Beaufort County bridge. Another boater found her body a week later. The Beach's - represented by Lowcountry attorney Mark Tinsley - are still suing Alex Murdaugh for wrongful death. But they say, there's much more to Mallory's story. After she died, Beach's family started "Mal's Palz." It's a non-profit, aimed at raising enough money to build a much-needed new shelter in Hampton County... and also donate to other local shelters. Beach's family says she loved animals, especially puppies... fostering them and even bringing home strays. The foundation has already rased tens-of-thousands of dollars. In February 20-18, Murdaugh's housekeeper... 57-year-old Gloria Satterfield... died following what authorities described as a 'trip-and-fall' incident at the family's Colleton County home. The same home where Paul and Maggie were shot-and-killed a few years later. The Satterfield's also sued Murdaugh for wrongful death... and, last June, reached a 4-point-3 million-dollar agreement. The family immediately launched 'Gloria's Gift'... a charity to help underprivileged families in Hampton County buy Christmas gifts. Family attorney Eric Bland talked to us while out here in Colleton County.. "The family is at peace. Beleive it or not, they have forgiven Alex, because of their Christian beliefs. But they also feel like Gloria did not die in vein. She died for the purpose of... she was the wellspring, which opened up all the financial crimes where other victims came forward."

2/6/2023 MURDAUGH  
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LL Spring is typically when the threat of tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, that bring hail and lightning, greatly increases. PKG "One minute you got clear blue skies, the next minute you got heavy rain, thunder and lightning." Today's focus is family preparedness. Tybee Island Fire Chief Jeremy Kendrick says this includes things like knowing where you'd go if you have to evacuate your home or if you have to shelter in place and making sure your insurance policy is readily available. "Flashlights handy if you lose power. Of course, have your cellphone charged up in case you need to make phone calls especially if your house gets hit by lightning and you lose power you won't be able to call 911. Have a first-aid kit available. These are all essential things that you need to have just like in a hurricane, but these storms come a lot quicker." Kendrick says people who live in the coastal community usually have these things already because of hurricane season, but it's a good time to re-stock. Day two, Tuesday, is thunderstorm safety. According to the National Weather Service south Georgia has an average of 60 thunderstorm days each year and that a severe thunderstorm doesn't just produce strong winds, but hail too. "If we have lots of lightning in the area go inside. Parts of the state have seen golf ball-size hail, dime-sized hail and it all hurts the same. It damages your cars. If you're driving try to pull under a bridge somewhere." On Wednesday, the focus is on tornadoes and it's something the Coastal Empire is all too familiar with after April's deadly tornado in Bryan County. This is a time to establish a safe place in your home you can go to if you're at risk. Kendrick says the fire department will come to any home on Tybee if you have questions or concerns. "If you want us to make sure your home is safe we can do that. We can come in and do a little home-safety inspection for them to make sure they the necessities. We're very open to the public in giving them whatever they need if they have questions." Thursday will focus on lightning safety. This is a time to get familiar with the 30/30 rule and to check your smoke detectors. And Friday is for flood safety. The NWS says flooding is the number one cause of death associated with thunderstorms. Remember the golden rule: turn around, don't drown. Kendrick says Tybee is now a NOAA Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador. This means the city is working closely with NOAA to strengthen national resilience against extreme weather. "We support and we explain everything that's going on from the National Weather Service point, we put it out to the public. We report back to the NWS if we have any type of situations here that are weather-related." LLTAG On Wednesday there will be a statewide tornado drill at 9 a.m. This is a great time for people to practice their safety plan and make sure their communications systems are working as they should. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

2/6/2023 MARIAH:  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD SEVERE  
WEATHER  
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It now seems this double murder trial will last longer than initially expected. Judge Newman was telling jurors when it started that it would take three weeks, but with the approval of financial crimes evidence, it seems that's no longer the case. Vo Prior to the judge's decision, the attorney for Mallory Beach's family took the stand. On June 10th, 2021 a hearing was scheduled in that boat crash case... but with Paul and Maggie Murdaugh being killed June 7th, it didn't happen. Both sides focused questioning on the financial consequences for Alex that might have come with that hearing. Sot: (Phil Barber - Defense Attorney) and (Mark Tinsley - Attorney Representing the family of Mallory Beach) "There was going to be some time after that, is that fair? I think it's fair to say that there wouldn't have been an explosion on June 10th but the fuse was lit the moment that that information became available in the case. Vo The defense trying to say the hearing didn't represent a judgement day sort of moment for Alex's financial wrongdoings... the prosecution disagreeing. Sot: (Creighton Waters - State Prosecutor) "If the hearing takes place on June 10th, 2021 what is the net affect of what could happen at that point? The discovery of everything he's done." Vo After those final arguments we know judge Clifton Newman ruled all the financial crime evidence we've heard over the last few days, are allowed in the double murder trial. Sot: (Judge Clifton Newman - "I find that the jury's entitled to consider whether the apparent desperation of Mr. Murdaugh because of his dire financial situation..." On cam tag Judge Newman goes on to finish that thought by clarifying the jury is entitled to hear this evidence as potential motive. The state says some of the witnesses we've heard from over the course of this private hearing will be ready to testify in front of the jury starting tomorrow. Reporting, TM, Colleton Co.

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MURDAUGH  
FRAUD TO BE  
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? (sot) It might be hard to think about severe weather on a gorgeous day like today. But emergency leaders say a few steps now can help make things better when bad weather does come. (vo) As we've seen before, Spring and summer can often mean tornadoes or strong storms in South Georgia. They can bring down trees and power lines and leave you without electricity. Rain storms can wash out dirt roads and leave you stranded in your home. Bulloch County Public Safety Director Ted Wynn says three basic steps can have you prepared. (sot) Get a kit - with some basic supplies that will get you through 2-3 days. Make a plan - know where you might go if you have to evacuate, and Stay Informed. (vo) He says severe weather can impact you even without being catastrophic. He says flashlights, phone chargers, bottled water and non-perishable food can get your through a short-term "disaster". (sot) No, you don't have to empty the shelves at your local store. Two to three days is what you need to be prepared for at the least. (vo) To stay informed, he urges everyone to have weather-tracking apps like WTOC downloaded on your phone and localized alerts set to give you up to date information. (sot) In Bulloch County Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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WX PREPARE  
WEEK

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"No trespassing signs surround this property. There's also a sign that says no too friendly. This is the area where police believe there was a home invasion. The person living here is expected to recover." Police believe the person killed was the intruder. "It's not that big of a shock." Neighbors say they've put in several complaints to police about illegal or disruptive activity on Shad Rd. According to an open records request, Chatham County police have been called to Shad Rd. 46 times since the beginning of 20-22 on several things from disorderly people to shots fired. Four of those calls were to the same place where the shooting happened. Those previous police visits to the property involved non violent complaints like property upkeep. Daniel Vales lives in walking distance from Shad Rd. and has had concerns about the area. "Not very surprised. We've had lots of calls go out for fighting and shooting or drugs or whatever else in the back of the neighborhood. There's not a large police presence unless they're called out here and they get here eventually but criminals do what they want when there's nothing to stop them from doing it." "Detectives are still trying to piece together what led up to this incident, as the investigation continues. In Chatham County, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CHATHAM CO.  
HOME  
INVASION &  
SHOOTING

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LL: Tomorrow...the Bryan County health department will be offering free blood pressure screenings like these. Nurses say it's important to keep tabs on your heart health. VO: The Coastal Health District is hosting the free blood pressure and glucose screenings in several counties throughout February. First up is Bryan County...with the free screenings taking place at both the Richmond Hill and Pembroke offices. Nurses say these tests can help spot any potential issues like high blood pressure and high glucose levels...leading to heart problems. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention...heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the U-S. Nurses say in addition to these tests...there are steps you can take in your daily life to keep a healthy heart. SOT: "Maintaining a healthy weight, eating healthy, getting some physical exercise everyday. These are things that cannot just benefit your blood pressure but can also benefit the entire body as well as your blood glucose with your diet." No appointments are needed for these screenings. To see a full list of dates and times for screenings in other counties this month...just look for this story on our website...WTOC.com. In RH...FS...WTOCN.

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RH HEART  
HEALTH  
SCREENINGS

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<p>2/6/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>MAX: MURDAUGH FINANCIAL STATUS</p>	<p>In 2018, Murdaugh's housekeeper - Gloria Satterfield - died in a trip-and-fall incident on the family's Colleton County property. Just this past summer, he reached a 4-point-3 million-dollar agreement with Satterfield's sons. A year after Satterfield's death... Murdaugh's son, Paul, crashed his boat... killing 19-year-old Mallory Beach and injuring others on-board. *That wrongful death lawsuit is still pending. Beach's attorney says - his clients intend to get everything they can out of Murdaugh. "The Beach family stood on the causeway for 8 days while their daughter's body was in the water. I don't know that there's any amount of money that somebody would willingly take to go through what they've gone through, but if you are asking a lawyer who does civil work, was I making a substantial demand? In terms of a settlement, I think that most people would say yes" In September 2021, Murdaugh's former law firm accused him of stealing millions of dollars from them. A week later, SLED opened an investigation into Murdaugh over accusations of misappropriated funds. Murdaugh resigned from the firm... which has since changed its name. A month later, the firm sued him over those accusations.</p>	<p>00:01:11</p>
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<p>2/7/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>SUGAR REFINERY EXPLOSION 15 YRS LATER</p>	<p>There were reports that it was so loud, people in Garden City and Levy, South Carolina could hear it. The U-S Chemical Safety Board says poor housekeeping caused highly combustible sugar dust and granulated sugar to build up. More than a year after the blast, the Occupational Health and Safety Administration cited Imperial Sugar for more than 100 violations. The company was fined nearly \$9 million dollars.</p>	<p>00:00:24</p>
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<p>2/8/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD</p>	<p>MAX: COLLECTON CO. COURTHOUSE BOMB THREAT</p>	<p>"Just a moment please..." "Have the jury go to the jury room for a recess." You can see some confusion on the face of the witness there as the judge talked to him with the court microphones off. That was SLED computer crimes expert Brian Huddock. But again, court is back in session.</p>	<p>00:00:16</p>
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2/8/2023 4:30PM HAYLEY: LL INTRO: Jesup Police Chief Perry Morgan says Wednesday's shooting was the first one within city limits in the new year, and now, a suspect is in in custody. Police say the incident happened after 7 p.m. on February 1st in the 100 block of Shamrock Avenue. When they arrived, they located a victim who had been shot and had serious injuries. Police arrested 23-year-old Nyzaia Buggs in relation to the shooting on Tuesday. He's charged with aggravated assault and possession of a firearm. This shooting... is one of two to happen within Wayne County in the same week. Chief Morgan says many of the incidents they respond to are isolated. "We just want citizens to know that they're still safe here within the city limits of Jesup. We're doing everything we can to make the city of Jesup a better place to live. They can sleep well at night." Morgan says the victim remains in the hospital in stable condition. LL TAG: Chief Morgan says anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the police department. We'll have that number on our website, WTOC.com. In Jesup, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:04

5:29:00 PM OD JESUP CRIME

2/8/2023 BRYAN CO. "If it wasn't something done by human nature...how could a human being possibly be responsible for this. I don't have the answers for that but that's the only conclusion I can come up with." "You think somebody was responsible for this?" "Had to have been." The ATF, the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have been working on this case from the start and all pitched in to make the arrest happen. 00:00:25

5:59:00 PM 5PM OD HOME EXPLOSION ARRESTS

2/8/2023 MURDAUGH Here's what it looked like - with the media, the public and county employees on the front lawn of the property. SLED says a bomb threat was made with anonymous call to the courthouse. They say it was all a hoax, and they're working with the Colleton County Sheriff's office to investigate. Court has wrapped for the day - but the jury did choose to go back and finish out the session. We'll have team coverage on the threat - plus the latest on the trial - coming up on THE News at 6. 00:00:28

6:29:00 PM OD COURT EVAC LATEST

2/8/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BOMB THREAT  
COLLETON  
COURTHOUSE

Court staffers tell us a man called in, and claimed there was a bomb in the judge's chambers. That forced authorities to immediately evacuate the courthouse. It ended up being a false threat. You're watching video from right after it happened... around 12-30. You can see, there were a lot of police and other first-responders on-scene... along with a crowd of people, waiting to find out whether the trial would even resume today. Three hours later, it did. The judge let the jury make that decision... and they said, let's do this. SLED is leading the investigation into this bomb threat.

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BRYAN CO.  
HOUSE  
EXPLOSION  
ARREST

"I hope that they find God in life because only the devil can live in your heart that can make you do such a thing. Bricks scattered and inside of Larissa Apperson's garage destroyed...all from a bomb Police arrested Caleb Kinsley and Stephen Glosser in connection to this attack. Kinsley is charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He actually ran to Louisiana where he was arrested. Glosser was arrested locally and is accused of transporting and receiving explosives The blast brought out lots of state and local agencies "I just remember it being like a bomb going off and at first I thought I was shot and I think the reason why I thought that is because of the force that I felt." The Bryan County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives worked closely to investigate. \*INSERT BCSO BITE HERE" Apperson had just moved in to the home from California the night before the explosion with her 6-year-old daughter "I still want to know why. I could have lost my daughter and that thought I don't even want to think about

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LL Police Chief James Jermon says yesterday's shooting was the second one so far this year. As he always reiterates, just one ... shooting is too many. VO Around 6:00 Wednesday, police were called out to a shooting here on Epstein Street. Police tell me the victim was shot multiple times and suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Chief Jermon says they believe the victim was targeted .. and described the suspects as four men driving a silver Nissan with a Florida license plate. He says the car was spotted, on a nearby camera and was seen driving through the neighborhood at least ten times before the suspects walked up and shot the victim. Chief Jermon says they don't know the motive at this time, but they hope more witnesses including the victim will give more information that can lead them to an arrest. Chief Jermon says in 2022 the department responded to 17 shots fired calls. Of those calls, five people were shot and 3 died. Chief Jermon says with two shootings and two victims already this year, he wonders when it'll ever stop. SOT "Why is it that we have to go to a gun? Why is it always that's the first choice? A gun, why is that? Is that what cowards do? It always has to start with a gun and it runs fear, it really does, it runs fear through your community." LLTAG Chief Jermon says they hope to make a quick arrest or arrests in this case. Once they do we will be sure to update you both on air and on our website wtoc.com. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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MARIAH:  
VIDALIA  
SHOOTING

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In his ruling yesterday, Superior Court Judge John E. Morse, Jr. said he didn't find the state's actions to be deliberate, but said the "continued revolving door of Assistant District Attorneys" in Chatham County has affected this case and "cannot persist." He also said that such "lack of organization" or "mere negligence" tends to amount to depriving the defendants of their constitutional rights.

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MELANIE  
STEELE CASE  
UPDATE

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LL INTRO: Georgia ranks among one of the top states when it comes to maternal mortality rates, according to staff here at Liberty Regional Medical Center. They say that's why they're launching a new initiative to address that. "We are one of two critical access hospitals in the state of Georgia that still deliver babies. So, we've taken it on as our responsibility to look at the horrendous maternal mortality rate for the state of Georgia, and the community that we serve." So- the medical center is launching "Mom's Heart Matters." "Our program will follow moms postpartum. Any mom that meets certain criteria, they'll get a blood pressure cuff, and we can in real time monitor them, at their house, at the Walmart, they can be anywhere and take their blood pressure, and we see it in real time." Mims and Daniels both say – the program will help take a more preventative approach for their patients' heart health. "We're hoping that this, in real time, monitoring program system that we have will be able to help intervene if they start getting sick and pre-eclamptic and worse postpartum, we can intervene immediately and get them the help that they need." The program officially launches on Saturday with a health fair at Bryant Commons Park. Numerous local leaders will be present to celebrate the launch and answer questions from the community. It'll also feature a number of free health screenings and vendors. LL TAG: For more information on Saturday's health fair and initiative launch, you can head to our website, WTOC.com. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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LIBERTY CO.  
MATERNAL  
HEALTH

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January 21st marked 10 years since Rebecca Foley was murdered. "The holidays are terribly hard, in fact I avoid them. I don't do Christmas or Thanksgiving because she was there and she's not." Her mother says every year she and her youngest daughter honor Rebecca's adventuresome spirit. "One year we went to Sea World. One year we got tattoos. One year - you know each time it's different. We went to Tybee and just had a quieter reflection." "That was her favorite place. She was sure she was going to buy a house and live there." Back in 2013 - Rebecca was a college student in Savannah studying business to become an actuary. But she was killed at age 21 during an attempted robbery outside her Southside apartment. Investigators say gang members shot her as she got into her car. "she had a red bug and she drove it everywhere and unfortunately that was the target that night." Prosecutors have said the gang later killed the getaway driver after learning he was cooperating with police. Her killing - seemingly random - prompted protests on the steps of City Hall to stop the violence. In 2018, a Chatham County jury convicted her shooter Roderick Parrish and Jordan Campbell of malice murder. They're both in prison serving life without parole. But jurors could not agree on the murder charges against Kevin Smith. His case has been tried three times. Court records show the murder case against Smith was set for trial again in November and then January, but then cancelled. "Kevin Lanard Smith's team is asking for a private investigator and for the state to pay for it, so the judge granted that and that's what we're waiting on." As the criminal case continues to drag out - Rebecca's mother says the family has found some closure in recent months with a wrongful death lawsuit. The family had sued the apartment complex owners for \$35 million dollars saying they knew about crime and safety concerns and did nothing about it. They recently reached a settlement for an undisclosed amount. "Again, it's bittersweet. I'd rather have her and that's the truth. It would be better to just have her."

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WTOCI:  
REBECCA  
FOLEY  
MURDER CASE

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Nat Your honor I object Just off your screen, Alex Murdaugh's attorney throwing his papers on the table and shouting in the courtroom. Before we move forward, I want to show you the full exchange that sparked that reaction. Nat "When Maggie closed the door... Objection. Hearsay. Response? Just I think... was she anxious about money issues? Your honor! I object... Well I know your objection. I understand your objection... well I don't care what you're doing. There's an objection to the previous question, the objection is sustained. While entertaining the objection you cannot pose another question." Vo Judge Clifton Newman there telling the state prosecutor he was wrong for continuing his questioning and instructing the jury to strike it from consideration before excusing them from the room. After the jury left, the defense made a huge motion. Sot: (Dick Harpootlian - Defense Attorney) "He said before your honor ruled, was she concerned about money or wasn't she concerned about money... he testified which is to hearsay. I would move for mistrial." Vo That gave the judge a decision to make, either call for the trial to start over from the beginning with a new jury or allow it to continue. After a few minutes of argument from both sides, Judge Newman denied the motion for a mistrial. He did decide that the objection to the question was legitimate, and the state had to move away from the topic when the jury came back in. On cam tag That wasn't the only time tensions flared this morning. A little more than half an hour later the jury was excused again, and in their absence attorneys from the state and defense argued... prompting judge Newman to leave the courtroom, telling them to debate amongst themselves. Reporting, TM, Colleton County.

MURDAUGH  
MISTRIAL  
MOTION  
DENIED

2/10/2023  
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"Port Wentworth city officials say they had to do an unexpected water main repair. That boil water advisory, for some residents they say it's an inconvenience while others say they aren't too bothered." "It's annoying but you have to be safe." According a Port Wentworth Police Department's Facebook post, the water service issue caused the Ed Young Senior Citizen to close for the day. Police say the boil water advisory will go on for a minimum of 24 hours. When under such advisory, the Center for Disease Control recommends using bottled water or boiling your water when drinking, cooking, brushing your teeth or feeding pets. They say this is important to avoid bacteria that may be in your water. "It's always an inconvenience if you don't have water readily accessible. It changes out your day if you have to boil it you can't consume it as you normally would because of fear of getting sick. I mean we're already dealing with COVID." "It is what it is. It could be in whole lot worse situations. At least our water's not contaminated completely and it's only for a day." Police say the advisory will be clear once the water is tested. WTOC will you keep you updated when it's lifted, Camille Syed WTOC News."

PORT  
WENTWORTH  
WATER MAIN &  
ADVISORY

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2/13/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MURDAUGH: GM NEW DATA PROVIDED "GM actually sent a letter with it saying, yeah, we told you back in March, we didn't have anything and we just found it. And here you go, and so we've actually had that, that data and provided it to the defense. Obviously, we'll let the defense speak for themselves, but we've done everything to facilitate their review of it. If anything, I think it confirms a lot about the timeline that we're both working within. So I don't know that they have any objection about that. We're just trying to absorb it on the fly. It's a substantial amount of information." "It is a massive amount of data which we forwarded to our experts yesterday, last night. They're beginning to look through it. Some of it is very helpful to us. We don't see it in any way contradicting the state's previous timeline, but the data, we can show you car speed, can show you GPS exactly where they were. It can show just many, many things that we did not have before." 00:00:54

2/13/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD LEILANI SIMON STATUS & MEDIA HEARING In a break from past hearings, District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones was in the room as part of the State's legal team today. Assistant District Attorney Tim Dean told Judge Tammy Stokes that the State objects to any recordings or livestreaming of future proceedings. He said that is to protect the privacy of Quinton Simon's two living siblings. The defense also asked that any future recordings of the case be handled on a hearing-by-hearing basis- They said their main concern with court being recorded was Leilani Simon's right to a fair trial. Judge Stokes ruled that livestreaming of the case will be completely banned. As for recording hearings to be played back later, she said she'll make a ruling on that later. Billie Howell was also present in court today after being subpoenaed by the State to produce documents. She turned over eight journals of Leilani's to the court. There were journals that Leilani had written in while at a treatment center following her son's death. Judge Stokes will hold onto the journals and make a ruling on whether they can be used in court later. 00:01:04

2/14/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD MURDAUGH TRIAL EVIDENCE RELEASED This is body camera video from a sheriff's deputy who responded the night in June of 2021. Deputies from the sheriff's office testified that they secured the scene but that SLED was called in to lead the investigation. Deputies also testified that they marked some evidence like bullet casings by placing small pieces of crime scene tape next to them. Listen to this next part of the bodycamera video where the deputy asks others to mark evidence they find and then points out a shell casing to someone who appears to step around it. 00:00:31

2/14/2023 7:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREA TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID BO: 2 JURORS He says two alternates were brought in to take their place -- leaving only 3 alternate jurors. Judge Newman decided not to delay court but did encourage jurors to wear masks. He says all jurors will be retested tomorrow. 00:00:13

2/14/2023  
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MAYHEW  
MURDER  
SENTENCING

(sot) The judge handed down his sentence against Lee Mayhew today, but not before a line of family and friends testified to how Bonnie Rushing's death has impacted their lives. (vo) Mayhew returned to court after being convicted of murder and other charges earlier this month. He's accused of fleeing authorities in Tennessee and burglarizing Rushing and another neighbor to stay on the run. Prosecutors say he killed Rushing at her home, then stole her SUV to flee to Florida. Family members talked about their grief and the hurt they felt, including his own testimony in the trial. (sot) You got on the stand and teared up talking about not being there for your mother. I wanted to slap the living crap out of you. You took their mother's life when they were 18 and 23. (vo) Mayhew also spoke in his own defense. He admitted to the burglaries but still denied killing Rushing. He acknowledged he'd stolen and pawned family jewelry from Rushing and offered to pay to buy it back if authorities could find it. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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2/14/2023  
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SAV WATER  
RESOURCE  
OFFICIALS  
SPEAK

City officials say they learned about the problem with the system around 7 p.m. It took longer for people living in Effingham County and Meinhard Road to get fully running water because a more complex fix to their water line was needed. To limit the chances of contamination during a boil water advisory, it's vital to boil your water for at least a minute or use bottled water when drinking, brushing teeth, feeding pets and preparing food. Water Resources Senior Director Ron Feldner says that water line failure is repaired and they will be looking closely into other fire hydrants.

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I spoke with a rental property group here in Savannah that says in the last six weeks, they've had multiple issues with people gaining access to homes that they don't own- and then charging other people to live there. SHOW POLICE REPORT #1 A report filed with the Savannah Police Department shows that property managers with the rental company went to check on their empty rental property on January 3rd. Instead, they found a couple and their baby living there. The report shows the couple had paid a 500-dollar security deposit to someone else to live there. SHOW POLICE REPORT #2 The next week- the same thing. The company found a woman living in one of their properties- thinking she had rented it legitimately from someone else. "They were just either left a key, or given some sort of a code to get in, and then here they are, now homeless, because I've rented this property to someone else. I can't rent it to you, also." Family Promise is an organization that helps people find affordable housing. Executive Director Katrina Bostick says that unfortunately, these schemes are becoming more and more common as the affordable housing crisis continues. "Cash is being exchanged, and now families and individuals are out of thousands of hard-earned dollars that they've really worked hard to save for, and now they can no longer recoup those funds." The fake landlords, Pace tells me, gain access to the homes by posing as a renter. They use keys or access codes that are meant to be used by potential renters to tour a property, but then they let others into the home as if they own it. Now, the rental company is installing security cameras on properties, keeping a close eye on who has the keys, and changing access codes frequently. Pace: "We're going through all of this currently just to make sure that these people aren't able to do what they're trying to do, and scam unknowing individuals out of their money." Bostick says there are less-extreme cases of rent scams going on, as well. It doesn't always end with someone illegitimately moving into a home- but does usually end with people losing cash- a devastating setback for many people. Bostick: "We know many families are very vulnerable in this space right now, and they're desperate and they'll do anything to get into a house. How do we safeguard them from becoming prey?" Shea: Bostick says a good rule of thumb when searching for a rental home is that if a price seems too good to be true, it probably is. If you're ever unsure, she says you can reach out to Family Promise, and they'll check and make sure that you're working with the actual property owner. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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"Another part in the 9-1-1 call, you made the comment, I should have known..." CUT TO 911 CALL:  
"Please hurry...We're getting somebody out there to you... I should have known." "The questions surrounding is the dispatcher asking if anyone else is supposed to be at the house, and you said, 'no ma'am please hurry and she says we're getting somebody out there to you'...and your next comment was 'I should have known.' What are you referencing in that statement?" "I don't remember saying that but I guess, you know, all the threats and you know, and I had been convinced that this had something to do with the boat wreck and you know all of that."

2/16/2023 BREAKOUT:  
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QUESTIONED

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It happened just over an hour ago - with lead prosecutor Creighton Waters rested after making one last check over the evidence entered into the record. Prosecutors admitted more than 500 exhibits into evidence. Defense attorney Dick Harpootlian called Colleton County Coroner Richard Harvey to the stand as the first witness for the defense. Court has adjourned for the weekend and will resume on Tuesday.

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"It was the worst thing I've ever seen. It was shocking." When Jodi Caggigie got to Memorial, she saw... "tons of people" and she says she knew she'd be waiting awhile. "I was in pain pretty much the whole time. I didn't get into the back until midnight. I got there at 4:30. They took me back immediately within an half an hour just to make sure I wasn't having a heart attack." But she says that wasn't wasn't the worst part of her experience. It was so crowded---she says people screaming in pain had to be treated in the hallways. "The nurses told me people are dying in the hallways. They don't have rooms to put them in." Caggigie believes it's taking a toll on staff. "They said it's like that every single day and he said it so exacerbated. I felt so bad for the workers." Head of Memorial Health's Emergency Department Dr. John Sy says their ER is witnessing some of it's highest volumes ever. He says a physician's assistant typically checks on a patient immediately and they don't usually have long wait times. "In general we don't have, kind of what you're saying, those 6, 8, 10 hour wait times. Sometimes their time in the emergency department depending on how severe their illness could take hours to get the full evaluation done." WTOC heard from several people claiming they've had to wait to see a doctor for as long as Caggigie at Memorial, Candler and St. Joseph's hospitals. "We've got a nurse that's in the lobby, that's seeing our patients and she makes that determination...are you sick enough that you need to come right back. If you're sick or having a stroke, you're having a heart attack, we'll get you back." Both doctors say many are struggling to get in doctor's offices, which could play a role in ERs being packed out. Dr. Sy lack of insurance plays a role as well. Regardless, Caggigie feels... "Something has to change."

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CHATHAM CO.  
ER WAIT TIMES

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A Chatham County Nurse practitioner has been arrested at her job today . She's accused of stealing prescription medications. (QUE-YEN) Quyen (NUE-YEN) Nguyen is facing several charges including theft by taking and interference with government property. She was employed with Correct Health- a company contracted for medical care for Chatham County Detention Center inmates. The Sheriff's office did a search this morning where they found a former inmate's medication in her car and she was then arrested. Tonight, she's in the detention center.

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CHATHAM CO.  
NURSE  
PRACTITIONER  
ARRESTED

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6:29:00 PM OD

SAV BODY  
FOUND IN  
HOME AFTER  
FIRE

Investigators working to determine what caused a fire at this house in Savannah. "We don't even have an idea how it started. But we are getting to the bottom of it and we're starting to see where it started, but we do not know how." Fire officials say they arrived at Richards and Fell streets around 6:30 Monday morning...and discovered the body after combing through the damage. "Once the units were on scene, they started fighting the fire to extinguish it, had some fire, cut the floor, and then we found the occupant." That occupant...unable to be identified due to burns, say Savannah city officials. Savannah Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier represents this neighborhood. She says she's gotten complaints from neighbors about the homeless population at a nearby park going into vacant homes. "This is the worst problem we've seen in an adjacent property, but we have received several calls about activities going on, even illegal activities going on in the vacant properties surrounding the park." One neighbor...who didn't want to go on camera...says he's seen it firsthand. "People in the park down there, they come tear it down, take the boards off the windows and use them for firewood, I guess." Now...as city leaders promise a fix...the investigation into how this fire started continues.

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ALYSSA:  
HINESVILLE  
DOUBLE  
SHOOTING

Off the S. Main St. Extension and Knotts Dr., a couple was shot and rushed to the hospital. Investigators say the call came in as a couple arguing and then shots rang out That's how neighbors remember it happening too "Guns....you just never know. So first thing I did was check my windows make sure nothing was hit. I have animals inside" Many of them didn't want to be on camera because a suspect is not in custody but Stephanie Balle came home to this not far from her front door. "I was floored. We don't normally have issues with any neighbors." Police say this was targeted -- but that doesn't make neighbors feel any safer "It bothers me. It's gonna make me make sure my doors were locked as soon as I'm inside and I really hope they catch him fast" A few neighbors say this area hasn't had a lot of crime, but it's just enough that Balle recently felt like she needed to take more precautions "We've had attempted break-ins in the neighborhood. End of the last year they started so I installed cameras. Gas station right up the road was held at gun point...robbed. It's really right in the backyard now."

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2/21/2023 OTIS BROCK This was the scene tonight near Otis Brock Elementary School. Police and EMS crews were on scene  
12:01:00 ELEMENTARY and taped off the playground area. SPD have not released any details about the investigation, but we do  
AM 11PM OD SCENE know an adult male was found dead. When more details are available, we will release them. 00:00:17

Nat "The defense will call Richard Alexander Murdaugh Jr., also known as Buster Murdaugh." Vo As his son took the stand, Alex Murdaugh with an expression I haven't seen from him all trial. Standup Throughout the last four weeks I've looked over at Buster as he's sat in the audience. In those moments I've seen him doodling, writing and just observing, but almost never showing emotion. Today as he took the stand, that lack of reaction continued. Nat "Guns would just not always find their way back to the gun room." Vo Alex's attorneys had Buster describe the call from June 7th, 2021 where his dad passed along the tragic news. "He asked me if I was sitting down and I was like yeah and then he sounded odd and told me that my mom and brother had been shot... I kind of just sat there for a minute. I was in shock." Vo The defense then moved on to what happened after the murders, asking the 26-year-old about the motivation to find out who had killed his family. Sot "Alex and Buster Murdaugh announce today a reward of \$100,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who brutally murdered Paul and Maggie on June 7th, 2021." On cam tag When Buster got back to his seat, following his testimony, he was greeted with warmth from family members; a pat on the knee from his uncle.. his aunt and girlfriend also there just to name a few. The defense continued their case after that and I'm working to bring you into the full day of court coming up on the news at 6. For now though reporting, TM, WTOC.

2/21/2023 MURDAUGH  
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Other members of Alex Murdaugh's own family could testify during his double-murder trial. Here's a closer look at the list of family members the defense may call on. Alex's three siblings, including his sister, Lynn... his brothers, Randy and John Marvin... and John Marvin's wife, Liz. There's also Maggie Murdaugh's parents... Terry and Kennedy Branstetter... and her sister, Marian, who already took the stand last week. Curtis Smith... the man accused in Murdaugh's alleged botched suicide-for-hire plot... could also be called-upon. Then there's Russell Laffitte... the man convicted last year for helping Alex Murdaugh teal millions of dollars. Finally, the biggest potential witness of all, Alex Murdaugh himself. Will the man accused of killing his wife and son take the stand in his own defense? All of these questions... are set to be answered, in the coming days.

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Nat "It's just so bad, I/they did him so bad" and "What'd your dad say? He said they did him so... they did him so bad. Is that the first time you heard him say they did him so bad? No sir. When was the first time you heard him say they did him so bad? First time I heard him say that was the night that I went down to Moselle, the night of June 7th." Vo The state claims Alex's words were "I" did him so bad. After Buster's testimony, the defense continued to call witnesses trying to tell a different version of this story. Next up, a forensic engineer who says the murderer was most likely between five foot two and five foot four based on his reconstruction of the shooting. The defense, as they did last week, pointing out Alex is around six foot four. and "Could you say to a degree of engineering certainly more probably than not that Alex Murdaugh on the night of June 7th did not fire that shot into the quail pen? In my opinion it's very unlikely that he fired that shot." Vo In response, the prosecution looking to poke holes in the witness' credibility to make such claims. "Have you had any formal training in pathology? No. Have you had any formal training in firearms or firearms... how they work? No." Vo No matter his credentials, Sutton was qualified as an expert witness and the defense used him to bring up a new argument... suggesting Alex wouldn't have been able to hear the gun shots from the house where they claim he was napping at the time of the murders. Sutton fired guns on the property to test how far the sound traveled. So "You could barely hear it, we were all listening for it so if you were in the house even if you were walking around you wouldn't hear that. I could barely hear it and I was listening for it."

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BUSTER  
MURDAUGH  
TAKES THE  
STAND

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The trial started out with opening statements... where prosecutors laid-out how they believe Alex Murdaugh killed his wife and son. Waters emphasized that Maggie and Paul Murdaugh did NOT have defensive wounds... meaning, they didn't see the attack coming. "The defendant over there, Alex Murdaugh, took a 12-gauge shotgun and shot him in the shoulder." "... he picked up that 300 blackout rifle, and opened up on his wife, Maggie, just feet away." "... Pow, pow! Two shots, abdomen, in the leg, took her down. And after that, there were additional shots." SLED agent David Owen later testified that Murdaugh lied to authorities... when he told them he was NOT at the family's kennels that night. Video recorded by Paul Murdaugh at the kennels appeared to tell a different story. You can hear a man's voice in the background... who witnesses identified, as Alex Murdaugh. "Come here Bubba... come here, Bubba!" In Murdaugh's first interview with authorities, on the night of the murders... he cried... and told investigators he had checked his son's body, then his wife's, before calling police. "I ran out, and I knew it was really bad. My boy over there, I could see, it was... (sobs)... and, I could see his brains!" But, last week, SLED Agent Peter Rudofski testified that data from Murdaugh's suburban shows... after spending just 20 minutes visiting his mother... he called police, just 20 seconds after he got to the crime scene. The prosecution implying that he could not have checked both bodies in that short amount of time. "Waters: Suburban arrived at the kennels, how long did it take for that 911 call to be made?" "Rudofski: less than 20 seconds." The prosecution also go into Murdaugh's alleged financial crimes and drug addiction... calling one of his closest friends to the stand. "He said he had a drug addiction, and he admitted he had been stealing money from his law firm and from clients."

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MURDAUGH  
EVIDENCE FILE  
SETUP

After weeks of the state arguing that Murdaugh's alibi doesn't line up with the evidence - the defense called a forensic engineer to the stand. Mike Sutton constructed a 3-d model of the crime scene - referenced in this power point presented by the defense today. he testified that in his expert opinion, based on the bullet trajectories, the person who fired the shots that killed Maggie was likely 5'2 to 5'4... he said it's "very unlikely" someone as tall as Murdaugh, at 6'4' could have fired the shots. Attorneys for the state also focused on the tests in their line of questioning - pointed out the tests were not done with the same brand of ammo... and the person running the tests does not have formal training in pathology - the medical part of the investigation.

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DEAN FOREST  
RD TRAFFIC

This is a high-traffic area. According to GDOT, this bridge typically sees about 45,000 cars a day - about 40 percent of those are commercial vehicles. This closure is to help widen the lanes and provide easier access to the ramps... as well as constructing a new bridge. When the project is complete - it'll be a diverging diamond format - similar to the I-95 exit in Port Wentworth. Above all else - GDOT says they want to send their thanks to drivers for their patience during this construction.

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TYLER:  
MURDAUGH  
COURT LLPKG

Sot: (Jim Griffin - Defense Attorney) "The defendant Richard Alexander Murdaugh wishes to take the stand." Standup You can see Alex start the walk to the stand with his head down, not looking back toward his family. What you can't see is the jury's reaction to the defendant being called in his own defense. I watched several jurors go wide eyed and look at each other as they realized what was happening. Once Alex made it to the stand, his attorneys wasted no time. Sot: "Did you take this gun or any gun like it and shoot your son Paul in the chest in the feed room at your property off Moselle road? No, I did not. Mr. Murdaugh, did you take this gun or any gun like it blow your son's brains out on June 7th or any day or anytime? No, I did not." Vo As the questioning progressed, Alex admitted he was at the kennels briefly with his wife and son just before the murders... but he previously said to everyone he hadn't been. Listen to the specific words he uses to describe when he decided to leave the kennels minutes after arriving. Sot: (Alex Murdaugh - Testifying in his own defense) "I got out of there. I left. I went back to the house." Vo While going through the questions his lawyers asked him, Murdaugh turned completely to face the jury often... the people who will decide his fate. When they come to a verdict if just one juror disagrees with the rest and won't change their mind, it's called a "hung jury" and causes a mistrial. So Alex really only needs one of the 12 to believe him. His lawyer asking him at one point what he saw that night as he drove up to Maggie and Paul's bodies... and an emotional Alex again focused on the jury. Nat "I saw what y'all have seen pictures of" Vo Moments after that the defendant asked for water and one juror seemed to reach over to try and help him get it. In the minutes after that, I watched that same juror appear to fight off tears as Alex described his son's death. On cam tag Alex Murdaugh's testimony was only just getting started from there and I'm working to bring you more moments from it coming up on the news at 6. Reporting, TM, Colleton County.

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"Mr. Palmbach do you have an opinion, based upon, more probably than not, whether there was one or two shooters who murdered Maggie and Paul on the night of June 7th?" "I do have an opinion on that." "And what's your opinion?" "My opinion is the totality of the evidence is more suggestive of a two-shooter scenario." Palmbach went on to say that whoever shot Paul would have been covered with biological material, and that it would have been impractical for one shooter to carry two long guns in the commission of the murders.

2/27/2023 MURDAUGH  
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JOHN MARVIN TESTIFIED THAT ALEX WAS A LOVING FATHER AND HUSBAND... HE SAYS MURDAUGH'S BOYS -- BUSTER AND PAUL -- "ALWAYS CAME FIRST" AND THAT MAGGIE AND ALEX'S MARRIAGE, THOUGH IT HAD HICCUPS, WAS A GOOD ONE. AND THAT HE'D HAVE TO CREATE A NEW WORD TO DESCRIBE HOW DISTRAUGHT ALEX WAS AFTER THE KILLINGS... ((PKG)) JOHN MARVIN MURDAUGH DESCRIBED THE MOMENTS WHEN HIS BROTHER CALLED HIM TO TELL HIM MAGGIE AND PAUL WERE KILLED.. ((SOT)) "Alex called me and just absolutely hysterical.. Knew somebody bad, didn't know what.." HE SAYS HE WENT TO THE KENNELS THE DAY AFTER THE MURDERS, WITH BLOOD STILL ALL OVER THE CRIME SCENE... ((SOT)) "I felt like it was the right thing to do, owed him and I started cleaning. No mother, father, aunt or uncle should ever have to do what I did that day. Hardest thing I've ever been through in my life." HE ALSO SAYS THE FAMILY WAS EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE THROUGHOUT THE INVESTIGATION... AND HE WAS BAFFLED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RELEASE SHORTLY AFTER THE KILLINGS THAT THERE WASN'T A DANGER TO THE PUBLIC... EARLIER, THE DEFENSE CALLED CRIME SCENE ANALYST TIMOTHY PALMBACH TO THE STAND, WHO SAID THAT IN HIS EXPERT OPINION HE BELIEVES TWO SHOOTERS KILLED MAGGIE AND PAUL... ((SOT)) "Totality of evidence more suggestive of two shooter scenario... Shock wave of that effect. Therefore, that shooter is kind of it... Can't instantaneously suffer that, wherever Blackout is and engage in a meaningful assault." ((TAG)) PALMBACH ALSO TESTIFIED TO A KEY ELEMENT OF THE DEFENSE'S: THAT THE INVESTIGATION BY SLED WAS SHODDY AND THEY POSSIBLY MISSED EVIDENCE... HE MENTIONED FOOTPRINTS. HOWEVER, HE DID BACK UP TESTIMONY FROM STATE WITNESSES WHO BELIEVED THAT PAUL DID NOT HAVE ANY DEFENSIVE WOUNDS, AND WAS STARTLED BY THE SHOOTER... IN WALTERBORO, NICK NEVILLE.

2/27/2023 5:30pm WIS:  
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"Neighbors tell me the gunshots came from a car speeding up and down their neighborhood on East Park Avenue. They say they're not necessarily scared for their safety but they want the gun violence to end." The victim of the shooting is in his late 20s and was taken to the hospital, according to Savannah Police. One neighbor I spoke to says crime in the area continues to increase since she moved there about 30 years ago. Terry Fleming and Joshua Bilkis have been living here since 2020 and say they were concerned because of the amount of children living on their street. "I don't understand why there would be a comfort level to shoot up over here. We have a lot of families over here. A lot of kids. We're a school bus route. It's just something that, even if there's drama, I would assume people would be a little more mindful." They say police are in the area every now and then for several reasons but shootings aren't usually one. "It's just a little sad that these things do have to go away and that there aren't other support systems that would help prevent these types of incidents and feuds from occurring." "Especially when it's close to home too. Like right here, when they tape off right there and I can't park on my street. Something needs to be done." The shooting is still under investigation. Camille Syed WTOC News."

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SAVANNAH  
WEEKEND  
SHOOTING

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Nat "this is not proper reply, I object" Standup: Off the bat this morning the defense objected to the number of witnesses the state planned on calling in response to the defense's witnesses. From there, Alex Murdaugh's legal team rolled in objection after objection during testimony, almost all of which were overruled by the judge. The state calling some witnesses we've heard from before and one we haven't. "I loved Paul very much, I thought I knew who Alex was... I did not... And if you've got any indication that anything I said was inaccurate I'd be happy to address it with you. Well that's for the jury to decide, thank you." Vo Crosby wasn't the only former friend and law partner the state brought back, as they asked both he and Mark Ball whether Alex had been honest with them. The prosecution getting more technical re-calling Dr. Ellen Riemer, who performed the autopsies on Maggie and Paul Murdaugh. Yesterday the defense's witness said Riemer's conclusions were wrong, so the state asked her why.. "Doing the autopsy makes certain information available to the pathologist that is not available to the individual not performing the autopsy." Vo Another focus for the prosecution was poking holes in Alex's testimony last week. At one point saying he got permission from Sheriffs around the area to put blue police like lights in his car... to fact check that, the state calling recently retired Hampton County Sheriff T.C. Smalls to the stand. "Did you ever have a conversation with Alex Murdaugh about him asking you permission or even telling you about him installing blue lights in his private vehicle? No sir." On cam tag Although these witnesses were questioned faster than most others we've seen throughout this trial, there's still much more to tell you about form court today... something I'm working to do coming up on The News at 6. Reporting, TM, WTOC.

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MURDAUGH  
COURT DAY 26

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Many remember him as the man wanted for murder. But now Kelvin Waye is a free man - cleared of those charges. It's a new reality that he was still processing when we met him and his young family after he got out of jail. "My life really was on the line because of a lie, it could have been over with." The day his two young boys got their father back was Feb. 3rd when a jury of 12 citizens in Chatham County found him not guilty. What prosecutors and the police said about Kelvin Waye was drastically different than how his family and attorney knew him. "Kelvin Waye was twice the city of savannah employee of the month. He graduated high school in three year because he took AP classes in middle school. He was the battalion commander of his JROTC unit in high school." But many remember the day he was arrested. "It was ammunition bombs, smoke bombs, they kept throwing them at the house, they kept shaking the house." A neighborhood in Port Wentworth was shutdown as the Savannah SWAT team surrounded a house with guns drawn. 21-year-old Kelvin was inside. "I'm thinking. I'm being falsely accused, for this. They know I got a legal firearm in my name and I'm black. I'm a young African American male, so for me to just walk out there and I know how police brutality goes." The standoff lasted hours until he heard his mother's voice on the bearcat speaker. "She said son, it's your momma out here. If you in there, you can come out. That's when I finally complied." Police arrested him on a murder warrant. They said he killed Roderick Matthews during a shootout in the Frazier Homes neighborhood. Kelvin told them he was out of town at the time of the shooting. His only connection: "We went to the same high school." But detectives based their arrest on what the victim's girlfriend told police. She named Kelvin. Prosecutors pursued charges. And at a December 1st bond hearing, a detective testified about cell phone data that placed Kelvin Waye at the scene. It's one of several pieces of evidence the state said it had that didn't exist at trial. "You're the prosecutor, you know this. It's either in your case file or it isn't, so to go into court and make claims that you cannot back up and to do it multiple times over numerous months, that becomes ethically problematic." John Rodman has been a criminal defense attorney for 15 years. He said the state didn't have evidence they said they had and pushed ahead anyway. "Not only did the state pursue the wrong man, but in all that time that the innocent man stayed locked up that perpitrator was still out there." Kelvin said he used his time in jail to write a business plan with dreams of going to law school. "I was never a bad kid. I was always doing something productive or positive, but this situation made me aim for that even more, not just for me but for my kids and my family."

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WTOCI:  
FALSELY  
ACCUSED

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Let's get right to that video. THIS is what jurors saw this morning... as they arrived at the sprawling hunting property, off Moselle Road. Their tour lasted around 30 minutes. They spent the majority of that time at the family's shed and dog kennels, where Maggie and Paul were gunned-down. Paul's body was discovered outside of the feed room at the kennels... while Maggie's was found nearby, closer to the shed. We're told one juror spent time at the feed room door... where Paul was killed. That specific spot -- was talked about at length during this trial.

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JURY TOURS  
MOSELLE  
PROPERTY

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CLOSING  
ARGUMENTS

"He fooled Maggie and Paul too and they paid for it with their lives. Don't let him fool you too." Vo Before that the state's closing argument lasted more than three hours, garnering different reactions along the way. Sot "And then what do we see from 9:02-9:06? Not only does he take 283 steps in that four-minute period, but he is making calls like crazy." Vo In that moment Alex Murdaugh was locked in on Creighton Waters, watching closely as the prosecutor tied forensic evidence into his argument. I could see the jury was equally focused and continued to pay attention as the state brought up more data. Sot "The reason why it's so quick is because he knew exactly what the scene was going to show." Vo After that point, I watched one juror nod her head as if she agreed with the state's point. Not all 14 reacted so positively to prosecution statements though. At one-point Waters circling back to earlier points he made. Nat "I want to talk a little bit about the crime scene." Vo There, I watched a juror put his hands to his face... as if he wanted the state to continue moving forward rather than rehashing the crime scene analysis they've heard about for the majority of this week.

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ALYSSA:  
MURDAUGH  
CLOSING  
ARGUMENTS

All eyes in the colleton courtroom were on lead prosecutor Creighton Waters "I ask you to return a verdict of guilty for the murder of his wife maggie and son paul" Making his final arguments to the jury who will decide the fate of Alex Murdaugh "Paul, as you know, suffered two shotgun blasts, Maggie suffered five Blackout rifle wounds, and after an exhaustive investigation, there is only one person who had the motive." Adding Murdaugh is the only living person who knows what happened that night -- and they proved it with reasonable doubt "We couldn't bring you any eyewitnesses because they were murdered....but common sense can speak on their behalf" Waters spent a lot of time claiming Murdaugh could lie to the jury because he's lied to those closest to him for years "He's manufacturing in alibi. He's smart. He's good lawyer. His family has a history of prosecution. He understands these issues. That's why this case is a case that had to be figured out this particular way." The prosecutor told the jury not to let Murdaugh fool them like he fooled his wife and son-- adding he created an alibi that night almost instantly "when he can't remember more important things like what was the last conversation you had with your wife and child when you jetted down to the kennels and back? What did y'all talk about at dinner? What were you doing from 9:02 to 9:06? Those are questions he doesn't want to answer. But wouldn't a reasonable person remembered those things? Would they not replay in their mind every day, the last conversations that they had? Why would he remember that console story? Because he lies convincingly and easily and he can do it at the drop of the hat and you've heard testimony about that. He's been doing it to all the people who trust him for years. And he did it to y'all."

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Sot: (Jim Griffin - Defense Attorney) "Alex has to put the 300 blackout back down, pick up the shotgun and shoot Paul. Where in the world does that scenario reside other than in Mr. Water's mind? It doesn't." Vo Alex Murdaugh watching intently as his attorneys made their final claim to the jury... flipping this story of lies and deceit back on the prosecution. Sot "As it turns out in fact the state is the one that's been manipulating evidence to fill their theories of guilt which changed over time." Vo Griffin detailed that by saying a majority of the evidence used to charge Alex with murder in the first place, wasn't fact... including a report that stated the defendant's shirt was covered in blood spatter... a report that wasn't presented in this trial. Sot "Ladies and gentlemen I submit the verdict has to be not guilty, because there's no reason for him to do it."

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"We believe that we've shown conclusively that SLED failed miserably in investigating this case. Vo Alex's attorney claiming law enforcement rushed to judgement, making their minds up about these murders in the early moments of the investigation. Sot "On behalf of Alex, on behalf of Buster, on behalf of Maggie and on behalf of my friend Paul I respectfully request that you do not compound a family tragedy with another. Thank you." Vo The defense's emotion, met by the state's passion Nat "Blame everybody else" Vo As the prosecution made the final argument the jury would hear before deliberating, they closed with this. "Richard Alexander Murdaugh loved... I think he loved Maggie, I think he loved Paul but who knew who he loved more than that? You know who he loved more than that? Who he was going to make sure that that life, wanted to make sure that life... he loved Alex. And he exercised his greatest power of choice to make sure that life continued... or tried and couldn't."

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"An innocent man doesn't tell lies about the last seconds he saw his wife and son." Satterfield family attorney Eric Bland says, he thinks the state presented a strong case at trial. "I'm very proud of the state. They put forth the best case they could. They were given a trainwreck by Alex because of all the lies and who he was." Bland thinks Murdaugh's lies about where he was the night of the murders... put his team in a corner... forcing them, to make some concessions. "He's gonna spot you that Alex is a liar. But a liar doesn't make a murderer is essentially what the defense closing is at this time." Still, Bland admits... getting 12 jurors to convict Alex Murdaugh from this trial may be unrealistic. He thinks a hung jury is the most likely outcome "I don't see 12 people saying not guilty. I don't see that. That would shock me." "Now the question is, can a jury convict him based on this circumstantial evidence. However... I've never talked to one single person in 6 weeks that says Alex is innocent. I've talked to a number of people who said he did it, but I don't think the state has proven it." Regardless of the jury's decision, Bland says, the trial has lived up to the hype. "It has been the trial of the century. There's no doubt about it."  
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"Savannah Fire, Savannah Police will be strategically addressing and locating their teams to be able to be where the people are, address any situations we may face while still providing services across the community." The Mayor says team Savannah's other priority is keeping the green in St. Patrick's Day. He says the hostess city welcomes ALL guests but they want everyone to keep the squares clean. The city will be providing more updates as we get closer to March 17th.  
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"I respect this court, but I'm innocent and I would never under any circumstances hurt my wife Maggie and I would never under any circumstances hurt my son Paw Paw. // "And it might not have been you. It might have been the monster you become when you take 15, 20, 30, 40, 50 60 opioid pills. Maybe you become another person. I've seen that before. The person standing before me was not the person who committed the crime – though it's the same individual."  
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"Today is not the end. It's the next step in a long road to justice for every person who has been victimized by Alex Murdaugh. Alex Murdaugh has now been rightfully found guilty for murdering his wife Maggie and Paul. He was found guilty because he was guilty."  
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LL INTRO: Stephen Smith's final resting place is here at Gooding Cemetery on Sandy Run Road .... The same road where his body was found in 2015. Now, his family is reacting to the guilty verdicts in the Murdaugh murder trial, saying they soon hope that Stephen will get justice as well. SLED still hasn't officially said what the connection between Stephen Smith's case and the Murdaugh family is. In the Smith family statement released by their attorney – Sandy Smith, Stephen's mom, says the verdict provides much needed closure to Maggie's and Paul's loved ones... adding -- "We know firsthand the agony and frustration of being in the dark about how a family member was killed and I am thankful the whole story was put before the jury in a public trial. One day, I pray the same happens for my Stephen, but today we should honor and remember the victims of this man who so many people trusted." Mike Hemlepp, the attorney representing the family, says the verdict in this trial is the result of hard work from SLED and the state's attorney general's office– and that the family is-- "confident they will continue to exhibit this level of dedication to their investigation into Stephen's murder, no matter where that investigation may lead." Just this past July at the Gooding Cemetery -- Stephen's family and friends gathered to reveal a new headstone for him seven years after his death... as the investigation into the incident continues. LL TAG: Stephen's family continues to encourage anyone with information about his death to reach out to Crimestoppers or SLED. We'll have that information in this story on our website. In Hampton County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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JUDGE CLIFTON NEWMAN, DELIVERING A POWERFUL REBUKE TO ALEX MURDAUGH IN ANNOUNCING HIS SENTENCE, SPEAKING ABOUT HIS LACK OF REMORSE AND THE FACT THAT MANY HAVE RECEIVED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR LESSER CONDUCT... ((PKG)) AN EMOTIONLESS MURDAUGH, THIS TIME APPEARING IN THE COURTROOM IN HANDCUFFS AND PRISON GARB, ONCE AGAIN MAINTAINING HIS INNOCENCE. ((SOT)) "I'm innocent would never hurt my wife Maggie or son Paul Paul." ((SOT)) "Might not have been you. It might have been the monster you become when you take 15, 20, 30, 60 opioid pills." JUDGE NEWMAN, ALSO CONFRONTED MURDAUGH ABOUT HIS WEB OF LIES, MOST NOTABLY HIS LIE ABOUT NOT BEING AT THE FAMILY DOG KENNELS WHERE MAGGIE AND PAUL WERE BRUTALLY MURDERED. ((SOT)) "Oh what tangled web we weave, what'd you mean?" ((SOT)) "I meant when I lie, continue to lie." ((SOT)) "The question is when will it end?" ((TAG)) MURDAUGH'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SAY THEY PLAN TO APPEAL HIS CONVICTION WITHIN 10 DAYS. IN WALTERBORO, NICK NEVILLE, WIS NEWS 10.

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"Justice was done today. It doesn't matter who your family is. It doesn't matter how much money you have or people think you have. It doesn't matter what you think how prominent you are. If you do wrong, if you break the law, if you murder, then justice will be done in South Carolina." BUTTED TO: "U-S Supreme Court cases are clear that post-arrest silence cannot be used against you and that is a classic violation of the fifth amendment, and we feel strongly that if we lose at the state courts, we'll have success at the federal courts."

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LL: This case has forced the attention of not just many people here but across the country. Today...we saw several people walking by the courthouse stop to take photos...showing that interest in this case still remains high even after a verdict has been handed down. VO: We spoke with one woman who says she thinks it will be hard to figure out what's next for this area once the cameras leave. She says this case has become the center of attention for this city and the surrounding counties. She told me that she's not sure this area will ever be the same again given the national spotlight. SOT: "I think it's amazing, but not in a good way, if that makes sense. It'd be kind of 'what do we do next?' because we're so addicted to it, so to speak. We got to find our new normal again." LL: Many we spoke to said the verdict didn't surprise them and that they're somewhat relieved that this trial is now over. In Walterboro...FS...WTOCN.

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<p>3/3/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>BEACH &amp; SATTERFIELD ATTORNEYS SPEAK</p>	<p>Mallory Beach's family was on-hand Friday... to see the powerful former Lowcountry lawyer sentenced to two consecutive life sentences. Authorities say Beach died in a boat - owned by Murdaugh - driven by his son, Paul. "They find a lot of comfort in this verdict, that there's good that comes out of Mallory's death. We've still got a way to go for accountability for the people who contributed to causing her death... but, it's as much about making an impact. Making a difference. And making sure this kind of thing doesn't happen going forward." Another death close to Murdaugh... longtime housekeeper Gloria Satterfield. She died after a trip and fall accident at the family's Moselle property. Eric Bland represents that family. He says... justice was finally handed down. "What you saw from that judge was a serious sentencing where, that judge was morally wounded. He's a lawyer at heart, and what Alex has done to our legal profession by staining it, by lying and stealing from clients... has really affected this judge." We also caught up with the prosecution's final witness... Crime scene expert Dr. Kenneth Kinsey... whose testimony those close to the case, say played a critical role. "It was just time for me to pull my part... I'm asked to do that job and, I'm going to deliver as honestly as I can and try to get some justice for our victims."</p>	<p>00:01:19</p>
<p>3/3/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>JUDGE NEWMAN ON DEATH PENALTY THOUGHTS</p>	<p>"I don't question the state's decision not to pursue the death penalty, but as I sit here in this courtroom and look around the many portraits of judge's and other court officials, and reflect on the fact that over the past century, your family, including you, have been prosecuting people here in this courtroom and many have received the death penalty probably for lesser conduct."</p>	<p>00:00:22</p>
<p>3/4/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD</p>	<p>BEACH FAMILY LAWYER SPEAKS</p>	<p>Here's a look at the Beach's as they approached the courthouse this morning. They were emotional as they met with the prosecutors. Beach died after authorities say a drunken Paul Murdaugh crashed his father's boat into a bridge. The family is still suing Murdaugh for her wrongful death. We were able to catch up with their attorney, Mark Tinsley. Here's what he had to say about judge Clifton Newman's words during sentencing.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>

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People that live in this neighborhood tell me that this is the retention pond where the 5-year-old was found floating on Sunday. Now, two days later, the Hinesville Police Department is investigating the child's death. According to Captain William Oberland with Hinesville PD's Criminal Investigation Department, just before 4pm on Sunday, officers responded to a call about a missing child. "The units responded out there, and within about 12-14 minutes, they had found a child in a pond." The child was unresponsive- and taken to a local hospital before being flown to Savannah, where the child passed away on Tuesday. HPD told WTOC that the child had wandered away from his house on Grandview Drive. Meanwhile, neighbors that live in the area are heartbroken at this tragic turn of events. I spoke to one man who lives on Piedmont Ave.- where the retention pond is- who says he's frustrated he didn't know anything until it was too late. NO SUPER- MAN DIDN'T WANT TO GO OC "It's always been a good neighborhood. People definitely know each other, it's not one of those where they turn their head. So it's just unfortunate that we all had a blind eye that day and couldn't do nothing about it. In light of this tragedy- the Hinesville Police Department says vigilance is the way to prevent future tragedies. Oberland: "This is Southeast Georgia. It's full of ponds. Around these subdivisions, you have to keep your eye on your child. You have to know where they are all the time. If they have a tendency to get out of the house, you know, be mindful of that." Shea: Information is limited right now because this is an ongoing investigation, but stick with WTOC for updates as we continue to learn more. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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3/8/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD CCPD UPDATE ON BODY FOUND AT DEALERSHIP Police have identified 32-year-old Matthew Smith as the man who died trying to steal a catalytic converter. Chief Jeff Hadley says it's common for people to steal these from all kinds of vehicles. But out of the nearly 40 converters stolen in 20-22, they made no arrests. These thefts have been happening for years. In 2021, 56 catalytic converters were stolen and in 2020, 50 were stolen. He says he hopes this tragedy sends a message to other thieves hoping to make a quick buck. That message? It's just not worth it. 00:00:30

3/9/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD HAYLEY: SHRIMPER DEATH COURT LL INTRO: The judge set bond for Justin Barnard today at a hearing here in Bryan County. The defense—calling some of Barnard's friends and family to the stand, as investigators provided more information about what led up to his arrest last month. Justin Barnard entered a packed courtroom for today's hearing.... Where an investigator with the McIntosh County Sheriff's Office began to lay out what they believe could be a motive. "He said they were supposed to go fishing June 30th. However, Trutt took off with his truck, which corroborated even more so that the truck was taken by Neil Trutt without Justin Barnard's permission." Ward also says investigators found blood inside Barnard's SUV. "The GBI crime lab report stated that Neil Trutt's blood was 10 quadrillion times more probable in that vehicle, and Justin Barnard's was two sextillion times more probable in that same suspect vehicle, a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe." Ward also pointing out some of their findings from Barnard's phone – including deleted messages. "It was obviously deleted, several messages through the timeframe of the murder until about nine days after, approximately. However, a google search was there, and it stated 'what is the sentencing for conspiracy to commit murder in Georgia?'" Many supporters of Barnard were in attendance. Some of them– the defense called to the stand... including one family friend, who is also a lieutenant with the Lyons Police Department. "I absolutely do trust him. We're family friends, we raised our families together, I'm close with his parents." SHOOK: "Have you ever known him to be violent with anyone?" BRITTON: No, sir. SHOOK: "You went to school with him all the way through school?" BRITTON: Yes, sir "And you've never known him to commit any violence or violent crimes?" "No, sir. " Barnard's father and owner of their family business– also testifying on his behalf. "He's heavily involved with us now, everything from management to fixing doors, peeling shrimp, scaling fish, to operating the business. He's a very wonderful young man who works really hard in our family business. LL TAG: Barnard's bond is set at \$150,000 and investigators are still awaiting the official results of Trutt's autopsy from the state crime lab. In Bryan County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:02:13

3/13/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD DAL: BAXLEY STORM DAMAGE Even with damage to one hangar here at Baxley's municipal airport, the mayor says he's glad it wasn't much worse. (vo) Severe winds came through the maintenance hangar for less than a minute but it pulled off sheet metal from the building, pulled off doors and scattered aircraft and equipment inside. Baxley's mayor says the building wasn't as busy as usual because it was a Sunday, but the few people who were here could have been hurt. (sot) We had people who were inside and working. Nobody was injured. Nobody was hurt. There was debris flying around. The potential for getting hurt was high. (sot) The mayor says they already have crews getting ready to make repairs to get the building functioning at 100 percent again. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:00:44

A night out turned violent in downtown Savannah Sunday morning. According to Savannah Police...patrolling officers heard gun shots around 3:45 A-M When they arrived near a food stand at Jefferson and West Congress...a crowd was standing over the victim who had been shot in the head. "People were running from this direction and there was a whole crowd of people coming onto Broughton Street." A man who asked to only be identified as Kyle says he was near where the shooting happened. "It sounded like fireworks, but definitely being downtown, your mind instantly goes to something just happened, something just went down." Witnesses say the shooting happened following an argument. "There were a few people that were coming, obviously very panicked and traumatized and having some mental breakdowns." (BUTTED TO) "We stopped and were helping people calm down and talk through what had happened." According to a police report...the 23-year-old woman shot was taken to the hospital for treatment. The report also says a 23-year-old woman is listed as an unknown suspect. "I wanna try to have it where they can put up more security cameras, or do something to hold people responsible." And now a renewed push for increased safety measures in this popular night life area. "It's not a matter of if it can happen, it's kind of a matter of when. Especially somewhere down here on Congress Street where it's very busy, there's a lot of people on substances that are coming out and intermingling with each other. It's just kind of an expected thing that there might be something that can happen."

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With just days until thousands descend on the Hostess City for St. Patrick's Day...the Savannah Police Department is staffing up to keep everyone safe. "Every officer who is not working a beat in the precinct is working downtown." City officials say all fire and police stations will be fully staffed with officers also patrolling city streets and crowds. Among top reminders from police...don't drink and drive...and use ridesharing apps or cabs to get home. "We're going to be out there, G.S.P.'s going to be out. It's not worth it to go out on the roads after drinking." \*nats of horse\* S-P-D is also boosting its mounted patrol unit...aiming to assist vehicles that respond to emergencies. "We use the horses to escort that vehicle through heavy pedestrian traffic. You'll see us up and down the lanes looking people doing things they shouldn't be doing in lanes." Mounted patrol is also bringing in an additional 4 units from Alabama to help with crowd control. "When you have eight horses that are an average of 1,500-2,000 pounds a piece, that's makes for a large, no pun intended police presence." This will also be the first St. Patrick's Day for Savannah Police with Lenny Gunther as chief. Despite his new role...S-P-D says patrolling the crowds is nothing new for Gunther who is a 21-year veteran of the force. The department will also get help from at least 7 different agencies to help keep crowds safe this St. Patrick's Day. "We've got assistance from Chatham County sheriff, Chatham County P.D., Thunderbolt, Tybee" (BUTTED TO) "So a little bit of everybody."

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(sot) One of the people who saw this storm firsthand says it blew in and through this hangar in less than a minute. (vo) (nat) The winds blew the hangar's metal doors like curtains. Crews working on a Sunday recorded this video as it started. Airport weather equipment measured the winds at 67 miles per hour. (sot) The rain began to get real heavy. No lightning, no thunder. But the rain was extremely heavy, so loud you couldn't even speak inside the hangar then. (vo) Outside, it pulled and bent sheet metal siding. Inside, Harless says it moved aircraft and the heaviest equipment all over the place. (sot) These toolboxes all came out with the door and were there. They actually stopped the doors from coming back in. This aircraft was halfway out. (vo) And in a matter of seconds, it was gone. It slid parked aircraft around and pointed them in opposite directions without turning them over. Only a few yards away, it left the airport's terminal and a line of aircraft intact. They brought out cranes Sunday to move the pieces away to prevent further damage or anyone getting hurt. Baxley's mayor says they're already in touch with contractors for the repairs. (sot) He and others say they're thankful it wasn't any worse. In Baxley, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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"We don't want this to be the first alternative. The first alternative would be a designated driver or perhaps a rideshare. But if those alternatives are not available, AAA Tow to Go program is available and in effect to get you home safely. Tow to Go is being offered it from 6 P-M Thursday until 6 A-M Monday. The rides are available everywhere in Georgia. This service is NOT available in South Carolina. To use it, call 855-2-TOW-2-GO.

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LL INTRO: The focus of today's meeting is to raise awareness of human trafficking in Georgia, as well as provide some updates on the work Tharros does to help survivors in our area. Local leaders and community members gathered over their lunch hour... to learn just how prevalent trafficking is in the Savannah area. "Unfortunately, Chatham County ranks fourth in the state for cases of child exploitation and human trafficking. So, it is definitely a problem here locally. It's happening to our girls in our community. These are girls in our community. These are girls in Chatham County." And with the holiday weekend almost here, Tharros Place board members say their message is even more relevant. "This weekend in Savannah is St. Patrick's Day weekend. A lot of tourists will be here, and it's an opportunity for people to prey on innocent victims." Attendees also heard from people who frequently work with trafficking victims, like Carra Henderson with the Fourteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office. She prosecutes trafficking cases in South Carolina's Lowcountry. Tharros Place leaders also had an exciting update to share – they'll be finalizing the purchase of their shelter for survivors by the end of the month – something Wade says is desperately needed. "For years, there's been discussion in the community about a lack of residential services for younger victims of human trafficking. There's just not a place that's intended for them, built for them. We have some shelters for teens, but they're not focused on trafficking. The closest one is currently 90 minutes away." The shelter will assist girls ages 11-17, and it will be located in Pooler. The exact location won't be released due to safety concerns. LL TAG: Wade says they plan to have their shelter operational by the end of this year. IN SAV, HB WTOC NEWS.

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"Our presence will be noted and visible." As people flood these streets with green and many with drinks in their hand. Chief Gunther says they have several priorities for this area and across the city. Number one is visibility. "Number two being accessible, number three being proactive and number four and most importantly making sure everybody has a safe and good time." That's also a top priority for Stu Putman who has owned Treehouse bar in City Market for 18 years. He feels confident about safety because of the heavy police presence and police substation in Ellis Square. "Ourselves, we will have Bryan County off duty police working along with our own security staff." He says they plan to host 3,000 patrons a night, meaning many will be coming in and out. He says often times tourist aren't the ones involved in violent crimes. "The big holidays, it's usually too much drinking and that sort of thing. We're very mindful to make sure that we keep underaged folks out, that we don't over serve and that everybody is able to get home safely." And on the more family-friendly side, Savannah Candy Kitchen will be open until 11 p.m. "I'm pretty excited for it." Candy Advisor Brianna Definis says they're also expecting a lot of people coming in and out and they'll have security covered. "I do know personally that our store provides that. So, everybody should be safe in the market while they're shopping and having fun and doing other things they like to do."

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Now Sandy Smith is taking matters of a new autopsy for her son into her own hands. The initial police report claimed Smith had a gunshot wound to the head. The autopsy at MUSC found no bullet and recorded the death as a hit and run. Sandy has raised \$22 thousand for an independent exhumation and autopsy. SLED is still investigating this case - citing evidence found at the Murdaugh's Moselle home during Maggie and Paul's homicide investigation.

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The initial police report claimed Smith had a gunshot wound to the head. The new autopsy at the Medical University of South Carolina found no bullet and recorded the death as a hit and run. Smith's mother has raised 22 thousand dollars to have his body exhumed and an independent autopsy performed. SLED is still investigating this case -- citing evidence found at the Murdaugh's Moselle home during Maggie and Paul's homicide investigation.

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<p>3/16/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>HOSPITAL PREPS FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY</p>	<p>PKG: It may be weekend of celebrations but... "St. Patrick's Day, when it's kind of hitting a weekend, the volume is incredible not only for the town but also for the Emergency Department." Memorial Doctor Jay Goldstein says they're prepared with staff and supplies for the weekend. To handle everything from a rare mass traumatic event to several alcohol related injuries they often see on St. Patrick's Day in Savannah. "Slips and falls or just falls off of curbs, twisted ankles, you'll see things like that, but we definitely see the severe alcohol intoxication. We see the drug intoxication." To avoid a trip to the hospital, he says to drink responsibly. That means following your drinks with water, no drinking and driving, drinking with people you trust, and just being aware. He says there have been some situations where people mess with drinks left unintended. "Drinks just in general where they actually slip some type of drug or substance, so we also ask them to be responsible." "And as Memorial Health says they'll be prepared with more staff in the Emergency Room, downtown and near the parade Chuck Kearns with Chatham Emergency Services says they'll be quite an emergency response on standby." "We'll have four teams on all-terrain vehicles that will be inside the parade route, and they'll also be deployed in the River Street and Bay Street area and City Market over the next several nights." Kearns says there will also be 205 clinicians around those areas. New this year—they'll also have a disaster mass casualty bus just in case. "A few years back we had an incident where the interior of a building collapsed and there were people trapped inside, so we'll have that. We'll have our disaster supply trailer as well and basically all hands-on deck." An all hands on deck approach to do what they can to make sure you're safe. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:49</p>
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<p>3/18/2023 11PM 11:24:00 WEEKEN PM D OD</p>	<p>SHEA: ABC UNIT ON ST PATRICK'S DAY</p>	<p>((PKG)) The Savannah Police Department says that of the 18 businesses the Alcoholic Beverage Compliance Unit checked up on last night, half of them were breaking the law. VO: Sergeant William Barnett with the ABC Unit says they're mainly focused on preventing underage drinking, with a particular focus on servers giving drinks to people who are underage. Last night- the unit saw that in nine different businesses- though they didn't say which ones. "The servers will get cited, and they'll have to go to court. Then we'll have meetings with administrative meetings with the businesses, and basically work with them to see them try to make improvements, so it doesn't happen going forward in the future." Barnett says that in some cases- the underage drinkers might face a court date, as well. Most bars this weekend have bouncers checking IDs in an attempt to prevent minors from ever getting close to alcohol, to begin with. A bouncer I spoke to says- that's been a serious challenge this weekend. "It's actually been pretty scary, because yesterday, we had an incident where somebody attempted to join in from the back door, the exit. Then today, not too long ago, three groups of people tried to just rush in, bum rush." Marcos says- in those situations he'll kick those people out- and if he spots a fake ID, he'll take it- as well as put the person's name on a list. If someone underage makes it in the door, though, they might just run into one of the four members from the ABC Unit. Barnett: "I can't go into too much detail, but we'll say it's an undercover operation. As we go into it, really, it's a process for us. We've got a lot of ground to cover, there's a lot of businesses here, so we just try to be thorough, and like I said before, we're fair and impartial as we approach this and we go and meet with businesses." Shea: We are expecting a more complete look at the arrests made and citations issued this St. Patrick's Day weekend from the Savannah Police Department on Monday. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:58</p>
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<p>3/18/2023 11PM 11:24:00 WEEKEN PM D OD</p>	<p>UPDATE: 1 INJURED AFTER BEING STRUCK</p>	<p>It happened at the J-W Marriot Hotel downtown around 6 yesterday evening. Officers say the person has non life-threatening injuries. It's unclear if the driver of the vehicle will face any charges. We'll continue to update you as we learn more.</p>	<p>00:00:14</p>
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3/18/2023	11PM	UPDATE ON MAN INJURED	The man fell from the Alee (Aye-lee) Shriners pirate ship as it was going down Abercorn street around	
11:24:00	WEEKEN	AFTER	12. WTOC was able to speak with Buddy Grayson- who's a past potentate with the Alee Shriners. He	
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			man isn't facing any long-term injuries and is doing okay.	
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		FALLING	The man isn't facing any long-term injuries and is doing okay.	00:00:16
3/20/2023		STEPHEN	"Our job is not to find out who did it. That's not what we do. We're not law enforcement. We're not doing	
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	SMITH	a criminal case. We're helping an investigation and what we're really trying to do is give a mother an	
		LAWYERS	answers." The South Carolina Highway Patrol's report following Smith's death names Buster Murdaugh	
		PRESS	multiple times. Buster is Alex Murdaugh's only remaining son. Earlier this month, a Colleton County jury	
		CONFERENCE	found Alex guilty of killing his wife, Maggie, and youngest son, Paul. Bland says, they hope to help	00:00:35
			SLED with its investigation... by starting from scratch, and not making any assumptions.	
3/20/2023	4:30PM	BARNARD &	The car hit several parked vehicles before two suspects got out and fled. Savannah Police helped find	
4:29:00 PM	OD	GWINNETT	the passenger of the car who they say is a juvenile. The driver was later identified as 30-year-old	
		CRASH	Rashamel Gardner. GSP says the driver is a convicted felon. Two hand guns were also found at the	
			scene. Police determined one of them was stolen. We will keep you updated as we learn more about	00:00:25
			the charges in this case.	
3/20/2023		STEPHEN	Sandy Smith says she won't stop until she finds out *exactly what happened to her son. "I loved my	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SMITH FAMILY	son. And since I couldn't protect him, I'm going to fight for him." Nearly 8 years ago, in July 2015...	
		NEWSER	authorities recovered 19-year-old Stephen Smith's body in the middle of a remote Hampton County	
			road. Initially ruled a hit-and-run... SLED reopened the investigation into his death in 2021... due to	
			information they found while investigating the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh. The family's	
			attornies think someone killed Smith - and moved his body to make it *look like a hit-and-run. "There	
			were no skid marks around his body. There was no vehicular debris found. His loosely-tied shoes were	
			still on his feet." The South Carolina Highway Patrol's report following Smith's death names Alex	
			Murdaugh's living son, Buster, multiple times. Earlier this month, a Colleton County jury found the elder	
			Murdaugh guilty of killing his wife, Maggie, and other son, Paul. The family's legal team wants to help	
			SLED with its investigation... by funding the autopsy... and looking-into Smith's communications,	
			relationships and movements before his death. "What we're going to do is start over. We're going to	
			hire experts who will come with a fresh set of eyes, with an open mind... and wherever the facts go,	
			that's where the investigation will go." Smith's mother says - she just wants the truth. "I hope to find the	00:01:26
			real reason for Stephen's death, and the real "why?"	

This is Melithia Singleton. "She was great. She tried to make ways for me and my sister." On Halloween of 2012, her son, Lamont Mitchell came home from school to find her dead. He was just 8-years-old. "And I thought it was a prank and I ran down stairs with my sister and I said hey go look upstairs and she went upstairs and she said oh no. I'm not going to say his name but he killed our mother." From 2012 to 2021, 212 people in Georgia died from domestic violence. And the victims are not just those who lose their lives. Although Lamont says he has forgiven his mother's killer, who will be released in a few years, it's still hard knowing he's done so much in his life that his mom never got to see. "I can't forget it. It's just kind of hard knowing that he's fixing to be free and I'm still stuck without a mom." Knowing that others are experiencing abusive relationships every day, Karen Alston started 4 the Jewel N U. A program that offers resources like shelter referrals and counseling services to women wanting a way out. "Our goal is to never ask them why don't they leave, instead we ask them what can we do to help them." The organization is holding a walk at Lake Mayer Saturday morning at 9 to spread awareness, give out resources and... "During Women's Hlstory Month, celebrate women and also stand up and say we walk so they don't have to run no more." "At that event there will be a ribbon display of more than 200 people that have lost their lives to domestic violence, including children." While this sends a powerful message about how large of a problem domestic violence is, Mitchell wants people in his shoes to remember to keep going for their loved ones no longer here. "My mom said pain is temporary, quitting is forever. I kept that with me since I was like 8 or 7 so just don't give up." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS

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19-year-old Stephen Smith died on July 8th, 2015. Questions surrounding his death have lingered ever since. After looking through more than 100 pages of case notes... here's what we know. Smith's body - found in the middle of a Hampton County road - showed he had blunt force trauma to the head. Investigators could not agree on WHAT happened to Smith... or how his body ended up in the roadway. Deputies and the county coroner told troopers with the South Carolina Highway Patrol... that it looked like a homicide, NOT a traffic accident. They said they needed SLED -- NOT the troopers -- to work the case. A pathologist then looked at Stephen's body... and ruled his death a hit-and-run... sending the case back to the Highway Patrol, and out of SLED's hands. Troopers documented a heated conversation with the pathologist, asking how she could call it a hit-and-run... when there was no evidence -- like skid marks or car parts -- found at the scene. They say she told them it was not \*her job to figure out \*what happened. Stephen's mother and sister told troopers he had been secretive leading-up to his death. Smith's boyfriend - listed multiple times in case - was NOT named a suspect. Multiple Murdaugh family members were also named. Someone sent an anonymous tip naming a member of the Murdaugh family as being involved in Smith's death. Another contacted investigators, and named a different suspect... adding that a Murdaugh family member told him to call the tip in. Eventually, investigators said they were not able to make any progress on the case... leaving it in limbo. But Smith's case was re-opened in 2021... after SLED agents found information related to Smith's death, while investigating the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh.

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MAX: STEPHEN  
SMITH EXTRAS

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Standup It was right here on the side of this rural Hampton County road - where that cross now stands - that police found young Stephen Smith's body almost eight years ago. Vo Hampton County residents have been waiting years for answers, now just praying the Smith family can find some. "I just hope that Sandy gets some relief and some peace in knowing what did happen." Vo That's what the family's new attorneys say they're looking for, specifically calling out the rumor that Stephen's Wade Hampton high school classmate Buster Murdaugh had anything to do with this homicide. "Buster, as we know has nothing to do with this. And whatever is mentioned in the records, that's what investigators are going to look at but we have no knowledge at all about Buster of the Murdaugh's having anything to do with this right now." Vo Buster making a statement of his own this week saying in part, FS These baseless rumors of my involvement with Stephen and his death are false. Vo People I spoke with around town are less concerned with who was involved, and more focused on the Smith family getting the closure they deserve. Sot "It's time for SLED or whoever to really do some interviewing of people and some real investigating and find out what happened one way or the other." Vo We reached out to SLED and the Hampton County sheriff's office today and didn't hear back from either. As we wait for updates in this case including when Stephen's body will be exhumed for that independent autopsy, we'll let you know as soon as we get information, we'll let you know on air and online at wtoc.com. For now, though reporting from Hampton County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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 STEPHEN  
 SMITH CASE  
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"Your honor she is also not a threat or danger to any individual in the community because as a result of that case plan she will be monitored and supervised at a very intense level by people who have a high level skill to do so. So, concerns that the court may have based on the allegations in this indictment should be factored related to that case plan." Just like Judge Stokes, state prosecutor Tim Dean did not feel Simon deserved bond. But in court today, he did not explain why he thinks she might run or be a threat. Instead, Dean says he sent Judge Stokes a nine page response yesterday that's restricted from the public. Simon also had an arraignment after the bond hearing where she pleaded not guilty through her attorney.

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 LEILANI SIMON  
 ARRAIGNMENT

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While she's been denied bond before in Records Court, this is our first time seeing Leilani in person since she was arrested in November. Judge Stokes made an order for Simon be dressed in street clothing, which she's seen wearing here along with a mask covering majority of her face. While debating if Simon should be granted bond, her attorney Kaitlyn Walker said she was not a threat to the public or a flight risk. She named many reasons as to why, one of note being the Department of Family and Child Services is keeping an eye on Simon. Defense did not go into detail about how that works but did say if she abided by the plan she may be reunited with her other two children.

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 LEILANI SIMON  
 ARRAIGNMENT

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Leilani Simon is charged with felony murder and more in the death of her son, Quinton. She initially reported him missing in early October of 2022, and weeks later, his remains were found in a landfill. Simon pleaded not guilty to the charges. We'll have more on the hearing coming up on THE News at 6.

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 LEILANI SIMON  
 IN COURT

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3/23/2023 5:30pm 5:29:00 PM OD	SUSPECT ARRESTED IN MARCH 12 JEFF. SHOOTING	24-year-old Christasia (CHRIS-TA-SEEAH) Lawrence faces multiple charges - including aggravated assault and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The shooting happened right by a late night food stand back on March 12th - near Jefferson and Congress streets. Officers say the shots rang-out just before 4 a.m. That's when they found one woman with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. Lawrence was booked-into the Chatham County Jail.	00:00:26
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3/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	ELWYN CROCKER COURT	<p>Crocker's lawyers are asking the court to block evidence obtained through searches and seizures of their client's property. Today's hearing centered on whether officers used a tactic on Crocker called "question first, Miranda later." Crocker's defense team claims officers obtained incriminating statements from their client about his involvement in Elwyn Jr. and Mary's death before reading Crocker his Miranda rights...cutting off the flow of information to law enforcement... if he had been given the choice. Three members from the Effingham County Sheriff's Office...one of the investigating departments...testified during questioning from state prosecutors that no evidence was obtained without a search warrant. A captain from the sheriff's office's criminal investigative unit testified that "question first, Miranda later" is not a practice of the department. Crocker's defense team says figuring out what law enforcement knew as time was going on in the early morning hours of December 20th...2018 is crucial to knowing whether evidence should be allowed in. In Springfield...FS...WTOCN.</p>	00:01:11
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3/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	LEILANI SIMON DENIED BOND	<p>"There's risk of flight as well. With that, bond is denied." In a mask covering majority of her face, Leilani Simon making her first in person court appearance. Judge Stokes did allow video recording of the court hearing, but there were several stipulations like not showing Simon in handcuffs. Stokes also approved an order to allow Simon be dressed in street clothing instead of her jail attire. As Simon has been in jail since her November arrest, her lawyer named several reasons why she thinks Simon should be released. One of those reasons being a plan she has with the Department of Family and Children Services where she would be monitored and supervised. Simon does have two other children whose custody is up in the air. "She has every incentive to remain in this county, pursuant to that plan in order to reunite with her children and certainly that will be her hope." State prosecutor Tim Dean agreed with Judge Stokes that Simon might run or be a threat to the community if released. However, he did not say why. He instead sent a nine page response to the judge giving his reasons. It's a response we are not allowed to see but a notice to the clerk says the response contains criminal history and child abuse information. "That filing, we will be restricting because it contains sensitive information." Simon faces 19 charges in her son's death. Recently, Simon's attorneys filed a motion to dismiss four of the counts of making false statements, as well as a motion claiming that prosecutors didn't share enough information in the indictment to justify the three murder charges. "What we'll be asking for today is for the court to simply set us down for a motion date where we can address those issues in an indictment." The defense hoped this would delay the arraignment but the judge still made Simon enter her plea today. You're looking at that on your screen. "Miss Simon will be entering a plea of not guilty on the case and demanding a jury trial of course we have motions hearings to come."</p>	00:01:57
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The lines started early – I spoke to the first person in line this morning – she says she showed up to the auction at 8 a.m. She says it's because Maggie Murdaugh's story resonated with her. "I felt that I needed to honor, as a person who's come from domestic violence, I needed to honor her memory by owning some sort of paraphernalia that she once owned. I wanted to share that message, and hoping to honor her, and keep her story alive." Many at the auction – sharing the same sentiment. "I think it's more important to carry on Maggie's legacy. I just had to come down." With customers like Lisa... saying they were captivated by the case, which is what made her take the 11-hour drive from Ohio to Pembroke. "I'm a true crime buff, so I decided I would come down, I came down a couple days ago, went to Walterboro and went to the cemetery, and did a bunch of things around town." Some items have made people take a second look – like extra ammunition, hunting clothes – and a large leather couch. The size of the day's crowd leaving one regular of the auction house– shocked. "It's surprising, everyone is really surprised." And everyone... has their eye on something different. "glassware, dishware" "furniture, some of the rugs and carpets" "some jewelry, some salt and pepper shakers." A crowded auction house... serving as yet another representation... of a case that's caught the attention of people nationwide.

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MURDAUGH  
AUCTION  
BEGINS

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Day two in the latest round of pre-trial hearings began with Judge F. Gates Peed hearing arguments about what evidence should be allowed into the trial. State prosecutors want to use text messages and email conversations between other people charged in the case. They say those messages will help show a conspiracy to harm and conceal the deaths of Mary and Elwyn Jr. "The conspiracy is really the cruelty to children. It's the long-term abuse, torture, and murder of two children that took place over years. That is the conspiracy. That's why every text message they send back and forth to each other over those years dealing with the children is relevant." Crocker's defense team pushing back...saying the state's request isn't specific enough and that their client isn't responsible for messages that other people send. "Any messages that are sent from Mark Wright or Candice Crocker should not be permitted unless the state can prove that Mr. Crocker saw or responded to said text messages." State prosecutors also asked to include the internet searches of Crocker's brother-in-law Mark Wright...who is also charged in Mary's death and concealing Elwyn Jr.'s. "Modern CPR, the yellow pill of death, yellow pills that kill, the effects of drinking Clorox. I think those searches are intrinsic to explain the nature of the crimes to the jury, tell the whole story about what was going on in that house, and how Mary Crocker died." In response...defense lawyers said those searches have nothing to do with Crocker. "I don't think this is admissible at all in Mr. Crocker's case because there's no allegation here that our client participated in any way, that he had any knowledge in any way." Judge Peed heard arguments about state prosecutors wanting to include other allegations against Crocker involving violence, sexual assault, and child molestation. They're also petitioning to use audio and visual aids during opening statements in trial. LL: Judge Peed also sought to resolve which side is responsible for getting information from an FBI DNA analysis. Crocker's lawyers emphasized the importance of that evidence and any testimony related to it as all three defendants in this case face the death penalty.

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FLYNN:  
CROCKER  
COURT

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The department released a statement tonight saying in part quote they are- " gathering facts, interviews, evidence, and other relevant information on this incident. To not compromise the current investigation, GCPD will keep the public up to date with information as allowed." The full statement is available on our website.

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BULLYING  
INCIDENT

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Officials say 3 teens brought the victim to the emergency room Tuesday -- they registered their names and left him there before police arrived. The victim was treated for a high level of intoxication from a mixture of controlled substances and alcohol. Police say they not see any signs of physical injuries on the victim, but did see spray paint. Wednesday- police searched the residence of where it happened and gathered evidence. Today -- officers say the victim was alert and was able to give a statement on what happened.

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GLYNN CO.  
INVEST.  
BULLYING  
INCIDENT

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FLYNN: BRYAN  
CO SUSPECT  
SEARCH

They haven't publicly named the suspect...but say he faces domestic charges out of Chatham County. The sheriff's office says at one point the suspect was in Chatham County custody and it's unclear how he got here to Bryan County. They did say the suspect does have ties to this area. You may remember on Friday...the sheriff's office helped U.S. Marshals search for the suspect...who they described as a white male wearing a blue shirt and ball cap at the time. There was an increased police presence at area schools...and officials deployed tracking dogs to help in the search. The sheriff's office urged people living nearby to stay at home...saying that was not because of an immediate public danger...rather they just weren't sure what the suspect would do.

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GA NEWBORN  
SCREENINGS

LL: "Every baby that is born or transferred in, we make sure has a newborn screen." It's a screening that Neonatologist Dr. Carolyn Glendye says can be lifesaving. "It's a small little heel prick and we send that blood to the health department in Atlanta and they run that for over 30 inheritable disorders that babies can have." In Georgia, the screening picks up well known hereditary disorders like Sickle Cell... "To more rare conditions that are pretty rare but can be devastating and really life altering that we want to catch early." "But when babies in Georgia hospitals get those screenings, they're tested for less diseases and disorders than in other states." Surrounding states, South Carolina and Florida, both test for over 50 disorders while Georgia only test for 37. That's according to the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration data as of December 2022. While the state-by-state differences in newborn healthcare have sparked concern, Dr. Glendye says the Georgia Department of Health creates the list of disorders they test for based on our area. "They're constantly looking at that and making sure they've got what they need on the list and I think parents can rest assure that we've got a really good metabolic screen in place." She says the health department makes changes to the list when needed. "The department of health in Atlanta is constantly on guard watching for these screens and are always in communication with us to catch it early." Catching conditions early...a life changing measure based on the state you live in. Camille Syed WTOG News.

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They're \*different people - with \*different cars - damaged at \*different times. But they all told us the \*same story. They took their car to Hernandez Collision Center... where it sat for months, unfixed, racking-up charges... in what they now call, "car jail." "I felt like it was in jail. I mean, there are so many cars out there on that parking lot. They are in jail, like they can't get out." This is what Heather Hurst's Toyota 4-runner looked like, after someone rear-ended her two years ago. The \*other driver was at-fault. Every shop told her - it would be \*months before they could fit her in. All, except one: Hernandez Collision Center. They said they could take her car \*that day\*. Hopeful, she dropped it off. She calls it - the worst mistake of her life. "I had no idea a business could take your vehicle and never give it back." Documents show Hurst's car sat in Hernandez's lot off Ogeechee Road for 6 weeks... unrepaired, and racking-up fees. When she decided she wanted to take it somewhere else... they sent her \*this bill... for nearly 6-\*thousand-dollars. The shop listed-off storage and \*estimate fees... including a more than 12-hundred-dollar \*administrative fee... for things like "answering the phone" and "greeting the customer." "I had thought, I'll bring a credit card, and I'll dispute it. But no, she said, "we don't take credit cards. We take only cashier checks." Hurst didn't realize it. But Hernandez's 'consent form,' which \*she signed\*, states... in small, fine print... the shop does NOT accept credit cards or personal checks. Customers tell us it's also an arbitration agreement. Meaning, if you sign it, it's much harder to sue them. Hurst ended up paying this 5-thousand-dollar cashier's check, just to get her \*unrepaired car back. Progressive insurance called Hernandez's charges, "not usual or customary." But it didn't end there. After Hearst talked to us last month... Hernandez sued her. He also sued one of our other sources... who then asked not to be named in our story, because she now has litigation hanging over her head. Neither lawsuit accuses either of the women of making any false statements, to us or anyone else, about how Hernandez treated them. Instead, they claim the women violated that arbitration agreement... by seeking "extra-judicial remedies." I found Hernandez is no stranger to lawsuits. In fact... the shop has been involved in at least 123 \*other civil cases - in Chatham County alone! In most of those cases... Hernandez sued customers, for abandoning their cars. "It was just a windshield! That's it." Jill Morris says, she feared she'd never get her husband's brand-new Chevy Impala back... after taking it to Hernandez for a cracked windshield last year. Two months - and more than 4-thousand-dollars later... they finally drove it home. "We just pretty much demanded our car. I think they were tired of us." Teniqua Grimsley said her Ford Focus also sat for more than two months at Hernandez's Hinesville location. It had minor bumper damage after someone hit her. She said they charged nearly \$4,000 for the repair. "Imagine getting into a car wreck, you're already stressed out, and the people who are supposed to help you are making it ten times worse." Grimsley says she tried to sue the shop... but a judge threw the case out, citing that arbitration agreement. We took \*it to the Better Business Bureau. "It seems to be designed to extract the most possible revenue out of every customer that comes through the front door." BBB Southeast Atlantic office President Tom Stephens says, he's never heard of such high fees for an estimate. And he says, the fact Hernandez won't take credit cards... is a red flag. "Because that means they've been beset with chargebacks over the years because of their pricing or their practices or whatever. And so, they refuse to take them." All three women encourage others, to be cautious... and avoid shops like Hernandez Collision Center. "Because they're going to get your money. And if they don't get your money, they're going to keep your car." I contacted Hernandez Collision Center as I was putting this story together. Their attorney, Benjamin O'Neal, called me back. I sent him a list of specific questions, and paperwork backing-up multiple complaints. They did not answer my questions... and instead said they could not comment on pending lawsuits.

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WTOC  
INVESTIGATES  
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LL A message from Trent's family. "He's beginning the next step of his care and we ask that you continue to pray for Trent." "Interim Chief Jackson says they've identified everyone involved in this case. But, they have not made any arrests and no charges have been filed against anyone." Chief Jackson says nine teens were involved in an incident where Trent was reportedly forced to drink an excessive amount of alcohol on Tuesday March 21st ..a photo of him from that same day on social media shows what appears to be him unconscious and covered in spray paint. The incident happening in this neighborhood.. where I talked to people who live in the area.. "Of course we were all very, very upset this happened to him." At a vigil for Lehrkamp, hundreds of people called for the arrest of the teens clearly shown in a picture on social media. Many saying the lack of an arrest reminds them how it took months to arrest the people who killed Ahmaud Arbrey as he was jogging in a neighborhood. Police say it's all about making sure they build a solid case. "If a picture can say 1,000 words, then the 1,000 words that that picture would say was that's a horrible incident that occurred, what that victim went through. We can't rush the judgement. We have to take our time on this and that's what we're doing." People also expressed concern that police didn't tell the community about the incident until it circulated on social media. "This event took days to come out to the public out of respect for the victim's privacy. We look at that. It was requested of us and this was an incident that was isolated." While this was reported as a hazing investigation, Jackson says it doesn't fall under the state's definition of hazing. He says teens witnessed this incident and a prior one where Lehrkamp was sprayed with a water hose and didn't say anything. "This incident may not have even been reported if the victim didn't end up in the hospital, which is really sad." He encourages everyone to speak up if you witness similar behavior. Camille Syed WTOC News.

GLYNN POLICE  
UPDATE ON  
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A life-saving nasal spray... could soon be on the shelves of your local pharmacy or grocery store. Local medical professionals say this could save lives. "I think you'll have more of an opportunity for the consumer to get the medication, and to reverse the opioids. I think that will be great for the overdoses so that you can reverse those... especially if you're doing drugs with someone there, that way if you do have that intoxication and that overdose, you can reverse those pretty quickly." According to the FDA, drug overdoses were responsible for nearly 102,000 deaths in the U.S. last year. Congressman Buddy Carter, who has a background in pharmacy, sent a letter to the FDA last month asking for Narcan to be considered for over-the-counter use. It's a change he says is just the beginning. "It ought to be in every medicine cabinet in America. It ought to be available in every emergency box. It ought to be, wherever you see a defibrillator, you ought to see naloxone. It's that much of a problem in our country right now." However, Dr. Goldstein also says... some doctors have this warning.. "Now, is this an opportunity for someone to get the medication and start experimenting? We don't want that to happen. We want people to realize how bad drugs are, and just because there's potentially an antidote at your hands, that's not an excuse to start experimenting with the opioids." According to the FDA, availability and price of the over the counter option is up to the manufacturer... something that could be another obstacle. "Cost is a little prohibitory for some people to get it, we're hoping that as the costs go down, and as it becomes more available, and potential opportunities for generics to come out, so that way the cost will decrease, and people will have more opportunity to get it." Over the counter Narcan.... A new tool.. in the fight against the opioid epidemic. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

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<p>3/29/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD</p>	<p>CAMILLE: GLYNN CO. BULLY INCIDENT CONF.</p>	<p>Gynn County Police and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation have several pieces of evidence in this case that are being sent to a GBI lab. They say nine teens were involved in an incident where Trent was reportedly forced to drink an excessive amount of alcohol. A photo of him on social media shows what appears to be him unconscious covered in spray paint on Tuesday March 21st. Police say that after that, he was dropped off at the hospital by three of the teens involved, who left before police could arrive. Chief Jackson says there was an incident before that where Lehrkamp was sprayed excessively with a water hose. 11 people under 18 were involved in this incident including some of the same people from the March 21st incident. As the investigation continues with no arrests so far, Chief Jackson says misinformation is slowing investigators down because they have to look into every tip.</p>	<p>00:00:53</p>
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<p>3/31/2023 6:00:00 AM 6AM K OD</p>	<p>BRITISH TOURIST MURDER TRIAL DELAY 5 PM</p>	<p>Our WTOC Investigates Team found the Chatham County District Attorney asked the judge to delay the start of the trial. Because the Assistant D-A assigned to the case, Nick Patel no longer works for their office. Jones filed the motion for continuance the same day she received Patel's resignation letter... telling the judge no other prosecutor is prepared to take on the case. Once this trial is rescheduled we'll let you know.</p>	<p>00:00:25</p>
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<p>3/31/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD</p>	<p>STEPHEN SMITH CASE</p>	<p>19-year-old Stephen Smith died on July 8th, 2015. Smith's body was found in the middle of a Hampton County road with blunt force trauma to the head. After investigators could not agree on what happened to him the case went cold. In 2021 - the south Carolina law enforcement division reopened the investigation after they say they found information related to Smith's death, while investigating the murders of Paul and Maggie Murdaugh.</p>	<p>00:00:26</p>
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That's exactly right, we are not naming these two people because they have not been charged with anything. But we can confirm they are NOT members of the Murdaugh family. Audio clips obtained by our team reveal... investigators were very interested in hearing this story nearly eight years ago. A phone call in December 2015 between now-retired Corporal Michael Duncan with the South Carolina Highway Patrol... and former Hampton County Police officer Nick Ginn... reveal a tipster made authorities aware of two \*potential suspects, in 19-year-old Stephen Smith's death. We'll call them Person 1 and Person 2. "Can you tell me what was told to you? We've tried to get in touch with (Person 1) but he's kind of avoiding the call, the contact and all." "This is what I was told: he said (Person 1) came over to the house, and told me that (Person 2) was drunk and hit something. He said he went back the next day to see what it was he had hit, and he saw a lot of police out there. And then he learned by media that someone had been killed in that same area." The Tipster told Ginn... Person 1 was visibly distraught... and that person 2... the driver of the truck... may have tried to cover-up the evidence. We will have more on that coming up on THE news at 6.

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That's according to the Hampton County Sheriff's Office. Taking a LIVE look from the scene now. Highway 321 and Steep Bottom Road are blocked off while deputies work this scene. That's near the Canfor Southern Pine saw mill. They're asking everyone to avoid the area. WTOC will update you when new information is released.

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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. BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF MEET AND GREET, SAVANNAH VIOLENT CRIME STATISTICS FOR 2022, NEW TYBEE AND CITY OF SAVANNAH POLICE CHIEF, CHATHAM CO. OFC ARRESTED, BULLOCH CO. OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING, CANDLER CO. DEPUTY SHORTAGE, DA OFFICE EMPLOYEES LEAVING, GA DPH INJURY PREVENTION GRANT,SPD OFFICER SCAM WARNING, BRYAN CO. EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MONTGOMERY ALABAMA FIRE DEPT DISCUSS CHANGES CREWS HAD TO MAKE TO SUPPORT HYUNDAI PLANT, BLUFFTON PD MENTAL HEALTH, WAYNE CO. DEPUTY ARRESTED, MCINTOSH CO. INMATE DEATH, BLUFFTON PD FORUM, PWW POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS, LIBERTY CO, MED HELICOPTER, SKILLED TO WORK PEACE OFFICER TRAINING, CC CRIME STATS, HINESVILLE PD NEW BODY CAMS, BRYAN CO. WARRANT SCAM, SMITH STATE PRISON RIOT, SPD SHOT SPOTTER ARREST, HINESVILLE PD, CITIZENS ACADEMY, POLICE K9 FUNDRAISER, CHATHAM CP. DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS, STATESBORO CRIME STATS, SAVANNAH HOMICIDE NUMBERS DECREASE, BACON CO. SHERIFF NEW APP, DA STAFFING CONCERNS, EFFINGHAM CO. FAKE LETTER WARNING ON SCHOOL ZONE SPEEDING TICKETS, CHATHAM CO. COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM TO TAKE MORE UNANSWERED CALLS, SAVANNAH IN CUSTODY DEATH LAWSUIT, STATESBORO OVERDOSES, ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHERIFF'S OFFICE PREPS, BEAUFORT CYBER SECURITY TRAINING, ST. PATRICK'S DAY ARREST STATS, CCPD CRIME REPORT, LOWCOUNTRY EXPUNGENT CLINIC, RESILLENCE TRAINING, BRYAN CO. DEPUTY INDICTED, SYSTEM TO HELP CHATHAM POLICE TRACE BULLET CASINGS, FDA APPROVAL ON OTC OPOID ANTIDOTE SOURCE: LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

1/2/2023 CAMILLE: GSP Here's what Georgia State Patrol told me about New Year's Eve in the area -- Post 42 Assistant  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD NEW YEAR'S Commander Sherman McClain tells me more than 18 people were pulled over for potentially driving  
TRAVEL FOLO arrested in Effingham County. While the 18 arrests is a low number, he says their goal is zero. 00:00:22

1/3/2023 SAV VIOLENT "I feel motivated to do more. It's got to stop." According to Savannah Police crime reports. from the  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD CRIME 2022 beginning of last year to December 24th, there were 363 instances of gun violence. In 2021, there were  
WRAP UP 299 gun violence situations. Lowering those numbers in 2023 is a mission many city leaders say they're  
working on. Mayor Van Johnson says there are several steps to make it happen. "We need common  
sense regulations. We need to have more powerful policing to interdict illegal guns and we need to  
make sure that when people are engaging in gun play in our community that they have sentences...well  
first of all their prosecuted aggressively and secondly that they have sentences that are significant."  
Several people lost their lives from shootings in 2022 and last month alone. Pastor of Kingdom Life  
Church Charles Roberson says he's been partnering with several pastors and organizations to cut down  
the violence. "This is not just one part of the community. It's all of our problem and we all have to work  
together for a solution." While we need a solution, Roberson says there are many reasons we face gun  
violence today, like major trauma. "There's poverty, there's domestic issues and so many other issues  
that cause gun violence but I believe it's a great community even though the numbers are high. We're  
going to keep shining the light and doing good things." Many of the shootings this year claimed young  
lives. So his goal is to continue partnering with more people in the community to give young people  
hope. "We talk about career goals. We talk about conflict resolution and just talk about all the things  
going on inside of them, really listen to them, talk to them." 00:01:38

1/3/2023 SCHP 2022 Sot: (LCpl Nick Pye - Community Relations Officer, SCHP Troop 6) "As a driver you have to realize that  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD TRENDS driving is the most dangerous thing that you will do on a daily basis." Vo Across the roads of the  
Lowcountry Nat Vo New preliminary numbers show drivers were more safe in 2022. Sot "Right now  
we're down 127 fatal collisions from where we were last year and also down 142 fatalities." Vo Here's a  
look at those numbers. In 2021 there 1,198 fatalities on South Carolina Roadways, while there were  
1,056 in 2022. It's a good trend the trooper says is thanks in part to a new way they're deciding where to  
step up enforcement. GFX Request SC Roadway Fatalities (\* = preliminary numbers) 2021 - 1198 2022 -  
\*1056 Sot "We started looking at not necessarily where there's more traffic at or not necessarily where  
there's collisions at, but we started looking at where are these fatal collisions happening at." Vo Lance  
Corporal Pye says they put more staff in those dangerous areas and also credits drivers for the  
decrease in deadly crashes. Reporting, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:00:57

1/3/2023		MAYOR	"People wanted to see a chief that they felt they knew. Savannah is metropolitan but we are very folksy,	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	JOHNSON	and people are very strong on personal connections. They want people to understand their street, the	
		ABOUT NEW	dynamics of their neighborhood, the history of their neighborhoods." WTOC sat down with Gunther	
		SPD CHIEF	about some of his priorities when he was interim chief.	00:00:21

1/3/2023		JESSICA: DA	And just this afternoon - WTOC Investigates received a copy of the current list of staff members from	
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	OFFICE	the DA's Office. We compared the current list to a list from two years ago around the time DA Shalena	
		EMPLOYEES	Cook Jones took office. Back then, there were around 112 employees on staff. Today - that number is	
		LEAVING	around 73 - an almost 35 percent decrease.	00:00:20

1/4/2023		MAYOR	Mayor Johnson says Gunther had the right combination of knowledge, skills and abilities, which is why	
5:00:00 AM	5AM	JOHNSON	City Manager Jay Melder choose him for the role. Chief Gunther has been with the Savannah Police	
	DAYBREA	ABOUT NEW	force for 22 years. The mayor says they asked residents what they wanted to see in a police chief	
	K OD	SPD CHIEF	through community surveys. More than 400 people responded to the surveys. Most said they	
			wanted a city of Savannah Resident.	00:00:25

1/4/2023		GA DPH	The state department of health says the grants will be used in two ways. About half of that money will	
5:00:00 AM	5AM	INJURY	go to a program that provides car seats to families and teaches them how to use them. The other half	
	DAYBREA	PREVENTION	will be split between three data tracking programs. Allowing us to see connections between behavior	
	K OD	GRANT	and crashes, pre-hospital care numbers, and systems that track what happens to patients once they	
			reach the hospital.	00:00:25

1/4/2023		GUNTHER TO	Gunther has served as interim since the end of July. His official swearing in is coming up Tuesday,	
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BE SWORN IN	January 10th. The ceremony will be at the Cultural Arts Center, and it will be open to the public.	00:00:12

1/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SPD CHIEF GUNTHER SWEARING IN CEREMONY It will be held at the Cultural Arts Center on Montgomery Street next Tuesday at 6 PM. The Police department says anyone is welcome to attend. Chief Gunther has been apart of the police department since 2001. He served as interim Chief since July 29th. Gunther has permanently taken over the role as chief after former Chief Roy Minter resigned to focus on his nomination for U-S Marshal. 00:00:23

1/5/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SPD OFFICER SCAM WARNING They say the person is attempting to scam people out of money or personal information by claiming they missed court or there's a warrant out on them. S-P-D says if you get the call, hang up right away and call police. They remind - neither police or the courts will ever ask you to make a payment to avoid jail. The warning comes as they say the scammer is making more calls in the area. 00:00:22

1/7/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM WEEKEN D OD DAL: OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING (SOT) "At one point, deputies tried to tase the son, and at that time, the son produced a handgun. Right now, it appears he discharged his gun towards the officers." The Bulloch County Sheriff's Office has placed both deputies involved on administrative leave during the investigation. The G-B-I is leading the investigation. 00:00:19

1/9/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING (sot) As the GBI continues to investigate the shooting, one long-time family friend wishes this ongoing issue had not ended this way. (vo) The home at Lot 9 struck a quiet contrast to the scene Saturday night. Deputies answered a 911 call from the father of 32 year old Jules Lee that Lee had assaulted him in their home. The deputies say Lee fought with them when they tried to arrest him and tried to tase him. They tell investigators Lee pulled a gun and shot at them and they fired back, striking and killing him. Sheriff's investigators say the home and the family were no strangers to law enforcement. (sot) "We have been out there multiple time at that location, for things stretching from welfare checks all the way to domestic cases." (vo) Family friend George Wilson says he'd known Lee for 20 years. He described him as troubled and believes he needed mental health treatment he didn't receive. He wonders if professional help could have prevented a tragic situation. (sot) "I know the deputies had to do their job and had to protect themselves. But I still feel something more could have been done." (vo) Both deputies weren't injured in the shooting. Lee's father was treated by EMS for minor injuries. The GBI Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy on Lee. The two deputies remain on administrative leave while GBI investigates. (sot) And we'll continue to bring you developments in this case. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:01:23

1/10/2023 5:30pm SAFETY NET  
5:29:00 PM OD PLANNING  
DONATION "We all decided that instead of dividing up the 50 thousand dollars, we wanted to have one large sum going to a non-profit that would make a big difference." The Safety Net Planning Council runs several programs - including trauma-sensitive yoga and Front Porch ACTS for at-risk youth. Those are all offered at no cost to the community. 00:00:20

1/10/2023 5:30pm SPD CHIEF  
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PREVIEW Chief Gunther has been serving the city as interim chief since July but he's been an officer with SPD for more than 20 years. When we sat down with him back in August, he told us that he knows expectations for him are high. But crime reduction to him involves the community too. He says the city of Savannah is in the best hands. We'll be hearing from him tonight at the ceremony and at 6pm Jessica Savage has a report on who all the other candidates for the job were and how much the city paid for the search. Live in Savannah, Alyssa Jackson, WTOG News. 00:00:32

1/10/2023 JESSICA: SPD  
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FINALISTS In July, the city signed a contract with Police Executive Research Forum and agreed to pay the firm \$45,000 for the search efforts. A copy of the contract shows the scope of work. The consultant agreed to solicit public feedback in the form of community surveys, recruit candidates, vet the applicants, recommend the finalists and organize an interview panel. According to the records, the search firm narrowed the search to these three finalists. In the middle - you see a familiar face - Lenny Gunther - who was ultimately selected as the Savannah Police Chief. He has 21 years of experience - having spent his entire career with Savannah Police. On the left - you see Jackie Gwinn-Vollaroel, the Deputy Chief for Louisville Metro Police Department with more than 25 years experience - almost all of those years spent with the Atlanta Police Department. And on the far right is Scott Booth, the Police Chief for the City of Danville in Virginia with 27 years of experience in law enforcement. 00:00:59

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GUNTHER  
CHIEF SWEAR  
IN  
Gunther has served as the interim chief since July 29-th. The ceremony kicked off just an hour ago at the Cultural Arts Center on Montgomery Street. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson saying today, Chief Gunther was chosen by City Manager Jay Melder out of a pool of more than 50 applicants. Alyssa Jackson will have a recap of the event \*and we'll hear from the new chief ahead on The News at 11. 00:00:23

1/12/2023  
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CHATHAM JAIL  
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FOLO  
"The sad part that the Sheriff talks about is this particular corrections officer - what she did, the actions that she took - it effects several different things. One - it tarnishes the badge, it tarnishes the oath of office in which she swore an oath to. It tarnishes it for this agency, it puts other employees in this agency, it puts them, their safety, at risk and it also puts the inmates that we are entrusted with their safety while they're being housed here, it puts them at risk as well." BUTTED TO: "I don't know what her logic was behind it to take what little bit of money she got to do it with, so again today is just a sad day at the Chatham County Sheriff's Office, but we'll continue to move forward, and this has no reflect on the officers that are working here now or anything. We're going to continue our investigation to see where else this thing goes." 00:00:50

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DEPUTY  
SHORTAGE  
(sot) Long time law enforcement officers can remember when two or three deputies might share a patrol car on different shifts. Now, they have the equipment but nobody to run it. (vo) Captain Justin Wells spends as much time behind the wheel as he does behind a desk. Candler County Sheriff's Office has six vacancies for deputies. Wells says he, the ballifs, the school resource officers, even the sheriff are picking up extra shifts to answer calls. He says it's a statewide problem for sheriff's offices and police departments to get qualified applicants or folks willing to go to the academy to get trained. Wells says one of the biggest factors is money. (sot) It's competing with the private sector, competing with the state and federal government. There are drastic differences between agencies sometimes with pay and benefits. (vo) In the meantime, the department is adding new equipment -from first aid supplies to heavier armour for vests and firearms..Wells says they hope those tools help them attract deputies to serve and protect. (sot) In Candler County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:03



1/12/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FAMILY SPEAKS AFTER BULLOCH CO. OIS (sot) Family members of Jules Lee say he's the true victim in this tragedy they say could have been avoided. (sot) My brother had a good heart. (vo) Crystal Roberts says her son was the caregiver for his homebound father, not an abuser. (sot) Jules has taken care of him for 12 years, picking him up, putting him in the chair, helping him to the transport. (vo) According to the GBI, Lee's father called 911 Saturday that his son was assaulting him. Sheriff's deputies who went there reported Lee fought with them and shot at them before they shot and killed him. (vo) Both family members say they sought mental health treatment for Lee, but felt he needed more. (sot) We did everything we could. I feel like the whole system has failed. I'll say that. (sot) And we'll continue to follow this investigation and bring you any developments. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:00:49

1/12/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF MEET & GREET "I cannot tell you how many times I've been out to a call for service where I wish I had somewhere to go just to kind of take a breath, think about it, have discussions with other people about what we just experienced because some of our best support are each other, and this gives an opportunity for all of our officers to sit down together, talk about an incident they just dealt with, kind of what can we make for improvements, but also just to see how everybody's doing before they go back out." 00:00:29

1/12/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BLUFFTON POLICE CHIEF MEET & GREET Check it out -- Bluffton Police Department introducing the community to the new chief... \*and showing off their new Reflection Plaza. Today, the department hosted a "Meet the Chief" open house while holding a ribbon cutting at the plaza. Joe Babkiewicz served with the department 14 years before taking over as Chief at the end of December. He says this Reflection Plaza -- designed to provide a space for officers to relax and unwind -- will help facilitate open communication and improve mental healthcare within the department. 00:00:32

LL Police Chief Tiffany Hayes made history today. Chief Hayes says she's proud to take on this leadership role and keep moving the department forward. PKG NAT 26 years ago, Chief Hayes began her career with the Tybee Island Police Department as a dispatcher. She quickly moved up the ranks becoming the island's first-ever assistant police chief and now first-ever female police chief. "She knows Tybee. She knows its history, she knows our needs and she knows our challenges." Former Chief Bob Bryson says Chief Hayes is an exceptional officer with a strong work ethic. He says the way she runs her own household speaks volumes of how she will run the department. "Being the police chief is a very paternal aspect and now they get to have the maternal aspect and so she's going to do an amazing job." Chief Hayes had her two sons there to pin her ... and a community to cheer for her. NAT "It's been a pleasure to know her, see her working capabilities and the fact that she's extremely effective and efficient." In addition to being honored locally, she has gotten some national credentials as well, recently graduating from the FBI National Academy. "That was the best training I've ever received in my whole law enforcement career." Chief Hayes says she's ready to take on the responsibility and already has some ideas to maintain and recruit officers. "I hope to work with the guys closer to see what their needs are and try to meet their needs. Maybe look for some pay increases because we have a great department, we're very educated, very trained, and I believe that we need to bring that up." Now that history has been made, Chief Hayes says she hopes more women will feel inspired to get into law enforcement. "I hope that there are little girls watching this that say 'you know, that could be me one day.' It absolutely, 100%, could be you one day." Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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TYBEE PD  
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1/13/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD WALTHOURVILLE PD CHIEF SWEARING IN  
LL INTRO: The City of Walthourville has named Interim Police Chief Chris Reed as the new Chief of Police here, and Reed says his priority is the department's relationship with the community. Reed... receiving his official pin from his wife – as he assumed his position as chief this week. "It feels great to have interim off the front of 'chief.'" He's a military veteran with 18 years of experience in law enforcement, most recently working for the Liberty County Sheriff's Office before moving to Walthourville PD. "I know that I can do the job, and this is something I had been groomed for. Initially, my aspirations and goals was just to be the chief of detectives at the Liberty County Sheriff's Office. Sometimes God moves you for different things. I think he moved me and placed me here in Walthourville for this job." Reed says the department's position in the community will always remain top of mind. "In today's time, the way that people look at policing, we want to be as transparent as possible with the public. We want the public to understand the police are not here to harm you, we're here to help and to support you. We serve the public and that's what this department does." Serving the public – something Reed says he'll continue to do in his new role. In Walthourville, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:15

1/17/2023 5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD FLYNN: BCES COMMUNITY IMPACT  
Bryan County Emergency Services chief Freddie Howell says his team wanted to meet with Montgomery, Alabama's fire department to discuss the changes those crews had to make to support the Hyundai plant there. VO: Chief Howell says he learned a lot from the trip. Overall...he says call volumes in Montgomery...Alabama went up as more people moved to that area with the plant's opening. Howell says he expects similar impacts in Bryan County when Hyundai's Metaplant opens. He anticipates potentially more medical calls and wrecks in the county as the population continues to grow. Bryan County Emergency Services will provide fire and medical assistance for calls at Hyundai's Metaplant but won't have a building on site. Chief Howell says it's crucial that his department grows. SOT: Freddie Howell/Bryan County Emergency Services Chief: "We're already kind of looking into expanding our department, making it bigger, getting more equipment, more stations, more personnel to meet the needs of the future." LL: Chief Howell says his team also toured the Kia plant in West Point...Georgia to learn more about how the Hyundai plant here in Bryan County will impact his department. Reporting in Richmond Hill...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:12

1/17/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD LYONS BODY FOUND FOLO  
(sot) Lyons Police tell me a number of factors lead them to believe the remains are of David Adaway, who's been missing for almost two years. (vo) Children found human remains over the weekend in these woods off Highway 280. Chief Wesley Walker says they've been looking for 78 year old David Adaway since June 2021. He says a security camera captured Adaway leaving his neighborhood on foot and walking toward those woods before he disappeared. He says certain items found near the remains connect back to Adaway. Walker says search crews combed that area, but the terrain has changed in nearly two years. (sot) The spot is very low, in that wooded area. We think that, back during June 2021, that the area was probably flooded. (vo) Before he disappeared, Adaway had worked his shift at work and parked his vehicle at home before walking toward the woods. (sot) They now wait for confirmation from the autopsy at the GBI crime lab. Meanwhile, anyone with information in this case can still get in touch with police. In Lyons, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:00

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According to the sheriff, Hedman said he was trying to "educate" a 78-year-old man when things got physical. Officers arrested Hedman and charged him on three counts. The incident report says this all happened in the parking lot of a store after Hedman confronted the man because he was parked in a no parking area. WTOC is breaking down that report tonight on THE News at 6.

1/25/2023  
5:00:00 PM WAYNE CO.  
4PM OD DEPUTY  
ARRESTED  
LATEST

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The position oversees U.S. Marshal Services for 43 counties in Georgia and provides support for three federal courthouses, including Savannah. Former Garden City Police Chief David Lyons most recently served in the seat after he was appointed by President Donald Trump. Lyon's term expired at the end of the last year. U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff currently serves on the Judiciary Committee where the nomination has been referred.

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New at 4:30 - the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is looking into an inmate death in McIntosh County. The McIntosh County Sheriff's Office hasn't identified the inmate yet, but they say the person was found unconscious in their cell last night. They say the staff attempted life-saving measures but were unsuccessful. The inmate had just been arrested the day before. WTOC will update you when we learn more.

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1/27/2023 5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HAYLEY: CC CRIME STATS TAKE MINIPKG The latest numbers from the Chatham County Police Department show overall property crimes, including theft and burglary, are up 10 percent. Chief Hadley says shoplifting is a major contributor to that increase. In 2021, there were 235 cases of shoplifting, in 2022, there were 414. However, these numbers show a decrease in violent crime of 16 percent when you compare 2021 to 2022, something Hadley says is a welcome change. "We had 46 less incidents, that's 46 less victims. That's 46 less people that were affected by some type of violent crime, whether that be homicide all the way to aggravated assault. That's always a nice thing to see." Hadley says the department is still trying to fill vacancies... they've remained steady at an officer vacancy rate of 23 percent. LL TAG: Chief Hadley also advocated for his officers in front of the county commission today, asking for higher salaries for them... to compete with other departments. In SAV HB WTOC NEWS. 00:00:57

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BLUFFTON PD  
FORUM

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The city did not share why Libby left. He has held the job for more than a decade on and off. At one point - fired in 2019 by the interim city administrator at the time. He was reinstated just three months later in March of 2020 by city council. You may remember, he also briefly served as the interim city manager last year. WTOC will update you when we learn more.

1/30/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

PWW POLICE  
CHIEF  
RESIGNS

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Many Savannah Police officers, including Chief Lenny Gunther, joined with much of the nation waiting -- and eventually watching footage showing a Memphis man -- Tyree Nichols -- being beaten to death by police officers. Chief Lenny Gunther who officially stepped into the role about a month ago says he denounces the actions of all the officers involved and he felt the same way as the community after watching how it all happened. "I was shocked, outraged and saddened to see Tyree Nichols beat to his death. I felt betrayed." For Chief Gunther, who says he's working to improve morale and how the police department engages with the community. And speaking of morale -- Gunther also commented on the impact of the court system on SPD officers-- specifically when violent offenders get reduced charges and in some cases probation. "If you're an officer and arrest someone and they get a reduced sentence or parole I'm sure that has an affect on an officer who goes out there everyday and does a good job. ." The department is also still working through significant staffing shortages. "24% vacancy rate. We recently lost some from last year and we have about 129 vacancies but there is light at the end of the tunnel." That number is up by 55 since we reported on the shortage last year. Staffing is critical to get to the community engagement component of his crime reduction strategy. Which he says is mostly data driven -- "When do we need to be there and who do we need to focus on? So we aren't going to neighborhoods as an occupying army just focusing on everyone Gunther says the support he needs from the community -- is for people to talk to them and listen "Walk with us going forward as I commit as the chief I will do the same just walk with us"

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For the first five months that LifeStar Hinesville has been in operation, crew members were spending their down time in trailers in a field. Today, the base held an open house to show off the new living quarters that crew members can enjoy during those long shifts. It looks like any other laundry room... a washer, a dryer... and, medical supplies. The office, complete with a computer.. (nats) "with ground EMS, they don't carry blood" and a blood refrigerator. The new LifeStar Hinesville base has everything crew members need to relax- and stay prepared for medical calls. "Any type of thing that we can do to make sure they're comfortable before they go on those active calls, it benefits everybody, including the patient.} The new base also features bathrooms complete with showers, a full kitchen, and bedrooms for the pilots, paramedics, flight nurses, and mechanics to use on their shifts. Those shifts- can last anywhere from 12 to 24 hours. Lamontagne: "When they have downtime, you want them to be comfortable, because when they do get activated, you never know how long those transports are going to last." In the six months the base has been in operation, Lamontagne estimates they have transported 40 patients a month- showcasing the critical need for air medical service in the county. Lamontagne: "We're just happy that we're available to be able to support any needs that require a patient to be transported a little further out at a little quicker speed as well. So it's been great to be in the community, and happy that we can assist these patients that end up needing in-the-air transfer." Shea: This LifeStar base typically brings patients to the nearest Level One trauma center, which is in Jacksonville or Savannah. Reporting in Liberty County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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' "How we are interpreting the people that we task to protect us...once again we're looking at that and that's also what's affecting our mental health outcomes." Tyre Nichols was a Black father who never made it home after being beaten by Memphis police on January 7th. This sparked civil unrest across the country after footage was released but Licensed Professional Counselor Clayton Andrews says when Black people watch that video it creates a racial trauma. "And that trauma is not similar to your typical post traumatic stress. This is an ongoing trauma. These are historical intergenerational traumas." As a Black man himself, he says he it's easy for Black People to see the video and put themselves in Nichols' shoes. He says many of his patients across Georgia, including in Savannah have come to him with concerns after seeing the grueling incident. "There have been conversations to the numbness that one might feel, to that rope of here we go again, that anger, that depression, that feeling of hopelessness. All those feelings coming together because this pattern. This re experience of that racial trauma." When experiencing this kind of trauma, mental health experts encourage talking to people who can relate and seeking help from professionals. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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HEALTH  
POLICE VIDEO

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In three months, these will be the rookie officers and deputies patrolling the Coastal Empire. But they begin this journey under the cloud of a deadly case of police brutality in Memphis, Tennessee. (Christopher Youngblood - Academy cadet) "There's a lot of great examples, but there's also bad examples out there that are obviously casting a bigger shadow than everyone else doing a good job." Christopher Youngblood is one of about a dozen students in the 41st class of Savannah Tech's Peace Officer Academy. After four years in the Army, he found himself looking for a new career. "I always want to help people, So I thought the best correlation from the army to helping people with trauma medicine would be a police officer." "They are guilty of a felony if they're proven guilty." The 11-week course focuses on everything from firearm training to Constitutional law. (Cpt John Warezak - Peace Officer Academy Instructor) "The students are tested every week. They do PT every day. We try to keep the day moving for them." Captain John Warezak spent 32 years in Chatham County law enforcement - as an officer, detective, and a trainer. Now he's an instructor at the academy. "90% or more will have a job. A home to go to when they leave the Police Academy." More than 400 state-certified peace officers have graduated from the program since its inception in 2009. "Every week we have recruiters from different departments from all around the state, even the country, will come to the police academy and they'll talk to the class recruiting new officers." Nats The class includes recent high school graduates, former military... and even some already employed in law enforcement who are looking to take a step up. (Aaron Womack - CCSO jailer/Academy cadet) "I just don't want to be a jailer inside of the chair. I wanted to be a deputy, so this just progresses my career, getting certified." While their goal in three months will be employment - these cadets have another long term goal in mind. (Larry Champion - Academy cadet) "Just help people man and just try to save people's lives. You gotta look at every call as either you're going to save a life or you're going to change one." In Port Wentworth, Kyle Jordan... WTOC News. 00:02:00

1/31/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD SKILLED TO WORK: PEACE OFFICER TRAINING

Jasper County Emergency Services is giving an alternate emergency number to Centrylink customers. That's as a technical problem giving people issues calling 9-1-1. That alternate number if you can't reach 9-1-1 is on your screen now. It's 843-726-7519. WTOC will let you know when service is restored. 00:00:18

1/31/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD JASPER COUNTY 911 OUTAGE

David young and Michael Provenzano are wanted on charges connected to "Operation Ghost Busted." The charges are part of one of the largest federal indictments in our area. They're all connected to the white supremacist gang - the Ghost Face Gangsters. If you know where either of these men are - you're asked to call the F-B-I. 00:00:19

1/31/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD OPERATION GHOST BUSTED LATEST

LL INTRO: Assistant Police Chief Tracey Howard says the new body-worn cameras will help automate things for officers, as well as further increase the transparency of the department. This officer – is demonstrating how the department's current bodycams function. Soon – it'll get even simpler with the new cameras. "When the officer turns their blue lights on and activates the in-car camera, it'll also activate their body-worn camera at the same time. It'll be one less effort the officer has to make as they're exiting the vehicle." Howard says this allows for more footage to be captured. The new cameras are a newer generation of these cameras the department already has—both provided by LensLock. Howard says the updated software will operate more efficiently. "When the officer comes back to the station or within range of the station, the camera will then download." This – allows for automatic access of body cam footage. Previously, officers had to download their files onto a server. "If we get a call about something, we're able to see it immediately once the officers are back in range. If there's some question about what took place or what happened, or what the officer was involved in, we have that immediate ability." Howard says they're planning to buy around 70 of the new cameras, bringing all officers onto the new system. LL TAG: Howard says they're hoping to have the new body cameras at the department in the next few weeks. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Deputies say so far...they've received several reports of this scam with callers telling people they have a warrant out for their arrest. VO: The sheriff's office says as part of the scam...people receive a phone call telling them about the warrant. The caller then requests money to have the warrant "taken care of." Deputies say if you get one of these calls...do not give out any financial information. They say these scams are constantly evolving. "One minute it could be active warrants, but then it might become into unpaid tickets. It just really depends how long they can get away with the scam until they change it." Deputies say the sheriff's office never calls anyone about payments and doesn't give out warrant information over the phone. In Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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SCAM

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SHEA:  
HINESVILLE PD  
CITIZEN'S  
ACADEMY

((SHEA)) The Hinesville Police Department wants to add something new to the Citizen's Academy this year, because they say many people like to do the program more than once. ((VO)) This year, one new thing they'll be doing is offering a tour of the Liberty County Jail. Bryan Wolfe, the department's community resource officer, says that in addition to that, they'll also delve into criminal procedure and law, as well as patrol operations and investigations. The program is free and open to all adults. People signing up will be vetted by the Hinesville PD- but they say they've never turned anyone away. "Everyone that comes to this program, when they leave, they understand what we do and why we do it. They understand what good policing looks like and what bad policing look like. With that, I ask them to go out into the community and say, hey, you know, whenever they're discussing something or they see something, they'll have that knowledge to talk about it with their peers and hopefully improve community relations." Shea: The first class of the 10-week program is on February 23rd. We'll have a link to enroll on WTOC.com. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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Separately in Chatham County - One person has been charged in connection to a July shooting on Skidaway Road. Quinten Jenkins is charged in the death of Malik Green. That's according to the Chatham County Police Department . The department says officers were called to the 76-hundred block of Skidaway Road for a shooting just before midnight on July 26th of 2022. Police say that's where they found Green who was pronounced dead on the scene. Jenkins is charged charged with felony murder, aggravated assault, and theft by taking of a motor vehicle.

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PD TYRE  
NICHOLS REAX

(sot) Statesboro's police chief says officers and agencies nationwide can, and should, condemn the actions that led to the death of Tyre Nichols..without condemning law enforcement as a whole. (vo) The incident in Memphis back on January 7 drew national attention. A traffic stop ended with five officers striking Nichols, using a taser and pepper spray. Nichols died days later. Statesboro police chief Mike Broadhead joined others in publicly condemning the officers' actions. (sot) I think I shared the same revulsion that everybody had. That wasn't policing. That was criminal behavior under the color of authority. (vo) He says many "use of force" cases can be debated whether they're justified or not. This one, and the death of George Floyd go beyond what is justified. He believes most Americans support responsible, law-abiding officers and may feel conflicted in the face of something like this tragedy. (sot) I just want to reassure them that you can support police and not support that kind of behavior, because that's not policing..not proper policing. (vo) He says cases like this one test the trust and partnership between law officers and the people they should protect. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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?(sot) The incident here at Smith State Prison started around 8pm last night. It sent three inmates to hospitals for medical treatment and took about 90 minutes for officers inside and outside to get things under control. (vo) Emergency teams flew two inmates to Savannah for treatment with a third taken by ambulance to Evans Memorial Hospital. Sheriff's deputies from Tattnall County and other agencies responded as backup. The incident remains under investigation by the Georgia Department of Corrections. (sot) This happened the same night as the warden was fired and arrested as part of an extended investigation. We'll continue to follow this and bring you any developments. Outside Glennville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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(sot) The firing and arrest of the warden marks the latest development in an ongoing investigation that points to contraband, corruption, and even murder. (vo) The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced they'd arrested Brian Adams on charges of Racketeering, bribery, false statements and violation of oath of office. The arrest comes during an investigation of contraband coming into the prison. The prison is also at the center of the 2021 murder. Investigators say suspects, including a Smith State inmate, planned to murder a prison corrections officer to hide the contraband. Instead they killed one of the officer's neighbors, Bobby Kicklighter. Adams surrendered to sheriff's deputies at the Tattnall County jail and is now free on bond. (sot) I spoke to Adams' attorney by phone and he declined any statement as he said it is too soon in the case. Of course, we'll continue to follow this case and bring you updates. In Tattnall County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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That brings us to today - Former Smith State Prison Warden Brian Adams is now charged as a result of those investigations. The GBI says they arrested Adams yesterday. He's facing racketeering charges, along with bribery, false statements and violating his oath of office. WTOC confirmed Adams was fired back in mid-January before his arrest. The G-B-I is asking anyone who knows anything about these cases to call their Statesboro office at 912-871-1121.

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RIOT AT SMITH  
STATE PRISON

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RECRUITMENT  
EVENT

If you're interested in a job in law enforcement -- the Effingham County Sheriff's Office is hosting a recruitment event this Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the WorkSource Coastal Effingham Job Center -- that's on South Columbia Avenue in Rincon. You're asked to bring your resume. The sheriff's office is hiring for a number of positions including dispatchers and officers. Effingham County Fire Rescue, Port City Logistics, and Waffle House will also be at the hiring event with open positions as well.

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Chief Tiffany Hayes and her new Assistant Chief Bertram Whitley have spent a combined 37 years with the department. The duo are long-time friends and colleagues and together they rose to the top. PKG "It's always been a goal of mine to do the best I can and rise through the ranks." From a young age ... playing cops and robbers with family on Tybee Island ... Bertram Whitley says he always knew he wanted to be a police officer. "I have always had a passion for helping people and this role and this profession is very self-gratifying to me." And he fulfilled those childhood dreams. Whitley was an officer with Thunderbolt Police before coming to Tybee's Police Department in 2012. And before becoming Assistant Chief Whitley, he was Lieutenant Whitley working in the department's investigation unit. "During my time in investigations I had the opportunity to meet a lot of business owners, a lot of residents and even a lot of vacationers. I think being able to work with them one-on-one is going to help me put back some of the things I learned from them into the community." Whitley isn't the only one in a new role, though, Chief Tiffany Hayes is too. Chief Hayes says she's confident in what Whitley brings to the table. She's been an advocate for him for years. "I knew him when he was with Thunderbolt. I asked him several times when he was with Thunderbolt to come apply for us and eventually he fell." Chief Hayes says they're already working together on things like recruiting for the department, getting new certifications and creating a scholarship for employees and citizens. "I think we've got a lot of great ideas to move forward. You know, change isn't always comfortable. Sometimes it's good, sometimes it's bad. Hopefully our change is going to be good." The two say the community's support is everything and they want them to know they're in good hands. "We're always going to be fair, we're always going to be trustworthy, and we can always be counted on." "I just want to say thank you for their support and hopefully they continue to support us." Chief Hayes says they also have four new officers, so she says they are prepared heading into the busy summer months when the call volume spikes. She says growth, like this, in the department is important and if anyone is interested in working with them they should reach out. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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TYBEE PD  
NEW  
LEADERSHIP

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Chief Kerry Thomas may not be a familiar face to residents, but he is to the city of Savannah. He served SPD for 31 years, some of that time as patrol sergeant, lieutenant, major and assistant chief. He was police chief of the Chamblee-Ga police department for 5 years. And Tuesday he was sworn in "I will so help me God" as Port Wentworth's first Black police chief. "A lot of times when that is said, you stand in representation. Representation of little kids aspiring that 'I too, can be that'. It puts additional responsibility on your shoulders because not that you weren't gonna do it right in the first place but you know they're watching." The city manager Steve Davis says you can't ignore a historic moment like this. "Very historic and it's exciting. I think the demographics of this city has changed dramatically over time but he was not hired for any of that. He was the best candidate by far." Chief Thomas' main reason for coming here is family -- and he says a top priority of his will be engaging with the youth. "If you can just save one or two that's coming to those cross roads where you can provide them resources they can draw off of." Davis says the city posted the job and interviewed three candidates -- with a full panel. "He commands respect as he walks and talks and I really like that about him and his communication skills externally and internally and with administration is gonna be key that we have a good relationship." Chief Thomas says he plans to be transparent with the community and their department will be held accountable under his leadership. "Amazing professionalism already present so it's an easy lift when you have a foundation that's already solid."

2/15/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD ALYSSA: PORT WENTWORTH NEW POLICE CHIEF 00:01:38

(sot) Make a list of social media influencers, and four-legged police officers might not be near the top. But some local K9's have gone positively viral. (vo) Founders of the Georgia Police K9 Foundation shared a video this morning to announce YouTube recognized them for achieving 100,000 subscribers to their channel. The group started in 2017 as a way to assist K9 handlers and law enforcement agencies. The group helps agencies equip their K9 and helps provide care for retired K9's too. Briley says their following helps raise funds and visibility. (sot) "Social media helps us a tremendous amount. We're able to raise awareness, not only in Georgia, but the rest of the country and the world. We have supporters in other countries and throughout the states." (vo) Their single biggest fundraiser happens in June with their gala and auction, which draws law officers and supporters from around the Southeast. (sot) He says they could not have imagined growing this quickly. But they're glad they have. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOG news.

2/15/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD DAL: POLICE K9 FUNDRAISER 00:01:00

Almost two years to the day that William Harvey died in savannah police custody -- his family isn't satisfied with the lack of progress in the case. WTOC has been following this since it happened. You might remember Harvey was brought to headquarters for questioning in-connection to an aggravated assault case. An ante-litem notice recently sent to the city of savannah goes back to the day it all happened -- April 3rd "Put him in that room. Chained him to the wall and despite his pleas....left him there." The letter claims Harvey repeatedly told SPD officers he was a paranoid schizophrenic, that they would have to kill him or he would rather die than go to jail And that he was banging his his head on a table in the interrogation room. "People who go into SPD headquarters should expect to emerge alive not carried out in a body bag." The letter also claims the toxicology report found his blood had alcohol and a "low calibration of 50 micrograms of cocaine in his system"....and that officers were aware he was intoxicated. The 14-page notice also laying out racism, discrimination and a violation of Harvey's constitutional rights that day -- attorney Johnson says their office has drawn conclusions from facts over the course of two years.... now city and county leaders need to do the same "Citizens should ask serious questions to mayor and council, to the district attorney's office to other folks who are elected and or paid a salary to do these jobs as to why it's taking so long to reach conclusions on their part" I asked attorney Johnson is the 12-million-dollars they're asking for enough? "Resolve that for these sons of Mr. Harvey who have asked us not about money but how we can ensure he did not die in vain and other citizens aren't put in equally dangerous positions and that is what they are after."

2/16/2023  
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HARVEY

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The director of Chatham-Savannah's C-N-T warning county commissioners of a possible rise in fentanyl related overdose deaths. In 2022...Chatham County had 56 deaths...up 20 percent from the year before . Voice of: "I don't anticipate that number going down. We can only hope and pray that we're holding our own at the end of this year." According to the C-D-C...fentanyl is an opioid 50 times stronger than heroine. Sarhartt says his agents are working to investigate the overdose deaths...and warns that a large number of illegally-bought pills are laced with the drug. "80% of the pills on the street that you don't go to a pharmacist, and you go straight to them. 80% of those are laced with fentanyl." And now...warnings over a drug called Kratom. Listed by the Drug Enforcement Administration as a drug of concern...Kratom has been banned in six states. Local law enforcement leaders now asking for fewer people to be able to get ahold of this drug that is commonly used as non-prescription option for anxiety relief and opioid withdrawal. "This stuff, the Kratom, that will get laced. I guarantee it's going to get laced." County commissioners approving a resolution at the meeting to further research Kratom's effects. "If we don't do something, we're not doing our part. I'm very concerned about what is out there for our youth to consume."

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DRUG  
OVERDOSE  
DEATHS

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2/17/2023 5:30pm SPD SHOT  
6:29:00 PM OD SPOTTER  
ARREST

In a statement - Police Chief Lenny Gunther says this case is proof investing in the ShotSpotter technology is paying off. He writes in part, "It put us in the immediate area of the crime, enabling us to quickly locate and aid the victim and to swiftly wrap up a case that could reduce other criminal activity on that street."

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2/20/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD FMR SMITH  
STATE PRISON  
EMPLOYEE  
INTVW

(sot) The arrest of Smith State Prison's warden likely surprised plenty of people around the state. But a prison employee says you and I would be shocked at the criminal operation running behind that fence and inside those walls. (vo) Even with the arrest of now-former warden Brian Adams, an employee who spoke with us still did not want to be identified. They said contraband comes into the prison at an alarming rate. It ranges from tobacco to high end shoes and clothes to gaming systems. But those are used for more than fun. This staffer tells us inmates hack into the prison's internet and use the game to navigate drones to make drops over the prison fence. (sot) "What was coming in by the drones was the hard contraband, the hard drugs, the cell phones, the throw over the fences. That's what that was." (vo) This staffer believes others besides Adams are in on the ring, or they're placed in positions they aren't experienced enough to handle. (sot) They do a shake down, they find tons of cell phones, knives, contraband, drugs. You name it, they find it. (vo) The staff member tells us extreme short-staffing has helped inmates run their operation with hardly any worry about getting caught and some officers are fearful to investigate. (sot) We are allowed to do what the inmates allow us to do. We go home every day by the grace of the inmates. (vo) Investigators believe at least one murder in the area connects back to the crime. They believe an inmate placed a hit on a corrections officer but his partners killed 80 year old neighbor Bobby Kicklighter by mistake. We contacted the Georgia Department of Corrections for a comment on these claims but received no reply. (sot) And we'll continue to follow this story and bring you updates. In Tattnall County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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That means all of their personnel are now trained and certified by the national register and georgia state certification for EMS. Chief Michael Dick says this makes them a better tool for the community. They can give a higher level of service because some protocols require EMS certification.

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2/28/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD N GC EMS CERTIFICATIO "Even in Garden City, we ran about 3,000 calls last year. In total between savannah and chatham county there were almost 40,000 calls of service between fire, police and EMS. So it's basically a benefit for the community. We can get out there and help them render first aid with a little bit higher of care until EMS gets there." He says the community can also help them out by only calling 9-1-1 when you need them -- because they still get a lot of calls for non-emergencies. 00:00:28

3/1/2023 4:30PM 5:29:00 PM OD DAL: STATESBORO CRIME STATS (sot) A new report says crime in Statesboro has gone down. The police chief says what's gone up is the awareness of crime. (vo) The department released numbers for violent crimes and property crimes in 2022 that could be welcomed news to many. (sot) Aggravated assault has gone down. Burglary has gone down. Theft has gone down. All of those..robbery has gone down. (vo) They saw three homicides last year, same as in 2021, but fewer than 2020 While aggravated assaults dropped roughly in half. Robberies dropped drastically while Burglaries dipped as well. Statesboro's mayor applauded the department last night in his annual address. (sot) The police department was able to handle 42,000 calls for service last year, meanwhile we've seen a reduction in violent crime in the city by roughly 40 percent. (vo) Broadhead says news of a crime spreads faster now than in years past and can give a perception of a crime problem even when case numbers are smaller than other communities. (sot) There's a facet of us releasing the numbers to help square reality with perception. (vo) He says plenty of factors can help reduce crime, and he hopes they all keep working. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:08

"While there have been several gun-related crimes in Savannah so far this year. Mayor Van Johnson says the last homicide happened in late December. He says many moving parts play a role in the lack of lives taken." No killings in January and February... "This has not happened in our recorded history in the last 20 years, so we're grateful." Mayor Johnson says the number of homicides in the past two months can change. If any of the 14 people who have been shot this year die from their injuries, then the number of killings will no longer than be zero. Still he says he's proud of how hard the community has worked together to get to where we are today. "There have been many dedicated folks, not only with the Savannah Police Department, but with our ONSE (Office of Neighborhood and Safety Engagement), increasing community engagement, our faith leaders and neighbors; people just working together." There HAVE been 49 gun related crimes this year as of last Friday, according Savannah Police. That number puts the city at 4 shootings less than this time last year. That number does not include the shooting on Pennsylvania Avenue this week where a teen was shot in the leg. Mayor Johnson says he knows work still needs to be done but he recognizes the achievement. "People can recover and continue to live their lives. We have not buried anybody. Again, it still requires some significant action from our state, for us to make sure that we are dealing with issues of gun availability and take significant work from our prosecutorial community to make sure we are sending a very clear message that gun violence and trigger pulling is not acceptable in our community." A community trying to tackle gun violence for many lives' sake. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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SAVANNAH  
HOMICIDE  
NUMBERS

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(sot) The sheriff's office rolled out their app to, not only give people urgent alerts, but also helpful details they might need too. (vo) Sheriff Andy Batten says they've been working on the app for months before they rolled it out on Thursday. They can use it to alert people of things like an accident or a person on the run. They can also find useful information on local courts and how to pay tickets. The sheriff says it's just the latest way to reach the most people quickly. (sot) Pretty much everybody has at least one in their hand or in their pocket or close by. They'll interact with that cell phone throughout the day. It gives us the opportunity to reach them with information. (vo) People can also check visitation times for jail inmates or even deposit money into an inmate's commissary account. They've already seen a few hundred downloads since Monday. (sot) The sheriff says they'll continue to tweak the app to make it even more helpful. In Alma, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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BACON CO.  
SHERIFF NEW  
APP

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WTOC Investigates talked with more than a dozen criminal defense attorneys and former prosecutors for this report - a few of them agreed speak on camera at risk to their professional relationship with the DA's office. "It's not an easy time to be a defense attorney. There is a tremendous amount of turnover at the district attorney's office - a lack of continuity and consistency." "But it is having a very negative impact on my ability to do my job, the courts abilities to function. I mean, the courts are continuing cases because the District Attorney and coming and saying we don't have the people to handle the case. Those we talked to say some turnover is expected when a new DA takes office. Also, they say the pandemic has made it more competitive to hire attorneys because of remote work opportunities. But one thing is clear: There is a drastic drop in the number of felony prosecutors working in Chatham County. WTOC Investigates looked at staff rosters going back to January of 2021 when the DA first took office. There's been about a 35 percent drop in overall staff since then. But the number of felony prosecutors is half what it was: Records show many of those who left resigned last year. And several went to work for another D.A.'s Office in a neighboring circuit. Defense attorneys say the exodus is having a profound impact on the courts and contributing to a backlog of criminal cases. "They've got an entire superior courtroom up there with no prosecutor assigned to it. That's like 700 something cases left unmanned listed as ADA pending. That's unacceptable. That should never happen." "But that person still, of course, is entitled to their day in court and if there's no prosecutor there to prosecute the case, I just don't know what else anybody can do." The shortage of felony prosecutors is something WTOC Investigates has seen first hand in court going back weeks. In a recent court filing, Chief Prosecutor Mike Edwards explained how a murder case had gone unassigned for months, several prosecutors had since departed. And his last day with the DA's Office was this past Friday.

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STAFFING  
CONCERNS

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(eev- saan-laawrant) The indictment establishes Weekes, Kraft, and Jones as members of the "Yves Saint Laurent Squad" – which according to the document, is a group that profits from smuggling contraband into Smith State Prison – and uses violence to do it. Nathan Weekes, who entered Smith State Prison in 2019 – is listed as the president of the group – and has even claimed that "it is his prison." The document says Jessica Gerling, the murder victim, was the "First Lady" of the group... She worked as a Corrections Officer at Smith State Prison while carrying on a romantic relationship with Weekes, and was eventually fired in June 2020 for smuggling in marijuana for the gang to sell to inmates. She was facing charges for this – but Weekes and Jones recruited Kraft to help them kill Gerling on June 28th, 2021 in Long County, according to the indictment. Dennis Kraft was arrested and charged this January for his involvement in Gerling's death. This indictment is the first time Weekes and Jones have been connected to the murder, both were already in custody for different crimes when Kraft was arrested. --pull out pg 9-- The document also says the group has a pattern of bribing and coercing corrections officers— it says inmates offer guards money to bring in contraband. When that doesn't work, they use violence. --pull out pg 8 – Making things more difficult for law enforcement to control the prison, the indictment says the gang recruits people on the outside to apply for corrections jobs, creating a "whack a mole" of investigations into dirty guards. While this indictment is about Gerling's death, it connects other murders to the "Yves Saint Laurent Squad". --pull out pg 13 -- This includes the murder of Jerry Lee Davis, a Wayne County man killed in 2021—the document states that Weekes, Gerling, and Christopher Sumlin, another member of the group, killed him. --pull out pg 13 -- It also connects the death of Bobby Kicklighter – which happened in January 2021 in Tattnall County—to the group. Investigators have called this a case of mistaken identity, with the intended target being a corrections officer who once lived on the same street. Keisha Jones, Sumlin, Weekes, and Aerial Murphy had already been charged in this murder. It goes on to explain the violence corrections officers face working inside the prison – including an officer who was assaulted... and another who faced threats.

3/10/2023  
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SMITH STATE  
PRISON GANG

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		EFFINGHAM	The Effingham County Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a fake letter going around on social media tonight. The letter says that the office has accidentally issued 8-hundred school zone speed camera tickets to innocent drivers. You'll be able to tell that this is fake since Sheriff McDuffie's name is spelled wrong. If you remember- there was a similar fake letter about the school zone cameras back in December.	
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		EFFINGHAM	The letter says the office has accidentally issued 800 school zone speed camera tickets to innocent drivers. Sheriff Jimmy McDuffie's name is misspelled in the letter. If you recall--- a similar fake letter about the school zone cameras showed up on social media back in December.	
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		SMITH STATE	WTOC had the only camera in the courtroom as a man accused of murdering a woman on behalf of a prison gang appeared before a Long County judge. Judge Glen Cheney denied bond for Dennis Kraft. Kraft is accused in a murder-for-hire scheme investigators say is connected to a larger, ongoing investigation into corruption at Smith State Prison. Two other people - Nathan Weekes and his girlfriend Keisha Jones - are also charged in the 2021 death of Jessica Gerling. Gerling was a former corrections officer. At the time of her death, she was facing charges for smuggling marijuana into the prison.	
3/14/2023		PRISON GANG		
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"William Harvey's mother says no amount of money will heal the wound of losing her son while being interrogated at the Savannah Police Department. Family lawyers say they're suing the city of Savannah for \$12 million as there are still several questions to be answered in this case." "To hear how my child died from neglect, it tears me apart." Lawyers representing William "Zach" Harvey say during his questioning in April of 2021, he repeatedly warned Savannah Police Officers of his mental health. "He was paranoid, schizophrenic and bipolar." Lawyers with Davis Bozeman and Johnson Law say their federal lawsuit details how Harvey told police he would rather kill himself then go to jail but police left him alone and cameras were inactive. Lawyer Harold Spence says they are suing the city for American Disability Act and civil rights violations, deliberate neglect, and for violating the Savannah Police Department's own requirements listed in their policies. "The City of Savannah should have turned on a camera to record what was going on there and to monitor it. There should have been an investigator in another room monitoring what was going on while Mr. Harvey was being interviewed and Mr. Harvey should have never been left alone in the interview room." Lawyers served the city a letter 30 days ago saying the family would sue if not granted \$12 million for the damage that's been done. Mayor Van Johnson says they don't comment on pending litigation. "It's not unexpected. We've been served and we will respond." Regarding any possible criminal charges, Harvey's family's lawyers say the case is in the hands of the District Attorney's Office. The GBI gave their completed case file to the DA's Office in October 2021. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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SAVANNAH IN  
CUSTODY  
DEATH  
LAWSUIT

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"Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely tells me a new computer aided dispatch system will be coming to the county soon and it will help free up dispatchers to take more of those 911 calls that are going unanswered." The Chatham County Commission got an update on the system from program manager Kelvin Lewis. The county has been trying to make their dispatch system run more smooth since they took over 911 calls for all of Chatham County more than four years ago. "When the county took over and merged the city's and county's 911 call operations there were inefficiencies that were shown that were actually exacerbated in a lot of ways." Right now, first response agencies have to call dispatchers to get information about an emergency situation occurring. In the works since 20-19, the new program would send first responders that information as soon as it's available. This way dispatchers aren't tied up with police and fire officials and can get to your emergency calls. "It will definitely affect the problem in a positive way but to be honest I think it would be tough to say that we'll ever be able to fix that problem. The reason being is we don't have have an infinite amount of dispatchers." The system would include all agencies in Chatham County except Tybee Island agencies. "He says that system is expected to hit the ground running sometime in between July and September. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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CHATHAM CO.  
DISPATCH  
HELP

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(sot) Statesboro's police chief says a rise in local drug overdose deaths mirrors a problem growing nationwide. (vo) Chief Mike Broadhead says his officers have already been called to seven drug overdose cases so far this year. That's as many as they saw in all of 2022. In fact, they've seen five deaths already compared to four last year. Broadhead says many cases share a common root. (sot) The problem is that fentanyl is so dangerous, it's measured in micrograms. So if you put grams in something instead of micrograms, you're going to kill somebody. (vo) He says dealers are mixing fentanyl into common recreational drugs to spread them further or mimic prescription pills. (sot) ..they don't know what they're getting. It might look like a legitimate pharmaceutical, but it was manufactured in a backyard lab somewhere. (vo) He says more people need to view drug addiction as an illness and look for ways to get people treated. Family and friends must be willing to help. (sot) There's an amnesty law in Georgia that if you're with someone who's having an overdose, you can call for 911 to help them without suffering any repercussions or being arrested. (vo) He says drug courts and available treatment should help encourage people to get treatment and less worried about getting arrested. (sot) He says this community and the nation as a whole has to pull together to deal with the issue. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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"There's an amnesty law in Georgia that if you're with someone who's having an overdose, you can call for 911 to help them without suffering any repercussions or being arrested." Chief Broadhead says drug courts and available treatment should help encourage people to get well.

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County Commission Chairman Chester Ellis and Savannah Mayor Van Johnson issued statements of support. Mayor Johnson writing in part, "This investment in our community's emergency response facilities is a gamechanger for our ability to weather any storm that may come our way."

3/15/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD CHATHAM EMS NEW OPS CENTER 00:00:17

Savannah's St. Patrick's Day is a time for celebration. But Chatham County Sheriff John Wilcher says it's also a time that more people get arrested. So...area law enforcement is continuing their own tradition of sorts...by speeding up processing for certain violations. "The city will have a command post set up and if they want to take you there and process you and you pay a fine or whatever, they release you on a subpoena, that will be done there. If you are stupid enough to have to come to the jail, and you don't listen to them, then we'll do it at the jail." Sheriff Wilcher says during some St. Patrick's Days...he's seen as many as 300 people come to the jail. And with continuing officer shortages...Wilcher says the expedited processing will help prevent overcrowding. "I got 1,215 people in jail today. I'm 190 officers short. The city is 140 officers short. The county's 40 officers short. So, we're trying to make things as easy as we can, so we don't overburden each other." You don't have to go to court for city ordinance violations if you pay the fine. If you're caught with an open container outside of the festival zone, the amount due is 121 dollars. Disorderly conduct will cost you nearly 230 dollars. Underage drinking...nearly 250 dollars. Sheriff Wilcher says the best way to keep out of trouble this weekend...is to look out for others in your group. "Instead of becoming a statistic and somebody coming to my bed and breakfast, if you and I take care of each other, then they won't ever see that."

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ST. PATRICKS  
DAY SHERIFFS  
OFFICE PREPS

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PKG: While hundreds of thousands gather in the Hostess City for St. Patrick's Day...2 miles west of downtown... response teams are watching over crowds from their Emergency Command Center. "Decisions get made on how we're going to respond to it. What units we're going to send to it. We can adjust light timing from here for traffic flow, we can order barricades to areas and things like that. So, it's going to depend on the issue." This is a different location from years past but it's still equipped with street cameras and traffic maps that allow officers to monitor key areas in Savannah. \*nats of sirens\* It's been a busy day for the more than 200 savannah police officers patrolling the streets. The department helped with Irish fighter Connor McGregor's security detail in the parade. Pop: Let's go Savannah. And assisted with a parade participant who fell from a float. \*nats\* That person was taken to an area trauma center. The department says so far...they aren't aware of any arrests...and...51 cars were towed to clear the parade. And now as night approaches...SPD says they're shifting patrol efforts. "It focuses less on traffic control and crowd control and more on inebriated people, fights, things like that." And while thousands are expected to be out at city bars and restaurants...others are leaving town altogether. "Oh no, we're getting out of here before tonight. We don't want to see tonight."

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FLYNN: POLICE  
ON ST.  
PATRICK'S  
DAY SAFETY

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According to the Georgia Department of Corrections an inmate was found dead in their cell Saturday. According to the Tattall County Coroner Brad Anderson the inmate was 29 years old and was in a single-person cell. They were found around 8 a.m. The death is a suspected suicide. The body will be sent to the state's crime lab for further examination.

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INMATE  
FOUND DEAD  
IN CELL

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FLYNN: ST.  
PATRICK'S  
STATS

During a news conference today...Savannah Mayor Van Johnson said more than 100-thousand people were in town over the weekend. That's up from an estimated 60-thousand last year. Savannah police also report the lowest numbers of arrests during St. Patrick's Day the department has seen in years. 12 people were arrested in the festival zone. The mayor says he's proud of the city's response to the large crowds.

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BEAUFORT  
MAYOR ON  
CYBER  
SUMMIT

For years it's been a goal here in the city of Beaufort to become a nationally recognized hub for cyber security and now that the second annual south coast cyber summit is in the books the city's mayor believes they've become that. "Right now we currently have about 100 students of all ages in some form of cyber security training in Beaufort County. That's not something that we had a year ago, so we're making real progress and building that organizational capacity and changing people's lives and giving them the skills they need to take these jobs. Vo He credits the partnerships between the public and private sector for bringing hundreds of people to this summit and growing the city's reputation. Sot "We had the commanding general that runs Army cyber command down from Fort Gordon, also folks that are in maritime cyber security... and they've all said Beaufort is now on the map in the cyber security space." Mayor Murray says as they continue to address this national problem here locally he knows there's still work to be done, but he's incredible proud of what the city's already accomplished. Reporting from Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY STATS

The city of Savannah breathing a sigh of relief after this weekend's St. Patrick's Day celebrations. "We were relatively quiet in the midst of a very raucous and robust celebration." Mayor Van Johnson says attendance numbers were up from 60-thousand in 2022...to more than 100,000 this year. \*nats of crowds\* Even with the uptick...Savannah Police reported the fewest number of arrests the department has seen in years with just 12 in the festival zone. In a statement...SPD Chief Lenny Gunther says in part "The low arrest totals from this year can be attributed to the more family friendly changes the City of Savannah has made to the annual event." The department's alcohol beverage compliance unit did an undercover check at 44 businesses on Friday and Saturday with 12 failing. Frozen cocktail chain Fat Tuesday was one of the businesses that came out with a passing grade. Director Rachel Legers says her stores quadrupled business during their first St. Patrick's Day weekend...with frequent check-ins from police. "We were approached numerous times between Friday and Saturday night. (BUTTED TO) "All ID's were checked. No paper ID's came through. No expired ID's, no underage. Everbody was of age that came in and everybody was served correctly and we are so proud of that." Mayor Johnson says that operation was necessary during the busiest weekend of the year. "That is when you get lazy and that is when you slip up. (BUTTED TO) "There were people that I saw that looked a little suspect in terms of their age. This is the time you want to make sure that everyone's on game. Everybody's doing what they're supposed to be doing." More than 1-thousand parking citations were handed out with 58 cars towed from the parade route Friday. Overall...the city giving itself a stamp of approval for this year's celebration with preparations soon underway next year's 200th anniversary.

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3/22/2023	4:30PM	RESPONDER	Several Bryan County first responders recognized for their service today	The Richmond Hill Exchange
4:29:00 PM	OD	AWARDS	Club hands out the awards every year based off of peer nominations. The clubs' director says it's so	important to show the communities appreciation.
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			The Sheriff's office is searching for a man wearing a blue shirt and a ball cap alongside U-S Marshals	and dog tracking teams. This didn't impact any school dismissals today, but the Sheriff's office says
3/24/2023		BRYAN CO.	extra Pembroke Police officers were posted at area schools as a precaution. WTOC will update you	when more information becomes available.
4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	MANHUNT		
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			"Chatham County Police Chief Jeff Hadley told county commissioners that aggravated assaults,	especially with guns are the bulk of those violent crimes on the rise." According to Hadley's report, there
			have been 45 aggravated assaults so far this year and 37 this time last year in unincorporated Chatham	County. There's been more than double the amount of gun related crimes this year than last year with
			22 assaults involving a gun. He says aggravated assaults with guns can be anything from someone	pointing their gun at someone to actually pulling the trigger. "That kind of popped out to me and I asked
			our crime analyst, 'is there any pattern to that? Is there any connectivity issues between the incident?'	And there doesn't seem to be. It just seems that people are utilizing weapons, more brandishing them,
			pointing them at someone as a way to try to resolve conflict or show force and something of that nature.	We'll continue to monitor it. We're only three months into the year. It could smooth out." He says gun
			thefts from unlocked cars are also on track to be higher than recent years. "Very few firearms are stolen	from vehicles that are broken into by smashing the window or anything like that. If I could just encourage
			people, if you have a firearm in your vehicle, please lock your vehicle." While gun violence is on the rise,	county police have been cracking down on more burglaries thanks to an increase in Flock cameras
			located around the county. Every police department in the county can access these cameras that track	license plates, helping them locate suspects quicker like the ones you see here in his presentation. "We
			can share information and obviously criminals don't always have boundaries, so it's been an invaluable	resource for us and our detectives." One of the many steps they're taking to make these crime numbers
			go down. Camille Syed WTOC News	
3/24/2023	5:30pm	CCPD CRIME		
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3/25/2023 WKEND 6:00:00 PM 6PM OD	SPD HEADQUARTE RS TO MOVE	Savannah Police say they're temporarily re-locating their headquarters. The change starts next week - as the Habersham Street location undergoes renovations. Starting Monday - the police headquarters will operate out of their location on Abercorn Street...but they won't have normal business operations until April 3rd. They say if you need assistance in the meantime, you should go to any other S-P-D precinct location.	00:00:25
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3/27/2023 5:30pm 5:29:00 PM OD	EFFINGHAM CO. EGG HUNT	It's happening this Saturday at the Sheriff's Office in Springfield. The hunt for kids starts around 10:30 a-m. They'll also have an adult egg hunt an hour later. Deputies say there will be prizes and surprises for people that come out. It's free - you'll just need to bring your own Easter basket to participate.	00:00:18
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3/27/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	LOWCOUNTRY EXPUNGEMEN T CLINIC	"Even if you do have a dismissal, it is going to show up on your record. People are under the assumption it comes off after so many years and that's not true. Anything even with the dismissal, you're going to have to have it expunged in order for it to completely come off your record." She says once the application is approved, the charge or offense is removed from their federal background check, their local background check and at the jail. If you couldn't make it out to today's event, you can go to the solicitor's website to apply for an expungement. We have that link on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:35
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3/27/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD	LOWCOUNTRY EXPUNGEMEN T CLINIC	New tonight-- The 14th circuit solicitors office holding an expungement clinic today in Bluffton. Those who have qualifying charges in Beaufort, Jasper or Hampton County could apply to get rid of them on their criminal record. According to the solicitors office, a criminal record includes both arrests and court dispositions. They also say if you have a lower court charge and pay off the fine, it is considered guilty. And it doesn't mean it is completely removed from your record.	00:00:29
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A simple thank you doesn't always have to be simple. "We can show the community what caliber police officer we have and it personalizes them for the community. The Exchange Club of Savannah recognized four members of the Chatham County Police Department with their annual Crime Fighters of the Year Awards, honors the community organization gives to those who serve the community. "all them go out and it's not like going to a 9-5 job. Policemen and Police women kind of put their lives on the line for us. So, we'd like to honor that here today. "It's tremendous. I always encourage citizens to go up to officers and thank them for what they do. And I tell you, Savannah is amazing with that. From the moment I got here, you just feel it. People are genuine, they're very intentional about it, they appreciate law enforcement or armed services or anybody in the first responder realm. The Exchange Club recognized four officers, including Detective Chelsea Drane, who was one of the lead investigators on the Quinton Simon case. "The amount of work that she did, time away from her family, was there 18 hours a day doing anything and everything we needed her to do to bring some justice to that case. And Agent of the Year Warren Weir, of the Counter Narcotics Team, who helped complete several arrests that kept dangerous drugs off of Savannah's streets ... "1.4 kilograms of cocaine, 23.9 grams of methamphetamine, 31 million prescription pills ... helping keep the community safe. "Our Police Department, you don't always see them, but you know they're there. "Savannah is a growing town and a growing town needs these services more and more. And the WTOC Hometown Heroes providing that service don't do it for awards. But it is gratifying to receive them. "This is fantastic. This is the good stuff. Tim Guidera, WTOC news.

3/27/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD  
TIM:  
HOMETOWN  
HERO

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"Getting a chance to look around an ambulance, a SWAT truck, a fire truck is of course a cool experience for a kindergartener but the goal behind this program is to make them feel more comfortable around first responders at a young age." While Henderson Formey Kindergartners got their chance to climb up on these trucks.. the group, Resilient Georgia, worked behind the scenes to put this event together. Organizers say children have to battle more mental health issues and traumatic events than years past. They hope by having this event young children won't be scared to approach a first responder when it's needed. And it's something EMS paramedics appreciate. "Getting kids friendly. Sometimes it's scary to be around a first responder and this is just more of a way of giving back to the community, teaching a little bit. Kids had a blast. We had a blast and we will be implementing another program on this next month." This is one of many events like it to come. Resilient Georgia says they will be inviting first responders and District Attorney's Office officials back to Henderson Formey School once a week to talk about several different topics. (nats) "Thank you first responders." Camille Syed WTOC News.

3/28/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD  
CAMILLE:  
RESILIENCE  
TRAINING

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Here is Smith's mugshot. The Bryan County Sheriff's Office tells us in December 20-21...a female inmate made a complaint of sexual misconduct against Smith. He was then placed on administrative leave and the G-B-I investigated the case. According to an indictment... Smith was arrested and charged with two felonies: First degree sexual contact by an employee and a violation of oath.

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DEPUTY  
INDICTED

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First police test fire the suspect's gun (gun nats) "And after that test fire, they take the casing and put it in what's essentially a big camera." This is what ATF agents call the NIBIN system. It stands for National Integrated Ballistic Information Network. It's housed at CCPD and used by 28 counties in South Georgia. Once the casing is in the system... (sot) "The machine is actually able to, take that and compare it against everything else that's entered in there and if there's a potential match and it's referred to as a lead." So right now you're looking at two different casings. One is from a gun belonging to a Chatham County Police suspect and the other is from a Savannah police suspect. (nats) "I'm going to match these up." And you see they look just alike. (nats) "That looks like a match. Exactly." So they were able to connect one suspect to several crimes across multiple agencies. Since 2020, the system has produced 7,000 leads. It's a device Chatham County police chief Jeff Hadley is happy to have. "Those shell casings belong to the same gun which more than likely belonged to the same person. That gives us some investigative leads, some ability to prosecute and things of that nature and gives us a lot of data sets to move forward." And even if they don't have the suspect's gun but have the casings from the crime scene, they can use the system to find a match and possibly someone responsible. It's a \$350 thousand purchase by ATF. "By investigating these leads we can look at other accomplices and other things that it's linked to that might not necessarily be available from the get go." The latest technology helping multiple police agencies get criminals off the streets. Camille Syed WTOC News.

3/30/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SYSTEM TO  
HELP POLICE  
TRACE BULLET  
CASINGS

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Our WTOC Investigates Team found the Chatham County District Attorney asked the judge to delay the start of the trial. Because the Assistant D-A assigned to the case, Nick Patel no longer works for their office. Jones filed the motion for continuance the same day she received Patel's resignation letter... telling the judge no other prosecutor is prepared to take on the case. Once this trial is rescheduled we'll let you know.

3/31/2023 5AM  
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Also-- The Savannah Police Department is hosting a egg-streme easter fun day at daffin park Sunday. There will food, games, music, and activities. The easter egg hun starts at 2 p.m. and the Magic Marc Show starts at 3 p.m.

3/31/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

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EGGSTREME  
EASTER FUN  
DAY

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3/31/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

EFFINGHAM  
CO. EGG HUNT

A couple other events happening this weekend are Easter Egg hunts. The Effingham County Sheriff's Office is set to bring back their Easter Egg hunt. . It's happening tomorrow at the Sheriff's Office in Springfield. The hunt for kids starts around 10:30 a-m. They'll also have an adult egg hunt an hour later. Deputies say there will be prizes and surprises for people that come out. It's free - you'll just need to bring your own Easter basket to participate.

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3/31/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

BULLOCH CO.  
PUBLIC  
SAFETY

(sot) This may look like just a concrete slab, but county leaders say it's about bringing public safety to a growing community. (vo) This added area behind Bulloch County's Portal Fire station will hold an office and sleeping quarters for EMS crews. (sot) It's all about saving time when you're responding to emergencies. Certainly, our long range plan is to put EMS in as many locations as we can. (vo) The county started adding full time firefighters in 2019 at a handful of stations. With the county's population expended to jump by thousands in the next few years. County leaders say they're trying to catch up to recent growth and anticipate for the future. (sot) this is part of a long range strategy, based on an outside study and based on where we expect the growth that's going to happen in the county. (vo) This newest piece of the puzzle is expected to be ready July1. (sot) Wynn says the plan includes more expansions like this.

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**ISSUE3-ROAD SAFETY AND OTHER HAZARDS AND PRECAUTIONS-ALERTING THE COMMUNITY ABOUT ROAD HAZARDS. SEWAGE MAIN REPAIRS ON DERENNE AFFECTING TRAFFIC INCLUDING EMERGENCY VEHICLES, HIGHWAY 80 REPAIRS, FLU WHILE PREGNANT, HWY 80 ROAD WORK, HINESVILLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, COURTHOUSE CLOSING ROADS, URGENT CARE DEMAND FOR COVID, EFFINGHAM ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, BOIL WATER ADVISORIES, RINCON TRAIN ISSUES, GAS LEAKS FORCES EVACUATION INCLUDING ONE DEATH, PART OF DOWNTOWN BUILDING CONDEMNED AFFECTING BUSINESSES, TYBBE BRIDGE CLOSURES, RICHMOND HILL PHARMACY ON OZEMPIC DEMAND USED FOR DIABETES, CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES, COLON CANCER AND KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS**  
SOURCE: POLICE DEPTS, STATE OF GEORGIA AND SC CDC, etc

1/4/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD MEMORIAL HEALTH COVID UPDATE "People that received the original vaccine don't have as much protection against this new variant, in fact, really only those people that got the bivalent vaccine are really showing any protective tighter and significant numbers with this new variant, so it is spreading very quickly. Fortunately, by and large, the majority of the people aren't getting very sick from it, but we are starting to see people with the pulmonary covid we saw in the past, and that has been a bit alarming." Dr. Connelly says the risk factors for this variant are the same as before. 00:00:33

1/4/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD COVID BOOSTER MOBILE VAX Happening now - If you need to get a COVID-19 vaccine or flu shot, the Coastal Health District has you covered. The mobile vaccination team is at the Tompkins Center on Ogeechee Road until 6 P-M today. No appointment is necessary and the vaccines are free of charge. 00:00:16

1/4/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD DERENNE SEWAGE SPILL IMPACT This all started when a sewer line collapsed yesterday- and obviously the issue hasn't been completely sorted out. Crews have been out here all day making necessary repairs- but it's going to take a little bit longer. The City of Savannah says that repairs could take up to two weeks- and that drivers need to be prepared for traffic disruptions until then. 00:00:21

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

CAMILLE:  
DERENNE  
TRAFFIC

"It took me an extra half hour the other day to get down here where the water main break was. Yesterday I ended up taking 37th because I thought the traffic would be bad again and it was. Today we decided to come back DeRenne but it wasn't backed up as far but it was still a problem getting through the traffic on DeRenne." He says he hopes the City of Savannah will do more frequent inspections on sewage lines to avoid something like this happening again.

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

DERENNE  
SEWAGE MAIN  
REPAIRS  
CONT.

"It's just too much going on already. Now, it's really going to be crazy over here." Roderick Williams, the owner of Line Up Greek has weathered the traffic on Derenne for years but now it's affecting how many people come through his doors. "It has slowed things down the plaza is normally very busy but lately it hasn't been as busy in the last couple of days. We thought maybe it would be cool down after Christmas but this is ice cold." Crews have been out here trying to repair this sewer line and nail down what exactly caused it to collapse in the first place. With this possibly taking two weeks to repair, another concern is emergency vehicles. DeRenne Avenue is the road many Emergency vehicles, like the ambulance you see here, use to get to the hospitals. Chatham Emergency Services CEO Chuck Kearns told me in a text "it delays us when responding to emergency calls and in getting patients to the two hospitals." That's what Williams was afraid of. "Hopefully it doesn't impact anyone in a negative way, but I'm very concerned about that. That's one of the biggest concerns I have." And drivers like Thomas Stretch are being delayed almost thirty minutes. "It's inconvenient for the people, especially trying to get in the city. We got doctors appointments." "I'm not sure what it would cost the city to kind of get ahead of some of the stuff that's going on but knowing that your infrastructure is pretty weak it may be a good idea to start doing some preventative maintenance out there and stuff like this may be prevented."

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PKG "The OB/GYN office here at Candler Hospital has been busy as several pregnant women are catching the flu every week and doctors say that could be dangerous for them and their baby." "People come in with just with respiratory complaints, body aches, chills and they've been diagnosed with the Flu. Sometimes patients have been diagnosed with both COVID and the Flu." Dr. Andres Montes at Candler says it's typically viral pneumonia that causes pregnant women with the Flu to be hospitalized. According to the Center for Disease Control, last year as of December 24th, 43 percent of women in the hospital with the Flu were expecting a child. Dr. Montes says most cases he's seen this Flu season haven't been this severe but warns pregnant women to go to the Emergency Room if you have a high fever, bad muscle aches and trouble breathing. "Thankfully in our practice we haven't had many hospitalized patients for viral pneumonia as of now, but the key is catching it early. There's great medication out there like Tamiflu that if someone has been exposed to the Flu that is pregnant they need to call their doctor right away so we can start them on a prophylactic dose or if someone is within 48 hours of getting diagnosed with the Flu they can start taking this medication and it has been shown to decrease mortality and help speed up recovery." The CDC also shows 10 percent fewer pregnant people are vaccinated against the Flu now than at this time last year. Dr. Montes says the best way to protect yourself and your growing little one is to get the Flu shot. Camille Syed WTOG News.

1/6/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD  
FLU WHILE  
PREGNANT

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"Our biggest concern has been public safety on those bridges. Something we've reiterated to the metropolitan planning organization and GDOT over and over is if we there's an accident on the bridge we can't get off the island, if we can't fly a helicopter it means we can't get a medical emergency evacuated so the bridges are designed that we could work around the accident if need be."

1/9/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD  
HIGHWAY 80  
TYBEE ISLAND  
RD WORK

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"People that need the road, access to hospitals, that's harsh." Giovanna Patton travels from Bryan County and weathered the backed up traffic on Derenne Avenue to get to her daughter's doctors appointment. "We already expect to have traffic during certain hours but now if it's closed down like that, that's intense for people that have to make the commute on a daily especially." And those people who have the daily commute may be wondering what caused the sewage spill holding them up. City of Savannah Water Resources Environmental Manager Laura Walker says a weak point in the pipe caused the collapse because of old infrastructure. "We had a breach in the pipe and it was filled with a lot of sand so it's taken us quite a long time to figure out the best solution but we've got one and we're going to be down a rehab repair on it." Walker says it was a resident who spotted the problem. "When you see a manhole cover which is a big round metal cover and it has liquid coming out, that's what someone reported." This helped them get on top of the break that caused more than 58 thousand gallons of sewage to spill sooner than later. Walker says the pipe is connected to Casey Canal on Montgomery Crossroads and they pumped roughly 720 thousand gallons of water a day for multiple days to make sure sewage didn't negatively impact the canal. "We were able to set up a pump and redirect the water that was coming out of our stormwater pipe to another sewer line where it will be taken to a plant and treated before it goes back out to the environment."

1/9/2023  
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1/9/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

HIGHWAY 80  
TYBEE ISLAND  
RD WORK

GDOT will work around the clock for 10 days straight and then take four days off. The four days will include weekends. This cycle will last for about a month while they gather information to find out how they need to design the sub-structure that will hold up the new bridges that'll be put in. Although these delays are aggravating to drivers, GDOT says this part of the project is important. The new bridges won't be as narrow and will have an emergency lane and space for bicyclists and pedestrians. Anyone who has gotten stuck in traffic on Highway 80 when a wreck closes the road knows exactly how important that extra space for emergency vehicles is. Tybee's City Manager Shawn Gillen says this project is a long time in the making, so it's exciting to see the crews in action. Gillen says he will be in touch with GDOT every day during this phase and that they've really stepped up to the plate for the city and heard their concerns.

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1/18/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

DERENNE  
LANE  
CLOSURES TO  
END

Breaking news - the headache for drivers on Derenne is almost over. The city of Savannah says all three eastbound lanes between Abercorn and Bull will reopen by this Friday. Two of those lanes will be opening tomorrow. You may remember - the lane closures have allowed city crews to repair a collapsed sewer main. The city didn't give a timeline for Thursday's opening, but said all lanes will be open by mid-day Friday. WTOC will let you know when they're officially back open.

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1/18/2023 5:30pm  
6:29:00 PM OD

HIGHWAY 80  
ROAD WORK  
LATEST

"Everyone knows that the bridge needs work, it needs to be improved, it needs to have better capacity on and off Tybee for sake of ease as well as emergency situations, so people are willing to accept a little bit of inconvenience. I think if we were looking at wait times of an hour or more, we'd have a little less understanding. But because the Georgia Department of Transportation has worked out this system that's so safe and so efficient, the complaints have been minimal."

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1/18/2023 5:30pm 6:29:00 PM OD	HIGHWAY 80 ROAD WORK LATEST	All lanes on both bridges are open right now and will be through the weekend- but next week if you come to the Bull River Bridge, you'll pull up to a temporary stoplight. When the light is yellow, you can cross using the single lane- on the other side of the bridge, traffic is stopped at a red light. Either end of the bridge is also being monitored by police to make sure that no one crosses when it's not their turn. Live on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOG News.	00:00:27
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1/19/2023 6AM 7:00:00 AM K OD	DERENNE LANE CLOSURES TO END	Wanna show you a live look over at Derenne Avenue where crews are up early working on the road. The city of Savannah says two of the lanes will be opening sometime today. These lane closures have allowed city crews to repair a collapsed sewer main for the past two weeks. The city didn't give an exact time when the lanes will open today, but did say all lanes will be open by mid-day Friday. We will let you know as soon as they're officially back open.	00:00:26
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1/19/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD	PW HWY 21 DRIVE TIMES REDUCED	They also added signal upgrades to the intersection of 30 and 21 -- and added a second right turn lane onto 21 southbound. All of these updates are complete but there are still a couple of orange barrels out there as they put some final touches on. While the traffic patterns will not change anymore -- there will be some overnight lane closures as they finish re-paving and striping the road.	00:00:23
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1/31/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD HINESVILLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

((SHEA)) According to the Hinesville Police Department, so far in 2023, there have been two people hit by cars in the city. In light of that, they're encouraging both drivers and pedestrians to pay special attention to what they're doing. ((VO)) I spoke with Officer Gregory Joseph from Hinesville's traffic department, and he tells me that because of a lack of pedestrian crosswalks in the city, his unit sees people jaywalking on a regular basis. He says that it's dangerous- particularly at night. The traffic unit often sees people in dark clothing with no reflectors crossing the street in the dark- making it hard for them to be seen by drivers. At the same time, Joseph says they often see drivers speed through pedestrian crossings. He says everyone needs to a better job paying attention to their surroundings. ((SOT)) "Watch out for these pedestrians if they are in the crosswalk. If they're not in a crosswalk, be careful. Be observant just in case they do cross out in front of you, that you can stop to prevent from hitting them." Shea: Officer Joseph says if you do find yourself in a situation where you hit somebody with your car, stay there and call 911 immediately. Reporting in Hinesville, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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2/1/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD HINESVILLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

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2/2/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD COURTHOUSE CLOSING ROADS

RIGHT NOW - Streets and businesses around the federal courthouse in downtown Savannah are closed. In the last hour, the city announced the immediate closure over concerns about the structural integrity of the federal courthouse. The building has been under construction for years. We don't have a lot of details at this time, but do know the Savannah Fire department is helping assess the situation. The streets closed at this time are Whitaker Street - between Broughton and York streets And State Street between Bull and Whitaker streets.

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2/6/2023 6:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K OD HEALTH DEPT REAX HIV VAX UPDATE

However -- experts are still trying to get a HIV vaccine for a couple of reasons. First to vaccinate people who may be at risk to minimize their chances of getting infected if they do come into contact with HIV. Second, the vaccine would also be to help those living with HIV to fight the disease. However -- after decades of research -- there is still not a vaccine -- but experts remain optimistic that one day they will find a way to finally cure and prevent HIV.

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		5AM SARAH	Dr. Debbie Hagins / Coastal Health District Medical Director	"Each time a trial fails, we have learned something new that we can now add to the next trial..until we have that cure that prevention, we have very very very effective treatments that are very well tolerated that we can of course administer for the life of that individual." Those who are currently living with HIV can take a pill once a day or get an injection every few months to help manage the disease.	
2/6/2023	5AM	HEALTH DEPT			
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REAX HIV VAX UPDATE			00:00:27

		530 SARAH	Right now the FDA has a new draft out and they are in the 60 comment period before they make any official changes. The proposal is to eliminate time based deferrels and instead switch to risk-based	
		GAY MEN	deferrels for men who have sex with other men. The current donor history questionnaire would be	
2/6/2023	5AM	BLOOD DONOR	revised to ask all donors about new or multiple sexual partners in the past three months to determine if	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REQUIREMENT S	they are eligible to give blood.	00:00:25

		530 SARAH	Katie Smithson / Blood Connection	"This will potentially expand that pool of eligible donors though we don't know exactly what that number looks like...we just ask that people be patient with us as we figure out what all of this means and how we best implement it and ensure that the blood supply is stable and safe for our hospital partners." The blood connection says once they get final word from the FDA to	
		GAY MEN		make the switch -- they will have to update all of their systems and do training with staff before this is	
2/6/2023	5AM	BLOOD DONOR		implemented.	
6:00:00 AM	K OD	REQUIREMENT S			00:00:31

			A sinkhole formed at The Farm at Buckwalter on Saturday, according to a spokesperson with Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewage. They say the sinkhole caused a water main break which resulted in some sewage issues and foul odor for people living there. The water and sewage company says those issues are resolved and they have manhole covers out there. Traffic is still an issue. The spokesperson said they don't know when the sinkhole will be repaired but it will be a lengthy process.	
2/13/2023	5:30pm	BLUFFTON		
6:29:00 PM	OD	SINK HOLE		00:00:28

"We are at the scene where this water main break happened last night. Follow me. We're in the Lake Shore neighborhood. This is the ditch where crews had to dig through the night to get down to that water main break. They fixed the problem, but as you can see, there's still quite a mess left behind." Here's a look at that equipment being hauled in last night. As you can see, it caused some flooding - which you can still see today. The pipe break has put a large portion of north Chatham and South Effingham counties under a boil water advisory... ...including James White and his family. "Right now, we've been using bottled water to brush teeth. We haven't done any cooking today, but we've been using it to brush teeth and all that stuff." Though White says, the timing of it worked out OK. "Nah, it wasn't that bad last night, because it was around bed time anyway. And once it came back on, it was 2-3 o'clock in the morning, which is before we get up for school and work. It wasn't that much of an inconvenience." Kavita Patel says... it has NOT affected her Subway location off Jimmy Deloach and Benton. She says, they use hot water to clean everything, \*anyway. "Yesterday, when it happened, it didn't affect us, business or anything. Normally, when we wash dishes and everything, we have the hot water for all the compartments." "The water from the tap is already nasty!" Julius Harley is doing work in the area. He says, he plans to follow the health department's guidelines. "If people are saying the water line broke, and they're telling us to boil it and everything, I feel we should do that. But the best thing is just buying bottled waters from the store." In Port Wentworth, Max Diekneite, WTOC News.

2/14/2023 5:30pm  
6:29:00 PM OD

MAX: BOIL  
WATER  
ADVISORY

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2/16/2023 5:30pm  
6:29:00 PM OD

EFFINGHAM  
CO. CHEMICAL  
SPILL

First responders kept our crew pretty far back from a chemical spill in Effingham County. This video is from Sand Hill Road. WTOC's Jamie Ertle has the latest on the shutdown right now in First Alert Traffic. 00:00:12

2/17/2023 4:30PM 5:29:00 PM OD	CAMILLE: URGENT CARE DEMAND	<p>PKG "The CEO of Expercare tells me their urgent care facilities in Bryan and Chatham counties saw a surge of patients during peak COVID times but now they're starting to see a normal influx of patients walking through their doors." Catherine Grant says everyone can help with high emergency room wait times by coming to urgent cares when experiencing minor issues. She says they can see anywhere from 30 to 100 patients a day but wait times in the urgent cares are much shorter than in emergency rooms. She says any time you've been in a trauma related accident or feel like you have a life-threatening emergency you should go to the hospital. "If you've got sudden loss of vision or sudden vision changes or sudden stumbling, something that's indicating something going on in the brain. Sub sternal chest pain that radiating to the shoulder and concerns for that potentially being a heart attack." "She says it's vital the community works together during this healthcare crisis. In Bryan County Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	00:01:00
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2/24/2023 10:00:00 AM MORNIN G BREAK OD 2 24	CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS	<p>And-- Are you a new parent who could use some pointers when it comes to putting your child safely in the car seat? The Chatham County Health Department's is holding free car seat checks *today*. Parents can find out if they're using the correct car seat for their child's age and size... if the seat is installed properly... and if the harness fits well. The event is being held from 10 A-M to noon at the clinic at 13-95 Eisenhower Drive.</p>	00:00:25
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3/6/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD	MAUPAS AVE SINK HOLE	<p>It happened in the block between Paulsen and Harmon Streets. You can see that area on your screen now - alongside some video our crew shot this morning. WTOC is working to learn more about the efforts to repair the hole and make the road drivable again. We'll update you when Savannah Police release new information.</p>	00:00:19
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"It's not a safe situation. Something needs to be done." A train stalled, blocking residents in here for what they say was four hours. Earlisha Hall says her and her family of five had little information from officials of what was going on at first. Then... "Around 10:30 last night we were able to enter our neighborhood. I was praying the whole time when we were sitting in our truck that there would not be any emergency where someone would need to get out or somebody would need to get in." This situation highlighting a bigger issue...Hall says the neighborhood with more than a hundred homes needs a second entrance. "If something like this happens again, who knows what the outcome may be." Rincon officials say there was a fire truck there Sunday night in case of emergency. Eric Brown has been living here since 2014, and is also concerned about emergency situations. He says he voted for a sales tax to fix the problem but nothings been done. (Eric Brown, resident) "We've heard these words over the years, all we want is some action to be taken." "While residents say they've been promised another entrance here coming into to Picket Fences for years, Rincon City Manager Jonathan Lynn says they're the closest they've ever been to coming up with a solution." "It would be an emergency exit that could be open should a crossing happen. Or if people need to get out and go to work, we could use it there or emergency services. That would be a minimum." Lynn says there are many rules and parties involved, including the railroad company CSX, that's set them back from building an entrance in the past. He says they are hoping to make a purchase and create an exit away from the railroad. "Everything comes with a dollar figure and planning for that is not easy but if we find a solution that we can quote on quote put the ink to paper, we're going to do it as quickly as possible." While he couldn't go into detail about this solution, he says it will made public when the city council puts the solution to a vote. Camille Syed WTOC News.

3/6/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

CAMILLE:  
RINCON TRAIN  
ISSUES

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One person is dead and 6 homes were evacuated after a car crashed into a gas pipe. The crash happened Saturday afternoon near Garrard and Lake Avenue. Chatham County Police say the driver lost control of his car and drove off the road. Causing a propane gas leak forcing six nearby houses to evacuate. The driver has not been identified, but died at the scene. The people in those six houses were allowed back in a few hours later.

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CHATHAM CO.:  
1 DEAD IN GAS  
LEAK  
ACCIDENT

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"Colorectal surgeons at Memorial Health say colorectal cancer is the third leading cause in cancer deaths in the country and it's starting to impact even younger populations." "Colon cancer is cancer of the colon which is inter abdominal from the appendix all the way up to the top of the rectum." Dr. Elizabeth Mckeown (MICK-COW-IN) recommends getting a colonoscopy at 45 and every 10 years after that if you are at average risk. She says while people over 65 are being diagnosed with colorectal cancer less, they're seeing more patients with colon cancer who are younger than 45. She says studies don't show that lowering the age to get a colonoscopy will help lessen colon cancer rates. But in many cases colon cancer is hereditary so it's important to know your family history. And whether it runs in your family or not, you're encouraged to look for symptoms because McKeown says the cancer is very individualized. "So if you as a patient are having problems with rectum bleeding regardless of the color and regardless of whether it's a little bit or a lot, no rectal bleeding is normal. You need to have a doctor examine you and help figure out what the next steps are with that. If you have a family history, we say that you should get your colonoscopy 10 years younger than that person was diagnosed or age 40, whichever comes first." She says colonoscopies for those of age are vital in catching colon cancer early. Why? Because she says It's much easier to beat colon cancer when it's in the first stage than in the third. Camille Syed WTOC News.

3/22/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

CAMILLE:  
COLON  
CANCER  
AWARENESS

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3/24/2023 4:30PM SHEA: BEAMS  
4:29:00 PM OD NOT BEANS

The building, which sits at 201 E. River Street, has seven units in it- three of those are now considered "unfit for human habitation." According to the City of Savannah, the west side of the building was condemned after Wednesday following several inspections. There are several businesses affected, including the Cotton Exchange Tavern and Two Cracked Eggs Cafe. City representatives met with business leaders and property managers today about possible solutions.

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3/24/2023 4:30PM SHEA: BEAMS  
4:29:00 PM OD NOT BEANS

Judge Realty manages the property, and released the following statement to WTOC saying in part quote: "Once the final work is inspected and approved by the City of Savannah, the rest of the building will re-open to the public. The safety of tenants and visitors has been our primary focus throughout this process." Two Cracked Eggs Cafe is still open for business- but visitors won't be seated in the condemned portion of the building. We'll also have the full statement on our website.

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3/25/2023 WKEND TYBEE BRIDGE  
6:00:00 PM 6PM OD CLOSURES

Chatham County Police are the latest to tell people traveling to and from Tybee Island to expect delays. That's with closures so construction can continue on Lazaretto Bridge. C-C-P-D says people saw delays of more than an hour Friday. That was before a boost in traffic because of the weekend. They're asking anyone who doesn't have to make the trip to stay away for the weekend. WTOC is on Tybee Island working to get more information on the delays. We'll have an update tonight on THE news at 7.

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People trying to get on and off of Tybee Island have reported hours-long waits to cross the bridge Friday into this weekend, which has been a frustrating situation all around. "We hit the bridge around 9:30 last night and sat still a long time as we watched a single line of cars come over the bridge, until finally a pilot car let us go back. It made us about a half an hour to 45 minutes later than we would've been otherwise." An especially frustrating situation to get caught up in at any time- but especially after a five-hour drive, on vacation. "We have a six and a seven-year-old, and they were just like, 'Are we there yet? Are we there yet?' We had just gotten Wendy's and were ready to eat and just wanted to get to the AirBnB, and that was the last thing we wanted to see when we were trying to come in." And the Crumps.. are some of the lucky ones. They were getting onto the island- which Tybee City Manager Shawn Gillen says, hasn't been taking as long, as getting off the island. Gillen says he got caught up for over an hour trying to leave on Friday- and when he got to the other side of the bridge, there were very few cars. "Their lane closure sequences were off, so everything was piling up on the island. So we called GDOT and got them to relay the message to the crews on the bridge to clear the island before they let any more cars on." Still, at times on Saturday, traffic to leave the island was backed up from the Lazaretto Bridge all the way past Campbell Avenue. Gillen says that while this is a GDOT project- not a City of Tybee project- those trying to get to and from the island need to be patient- because the future bridge replacement project will benefit everyone who enjoys Tybee in the long run. Gillen: "When you see bicycles on Lazaretto Creek Bridge now, it's a scary situation. And pedestrians. And if there's an accident on the bridge, that's a real concern that we have. The new bridges will allow us to get somebody off the island, even if there is an accident." Shea: Work is expected to continue this weekend and hopefully be completed by Tuesday. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

3/25/2023 11PM  
 11:01:00 WEEKEN TYBEE BRIDGE  
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"With the season change and heightened allergies, it's not an easy time of the year for kids with asthma. In Fact, there have been several here at The Children's Hospital a day." Dr. Michael Bossak says they've been admitting two to three asthma patients to the hospital a week. While it's allergy season and there is a shortage of Albuterol used to treat Asthma, Dr. Bossak says his patients aren't having a hard time finding it here at local pharmacies. In the hospital, however, they've had to use different medicines to make up for the shortage. He also encourages parents who are new to the area and aren't used to Coastal Georgia's allergy season to watch their children with asthma carefully. "We have a large group of people who come down here whether to be at the Army bases or to be in the Savannah as the ports are opening up. Those children maybe be affected a lot more severely than they were previously. So knowing the signs and symptoms of an asthma exacerbation, knowing that shortage of breath and that cough can be worsening is a good reason to bring them to the hospital." He recommends using over-the-counter allergy medication and a spacer for your child's inhaler. "Also, he encourages parent to make an asthma plan focusing on how to tackle your child's asthma symptoms and stick to it. Camille Syed WTOC News."

3/27/2023 ASTHMA &  
 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD ALLERGIES

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3/30/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD CAMILLE:  
KIDNEY HEALTH MONTH

"Kidney specialists here at Southcoast Health say not enough people are coming to doctors' offices to get their yearly physical and when it comes to your kidney health, one simple urine test can make all the difference." In 2021, 4.2 percent of Georgia adults reported being told they have a kidney disease. That's the highest it's been in more than six years, according to the United Health Foundation Dr. Nizar Eskandar says kidney disease is most prevalent in people with diabetes or hypertension. But not every patient has to undergo dialysis. In minor cases, kidney disease is treated by lifestyle changes like eating foods to regulate blood pressure and sugar. But there are several ways you can prevent kidney disease. "We should not get dehydrated and we need to drink enough fluid during the day especially in the Savannah, Ga area where it is hot and humid during the spring and the summer time. Certain medications should not be taken unless you know about your kidney health in general to start with." He says you shouldn't take over-the-counter medicine like Motrin or Tylenol excessively. "He says it's rare that people who find out they have kidney disease early end up on dialysis so it's important to get in for those yearly check ups. Camille Syed WTOG News."

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3/30/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD RH PHARMACY  
ON OZEMPIC DEMAND

New tonight-- We're hearing from a local pharmacist about the national shortage of a medicine used for diabetes. The shot is called Ozempic. Experts say it's meant to improve blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes. However, some pharmacies in the U-S say they have been seeing a shortage because other people are using it as a way to lose weight. A pharmacist at Richmond Hill Pharmacy we talked to says they started seeing the demand for the medicine about 6 months ago.

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3/30/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD RH PHARMACY  
ON OZEMPIC DEMAND

"We started making sure our existing customers that were diabetics got priority and the doctors have usually been indicating the diagnosis code for us so that we know that they are diabetic or not particularly for the new customers that we're receiving." The pharmacist says the shortage has been getting better after manufacturers ramped up their supply chain. Experts say there could be serious risks with taking this drug for unintended purposes.

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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. BULLOCH CO. FIRE STAFFING TO HELP REDUCE RESPONSE TIME, 1ST DEADLY FIRE IN SAVANNAH IN 3 YEARS, INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTER EXCHANGE PROGRAM, HINESVILLE FD CONSTRUCTION, STATESBORO FIRE \$2M GRANT, MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR POOLER FIRE DEPARTMENT AFTER FATAL HOUSE FIRE IN 40 YEARS, BULLOCH CO. FIRE GRANT FOR DEPARTMENT, MCCURDY'S ON MAIN IN GLENNVILLE FIRE, CONNOR MCGREGOR DONATION TO SAVANNAH FIRE DEPT.  
SOURCE: FIRE FIGHTER, SAV. FIRE DEPT AND OTHER AREA DEPTS**

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	4:30AM	HOME		
1/3/2023	DAYBREA	DESTROYED	"We're not asking, we're not begging, we're not picky or anything just whatever. Household items,	
4:30:00 AM	K OD	BY FIRE	clothes, shoes, it doesn't matter." Dunham also tells us she's trying to stay strong for her children.	00:00:12

(sot) The fire station in Register has been around for years, but it now has something new...but not any new equipment. (vo) Firefighters crank the saws every day to make sure they're ready if needed on a call. Station Three in Register now has three two-person teams to staff it 24-7. It's the next step in a plan the county created along with the Center for Public Safety Management (sot) They came up with a long-range plan to start staffing more stations around the county so they could reduce their response time. (vo) The full time staffers team up with the roughly 60 trained volunteers to respond to an emergency. Tapley says the county continues to grow and many volunteers have more demands on them that make it harder sometimes to answer the call. (sot) It's important to have people close to where citizens are going to have emergencies, have them ready to respond within a minute or two after the call. (vo) He's thankful they've been able to add more people to help keep communitys safer county-wide. (sot) He says the long term plan is to staff several more fire stations around the county, and also add EMS crews after that. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

1/3/2023		BULLOCH CO.		
5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	FIRE STAFFING		00:01:07

			<p>"Seriously, life isn't going to be the same without them." Marsyas Ellison says his grandmother and uncle died in Friday's fire, and he says his family's loss... is indescribable. "When you're young, you think you have so much time, but you truly never know when your next steps are going to be your last. So, my grandmother and uncle are going to be missed immensely." According to the state office of the Commissioner of Insurance and Safety Fire, the fire began just after 1 a.m. on December 30th, and the home didn't have smoke alarms. Ellison says the house – located off of Highway 99 near Barwise Road – is a total loss. "The thing is, we don't have two people, and the matriarch of our family, she's gone now. I don't know what it's going to be, but I told my uncle that life won't be the same without her, she's the rock of the family." Ellison, remembering his grandmother, a long-time McIntosh County native, as a vibrant woman. "When she saw me, her face lit up like she was seeing an angel, that's I mean, I'm definitely going to miss my grandmother. I can only imagine what my mom and her siblings are feeling right now." The exact cause of the fire remains under investigation, but officials say they don't suspect foul play at this time. "It's really sad. There's just never enough time, never enough time." In McIntosh County, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	
1/5/2023	5:30pm	MCINTOSH 2		
5:29:00 PM	OD	FOUND DEAD		00:01:18
		IN HOUSE FIRE		

			<p>According to Hinesville Battalion Chief, Tracy Burris the fire started in the kitchen of the home which is located on the 600 block of Caines Road. The fire then spread to the outside burning a car parked in the driveway. Burris says It happened just after midnight. He says a couple, their granddaughter and their two dogs were living in the home at the time of the fire. The two dogs were later found dead. One person was hurt after buring their finger on the door knob.</p>	
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1/8/2023	SUNDAY	HINESVILLE		
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			<p>The Hinesville Fire Department responded to a structure fire at Shady Oaks Mobile Home Park around 3 this morning. When they arrived, they saw that the home was empty and were able to put the fire out quickly. No injuries were reported. The American Red Cross is assisting the adult and four children who live there. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.</p>	
	WKEND	HINESVILLE: 5		
1/15/2023	6:30PM	DISPLACED		
6:30:00 PM	OD	AFTER FIRE		00:00:22

1/17/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD FAIRVIEW AVE. FIRE Savannah Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen says they received a call for a possible fire at a home on Fairview Avenue. When they got there they had to force the door open. Chief Kitchen says there was light smoke inside. They were able to get the woman out and start doing C-P-R. She was transported to the hospital. The departments arson unit is investigating. Chief Kitchen says they are called when there is an injury and the department can't determine a cause of the fire. 00:00:27

1/17/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD TOOMBS CO. HEROES HONORED The accident happened back in November on Highway 152. The five people rushed to the crashed car as it caught fire and rescued a mom and four children. Toombs County's fire chief these five people each pulled a person from the burning car without a moment to spare. He says their actions kept this from becoming a tragedy. 00:00:19

1/18/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD SHEA: FATAL FIRE FOLO At first glance, the house you see behind me doesn't look like it was involved in a deadly fire just yesterday- but that's what made the situation so deceiving. Officials say they believe it wasn't the fire itself, but rather the smoke from the fire, that led to the death of the person inside the home. "We rarely lose people in a fire of that magnitude. It wasn't much fire, but it was a lot of smoke." That smoke, prompting a neighbor to call 911- and knock on the door to the house. - SHOE SHOT, PERSON DIDN'T WANT TO BE IDENTIFIED} "I didn't know if anyone was in there or not, and nobody came. I didn't get no response." Friends of the victim tell me that she was asleep during the fire. The neighbor who called 911 says Savannah Fire arrived within minutes- bringing out the woman from the home and performing CPR. 911 Caller: "There was probably about six of them on her, trying to bring her back." Unfortunately, the woman passed away after being brought to the hospital.. Someone passing away in a fire is something Savannah Fire hasn't seen in three years. Some of the newest firefighters had never lost anyone on a fire call. Kitchen: "I went to the scene, and I saw the group, their emotions. I know what we put into it. I've been where they've been at. I've pulled people out, I've worked on them to try to resuscitate them. And that's a lot of emotions. But we train them to do the job, and we have mechanisms to help them cope with certain things that we come across." Shea: The Savannah Fire Department is investigating the cause of this fire. In the meantime, they want to remind people that live in the city limits of Savannah that they will give you a free smoke alarm and batteries if you ask. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOG News. 00:01:41

1/18/2023  
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1ST DEADLY  
FIRE IN SAV IN  
3 YEARS

Tonight we're learning new details about a deadly house fire in Savannah. It happened yesterday afternoon on Fairway Avenue. Firefighters found a woman unconscious inside. She died at the hospital from possible smoke inhalation. Friends of the victim tell us she was asleep during the fire. Savannah Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen says someone passing away in a fire is something the department hasn't seen in three years. Some of the newest firefighters had never lost anyone on a fire call.

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SHEA: FATAL  
FIRE FOLO

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EFFINGHAM  
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IMPROVEMENT

PKG "It's no secret that Effingham County residents have to wrestle with traffic every day. Thanks to grant money, roads like Old Augusta Road right off of Highway 21 could be getting some improvements that would widen those roads." There are signs of growth all around the county. Effingham County Fire has two new fire stations on the way so they can get to emergencies faster. One is expected come to Guyton in February south of the roundabout near Highway 119. The other is expected to be ready in March on Hodgeville Rd. near Belmont Glenn housing. As far as the roads that connect communities like those, (WESLEY CORBITT PHONER) "It's really a difficult situation for our constituents right now in our community." The Effingham County Commission voted to use the state's Local Maintenance Improvement Grant that totals more than \$1.3 million dollars to mill and resurface parts of Old Augusta Rd., Belmont Glenn to include most of Saddle Club Way, Gracen Rd., and Silver Hill Church Road. Old Augusta Road often sees heavy truck traffic, according to Effingham County Commission Chairman Welsey Corbitt, so they're going to work on... (sot) "Widening it, putting roundabouts there so trucks can move safely from our industrial areas, to 21 and to the ports and that'll help traffic as well." He says Hodgeville Rd. will also be getting roundabouts to make traffic flow smoother. And he says there are several more projects in the works to alleviate traffic pains. (sot) "In about to three to five years it's going to be a lot better in the county for commuting traffic and just traffic in general, truck traffic and so forth." In Effingham County, Camille Syed WTOC News.

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AM 11PM OD

ALYSSA:  
GARDEN CITY  
FIRE FOLO

Those flames are hard to forget -- the night of November 9th changed the lives of Juan Turcios' family and several others. Many weren't able to get out with anything but the clothes on their backs. We're here three months later -- To check in with Juan. Our partners at Telemundo helped us translate this interview so there will be some paraphrasing --- "" Paraphrased translation: "It is very sad just seeing your home get burned. It's not easy." Juan's family made it out safely. There are five of them. "" English translation: On behalf of my family and neighbors, we were five families of different origins, puerto rico, honduras and african american families. He's sitting in their new apartment in Azure Cove just buildings down from where they lost everything. The fire report estimates a a million and a half dollars in damage. While there were no fatalities, it mentioned 2nd degree burns and bruises to some of the firefighters. The report confirms it took them six hours to put out the fire....mentioning in many spots there was no visibility. Many organizations helped families like Juan's...he can't say the same for the property owners "" English translation: management never cares left them abandoned This is video of what they walked into after the fire....their belongings ransacked and stolen by thieves. He says coming back to Azure Cove was the only option they had -- they're living off savings and credit. "" English translation: I was desperate because we only had a week to stay in the hotel and we didn't know where to go...complex had a unit available" As far as what it looks like now, a tarp is on the roof but demolition hasn't started. There's still a gate around the building -- WTOC hasn't been able to reach the property owners for any updates.

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2/3/2023 LIBERTY CO. A WTOC Update - the woman sent to the hospital by a house fire in Liberty County was treated for  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD FIRE LATEST smoke inhalation and released. Liberty Fire Services Chief Brian Darby says the fire on Pate Rogers  
Road started shortly after 9 last night. The second story of the home was engulfed in flames when  
firefighters got to the scene. Chief Darby says the cause of the fire is still under investigation. 00:00:23

2/3/2023 5:30pm HINESVILLE FD LL INTRO: Hinesville Fire Chief Robert Kitchings says they're more than halfway complete with their  
6:29:00 PM OD CONSTRUCTIO N construction of the new fire station. Chief Kitchings – giving me a tour of the construction of the new  
station – which is happening directly behind the old one. City officials say it'll cost about \$7.5 million,  
primarily funded through SPLOST funds. The new building will feature 10 drive through bays, as well as  
new dorm rooms for firefighters. It'll also be more inclusive for female firefighters – offering an expanded  
women's bathroom and showering facilities – something not present in the previous building from the  
1970s. Kitchings says the new building will better serve his firefighters and the city. "Hinesville is a  
growing city. We've been growing by leaps and bounds over the last few years, and the fire department  
has to keep up with that growth. Council and our city manager have been working really hard to get this  
project underway. It's going to allow us to keep up and match that growth of our city." LL TAG: Kitchings  
says the main building behind me here will be complete by sometime this spring, hopefully by April or  
May. Then, construction begins on the second phase of the project to build new admin offices where the  
old fire department once stood. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:21

2/6/2023 DONTAE: ITNL. Sandra Hoffman is from Halle (HAL-LE), Germany and is here as a part of the International Exchange  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD EXCHANGE PROGRAM Firefighter program. The program was proposed back in January of last year in a meeting between  
Savannah Fire Chief's Office, Halle Fire Chief and Mayor's Office, and the Savannah Teutonic (TEW-  
TONIC) Council. The goal of these exchanges is to build trust and cultural awareness not only between  
Savannah and Halle, but also between the countries as well. We spoke with both the fire chief and  
Hoffman on how much this benefits both cities. 00:00:31

(ELZIE KITCHEN- FIRE CHIEF) "So you know with Savannah Fire, we're a world-class fire department, and we believe that we should be leading the nation in helping other departments develop their strategies and tactics. So by her being here, she'll be able to see how efficient Savannah Fire operates and then take some of that information back to her hometown. (SANDRA HOFFMANN- INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FIREFIGHTER) "I think it's the beginning of a very good partnership between both fire departments. The meeting was a product of the relationship that the two cities share- which was able to happen under the instruction of Savannah Mayor Van Johnson back in 20-11. Chief Kitchen says that one of Savannah Fire's firefighter is set to go to Germany sometime next March.

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DONTAE: ITNL.  
FIREFIGHTER  
EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM

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LL: Garden City's fire chief says the blaze was catastrophic...describing the scene as having lots of smoke and flames. Thanks to the actions of one father...everyone made it out alive. \*nats of sirens\* 3 A-M is when Garden City fire officials say they responded to this home on Chatham Villa Drive. They say 8 people - 4 adults and 4 children - were in the house at the time. Robbie Garcia says he's the homeowner's brother. "They ended up losing their dog and then my nephew got burned really bad." His nephew...a young child...flown to the Augusta burn unit after suffering severe injuries during the fire. Garcia says he's now stable. Fire crews say another man was sent to an area hospital from smoke. "Tragedy, man. It sucks. They lost everything, man. Yeah it's bad." Garden City's Fire Chief says investigators believe the blaze broke out in the kitchen and was the result of a grease fire. "As we know with grease fires, they get out of control, they extend. It burns pretty hot and spreads pretty rapidly." The fire chief says there weren't any working smoke detectors in the home...and that the father rushed back into the flames to save one of his children. "It was a pretty catastrophic fire for that size residence. We always tell people not to go back into the residence but he did the right thing and got his son." Fire officials have not released names of the victims... but Garcia says his brother's family plans to stay with relatives out of state. "They built this from nothing. You know what I mean? The struggled but now they're doing good and this happens. But, they got their foot up. They're going to keep their head up." In Garden City...FS...WTOCN.

2/14/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

GARDEN CITY  
HOUSE FIRE  
INJURES 2

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2/15/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

WHITEMARSH  
ISLAND FIRE  
DAMAGES 2  
HOMES

"The flames were just billowing out of the roof of the house, and the other side was on fire, the house next to it. Smoke. Smoke was everywhere." -DIDN'T WANT NAME ON IT "The homeowner said they called 911 like ten minutes prior and there wasn't an answer, so that was little bit concerning, but other than that, I think they did a pretty good job once they got on scene and extinguished the fire." According to Chatham Fire, they were able to work quickly once they got the call they were able to work quickly- putting out the fire in around ten minutes. No people or pets were hurt in either home... but both homes are now in unlivable conditions. "It's gonna be up to the homeowners and their insurance companies, to actually go any further to the extent of the damage. With every fire we have water damage. Fortunately, we did have a water source close by and we were able to get it knocked out quickly." Neighbors say they feel lucky the fire didn't spread any further since it was windy during the fire.. but their hearts go out to the families. Tyre: "You just hate that for anybody. You could see the people watching, and it was just them watching their house burn. It was just sad. Very sad."

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2/16/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

STATESBORO  
FIRE DEPT.  
AWARDED \$2M  
GRANT

(sot) This federal grant will allow Statesboro Fire to add twelve firefighters and pay their salaries for three years. Statesboro's chief says it could not have come at a better time. (vo) They're getting \$2.1 million dollars through FEMA, after applying for the funds several times before. The money is earmarked for people, not trucks or equipment. (sot) This grant is specifically to aid departments and supplement to add positions for emergency response. (vo) He says the funding comes at a time when Statesboro and the region must prepare for growth. The Hyundai plant and its supplier factories will mean more people, homes, and more and departments must be ready sooner rather than later. (sot) Statesboro is somewhere between that small town where everybody knows everybody and not a metropolitan city like Atlanta or Savannah. (vo) He says twelve additional people at once may sound like a lot until you spread them across different workshifts through the week. He says having more people will help them better serve a growing city and work with county crews too. (sot) Chief says they'll start interviewing applicants as soon as possible to be ready when that three year clock starts to tick. Because it starts ticking, whether they can place people or not. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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((PKG)) Neighbors tell me that those who passed away were an elderly couple and their young grandchild. Fred Brown lives across the street and tells me he considered the couple friends, and is shocked and saddened by their passing. "It's very heartbreaking. And the neighborhood is really going to miss them. And I'll miss them as well. I considered him a good friend of mine, and my neighbor." The Pooler Fire Department says around 7:15 AM, they got a call about the fire from someone who could see the smoke and flames as they were driving on Pooler Parkway. Though the person couldn't pinpoint exactly where the fire was. This video, given to me by a neighbor, shows what appears to be the garage engulfed in flames- but the neighbor says that area of the home had actually been converted into a den. Pooler Fire Chief Wade Simmons says they responded in under four minutes. All in all, Simmons says around 32 fire personnel helped at the scene. "That first three or four minutes, I'm sure were very chaotic. We were trying to get hose lines in, we were trying to get victims out, start patient care, but after that we were able to get the fire contained pretty quickly." Crews gave CPR to the three victims before they were taken to an area hospital, where they later died. Simmons says this case- is the worst he's seen in his 15 years with the department. Simmons: "We have really good staff and we're normally there pretty quick, some minor injuries, one or two. But to have multiple patients that we're doing CPR on? This is the first time since 2008 when I started that we had one that is that significant." Friends and neighbors, echoing that sentiment. Brown: "I've been here in the neighborhood since 1992, and this is one of the most tragic things that I can say happened in our neighborhood." Shea: There are now four agencies looking into this fire. That's of course, the Pooler Fire Department, as well as the Pooler Police Department, the Savannah Fire Department, and the State Fire Marshall's Office. There's no word yet on what may have caused it. Reporting in Pooler, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

2/18/2023 8:00:00 PM WKEND 7PM OD SHEA: POOLER FATAL FIRE 00:02:02

A WTOC UPDATE -- We're learning more information about what caused a deadly fire that killed two adults and a child Saturday morning in Pooler. According to Pooler Fire Chief Wade Simmons, it was an accidental fire that was caused by a circuit overload. The victims- who neighbors identify as an elderly couple and their grandchild- have not been identified yet, but he says that the police will be the ones to do so.

2/20/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM WEEKEND OD SHEA: UPDATE ON DEADLY HOUSE FIRE 00:00:24

This was an especially tough weekend for the Pooler Fire Department. They tell me this is the first time they've seen someone lose their life in a house fire in around 40 years. "With the effort and everything they put into it, they're taking it kind of hard. And that's something we're gonna have to watch out for our people, to make sure that we get through this and we keep moving forward." That involves providing staff access to mental health resources- including a Peer Support program. It's made up of firefighters and police officers in the area that have special training in critical incident stress management. Simmons: "Other firefighters that have training, that have been involved with this, it's a little easier to talk to because they understand what they're dealing with. They'll be coming in on the next few shifts, talking to people, checking on them, making sure everything's going okay, and moving forward from that." Simmons says that unfortunately- the firefighters are familiar with tragic situations, having worked EMS calls and wrecks, and also dealing with the suicide of a fellow firefighter in the past year. Taking care of the public is a main priority- and taking care of each other, is just as critical. Simmons: "Everybody has people they're close to on their shift, you know that they'll talk to. And we're comfortable enough that, 'Hey, they're not taking this well, we need to have somebody talk to them.' And so we can do that. We do a really good job of trying to police ourselves and making sure that we're doing okay and checking on each other and making sure that somebody has someone to talk to and has that support if they need it." Shea: I've also talked with the family of the victims and how they want their loved ones remembered, I'm working on that story for THE News at 6. Reporting in Pooler, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

2/20/2023 4:30PM  
5:29:00 PM OD

SHEA: POOLER  
FATAL FIRE  
FOLO

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(sot) Emergency leaders say this money will help them recruit and retain some of the army of volunteers they need in a growing department and growing community. (vo) They'll receive nearly \$400,000 from a federal grant through FEMA. They'll use the money to help cover the cost of physicals, textbooks, protective gear and more. (sot) "Knowing that you're going to take care of them is a major part of the equation. With this grant we'll be able to buy them new gear when they come on board." (vo) Chief Tapley says the county is adding a few full time staffers year by year, but they still rely on volunteers to supplement the response and protect homes and businesses as the county grows rapidly. (sot) The chief says they'll likely apply for more grant funding next year. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

3/3/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BULLOCH CO.  
FIRE MONEY

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The Burton Fire District says they responded to the Hilanda Mobile Home Park after 5 last night. Assistant Fire Chief David Byrne says firefighters found the camper fully covered in flames that extended into the home. Two adults and a child were in the home heard a loud popping and left without knowing the home was on fire. Chief Byrne says the smoke alarms were not working in the home. The Red Cross is helping the family and the cause of the fire remains under investigation. This is the third house fire in less than 24 hours for the Burton Fire District.

3/9/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

BURTON:  
FAMILY  
DISPLACED  
AFTER FIRE

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3/19/2023 11PM MCCURDY'S  
11:40:00 WEEKEN ON MAIN  
PM D OD STORE FIRE

A cherished local business in Glennville is severely damaged after a fire this evening. Glennville Fire officials say it happened just before 6 p.m. today in the 200 block of South Veterans Boulevard. The business is known as McCurdy's on Main, an antique and gift shop. Glennville Fire Chief Dale Barnard says when firefighters arrived on scene, the store was already fully engulfed. He expects the building to be deemed a total loss.

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3/19/2023 11PM MCCURDY'S  
11:40:00 WEEKEN ON MAIN  
PM D OD STORE FIRE

"There's not very much left that's savable. All the merchandise is damaged, I haven't physically been inside the building yet, because it's not to the point where I can go in, but everything seems to be gone." Barnard says multiple agencies helped to put out the blaze, totaling around 35 firefighters. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

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3/20/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD TYLER:  
HINESVILLE  
FIRE

Standup The owners of this Hinesville home weren't here when I stopped by today but the neighbor who made the 911 call to report this fire was and he talked to me off camera. Sot: (Voice of: Benjamin Angstadt - Reported the fire to 911) "I was watching tv on the couch and I heard what sounded like firecrackers or something and i thought about it and was like no it cant be so i looked at my camera and it picked up some motion so i looked out the front window and the house was up in flames." Vo Hinesville fire tells me they received the call just before 9 pm Sunday night and when they arrived, half the house was burning. The neighbor tells me he and his daughter alerted the houses around them, fearing the flames might spread. Sot "It was freaking me out because all of those trees back there i thought if a wind gust would picked up it would catch the tree and start spreading more and more. It was kind of scary." Vo Thankfully that didn't happen and no one was in the home at the time, Angstadt saying that's a silver lining to a crazy experience. Sot "I've never actually seen a house on fire like that like right next door it was pretty wild." On cam tag As soon as we get more information on what caused this fire we'll let you know on air and online at WTOC.com. For now though reporting from Hinesville, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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3/20/2023 4:30PM GLENNVILLE  
4:29:00 PM OD STORE FIRE  
The cities Fire Chief tell's WTOC an electrical fire caused McCurdy's on Main to go up in flames last night. Fire officials says when crews arrived to the antique and gift shop around six o'clock the building was almost fully engulfed. Glennville Fire Chief Dale Barnard expects the building to be deemed a total loss. 00:00:19

3/20/2023 4:30PM GLENNVILLE  
4:29:00 PM OD STORE FIRE  
"It was a stubborn fire getting to it because it was so involved in there. Getting to where it was to put it out. // "It's going to be terrible to the community and surrounding communities because we don't have this business anymore." Barnard says it took 35 firefighters from multiple agencies to put out the fire. Tyler Manion is working to bring us an update in the investigation coming up on The News at 6. 00:00:24

3/21/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD  
TYLER:  
BURTON  
SUSPICIOUS  
HOUSE FIRE  
Nat Covered sot "The home was fully involved in fire when we got there." Nat Vo They got the call round 1:30 in the morning. Covered sot "The fire was hot enough and putting enough embers up in the air that we actually had spot fires as far away as across the street." Nat Vo Burton Fire eventually silencing those flames. "This is an older style home and the fire had a really good hold of it before we got here so it took about an hour to extinguish it." Vo As darkness turned to light and the house became visible, so did the fire's suspicious nature. Investigators saying the scene just doesn't add up. Sot "When you've been to enough fires you can tell that that's just not a normal burning pattern or fires don't normally start in that area, and some fires we start off thinking they're suspicious and wind up no there's actually a cause to that fire." Vo The homeowners weren't here while the house burned, but Burton fire says they returned this morning. Sot "They seem to be doing ok. We asked if they needed Red Cross assistance and at first they thought they did but they wound up going to stay with some family. It was possibly one adult male, possibly two adult males that lived in the home." Vo Although the house was empty, medical attention was still needed. Sot "We did have one firefighter who received minor injuries. He was treated and seen by Beaufort County Emergency Medical Services which was here and he was able to return back to duty," Vo With smoke continuing near the house and across the street, traffic was forced to adjust for hours... as both the sheriffs office and fire district now investigate what caused all of this in the first place. Reporting from Beaufort County, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:40

3/22/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

FLYNN:  
CONOR  
MCGREGOR  
DONATION

According to a resolution that will be taken up at tomorrow's city council meeting...the donation from Proper No. Twelve Irish Whiskey will help the department buy gear bags that will protect firefighters from carcinogen exposure. I spoke with Chief Elzie Kitchen who says he also hopes to use the funds start programs aiming to hire more women in the department. Mcgregor visited Savannah firefighters during last week's St. Patrick's Day parade. Chief Kitchen says Mcgregor's team initially reached out in January and even stopped by to have breakfast with first responders before the parade last week.

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3/27/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

VIDALIA  
FIREFIGHTER  
FULFILLS  
HUSBANDS  
DREAM

(sot) Jamie Byrd says being a firefighter is not about making local history, but fulfilling a dream. And a dream that didn't start out as hers. (vo) She's only been on the job for days, but it already feels like home. The former substitute teacher joined the department along with her construction worker husband Mikell as volunteers. (sot) ..it got to the point he talked about fire more than construction. Mike was a builder, he loved it. But when it came to fire, it was a different kind of passion. (vo) Big Mike planned to join the department as a fulltime firefighter, with the blessing of Jamie and their four children. But doctors diagnosed him with leukemia. He passed away last August before his dream could happen. That's when Jamie, a 44yr old mother of four, began thinking of applying herself. She was the top applicant and the city's first female full time firefighter. (sot) After knowing her and her husband and working with both, it just feels like a circle being completed. (vo) Neither she nor the chief think that's as important as carrying on Big Mike's legacy. (sot) I just want to make Mike proud. I want to make the guys proud. I want the city to be proud of what I'm doing. (vo) Protecting her home, her family, and her husband's memory. (sot) In Vidalia, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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**The Last Minute** – Revisiting Sharswood and Canada's Residential Schools resurrected painful and shameful eras. But other parts of those stories pointed ways to progress and healing. (C: Lesley Stahl)

02/26/23

**"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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
**The Last Minute** – Next week, Anderson Cooper visits with David Byrne, the legendary front man of Talking Heads. (C: Jon Wertheim)

**CBS SPECIAL NEWS REPORT**

On **Monday, March 27**, a CBS News Special Report (Nashville officials hold Press Conference on school shooting) aired for 18:15 from 5:15:39-5:33:54pm cnyt, live to all stations.

- On Monday, March 27, a CBS News Squeeze and Crawl (School shooting in Nashville) aired for :56 to the East Coast from 1:36:36-1:37:52pm cnyt; for :53 to the West Coast from 1:40:01-1:40:54pm cnyt.

**WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 5-SCHOOL SAFETY-HOW SCHOOLS ARE PROTECTING THEIR STUDENTS AND WHAT MEASURES ADMINS HAVE TAKEN. SCCPSS COVID AND OTHER SICKNESSES, EFFINGHAM LAWSUIT ON RACISM, BULLOCH CO. CHILD TRAFFIC DEATH NEAR SCHOOL BUS, SC SCHOOL SAFETY CENTER, WTOC INVESTIGATION ON SCHOOL CAMERAS, SCCPSS EMPLOYEE ARRESTED, LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL VAPING ADDRESSED, GSU SECURITY CAM UPGRADES, BULLOCH CO. TEACHER SUSPENDED, LIBERTY CO. SCHOOLS EXPANDING SCHOOL RESOURCE FORCE, EFFINGHAM SCHOOLS WATER OUTAGE AND BOIL WATER ADVISORY, STUDENT VACCINATION DECREASES, STUDENT SHOT NEAR SAVANNAH HIGH, SHUMAN ELEMENTARY CLASS FIRE MAKING STUDENTS TEMPORARILY MOVE, EVANS CO. TEACHER ARRESTED FOR CHILD CRUELTY, GSU STUDENT ARRESTED FOR TERRORISTIC THREATS, SAVANNAH LAW ENFORCEMENT ON BEING PREPARED FOR ACTIVE SHOOTERS AFTER NASHVILLE SCHOOL SHOOTING SOURCE: CAMPUS POLICE, DR. ANN IEVETT BEAUFORT AND OTHER CO. SCHOOLS, GSU ETC**

"As kids are back in school, nurses with Savannah Chatham public schools say they're seeing a slight uptick in kids with sicknesses like COVID and the Flu but they say it's not something they're concerned about right now." According to a lead district nurse, the district is keeping track of the number of students out with COVID. However, they are no longer posting those numbers for the public to see every week because they say those numbers are not significant enough. According to the Center for Disease Control, Chatham County is at a medium risk for COVID cases. While doctors are expecting a new COVID variant to arise, nurses say in public schools they're seeing kids with more than just Covid. The Flu and Respiratory Syncytial Virus or RSV are also in classrooms. "Every time we're out on a long vacation or a long break where people are congregating more, we expect a slight uptick. Our district, our schools are seeing the same thing that we're seeing in the community. A small uptick right now, nothing that has required us to change our mitigation practices." "And she wants to remind parents not to send children to school if they aren't feeling well. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

1/9/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
SCCPSS  
COVID  
LATEST

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The students also accused the district of allowing a long history of racist graffiti and remarks, harrasment, and bigotry from students and teachers. They even claim a noose was found hung in the high school football locker room..

1/9/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
EFFINGHAM  
SCHOOLS  
LAWSUIT

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(sot) As investigators piece together what happened, one neighbor I spoke to says the neighborhood is overcome by the tragedy. (vo) It happened just after 7am. 12 year old Eli Bradley was waiting for the school bus. Georgia State troopers tell us the bus had not reached it's designated stop but the young man headed toward the bus and stepped into the road and an oncoming car. Neighbors say it's something parents fear. (sot) "You worry about everything. But you don't think it will happen in your own yard or so close to home." (vo) She says word traveled quickly among the people in their subdivision, so did the grief and sorry. (sot) "I hope our community will rally around their family. I know our neighborhood will." (vo) While the case remains under investigation, troopers say neither the driver nor the bus driver will likely face any charges. (sot) In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

1/11/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD  
DAL:  
BULLOCH  
CO. CHILD  
TRAFFIC  
DEATH

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1/13/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SC SCHOOL  
SAFETY  
CENTER  
PROPOSAL

"They can go to that school to be in a school-like environment — there are no students there — and they'll be able to have drills and learn CPR and all the things that they'll need to know how to operate and respond in those kind of cases." The State Law Enforcement Division, SLED, would operate what the governor describes as a statewide, state-of-the-art training center. In it – SLED would work with FBI and Homeland Security agents to train law enforcement officers, including school resource officers, teachers, administrators, and other school staff, like bus drivers. Last summer – a group of teachers, mental health professionals, pediatricians and others formed a statewide coalition -- calling for South Carolina to strengthen school safety. This center was among the coalition's recommendations. "I expect very much that this will be something that will move through the General Assembly this year because the stakes are simply too high for it not to. We're talking about the wellbeing and safety of our kids, and that affects every South Carolinian."

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1/18/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

SCCPSS  
EMPLOYEE  
ARRESTED

Christopher O'Malley worked in the district's School Nutrition Department. The district says O'Malley did \*not\* work directly with students and the alleged incidents did \*not\* happen on any of their campuses. They say O'Malley still has a job and will take "appropriate action" as the investigation into his action moves forward. He hasn't worked on site since January 6th. The district says he'll be reassigned to a building with no student interaction. WTOC will update you if Chatham County Police release more information.

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1/19/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

WTOCI:  
SCHOOL  
CAMERAS

"For me, it just seemed kind of off." WTOC marketing employee Ian Robinson says, he's never gotten a speeding ticket. That is, until now. A speed camera near White Bluff Elementary recently captured his blue Chevrolet going 39 in what's \*usually a 35. This warning ticket shows it happened during after-school pickup... when the limit is \*reduced to 25. The ticket time SAYS 3-57. The problem? "Everything said I was here at the time... which I think was 3:57." Robinson says, he drove-by the camera earlier that day... around 12-57... hours \*before the reduced speed window. By 3-57, he says he was HERE at work off Chatham Parkway... almost 10 miles away. We checked our cameras to verify. "And, low and behold, we look at the camera, and he sends me a picture of my car sitting in the parking lot at 3:57... just sitting basically right here. And I'm like, huh." We took Robinson's ticket - to show Savannah Police. "This is not us being sneaky. This is not us trying to make money." Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin says, Robinson is right. The camera WAS off. But Gavin says, they knew about it, and fixed it right away. He says the malfunction happened during a 30-day \*warning period after they installed the cameras in October... and no REAL tickets were issued. "So, this was part of the... one of the cameras that was off on its time." "This is human error. This was someone who was supposed to set that camera to the specific time, and didn't do that." Still, it's not the only issue viewers say they have with these cameras. Several of you reported the flashing lights... like these, by Williams and Shuman Elementary Schools in Savannah, which are there to help warn you when reduced speeds are in-place... don't always flash. They worked when I drove by Tuesday. Gavin says they also are NOT required by law. Then, there's the hours of enforcement. SPD says they differ across school zones. I found those reduced hours are not ?\*\*clearly\*\* posted in all school zones... and are also NOT easy to find online. And I couldn't find them listed \*anywhere on the department's web site. Finally, these cameras are maintained by a third-party company... Blue Line Solutions. The department cited a speed study BY Blue Line Solutions... when it made its case to the city FOR the cameras. I wanted to know... is THAT a conflict of interest? "Max: The people who put up the cameras for you to do this study are the same ones getting 25% of the cut, right?" "Asst. Chief Gavin: Yeah, but we knew speeding in school zones was an issue. And we've done our own speed studies over the past 15 years. We've done different school zones, and things like that. So, the speeding issue is always one that we've dealt with." Gavin says, their request is simple. "We want you to slow down around our children." But Robinson says, he just doesn't trust the cameras. "I have changed my commute because of it. I don't want to get a ticket because of some faulty machine." "Most people are just going to pay it, and not know. And not question it."

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2/6/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD GSU SECURITY CAM UPGRADES The school says it's a 1 point 2 million dollar upgrade. They'll focus on upgrading cameras at residence halls and other buildings that are still analog. The upgrade will get them on their digital platform. The university says it will not only be an improvement for campus law enforcement but can also be integrated into other security networks. 00:00:20

2/7/2023  
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD BULLOCH CO TEACHER SUSPENDED Take a look. This video shows Langston Chapel Middle School teacher Marc Roundtree shoving a student to the ground... after the student appeared to touch him in the back. The kid appears to hit his head on a locker on the way down. This happened back in December. The county's Board of Education held a hearing last week... where they decided to suspend Roundtree 60 days \*without pay. The school's superintendent had recommended termination before the board's decision. Roundtree faces no charges at this time. 00:00:30

2/7/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL VAPING ADDRESSED ((PKG)) I spoke to a Liberty County nurse practitioner who says that kids are vaping at younger and younger ages. Because of that, they now start asking tobacco screening questions to patients before they're even teenagers. "We actually ask our kids, starting at the age of 12, have you been smoking, have you been vaping? It starts early now." And with the vaping- the long-term health effects, like asthma, COPD, and even heart problems start to set in. Kids and teenagers don't always understand how vaping could affect their health- so the Liberty County School System is making a point to show them. "When we do have a student that gets in trouble for vaping, either in-school suspension or out-of-school suspension, they have to immerse themselves in this packet here where they have to read the pitfalls of vaping, and how it can affect you negatively." At Bradwell Institute, there are also electronic signs up with facts about the dangers of vaping. It can be tough to get the point across- especially with vaping products targeted at teenagers. Frasier: "Vaping comes in flavors, which is a thing that kids like. They like strawberry, they like grape, they like peach." Van Horn: "We're asking a basic question about, 'Do you know what's inside of this?' that you're taking into your lungs, and a lot of students don't know what's inside that, and really want to make a good choice and resist the peer pressure." Since implementing the anti-vaping measures, Van Horn says disciplinary incidents involving vapes at Bradwell Institute have gone down. Shea: Frasier says parents of teenagers should pay special attention to how their children are behaving, and if you have any concerns about their health, take them to a doctor. Reporting in Liberty County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News. 00:01:44

(sot) With this security system upgrade, university police say they're more likely to have an image of something as it happens..and have a clearer picture of it. (vo) The \$1.2 million dollar upgrade will include adding more cameras and replacing many of the older ones on all three campuses and replacing them with digital models with higher resolutions. It will bring more locations, like lobbies, hallways, stairwells into focus. (sot) ...looking at these cameras, we have some entrances and exits. We can see vehicles, but can't always identify them very clearly. The new system will allow us to identify them by their tag, or characteristics like make, model, color. (vo) The system will also allow them to link in with Statesboro and Savannah police and their camera networks. It gives them more eyes to spot crimes and other problems. (sot) Whether it's something as simple as a fender bender in a parking lot, or something more serious, we can pick up on that information and respond to it. (vo) In addition, they'll add more storage space for feed footage to allow them archive access to something that became important days later. (sot) They hope to have everything in place by Fall semester. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:01:12

2/8/2023  
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Deputy Blair works as a resource officer at Liberty County High School. Soon, there will be 16 officers serving each school in the district, according to Sheriff William Bowman. "We came up with a plan to make sure that we can cover every school in Liberty County that gives parents the peace of mind that knowing when they drop their kids off or they get picked up at the bus stop, that we're going to take care of them, that we're going to protect them." School officials say the expansion of the program helps make their district more secure. "This is something we've been working on for quite a long time now. Given the landscape of what's happening across the nation and latest incidents, this actually validates our planning early on. We just want to make sure that we have an additional layer of support and safety around our students. The Sheriff's Office has provided a resource officer for Liberty County High School, and recently expanded to three other schools in the district for this school year. Bowman says it's important to expand the program further. "We want the schools to know that we're here to support them and the teachers as well, and also to deter anyone who wants to come do harm to our kids here in the community." Dr. Barbra says.. he thinks the partnership will be beneficial for students besides just safety. "We see this as another extension of all of the things we talk to our students about every day. Teamwork, discipline, taking care of the community, being a good citizen, understanding civics, so those are things law enforcement can and will represent inside of our schools." LL TAG: Sheriff Bowman says the full expansion of the program is expected to be completed for next school year. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:43

2/9/2023  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD LIBERTY CO.  
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The Effingham County School District says several schools are under the advisory... including South Effingham Elementary, South Effingham Middle, South Effingham High, Marlow Elementary, and Blandford Elementary. Crews say they fixed the water line around 2:30 this morning and water should be restored to all customers. The water line is near the Lakeshore subdivision on Meinhard Road near I-95. We know that the affected areas include The Highlands, Georgia Tech-Savannah, Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport, parts of Port Wentworth, Effingham County Water customers and Gulfstream. Again, these areas are still under a boil water advisory this morning. 00:00:41

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<p>2/15/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>WAYNE CO. TEACHER HEARING</p>	<p>LL INTRO: Harold Hill, who is facing multiple charges including sexual battery after police say he assaulted a Wayne County student at school, failed to show up for an arraignment in Wayne County Superior Court today. Investigators say the incident happened on October 19, 2021.... Hill was working as a JROTC instructor at Wayne County High School when police say he assaulted a student during the school day. He's been out on a \$10,000 bond since shortly after his arrest. His failure to appear in court today will result in a bench warrant — meaning law enforcement is instructed to find him and bring him back to court. He's also subject to bond forfeiture, which could mean he has to sit in jail while waiting for trial. David Dozier, a lawyer for the victim's family, says his clients are frustrated after nearly a year and a half of waiting. "Where it stands now, of course, everything is up in the air. From a civil standpoint, any action that we may be bringing on behalf of the family is always thwarted by criminal prosecution ongoing, because clearly the accused in this case would have the right of fifth amendment protection, and that makes it very difficult getting the evidence we would want." LL TAG: Dozier says he and the victim's family are ready for the case to move forward once Hill is served his bench warrant. In Wayne County, HB WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:20</p>
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<p>2/28/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>KID VACCINATIO NS</p>	<p>"Dr. Ben Spitalnick believes the pandemic plays a major role and why many kids aren't getting their required vaccines." Children going to kindergarten at public schools are required to get vaccinated against diseases that have been around for a long time like measles, polio and tetanus. The CDC reported 93% of kids entering kindergarten in the 2021 to 2022 school year were fully vaccinated. That number has dropped one percent each school year since 2019-2020. Dr. Spitalnick says Pediatric Associates of Savannah has beaten that national trend, but that might not be the case for other clinics in our area. "But it would not surprise me if there were drops in our area because there's been disruptions in the care gap system. Patients have lost insurance and for other reasons have not made it in." He also says public reaction to the COVID 19 vaccine can be a reason for less kids getting other vaccines that have been around a long time. "Those who were a little bit hesitant to get vaccines have in some cases found reasons to become more hesitant as a result of their understanding of COVID." "He says if you ever have any reservations about getting your child vaccinated against those long time diseases, the best thing you can do is call your child's doctor. In Chatham County Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	<p>00:01:17</p>
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<p>3/1/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>PENN AVE. SHOOTING LATEST</p>	<p>WTOC is following breaking news out of Savannah - a high school student was shot in the leg - just about a block away from Savannah High. Taking a LIVE look from the scene now. Chatham EMS confirming to WTOC where the student was shot, and Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools saying it was a student and the shooting happened off campus. Savannah Police say they have one person in custody. The school district says the suspect is also a student but from a different school. WTOC is working with all the agencies involved in this investigation to get you more information.</p>	<p>00:00:34</p>
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3/7/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD BN: SHUMAN "The moment when they feel like they need to start rallying the kids up or taking them somewhere else, we  
ELEMENTAR should have been notified then. I got the message at 3:44. At 3:47 all this was already going on, so I feel  
Y FIRE like I should have more than that." 00:00:14

3/7/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD BN: SHUMAN This happened just after 3 this afternoon. It's not clear how the fire started but it was contained the one  
ELEMENTAR classroom. You're looking at parents being reunited with their children. While some parents felt they got  
Y FIRE info from the school quickly, others say they wish they had more details about the fire sooner. Parent  
Sarah Lewis said she was only told the kids were evacuating because smoke was detected. She said she  
got there within three minutes but was not told much about what was happening. 00:00:29

3/28/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD CAMILLE: "We keep losing them in this tragic and I believe preventable manner." The latest school shooting in  
KIDS & GUN Nashville killing nine people sparking outrage and more conversation about gun violence. "Gun violence is  
VIOLENCE the leading cause of death for American Children and Teens. That has not always been the case." Law  
enforcement in Savannah says they are prepared for any active school shooter situations including ones  
that turn out to be false. But gun violence in people under 18 is actually happening here as last year 13  
minors were shot and four were killed. In 2021, 16 young people were shot, according to Savannah Police.  
We do know a Savannah High student was shot this year just a block away from school. "Chatham  
Emergency Services paramedics tell me it's a problem they're seeing first hand. They say it's not easy  
taking such young victims to be hospitals to be treated for gunshot wounds. Mental health experts want to  
see a change." "You'll see children who will suffer with anxiety, depression. They'll have feelings of, 'Oh  
gosh could that happen to me?' Other children who are present when that happens they might have  
survivors guilt about how come that happen to my friend and not to me." Maureen McFadden who is social  
worker shares the same opinion as our area Representative Anne Westbrook. Westbrook voted for a bill  
that failed in the house that would have made it a misdemeanor to store, transport or abandon an  
unsecured firearm in a place where children have access. "We're really getting to a point where we've got  
to start reframing this debate and I am certainly of the belief that we do not have to pay for freedom with  
our children's lives. We can have both." "We just have to have people actually listen to each other and  
come together to do something about it instead of offering their thoughts and prayers." One of many  
communities around the nation wanting to see a change. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:01:52

3/30/2023  
7:00:00 PM 7PM OD BN: EVANS  
CO. Breaking news out of Claxton. An employee in the Evans County School District has been arrested. Eric  
TEACHER Campbell has been charged with Cruelty to Children. No further details are available at this time. Stay with  
ARRESTED WTOC for updates. 00:00:14

3/30/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BN: EVANS CO. TEACHER ARRESTED Eric Campbell has been charged with Cruelty to Children. The superintendent says he has worked for the school district since July of 2021. A release from the district says quote -- "Due to inappropriate and egregious physical contact with a student, district employees reported the incident to police and DFACS". They did not give any further details about the situation leading to Campbell's arrest. Stick with WTOC for updates. 00:00:26

3/30/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD GSU STUDENT ARRESTED Kimberlie Bennett is charged with terroristic threats and acts based on a social media post she's accused of making early Monday morning. The university says that post indicated she might hurt herself or others in class later in the week if a test did not go well. Campus police say the investigation shows there was no cause for immediate emergency action. Police first made contact with Bennett Monday. They say further investigation led them to get a warrant. Bennett was arrested today without incident. WTOC will update if we learn more. 00:00:32

3/31/2023 4:00:00 PM 4PM OD GSU SUSPECT GRANTED "It's my understand that the state's requesting that the evaluation to make a determination if Ms. Bennett needs to be held against her will in a mental health facility, pending further treatment. That's my understanding of what's been requested..." "Then we have no objections then." The judge also told her she cannot stay in Chatham County and she may not have any access to social media. Her bond is set at 12-thousand 5-hundred dollars. 00:00:26

**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. CAT YOUTH TRANSPORTATION FORUM TO HELP STUDENTS GET MORE BUS STOPS,SC SUPERINTENDENT ON FUTURE OF SCHOOLS, SAV. SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SET TO RETIRE WITH HIRING FIRM, TIMA LOTTERY APPLICATION, SCCPSS RETENTION, SCCPSS PRE-K LOTTERY, SCCPSS LITERACY RATES, NEW GARDEN CITY K-12 SCHOOL PROGRESS, WORKSHOPS HELPING WITH TEACHER BURNOUTS, LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL SOLAR PANELS**

**SOURCE: SCHOOL DISTRICTS,**



"How has that transition been going?" "Really well. ... We've been meeting. She's already been meeting with staff. We prepared books, books, and books of information, but then meeting one-on-one. She's been here in the building, and we've done everything we can to help her be ready to go." Superintendent-elect Ellen Weaver has established relationships with lawmakers for a role that'll require she work with the General Assembly – in her previous work with the state's Education Oversight Committee and a conservative think tank. Spearman brought those relationships to her two terms as superintendent too – having served as a state representative earlier in her career. But, unlike Weaver, Spearman has worked as a teacher. At the current moment – there's a divide between many of those in the classroom – and some of those setting policy for the classroom from the State House. "Are you concerned that, once you retire, there will be a void of someone who has experience from both groups here, that it could potentially deepen that divide a little bit more?" "Each person brings their own talents and skills to this job. I think whoever sits in this role — and I have said this to Ms. Weaver — you know, once you get here, you have to realize that students are your number one priority, teachers next, and that you represent every child in this state, every family, and you have to make that environment a safe place where they all feel comfortable. And every word you say is watched, so you have to be very careful, and you have to stay away from the rhetoric." "Two of the big challenges going forward will be recovering the pandemic learning loss and then, of course, the teacher shortage. What do you think the solutions are for both those?" "Well, first of all, for the — it's kind of a catch-22 because the real answer to recovery, academic recovery, is for those students to be with a really strong teacher, side by side, and working together, and it's harder and harder to find them." At the start of this school year – there were more vacant teaching jobs across South Carolina than ever before. "It's going to take using industry folks, business folks, to maybe come in and teach a class or two, really monitoring great virtual learning but having those support people. But it is a crisis, and I think this is the most challenging situation that we have as a country because it's not just here in South Carolina." Spearman says learning-loss recovery will require extended services outside school hours – already offered in many districts. She hopes to see some of her other work continued – including efforts to keep high-school students on track to graduate by engaging through career programs ... and putting more state dollars toward improving rural school buildings. After eight years in this office -- she leaves parting words of advice for all South Carolinians. "People need to relax a little bit and have a little more faith in our fellow humans. We have got great kids out there. We've got some fantastic teachers and administrators, who have given their lives to these children, and we need to support them in every way we can and make their lives easier by giving them more support."

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For a little over an hour the DEEP Center and Chatham Area Transit had an open community forum about how to improve public transportation in the county. The questions were all from students -- ranging from accessibility -- expanding routes -- CAT partnerships with the school district and safety But if you look around there was only one student physically present, with some on Zoom. That's because many of them didn't have transportation to get to the meeting. "I don't know that they could've illustrated their point more effectively than at the meeting than by not being able to get to the very meeting where they talk about those things." Teachers and school district staff represented their students -- sharing the challenges they have in getting to and from school each day "Is there any consideration specifically to placing more bus stops in close proximity to the school so they don't have to cross a major thoroughfare?" "My current High school juniors would prefer to take action now...to see action now" CAT has taken some action in the past year. Most recently -- expanding in Cloverdale and Carver Village. Before that -- they added several stops in Garden City. "The progress that we've made in the past couple of months to expand our service coverage is more than we've had in the past 30 years of CAT" Chatham area transit is also in talks with Port Wentworth. They are hoping to have service in place by fall at the latest. CAT's CEO says hearing these concerns and direct questions from young people was powerful "The notion that they're that interested...that is something that's how we change communities and build better communities" Board members agreed they have a responsibility to address these issues "People don't ride the bus because they want to. They do it because they have to and we owe it to them to give them the best service possible" In Savannah, Alyssa Jackson, WTOC News.

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SCCPSS DR. LEVETT TO RETIRE  
The system said in a statement that the decision to retire was "one the Superintendent has been contemplating for several years, but put on hold as our school system faced unprecedented challenges. She now looks forward to spending more time with her family in the years to come." 00:00:16

1/18/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD  
LEVETT RETIREMENT  
"I have been contemplating for several years now my exit. When I came to the district I was one year short of being eligible to retire. I have stayed far beyond that because as a member of this community I thought it my responsibility to not create additional disruptions to the district by leaving in the middle of a pandemic." WTOC's Camille Syed will have more details from the event and what filling the position could look like from the school board. She'll have those details coming up on The News at 5. 00:00:30

1/18/2023  
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LEVETT RETIREMENT FOLLO  
"I learned to listen. I learned sometimes to part ways with my own experiences that I thought were less than they should've been and then I learned to ensure that every child who came into the district had a fair and equal opportunity to be successful." BUTTED TO: "She did such a terrific job in seeing to it that our children, our families, our administration, our staff all got through that cataclysmic time in our lives with as little disruption to the instruction of program as possible." Hall was one of the board members who voted for Dr. Levett back in 2017... 00:00:33

1/18/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
BO: SCCPSS HIRING PROCESS  
In years past, a search firm has been hired to help the board with the process including finding candidates. This is what the search looked like in 2017 when Dr. Levett was hired.. A multi-phase process was used that involved community input for selection criteria, an in-depth application review, and two rounds of interviews. Dr. Levett was one of four final candidates out of the 97 applicants. The ultimate decision is up to the school board members. 00:00:27

1/18/2023  
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DR. ANN LEVETT ANNOUNCE RETIREMENT  
PKG "I have found it to be one of my life's honors to be the 24th superintendent of the district." As some Savannah Chatham School board members thanked and congratulated Dr. Ann Levett on her soon to come retirement, she says a lot has changed since being sworn in as superintendent in 2017. She says since working at the district, graduation rate went from 65 percent to a now 85 percent rate. Dr. Levett also takes pride in the district's ability to accomplish ESPLOST projects, creating the Acorns Academy for 3-year-olds to begin early learning and navigating a global pandemic. "I am especially proud of the system of support that we have built for our children and our staff." Parent of a Groves High graduate, with five other children still in the school district, LeeAnn Farthing says she can remember out to Dr. Levett with concerns.. "Almost overnight things were addressed." Farthing also served as the Parent Teacher Association president for the district and has some advice for the superintendent to come. "Talk to the parents who are working the two and three jobs. Go talk to the parents who are really struggling. Talk to the students and ask him what their real experience are and do something about it." District 3 school board member Cornelia Hall voted for Dr. Levett in 2017 and is advocating for someone similar to take Levett's seat. "I want someone who believes in our children. Someone who doesn't look at them as their poverty strict in and below level. I want someone to come in who has her love for children." While Dr. Levett says she's leaving a solid foundation for the next person, the position may come with challenges. "I do think transportation, staffing shortages, whenever someone steps in, they'll continue to wrestle with." 00:01:43

<p>1/18/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>BO: PREVIOUS SCCPSS SUPTS</p>	<p>Here's a look at a few of the District's past Superintendents. John O'Sullivan served in that role from 2001 until 2004. Dr. Thomas Lockamy took-over in 2005. Lockamy served for more than a decade. He retired in May of 20-17. Dr. Levett became Superintendent the next month. Before that, Levett was the district's Chief Academic Officer from 20-13 to 20-17... and also served as Deputy Superintendent. Her last day as Superintendent - is June 30th. Dawn?</p>	<p>00:00:27</p>
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<p>1/20/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>GA STATE SUPT. IN CHATHAM COUNTY</p>	<p>"While physical books sre still in the classroom, reading is looking a bit different for kids in Kindergarten through third grade thanks to a program called Amira. It's something the state superintendent says he's very impressed by." (reading nats) Emmanuel is a 3rd grader at Godley Station K-8 who says since using Amira his reading has gotten.... "very good." "I've seen so much improvement in my students." It's been in classrooms throughout the district since 2020. So how does it work? First grade teacher Chelsea Barnes says the program gives students a sentence to read and students repeat it. (reading nats) If they miss a word.... "It'll pull up on the screen and it'll break the word down for them so they can learn the word. According to Savannah Chatham public school officials, last school year student read 1.2 million minutes. And last semester students have already read 79 million words. State Superintendent of schools Richard Woods saw how it works firsthand. "I wish I would have had this growing up." Woods says the program will also help children who don't speak English as their first language. He says he was impressed by the students who told them they also use Amira at home. "It allows kids that need remediation that we can better identify that but also for those kids that are ready to accelerate. We're not holding them back as well." Woods says he'll be getting with the district officials to see how much the program costs and if it's feasible to implement across the state. "What does it take to invest? You're looking at sustainability as well." But Emmanuel thinks it should be in more schools. "For other people to become better readers." Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:01:37</p>
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<p>1/21/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD</p>	<p>LEVETT RETIRING LATEST</p>	<p>"If we're talking about learning loss and trying to get our kids back up, so I think for me it would be an individual that has a good balance of what K-12 education looks like, but with a focus on K-5. I think our foundation pieces are extremely important. An individual that understands really what a inner-city program looks like.</p>	<p>00:00:19</p>
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1/30/2023 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	N	<p>TIMA LOTTERY APPLICATION</p> <p>As a reminder, TIMA is now a K-8 school. Staff here say they always have the most openings for kindergarten and that the higher grade levels tend to have the fewest openings. VO The TIMA staff says there's no better time than now to open the application and apply. Parents can also sign up to take a tour of the campus. Staff member Jennifer Fleming says a number of incoming siblings and primary residents have already applied and that for the first time in school history, 100% of their current students recommitted for the next school year. Fleming says this shows that families are happy choosing TIMA. Fleming says because of the high number of students signing up to come back, no one is guaranteed a spot, but they encourage everyone to apply and see what all the school has to offer. SOT "It's a quick, 5-minute application process. It does not impact their enrollment or their ability to apply at other schools or choice programs. We encourage every family to submit an application and familiarize themselves with the process." LLTAG Families have until February 10 at noon to apply and the lottery will be held on February 13. Fleming says if your child doesn't get picked in the lottery, they will be put on a waitlist that the school will work from through December of this year. You can find a link to the application on our website wtoc.com. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	00:01:22
2/1/2023 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	4PM RECAP: SCCPSS RETENTION	<p>"What can you do to engage parents because that's a major concern, a major factor based on teacher burnout is actually classroom management and discipline. So from an HR perspective how can we engage parents." BUTTED TO - "Yes, that is something we can work internally with academic affairs to answer that question Dr. Howard-Hall. That is a perfect question. You are exactly right." School support staff retention numbers also dropped from 83.5 percent to 81.9 percent. Staff told board members they hope to create a more positive culture and climate for faculty and staff.</p>	00:00:34
2/17/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SCCPSS PREK LOTTERY TO CLOSE	<p>The last day to submit is February 24th. The school district says parents will need to submit their child's birth certificate and proof of address. Parents will then be notified by email March 22nd letting you know about your child's placement or if they will be on a wait list. We have the link to apply on our website WTOC dot com.</p>	00:00:19
2/20/2023 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	CAMILLE: CTAE TEACH COUNSELO R LUNCH	<p>"Prior to the pandemic there was burnout, but now there's certainly burnout." Savannah Chatham public schools started off this school year with 75 teacher vacancies. Now, there are 120 open teacher positions. Woodville-Tompkins High teacher of 30 years Bernard Clarke got a break from his usual load by coming out to an appreciation for teachers, Career Technology staff and school counselors. While he's happy with his position, he says there are several reasons teachers are experiencing burnout everyday. "There are still a lot of things we're trying to come to grips with. Some students are still not comfortable in schools. Some parents are not comfortable kids coming. We're still working through a lot of things and that in itself will burn you out." "One step their taking to boost morale and retain faculty in schools is having wellness days like this one with a packed schedule of events and free goodies." The day was filled with workshops and food trucks celebrating employees is apart of the district's "The Way Forward" strategic plan to create a more positive culture in schools. reddiness "Last year we did it for the first time and it was a huge success. And when we did the survey, we had several staff members that were asking for more. It also boost morale to let them know that we care enough to take the opportunity to serve them." "Teachers must be reassured that they are first of all needed but second of all appreciated." A much needed day away from the classroom. Camille Syed WTOC News.</p>	00:01:28

2/20/2023	6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS PRE K LOTTERY UNDERWAY	"As parents are trying to get their little ones in to Pre-K programs across Savannah Chatham County, state leaders say they hope to see more people getting their kids into schools as early as possible." Pre-K enrollment across the state is slowly bouncing back from a pandemic related decline. "We do have research that continually shows kids who attend Georgia's Pre-K exceed in all levels and are better prepared for kindergarten than their peers who don't attend the program." If you're applying to the Pre-K lottery in Chatham County public schools, you will need your child's health and immunization forms, birth certificate and proof of address. There will be priority given to zone schools, if you put the school your students are zoned for as the first in your list of three preferred schools, you will get priority when you go through the lottery. If your child isn't chosen, Adams says don't give up. She encourages parents to try other programs in our area at private schools and daycares. She also says the state offers an at-home preschool learning tool. "They're written for families. They're not classroom activities, they're written for materials that you have around your house, easy things for families to do daily for kids to get those schools." Information for that tool will be on our website. The last day to apply for the Chatham County Pre-K lottery is this Friday. Then, parents will be notified if their child is seated or wait listed in a program on March 22. Camille Syed WTOC News.	00:01:28
2/24/2023	10:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 2 24	PRE K LOTTERY CLOSES	Some things you need to know this morning... Today is the last day to enter your child in The Pre-K lottery application process for the Savannah-Chatham County School District. Parents need to submit their child's birth certificate and proof of address to qualify. Then you will be sent an email on March 22nd letting you know about your child's placement or if they will be on a wait list. We have the link to apply on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:26
3/1/2023	6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SCCPSS LITERACY RATES	It started with a breakdown of different factors that play a role in low reading scores in some elementary schools in Chatham County. Things like high poverty levels and low attendance. District staff looked at two elementary schools that they only referred to by letters.	00:00:16
3/1/2023	6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SCCPSS LITERACY RATES	"As well as for all of our schools we have a growth incentive model that we rolled out last Friday that encompasses incentives for all of our teachers from the core content, our reading and math areas, in terms of growing their students. So, on top of that schools that are struggling get an additional incentive." The board also discussed where they are at in their superintendent search and what's to come. This comes after Dr. Ann Levett announced her retirement from the position.	00:00:28
3/9/2023	8:00:00 PM	7PM OD	NEW GARDEN CITY K12 SCHOOL PROGRESS	Construction started in January of 2021 and will wrap up in June. The school will be be home to Groves High, Mercer Middle and Gould Elementary students. Right now, crews are putting on the finishing touches with paving, electrical and cabinetry inside – and the project manager says he is proud of the team for tackling this massive project. The total price tag for the project is just over 135 million dollars – fully paid for by ESPLOST funds.	00:00:26

3/23/2023 4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SCCPSS SUPER SEARCH FIRM HIRED	All this comes after Dr. Ann Levett announced she will retire from the role over summer. The district says they considered three proposals from firms for the search. They approved a contract with B-W-P and Associates out of Libertyville, Illinois. The firm will get nearly 56-thousand dollars for the national executive search.	00:00:20
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((PKG)) The topic at today's NAACP Mass Meeting was Women in Education. Dr. Levett was the featured speaker, and she talked at length about her time as the superintendent of the SCCPSS, as well as what she would like to see in the next superintendent. nats: I believe we are lucky to call her our superintendent. I am blessed to call her my friend. I present Dr. Ann Levett. A standing ovation for retiring SCCPSS superintendent Dr. Ann Levett.. before she gave her remarks to those in attendance. Levett recounted her time as the longest-serving Black superintendent and the first female superintendent the system had seen in 20 years. She said she took great pride in that- as well as being a product of SCCPSS herself.. a part of her that she'll carry even after a new superintendent is selected. "While I will not be casting a vote and I will not try to in any way unduly influence this process, I do have a personal stake in who comes in next." That person, Levett says, will have a big responsibility, leading the 10th largest school district in the State of Georgia. Above all- she wants her successor to love working with children. Levett: "I want that person to really understand that children, the fact that they don't all grow and learn at the same pace. So lots of options must be available to them, and also recognize that all these other things are talked about may be influencers, but your major role is to make sure that the children's needs are met." Levett says that that will heavily involve making and cultivating connections in the community, which might be critical when trying to get new programs or technology implemented. Levett: "We don't want somebody to come in and say, 'Well, I don't have the money so we can't make it happen.' No. That's when you go out and talk to people and say, 'This is really important.' So I want to see that person continue to build partnerships so that we can continue to ensure that our children are ready for the world." Levett has dedicated her life to that one goal.. and though she's leaving her post, she tells me that, she will always be a teacher at heart.. and her service will continue. Levett: "I'll switch chairs. I won't be in the superintendent's chair. I'll just be in another chair and continuing that advocacy work." Shea: The Savannah Chatham County Public School System is also looking for input from community members about what they would like to see in the next superintendent. To find out more information on that, just check out this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

3/26/2023 11:40:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	SHEA: DR. LEVETT ON SUPERINT. SEARCH	Savannah Chatham County Public School System is also looking for input from community members about what they would like to see in the next superintendent. To find out more information on that, just check out this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	00:02:29
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**ISSUE 7—STATE AND LOCAL BUDGETS FOR SCHOOL SYSTEMS. SCCPSS ON TRANSPORTATION SHORTAGE, SCCPSS ENROLLMENT DECREASE, SCCPSS PREK LOTTERY TO CLOSE, BENEDICTINE FUNDRAISER, WAYNE CO. ESPLOST SOURCE: STATE LEGISLATORS OF GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA,**

"We have any given day 15 to 20 call outs, which reduces the number of drivers we have available each day. Our drivers are moms and dads, they're grandparents. They care for children. As you know, as numbers go up and children have to be out sick, that means our drivers and monitors have to be out because there's no one to take care of those students." Right now, the school district does NOT have bench drivers. Those drivers are usually there ready to go when someone calls out and it won't impact operations. Because they don't have those drivers, they are doing things like extended ride times. They are also using credentialed transportation staff.

1/11/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS ON TRANSPORT ATION PLANS	Savannah Chatham County Public School System is also looking for input from community members about what they would like to see in the next superintendent. To find out more information on that, just check out this story on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	00:00:38
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1/11/2023  
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SCCPSS ON TRANSPORTATION PLANS  
New at 6-- We're getting an update from the Savannah-Chatham County School Board about the current bus driver shortage. Right now, the school district has 196 active school bus drivers. And they are currently looking for 135 more. Because of the shortage, not every student is eligible to ride the bus. There are currently over 21-thousand students that can. The school board says they are continuing to try and recruit more drivers. 00:00:26

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GA ED SUPER ON BUDGET TALKS  
"I think one of the things we look at with putting paraprofessionals in you know into our youngest classrooms, I think it's extremely important that we are able to really cut class size down. This is one of the things that you find out with a great paraprofessional working in conjunction with a teacher you're able to reach more kids." 00:00:18

2/1/2023  
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CAMILLE: SCCPSS ENROLLMENT  
Staff told board members teacher retention rates dropped from 85.7 percent in the 2020-21 school year to 81.7 percent in this past school year. Meaning in 2022, 18.3 percent of teachers did not return to classrooms in the district. Board members discussed several ways to overcome their retention challenges. District 8 board member Dr. Tonia Howard-Hall said one big problem causing teacher burnout is behavior in class rooms. 00:00:26

2/1/2023  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD  
CAMILLE: SCCPSS MEETING  
"Where have all the children gone?" That's a question Savannah Chatham public schools' staff presented to their board of education as 1 million students across the country left public schools..that's according to this presentation.. It also shows the reason is partially because of lower birth rates over the years. Budget Director Paige Cooley says the pandemic is also to blame. "Private schools have also seen an increase in enrollment as a result of COVID 19. Growth in student home schooling has increased 50 to 60 percent during COVID-19 due to health and safety reasons." In this current school year, enrollment dropped by 53 students compared to the year before. Next year they are expected to lose 50 more students, which largely affects the school district's budget. School board members heard a presentation with rough numbers of which schools are over and under capacity. Because of those numbers, board member Corneila Hall mentioned selling Thunderbolt Elementary. Board member Denise Garbowski also suggested using under utilized facilities for their youngest learners, which could increase enrollment. "I would love for us to look at opportunities to be able to transition those to early learning centers for our 3 and 4 year olds. That might even mean working with non profit organizations or other community partners to be able to increase those learning opportunities for our youngest scholars." In the same presentation, Parsons firm said several older schools in Savannah Chatham County need improvements. 24 out of the district's 50 schools scored a poor facility condition index meaning they need repairs or replacements. Presenters say these numbers are average for Georgia schools. "There are no true life safety threats right at this moment. Those are fixed and addressed on an ongoing basis before they become a true life safety issue." School board members say some of the schools on the list are already undergoing repairs. 20 schools did have a good score. Camille Syed WTOC News. 00:02:00

Savannah Chatham public school's transportation department is budgeted for 350 bus drivers. At the beginning of the school year, the district told WTOC they needed around 80 more bus drivers. Now, they need 170 bus drivers. Due to the ongoing shortage, the school system had already cut routes and created a priority list. Students in choice programs outside of their district don't have the option of hopping on a school bus. "Which is heart wrenching. They're all our kids, but because of that significant shortage, it makes it very difficult." The head of the district's transportation department Tammy Perkins says buses are delayed here and there because bus drivers are picking up extra routes. "It has been taxing on some of our drivers for those who are pitching in and helping with those extra routes. We try to keep them encouraged while asking them to do more with fewer people on staff." So nearly three years after the start of the pandemic, the situation is getting worse. What is the district doing to keep the drivers they do have? "We implemented monetary expenses for our drivers throughout the year for attendance, for retention, for staying with us." A new strategy to recruit drivers is also underway. "We're going to be reaching out to parents who may or not may not know. You know, 'The bus picks my child up on time and drop them off,' But guess what, there is a need. So hopefully we can reach out and have some of the parents, folks in the community to come. We do what it takes to get the kids to school."

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LL INTRO: Dr. Richard McGrath, an economics professor here with Georgia Southern University says if the student debt forgiveness program is allowed to continue, it could open many doors for borrowers. McGrath says overall, going to college is more expensive than it used to be. He says a good way to look at this – is by calculating how many hours a student would have to work a minimum-wage job to pay for tuition. According to EducationData.org, average tuition for a four year public university in the early 1980s was around \$1,000. Minimum wage at this time was around \$3.35. – So, a student would have to work approximately 300 hours per year to pay for tuition. Fast forward to 2020 – yearly tuition averages \$9,000, and minimum wage is at \$7.25. By this same calculation, McGrath says a student would have to work 1,200 hours a year to pay for this. He adds – if this is forgiven, it could open up spending in other sectors of the economy – like purchasing a home. "You have people who could technically qualify for a house and make the house payments, except their other debts stop them from qualifying for a loan. If you take \$200 off somebody's other debts, it's going to make it much easier for them to qualify for a mortgage under those criteria." LL TAG: Coming up on The News at 5:00, I talked to some borrowers who haven't touched their loans since that payment freeze began at the beginning of the pandemic, as well as others who say they're less than pleased with the program. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

3/1/2023  
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STUDENT  
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Here's a sample ballot for Tuesday's vote... The Wayne County School District is looking to renew a one percent sales tax to be used for education. It's expected to raise around \$30 million over five years. According to the school district, the funding would go toward building an ROTC education building and an Agricultural Education facility – these renderings show what the buildings would look like. Other uses for the funds include completion costs for James E. Bacon Elementary, school buses and transportation equipment, new computers, updated textbooks, athletic facilities, improving security equipment, resurfacing parking lots, and improving existing buildings. Sales tax in Wayne County is currently 8 percent. This one percent renewal would maintain sales tax at the same rate. Early voting for the ESPLOST continues until Friday at 5 pm at the Hall Richardson Rec Center on North 4th Street. Voting resumes on Election Day on Tuesday. Hayley Boland, WTOC NEWS.

3/15/2023  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD WAYNE CO.  
ESPLOST  
EXPLAINER 00:00:58



3/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BENEDICTIN E FUNDRAISE R New tonight-- Benedictine Military School celebrating its fundraising accomplishments. Their capital campaign "Forward, Always Forward" began back in August 20-14. Their goal was to raise \$12 million dollars to renovate the school. And today they revealed that number was almost doubled. They ended up raising over \$23 million. The school's headmaster thanked the community and everyone who helped surpass their goal. 00:00:25

3/21/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BENEDICTIN E FUNDRAISE R "It is so heartening to know that this community stands behind the ideals for which this school was founded behind faith, community, service to god and our country." This is the school's largest project ever in it's 121 year history. 00:00:14

3/30/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SCCPSS JOB FAIR The Savannah Chatham School System hosting their annual job fair. And this year they expanded the program to parents. They say its part of their up-skilling and re-skilling program to combat shortages in school workers. Executive director of the office of college and career readiness, Angie Lewis say they have seen a great turn out today. 00:00:20

3/30/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD SCCPSS JOB FAIR "It' has been extremely busy. We've had over 500 kids com through so far and we're looking forward to many of our parents coming through this afternoon." She says the event is usually held at the Savannah Mall, but because that location was recently sold, they hosted it at one of their locations. 00:00:17

3/30/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL SOLAR PANEL LL INTRO: These new solar panels here at Frank Long Elementary are expected to save the school district around \$6,000 per year in energy costs. It's a renewable energy option... that the school's principal says, is fueling student innovation as well. "Teachers will have lessons that will have lessons that come directly from the data that is pulled, that they'll be able to incorporate directly into their science lessons." The 40-kilowatt solar panel system provides around 10 percent of the school's energy usage. They started building the panels in September, and they've been operational for about two weeks. "It's important because we need to be conservators of our environment, that's an important life lesson that we're teaching our children." School leaders say it also provides a backup energy source. "If we had a hurricane or an outage where the refrigerators in the cafeteria went down, or the telephones in the office are down, this saves us. This keeps us from losing that important information." The \$170,000 project was fully funded by a Georgia Environmental Finance Authority grant. "We're just thankful we were awarded this grant, because of all that they're going to learn not just this year or the next year, but for many many years to come." LL TAG: Next up, the school will be using monitors in places like the cafeteria and the library for students to be able to track energy usage numbers in real time. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS. 00:01:25

**ISSUE 8- SPECIAL PROGRAMS ENLIGHTENING A STUDENT'S FUTURE INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS. GA TEACHER OF YEAR FROM HESSE TRAVELS TO NATIONAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, SKILLED TO WORK NURSING PROGRAM, CHARACTER COUNTS PROGRAM, SCCPSS STUDENT CREDIT UNION, CURTIS COOPER PRIMARY HEALTH HANDING OUT BOOKS, SCCPSS EXPO AND STEM FESTIVAL, UNITED WAY READ UNITED, SAVANNAH TECH NEW CLASSES OFFERED, SCCPSS CHOICE PROGRAM, LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL SYSTEM ASPIRING LEADERS ACADEMY, TIMA JOURNEY CONCERT, EVANS CO. PARTNERING WITH LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A CLASS, WTOC ST. PATRICK'S DAY COLORING CONTEST, GUYTON PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY, READ UNITED PROGRAM FOR PRE-K THROUGH 2ND GRADE, WTOC'S CAMILLE SYED PARTICIPATED IN ARMSTRONG'S COMM ART EVENT, SCREVEN CO. ELEMENTARY AG EXHIBIT, PETE THE CAT AUTHOR VISITS MONTGOMERY CO. SCHOOLS, BEAUFORT CO.SCHOOL CHOICE, FIRST TEE CAREER DAY, SAVANNAH MUSIC FEST EXPLORERS PASS, GSU GOLFER GOES TO THE MASTERS, VIDALIA LIBRARY RENOVATION, UW SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WOMEN, GA SOUTHERN'S PROGRAM IN IRELAND, MCINTOSH SENIOR MOCK INTERVIEW DAY**  
**SOURCE: LOCAL COLLEGES, LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS, ORGANIZATIONS**

"If there's anything else you need just let us know OK." Sherry Piper in one step away from becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse... or LPN. A goal she made for herself a year-and-a-half ago... while helping with COVID-19 testing at the Savannah Civic Center. "One of the nurses there just kind of inspired me and encouraged me to just go for it and be a nurse." A stay-at-home mom for bulk of the last 21 years... Piper says saw herself doing this when she was younger... but had no formal training. "I've never worked in medical field before at all. So for me, I just wanted to get that hands on experience." She enrolled in the nursing program at Savannah Tech right away. "They had the quickest program to get me to the job to a career. All in all, it was 16 months for the program and I think it prepared me very well to work here." During those 16 months, Piper got clinical experience through St. Joseph's/Candler... And started working a week after her program ended last month. "We want to always open our doors to those that are ready to take that next step in their career." Martha Weston's been with St. Joseph's/Candler for more than 30 years... As a Registered Nurse, or RN, and most recently as a Clinical Nurse Manager. While she oversees nurses, like Piper, who come in with training and education, others come in ready to learn from scratch. "We have a apprenticeship program for CNAs and then once they get in and get their education then they can in turn, maybe want to take a route to become an LPN or an RN." While Piper studies for her licensure exam next month... she's getting on-the-job training from her fellow nurses each day. "They're more than willing to help out and teach me things, show me things. "Whatever I need they've been wonderful." In Savannah, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.

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The new site is located at Woodville-Tompkins High School. The branch is operated by Members First and will be staffed by supervised students. The Branch will support students in their financial goals. And-- it is also open to all Savannah Chatham County public school staff .

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LEWIS:  
 HINESVILLE  
 BACK TO  
 SCHOOL  
 EVENT

Several local businesses and organizations partnered for the Back to School Supply Drive in Hinesville Saturday. They had around 300 coats, countless school supplies, and gift certificates for students in need. Students could also get a free haircut! Organizers say focus is often placed at the beginning of the school year -- but families still need help at the start of the second semester.

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			The school district partnered with local organizations for an event on Saturday called the Character Counts Community Celebration. The event focused on six main principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. They had food and prizes for kids, as well as activities like hula hooping and jump rope and dance performances. Organizers say it was taken to new heights this year -- attracting all sorts of community members.	
1/9/2023	5AM	SHEA:		
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			A reserved parking spot at work was a pretty good prize for Georgia's 2022 State Teacher of the Year. But for Cherie Goldman, of Savannah's Hesse School, the perks of the past year keep getting better. "It's going to be pretty overwhelming and pretty exciting. I think there's going to be a lot of adrenaline." You would expect nothing less from college football's National Championship Game. The College Football Playoff Foundation has flown Goldman and each state's Teacher of the Year to Los Angeles and will honor them on the field when Georgia plays TCU Monday night in SoFi Stadium. "My understanding is they are going to have us come down to the field during the pregame and introduce the state teachers of the year to the crowd. I think we're coming out of the tunnel, which will be pretty amazing. Knowing about the invitation changed the way the English as a Second Language teacher watched the CFP semifinals last weekend. "We were definitely sitting on the edge of our sofa. And it changed what I packed. My whole bag is red and black now. "We were just excited to get to go to the game and then when it became this reality that it's Georgia, it took it to a whole other level. The teachers are participating in additional training sessions while in Los Angeles ... "there's a professional development day for us and various events just to celebrate teachers." ... and they will be wrapping up their time as a group together. "It will be the last event we will do as a national cohort and so I think there will be all kinds of emotions involved because it has been a pretty overwhelming and indescribable year. I think it's definitely a capstone. And maybe a highlight of a year when she and the Bulldogs both enjoyed a lot of highs. "I greatly appreciate them doing this and acknowledging the hard work of educators and how educators support families and students and communities. Because what teachers do is indispensable to our communities and I greatly appreciate the acknowledgement and them inviting us to be representatives of our colleagues."	
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			"That is excellent. Ya'll doing pretty good here." It's maybe not what you'd expect to find here in the Savannah Baptist Center. "This is a 5-week fast paced program, but you have all the aids an assistance that you need." The Dunamis Health Care Academy was the dream of Dr. Renee Thornton. "I have had a desire to teach nursing. I've been in nursing almost 40 years and I also enjoy educating." Combining her passions with one thing in mind. "My goal in life is to give somebody something to cause them to be better today." And if you talk to students from her first graduating class, it's a goal it would seem she's achieved. "Anything you put your mind to Dr. Thornton will definitely help you achieve it. She'll be the push behind you, give you the keys, give you all the knowledge you need. If you want it, it's truly attainable." Of course, Dr. Thornton knows there will still be hesitation to step out of your comfort zone and give this program a shot...but if you ask her. "Time is going to pass whether you do something or nothing so you might as well do something. In 5 weeks, you can have a career or a steppingstone." A life changing opportunity, just one step away. "So, this is a starter for me to go pursue what I really want to do."	
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			Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health helped the school district hand out bags with multi-lingual and multi-cultural books to families with children four years old and younger. They also included hand outs for a website that has online activities. This is all possible because of federal grant funding. Deputy Superintendent of Teaching and Learning-- Dr. Bernadette Ball Oliver-- says its very important to get books in the hands of kids this young.	
1/18/2023		SCCPSS		
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1/18/2023		SCCPSS	"research shows us that from about 0 to 3 years old, children that are exposed to 1.4 more million words based on parents reading to them have a better foundation when they enter school. They have a much richer vocabulary and a stronger love for literacy as well." This was just the first distribution. Ball-Oliver says they are happy to be celebrating this and look forward for more to come.	00:00:23
6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BOOKS TO FAMILIES		

1/20/2023		SCCPSS	In addition to showcasing student work - it also kicks off the School Choice Program Application process. Parents will be able to apply on site for the coming school year. Again - that's happening tomorrow at the Savannah Civic Center from 10 a-m to 3 p-m.	00:00:15
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	EXPO & STEM FESTIVAL		

1/23/2023		MICHAELA: FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT	Everything is new to Liam Faduyl, who comes all the way from Switzerland. And he comes with one burning question. Sot- " I want to learn how Americans live." Liam has already experienced many firsts since being in Savannah, including what some would call an American breakfast delicacy. Sot- "I never had a waffles this big." He says he wants to know if the American cliches are true. But he has already noticed a few things. "the first thing I noticed, eating, a lot of sugar , a lot of sugar and drinking and everything umm its just like its giant, and everything is far away from each other, it's not as I know it." one of the things he looks forward to doing in Savannah is learning how to fish. And that's where Polly Duck and her family step in to teach Liam the American ways. "I wanna show him the beach the rivers, downtown I wanna get him on a trolly cause I think those are good way to know the history of Savannah." She says she hopes she and her family can learn something from him and his culture. "I hope that he can teach my kids some different things they don't know." Wendy Bailey, a local coordinator from the non-profit says that she has seen that the benefits go beyond the home. Sot—"it's just enriching the whole community's life, not just the families and students." She says it helps us grow as a community to learn about different cultures and customs. Sot " they want to live like an American teenager, so you are sharing cultures and making a bond." And along with that, she says you are making lifelong friendships. Michaela Romero WTOCN	00:01:30
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1/23/2023		UNITED WAY TELETHON PUSH	Tomorrow is the Read United Telethon. Our team will be out answering phone calls. All the money donated will go to buy books for Read United - a program that helps place new books in the homes of students in Pre-K through second grade across Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties. Again - this is happening tomorrow. Phone lines open at 8:30 a-m. Please call (912) 651-4006 to donate.	00:00:23
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1/23/2023		SAV TECH NEW CLASSES OFFERED	LL: Bryan County is no stranger to manufacturing...with many companies announcing new facilities in the past year. Now...students say they're taking these courses to be a part of what economic officials here are describing as an industrial boom. VO: The course will offer students certifications in warehousing...manufacturing and distribution skills. Savannah Tech officials say that instructors will also focus on foundational skills highlighting work safety. Students are using virtual reality headsets to simulate real word working environments. Many say they're looking to make their future better by taking this course since leaders in nearby counties have announced a slew of new manufacturing jobs throughout the Coastal Empire. SOT: "Bryan County is definitely housing more warehouses. I think it's a really big deal that we have programs like these for people who maybe are not as familiar with our industry." : "I have a one-year-old. I just want to better myself for him. I just felt like with me doing this, and taking this class, and seeing the opportunities that it's offering, it's good for me." LL: The course will also offer job placement through several partnering companies. Classes runs for 6 weeks...ending on March 17. In Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:15
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1/23/2023		SCCPSS		
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	CHOICE PROGRAM	The school district has 26 Choice Programs throughout the district. The deadline to register for these is February 3rd. You can see other key dates for wait lists and auditions on your screen right now.	00:00:12

1/23/2023		UNITED WAY TELETHON	A reminder as we head to break - WTOC is partnering with the United Way to get books in the hands of local kids. Tomorrow is the Read United Telethon. Our team will be out answering phone calls. All the money donated will go to buy books for Read United - a program that helps place new books in the homes of students in Pre-K through second grade across Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty Counties. Again - this is happening tomorrow. Phone lines open at 8:30 a-m. Please call (912) 651-4006 to donate.	00:00:29
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It is a day in the life of the United Way of the Coastal Empire - and another way the organization improves lives in our community. "We want to do everything that we can do to support the children and the families of our four-county region to be successful reading so that they can transition successfully from learning to read to reading to learn so that they can be more successful in life. The United Way's Read United Program is a year-round initiative focusing on childhood literacy. It is made up of summer reading programs, reading buddy programs - and today, a partnership with WTOC to raise money to provide books to young students across Southeast Georgia. "we are giving away over 17,000 books. "about 61 percent of low-income children do not have books at home. And books at home is an important part of learning to read, loving to read. The books will be distributed on Read United's most visible event - when community leaders share a joy of reading with children on Read United Day. "we go as volunteers from this community into every classroom, pre-K through second grade in Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty County and we read to students. But we don't just read to students, we leave a book for the classroom and we give a book to every child. Read United Day is February 24th and the United Way is seeking 1,000 volunteers to read to kids. "You can sign up for a specific school, a specific time and we hope everyone will do that. We hope that it fills up so fast with people who want to read to the children of our region, to invest themselves into these children, that we have to turn people away. But the United Way will not turn away from extending Read United Day - so that it mirrors the schedule of the yearlong Read United Program. "We hope by the time school starts next year, Fall of 2023, we will be able to call for volunteers that want to and can dedicate time throughout the year, not just one day but every week of the school year to read to children and read with children. That's quite and investment, a worthwhile investment. That's something we're working to build right now.

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LL INTRO: Today marks the grand opening of the Deloitte Foundry here at SCAD—and school and business leaders alike say it's ushering in a new era of design thinking right here in Savannah. Community leaders, SCAD staff, and members of Deloitte were able to tour the building today. SCAD leaders say the building is the culmination of a working relationship they've had with Deloitte since 2019. Students have previously had the opportunity to work on hands-on research assignments for the company through the school's in-house research group known as SCADpro. Now – this building broadens those opportunities even further. School leaders say the benefits of this partnership go beyond SCAD's campus. "We're very very lucky to have SCAD within a city that embraces diversity and creativity as well. It creates economic impact, the companies that come and visit us and come work with us fall in love with the city, they're staying at our hotels, they're taking tours, they're eating at our restaurants. Plus we're preparing a whole workforce to enter the Savannah market and beyond." Company leaders say – this partnership will help bring new perspectives to their clients. "I've been in the workforce for a long time, and I started out with everything we can't do. It's nice to be working with a research team of students who are pushing us to go beyond the boundaries that we set artificially, and take us to the next level." So far, Deloitte has employed more than 30 SCAD graduates – a number both groups only expect to grow. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

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The Liberty County School system just kicked off the fifth class of their Aspiring Leaders Academy. It's a program designed to identify existing staff members with leadership potential, and help them identify those leadership skills. Dr. Kenyatta Gilmore is the principal of Taylor's Creek Elementary School.. but, she started off as a teacher. "I moved on to admin as an assistant principal." And that's when she signed up for the Aspiring Leaders Academy. Dr. Gilmore: "Anytime there's valuable information that's out there that leaders can go ahead and become a part of, I wanted to become apart of that also, to make sure that I'm getting everything that I needed to be the best that I could for my students." After graduating from the program- Dr. Gilmore went from being an assistant principal- to the principal of Taylor's Creek Elementary School. (nats- "I think it's just phenomenal") Dr. Barbra, the deputy superintendent of the Liberty County School System, oversees the Aspiring Leaders Academy. He says seeing advancement like Dr. Gilmore's is exactly what the program is designed to do. "That allows them to say, hey, wow, I want to remain with this organization because they've invested in me, so that helps us all the way around." In the previous four classes- there have been 62 participants- 20 of whom have been promoted to other roles throughout the district. This year, there are ten participants ready to get hands-on leadership experience- which they believe will ultimately strengthen the school system. "I really see it as an investement of time and resources to allow myself and others to develop those leadership skills, so that way when a position becomes available, we can jump into the job and be confident that we're gonna run it successfully." Shea: In addition to investing in their current staff, the Liberty County School System is also looking to bring new people on board. I'm working on that story for you, coming up on the News at 6. Reporting in Liberty County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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The festivities kick off Friday at 10:45 A-M at Forsyth Park. Students, musicians, and costumed historical figures representing Georgia history will march through Savannah's historic squares. You'll also see some pretty cool banners. Schools who participate in the parade will be competing in the Classroom Banner Competition. The banners are designed based on the theme, "Made in Georgia." You can catch all the fun live on WTOC.com, the WTOC News App and WTOC plus. Again - that's happening Friday.

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"When most people think school band they typically think like marching band or concert band or maybe even jazz band." But that's not the case here at the Tybee Island Maritime Academy. "Instead of learning the traditional band instruments like flute, clarinet, trumpet, we play rock band instruments." These middle school students rocking out to some classic rock...which may come as a surprise given their age...but according to their music teacher...it was their choice. "The students in the band class, their music tastes are a little closer to what your parents listen to. Like, 99 percent of the songs we play...the students have suggested." The most recent choice, Separate Ways by Journey. A song that's been a big hit. "Journey is one of my favorite bands." "I was really excited and wanted to give it my all." "Just listening to the guitarist shred on the guitar, and even listening to the drummers is amazing." And it didn't take long for these young rock stars to do some shredding of their own. "We've worked on it two or three weeks at this point. They learn really fast." Which was even a bit of a surprise to them... "Listening to the guitar part of it is just really inspiring because like, I can do that, I never thought I could." While learning the song itself is quite a feat...they're hoping to have the opportunity to learn firsthand from the band behind the hit song...who just so happen to be in town this week. "Get to see the behind the scenes things that go on with putting on a rock performance." You know...flashy things like... "The sound check." Giving these budding stars a chance to learn from the pros. "It would definitely be awesome to watch them warm up...get ready...and maybe even talk to them about what it's like to make the songs together." "I feel like it would give me a lot more confidence in singing." Building confidence...and opening eyes to what's possible. "They see something else in the music industry they could be interested in like sound engineer or light engineer or even an instrument tech." But even if they aren't welcomed with 'Open Arms' Ms. Whitfield hopes they 'Don't Stop Believin' even if they go their 'Separate Ways.' "I hope they never lose their passion for music regardless of whether they pursue it as a career, I hope they keep the love of music they seem to have now."

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(sot) You can feel the impact of the late Jack Hill across the area, especially here at Georgia Southern. But an upcoming exhibit will allow you to see it in a more concrete form. (vo) Kimberly Liebl has become quite the expert on a person she never met. Jack Hill from Reidsville served 30 years in the Georgia Senate as one of the state's key leaders. (sot) He kept everything. He kept everything! Every email he received, he printed out. (vo) Hill's family donated to his alma mater boxes and boxes of letters, photos, bumper stickers after he passed away in 2020. Kimberly is helping prepare an exhibit inside the Henderson Library. (sot) I'm reading his notes. I'm seeing the things he touched and it shows how real he was. (vo) The university will soon build the Jack and Ruth Ann Hill convocation center and her exhibit will be a permanent display there. She considers herself neutral when it comes to politics, but she's come to appreciate the grocer and Guardsman who became a political pillar. (sot) It's been great to see that there were...there are...politicians that genuinely care about the people they serve. (sot) The exhibit at the library will open in April or so, the convocation center...down the road. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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And Savannah State's marching band has been invited to the 20-23 Honda Battle of the Bands! They're the only band from Georgia to be chosen. They're set to face off against 5 other HBCU's at Alabama State University. It's happening next weekend on the 18th with special guests Rickey Smiley and Loni Love hosting.

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2/10/2023	6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CLAXTON OLD SCHOOL LUMBER AVAILABLE	<p>?(sot) Evans County's landmark school house will soon get a new life. But they hope to preserve some of its history, one board at a time. (vo) The century-old building will eventually house The Strickland Cultural Arts Center. But that means lots of renovation, especially in the auditorium. Evans County Schools has offered up the lumber from the trusses and joists for those who want to have at least a piece of the building that helped educate generations of this community. (sot) The hope is that people will reclaim this wood, give it a brand new life for another generation. Perhaps it will be around for another 100 years, that's the hope. (vo) They hope to have it all sold and out of the way in the next few weeks. They're selling it for \$100 or so per board and buyers can contact Jordan at the school board office. (sot) In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news.</p>	00:00:49
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2/13/2023	6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	TYBEE MARINE SCIENCE CAMP	<p>Sea Camp is a nine-week camp and this year staff at the science center say they're expecting nearly 140 kids to take part. VO Program Director at the Tybee Island Marine Science Center, Alli Williford says the camp runs from May 29-July 24. She says all of June is booked up, but every week in July still has openings. Williford says this means they have 30 spots still open. The camp is for kids ages 6-11 and costs \$400 for the week. In previous years Williford says they'd have 10 campers per week, but they upped that to 15 this year. Each day of camp is from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm to accommodate parents' work schedules. Williford says campers get to do and experience a lot during their week at camp. SOT "Some days you might learn about endangered species and focus on the North Atlantic Right Whale and sea turtles, a couple of days we have field trips where we go out on the boat cruises and learn about dolphins, we'll go to the marsh one day. One day we'll learn about invertebrates and how many invertebrates make up our ocean and how they're so important even though you might not put a whole lot of stock in these animals." LLTAG Sea Camp is certainly not the only program they have, though. Williford says they're looking to do a lot more throughout the year. So, she says it's best to follow along on their website and social media pages for activities you can get involved in. You can find a link to their website on our website wtoc.com. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	00:01:26
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2/14/2023	6:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	SCCPSS ATHLETIC ACHEIVEME NT AWARDS	<p>Student athletes got to walk across the stage and get recognized for all of their hard work on the field and in the classroom. This is the first District Athletic Achievement Showcase since the pandemic. The ceremony was held at Garrison School for the Arts. Athletes recognized last night have won either a city... state... or a regional award. We caught up with a seventh grade cross country star who says he couldn't have done it without his team.</p>	00:00:27
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			(vo) It's a race against the clock to drag a fire hose then run to extend a ladder...all before lunch period or 10th grade math. Evans County Schools teamed with the county and its fire department to offer this class at Claxton High. (sot) "Originally, I wanted to be a policeman. But I would have to wait until I was 21. So I want to become a firefighter and see where it goes." (vo) Students can choose a vocational pathway for fire fighting that helps them prepare for taking their state test and beginning a career after graduation. (sot) "I feel like it gives you a boost in knowledge and capabilities and all that." (vo) Evans County's chief, Brian Croft, serves as the instructor. He says programs like this can help shore up years of dwindling numbers for both career firefighters and volunteers. (sot) "My biggest smile will come when one of my students becomes a full time fire fighter for Bulloch County or Savannah or some big department." (vo) Some students say they're still on the fence, but they're glad to get a sample of this and other potential careers. (sot) "I think it's important because it gives you a taste of what you might want to do in your life. So you don't get to the job and find out you don't like it." (vo) Chief Croft says if the class generates only 2-3 firefighters per year, it's serving the community and students who want to be skilled to work. In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
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			Before we move on - we want to remind you - your child has a chance to help green the fountain. WTOC's Saint Patrick's Day coloring contest is underway right now. To get started - scan the Q-R code on your screen. Any student in our area can submit their work. The deadline for entries is March 2nd at 5 PM.	
2/17/2023		COLORING CONTEST REMINDER		
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			"Georgia Southern, when we opened up this campus in Wexford, we really wanted to be able to give our students - many of whom are first generation - an opportunity that they might not possibly have and it also makes us a lot more competitive, particularly with some of the schools in the Georgia system, who have campuses abroad as well."	
2/17/2023		GSU ST. PATS CONCERT FUNDRAISE		
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2/21/2023				It's a four week long program, happening on Saturdays. It would start on March 4th. The costs of each course will be 25 dollars and will be refunded if parents complete all four week courses. Kaigler tells me they would like to fill positions for bus drivers, food and nutrition and mechanical positions. Different programs being offered are computer skills, Residential wiring and ServSafe food handling. She says it's great way for parents to pick up new skills and make operations run smoother for their students.	00:00:31
6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SCCPSS RESKILLING UPSKILLING PROGRAM			

2/23/2023				Looking ahead to this weekend- The Living Faith Church is have a prom dress and shoe giveaway. It's happening Saturday from 9 to 11 at the address on your screen. They'll have over 200 new and used formal dresses and shoes to choose from. They'll also provide alterations, hair and make-up tips for that special day.	00:00:18
6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GUYTON PROM DRESS GIVEAWAY			

2/24/2023				Pre-K through second graders in Effingham, Liberty, Bryan and for the first time -- Chatham County -- will hear a story from a volunteer and get a book of their own to take home. That's more than 19 thousand kids who will get a book today and all of them will have a book read to them thanks to the 900 volunteers that will be going into the classroom today.	00:00:21
6:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	5AM SARAH READ UNITED			

2/24/2023				Cheri Dean / United Way of the Coastal Empire "I volunteered last year as a reader. That was just amazing because all of the kids were so excited and they love to hear stories and tell stories so I am so excited that so many students get to have that."	00:00:14
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2/24/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD MARIAH: READING BOOKS TO KIDS KG NAT "The kids were funny, they laughed, they hugged me when we were done. It was wonderful." "It is such a joyful experience to read to children and it is such a joyful experience to have them enjoy being read to." One month ago, WTOC held a telethon with the United Way of the Coastal Empire to raise money to buy books for the kids in our community. Today ... NAT ... those books ... put in the hands of our future generations. "Show them that reading can be fun. It's something that we all love to do no matter the age." Pre-k through second graders at schools in Effingham, Liberty, Bryan and Chatham Counties listened in as community volunteers ... "Our company believes in it and we believe it in our heart. It's a great thing to help the community." ... and those of us at WTOC, read them a story. NAT Superintendent of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, Dr. Ann Levett read to the students as well. She says it's important that children develop a love for reading because it helps them succeed later on in life. "This is a period of their fastest brain development, so we want to capture that. The other thing we want them to do is to see adults who are also reading. We all love to be read to." "It's key to the development of children. I mean even from a very, very young age they need to be read to and then they need to be taught to read and then they need to have books to read." After story time more than 19,000 kids left school with a new book in their backpack to take home. NAT "It helps with vocabulary, articulating. It takes you so far. It helps build your imagination." 00:01:31

2/24/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD DAL: NFL PLAYER BHM SPEAKER (sot) NFL standout Justin Houston gets asked to speak all the time. But when the invite comes in your own hometown..it just means more. (vo) The former Statesboro High Blue Devil and UGA Bulldog played with the Kansas City Chiefs before signing with the Baltimore Ravens. He talked about the committment needed to play football and reach the NFL. He talked about the team mentatlity needed to work with other athletes of the same caliber and \*not\* expect to be the star. Houston spoke at Langston Chapel Elementary School as part of Black History Month. He says the observance should include contemporary figures as well as those in the history books. (sot) I think kids get to look at it from a completely different view. It's somebody from their own hometown that made it. Hopefully the kids can use that as motivation. "If he made it, i can make it." (vo) He took questions from the students about what it's like to play in the NFL and the sacrifices that takes. Houston says he tries to come back to Statesboro and visit family more often once the football season ends. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC News. 00:01:04

2/27/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD DAL: SCHOOL AG EXHIBIT (sot) Hundreds of Screven County Elementary students get to see a range of different farms in Georgia...all from their school parking lot. (vo) A few at a time, students got a simulated walk through several farm operations. The Georgia Foundation for Agriculture created this traveling exhibit during covid as a way to give youngsters a "field trip" experience when many schools weren't leaving campus. It serves as many student's first exposure to agriculture. (sot) Many of these kids are so many generations removed from the farm, they don't know where their food comes from. They may see it on the side of the road, but they don't connect how it impacts their life. (vo) It's sponsored by a host of agribusiness groups from around the state. Teachers say they couldn't possibly take students to each of these places. But this gives them a glimpse into Georgia's biggest industry. (sot) It's a good way to show that a chicken doesn't come from the freezer section, it comes from a chicken farm. Peanuts don't come from a bag, they come out of the ground. (vo) Sheppard hopes it also gives some youngsters the interest in a career in the one of the many areas of agriculture. (sot) All the third, fourth, and fifth grade students will visit by the end of the week. In Screven County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. 00:01:14

2/27/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	DAWN: LIBERTY CO. SCHOOL VISIT	Had to introduce you all to some awesome scholars at Liberty County High School. It was such an honor to go back to my home county to share with the students and staff. We talked about journalism , but I also shared some tips on goal setting, leadership, and more. It was a great afternoon with wonderful students who had great questions about careers, college and more.	00:00:22
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2/28/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SKILLED TO WORK: CREDIT UNION	<p>Ta'Nayia Green and Mason Warren are ready and able to help you open a checking account... or get a credit card... after being hired by MembersFirst Credit Union during their senior year at Woodville-Tompkins High School. (Mason Warren - MFCU Teller, Woodville-Tompkins Senior) "That's what I want to do when I graduated college, probably working in a bank or credit union or something like that." (Ta'Nayia Green - MFCU Teller, Woodville-Tompkins Senior) "I'm here learning and experiencing stuff that I wouldn't have if I didn't have this opportunity." And it's an experience Mason and Ta'Nayia don't have to travel far to get. (Dr. Angie Lewis - SCCPSS Office of Career and College Readiness) "This is a unique opportunity for the students because the actual credit union is on campus. So one of the things that we don't have to worry about is transportation." The school held a soft opening for the new Credit Union last September... and then cut the ribbon on the student-run branch in January. (Ashley Dubois, Business Development Officer, MembersFirst Credit Union) "We actually implemented this in two high schools on the Atlanta area, so I wanted to bring it here because our partnership with the whole school system has really grown over the last seven years. We hire them as tellers, so obviously you know, simple deposits and withdrawals, but we're also teaching them a lot about financial literacy." New students will step up to replace Mason and Ta'Nayia after the spring, but the door is open for "If they have goals and and truly like being able to work for the credit union and want to move to one of our other branches after they finish here at the school, then we'll give them that opportunity." Investing in the students' future... and the future of the company. In Garden City, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:31
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2/28/2023 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GEORGIA SOUTHERN DIVERSITY RANKING	At Georgia Southern, each individual matters. From the recruitment standpoint, you are a person not a number. From the enrollment standpoint, you're a person not a number. Southern is also recognized for success with first-generation college students and those who are military veterans or active duty.	00:00:18
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3/1/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BEAU CO. SCHOOL CHOICE APPS OPEN	The district says they offer a full breakdown online. That's also where you can find the application. If you don't have access to the internet, you'll need to contact any district school to get more information on the application. The deadline to apply is March 31.	00:00:16
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3/2/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BULLOCH CO. LITERACY	Bulloch County Schools teamed up with Bulloch Solutions to host the street party here in the parking lot. In addition to games and bouncy houses, students have the chance to pick up some of their favorite book titles for reading and take a book home. The district has been working to establish reading nooks at local businesses and offices that kids might visit with their parents so they have a place to enjoy reading time. School leaders say this is all part of their literacy goals to get youngsters established in reading.. not just to fulfill classwork but to give them a desire to read and enjoy it.	00:00:36
3/2/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	ARMSTRON G COMM ARTS INC EVENT	"It allows students to both network with professionals in the industries but also start to visualize their futures and solidify their plans." And next semester, the communications program is growing on the Armstrong campus. Sears says they're hoping to add film and production classes to their catalog in the fall.	00:00:19
3/2/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	ARMSTRON G COMM ARTS INC EVENT	You're looking video from the university's annual Comm Arts Inc. event. Those students heard from several panelist, including WTOC's Camille Syed, about their day to day in the media, theatre and communications industry. Communication Arts Chair Pamela Sears says this event helps students learn about internship opportunities and land a job in the years to come.	00:00:22
3/2/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	ARMSTRON G COMM ARTS INC EVENT	Students in the communication arts program at Georgia Southern's Armstrong campus got a glimpse today of what their future could look like.	00:00:08
3/3/2023 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	PETE THE CAT AUTHOR	Montgomery County Elementary welcomed James Dean this morning. Dean is the author of the popular 'Pete the Cat' children's book series. Dean explained to students that he started as an artist and Pete was first a painting then a book character.	00:00:14
3/3/2023 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	PETE THE CAT AUTHOR	It really wasn't on my mind. I was a painter. For me, it's really surreal to be part of this. Dean visited the school as part of the Read Across America events and talked about the joy of reading.	00:00:11

			(sot) From Statesboro to Hinesville to Armstrong, Georgia Southern will once again bring True Blue tradition to Savannah's greenest day of the year. (vo) From the cheerleaders to the ROTC cadets, the university will have a large presence in the parade once again. Southern has been part of the parade since 2010. University spokesperson Jennifer Wise says art students are already working on the float to get it ready to show the university's connection with the region. (sot) It's a tremendous opportunity for us. Not only do we have our community in the crowd, so are many of our alumni. So we're able to connect with them along the parade route, which is fun. (vo) University leaders will join Freedom and others in walking the parade. Wise says what makes the tradition mean even more is that St. Patrick's falls during the university's Spring Break. It means students, faculty and others take time from their "time off" to be a part of the pageantry and the fun. (sot) She says they'll be more than ready come St. Patrick's Day. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	
3/3/2023		GSU ST. PATS PARADE PARTICIPATION		
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			"Congratulations to the winner of this year's St. Patrick's Day coloring Contest--Kanu Clayton!...(applause)" There you heard it from our Tim Guidera! This year's winner is 8-year-old Kanu (KA-NEW) Clayton--a third grader at Gadsden Elementary School. His picture was chosen out of more than 1-thousand entries we received this year. Today Tim surprised him with Ghost Pirates tickets, a party at star castle and of course, the chance to take part in the greening of the fountain. Kanu's mom tells us he wanted to place St. Patrick in the middle of the fountain in his picture to capture the true meaning of the holiday.	
3/8/2023		WTOC COLORING CONTEST WINNER		
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			"When I talk about St. Patrick, he's like mommy I need to know more about St Patrick. I said okay. You live in a time where you can find everything on the internet so go on and listen to the stories of St. Patrick and that's what he did and he came back to me with this awesome idea of putting St. Patrick in the fountain of Savannah."	
3/8/2023		WTOC COLORING CONTEST WINNER		
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			"Well it means a lot. I mean the Sarah Mills Hodge foundation, Ms. Hodge has been a part of this club from the beginning. She donated the official land, our bus has her name on it, and for them to come in and support us with this refurbishment of the gym- it means everything. --BUTTED TO- "I was the head of the school here in Savannah- Savannah Country Day School- and love walking into a basketball court, and seeing the kind of interaction that young people who can grow and learn, and develop some leadership skills and some team work skills. And when I walk in here and see that, it's the same thing." Lindsay told us that the money will be used to renovate the gym with brand new floors, backboards, and other renovations.	
3/10/2023		MICHAELA: BOYS & GIRLS CLUB DONATION		
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3/10/2023			11 Beaufort County High School Students receiving scholarships today from the Heritage Classic Foundation. A luncheon was held on Hilton Head for scholars to receive their awards. The winners are from 7 different high schools and one of them is home-schooled. Each of them went through an application process. They were reviewed on the basis of academic success, community service, essays they wrote and financial need. One of the scholars we spoke with says it was a huge honor to be one of the recipients.	00:00:30
6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	RBC HERITAGE SCHOLAR LUNCH		

3/13/2023			Specifically -- a race with electric cars the students built themselves. The competition also involved driving custom built underwater robots and drones through different obstacle courses. It's been a big year for the STEAM program at the middle school— Samsung chose the school as Georgia's state winner in their "Solve for Tomorrow" STEM competition. Students created Safe Sleep – a device for people struggling with P-T-S-D – that would help monitor sleep patterns and recognize night terrors. Participants say – they're excited for what's next.	00:00:33
5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	FLYNN: RICHMOND HILL SCHOOL TECH COMP.		

3/14/2023			(vo) A school counselor tagged along and shot this as Tay Williams and Demetrius Dekle went shopping for work boots...not to wear to school..but to wear to work. They're among a handful of Metter High students working full time jobs . (sot) I heard about it from some friends who were already working down there. When they described it, I was on board and ready to go with it. (vo) Metter's Career Academy has a working relationship with Daniel Defense, Georgia Ports, even utility companies for students to work by day and attend school online in the evening. (sot) Since you have a head start, you don't even have to think about what you're going to do when you graduate. It's already happening now. (sot) One thing about Daniel Defense, they'll tell you that school comes first and ahead of that job. (vo) In fact, the three young men carpool to Daniel Defense every day. Hunter's worked there more than a year while Tay and Demetrius started last month. Counselor Tammie Lanier says work-based learning gives students a way to get started in the world of work and focus on the future. (sot) One of our goals is helping them figure out "do you want to go to college?" "Do you want a career?" We're not just focusing on a four-year education. (vo) For these students its a chance to begin a career even before high school graduation and get the experience they need to be Skilled to Work. In Metter, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:01:20
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3/14/2023			?(sot) Organizers of this campaign say the scholarships and other "extras" from it can be the difference in some students coming to school here or not going to school at all. (vo) Roughly a hundred school supporters gathered bright and early for instructions and a pep talk. The Ogeechee Tech Foundation's annual "iGot" fundraiser asks business people in their three-county service area to donate and fund scholarships, help purchase equipment, and help with some of the "out of pocket" expenses students see. (sot) 64 percent of our students are part-time. Many of them have full time jobs. They have "full time" families. So, it is a balance. The scholarships they receive through the foundation make a difference as to whether they might even enter into a program or whether they finish a program. (vo) Organizers talked about the life-changing differences a degree and new career can bring for graduates. They also talked about the difference they hope to be with each of their 3,000 students. (sot) They'll announce the totals raised in Bulloch, Evans, and Screven Counties next Wednesday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:01:05
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3/15/2023	DAYBREAK	BIKE	Savannah parade Grand Marshal George Schwarz III also lead the parade as they made their way through	
4:30:00 AM	OD	PARADE	the parking lot of the school. Another new addition this year, the Alee Shriners! They came in costume to	
			say hello to everyone. And after the parade, a judging contest was held for the best float!	00:00:30

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		STATESBORO REGIONAL STAR STUDENT	(sot) The Region 8 STAR student and teacher awards help recognize the best and brightest from among 16 counties. (vo) Top students from school districts across Southeast Georgia came together with parents, teachers and administrators. Each student has the highest SAT score among their county's graduating seniors. They introduced themselves and spoke about their plans for the future. Some will go to college to study anything from science, engineering to the arts. Some plan to attend one of the service academies. PAGE or Professional Association of Georgia Educators sponsors the STAR student/STAR teacher program as a way to recognize those who shine academically. (sot) When we see students excelling in the classroom, excelling in academics, we think that is vitally important. We think they need to know how important we think all their achievements are. (vo) Each student selects one of their past or present teachers who impacted them the most. Statesboro's Exchange Club helps host the region honors. Two students Ned Henneman from Savannah Country Day and Nicklaus Owens of South Effingham High tied - a first time in the region as far back as anyone can remember. (sot) The winners will go on to the state banquet in April. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
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		ANDREW AND FLYNN CAREER DAY	Check it out! WTOC meteorologist Andrew Gorton and reporter Flynn Snyder were at Bryan County Elementary's career day this morning. They talked with students about jobs in the journalism field. Students also got a chance to check out storm chaser and test out the camera gear.	
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		DAL: GEORGIA SOUTHERN IRELAND	(sot) An ocean and nearly 4,000 miles separate Southeast Georgia and Wexford, Ireland. University leaders say they're building a relationship linked through the past, present, and future. (vo) Dr. Howard Keeley says GSU's interest in Ireland started more than a decade ago with the Irish influence in Savannah. (sot) We thought to ourselves "Savannah is Irish". But we started asking people "how is Savannah Irish? Where does that come from?" (vo) University honors students began researching the immigration after the Potato Famine and realized over half the new Savannahians came from Wexford. That began a relationship with Wexford and students began to learn more. That's led to a satellite campus in Ireland for Southern students to live there for a semester and study a range of topics beyond the traditional history, literature, or arts. (sot) What we're looking at is Public Health. We're looking at psychology. College of Business is doing advanced hospitality management in Ireland. (vo) He says the chance to study abroad could help the university compete for top student-scholars. They've now begun placing interns with some of Ireland's biggest international companies. (sot) ..we know each other. We're all cousins. This is a 175 year old relationship. But it faded. Now, we're bringing it into the 21st Century. (vo) His hope is they bring it back in a sustainable way that lasts for generations to come. Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
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3/20/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNO ON BREAK OD	BEAUFORT CO: E LEARNING	<p>"We have programs at our schools that parents have the opportunity to apply to. What we're trying to push forward to all our families is what is offered at your school in your neighborhood." The School Choice application process is open for the Beaufort County School District. Offering students and families the opportunity to find the right fit for them within the district.</p>	00:00:22
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3/20/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNO ON BREAK OD	BEAUFORT CO: E LEARNING	<p>"It's not a one size fits all anymore, particularly in public education. We want to make sure students have the opportunity to build upon what they're interested in and to look beyond, 'when I graduate high school and have a high school diploma what comes with that? Do I have a portfolio of skills I learned along the way? Do I have an industry certification that makes me more marketable?' So, we're trying to meet the needs of all students." School choice programs are offered from elementary through high school and range from engineering to welding and everything in between.</p>	00:00:34
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3/20/2023 3:00:00 PM	AFTERNO ON BREAK OD	BEAUFORT CO: SCHOOL CHOICE	<p>While virtual learning has been an option in South Carolina for nearly two decades...over the past couple years the Beaufort County School District has been making major strides. "What we're trying to do is perfect the model for us and really find who it works for. We know it doesn't work for everyone." Which is why the district created the application process...to at least give them a starting point. "Does your student have a minimum 2.5 GPA, which is really C's or above. Is their attendance in good standing? If so, the counselor can provide the parents an application. Then we'll let the district do a review of the student grades, attendance and discipline." Three students who have already been taking advantage of virtual learning...8th graders Dana and Daniel Godson and 7th grader Makayla Hinchey. "The first semester of this school year I was at McCracken Middle and I went virtual this semester." For Makayla the decision came down to athletics. "I wrestle and I'm trying to make a World Team so I'm traveling all around the country during the summer and school year. So, if I'm still in school I wouldn't be able to travel because I'd miss a lot of school, but virtual school allows me to travel and still do school." For the Godson twins it was the pandemic which initially lead them to virtual learning, something that at the time was a temporary plan but ended up sticking. "The benefits continued when we looked at our kids, how they learn, the interactions they have in school and out of school. We felt like it was a great program to focus on academics and focus on athletics as well." Like Makayla Dana and Daniel love the extra time to focus on their sports... "It was right for me because of cheerleading." But it has also led to better success in academically. "I get to complete my work at my own pace and not have to rush, like I don't have to rush doing my homework at night." Another benefit for the virtual learners in Beaufort County...they get to remain as part of the district meaning they can still play for the school sports teams, attend dances and more. "She can still do stuff with the school, she has live instruction, she interacts with other children. So, the social aspect, there's no issue. Plus, she's a social butterfly so if anything, this helps with less distractions." Offering students the best of both worlds...adapting to give them the best path to success. "Education is always changing. I think the fact that we have an application process should reassure parents that we understand this is not for everyone, we're taking it seriously, we have done our homework. We have spent nearly two years piloting this program to insure we have the right partners and the right programming in place."</p>	00:02:39
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The pros were on the course early for Club Car Championship Week. And the only other people there on a quiet Monday at The Landings were getting a look at - and inside - golf. "I didn't know there were this many jobs. It's really cool to see. The First Tee Career Day at Savannah's Korn Ferry Tour event gave dozens of kids their first look behind the scenes of the professional game - at how someone can make a living in the sport even if they can't make all the shots. "kids sometimes idolize the professional players, which is amazing. But we want them to understand you can work in golf and have an incredible career without ever playing golf. Over a couple of hours, members of the First Tee of Savannah saw tournament operations, club catering and heard all about golf carts from Club Car staff. "All the kids had big smiles. It was a lot of fun showing them there is more to golf than hitting shots. And more ways to be connected to the game - even through decorating cookies that might be served in a club's dining room. "For me, I feel like it's a learning experience about life. Because with this you know how to do other things. "I really like it. I like all these jobs and I might do one of these when I'm old enough. All because some WTOC Hometown Heroes showed them that the most important part of golf isn't always a score. "Everyone was just really enthusiastic. I think it's sweet to see their energy and enthusiasm. It makes all of us happy to spend time with them. Tim Guidera, WTOC News.

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Front: Savannah Music Festival organizers say they want to give students a chance to explore the world through music. That is why they are giving free admission to students. Community outreach says it's just as important to educate students outside the classroom as it is inside the classroom. So "We have amazing shows this year. Everything from jazz to bluegrass and there's a little bit of funk in there. We are just excited to bring this type of music here to the city of Savannah where our children may not have the opportunity again to see this world-class show." Nat pop Mahogany Bowers, the community engagement associate of the Savannah Music Festival says she is excited to see the community come together for this year's festival. And she says she hopes to see a lot more young faces in the crowds with this year's new explorer pass which is intended to give Savannah-Chatham County Public School students free access to several performances. So "We have over 30 shows that are available that are general admission. So general admission allows our students and their chaperones to be able to attend these shows for free." Growing up as a student at the school district, she says having opportunities like this as a child expanded her connections with others throughout her life. So "coming from a person who has been able to have these types of resources presented to them. I have traveled the world; I have spoken to many people about many things and music is one common thing we speak to most people about." She says it's because music is a universal language. "Music brings people together" And while uniting the community, she hopes it stimulates and educates all who attend. Reporter tag: Organizers say all you need is your student ID and to come 1 hour before the show and show your ID to the box office staff. After that, you can pick your seats and enjoy the show. In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC.

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Counting down to the memory of a lifetime ... Georgia Southern University held a media day for Eagle golfer Ben Carr today, who has been invited to play in this year's Masters Tournament. The senior earned a spot in golf's most exclusive event by reaching the finals of last summer's 2022 United States Amateur Championship. He is enjoying a strong season this year, having won Southern's Schenkel Invitational last weekend, and is now preparing to go to Augusta National Golf Club in two weeks and compete alongside the pros.

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			(sot) Folks here at the library say this six-month renovation not only adds a new modern look to the place, it makes it more user friendly...and brings two libraries under the same roof. (vo) Doors will open next month. The remodel is the first in 30 years. It will serve as the new home for the Ladsen Genealogy Library, which had its own location for decades. It's one of the biggest collections of its kind in Georgia. The \$3 million plus project expanded the building and made room here. (sot) If they want to use the Ladsen, but they also want to use the public library..it's a two for one deal. It will also meal that we don't have two electric bills, two water bills. We won't be staffing two different locations. (vo) In addition, they more than doubled the community room and added space for teen and afterschool program. They're now waiting on furnity and some shelving caps and say they're eager to let people see the difference. (sot) They have the ribbon cutting planned for April 13, but say if they can open sooner than that..they will. In Vidalia, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	
3/27/2023		VIDALIA LIBRARY RENOVATIO		
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			"Anything in the car that moves or talks or sparks I like to deal with." Erin Smith is an automotive technology student at Savannah Tech. He's also the Georgia Gold Medalist for mobile electronics installation at the state skills competition earlier this month. (Erin Smith - Automotive Technology student, Gold Medalist) "I had to wire up a couple of radios. I had to essentially put an amp and stereo system in a car, and put power locks into a car that didn't have power locks originally. A whole a lot of soldering and dealing with wires." If it sounds like it's old hat to Smith... it is. A 21-veteran of the U-S Army, Smith took his knowledge working on aircraft and transitioned to something more accessible in civilian life. "I specialize in mobile electronics, which is car stereos, videos, adding in what they call restomods, adding in AC into older cars, adding in power locks, power windows and older cars. That's just been something I've been doing because I've been around the industry for so long." But it's a rapidly changing industry... and Smith knows it. "every make, model, manufacturer always has a different way of doing something." (Anthony Hobbs - Head of Savannah Tech Automotive Department) "As we're emerging into more and more electronics on the vehicle, we have upwards of 80 and 90 computers on different vehicles. You can literally destroy a computer or two or three. It could be a \$2,000 or \$3,000 repair just for disconnecting the battery without the proper process." Anthony Hobbs heads the Automotive Department at Savannah Tech, and says it's a race to keep up. "They're showing up here 15 weeks, four hours a day, four days a week and we barely can get everything we need to in with that to keep up with everything that's emerging through it." For now, Smith is preparing for nationals... and a legacy to uphold. Hobbs says Savannah Tech has won gold in mobile electronics six of the last ten years. "If he don't come back with gold he doesn't get to come back. He has to walk back." If he is left stranded, at least Smith may have the skills to get back home. In Savannah, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.	
3/28/2023		STW: SAV TECH GOLD MEDAL TRAINING		
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			The school district is holding a "Ready to Work" Spring Student Job Fair for sophomores, juniors and seniors from all its high schools. Employers and recruitment officers will be at the fair. It's happening this Thursday at the Lower Woodville Campus from 8 to 11:30 that morning.	
3/28/2023		SCCPSS JOB FAIR FOR STUDENTS		
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3/30/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD UW WOMENS SCHOLARSH IPS The United Way of the Lowcountry's Women United announced the one-thousand dollar scholarships today. It's a continuation of a program that's been around since 2020 - and has helped 11 local students. The group says the gifts are for women in Beaufort and Jasper Counties attending the Technical College of the Lowcountry or the University of South Carolina Beaufort. The United Way says giving back is at the heart of the program - so community contributions through volunteer work are a requirement for this scholarship. Applicants can apply online through the United Way's website. The deadline for the upcoming school year is May 31st. 00:00:38

3/31/2023 3:00:00 PM 3:00:00 PM OD AFTERNO ON BREAK RH: EXCHANGE STUDENT VOTED AS PROM KING IN CUE: It has given me so much...like, I've grown so much in this year. OUT CUE: I'm so happy that I did the exchange student, because it helped me grow and be more prepared for the the future too. 00:00:11

3/31/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HAYLEY: MCINTOSH SENIOR INTERVIEWS Around 80 students had mock interviews with local employers like Georgia Power, the McIntosh County Sheriff's Office, Georgia Southern University, and others. Participating in interview day is a graduation requirement at MCA. Staff members at the school say it helps ensure that these students are ready for professional interview settings. Interviewers provide feedback to the students ... all in an effort to help them land their next job by building important skills. 00:00:28

3/31/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD HAYLEY: MCINTOSH SENIOR INTERVIEWS "Confidence. Definitely self confidence. Some of our students do struggle with that, I know before they came in to do their interviews they were nervous. Walking out, they had a little more confidence in themselves, and they're better able to express themselves and what they can do, and what their skills look like." WTOC's Hayley Boland also helped interview students today. The next big event for these seniors – is graduation in June! 00:00:26

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

**MINORITY ISSUES**

**JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 01/15/23 **Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O’Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor, former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, “The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden’s White House” (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
5) “Honoring MLK” - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. appeared on FACE THE NATION in May of 1964 and said there was a danger the Republican Party would become “a white man’s party”. Though the 118th Congress is the most diverse in U.S. history, only five of the 60 Black members of the House and Senate are Republicans.
- 03/05/23 **Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)  
1) Topics include: Governor DeSantis’ attempt to edit Black history in an AP college course; women’s health and reproductive  
6) Flashback: SELMA ANNIVERSARY / Bob Schieffer visited Selma with John Lewis in 2015 and crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge - President Biden will travel to Selma, AL later Sunday to commemorate the 58th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, a landmark event for the civil rights movement – and for the late Rep. John Lewis.
- 03/12/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)  
6) Topics include:;; Florida Governor DeSantis’ dismissal of the College Board’s AP African American studies course;  
7) “Power of Women” - as we mark Women’s History Month, the resilience and strength of women around the world are cause for celebration. But despite the strides made in the last century, the reversal in women’s rights is now officially a global emergency.

**60 MINUTES**

- 02/12/23 PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”  
**60 MINUTES PRESENTS: “Revisiting The Past”**  
**“Sharswood”** – an interview with Fred Miller. The Miller family, who recently bought a large southern home, have come to realize their ancestors were enslaved on the very same plantation. Includes interviews with Adam Miller, Tonya Miller Pope, Debra Coles, Karen Dixon-Rexroth; Betty Dixon, Brenda Miller, Dexter Miller, Sonya Womack-Miranda, Marian Keyes, all members of the Miller family; Bill Thompson, whose family formerly owned the farm; Dennis Pogue and Doug Sanford, historic preservationists; and Karice Luck-Brimmer, a local historian and genealogist. (Part 1. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein/Part 2. C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shari Finkelstein and Braden Cleveland Bergan) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT (This rebroadcast includes an update.) (OAD: 05/15/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/28/22)
- 03/05/23 60 MINUTES (7:06 – 8:06p)  
**“Who is minding the chatbots?”** – a report on AI chatbots and Microsoft’s new AI search feature, Bing. While the new technology boasts many benefits, some fear its inaccuracies may promote propaganda and racist ideas. Includes interviews with Brad Smith, President of Microsoft; Yusuf Mehdi, Corporate Vice President of Search at Microsoft; Ellie Pavlick, Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Brown University; Gary Marcus, cognitive scientist and AI researcher; and Timnit Gebru, computer scientist and AI researcher. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Ayesha Siddiqi)

**WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 9- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THEM THROUGH ENCOURAGEMENT AND MENTORING. SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN AND BENEDICTINE RACIAL SLURS AT BASKETBALL GAME, BULLOCH REMEMBRANCE COALITION'S BULLOCH BEARS WITNESS EXAMINING LOCAL EXPERIENCES OF RACISM AND WAYS TO MOVE THE COMMUNITY TOWARD HEALING, BLACK CAUCUS HELPING TO PROTECT PEOPLE OF COLOR AND DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS, EFFINGHAM TEACHER ON CONFEDERATE FLAG AT SCHOOL, SCCPSS BUS COMPLAINTS OVER BUS DRIVERS TELLING KIDS NOT TO SPEAK SPANISH, SAVANNAH RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE FORUM, REMEMBERING THE WEEPING TIME, SPECIAL NEEDS BASKETBALL, SAPELO ISLAND LAND BILL TO SAVE GULLAH LAND  
SOURCE: MLK ORGANIZATIONS, 100 BLACK MEN, ETC.**

		ALYSSA: SAV		
1/13/2023	4:30AM	CHRISTIAN	The coach's now deleted tweets accused a group of 40 Benedictine students of barking and calling players the "N" word. He also says they spit and cursed at coaches and tried to jump their team.	
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1/13/2023		CHRISTIAN	Two private schools in Savannah are investigating claims of Benedictine students using racial slurs. A basketball coach for Savannah Christian said on Twitter it happened after a game this week at Savannah Country Day. The Benedictine students were not playing that night, but people said they just showed up. The coach's now deleted tweets accused a group of 40 Benedictine students of barking and calling players the "N" word. He also says they spit and cursed at coaches and tried to jump their team.	
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"Don't punch it...and bunch it...like my man once say 'Float like a butterfly sting like a bee. The hands can't hit what the eyes can't see." Words from the mouth of one "great" to another. But this one's career took off right here in the hostess city -- "I told my mom 'mom look...this is me. She said what you talkin' about. I said I'm gonna be a fighter." In a 25-year-career, he won the golden gloves knocking out jimmy chumley in the first round...made joe frazier's boxing team -- later he joined the marine corps' boxing team and was later picked up by heavyweight champion larry holmes. "Zeke Wilson fighter for justice" That's what his hall of fame belt read -- not knowing before he retired from his boxing career to promote fighters that he would have a fight of his own outside the ring... he took the state sport's commission to federal court in Massachusetts for discrimination -- making him pay 10-thousand dollars -- that's double what white promoters paid for their fights....then they still didn't let his boxers in the ring. "Shocked me to no end that he would treat another Marine like he did. He told me plain I would never run a boxing show in Massachusetts and he don't give a damn what I do." More than 20 years ago, all while representing himself... "No lawyer wanted to touch my case" he won -- setting federal precedent for challenging same race discrimination "When someone tries to take away your rights especially serving your country like I've done it just got to me and it was ugly." It was the first case of its kind to reach a federal jury -- but the impact of what happened to him, also changed the lives of his family "It put me in a shelter. Me, my daughter and my wife because the house I had was taken away because I spent every dime I had to put it together" After decades of fighting in and out the ring....he put it all in a book but still wants the world to see it all come together in a short film "I'm just trying to cash in on what I've done with all the time in my life" And if people take away anything from his story.... "Why you just didn't walk away? Because I'm a fighter."

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(sot) Organizers of the event say it will be as much a conversation as a concert. They'll have musicians, but also poets, historians, and advocates. (vo) The Statesboro-BullochRemembrance Coalition will host "Bulloch Bears Witness". It will examine local experiences of racism and ways to move the community toward healing. (sot) We said that we want to have this conversation with our community. We know that Bulloch County and Statesboro is really good at doing hard things. We know that these are hard truths to face. But we also recognize that, in order to understand what's happening today, we have to look back at what happened in America. (vo) Thru events like this one, the Coalition hopes to remember victims of racial lynching and other injustice and foster meaningful dialogue in the community. (sot) Admission is free and it begins at 6pm Wednesday in the Carter Recital Hall on Georgia Southern's Statesboro Campus. In Statesboro, DalCannadyWTOC news. ?

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The branch is the largest and oldest in the world. They work to protect people of color and disadvantaged citizens. Representative Gilliard says the rollout of their new priorities will happen later this month. He says this new role gives him the chance to lead.  
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"today... We're out at the crusader's center for the district 6 community archiving event." "I'm here to give them the knowledge I have of growing up in the community." "That's part of our larger effort that we call the Savannah Community Memory Project." "Trying to identify the photos that they don't have the labels on." "To collect history and information from different residents and communities in Savannah..." "... and let them tell us their history and make sure that we have that record in the city archives for now and the future for people." "My parents were a part of the great migration from this community -- and from the south in general I guess -- up to New York City." "This is also an opportunity for us to digitize the materials, put it out there and get identifications for people." "And a lot of times, people say 'well I don't have anything,' and then when you actually start pulling it out... not only do they have a lot of information up here, but they'll have you know physical information as well: photographs, brochures, pamphlets, programs." "On the plantation of Jacob Wahlberg -- he had 10,000 acres and 200 slaves. After the slaves were freed, they came to this area to reestablish themselves as free men and women." "Those archives are used not only locally, but nationally and internationally. For example, if someone is working on a thesis or Ph D or doing some other kind of research, they can go into those archives and be able to touch things that they otherwise would not have access to." "I hope that we get the full history of the community -- of us coming from Saint Catherine's Island and settling here -- and putting it all together to let our young people know where we come from and where we're going."  
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The confederate flag is the first symbol many students see heading into effingham county high school... "The school culture is built on symbols of white supremacy." Clint Tawes is a former english teacher there.....who resigned because he says it became more than just a symbol. "When it interfered with my ability to teach and I was being told to redirect students for expressing their opinions and BLM has no place where a confederate flag does... With the civil rights lawsuit against the district -- he thinks back to the day before he submitted his resignation. The January 6th attack had just happened...he was watching and students came in reacting to it "A student asked why aren't they being arrested and an african american female student made the very correct and obvious observation. She said if they were Black they would be" Tawes says the school's current principal told him he should've corrected the student and -- going off topic... said anything controversial including "Black lives matter" had no place there. "The concerns of Black and brown parents about the confederate flag and culture associated with that have been ignored for years and years but when one white parent made a complaint about a very trivial statement that a Black student made I was called into the office" He says the incidents detailed in the suit-- racist graffiti, racist remarks like the n\* word -- do not surprise him. Though a teacher saying it does...while he never heard or saw it -- he heard of other situations. "I had students complain to me about the administration unfairly targeting Black students" Tawes says students wearing BLM have been denied entry to after school games -- he says the district didn't intend on making changes when he left but this might be the push they need "If things are ever going to change in effingham county, for the students of effingham county, specifically for the black and brown students if things are ever going to change this will be what does it"

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"You think about Georgia having the third largest black population in the U.S. and it also has the second highest maternal mortality rate. But from a Walmart perspective, we know we can help a lot of moms. We also have 215 stores in Georgia. We have 10 distribution centers and employe 67,000 associates." Moore said Walmart will consider possibly expanding the program nationwide at a later date. Again the free website where you can sign up is Georgia Mama Care dot com

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" I watched him throw the ring into the sand and kick sand and a stick over it and then I knew what was going on but he got down on one knee and proposed." Ava Claire Mattox said yes to the man and the ring, but she had a hard time saying yes to the dress. "Trying to find regular clothes is a struggle especially to fit the top and the bottom so I was a little worried to come to shop for my wedding dress, I actually wasn't excited at all." As soon as she walked through Love Curvy Bridals doors her anxiety was put to rest with the help of Amanda Colburn—the store manager. Nat pop "okay so show me what you are loving" Colborn loves helping brides get ready for their special day and she says it's more common than you think for brides like Ava who find it difficult to find the style and size they want at regular bridal boutiques. " The average American woman, her size is size 14, in bridal that is a size 16-18, and in bridal plus size starts at 16." Colborn says it's important all brides have options... "I wanna see what your loving, but I still make you try on every silhouette though because a lot of times you love something you didn't think you would love." And that is exactly what happened to Ava with over 180 sample dresses to choose from. "so I'm really excited about it, it's nothing like I envisioned but it's very beautiful and I feel great in it." Once the bride says yes to the dress.. Nat pop They pop a glass of champagne and celebrate. Colborn says the goal is for all her brides to walk out the door feeling confident. "its important for any bride to find the dress they feel beautiful in, it's one of the most important days of your life." In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC

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(nats) "You cannot be telling these children they cannot speak Spanish on the bus ma'am." Alex Morales's sisters attend Gould Elementary School. On Tuesday, his sister came to him crying... "She said 'the bus driver told me that if I keep speaking Spanish that I will get suspended and she moved us to the front of the bus so she could watch us not speak Spanish.'" "Morales says he came to this bus stop to confront the driver. Take a listen at how that went." (Bus driver) "They scream and holler and fight. I told them they have to be quiet or tentatively speak English." (Alex Morales) "There are like 10 children that are saying you're telling them they cannot speak Spanish." (Bus Driver) "Silence or English" (SOT) "It just hurt because my little sister didn't even want to go to school." Morales says he's also unhappy because he reported the situation to the transportation department. He says he was given a runaround. "They were just pushing us to 'oh we can't help you, go with them, oh we can't help you go with them'. It finally came down to 'go to the school.' We went to the school in the first place and even the school told us, 'oh we can't do nothing about that. I don't hire school bus drivers, I can't fire school bus drivers, I can't tell them nothing." A Savannah Chatham public schools spokesperson sent WTOC a statement saying in part...they in no way discriminate against any race, gender or ethnicity and are committed to providing a welcoming environment to all students in the classroom and on the school bus. It goes on to say the incident is under investigation. "I'm not saying fire her but educate them how to talk to the kids." He hopes speaking up will show other Spanish speaking people... "You're voice is heard and you're not alone." Camille Syed WTOC News.

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"Several residents and Savannah leaders through these doors are joining a discussion geared towards finding a solution to poverty and a wealth divide in Black and Hispanic communities." According to statistics by Black Wealth Data Center shared in the presentation, Black people have the highest poverty rate and unemployment rate in Savannah. According to organizers, 53 percent of Savannah residents are Black. The presentation also highlighted how these numbers are a result of systemic barriers like housing discrimination and redlining that happened decades ago. Pannelists from the non-profit Step up Savannah, Bank of America and Sapelo foundation discussed one solution. They say minority non-profits need better ways to secure grants and funding to help more people in their communities. "Those households lack sufficient net worth to be able to not only build wealth but subsist at poverty level. They don't own homes,cars, they don't have 401 k's life insurance a lot of things we take for granted and largely because of long standing systematic barriers." She says the best way to overcome those hurdles is by having conversations like this one and work together as a community to get words into action. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Richard Shinhoster is the owner of Diaspora Market Place. If you walk through his store, you'll find pieces of African American culture. But arguably the biggest piece of history is right outside of his door. "I started out here on MLK back in 68- it was West Broad Street and it was still a lively business district." Those who experienced it say West Broad Street was the place to be for Black people in Savannah. Black businesses were thriving, and you could always feel a sense of community. "It was said if you wanted to see anybody in this community just come and stand right at the intersection of West Broad and Gadsden and at sometime during the day the person you needed would pass by." Vaughnette Goode- Walker spends a lot of her time here at the civil rights museum telling people all about West Broad Street and the magical place it once was. "West Broad Street history is important to the entire community not just to the Black community because it was a melting pot of businesses and residents all around these neighborhoods as well as the entrance to the city of Savannah. It was the transportation hub" "It was 1991 and a lot of cities in the state of Georgia were honoring Dr. King and of course Savannah was no different and this was the street." But with a new name, came new trends. "the beginning of gentrification, crime came through, people were doing a lot of murders, shootings, and drugs, MLK Jr. Blvd. started to do a transformation. Businesses started to move out and others closed for good. But Shinhoster stayed. "We started here and of course we saw West Broad Street change, to MLK Jr. Blvd. and we saw the decline, and then we decided we would be a part of the revitalization." Revitalization--something Shinhoster says the city of Savannah committed to making happen. "we're seeing that it's a slow process." "I would like to see more and more of a variety of African owned businesses return to this area and reclaim their heritage." District 2 Alderman Detric Legget says progress may be slow, but things are happening. "we started with the streetscape, then we started with business partners, then we moved on to the church community, and housing authority" But despite the pace --one thing everyone here seems to agree on-- it's going to take everyone to bring this piece of history back to its former glory. for WTOC I'm Aria Janel

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sharing history through books has always been a passion for John Light Jr. "I feel like librarianship chose me" and with black history month well underway. Light is making sure everyone has a way to learn more about Black history. "The best way that I like to do research, is to just go to the shelf" There you'll find a huge display of books that may interest not just you but your kiddos. "delivering justice, this is about ww law and how he was a civil rights activist here in savannah the kids in savannah and the youth of savannah can read this book and see how things were right here, right on the same streets that you're walking on" "we have a book here celebrating john Lewis who's from the south " "lastly, here is a book of rebel stories, these are short stories, short biographies of when, of Black women. Aretha franklin--" all of these books are sitting on the shelves of the savannah public library waiting to transport you in time. From baby books to chapter books. the library has it all. and if reading isn't your thing they have some pretty exciting programs on the calendar. "She's going to do a drum circle, she's going to be going everywhere to do that, the drum is very powerful in African American culture, it can give you the strength to do things you don't want to do" the library will also be hosting several discussions throughout the month, giving people in savannah a place to share their stories of persistence and resistance. "you'll learn that really we're all human, we all want to do good, we all want the best for one another, and you'll see and understand that black history has always been American history"

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"I just went in there for hair and noticed I was being watched through mirrors and corners though I go nowhere looking broke, I got jobs. But since I'm black, this female just knew I was going to steal something, right? The content was as fascinating as the craft when the Georgia Poetry Circuit returned to Savannah State University. "I'm a writer myself. So, to write about activism, to write about things that impact the black community, that impact people of color it was really inspiring to hear. For years almost 10 years, SSU has been the only HBCU participating in the program where nationally renowned poets travel the state giving workshops at schools - but it was an in-person event for just the second time since the pandemic last week for Courtney Faye Taylor's craft talk on her first book "Concentrate." "It was such an honor to be able to talk to black students about the work I'm doing because it so much centers on black identity and black justice "I felt like it was amazing. It touched on a lot of different issues and it creatively touched issues that a lot of time in the African American community, we see one injustice as the beginning but in reality it started a long time ago. Faye Taylor's book details the story of the 1991 murder of a 15-year black girl in a Los Angeles convenience store and the frustration with the legal process afterward that remains a source of frustration in the African American community three decades later. "Her poetry explores issues that a lot of these students here are studying - identity, history, legacy of the African American Experience. But she does it in a way they probably haven't encountered before. "Concentrate" uses collage and visuals alongside writing to tell its story. And the craft talk was another example of how three Georgia Poetry Circuit events per year help exposure SSU students to unique literature and story-telling on a regular basis. "The idea of positing arguments about identity and things like that through poetry and through visual arts is really important. So, we like to bring that aspect of the humanities to campus and have students have access to these poets they might not otherwise have access to. "I know I want to get into publishing, so it really creates a platform and a possible connection for me if I utilize the resources my university gives to me. "It's very cumulative. I can bring the information I got today to my journalism career, so it's very helpful.

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Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park is honoring the life of Robert Smalls - a man born into slavery in Beaufort who freed himself and others during the Civil War by controlling a Confederate transport ship. Smalls is also credited with helping to persuade President Abraham Lincoln to accept African American soldiers into the Union Army. His great-great grandson is one of the speakers \*this\* weekend. The event will be at the park \*this\* Saturday from 11 A-M to 1 P-M. This year's celebration is in partnership with the 27-th Annual Gullah Celebration.

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A group laid a wreath at the Weeping Time marker in west Savannah this morning. The Weeping Time was one of the largest sales of enslaved people in U.S. history. It happened 164 years ago on March 2nd and 3rd at the old Ten Broeck Race Course. 436 people were listed for sale by a Darien plantation owner who needed to settle his debts. The wreath laying was followed by a commemoration at nearby Brock Elementary.

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The slave sale is remembered as 'The Weeping Time' out of respect for the families that were torn apart over the two-day auction. Those were the folks that both city officials and community leaders gathered to honor today. vo: This morning- people of all backgrounds- gathering at the Weeping Time historical marker in West Savannah. To start things off- a prayer was offered. "We want to make sure that our people, all people know, about this that took place here in Savannah. We ask you to bless all that has been done to honor these people." The prayer, commemorating the 429 enslaved men, women, and children, who were sold over the two-day period. An undercover journalist from the North, Mortimer Thomson, wrote a report from the auction that shows rain fell the whole time- and stopped as soon as the last enslaved person stepped off the auction block. "Those who were being sold themselves said, 'Wait a minute. God must have been weeping.'" Thomson's article exposed the horrors of the auction- which community members remembered today with a wreath laying. Just as important as remembering, Savannah Mayor Van Johnson told the crowd, is how we move forward. "People are hearing about this story around the world. We're finding ways to develop this story in a meaningful way for our young people and those coming behind us to understand what occurred, but more importantly, to ensure it never happens again." Johnson also stated that the City of Savannah is working to obtain a piece of the grandstand that that auction took place on- and when they do, they hope to keep the grandstand, and the land it originally stood on, sacred. On cam: Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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This land -- for Gullah-Geechee residents, or, descendants of enslaved Africans on Sapelo Island -- is sacred. Which is part of why you can only access it by state ferry or a private boat "We don't have that many families left. According to last names, of the 44 families, you might have 7 left" But those remaining, like Bailey, say they are fighting "We been here since our families were enslaved on Sapelo. We have a rich heritage and we're being squeezed because this community is the only part of Sapelo that can be developed. It's over 16,000 acres on Sapelo Island. Our community is 434 acres." Not to be pushed out -- which is why the state's sapelo island heritage authority was created in the 80s to save one of the last gullah-geechee communities, hog hammock, from people who wanted to buy up the land...the board has first refusal, meaning the first chance to make an offer before a developer or outsider tries to come in But Bailey and other descendants sent a letter to house representatives telling them why they feel HouseBill 273 could undo all of their progress "That leaves the door open for anyone to come in who are not descendants and weigh in on property in the community." The bill Changes the makeup of the once governor-led board -- moving the governor to vice chairman. And initially allowing two "residents", not slave descendants to join the current members. "What we did today is we agreed to change that language from 2 residents to 2 resident descendants and I hope that makes everyone happy" Deloach is one of the bill sponsors. Bailey and another gullah-geechee descendant who traveled all the way to the capitol -- want descendant clearly defined and they're worried that language could change again. They want only elected officials on the board, allowing the gullah geechee to hold the majority "There's not a lot of land left on Sapelo so we are afraid of this last community disappearing. With that our heritage disappearing because once the community's gone, the people gone, the houses gone we have nothing to reference to. Some legislators want them to realize they take pride in protecting hog hammock history too "There are an awful lot of people determined to protect the heritage of hog hammock and all of sapelo" But right now they believe, they only have a partial win "This is our last stand our last opportunity to hold on to the land we have on Sapelo"

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**ISSUE 10- HOW MINORITIES AND WOMEN HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY. REMEMBERING MLK THROUGH PARADES, W.W. LAW INCLUDING A NEW VIRTUAL TRAIL, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, KWANZA, FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH 235TH ANNIVERSARY, SSU FREEDOM DAY, REMEMBERING AHMAUD ARBERY, LAZARETTO DAY ON TYBEE REMEMBRANCE, HONORING THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME, FIRST BLACK HOSTED SHOW ON WTOC, MLK BUSINESS BRUNCH  
SOURCE: AMBUCS, SSU, GULLAH ORGANIZATION, SAV. HISPANIC CHAMBER, ETC.**

1/2/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD	RICARDO: KWANZAA KRAWL CULMINATIO N EVENT	"And this is, again, a time for us to come together as family, to fellowship, to enjoy one another, and to understand that going into this new year- we need those same principles of going into the new year of unity, self-determination, collective work responsibility, cooperative economics, divine purpose, genius, and faith for us to have a successful year. And that's why we're here." All of the donations and proceeds will go towards the organization "Save our Youth Savannah."	00:00:28
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1/3/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD	RICARDO: KWANZAA KRAWL CULMINATIO N EVENT	Check it out--- The 3rd annual Kwanzaa Krawl finished their week long event with a big celebration. There was food, dancing, and more. It was held by Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter who partnered with Miss Polly's Cake Giants. Organizers say that the event was all about coming together and showing what the seven principles of Kwanzaa really means. All of the donations are going to the organization "Save our Youth Savannah."	00:00:25
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Wallace Law can't be left out the mix "He was a activist" "Mr. Law is an inspiration" We know he was change-maker during the civil rights movement but let's get to what he did He served in the Army during WWII and put in the work after he returned for the NAACP. Changing lives in savannah -- forming unions to break down racial barriers for jobs that were for whites only...for higher salaries... Leading black students to integrate into chatham county public schools, parks, beaches.... He isn't just a name-- "He was tangible he was a guy that the kids could walk up to and have a conversation or he would come on the park from time to time with his newspaper and just talk for hours" "our teachers used to walk us to the center where we used to go to the library and do activities at the library" His home...a historic designation in Cuyler Brownsville... "I literally grew up in the house adjacent from his home. My grandmother Ruby Rogers and him were bestfriends for many years" People have memories stories and words of WW Law "All my life I've been trying to show what the average citizen should be doing" They emulate. And pieces of history honoring him at the WW Law Center and across the hostess city are to make sure he won't be forgotten "I had a chance to take part in history being made. They say while you're here it's important what you do and if you do something important it will last a long time...he did something real important because it's still here now." For Savannahians, WW Law might not be around anymore but who he was is who they want to be -- to me growing up as a young Black man in America wanting to be an activist because of guys like him...

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"We are definitely going to start in earnest those discussions and make sure we are evaluating last year and see what we need to change so we want to make sure people have that information well in advance so we will make sure to start communicating that as soon as we get together." With the St. Patrick's Day holiday falling on a Friday this year, the city does anticipate larger crowds and more people wanting to participate and that the city does plan for that.

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This year the grand marshals of the parade will be state representative Carl Gilliard and the past president of the MLK Observance Day Association – Carolyn Blackshear. On the holiday which is Monday, January 16th – there will be hundreds of entries in the parade to honor the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Junior. But that's not the only parade the city is looking forward to – St. Patrick's Day is just over two months away and the mayor says their preparations will soon be underway.

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1/5/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD W.W. LAW 100 YEARS "I love seeing people in big numbers come here the Senior Citizens to enjoy a program and learn something about the history out city. It's very refreshing to see people of both black and white race sitting next to each other eating lunch together, and enjoying a program about our shared history." 00:00:17

1/5/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD W.W. LAW 100 YEARS Westley Wallace Law was an American civil rights leader from Savannah. He was the president of the Savannah chapter of the NAACP. The groups put together a panel of people who knew Mr. Law and the impact he had. Some of panelists include former Savannah Mayors Doctor Otis Johnson and Edna Jackson, along with Caroline Blackshear. The director of the learning center says he's always excited when they get to help the community learning about it's history. 00:00:27

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5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREAK OD W.W. LAW 100 YEARS Law was an American civil rights leader from Savannah. He served as president of the Savannah chapter of the N double A- C-P. The Learning Center of Senior Citizens and Savannah-Yamacraw Branch of the Association put together a panel of people who knew Mr. Law and the impact he had. This included former Savannah Mayors Doctor Otis Johnson and Edna Jackson, along with Caroline Blackshear. The director of the learning center says he's always excited when they get to help the community learning about it's history. 00:00:31

(sot) Organizers of Glennville's Doctor Martin Luther King observance say they've seen their events grow in size and acceptance. (vo) The 33rd annual parade has grown to include more people, more groups, and a cross-section of the community. Reba King Feliciano says her family helped found the community's observance as part of the local Committee for Social Change. She says they've seen more community-wide participation as they pay tribute to Dr. King and remember his legacy. (sot) "We feel good about it, but we still have some more work to do. And we're determined more than ever to continue working." (vo) She says the parade and the community gatherings remember the work of Dr. King but also local civil rights pioneers. (sot) The parade on Saturday will come along here on U.S. Hwy 301 traveling north, they'll turn onto Hencart Street and the service will begin there right after the parade. In Glennville, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Standup The Jasper County parade will take place right here in Ridgeland marching through the main streets of this town Saturday morning in what one organizer tells me could be one of the biggest parades this place has ever seen. Sot: (Kenneth Rivers - Member, Jasper County Garden of Light Committee) "It is a joy to see older people come out to see the MLK parade, even though it might be a little chilly, but just to come out and know the Dr. King paved the way for us and to come out and enjoy the festivities and everything in the parade. Vo He says these festivities have been going on for three decades, and Main St. could have up to 100 entrants marching down it this weekend, including... Sot "Marching bands, dance teams, churches, organizations." Vo The organizer emphasizes it will be good for something positive to bring the county together, as they celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. On cam tag Rivers tells me the ever-so-important start time for this parade is 10 am. Reporting from Ridgeland, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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(sot) Bulloch County's Martin Luther King observance next Monday will more closely resemble the events held before the pandemic. (vo) Statesboro's Main Street will be alive with the sights and sounds of the observance parade for the first time since 2020. Organizers canceled parades in 2021 and 2022, to the disappointment of many. Organizers started talking during the summer about bringing events back safely. (sot) As the year came to an end, the discussion continued to "can we do this? where can we hold this that can accommodate so many and people still feel safe. (vo) They carried on the traditional community wide service...with a twist. They took it outdoors with a projection screen and attendees in their cars listening by radio. While they say they were glad to have something, it didn't take the place of a gathering where you could see friends and feel the connection. (sot) You want that feeling of "my brother's over there. my sister's over there. There's a friend I haven't seen in a long time" and experience that closeness, that warmth, that sense of community and feel like "you know, we can do this!" (sot) The parade will pass the courthouse, turn onto West Main Street and eventually finish around Elm Street Church of God and the community service starts at 3pm. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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LL Every year organizers bring something new to the table when it comes to celebrating Dr. King's birthday. Perhaps one of the biggest changes this year is that there won't be a parade down Butler Avenue. Instead, that parade will be marching in place right here at the Post Theater. VO The Tybee MLK Human Rights Organization says the theater will be packed with people on Saturday celebrating Dr. King's 94th birthday and his work on racial equality and ending racial segregation. This is something Tybee has also made major progress with since 2020 when the city council passed the race equity resolution. Organizers invite people of all ages to come out for the celebration. Organizers say it'll be an evening full of song, dance and inspiring guest speakers to honor Dr. King's legacy and Tybee MLK's 10th anniversary. SOT "Because this is our 10th anniversary, we wanted to do something new and different, so our parade in place and our program will be right here at the Tybee Post Theater." SOT "We've had growing pains to get here and we have to celebrate those growing pains because there is no progress without struggle. So come out and enjoy." LLTAG The parade in place starts at 2 on Saturday and the program inside the theater will be at 3. If you're coming to the event from somewhere off the island remember to give yourself some extra time because of the construction on Hwy 80. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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PARADES

There are several other parades happening in our area for MLK Day. Here's a look at just some of them. After three years, the city of Savannah will have a parade. It will be Monday at 10 A.M. and Glennville will also have its on Saturday. You can catch it along U-S Highway 301 to Hencart Street. They will also honor civil rights pioneers with a service right after that.

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	4:30AM	MLK DAY	And if you needed another reason to come out. Our own Dawn Baker will be the host. But If	
1/13/2023	DAYBREAK	PARADE	you can't make it downtown, don't worry! You can watch it LIVE right here on WTOC. We will	
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		SAVANNAH	Looking ahead to next week-- For the first time since the beginning of the pandemic,	
	4:30AM	MLK DAY	Savannah's Martin Luther King Day Parade is returning. It'll be on Monday and here is a look	
1/13/2023	DAYBREAK	PARADE	at the parade route. It will start at the intersection of East Broad Street and Liberty Street. It	
4:30:00 AM	OD	PUSH	will then end on West Anderson Street. It's expected to start at 10 AM and end around 2 PM.	00:00:21

		LIBERTY CO.	LL INTRO: Today marks the start of a weekend full of events commemorating Dr. Martin	
	5:30pm	OD	Luther King, Jr. and the time he spent in Liberty County. It all leads up to the big parade that	
1/13/2023		MLK PLANS	steps off from the Bradwell Institute here on Monday. This year's theme is "Reconciling Our	
5:29:00 PM			Differences As We Unite and Renew The Dream." These photos .... Show how well-attended	
			the weekend's events in Liberty County are. The county, having an important connection to Dr.	
			King. "Most people would say that Dr. King used this as a place of relaxation and recreation.	
			He used to come to the Dorchester Center that we have here in Liberty County to do a lot of	
			planning for his marches, he'd do that here in Liberty County." The weekend kicks off with a	
			dramatic presentation by Love-it Productions Friday night. Then Saturday, they'll host their	
			annual leadership breakfast at 8:30 a.m.... followed by a demonstration and event for kids and	
			teens at 6 p.m. Sunday will be Dr. King's Commemorative Service, followed by the parade on	
			Monday. Jackson says so far – they have more than 60 entries. LLTAG: For a full list of the	
			weekend's events, you can find a link in this story on our website. In Hinesville, HB WTOC	
			NEWS.	00:01:09

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		PUSH	Liberty Street. It will then end on West Anderson Street. It's expected to step off at 10 AM.	00:00:16

			"He was just wanting all of us to just, you know, walk hand-in-hand. Understanding that we can do so much better together than we ever could apart. So, I'm excited about that and when you put it together and you advertise, and you let people know what he stood for so let's celebrate the goodness of who he was." On Monday, Timmons says they will be hosting a prayer breakfast at Todd Grant Elementary School at 9 am. He says everyone is welcome to attend.	
1/14/2023	WKEND	MARIAH: MLK		
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	DAY PARADE		00:00:26

			For the first time since 2020, Richmond Hill was able to have a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade in person. This year, 37 organizations took to the streets to show support for the message that Dr. King spent his whole life trying to spread. (nats) "Dr. King was for all people, so it's very important to get the community involved and just keep the story going." The story today.. people lining the streets to enjoy a little unity. All different types of groups were represented- the Richmond Hill Football team, police and fire departments, faith groups, and even a Corvette Club.. There was something for everyone to enjoy. "MLK wasn't just advocating for Black communities. He was advocating for all communities, so we definitely have a diverse group this morning." That diversity, apparent to those standing there. It wasn't lost on the crowd what it meant to be together. "With me being a young Black child, I try not to relate to how we were separated and stuff, not think about the past, and be grateful." Shea: If you missed out on this year's parade- no worries. The Richmond Hill MLK Observance Committee says they plan to have another one next year. Live in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	
1/14/2023	WKEND	SHEA:		
6:00:00 PM	6PM OD	RICHMOND HILL MLK DAY		00:01:10

1/14/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	FLYNN: TYBEE MLK	The city's MLK Human Rights Organization marked the tenth anniversary of their celebration today. New this year...Tybee didn't hold a parade. Instead...attendees marched in place at the island's Post Theater. That was followed by a Human Rights Program featuring guest speakers...musicians and dancers. Organizers hope the commemoration encourages others to make a difference.	00:00:22
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1/14/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	FLYNN: TYBEE MLK	Think about what does that mean to me. What am I doing to make the world a better place? What do I do to make the world better than it was yesterday? That's all, what do we do to do that? That's our job: To make it better, to love everyone, to take away walls of division and just to be one people." The program also featured remarks from this year's Grand Marshall...retired Chatham County Judge LeRoy Burke III.	00:00:23
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1/14/2023 11:01:00 PM	11PM WEEKEND OD	FLYNN: TYBEE MLK DAY CELEBRATIO N	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr... *nats of music* ...with a reflection on the island's own civil rights advances and an acknowlegment of the work organizers say still has to be done. "We have come full circle to know that we are one people. We've come a long way." *nats of parade* Past celebrations have seen a parade march down Butler Ave...but this year...organizers opted for a "parade in place" at the theater...no floats or bands...but still giving those the option to gather. "January is a real cold time to have a parade. Really, it is, it's cold. It was a gathering, so that's what we did for the parade." *nats of performance* A common space for musical performances and guest speakers allowed those in the theater to focus on the program's goal...says Julia Pearce with Tybee MLK. "What's important about Dr. King is that one person can make a difference. He had people working with him, just like we have people working with us. So when people come together for a passion, you can change the world. That's what we want people to remember." Former city officials were honored for their work in bringing MLK day commemorations to Tybee...which are grand marshalled this year by former Chatham County judge LeRoy Burke the third. "We have endured a lot of negative things in the past few years and thist ype of event lets us know that there is hope for us as humans and us as humanity." *pop of speech* Organizers hoping that a shared spaces for dialouge and performances will highlight Dr. King's ultimate message. "that all men are created equal, men and women are created equal and we come together to make that so. That's our job: To make it better, to love everyone, to take away walls of division and just to be one people."	00:01:46
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			It was a beautiful day, fit for a parade, as local church groups, city leaders and community members marched down Northway Street. The parade is held to not only celebrate all that Dr. King did but his 94th birthday as well. This year's Grand Marshal is former McIntosh County Commissioner Dr. Nathaniel Grovner. Organizers say they think more people wanted to be a part of the parade this year because they recognize the importance of coming together in unity.	
1/14/2023	11PM WEEKEND	MARIAH: MLK DAY PARADE		00:00:27

			"Really we wanted to impart it to everybody. Because our history is everyone's history. The things that we hold onto are lifelines for us, and we want it to be a lifeline for the general community. "Even if my name wasn't Bryan, I understand the power of the descendants and how they did amazing things when people thought that it couldn't be done. So I sit in a seat where I can continue to do amazing things, and people think that it can't be done." Though the church was founded in 1788- the building that's used now wasn't built until the 1800's. Church leaders say they're having issues with the roof- and are looking into potential solutions to get a new one.	
1/15/2023	WKEND 6:30PM OD	SHEA: FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH		00:00:38

			"We want to continue to honor the legacy and the life of Dr. King. It was not just about him. Just as it says, it's not about us, it's not about me, it is about all of us. It's about us honoring him and what he has done, not just for the City of Savannah, but for the entire United States of America. If you are planning on heading here for the parade tomorrow...here's what you need to know. The parade begins at 10 A-M at East Broad and Liberty Streets. From there...the parade will travel north to Broughton Street... then west to MLK Jr. Boulevard and head down to Anderson Street.	
1/15/2023	WKEND 6:30PM OD	FLYNN: SAV MLK DAY PARADE PREVIEW		00:00:34

			That includes bands...floats...and JROTC units with many expected to watch along city streets.	
			As you mentioned Hayley...this parade hasn't happned since before Covid. You're taking a	
		FLYNN: SAV	look at video from the last time this parade happened back in 20-20. The president of	
		MLK DAY	Savannah's M-L-K Observance Association says there is a lot of anticipation because the	
		PARADE	parade was set to happen last year but a rise in Covid cases forced organizers to postpone.	
1/15/2023	WKEND	PREVIEW	But this year...the parade is coming back in a big way with an overflow of applications. She	
6:30:00 PM	6:30PM OD		says she's excited to once again bring people together to celebrate the work of Dr. King.	00:00:37

			First Bryan Baptist Church commemorated 235 years of existance in their Sunday Service	
		SHEA: FIRST	today. The church was founded by Andrew Bryan, who was enslaved. Members of the	
	11PM	BRYAN	congregation put on a play that showed the history of how the church came to be.. which	
1/16/2023	WEEKEND	BAPTIST	leaders say is important for people to remember as they continue the work of the founders of	
12:01:00 AM	OD	CHURCH	the church today.	00:00:22



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12:01:00 AM	WEEKEND OD			00:00:38

			Rep. Carl Gilliard/ "It's still a day on. I just talked to the nephew of Dr. King, who's a good friend of mine, Isaac Farris. and he just really empowered me of the relevancy of why this holiday is more important than ever." The event is free and open to the public.	
1/16/2023	11PM	14TH ANNUAL FEED THE HUNGRY		
12:01:00 AM	WEEKEND OD			00:00:14

			Our Dawn Baker will be the host. If you can't make it downtown, don't worry! You can watch it LIVE right here on WTOG. We will also be streaming it LIVE on all our social media apps. Or you can watch it over the air right after Morning Break.	
1/16/2023	MORNING	SAVANNAH MLK DAY PARADE PUSH		
10:00:00 AM	BREAK OD 16			00:00:14

LL: The parade marched down Laurel Street and ended here at the Effingham County Fairgrounds. Organizers hoped to highlight this year's theme of capturing hope for the future. VO: Local bands...churches...and outreach organizations took part in the Springfield parade. Covid had forced Effingham's MLK Committee to modify commemorations in years past...but this year...the parade returned to full scale. It's a tradition that dates back to 1986 in this community which organizers say has grown ever since. By bringing people together...the parade's grand marshal is hoping to carry on Dr. King's message. SOT: Dr. Torian White/2023 Grand Marshal: Continuing his message and his legacy is really summed up in one word and that is unity, because where there is unity, there is strength. We recognize that in our community, we cannot become stronger without unity. LL: The parade wasn't the only event to commemorate the day. The morning started off with a unity breakfast and ended with a youth awards program. Reporting in Springfield...FS...WTOCN.

1/16/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

FLYNN:  
EFFINGHAM  
MLK PARADE

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Take pkg Vo Three years running on Hilton Head Nat Vo This day Nat Vo Was silent. But not this year... Nat Sot: (Galen Miller - Chairman, MLK Committee for Justice) "Seems like an eternity for us to have this MLK in person again. Vo The first Martin Luther King Jr. day march on the island since 2019 brought out hundreds. Sot "To be able to make it stronger better already this year, I mean we're doing things we didn't in previous years. Look at the turnout, my gosh. It's a beautiful day." Vo The town certainly showed out and its leaders say Dr. King's teachings still apply to this island. Sot: (Alex Brown, HHI Councilmember District 1) "We've got issues on Hilton Head right now that one could argue are issues of justice and injustice right?" Vo Brown, the only Gullah person on town council, says by listening to Dr. King Nat Vo and acting on his words, Hilton Head can continue to honor him beyond a national holiday. Sot "This weekend is a great weekend, but continuing to ave these conversations and encounters with eachother is how we keep Dr. King's legacy alive." Vo Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOCN News.

1/16/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD

TYLER: HHI  
MLK MARCH

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"We're having a ball. It is absolutely extraordinary." (nats) Listen to these bands, look at this crowd...An extraordinary celebration indeed for the honorable Dr. Martin Luther King. "He really stood for like the Black community and he had a dream for us to do us and be ourselves." More than 260 groups walked in this parade in front of hundreds more people for MLK Day after the pandemic put a pause on this celebration. "We used to come every year before the pandemic started. The floats and the different things they have going on. It's just joyfulness." "It's a great time to be out, listen to all the bands, all the community coming out to see and celebrate such a wonderful day." People on their feet and cheering...some even traveled from elsewhere to be a part of celebrating MLK Day the Savannah way. "We only have marches in Cocoa and I wanted to witness first hand, on MLK Day, a parade and I am simply floored." While King passed nearly 55 years ago, his message is still being shared. "Great things happen when people love each other. God bless everybody. Happy MLK Day. Back to the parade." "And y'all hear that, it is a celebration out here but the people walking in the parade say honoring MLK is important now more than ever." "Martin Luther King, I just want to say thank you for everything you did. Thank you for trying to fight for our rights. he really risked his life to fight for our rights and I'm glad that we here today, having a parade celebrating his life." Celebrating a life that taught us how to unite... "We all can be in one city, one town, one state, one voice, one mind." In Savannah, (nats) Camille Syed WTOC News.

1/16/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SAVANNAH  
MLK DAY  
PARADE

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(sot) For many people, the usual excitement for a party is heightened because this one returns after being gone for two years. (vo) Folks lined North Main to see the Martin Luther King parade once again fill the streets. (sot) It's exciting to be back...back out...for the first time since covid was going on. (vo) The parade took a two year hiatus due to the pandemic. Many said they could feel the excitement of bringing people together again. (sot) This is beautiful, celebrating the legacy of Dr. King...the weather is great, the people are great. Can't ask for a better situation. (vo) (nat-band) For organizers, it was a relief to be able to safely assemble again and remember the legacy of Dr. King and the things for which he stood. (sot) It is truly a beautiful thing to be back, in the streets, walking with the community and seeing the community come out with us today! (vo) From here, the celebration continued with a community wide service at Elm Street Church of God, an indoor service again after two years of open-air "drive in" gatherings. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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STATESBORO  
MLK DAY  
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BLUFFTON  
MLK DAY

Standup: Last year MLK day events around our area were cancelled, but here in Bluffton they pushed through with testing and masks available at the door. This year those precautions were gone but the celebration remained. "This year we're noticing that of course people are here, we don't see many masks there's not any covid testing going on but people definitely seem more relaxed to be out." Vo The town held several events over the last few days, culminating with a march, picnic and this arts program today. As the community sang in unison Nat Vo and young dancers took to the stage... the MLK Observance Committee chair says Dr. King's legacy specifically touches this area. Sot: "He was known to frequent this area to even help with that. Segregation existed in Bluffton, Jim Crow existed in Bluffton, racism was here and so they're pioneers who use his movement and even some of the things that he espoused to exact and affect change here locally as well." On cam tag: Reporting from Bluffton, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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1/18/2023  
12:01:00 AM 11PM OD

ALYSSA:  
CHURCH  
GRANTS

First Bryan Baptist Church is in the heart of Yamacraw Village in downtown Savannah. It is considered one of the oldest African American Baptist churches in the U-S. And WTOC was there when they celebrated their 235th anniversary on Sunday. The church's pastor Christopher Pittman says he's proud of his team for making it happen and it takes a lot to preserve a church this old.

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1/18/2023  
12:01:00 AM 11PM OD

ALYSSA:  
CHURCH  
GRANTS

"We knew there was a lot of competition for grants...every grant. To be recognized on this specific grant for preservation of Black churches is an honor we cherish." Pastor Pittman says they don't know the exact amount they will receive yet. The money will go toward getting the church a new roof and other maintenance work they've wanted to get done. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund says this is their largest grant investment.

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1/20/2023  
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

SSU BLACK  
HERITAGE  
FESTIVAL  
RETURNS

In the next month - Savannah State University is bringing back its Black Heritage Festival! The festival will feature in-person events for the first time in 3 years. This year's theme is "The Festival Lives So Our Legacy Thrives." It runs throughout the month of February and will include musicians, presentations and historic tours All events are free and open to everyone.

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<p>1/25/2023 5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD</p>	<p>SSU FREEDOM DAY NEXT WEEK</p>	<p>February is Black History Month - and Savannah State is starting their observance next week - with their annual National Freedom Day wreath laying. That's happening at the Major Richard R. Wright Senior bust on campus. Freedom Day was created to mark the President Abraham Lincoln's signing of the 13th Amendment. In addition to the ceremony - there will also be a roundtable discussion with students that evening. Again - that's all happening next Wednesday.</p>	<p>00:00:27</p>
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<p>1/31/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM DAY</p>	<p>Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park is honoring the life of Robert Smalls - a man born into slavery in Beaufort who freed himself and others during the Civil War by commandeering a Confederate transport ship. Smalls' is credited with helping to persuade President Abraham Lincoln to accept African American soldiers into the Union Army. His great-great grandson is one of the speakers this weekend. That's happening at the park this Saturday from 11 a-m to 1 p-m. This year's celebration is in partnership with the 27th Annual Gullah Celebration.</p>	<p>00:00:32</p>
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<p>2/3/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>TYBEE ISLAND BLACK HISTORY MONTH</p>	<p>"There is no place on Tybee that was not touched by African American history. From churches, to nightclubs, to the pier that we go to that we know we had world class African American artists in the 30s and 40s from all over the country who came here to Tybee to entertain to all white audiences. We know that the black community who was here on Tybee would feed those people. These are stories, wonderful stories." A decade ago, Julia Pearce and her husband founded Tybee's MLK non-profit organization. Over the years they've watched it grow from 8 members to more than 35, they've watched city council pass a race equity resolution that they were a large part of, and they've marked historic sites. Pearce says in 2022 one of the organization's greatest accomplishments was unveiling this wade-in marker at the county pier. "It's a story that happened back in the 60s and we had many people come out to see it and it'll be a central focus there at the pier for eons to come." Pearce says her favorite moment with the organization this past year was when the Tybee Historical Society told the story of the middle passage when ships filled with enslaved Africans came to Tybee. "The fact that they were willing to talk about it made me weep. It made me weep because we're not invisible." Pearce says there's a lot to look forward to in 2023. In the spring, the island's first black history trail will be established. It stretches from Lazaretto Creek to the Back River. Pearce says a lot of people are involved in making this happen including Georgia Southern University. People will learn as they go exploring parts of the trail both in-person and virtually. "It's an independent tour. It's for people who are into independent study who really want to know, who really want to know and so we're excited about that and it's long overdue." Pearce says in April she will be taking a pilgrimage to the Door of No Return in Cape Coast, Ghana to make the connection between it and Tybee. She says what she learns will be an asset to the positive future she sees for the MLK organization. "We want people to come and look at Tybee a different way. Years ago, the only time I heard about black people on Tybee was during Orange Crush and it was always cantankerous, but there's so much more to the story, my goodness!" Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	<p>00:02:15</p>
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2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	SAV FREEDOM DAY BREAKFAST	Today several area organizations celebrated Freedom Day- which celebrates the day Abraham Lincoln signed the legislation that eventually became the 13th Amendment and abolished slavery. One of those organizations: the A. Phillip Randolph Institute.	00:00:15
2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	MITCHELVILL E FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATIO N	Another Freedom Day celebration was held at the Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park on Hilton Head Island.	00:00:06
2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	SAV FREEDOM DAY BREAKFAST	The A-P-R-I Savannah chapter held their Freedom Breakfast at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum. They had several keynote speakers, including Alderwoman Estella Shabazz. Different awards were given out to people who have made significant contributions to the community- specifically in the areas of voter advocacy and worker's rights.	00:00:21
2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	SAV FREEDOM DAY BREAKFAST	"A. Phillip Randolph himself was one of the pioneers in labor, and the work that he did, we're still doing and we'll continue to be doing because it has to be done. He was a man that had a great foresight, and he know what people, and as he knew, he left a legacy for us to follow." "It gives us an opportunity to share our ideas from across the State of Georgia, from across the United States of America. We have conferences and stuff like that, but to bring it home here in Savannah so people can see what kind of situations we've got going on, it's crucial for us as far as making sure we move the narrative forward." Members from different chapters of the APRI were at the breakfast- including Macon and Atlanta. The organization's national President, was also in attendance.	00:00:45
2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	MITCHELVILL E FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATIO N	This is ground zero to liberation, to freedom, to reconstruction and I really recommend people to come here and to walk in the steps of people who were among the very first African Americans to get a taste of liberation and freedom. Hilton Head Gullah artist Quentin Smalls also performed a rap ballad about the history of Robert Smalls.	00:00:20
2/5/2023	11PM WEEKEND 12:18:00 AM	OD	MITCHELVILL E FREEDOM DAY CELEBRATIO N	Held in conjunction with the 27th Annual Gullah Celebration, the Freedom Day celebration honored Robert Smalls who was born into slavery in Beaufort. He freed himself, his crew, and his family during the Civil War. After the war, he returned to Beaufort to become a politician. There were several special guests including the Great-Great Grandson of Robert Smalls who spoke about how special this day was.	00:00:24

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8:00:00 AM	DAYBREAK SUNDAY OD	BREAKFAST		
2/6/2023	4:30PM OD	CAMILLE: PRINCIPAL BLACK HISTORY	"Having a Black educator helps you know where you come from." Derrick Butler has been empowering Savannah Chatham public school students for more than 15 years. (nats) "You know I'm going to check in on you." As the current principal of Islands High School, he says his own childhood principal inspired him to be here today. "Just seeing him interact and engage and love on kids and support staff was something that I always remembered." Those memories remind him how important it is for young Black students to have role models that look like them. "That may talk like them, that may walk like them, may have similar experiences as them." Butler taught for over nine years and became the first Black principal in Windsor Forest High school's history in 2014. "And mental health experts say having Black educators like Mr. Butler walking these hallways in schools is vital." "Because it just gives that gleam of this is where we're from, this is what's possible and we can continue to help make those changes and educate our young people." Andrews and Butler agree more Black educators are needed but Butler says keeping teachers in the field is the challenge right now. He wants to encourage those teachers facing burnout to remember why they do their work. "I think it's important they remember their why but they also remember to refuel and that they prioritize themselves." Butler says it's worth staying in the field as some of his most memorable interactions come from being a listening ear to students no matter their race. "Having that moment to connect and encourage them, motivate them and in some ways equipped them with the tools that they need to get over that hump, those are the moments." He says every student he's had has made just as much of an impact on him, that he's had on them. "I'm always thinking about you." Camille Syed WTOC News.	00:01:47
5:29:00 PM				
2/7/2023	4PM OD	MICHAELA: BHM 22 YO ENTREPREN EUR	MiQuan Green, the founder of Mgreen-Productions has many accomplishments at the age of 22 years old. Some of his focuses are on marketing and videography that impacts his local community. He has received many letters and awards recognizing his impact. Sot "Congratulatory letters from president Obama, congratulatory letters from governor Bryan Kent to name a few. Most recently I was named an outstanding Georgia citizen." Green says it feels amazing to be recognized for doing what he loves, but he says he couldn't have done it without his team or the community. Sot " "You know it survived and did well?, it's because of the community." That is why he wants to support the people in the community in any way he can. Sot- "Whether it be photography, whether it be through videography or simply just myself showing up and supporting community efforts. Whether it be a nonprofit trying to give supplies to schools, or a nonprofit to make sure mothers have blankets whether it be a nonprofit to make sure our youth are provided with food. We want to make sure we support the community and programs that are doing great things." Many community members like Ida Floyd Austin who owns a deli next door to Green says Green has a heart of gold and is a man of action. Ida remembers when he helped her get the word out about the deli she just opened in January. Sot " when I had my grand opening him and his crew came over took all kinds of videos and pictures and he is here always buying lunch and breakfast. Ida says he is going to go far in life. "He's a good young man, and he cares about people and he cares about people that are the most important thing, community you have to care about folks and he is one that does." Miquan says he is grateful people feel the way they do about him. "We don't do this for awards or accolades, but the fact that people have nominated us, and not only nominated but we have been recipients of these great awards it is truly an honor." He says he doesn't plan on stopping his efforts anytime soon. In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC	00:01:59
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"It seemed like to me that the ancestors called me. Like they said, do something about this place." Leroy Lloyd is a self-appointed caretaker of a cemetery in Effingham County; the final resting place for some of the county's first inhabitants. But you won't find their names... or markings to show where their buried. "This is the only marker that lets you know that it is, you know, a cemetery." Only a simple plaque to acknowledge their existence and honor their memory. (Leroy Lloyd - Caretaker, Ebenezer African-American Cemetery) "People who were enslaved in this area, and when they passed on, they were buried in this site." The site is just outside the walls of the Jerusalem Church Cemetery -- where generations of Salzburger were laid to rest. "At least 250 graves in this in this section, okay. And the archaeologists indicated that there may be more graves beyond the very wooded area there but he could not get a reading." In 2010, an archeological team used ground-penetrating radar to locate the graves... The same time the state of Georgia unveiled a marker - commemorating the deaths of more than hundred slaves at nearby Ebenezer Creek. It tells a story of General William Sherman's March to the Sea. The slaves were following the federal army -- trying to out run confederate soldiers. The army destroyed a makeshift bridge after crossing Ebenezer Creek... leaving the slaves to fend for themselves. Most drowned in the creek. "We don't know if any of those folks are interred on these grounds. But by history, we know they died at the creek." Lloyd cares for the grounds... with the help of Master Gardeners and other volunteers. (Douglas Kirkland - Volunteer) "I think the ones that was that was buried here and and helped establish this establishment deserve that." Douglas Kirkland grew up in Effingham County... but says he learned about the site's existence from his son. "They have football camp and there was a gravesite, a black graveyard. I was like 'nah, not out there. I never heard about it.' and sure enough, it's here." Their cleanup efforts are year 'round -- but this month they're getting ready for an annual wreath laying ceremony. "We need to remember those folks, we need to give some credence to the fact that they were here. It's almost like, as it was, that they came, they lived, they died, and they were forgotten. And we did not want that to be." In Effingham County, Kyle Jordan, WTOC News.

BHM:  
EBENEZER  
CEM.  
CARETAKER

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You can see her on the corner of 37th and Harden -- but Flau'jae Johnson's story goes far beyond that \*nats rap video clip "I started rapping when I was younger. That was my goal...to fulfill my father's legacy." FlauJae's father was Jason Johnson -- a rapper who went by the name Camoflaughe -- he was murdered in Savannah in 2003. She never got to meet him... \*nats of song "he was a talented human being that cared about others and tried to tell his story through music and that's what I'm trying to do." Her father's death has been nothing but fuel for Flaujae to continue what he started "I got this chip like I gotta win" It started when she was 8 years old -- performing at a party in her dad's honor -- then she got her big break when she made her first appearance on America's Got Talent at 14 years old. She says she knows she's fulfilled his legacy, now she is trying to build her own -- whether the world is ready or not -- \*nats "When I perform that song it's me telling my story flat out...no cut in it...it's real raw" That's why she says America's Got Talent asked her to come back as one of their all stars this week. "My heart beating in my stomach..even this time I was a little nervous but this time I was more confident because I'm like girl you got this you've been here before" As a Freshman starter for LSU, some people may question how she can do both "I got that energy to get up and go get it" She says when people see her they won't say she just has potential -- they'll say she did it "I'm Basketball and I'm music at the same time. It's two things intertwined that no one is doing. I feel like I'm in my own lane."

ALYSSA:  
FLAU'JAE  
RETURNS TO  
AGT

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Check this out -- kids with special needs getting to attend their very own prom! It's called Night to Shine and it's designed specifically for those in the special needs community. Organizers say while it's just one night of the year, they hope to build lasting connections with the kids who attend.

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"We are not stopping at just one night of three hours, we're building a relationship with their families and our guests. We continue this through life together and not just the prom night, but other activities that we do and plan it and continue the relationship."

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2/16/2023 10:00:00 AM	MORNING BREAK OD 2 16	BHM: UNFORGETT ABLE BAKERY JAMES BEARD NOM	Belinda Baptiste, the owner of Unforgettable Bakery hopes that when you take a bite of her desserts and pastries... it's unforgettable. Sot "after you have a good meal you have a good dessert, right? Wow the best chocolate cake, the best caramel cake, I always get those comments you know. " She says she found her passion for baking in her twenties, and she never would have thought she'd be recognized for doing something that she loves. "It's a great honor to be recognized. I was telling a friend of mine that it wasn't a dream I had. I wasn't dreaming I was here busy doing the baked goods that I love to do." She is from Haiti and says she loves to share a slice of something sweet- along with a taste of her heritage- with the community through her pastries and desserts. Another thing she loves to share is her knowledge of baking. Stand up: Belinda says she feels so grateful to have such a supportive community and that is why she's helping people like Katrina. Katrina came to Belinda asking for help to start up her own baking business. Sot" I said you know, what do you have to lose so I just sent her an email and said ok I am going to wait and see, and she was like sure I'll help you, and that's how it started" Belinda says giving to someone else is just the way the world is supposed to work. "but you know what whomever you see out there in a position somebody helped them to get there, and you are to help somebody else" For her, sharing with others is a higher calling. "it just brings together right, is ancient it's when Jesus was walking food was part of love" In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC	00:01:32
2/16/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL	"As the Civic Center is expected to be packed for the Savannah Black Heritage Festival's grand festival day, the schedule is also loaded with pop up booths, health screenings and concerts. Organizers say this event is important to celebrate the strides of Black people in Savannah and around the world." It's an event the community hasn't been able to celebrate fully in-person since 2020. You're looking at video from past festivals. This year's will start with health related events and end with a live performance by Nickle Bag Of Funk. New this year, free ice skating and lessons will be offered for children 17 and under. Executive Director Teresa-Michelle Jackson says they wanted to take a local approach this year to highlight legends like W.W. Law and people still impacting the Black community today. "It just really is a fun time to see what we've done and to be a community that is majority African American. I think that is really important to show we are more than these negative things that have impacted us through history." "And to pair with grand festival day, on Sunday there will be free admission to the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."	00:01:11
2/17/2023 12:01:00 AM	11PM WEEKEND OD	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BHM	Take a look at this -- the Frank Callen Boys & Girls Club celebrating Black History Month. They started by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The night was planned in celebration of black history and culture with music, dance, and spoken word performances. (DEER-ICA) D'erica Stevenson played a pivotal role in putting the event together. She says she hopes it inspires the next generation and gives them hope for the future.	00:00:24
2/20/2023 12:01:00 AM	11PM WEEKEND OD	FLYNN: BLACK HISTORY MONTH	"I'm letting you know, on the other side, there is freedom. On the other side there is victory. On the other side there is unity. On the other side, I don't know what you're talking about over there when you see we shall overcome. On the other side, we will overcome. This was the first year back for the church's Black History Month program...which was put on pause at the start of the pandemic. The program also featured poetry readings and musical performances.	00:00:12

2/20/2023 1:00:00 PM	NOON OD	FLYNN: BLACK HISTORY MONTH	The chair of Georgia's Legislative Black Caucus talked with members of Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Savannah. Representative Gilliard reflected on the achievements of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. while also saying there is still more work to be done.	00:00:16
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2/21/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	BHM: FIRST BRYAN BAPTIST CHURCH	<p>"This church stood as a Beacon. I don't care where you were in the area or if you were depressed, you can look up, you will always see the church standing. And Historic First Bryan African Baptist Church has stood for the community it serves for 235 years - since Yamacraw Village was twice the size it is now and the original church building was located across Bay Street in what was known as the North End. "We are the oldest continuous black Baptist Church in America ... where the were built on Mill Street in 1790, that was the first piece of property owned by any black person in America. For generations of parishioners, the church founded by Andrew Bryan, a slave who bought his freedom, has been the center of their community and the center of their life. "my mother brought me here in her womb. That's how long I've been a member of this church, I've always been here. "The whole village reared the children, so we thoroughly enjoyed that and I thank God for it. "I raised by children in this church, In fact, I met my husband in this church and we were married for more than 54 years before he died. First Bryan continues to serve Yamacraw with church services, Bible study and what they say is the oldest black Sunday school in America. "They are around us, we minister here. And downtown is really close, so we feel connected to every event that happens here. But they are now trying to draw interest from Savannah's tourism industry by offering tours of their historic archives... "come on in ... Visitors can view artifacts, pictures of all 20 First Bryan pastors and some of its most prominent church members through the years ... "... the first black female senator from Chatham County "... first black branch manager of a national bank here "... first black fire chief in Savannah Upon request, groups can also see coins and jewelry placed inside the church's cornerstone by slaves in 1788 and taken out when First Bryan celebrated its 200th anniversary. "This little piece of coin here, the island of sultana, 1715 ... As First Bryan tries to renew interest in one of the most historic places in Savannah, "(2:36) We are really excited about all that is going on here and we're trying to stay relevant ... (3:17) because we think we've got a lot to offer here for those who come and visit Savannah</p>	00:02:13
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? (sot) For basketball junkies like Dylan, birthdays don't get any better. (vo) Dylan Green spent his 25th birthday as an Eagle and a baller. He came to basketball practice and got the tour you'd expect for a top prospect - hype photos and all. It was the kind of surprise hoops fans want. (sot) When did you find out about this? Today! How big of a surprise was this? Big! (vo) If that wasn't enough, he got the chance for an impromptu game with the Eagles. And in true star form, sunk some baskets to lead his time to victory. (sot) The chance for him to spend his 25th birthday with us was extremely special. I didn't realize how good a shooter he was. He made a whole bunch of shots today. It puts it all in perspective. (vo) The score today won't go in the official NCAA records, but Dylan will remember it for a long long time. (sot) In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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\*nats singing The date – 2.23 holds some bittersweet memories in Brunswick, Georgia – what immediately comes to mind for many is Ahmaud Arbery. "Time hasn't fully healed the arbery family. We think of three years but for many of them it feels like it was just yesterday. It's been a rough week and they say the only thing getting them through it is keeping the conversation going and being there for each other." "The hardest thing you can deal with...your children supposed to be burying you" That was Ahmaud Arbery's father. From a packed town hall to the park named in Ahmaud's honor – friends and family shared tributes, emotions and reflections \*nats "we'll ride in the car and they'll think of him and just start freestyling and saying this is what they think he'll be doing" "Just the small things...riding through the neighborhood...I go out to Satilla shores not often because I don't think it's a safe place to be for as a person of color but every now and then I get the urge to ride through" This is the second year there's been an official state-wide designation for "Ahmaud Arbery Day – hearing his name and remembering what happened to him comes with a lot of grief for the family "We've just learned to cope I feel like God gives you the resources that you need biblically, spiritually to be able to cope but you'll never get over it. It's something you'll never forget and of course we can't forget a death as horrific as his" But they try to remember when he brought them joy "A smile that will light the world in the dark" And getting almost 100-percent accountability with the three men responsible for murdering him going to prison "We were able to stand together to get justice for him. Stand together and unseat a DA something that had never been done. Stand together and get laws changed" But the family has made it very clear – until everyone responsible, including former Brunswick District Attorney Jackie Johnson – is locked up, they won't stop "When you killed my baby you put me in this fight. And 'm going to fight you till the end

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SOT TC :45 "And that, just so impressed me with it. The beauty, the color, but also the travel all around the world where these images came from. So I wanted to take pictures, and I wanted to travel. " Jason Johnson did all of that and more first as a Navy photographer then by working at USA Today, but he says it was attending Howard University that changed his life . SOT 1:55- 2:22 " I was in Washington, DC in the center of everything. And number two, all the people who was who's who in black America, came to Howard's campus. That's when I met Gordon Parks for the first time in 1980. And that's why I interviewed James Baldwin. " His work speaks for itself 2:25:23 (Johnson holding up the photo of Marshall & Height) SOT TC 4:10 "photographing Thurgood Marshall in his chambers and Supreme Court, along with Dr. Dorothy Height, who's head of the Council, the National Council Negro women at that time, and together they represented 82 years, plus 78 years- . 150 years of civil rights history. Right there in front of me, that was one of my biggest moments. And now I'm slated to donate two of those pictures to go into the Supreme Court. " In fact Johnson developed such a stellar reputation, the Smithsonian selected 50 of his photographs to feature in 5 of their books. Johnson has also traveled the world taking pictures - capturing history. SOT TC 6:04 -6:31 "Never in my lifetime, would I have ever dreamed of meeting and photographing Princess Diana, or photographing Mikhail Gorbachev or John Bertrand Aristide the president of Haiti, and 15 other heads of state. But being in the right place at the right time in Washington DC, was it I mean, that was the epitome. So that led me to photograph six US presidents and Congress, seven inaugurations. " Johnson's proudest accomplishment was organizing, 90 professional photographers to honor Gordon Parks on his 90 th birthday. Parks was , one of the greatest photographers of the 20th century. SOT TC 12:39 when he got out of the limo. He threw his hands in the air, and it was like he was in heaven. . / 12:55 that is beautiful. It was a test for me to give back to the person who had mentored me from a far. By sharing his story this Black History Month, Johnson, hopes it will inspire young people to never give up! SOT TC 2:33-3:08 " I mean, when I was picking cotton and chopping cotton in Missouri, you couldn't pay me \$10,000, to convince me that one day I will be doing photography at the White House, or covering Supreme Court confirmation hearings, or going to Tokyo or Cuba, or Canada for a Olympics, and meeting Olympians. I mean, it was just farthest from my imagination. I never dreamed this big. So you can never count out what your future is. Your soul is bigger than your surroundings."

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BHM: JASON  
JOHNSON  
FEATURE

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For the past month or so students at Georgia Southern Armstrong have been working on an important project. "This project is about recreating, digitally, the African-American Heritage Trail the WW Law had established in 1979." While they first established a digital copy a few years back, Dr. Kurt Knoerl and his students are making an important update. "What we're doing now is adding audio files to it, so if people don't want to read it, they can just listen to the story map." Giving these stories, quite literally, a voice...something these students were more than happy to help with. "I got really excited about it." Bringing the trail, WW Law's work and words back to life...a somewhat intimidating task for the man charged with portraying his voice...Marchello Graddy "When I was approached about it and he gave me the script, I was very nervous about it because I didn't want to give the wrong impression or imitate his voice. I feel like it's important to have his legacy stay there." A legacy Marchello and his classmates now get to play a role in sharing...while maybe even learning a little of their own along the way. "I realized that I don't actually know about a lot about Savannah's Black History and I think it's important for everyone, especially those that live here, to know and understand the Black History in Savannah." Giving others a chance to learn that history as they explore the streets of Savannah or do it from the comfort of their home. "I feel like a virtual tour is helpful for people who aren't big on walking in the Savannah heat." Right now, the trail includes 27 locations, information, and now audio all in the palm of your hand...putting you right in the story. "Savannah is a really beautiful city on it's own and it's covered in historic landmarks and history in general and I think learning about that and discovering it and using these resources is a fun way to learn about history and explore our beautiful Savannah." A city made all the more beautiful thanks to the work of those who came before us and those working to ensure we don't forget them. "I've learned so much about WW Law, he was an amazing man and I'm glad he really changed history in Savannah." "This is really important information. This is stuff people have not heard about before and I think it's very cool personally." "So, a site like this helps people appreciate it and become aware how much is still around us from the past."

3/6/2023 AFTERNOO  
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OD AUDIO TRAIL

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"I tried to be the mirror to other Savannahians about what this side of the community was doing and how it was living" Harold Jackson produced and hosted Focus '74 right here on WTOC-TV in Savannah... Jackson says it all started with a phone call that changed his life. "Mr. Bruce, Dwight Bruce called me because WW Law had approached him saying why don't you give him a tv show, so I got invited to come over " Focus '73 hit the airways in February of 1974.. "The finger got pointed at me, ready to cue talent, fade in one, cue talent. Momentarily I was stunned, but I got it together and it has been, looking back, the launching pad for everything I've done since" The show aired for almost 2 years. Focusing on topics of change, hope, and entertainment in the Black Community. guests on the show ranged from local and state leaders to Savannah civil rights attorneys and former Georgia state representative Bobby Hill... who in a letter.. told Jackson he was at his disposal.. and he could count on him.. another guest included former Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson.. "That show was the first time that African Americans got a chance to see themselves on a show other than being reported for some negative thing, like a crime." Jackson also interviewed guests from outside the black community including a former Georgia state senator... the late Wiley Anderson Wasden, Jr. (show a picture of him) Jackson showed us this letter...Senator Wasden wrote after being on the show... asking to get in contact with a Savannah State Instruction that he was on the show with...so he could speak at one of his classes. Forming connections and partnerships outside of WTOC... (OTIS) " for 30 minutes we were able to every week see Harold as the anchor of that show. It was our show and we identified with it" But Harold didn't do it for accolades and praise. He didn't even do it for a paycheck. He tells me he did the show for 25 dollars a month to cover his car's gas. " I grew up in Savannah and I owed a lot to this community Savannah was at least in the African American community was a nourishing environment and it allowed us to be protected and I owed much to that community it was kind of like a payback in a sort of way" A price we just can't put a number on. Journalists like me wouldn't be here today... without journalists like Jackson paving the way. His journey started long before landing at WTOC.. "WW Law, I think more than anyone else was responsible for me becoming the first Black reporter at the Savannah Morning News" A Job Harold says was tough. He worked in a world of racial segregation. Forced to walk into all white spaces and write articles that would live far past his time at the paper. But Harold didn't last at the paper long, he left Savannah for a few years... In 2023 Harold continues to share his love for journalism. Passing his knowledge down to future generations. You can even find his name printed in stone at the Press Institute Hall of Fame at Savannah State. "Looking at my career I would hope that they would get Life is a marathon, it's not a race. " for WTOC I'm Aria Janel

3/10/2023 MORNING HAROLD  
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"Enjoy your drink" There are a lot of high fives...and hugs.. "Thank you Emelda..you are welcome.." And some dance parties... \*\*nats\*\* That's what keeps customers smiling while waiting for their coffee.. "I make drinks." 33 year old Emelda Williams has been working at Bitty and Beau's for 4 years. "I'm working hard, I get paid...I am so excited." It's all part of the mission for the company to hire people with different abilities, including down syndrome. "Just because somebody is a little bit different or might act a little different doesn't mean that you can just throw labels and limitations on them because at the end of the day they can make a mean cup of coffee." \*\*nats\*\* Including Emelda – who makes all kinds of lattes \*\*nats\*\* And other espresso drinks.. \*\*nats\*\* But her favorite.. "Smoothies." \*\*nat\*\* "Mango, strawberry, berry, frappes..." Or anything \*\*nats\*\* where she gets to use the blender \*\*nats\*\* I learned a lot from Emelda by just starting the conversation... "I'm happy" And that's what they encourage you to do today too.. "I'm happy."

3/21/2023 5AM 530 SARAH  
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		5AM SARAH	That message of inclusion is on display every day at the Bitty and Beau's Coffee Shop on	
		WORLD	Congress Street in Savannah. The company has more than 20 shops across the county where	
	6AM	DOWN	they hire employees with different abilities – including down syndrome. One of the Savannah	
3/21/2023	DAYBREAK	SYNDROME	store's supervisors has a sister with Down syndrome and says she hopes the public will take	
6:00:00 AM	OD	DAY	some time to stop and think today about people who might be different from themselves.	00:00:26

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	N BREAK	JACKSON		
3/23/2023	OD	STORY PT. 2	*NATS* "I tried to be the mirror to other Savannahians about what this side of the community was doing and how it was living" I had the honor of sitting down with not only Harold Jackson, but former Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson.. to talk about Focus 73 and 74, a tv program that aired right here on WTOC.. Johnson says he was not only a guest on the show but felt its impact as well. "That show was the first time that African Americans got a chance to see themselves on a show other than being reported for some negative thing, like a crime." The topics ranged from politics. *If Blacks used both parties to get what they need and some of what they want I think we'd be in a better position." to systemic racism *I think we've got to get people into the corporate board rooms where these basic decisions are made* they even talked about agriculture and food. "there's an interesting fish that is in The Ogeechee River called the Ogeechee shad fish very boney fish to eat. Vincent Russo perfected the art of cleaning the fish with no bones. so, I had him on the show to do a whole fish and it was one of the greatest shows we had" " For 30 minutes we were able to every week see Harold as the anchor of that show. It was our show and we identified with it" While the year was 1974 Johnson says unfortunately not much has changed. "It would be very relevant because the topics he highlighted on his show are still the topics that we're dealing with". According to the 2022 State of Black Georgia Report some of the most important issues facing Black Georgians are Housing, Education Conditions, Social Justice, and Civic Engagement. "Back in the 70's really, starting in the 60s we were struggling for desegregated schools and now we're talking about whether the curriculum should be desegregated. we were talking about increasing affordable housing. What are we doing now? We're talking about affordable housing all of these issues would have been the same." So how do we put an end to the cycle of issues facing this community? Some say it's through legislation, others say protesting and working from within the system is the way to go. "What he did was present controversial topics in a way that made people listen. And that's where change happens." A step we all can take. By simply having conversations around race and social justice with those closest to us. And by taking a piece of advice from focus 74 we keep history alive while not repeating it. *thanks very much for tuning in to focus 73 and 74 this is Harold Jackson hoping that this good day brings you good news tomorrow.*	00:02:29
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At the Second Annual Lazaretto Day Commemoration on Tybee this Saturday, project leaders are going to be unveiling a new way to learn about Black History on the island- and it's only a click away. vo: After years in the making- the virtual Black History Trail is online for people to see. The Trail is a collaborative effort between Tybee MLK, the Tybee Historical Society, and Georgia Southern University. "This is our statement to say that Tybee is open for everyone that wants to come out here and enjoy the island, and to learn more about it." The virtual trail currently has historical information about 13 stops on the island. Though there's no physical markers on the trail yet- project leaders tell me there will eventually be signs at each stop, as well as a brochure. Folks are encouraged to go visit the 13 stops in person, while reading along the website. "We go to the pier, to talk about the musicians that came to entertain during Jim Crow at the pier. We go to the back river to talk about the quarters of the maids on the back river. It's just very informative, and I think that people will enjoy it. It'll be a new way to see Tybee." One of the most important things about the project, leaders tell me, is accuracy. Sarah Jones, the executive director of the Tybee Island Historical Society, tells me that compiling all the information was a bit of an undertaking- but those involved had direction from Amy Potter of Georgia Southern. "She was really, really vital in helping us and getting us organized, actually. And showing us how to start the research and where to go do the research and how to do it the proper way. That was really important. She's a little bit of an expert in oral histories, and so that was something that we all learned a lot about, because a lot of our information from this trail comes from oral histories." Shea: Jones says that they'll be working to add more stops to the Black History Trail as they continue to learn more about Black History on Tybee Island. For WTOCN, I'm Shea Schrader.

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LAZARETTO  
DAY ON  
TYBEE  
ISLAND

"We as a family, we're coming together as a human race talking about something that happened that was egregious. But it did happen. And so we talk about it, how do we move past it, how do we get to be one people and appreciate each other." The Lazaretto Day commemoration was put on by Tybee MLK... Their founder, Julia Pearce, says their next big event is their Juneteenth celebration.

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TYBEE  
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			<p>"They were brought from different places from around the United States from the Caribbean that came through the Lazaretto. Many of them died, many of them died, or lived on, but we remember them today!" "When something horrific happens in the family, we know it's unhealthy to take it and put it under the bed and never discuss it. It just brings anxiety, and depression and terrible things. So we, as a family, we're coming together as a human race and talking about something that was egregious. But it did happen. "It's not the right time to commemorate the Weeping Time. It's not the right time to name a square after Susie King Taylor. So don't ask me why we need to commemorate the descendants of those that survived 400 years of bondage and don't ask me why we need to memorialize those who did not survive the horrific middle passage only to be unceremoniously buried in Tybee's marshes." "I ask that we all remember when you cross that Lazaretto Bridge, just remember the suffering that others have had to do through no choices of their own. And bless their souls. And also, be good to each other. Because at the end of the day, we're all in this together."</p>	
3/25/2023	11PM WEEKEND	TYBEE LAZARETTO DAY REMEMBRANCE		00:01:07

			<p>Checking out a few community events from the day - Community leaders gathered at the Savannah Civic Center this morning to honor an important Civil Rights leader-- it was the the MLK Business and Community Unity Brunch. This brunch, honoring Martin Luther King Junior - is the first one since the pandemic began. It's one of the larger events put on by the MLK Observance Association -- second only to the MLK day parade in January. WTOC's own Dawn Baker was there to help host the event.</p>	
3/25/2023	11PM WEEKEND	MLK BUSINESS BRUNCH		00:00:29

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3/26/2023	7AM DAYBREAK SUNDAY	LAZARETTO DAY ON TYBEE ISLAND		00:00:22

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023

#### FACE THE NATION

- 01/01/23 **Guests:** Michael Gapen, managing director, chief U.S. economist, Bank of America (1); Kristalina Georgieva, managing director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2); John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (3); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor (3); Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, Obama Administration (3); General H.R. McMaster, former national security adviser, Trump administration (3); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (4); Kevin Book, energy analyst, managing director, Clearview Energy Partners (4)  
1) Topics include: 2023 domestic economic forecast / risk of recession / inflation / President Biden's economic plans to bolster the economy / unemployment rate / housing market and mortgage rates / optimism regarding the long-run prospects for the U.S. economy  
2) Topics include: impact of rising COVID cases in China on the global economy / post-pandemic supply chain challenges' predictions for the global economy in 2023; Ukrainian economy; state of U.S. economics and politics  
4) Topics include: planning for climate change's long-term regional trends / federal government's investment in green energy / nuclear energy / impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on gas and oil prices / development of domestic energy supplies
- 01/08/23 **Guests:** Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales, (R-TX) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX) (4); Senator Angus King (I-ME) (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (6)  
1) Topics include: last week's lengthy battle for Representative Kevin McCarthy to secure enough votes to elect him speaker / rules package / working with the Freedom Caucus, an ultraconservative faction; new colleague from New York, Representative George Santos, who lied about his work history, education, and family background  
2) Topics include: last week's battle in the House of Representatives for speaker / rules package / Speaker McCarthy's "Commitment to America" agenda; President Biden's southern border visit; New York Representative George Santos  
3) a report from Atlanta on a new CBS News poll that finds Americans are feeling better about some things in the new year, but there is still a lot of angst
- 02/05/23 **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (2); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (5); Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA), president, Democratic freshman class (6); Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) (6); Representative Summer Lee (D-PA) (6); Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA) (6)  
4) a report from Atlanta on January's hiring surge and the anxiety many Americans feel over the economy  
5) Topics include: strong January job numbers / possibility of a recession in the first half of 2023 / impact of not raising the debt ceiling; Chips Act / staying competitive with China
- 03/05/23 **Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)  
1) Topics include: U.S. debt and spending / capping discretionary spending / need to be energy-independent, energy-secured;
- 03/12/23 **Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)  
1) a report from Atlanta on America's economic crossroads exacerbated by Friday's collapse of California's Silicon Valley Bank  
2) Topics include: collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) / no bailout for SVB / impact on the tech sector / missed signals about the bank's problems / plans to contain the fallout from the bank's failure  
3) Topics include: collapse of SVB / need to protect all depositors, even those in excess of \$250,000 / call for 'decisive action' from the Biden administration / investigating possible mismanagement at SVB /

potential impact on the tech sector  
6) Topics include: collapse of SVB;

03/19/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) (2); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (3); Gary Cohn, former director, National Economic Council, vice chairman, IBM (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, "Pivot" (5); General H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration (6)

2) Topics include: anxiety in the banking sector / calling for Congress to introduce more regulation for the banking industry after the two banks failed earlier this month / lifting the FDIC insurance cap / her lack of confidence in Mary Daly of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and Jerome Powell of the Federal Reserve Bank

3) Topics include: allowing all options to fix the banking crisis / FDIC deposit level / investigating the underlying causes of the collapse of the two banks / conservatives who are blaming "woke banking" for the failures / President Biden's proposal regarding salaries for banking executives

4) Topics include: banking crisis / contagion risk for other banks / possible absorption of regional banks by larger banks / his op-ed, calling for common sense regulation / expanding deposit insurance; possible interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve

5) Topics include: the "two Americas in Silicon Valley", revealed by the banking failure;

03/26/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1) (5); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (3); John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (5); Bill Bratton, former New York City police commissioner (5); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (6)

3) Topics include: possible additional regulation for midsize banks /

6) Topics include: 'resilient' and 'sound' U.S. banking system, despite the failed banks / potential impact on the economy / Americans' low confidence in the Federal Reserve / failure of Silicon Valley Bank / Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco President Mary Daly / revamping the regulatory system for midsize banks

## 60 MINUTES

02/05/23

**"The IMF Report"** – an interview with managing director of the International Monetary Fund, Kristalina Georgieva. She discusses the future of the global economy. Includes an interview with Stefan, her brother. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Shachar Bar-On)

03/19/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**"Only in America"** – a profile of billionaire businessman Rocco Commisso. He discusses moving to the Bronx from southern Italy in his youth, his cable TV empire and Fiorentina, the Florence-based Italian professional soccer team he purchased. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Guy Campanile)

03/26/23

60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)

**"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)

## CBS SPECIAL NEWS REPORT

On **Monday, March 13**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden remarks on maintaining a resilient banking system and protecting our historic economic recovery) aired for 10:07 from 9:00-9:10:07am cnyt, live to all stations.

## WTOC NEWSCASTS

**ISSUE 11-HOW THE ECONOMY AND OTHER SOURCES SUCH AS THE WEATHER, CONSTRUCTION,ETC ARE AFFECTING BUSINESSES. FAA OUTAGE, SAVANNAH MALL CLOSING AND WHAT'S NEXT,GAS TAX, BULL RIVER BRIDGE CLOSED, GDOT INFO SESSION, PARADES AFFECTING TRAFFIC CLOSURES, WRIGHT SQUARE COURTHOUSE CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING BUSINESS, GA SHRIMP SEASON RECAP, CITY MARKET BUSINESSES AFFECTED, GDOT INFO SESSION, GA SHRIMP SEASON, SOLAR PANEL STRUGGLES, ROAD CLOSURES ON BROUGHTON BETWEEN BULL AND DRAYTON, BULL RIVER BRIDGE CLOSED DUE TO ICE, HOW THE TOWN OF WALTERBORO IS AFFECTED BY THE MURDAUGH TRIAL, NEW COURTHOUSE SETBACKS, UBER APP NOT WORKING AFFECTING DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS AT AIRPORT, ADDERALL SHORTAGE, HOW ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS HELPING BUSINESSES, AIRPORT GETTING BUSIER, TYBEE GLASS RECYCLING, GLENNVILLE BUSINESS FIRE, DRAINAGE PROJECT AFFECTING BUSINESS, BROUGHTON STREET STREETScape CONSTRUCTION.  
SOURCE: CITY OF SAVANNAH, US GOVERNMENT , BUSINESS OWNERS, ETC**

\*nats of horns and clappers\* Revelers are descending on River Street ready to ring in the New Year. "We about to be lit. 2023 is gonna be lit." Many dressed in their New Year's best...waiting for the ball to drop. And while many started celebrating early.... "We've been here since 3:00 and I've already started." ...others plan on keeping the party going well after the clock strikes midnight. SOT Pop: "I'll probably be out until about 1." SOT Pop: "Probably until 3am." Savannah will launch its fireworks display from a barge in front of the city's convention center. Tybee Island...also hosting its own show around midnight. \*nats of cheers\* And for those celebrating at bars and restaurants offering extended hours this New Year's Eve...Georgia State Patrol is cautioning all drivers to be safe. GSP tells WTOC they'll be out patrolling area roads looking for drunk or impaired drivers. They're urging those celebrating to use ridesharing apps or plan a designated driver to get home. \*nats of City Market\* Rain also threatened to dampen holiday celebrations...but with the skies clearing...many are looking forward to ringing in the new year. "With Covid and being stuck at home and not being able to come out as much. It's really good to see a lot people out with their families."

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DAYBREA  
K FLYNN: NEW  
1/1/2023 SUNDAY YEAR'S  
7:00:00 AM OD WEEKEND

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"I don't think I've ever seen this bar that packed before." It may be quiet now as New Year decorations still hang at The Escape Company but people packed in here to count down the new year with games and drinks. But new beginnings weren't the only thing being celebrated at midnight. Game host Justin Doughty says Georgia's win against Ohio State in the Peach Bowl had the crowd up on their feet. "You couldn't have paired up a the word perfect better than that kickoff right a midnight. It was very energetic. Everybody was just super excited. A lot of people were just over 2022 at this point and excited to start something new and that kick off I think was the perfect start for the new year." Not far up the street at Bay Street Blues, Owner Bonnie Walden says it was New Year celebration to remember. "It was probably one of the best New Year's Eve we've ever had. Everybody was so happy and so celebratory over the new year and the big win." And they're both happy there appeared to be no violence during such a big celebration. "I would say it's definitely in the back of our heads for sure. Safety is our number one priority with anybody that comes into the bar especially our younger patrons but we had a great time. It couldn't have gone better than it did." Bringing in the New Year the right way. Camille Syed WTOC News.

1/2/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

SAVANNAH  
NYE WRAP  
UP

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Sot: (Michael Higgins - Co-Owner, Wright Square Bistro) "It's the ever-expanding footprint of the courthouse project." Vo The Chatham county courthouse is on the right, the Wright Square Bistro... that brick building on the left. It's a federal construction project on his business' doorstep, obviously not ideal for the bottom line. Sot "We very seldom now get locals, locals who are just looking to have lunch." Vo The co-owner of this restaurant understands the construction needed to happen and isn't upset at the fact that it is, but instead how the project itself is being managed. He says specifically, the workers on the building dominate area parking, leaving no options for his customers. Sot "They park in a space because they get here at seven in the morning so they can beat everybody into a space and it sits there all day and it's one less space for our patrons to park." Vo He wanted to do something about that problem, so he tells me he went to the city of Savannah. Sot "My communications with the city started in early October. We finally had a meeting in December two months later... it took that long to get a meeting." Vo I reached out to the city for comment regarding this whole situation just before their offices closed today. In part their written statement to WTOC reads GFX "When issues arose, the Transportation Department advocated for this business owner to ensure that the contractor complied with plan regulations. The contractor has been complying since then." Vo Since then, meaning since that December meeting. The business owner sees it differently. Sot "But since then nothing has changed, in fact it's probably gotten worse." Vo Higgins tells me he's confused, saying the two-hour meeting with the city seemed to have gone well but as you just heard in his mind, has led to no results. It's a trend he's worried might continue. Sot "About a year ago we were approached by the contractor who's doing the project at the courthouse. They explained that it was going to be one to two years, but in the meeting we had in December it came out that they're now looking for three and four years. That is unconscionable." Vo As for what he wants to see done about all this... Sot "Just get some normalcy back. I understand that they need space. I understand that there are going to be times for closures. We want to work with them on it, but also they need to communicate with us."

1/4/2023  
11:01:00  
PM

TYLER:  
WRIGHT  
SQUARE  
COURTHOU  
SE TRAFFIC

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While the Georgia shores are now closed for the season, federal waters – more than 3 miles out from the shoreline – are still fair game... and shrimpers like Wynn Gale fish there outside of Georgia's season. "First drag, I did okay, I did probably five or six hundred pounds of shrimp." He says this year was successful... but still came with some obstacles. "Last fuel I paid for was \$3.80 a gallon, I was up to \$5.20 a gallon in the summertime, it was up really high, that put a severe strain on everyone's pocketbooks. The shrimp prices were kind of mediocre this year, weren't very good, so you had to catch a lot of shrimp just to pay for the fuel." STANDUP And it's not just the high cost of fuel impacting shrimpers this year – it's also the salinity of the water. Researchers with the state's Coastal Resources division say that played a role in the decision to not extend the shrimping season. "The one thing that stands out most to me was the high salinities that we saw. We saw very high salinities far up into our sampling areas, which again, is not favorable for the progression of shrimp out into the sound and into the harvesting areas." The two seasons prior had been extended into January. This year, the season was allowed to expire at its regular date of December 31st – Leonard says preservation of the shrimp population remains a priority. "We saw a good number of shrimp early in the spring, and then we saw a reduction in number and a reduction in size throughout the course of the year. I primarily contribute that to a lack of rainfall in the watersheds." Gale says ... he's expecting a strong season next year. "I'm thinking it's going to be a pretty good run there, maybe in April." The Georgia shrimping season typically reopens in May or June... the DNR will decide on the season opener at a later date. In Darien, HB

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

GA SHRIMP  
SEASON  
RECAP

WTOC NEWS.

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"I used to come to the new mall 'cause it was something different you know." The Savannah Mall holds memories for Sharon Page but as fewer people walk through the doors...she's excited for something new on her side of town "I'd like it to really have stores open back up, a bunch of more restaurants that we should have." Alderman Kurtis Purtee says that's a possibility that has come up in talks between BCHM and locals. He'd like to see restaurants, retail and even housing on this property that spans about 900 thousand square feet. "A place where folks can go walking, get coffee, get something to eat, shop and maybe live nearby so there's plenty of opportunities there at the mall." But he says everything is on the table. He hopes to talk to people who live in this area to help build this place's future. "There's some things that we're going to have to look at and say what is it that the folks want to have here in the community." He says it may take a while but what's next will be better than what's here now. "It's a bittersweet thing as we move forward. The mall has been in a decline for some time and the prior owners just weren't really taking care of the maintenance issues at the mall." For Page, it's also bittersweet. "It's sad. I feel sorry for the people that work here."

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

CAMILLE:  
SAVANNAH  
MALL

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1/8/2023 11:35:00 PM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	MARIAH: HWY 80 BRIDGE LANE CLOSURE	For anyone driving to and from Tybee they can expect the bridges to be down to one lane 24/7 until work is done. It's important to note that the long stretch of road between the two bridges will be open as normal. During this time there will be traffic signals alerting drivers of when it's their turn to drive over the bridge. The Georgia DOT says when the project is done, in a few years, the bridges won't be as narrow, there will be space for bicyclists and pedestrians, an emergency lane and they will meet current design standards. G-DOT says this part of the project is required.	00:00:34
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1/8/2023 11:35:00 PM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	MARIAH: HWY 80 BRIDGE LANE CLOSURE	Heads up drivers! Starting tomorrow the Bull River Bridge and Lazaretto Creek Bridge will be down to one lane for at least the next 30 days. This is all part of the Georgia Department of Transportation's long-term project to replace both bridges.	00:00:14
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<p>1/9/2023 5:30pm 5:29:00 PM OD</p>	<p>HIGHWAY 80 LANE CLOSURES</p>	<p>Happening now - the Bull River Bridge and Lazaretto Creek Bridge are down to one lane. And the Georgia Department of Transportation says they'll be that way for for at least the next 30 days. It part of the D-O-T's long-term project to replace both bridges. The stretch of road between the two bridges will be open as normal. The construction is not expected to disrupt boat traffic. WTOC's Mariah Congedo will have more on why the lane closures are happening - coming up on The News at 6.</p>	<p>00:00:28</p>
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<p>1/9/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>CITY MARKET NEW OWNER QUESTIONS</p>	<p>It's a new addition to City Market that isn't sitting well with some businesses here. These images show fencing temporarily set up around the City Market courtyard over the weekend. Late night spot...The Bar Bar...posted these photos on Facebook...garnering hundreds of comments. The Bar Bar staff didn't want to go on camera...but told me the fencing "severely affected our business and hurt us and our employees...our staff lost hundreds in tips that they depend on to pay their bills." Staff tell me they were told the fencing would be up on Thursday to Saturday nights. This isn't the first-time similar measures have been put in place. After a string of shootings here over the summer...City Market put up signs and barricades banning people under 21 past 11pm and outright banned weapons. The Bar Bar also says quote..."More of a police presence may have helped instead of pushing out locally owned establishments to "band aid" the problem they have seen. Our doors will remain open til 3am as long as we legally can." The fencing comes after City Market's new owners told WTOC they want to focus the area more on family and less on nightlife...saying that closing at midnight would help them reach that goal. The Bar Bar says their lease is not up, so they are not part of the midnight closing mandate. We reached out to the new City Market owners today about the fence and have not heard back yet. Some who frequent City Market say they're in favor of the new measures. "I was out here one of the nights when there was a shooting. When I heard they were implementing safety precautions, I was like, 'That's smart.'"</p>	<p>00:01:34</p>
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LL: Even though GDOT has hosted virtual meetings in the past...tonight's session will be the first time people will get to ask questions in-person about how the road work will affect them. PKG: G-DOT is preparing for a slew of construction projects in north Bryan County. Those projects include the widening of U-S 280 with the installation of roundabouts...frontage road construction along I-16...and a new I-16 exit at Old Cuyler Road. This maps shows where each project will take place. G-DOT says these projects will help ease an expected increase in traffic from Hyundai's upcoming electric vehicle plant. "...that's really the best foot forward to not only accommodate all those trucks that are coming through, but also you the daily driver." The department opened an online comment period that will run through January 20th...and is taking in-person questions during an info session tonight from 5 to 7 p-m. "You'll have large informational displays, concept designs, maybe someone has a property in the area, and they're concerned on how they may be impacted. We'll have a right of way professional there." G-DOT hosted a virtual Q and A session Monday where they say some did raise some potential issues. "Folks were just concerned about those traffic increases in the area. Based on yesterday, we had a live, virtual session, there were some questions. A lot of it was focused on 280 and how those roundabouts would work." Ultimately...G-DOT says these projects will offer better access to new developments in Bryan County. Construction on the I-16 frontage road is scheduled to this year...with work on the U-S 280 widening and roundabouts starting in 2024. The new I-16 interchange at Old Cuyler Road is expected to start construction in 2025. "We don't pick where these developments go, but when they are chosen, we have a responsibility to help improve the infrastructure to support it." LL: Again...tonight's Q and A session will be at the Bryan County Board of Education offices. If you can't make it...you can submit comments online at the link on our website. Just look for this story on W-T-O-C dot com. In Black Creek...FS...WTOCN.

1/10/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

FLYNN:  
GDOT INFO  
SESSION

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"It's ridiculous. I'm already paying four dollars just for a gallon of gas and I mean that just adds to more living expenses for me." // "I feel like it's getting kind of expensive but honestly I don't really pay attention to it. I guess I need to start." // "I feel like it's nonsense because \$20 can't fill up a tank any more. \$20 used to get me a full tank. It can't. It takes 40 to 50 dollars to fill my tank up. That's not okay."

1/10/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

CAMILLE:  
GAS TAXES

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"I think people understand, they know this is a safety issue so nobody is saying get me on this plane and go, it's frustrating, I know a lot of people, I'm flexible I'm lucky but people are traveling for a reason so they are trying to get there and there is really nothing they can do but I think everyone is calm and understanding and waiting for information."

1/11/2023  
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SARAH: FAA  
NOON OD OUTAGE

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1/11/2023  
12:00:00 PM  
NOON OD OUTAGE 2  
SARAH: FAA  
"I'm flexible so I decided cause they have pushed it back 3 times already so I have no confidence it's leaving and I'm flying through charolette which is going to be an absolute nightmare so I asked them if I could fly on the last flight out so I actually booked myself on a 6:15 flight through Charlotte tonight and I'm hoping the mess will be figured out by then and I'll have a smooth flight and one extra day in warm weather."  
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1/11/2023  
4:00:00 PM  
4PM OD IMPACT  
SHEA:  
AIRPORT OUTAGE  
"It's delayed again, so forget that connecting flight. They put us on a 10 o'clock, tentatively out of New York, so at this point I just want to get back to New York and I'll decide if I want to rent a car or something to get home."  
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1/11/2023  
4:59:00 PM  
5PM OD LATEST  
SAV HHI  
AIRPORT  
FAA IMPACT  
"It starts around 5 o'clock, I still haven't gotten dressed, got my suit fitted or anything like that, so it really puts me in a pickle."  
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1/12/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

HIGHWAY 80  
LANE  
CLOSURES

the Bull River Bridge and Lazaretto Creek Bridge are down to one lane. And the Georgia Department of Transportation says they'll be that way for several weeks. It's part of the D-O-T's long-term project to replace both bridges. The stretch of road between the two bridges will be open as normal. The construction is not expected to disrupt boat traffic. We have more on the lane closures posted on WTOC dot com.

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1/12/2023  
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SAVANNAH  
MALL  
OFFICIALLY  
CLOSING  
TODAY

"I'm trying to fight back tears because I literally grew up here." Katina Madison and her daughter Harmony made the hour and a half drive from Jesup to take it all in for the last time ... even though for Harmony this was more like her 'first time.' "When she was a baby we brought her over. It was kind of like a tradition just to ride the carousel, but of course she doesn't remember now." Madison says she used to come to the mall, not just to shop, but to hangout. She says there's still a picture in her mind of why she loved coming here so much. "The beauty, the charm, the people, the atmosphere. It was always festive and fun." Now ... it's quite the opposite. The gates have been pulled down and it's eerily quiet. "Nothing I can do, you know. Just roll on with it." George Freeman is the Owner of KATMA Defense Martial Arts Studio. He says his studio was in the mall for a little more than three years and having a space to teach his craft was exciting. "It was good having a good space where I could actually attract people. We did have traffic with people coming by." He says he moved all of his equipment to his garage a few days ago and today he had just one more thing to let go of. MARIAH- "You officially gave the keys back today. How do you feel about that?" "It's a relief because of all that was going on. It's just done with. It was great being here, I benefitted from being in this location and I hope that they do something worthwhile for the community with this location."

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"Nobody seems to care. All they want is they money." We went to see Durham - and her solar panels - for ourselves at her home off East Duffy Street. She says her solar panel dilemma all started - with a flyer. "I found the flyer on my door, with the solar panels. It said the government would pay for it." Durham showed us the agreement she made with Titan Solar Power... a company based out of Arizona. She says their salesman told her she qualified for government assistance for the panels. The problem? She says the government paid for the 8-thousand-dollar \*installation... NOT the panels. "A couple of weeks later, I get this letter saying, "you owe \$30,000." "He didn't tell me I had to pay \$30,000." Durham says she contacted Titan Solar right away... but they told her they couldn't help... and sent her to a collection agency. She says she signed-up for the panels, thinking she could SAVE some money. But, between the monthly payments for the solar panels and what's left of her electric bill.... she says she's now paying MORE. And, she says it all happened right before she was diagnosed with breast cancer. "It was just overwhelming." We wanted to know if this is happening to other people. So, we contacted the Better Business Bureau. "My initial reaction was, I wish this was the first time I've heard a story like that. But, it's not." Tom Stephens, President of the BBB's Northeast Florida office, says it's a common complaint. "The solar industry has some really good people, and some people who are not so good. And, sometimes they exagurate their claims." "... and, it's expensive, and there's lots of legal contracts involved, and people don't read them. So, it's not surprising that something like this happens." We looked-into Titan Solar. They have a 1.7 customer review rating out of 5 on the BBB's web site... with more than 600 complaints in the past three years. Stephens says, in that same time period, they received more than 6-thousand total complaints against solar energy contractors nationwide. He says people like Durham have three options... pay the bill, don't pay and face legal action... or declare bankruptcy. "Of course you feel for them, because they've just saddled themselves with a debt that they're going to have to pay and not really get any return out of it." Durham says, she made a mistake. "Oh he made it sound so wonderful, so easy, so nice! You know? And, I fell for it."

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Savannah Police say Streets on the parade route will close at 9 a-m. You can see some of those on your screen now. Closures will last until the parade clears the area. There are streets closing even earlier. East Broad and Price, along with Liberty to Gwinnett will be closed at 6 a-m so it can be used as a staging area for the parade. For folks that live downtown - no parking signs are going out tonight. You'll need to move your car by 12:01 a-m Monday.

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			"We decided to shut down the roadway to protect the safety of the citizens because some of the ice appears to be black ice. You can't really see it. So cars, are just driving- plus we're in South Georgia, not used to the freezing temperatures. We're having experiences of people just driving, minding their business, and going across and they think it's a puddle of water but in fact it's a piece of ice, and it causes them to lose control and either hit the guard rail or another vehicle." CCPD worked with the Ace Hardware on Johnny Mercer to get 12 bags of salt that they used to clear up the ice. The bridge is open but is still down to one lane.	
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			The bridge was already down to one lane as GDOT gathers information for a long term road project. According to the Chatham County Police Department, some of the equipment being used brought water onto the roadway, which froze because of the low temperatures. There were two single-vehicle crashes with no serious injuries- but as a precaution, the bridge was shut down from around 8:40 A.M. to 10:15 A.M to clear the wreck and the ice.	
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		BROUGHTON ST BTWN BULL & DRAY	Broughton Street in downtown Savannah will be closing to traffic again. The City says Broughton will be closed between Bull Street and Drayton Street starting tomorrow for road construction. Bull and Drayton Streets will remain open. The City says that closure will last until January 24th. Our Flynn Snyder is speaking to business owners about the impact. He will have more coming up at 6.	
1/16/2023				
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In November...Savannah city officials applauded the reopening of Broughton Street following a year's long construction project. Now...parts of the heavily traveled road are set to be closed again to replace temporary pavers. \*nats of cars\* City of Savannah communications director Nick Zoller says project leaders chose to use temporary pavers so the street could open for the holidays. "There was a supply issue. We weren't able to get the vehicular pavers in at that time. So, we ordered extra of the sidewalk pavers that were able to temporarily serve for vehicle purposes." Zoller says that was the only way to get the street open for the holiday shopping season. "A decision was made to support local businesses, get Broughton Street open for the holidays and then come back in and in a little slower period before St. Patrick's Day, get them all replaced." According to the city of Savannah...Broughton Street between Bull and Drayton Streets will be closed for the work starting tomorrow. Zoller says the project will then move between Bull and Whitaker Streets, taking a total of two weeks. "I didn't know it was happening this quick." Sam Dabit has owned Joseph's Clothiers for more than a decade. His store is in the impacted area. He says he didn't receive any city notice on this latest project. "So that's all news to me, this is all brand new news to me." But Zoller says the city has hosted webinars to update businesses throughout the project. "Ahead of this temporary reopening, before this little bit of work that has to be done, we were communicating with a lot of these businesses." The city couldn't provide a timeline for when notices for replacement of these pavers were sent out to businesses. "When we reopened the roadway for traffic, we stated that there were going to be ongoing construction needs that were still going to be in place, that this wasn't a fully complete project yet. This is one of those aspects." But for construction-weary business owners like Dabit...the work has taken a toll on his bottom line. "Just with the streets being open now, we've noticed out numbers have been increasing. There's more traffic flow. With them closing the street down again? It's not going to help. It should've been more organized. It just seemed like it was a mess going on out there."

		BROUGHTON STREET REPAVING AGAIN		
1/16/2023				
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CLOSURES:  
BROUGHTO  
N ST BTWN Moving to other news now. A WTOC update. Savannah city officials say - they will once \*again have to  
1/16/2023 BULL & close part of Broughton Street for construction. Starting tomorrow, Broughton Street between Bull and  
8:00:00 PM 7PM OD DRAY Drayton will close. The City says this time - the closure will last until January 24th. That's next Tuesday. 00:00:18

BROUGHTO Right now - a portion of Broughton Street is closed again. You are looking at video from today. The  
N STREET temporary closer is between Bull and Drayton streets. The city says crews will replace temporary pavers  
PAVER in the street with more permanent pavers. This portion of the project will take about two weeks. This only  
1/17/2023 REPLACEME impacts the area of Broughton between Bull and Drayton Streets. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson says  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD NT BEGINS the the cities cost of the pavers was about \$70-thousand dollars. The mayor says it was worth the  
investment. 00:00:31

BROUGHTO "It was important for us to give Broughton Street Business along with residents and visitors a beautiful  
N STREET holiday season so we invested in purchasing additional pavers to get this road done. And so these  
PAVER temporary pavers were identical to the current ones and they'll be stored because we can reuse them in  
1/17/2023 REPLACEME the future." After this portion is done they will work on the area between Bull and Whitaker streets. Each  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD NT BEGINS section is expected to take one week. 00:00:26

1/17/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
BROUGHTO Part of Broughton Street is closed again. The temporary closure is between Bull and Drayton streets.  
N ST. PAVER Our crew shot this video today - as city crews worked to replace temporary pavers in the street with more  
REPLACEME permanent ones. This portion of the project will take about two weeks. After they finish here - they're  
NT expected to move on to the area between Bull and Whitaker Streets. 00:00:22

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BROUGHTO Right now - a portion of Broughton Street is closed... \*again. We're talking about the area between Bull  
N STREET and Drayton streets. We went out there today and shot this video. The city says crews are replacing  
PAVER temporary pavers with more permanent ones. Mayor Van Johnson says it should take about 2 weeks. He  
REPLACEME says those temporary pavers were a good purchase... because they allowed the city to fully re-open  
NT BEGINS Broughton Street for the holidays. 00:00:26

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NT BEGINS Whitaker streets. 00:00:25

1/20/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD HAYLEY:  
MURDAUGH  
PREVIEW "The city is not making one cent off of the food trucks. The food trucks are setting up, because we could not feed a lunchtime of one hour, with people having to leave the property, go down to one of the other restaurants. In the city of Walterboro, we have two restaurants on Main Street, both of them would be overwhelmed if we didn't use the food trucks." The food trucks will be located at the wildlife center right across from the courthouse... Grooms says he expects there to be a large crowd in town at the start and end of the trial, with a bit of a lull in between... but regardless, this town will still be seeing many more visitors than normal. 00:00:38

1/20/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD HAYLEY:  
MURDAUGH  
PREVIEW Area law enforcement officers have been out setting up barriers around the court house today... the city has also collaborated with local churches and businesses for parking for the massive influx of people starting Monday... and only one street in town will be closed – that's North Walter Street right here next to the courthouse. The city is also bringing in food trucks for next week – something city leaders say was a necessity. 00:00:25

1/20/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD DERENNE  
AVE BACK  
OPEN It's finally open. All lanes of Derenne Avenue are back open more than 2 weeks after a collapsed sewer main first shut them down. Our WTOC crew grabbed this video about two hours ago. The closures impacted one of the busiest intersections in Savannah. Data from the Georgia Department of Transportation shows about 40-thousand cars travel that stretch everyday. 00:00:22

1/20/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD CHATHAM  
CO. We're getting an update on the construction underway for the new Chatham County Courthouse. Take a  
COURTHOU look at the progress they've made so far. The county broke ground on the \$84-million project back in  
SE October 20-20. It's located on Montgomery Street in Downtown Savannah. It will feature four state court  
CONSTRUCT rooms, eight superior court rooms and more gallery seating. WTOC will continue to keep you updated  
ION on it's progress. 00:00:25

1/21/2023  
12:01:00 AM 11PM OD MURDAUGH  
TRIAL are preparing for more customers than usual. Walterboro has become well known in the shadow of the  
PREVIEW Murdaugh trial. The city is shutting down North Walter Street right next to the courthouse for the duration  
of the trial. The city will also be bringing in food trucks to accommodate for the large crowd. 00:00:30

1/27/2023 4:30PM  
5:29:00 PM OD FLYNN:  
HENDRIX PARK LL: As the spring sports season approaches...crews here at Hendrix Park tell me they hope to get more  
baseball and softball fields open in March. VO: This is what the park looked like in the days after the  
storm. It's one of just a few recreation spots in the county's north end. Many of the fields and indoor  
basketball complexes were destroyed. Crews were able to reopen some facilities back in May.  
Now...field lighting is set to be installed this month and the turf football fields have been restored. County  
officials say despite the widespread damage...Hendrix Park has seen significant improvement. SOT:  
'we've seen the most refurbishment in Hendrix Park at this point. We've gotten a lot of fields up and we  
should be ready to go at least on half of the baseball/softball fields ready for opening day. LL: As for that  
indoor basketball facility that was destroyed in the tornado, county parks and recreation officials tell me  
that contracts for rebuilding those facilities should go out in the next couple of months. Reporting in  
Ellabell...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:03

	8AM		A heads up for drivers- The city of Rincon is warning residents that the railroad crossing at 15th Street will be closed for repairs in less than 2 weeks. The closure is set to start on February 7th. It'll be from 7:30 A-M to 7:30 P-M. The city will provide a service to help residents get to and from their homes. They also say that parking will be available along Carolina Avenue. Effingham County Schools will also send home notices for students that use the buses if there are any schedule or location changes.	
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1/29/2023	SUNDAY	CROSSING		
9:00:00 AM	OD	CLOSURE		00:00:30

			The city says crews finished the paver project ahead of schedule and there will be no more road closures -- however you will still see crews in the area putting some final touches on the project. The city estimates crews could be out there for another week or two. During that time they will finish the sidewalk on the corner of Broughton and Barnard. The city says you could see some single lane closures but drivers will still be able to get up and down the street. The city is considering hosting a celebration for the completion of this huge project but no date has been set.	
		BROUGHTO		
		N STREET		
1/31/2023	5:30pm	UPDATE		
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			February 5, 1968. Two military planes were carrying out a training exercise. The problem came- when a fighter jet crashed into a bomber.. which had an atomic bomb on board. "In order to land safely because Hunter Airfield was still under construction, in order to land safely, the only way they could do that was to drop the bomb in the water off Tybee Island." The US Military launched a recovery effort the next day. They called off the search after a little over a month- and to this day, the bomb hasn't been found. Since then, it has become the source of tall tales and legends. Jones: "There was some vague notion that maybe a Russian submarine came in and found the bomb and hauled it off, but if that ever happened, it was never substantiated." There are different accounts of whether the bomb was actually live when it was lost.. which causes people to speculate about what kind of risk it poses. Jones: "If it were to go off, some say the explosion would be a mile wide, and that the aftereffects would be up to ten times that amount." Any threat from the weapon is something Tybee Islanders have taken in stride. Joe Inglesby finds the story intriguing.. intriguing enough to put it on a t-shirt. "We got hats and T-Shirts, and sweatshirts, and all kinds of merchandise. I guess that's been almost 20 years ago." Inglesby's shirts have become such a hot item in local souvenir shops... he's planning on launching a website and an Instagram page to sell more. He finds that people just can't get enough of the Tybee bomb. Inglesby: "You find out more facts about it and this and that, so it's- it could go on forever but there's always someone that wants to know something about it, or thinks they know something about it. It's a good topic. For Tybee, anyway."	
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I'm here at Eshaver Bookseller—the oldest independent bookstore in Savannah. Let's go inside and meet the folks behind this community gem. "Ed and Ester Shaver were driving down the highway and their car broke down and they ended up spending the night at the DeSoto, they saw this house, they bought it, and they opened up Eshaver's in 1975." And for shop co-owner Jessica Osborne, the foundation for acquiring this store required persistence. "I sort of tried to get Ester to give me a job for years and she finally relented and hired me and then about two years after that, she said she was ready to retire—Ed had passed away—and so we worked out an agreement so I could buy the bookstore from her-- A dream realized, but for the business to thrive and survive, she knows collaborating with the community is essential. We do a lot of things out in the community. We work with the public school system, we donate books every month to the superintendent student of the month, we work with Deep Center, we work with the Savannah Book Festival, we work with SCAD on things—we are very involved in our downtown community. A goal an independent bookstore like Eshaver is grateful to achieve. And for co-owner Melissa Taylor, she recognizes the impact brick-and-mortar stores can have on the local economy. You are employing people in your community, the dollars that you spend in your independent bookstore—stay in your community. This shop, you've really created an experience, talk about how you've developed that. "Um, well, if anyone has been in here, they know it's tight quarters in here and so we use every square inch. It means being very creative with the way we put things on the shelves." Shelves that hold a wide range of genres and include—how many titles!? 268,000 "We really want our shop to have something for everyone, we want everyone to see themselves on our shelves." Something for everyone? I'd say so— But it's about the quality of the guest experience. What are the characteristics that set this bookstore apart from all the other bookstores? "I think one of the big things is our staff and...just what voracious bibliophiles are staff are. They read constantly, so you could come in here and tell them, 'I really like this book, can you recommend something?' And they can recommend things on the fly...books you're going to love and they're just incredible." As their commitment to customer service grows, so does their catalog. "For a long time, we didn't have a romance section...but romance is now once of our biggest selling sections because that's what people want to read right now. Whatever people want to read, we're going to put it on our shelves." "Speaking of romance, what would make this shop such a fun date-night? It's kind of unconventional, right? "So, I love the idea of coming to a bookstore as a date night. Going to a bookstore you actually really get to learn a lot about people. What kind of books they like to read, what they're drawn to... "Yeah, so I think that would be an amazing date. I actually met my husband working at a bookstore." So—for you singles, there's hope. But, if cupid misses you at this bookshop, there's plenty of furry creatures for comfort to greet you at the door. "Ester and Ed had dogs and so they had their dogs with them in shop since they lived upstairs. And when Jessica bought this store, she wanted to continue the idea of having shop pets. Um, and cats have a very storied history—it starts in Russia in libraries, they kept cats to get rid of the rats that would chew on the books. I came along and said, 'Let's have more!' Now we have a small herd." Enough to share between two locations because with the success of the original shop, the owners decided it was time to expand their business. "We really wanted something that we could focus on for the locals. So, we wanted a shop that, one, had tables and a workspace that people could come and just sit and just be in the bookstore—writers can write...and someplace that really focuses on being a community spot." A space where their guests can grow, connect with their community, and build a deeper understanding of literacy from their labor of love. "It's just rewarding to put a book in someone's hand and to show them a new world, to help children—to help parents pick out books that their children are going to love—and foster a love of reading and learning that's life long...I mean I-I just don't think there's anything better than that."

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Savannah Police recommended that all the businesses here on State Street close for the day and they did. We walked by and saw signs in their windows indicating that they're closed due to safety reasons. VO At House of Strut this sign was taped to the door. It reads – 'Closed due to a safety concern with the construction across the street. We apologize for any inconvenience!' Neighboring businesses also sat dark. But just across the street, on the other side of the courthouse, York Street businesses were allowed to stay open. Co-Owner of Wright Square Bistro, Michael Higgins says three city representatives stopped by yesterday to let him know what was going on, but that it was still a chaotic situation as businesses tried to figure out what to do. Higgins says his business has only been open for two years, so nearly all of their time has been spent facing a construction site. He says he came into work today with little hope for a good day of sales. SOT "It's impacted business tremendously. They have an ever-expanding footprint of their work, parking is a huge issue. Today the State Street businesses are closed and we're allowed to remain open, but I anticipate we'll have no business because people don't want to deal with the issues with the courthouse." VO TAG Another business owner, who didn't want to do an on-camera interview says although it's frustrating, his business hasn't taken too much of a hit. He says he understands the decision the city had to make because at the end of the day keeping people safe is of utmost importance.

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There were several different races for runners to compete in today, including the Collin's Quarter 10K, the Chu's Half Marathon, The Lighthouse Pizza 2.8 mile Beach Run, and the West Construction 1 Mile. Once the races were finished, runners were able to hang out in a tent to get a shirt, get their medals, and with some getting to enjoy snacks and drinks in a special VIP area. All the money made from today's race goes to the YMCA of Coastal Georgia- and they say those funds give their community outreach programs a huge boost.

2/5/2023 11PM CRITZ  
12:18:00 WEEKEN TYBEE RUN  
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2/5/2023 12:18:00 AM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	CRITZ TYBEE RUN FEST	<p>"This is so important to us because we're able to fund our tutoring programs for our kids after school, we're able to fund our learning loss programs such as our 'Why Reader' program, and also children that don't have a place to sleep, we're able to put beds in our 'Place to Dream' program through this event and a few other of our annual campaign events." Around 11 hundred runners entered the various races this year.. they were also able to keep things sustainable: reusable cups were available at water stations and at the end of the race.</p>	00:00:31
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2/5/2023 12:18:00 AM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DROP	<p>Cars and U-hauls were loaded up at cookie pick up day! Troop leaders from region three, otherwise known as Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, met at Apple Moving to get their boxes of all the iconic favorites like Thin Mints and Samoas. There are 10 types of cookies and this year they released a new one called Raspberry Rally, which is only available online. Most of the people picking up cookies today are with local Savannah troops, but some came as far as Brunswick and Vidalia. Each box of cookies sold means supporting life-changing, girl-led programs, experiences and learning.</p>	00:00:35
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"Chatham County engineers say they hit a few setbacks when building the new county courthouse. It was originally expected to be ready by the end of this year. Now they hope to have it wrapped up by 2024." The new courthouse will feature four state court rooms, eight superior court rooms and more gallery seating which officials say will help trial courts run smoother. The county's senior project manager Parveez Ali-Yousuy (YOU-SEE) says they are about halfway done with the project. She says the project will now costs taxpayers \$88 million. Last April, their budget was \$84 million. Ali Yousuy says setbacks are typical for a project of this size. "We have run into supply chain issues but we've not had to go through any major redesigns thankfully. We've had to do some minor design accommodations in order to keep the project moving but overall the contract have been quite proactive." The road closure on Montgomery Street will last until the project is finished. "She hopes to get started on the inside of the courthouse by this summer. Reporting in Savannah, Camille Syed WTOC News."

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Super Bowl Sunday means big crowds for local sports bars. At Savannah Taphouse...assistant manager Matt Maerz says it's all hands on deck for his staff. "Everyone who works at the Taphouse is working Superbowl Sunday. If this was Sunday last week, we'll have 2 servers on the floor and a bartender. Tomorrow, we'll have 6 servers and 4 bartenders all day long." But this year...the big game comes with a jump in food and drink prices for some Super Bowl favorites. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics...beer prices were up 8.6 percent in 2022 compared to the year before. Overall...groceries have seen a nearly 12 percent jump. But it's not all bad news. The U-S-D-A reports a decrease in chicken wing prices compared to last year. The National Chicken Council projects Americans to eat a 1.45 billion chicken wings during this year's Super Bowl. Despite the higher food prices for some categories...Maerz says many are still choosing to eat out during the game. "This Sunday, we have reservations, we're booked from 12 when we open till 2 A.M. we'll be going." He says that big sports weekends like this one are crucial for the restaurant's bottom line during what is typically a time of slower business. "Every big night of business we get keeps us going through the slow season. Luckily, we're right here on Broughton Street so the tourism tries to stay alive most of the year, but it definitely keeps us going through the slow season." Local businesses hoping for a win this Super Bowl Sunday. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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WATER  
OUTAGE

This is video of crews working to fix the break. We're told that because the water valve has been turned off at this location, water pressure will slowly come back to all customers south and east of the water leak including the Highlands, the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport and Gulfstream. At last check with the city...Effingham County Water customers and parts Port Wentworth will remain without water service until the water line is repaired Right now...crews are still evaluating the damage so there's no word yet on when that line will be fixed.

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2/20/2023 11PM FLYNN:  
12:01:00 WEEKEN UBER  
AM D OD DRIVERS

The queue for rideshare drivers near Savannah-Hilton Head airport sits mostly empty Sunday. Uber driver Stan Robbins says the lot would typically be filled...but tech support told him a problem with the company's app is keeping drivers off the road. "The last update, or whatever they did, there's some kind of glitch in there and they're trying to track it down. It's the entire area over here." The app lets you view account info... "But you have to push go to actually go online and start receiving trips, and it won't let you. It tells you there's an error with your account and that you need to contact customer support." \*nats of engine starting\* The problem leading to fewer drivers and higher prices for riders. When I tried calling an Uber Sunday -- the app showed a short 20-minute trip from Savannah's Airport to the Plant Riverside district... with a price tag of 60 dollars. That's four times the normal price says Robbins. "Man this is going to be a mess. Savannah does depend on rideshare a lot because we've got the airport, we've got downtown, we've got the tourism industry." The problem...seems to be isolated to the Savannah area say drivers...leading to confusion among arriving passengers at the airport. "They come to the airport, they're inside, they're looking for an Uber ride. They don't know there's a problem with Uber until they come outside." Savannah-Hilton Head airport officials tell WTOC lines for taxis were unusually long Friday night...with riders looking for alternative options. Robbins hopes he's able to get back on the road soon...but says there's been no timeline on when the problem will be fixed. "That's the frustrating part about it. They didn't even tell anybody it was going on. It's affecting a lot more people than you would think on the surface."

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2/21/2023 SAV ST. Mayor Van Johnson saying today visitors could be in town longer this year than recent celebrations.  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD PATRICK'S Instead of staying overnight...many are expected to spend the entire weekend celebrating in Savannah.  
DAY PLAN The city expects to see larger crowds as early as the Wednesday before St. Patrick's Day...extending  
through the Sunday after. Mayor Johnson says longer celebrations require more planning. 00:00:24

2/21/2023 SAV ST. "It's a different animal. It's a heavier lift for us. It's a heavier use of city resources, but again, we knew  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD PATRICK'S seven years ago that it would be this Friday this year and so we're well prepared. The mayor says  
DAY PLAN more details about the city's plans for St. Patrick's Day will be released next week. 00:00:17

2/22/2023	5:30pm	SAV	"So azaleas are just naturally beautiful, they're big, they take up a lot of space – so it's great when you	
6:29:00 PM	OD	WEDDINGS	come here for group wedding photos, family photos and even just the happy couple – provides a great	
		& FLOWERS	backdrop – and I think people associate azaleas with the south, so it's kind of an iconic thing here if	
		IMPACT	you're getting married in the spring." She says Spring and fall tend to be the busiest times of the year	
			for weddings in Savannah.	00:00:25

2/23/2023		DEAN	"This is a big step in advancing the project and getting it closer to completion. We appreciate folks'	
5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	FOREST RD	patience we know there's a lot of work happening at the 95 interchange, this project, 16 proper going	
		TRAFFIC	toward 516, I think everyone realizes just how much the volume has increased over the last five, 10, 15	
			years and are going to continue to increase as the industry grows." The bridge is set to reopen Sunday	
			night at 7 p.m.– and you will be driving on the new portion... so be sure to take your time, and drive	
			carefully through the new traffic pattern.	00:00:32

2/23/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD HAYLEY: DEAN FOREST RD LIVE "Just be aware. You're going to be shifted to the opposite side of the road that you're not used to on the new bridge. It won't be a full diverging diamond at this point, we still have a lot of work to be done. It'll be similar to how it is today, you're just going to be on brand new construction. You'll be able to get easily where you need to go, the signs will be in place." Again – the bridge will be reopened on Sunday night, so this change is important to note if this is the way you typically take to get to work Monday morning... 00:00:30

2/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CAMILLE: ADDERALL SHORTAGE This is the catalog for Adderall that Georgetown Drug Company has to choose from. many options out of stock and more expensive. "Each bottle usually has one hundred tablets in it and so some weeks we're allocated two bottles, some three, some none at all." A guessing game for Owner Neal Hollis and his team. "In the long run it has been better than it was in the beginning." He says still many people go to several pharmacies looking for the drug known to treat ADHD and it's alternatives are also hard to find. He says many of those other options aren't being made right now. He believes the shortage comes from a high demand. "The supply just can't keep up with that. It's being prescribed so often now that sometimes we don't have enough to meet that need." "This a generic, cheaper brand of 30 mg Adderall and take a look....this is all he has left. Pediatricians say kids are also being affected." "A kid who does truly have ADD or ADHD and is well controlled on Adderall, without it their symptoms come back. If they're impulsive they become more disruptive in school. If they have focus issues they can't learn as well. They can't test as well." Dr. Spitalnick says they hear from frustrated patients multiple times a day struggling to get their prescription. He wants to encourage them not to give up. "Please reach out to us and please be proactive and look for alternatives. Look for other pharmacies that might have it or check with your insurance formulary to see if there are options that are covered." They don't know when this shortage will end but hope the supply catches up to the demand soon. CamilleSyed WTOC News. 00:01:34

St. Patrick's Day is still around two weeks away, but already, businesses along the parade route say that they are reaping the benefits of the celebration. VO: I spoke with workers at two shops on Bull Street: The I "heart" Savannah gift shop and Harper- a clothing boutique. Both stores tell me that business is booming, with people coming in daily to buy St. Patrick's Day themed items- or really, anything green at all. They say it's a big pick-me-up, especially as the tourist off-season comes to a close. Business is so good right now, they tell me, they're having a hard time keeping certain items in stock. sot: "The hats are selling pretty good. We've almost sold out, actually, so now we have to reorder some." "We actually got a really cute pantsuit, like a blazer/pant set, and it has been going so fast. There have been a few things that we've been reordering that's in green." Shea: St. Patrick's Day this year falls on Friday, March 17th. If you want to take a look at the parade route, we'll have a copy of that on WTOC.com. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

3/5/2023 11PM  
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(vo) Daniel Johnson sees hope where the rest of us just see dirt. He and his family prepare his 40th season of peanuts, cotton, and tobacco. (sot) It's "all hands on deck". Here in Southeast Georgia, we're always 24 hours from either a drought or a flood. You've got to use every hour of daylight you have! (vo) A third-generation farmer, he started with a few hundred acres. Now, they grow nearly 3,000. (sot) He says you won't find another profession where "doing more with less" applies any more than agriculture. (vo) This year, they're creating dirt mounds to plant from as a way of conserving moisture and more. (sot) We're saying fuel, we're saving time. We're saying labor. That's the name of the game these days. If you're not cutting every corner you can without cutting what you need, you won't make it very long. (sot) ..we're trying something new every year to find that niche...is the key to agriculture. (vo) Despite the challenges of higher prices and smaller profits, he says it's a calling to tend the soil and pass it to his sons. (sot) If the Good Lord ever had anybody that was born to farm, it was me. That's all I've ever wanted to do. (vo) That commitment certainly makes him Proud to Be a Farmer. Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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?(sot) If you've ever gotten to work late or left work early for a doctor's appointment, or gone on your lunch hour..you know a few minutes of delay add up. Multiply that times 300 City of Statesboro employees. City leaders say this new in-house medical clinic will benefit employees and taxpayers too. (vo) Contractors continue work on the front entrance of what will be a city-operated clinic for employees. Administrators say employees can sometimes miss valuable work time waiting for an appointment elsewhere. The city already contracts with a small team of health care providers to see employees across town during this construction. They're treating employees for illness and injury but also proactive tips too. (sot) This health center will help us more effectively and efficiently manage those well-being concerns. (vo) The clinic will be staffed three days a week. The building will shift from storage space and a meeting room to the clinic, records, and HR offices. (sot) He says they hope to have it open and running in May. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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(sot) This time of year, it takes something pretty important to get most farmers away from their fields. But, ask many of the ones here today and they'll tell you this more than fits the bill. (vo) (nat) Prayers filled the morning as local pastors, farmers and many others asked for divine blessings during the season. They say good weather, good markets and more come from above. (sot) At the end of the day, we have so little influence on many things -farming and life in general. That's why things like this are important to me because it helps create a faith in something bigger than ourselves. (vo) The prayers came from more than just farmers. Business owners who rely on farmers as customers feel invested each year in the crops' success. (sot) It is the community's crop. We all feel that as one big family. We're all dependent on how successful the farmer is. (sot) We're with them in this as well. We want it to be successful in this crop, not just planting but the growing season and the harvest. We'll be here for them. (vo) Organizers believe this gathering helps unite this farming community for the challenges..and hopefully the blessings..ahead this year. (sot) Years ago, this prayer gathering happened around the harvest. But organizers decided it was needed from the beginning. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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CO. RAIL REPAIRS The railroad is vital to industry, not only for existing industries to have the option to move their product by rail, but also for recruitment of future industries to grow a diverse economic development footprint. (one shot - no vo) The rail line has been closed since last summer after a derailment left major damage. Mullins says, without the funding, it may have remained closed permanently. 00:00:22

3/9/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD TO GO CUPS "Our main goal is to reduce the plastic waste off of our streets so once these are tossed in a recycling bin they get sent back to the Ball Aluminum facility in Rome, Georgia and they are melted down and made into cups that can be back in our market within 90 days." She says this is the second version of the cup. They've made more than 50,000 for this year's festivities. 00:00:21

3/9/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD TO GO CUPS This is the 2023 St. Patrick's Day To-Got cup. The Savannah Downtown Business Association released their St. Patrick's Day version of the cup in order to reduce plastic waste in the Hostess City. Executive Director of the association says the cups go right back into the community after they are recycled. 00:00:18

"We're expecting record crowds." With that said, the parade will kick off at 10:15 in the morning and it's expected to end anywhere from 2:15 to 3 in the afternoon, according to city leaders. Roads along the parade route like Abercorn and Broughton Street will reopen after the parade ends. There are already signs up in parking spaces that say you can't park in certain areas from 12:01 a.m. on the 17th until the parade is over. If you're planning to continue celebrations after the parade, bars will stay open until 2:55 in the morning of the 18th. River street however will close at 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday. "People are making the decision to take a day off work and travel to Savannah and so they're looking to have a good time here on Friday and if the weather is good we know we're going to see a lot of residents who are going to venture downtown too. Occupancy rates at hotels are near full and that's not just downtown Savannah."

CAMILLE:  
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PATRICK'S  
DAY  
NUMBERS

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\*nats\* If you've never been before St. Patrick's day here in savannah can be a bit overwhelming. But these tips will help you feel like a Savannah native. and one thing a native never is for St. Patrick's Day --- is late. Tip number 1. Make sure you arrive early. People will be camping out the night before the parade waiting to secure the best spot. So, hitting the snooze button on your alarm probably isn't a good idea. "I start walking about 7 a.m., it's usually shoulder to shoulder on Abercorn so find a spot either close to the park or on Bay Street." Speaking of shoulder to shoulder. Finding a place to eat downtown is going to be tough. And most places won't be taking reservations. So, take tip #2 is from Jennife, the owner of Goose and Feathers Cafe. "Whatever your schedule is, give it some extra room. Because it is going to be busy. But we do get through the line pretty quick. Just be patient don't let the line scare you like Tony said." Speaking of lines. There will be a ton of them to wait through because of how many events will be going on. And most are kid friendly. Which brings me to tip number 3. Don't forget this is a family affair. And if you don't believe me, maybe Jacob Ambrose can persuade you. He grew up here in savannah and remembers how his family celebrated the big day. "I always love stopping by Forsyth and seeing the green fountain, and Tera Feis, it's always just a fun time to get into the spirit and see what the holiday is, what people actually celebrate it for. And then obviously the parades are the biggest one." which brings us to tip number 4. And this tip might be the most important. Because it's coming from the parade grand marshal himself. "Parking is going to be a premium, it always is. And don't park in the staging area or on the parade route because it'll be gone when you get back." And to make sure that doesn't happen to you, you're going to want to put this map in your bag. Tip number 5 Download the Chatham Area Transit bus riders guide. It'll give you all the information you need to get around the city. The transit system is free. You can even take a trip on the ferry. Now that you have all the tips, you're ready to take on your first St. Patrick's Day. But if you need a little more advice. You can always head to our website for an endless supply. I'm Aria Janel, WTOG News.

ARIA: WHAT  
TO EXPECT  
THIS YEAR

3/10/2023  
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\*nats of store\* At Glory Days Vintage on Broughton St...employees are bringing in more inventory...preparing for their first St. Patrick's Day since they opened. "St. Patrick's Day is a crazy two weeks in Savannah. It's the busiest holiday Savannah has and we're hoping our sales triple this week." It's an uptick in business that employees say has already started...more than a week ahead of the big day. And with this year's celebration falling on Friday...area business leaders I talked to said it could lead to local stores seeing more green this St. Patrick's Day. "It's going to be huge. It gives people the whole weekend to come out and enjoy, not just in the middle of the week." Brooke Goth heads Savannah's Downtown Business Association. She says businesses that aren't typically go-tos for revelers...like bars and restaurants...are still preparing for big returns this year...even with recent challenges for business owners. "I know that a lot of them are making sure that they're stocked up on supplies. I know that employment has been kind of an issue recently, but they're being as fully staffed as they can be, making sure that they have everything ready to go for, not only those visitors, but also those locals coming in as well over the next couple of weeks." Goth expects an onslaught of guests to descend on Savannah during this season of St. Patrick...which means some stores are offering sales to entice customers. "More crowds in Savannah means more shoppers, and local businesses can be supported. When they're here, they're here to shop. A few drinks helps shopping as well." Staff at stores like Glory Days now hoping their first St. Patrick's Day in business is a lucky one. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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FOR ST.  
PATRICK'S  
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The Season of St. Patrick's Day is in full swing here on Tybee Island, as the whole community celebrated the Irish Heritage Celebration this afternoon. (nats children screaming) It was smiles all around on Tybee Island as the annual Irish Heritage Celebration parade made its way down Butler Avenue. With 95 entries in the parade- Chairman Jay Burke says, that could be a record. "It gets bigger and bigger. This will probably be our biggest year for sure. Unit wise, and people are finally getting out and feeling comfortable getting out, which is nice." People lined Butler Avenue all the way down to Tybrisa Street to catch a glimpse of this year's floats- including the Keystone Cops, the Alee Shriners- and of course, Grand Marshal George Schwarz. This was a particularly sentimental celebration for him- as he helped found- and name- the event. "Twenty-one years ago, four of us sat down in a room, and they came up with the idea of having the parade. I said, 'Instead of just being St. Patrick's Day, how about Irish Heritage?' Because that's what we're celebrating: our Irish Heritage." And for one new Tybee Islander- the celebration helped ease his homesickness. "I'm delighted to be here, and delighted to see the prevalence of Irish heritage. I'm really proud to be Irish today and to feel so welcome as part of the Southern community here." If you missed out on this parade- you still have a chance to take part in plenty of Irish-themed festivities- the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade is this Friday. Shea: Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

3/12/2023 11PM  
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DAY  
PARADE

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"Georgia as a state faces a crisis in landfill availability. Landfill availability is going to become a premium throughout the state and glass represents one of the biggest volume by weight and by volume in the trash stream. And if we can find a way to capture that part of the trash stream, we've significantly decreased the need for a landfill." The assistance city manager says while Tybee does not offer curbside trash pick up they will be opening a drive through drop off location for both trash and recyclables.

3/14/2023 4:30PM  
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TYBEE  
GLASS  
RECYCLING

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3/14/2023 4:30PM TYBEE Tybee Island is set to offer a glass recycling program. The city has entered an agreement with the  
4:29:00 PM OD GLASS company Upcycle. City Council Member Monty Parks tells WTOC that glass from the city will be made  
RECYCLING into different products including countertops. He says with already limited space on the Island...this  
program is expected to help free up space in the landfill. 00:00:21

Pkg: Front: St. Patrick's Day is around the corner and many businesses are preparing for the big day. I am here at Saints and Shamrock's and they want to remind the community and visitors of the reason for the season. Saints and Shamrocks has been a staple in Savannah for over 30 years. They have a variety of Irish and religious gifts to celebrate their Irish heritage and catholic faith. Hope Ebberwein, the owner of the store says it's important to remember how it started. sot " Because we had such an influx of Irish immigrants, and we were built on the backs of a lot of those immigrants we celebrate their patron saint who is saint Patrick." She says many people don't know the true meaning behind the holiday. sot "Saint Patrick was known for bringing Christianity to Ireland, and he used the shamrock, the three-leaf shamrock and he used to explain the holy trinity. The father son and the holy spirit." She says St. Patrick's day is a great time to teach younger generations the significance. And that is why Ronie Collins and her friend from Columbus drove 4 hours to pick up gifts for her granddaughters. She says it's her calling to teach them about their roots. sot " I had my grandparents teach me and my parents and it's been the biggest blessing in my life and I want to pass it on to them." Ebberwein says she loves seeing families passing on the traditions. She says she hopes it keeps the catholic faith and Irish spirit alive for years to come and hopes the gifts serve as reminders. sot" The parade is the end of our celebration. We start with the Irish festival, we have the Celtic cross ceremony, we have the greening of the fountains. There are things that pay deep respect to our Irish ancestors and all they did for us. So, we take a moment, we pause and reflect on their story and where did we come from and the roots of the St. MICHAELA: SAINTS & SHAMROCK S Patrick's day celebration." Reporter tag: The owner tells me that the parade will be ending right here on Liberty and Bull Street. She says they will be open until 3pm on St. Patrick's Day. In Savannah, Michaela Romero WTOC.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
BUSINESSES

"I expect a little bit of pandemonium. I know we're pretty removed from the downtown area, so I'm probably considering it to be more of a locals oasis. That seems to be what we're used to, at least with the last St. Pat's and the one before it. That could also change with the drinking to go cup area so being extended down to Victory. Lot of the restrictions have been lifted this year so I'm hopeful. We're getting ready."

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CAMILLE:  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
BUSINESSES

Employees at Hop Atomica on East 39th Street tell me they've already been busier than usual this week.. They say they're happy the to go cup zone is extending this year again so they can welcome locals who don't want to bother with large crowds. Bar Manager Sean Waley (WAY-LEE) says they didn't see the crowds they expected last year but are hopeful this year's Friday celebrations will reel them in.

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Take pkg Nat Shamrocks in my wallet Vo If that's not the line of the day, I don't know what is. Business booming all around Savannah. Sot: (Genevieve Ortega - Barista, Sentient Bean) "The beginning when we first opened the doors it was a huge crowd of people." Vo An experienced server saying the holiday landing on Friday gave an extra boost. Sot: (Ramon Burch - Server, Collins Quarter Forsyth) "It's a little bit busier than last year after the parade time. I've seen a big influx of people." Vo Both the customers and businesses in the spirit. Sot "Now we have some green baked goods so we have a cream cheese brownie, some chocolate chip cookies and a cake that's all festive." Vo She says the crowds haven't been too rowdy either. Sot "Everyone's been super polite and just festive." Vo Over at Collins Quarter, they say their normal volume keeps them prepared for days like today. Sot "A typical day here in Collins Quarter is already pretty busy anyway so we're pretty used to the crowd anyway so I would just say it's like another Friday low key but like a green Friday." Vo Reporting, TM, WTOC.

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He appeared in this year's parade- in part representing his whiskey brand, Proper Twelve. You may have noticed that the SUV he rode in part of the time was wrapped with an advertisement for Proper Twelve. That was a job done by Port City Customs- a car customization shop in Savannah. The owners tell WTOC that they were contacted by Proper Twelve to do the wrap- but had a limited time frame to get it done. They say it usually takes 7-10 days for a full wrap, but by the time they got everything they needed printed, they had one day to get the car together. And, they didn't even know McGregor would be riding in it- until after they had accepted the job.

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ON  
MCGREGOR

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3/18/2023	11PM	SHEA:	"It was a very experience to know that you were part of that, when you see all these people posting	
11:24:00	WEEKEN	LOCAL	videos and pictures, that that's your work that they're taking a picture of. And just to have him ride in the	
PM	D OD	BODYSHOP	car that we wrapped to represent him? Yeah, that's a real thrill." After the parade, the Edenfields went	
		ON	home- but they say they were back in the shop bright and early this morning, unwrapping the car and	
		MCGREGOR	getting it back to the Proper Twelve team by noon.	00:00:27

(SHEA SCHRADER REPORTING) As the business of St. Patrick's Day weekend winds down, both the businesses and the visitors I talked to have stories of a very enjoyable time over the past few days. "It was really nice. A lot of people, but really good. Just wish the weather was better, but it was nice. It was really nice to see all the festivities." Saturday's chillier weather and rain, however, didn't stop the celebrations. Employees at District Smokehouse, a restaurant and bar on River Street, tell me they had the busiest weekend they've had all year, so far- drawing in people from all over the world. "I saw people from Illinois, people from New York, people from Florida. I actually had a couple of guests here from France, too." Though there isn't a final count of how many people came through the Hostess City this weekend- Mayor Van Johnson says that from a public safety standpoint- city officials saw relatively few incidents from the large crowds from all around world. "We've had really no major incidents to speak of. People came and had a great time, mostly behaved themselves. Businesses did really well, our locals enjoyed themselves, and we celebrated St. Patrick. That's really what it's all about." And now that there's a wrap on this St. Patrick's Day- the focus has already shifted to the next one. Johnson: "We'll rest a little bit today- there's obviously still a lot of people here- but Monday we start planning for number 200. And it's going to be epic. It's going to be absolutely epic as we celebrate our 200th St. Patrick's Day parade. It's going to be phenomenal. Shea: Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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3/20/2023	6AM	MCCURDY'S	The fate of a popular local business is still unknown after it went up in flames last night. Glennville Fire	
6:00:00 AM	DAYBREA	ON MAIN	officials say McCurdy's on Main, an antique and gift shop was fully in flames when crews arrived around	
	K OD	STORE FIRE	6 PM yesterday. Glennville Fire Chief Dale Barnard expects the building to be deemed a total loss.	00:00:18

"It's a heartbreaker for our community..." Vo McCurdy's on Main is gone, declared a total loss. "It was a very hot fire; it was very hard to put out because it was an older house that had been converted." Vo Lisa Barry's family bought the store almost two decades ago and by all accounts, it had been a Glennville staple since. Sot "It was very connected to this community, a lot of people shopped there." Vo A few things were saved, but with the building unusable... next steps are still up in the air. Sot "Right now I really don't know, I feel like we're still in shock." Vo They sold gifts and other items would need. The owner telling me she knew what the whole town was getting for Christmas, just as her mother drew it up. Sot "My mom started this store and you know this was her dream, this was her baby." Vo Lisa loves this place... her store and city, saying the people of Glennville have supported her through the worst of times for years. Sot "The support of a small town when something like this happens, it's immeasurable." Vo In the last handful of years, Lisa's lost her dad, mom, and brother... yet today with her business still smoking, she remained optimistic... an outlook nothing short of incredible. Sot "For me my hope isn't built on anything you could put your hands on, for me you know. I think everybody wakes up every day and you have a decision, either you're going to be happy or you're going to be sad and for me you know you just keep rolling on." Vo You heard it there... the foundation of her life built on something that can't be swept away... that hope, shining through the rubble and ash motivating us to take a lesson from Lisa and let hope be the flame that burns brightest. In Glennville, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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GLENNVILLE  
BUSINESS  
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(vo) Lee Cromley and other peanut farmers might still be more than a month away from planting. But they're still busy planning the season. (sot) ..this time of the year, we're working on soil samples, fertilizer applications, beginning to kill some cover crops, that sort of thing. There's always something to do. (vo) Growers have seen supply costs jump, while some became harder to find. But prices remained the same..making it harder to break even. He expects the same this year. (sot) This is one of those years where we're going to buckle down as much as we can, cut as many costs as we can, without sacrificing yields. (vo) He's one of 4,000 peanut growers in Georgia that collectively grow more peanuts than the rest of the nation combined. He's grateful for a statewide group that helps look out for growers. (sot) groups like the peanut commission stay on top of things that we just don't have time to dedicate time to. Issues like the farm bill, or trade issues, or environmental issues. (vo) He says he's grateful for the group's promotion efforts to find more markets and their research to help growers be more productive. (sot) In the last 15-20 years, there have been improvements in products and equipment and technology that have made things possible that weren't possible before. (vo) While agriculture becomes more scientific, it remains unpredictable from one season to the next. This sixth generation farmer says he remains committed and proud..for a host of reasons. (sot) ..i'm proud of the fact we have embraced the opportunities to become more environmentally sensitive. (vo) And that pride makes all the challenges worth while. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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FARMER:  
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CROMLEY

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3/23/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GDOT 16 & 95 CONSTRUCT ION Happening tonight-- After nearly 3 years of construction, a new exit ramp connecting two major interstates in Chatham County will finally open. The high-flying exit ramp will connect drivers on I-16 west to I-95 south. The "partial turbine" bridge replaces the current "cloverleaf" ramp. The Georgia Department of Transportation says its the first-of-its-kind in the state of Georgia. They also say this will help traffic congestion. 00:00:26

3/28/2023 5:00:00 AM 5AM DAYBREA K OD 5AM TYLER DRAINAGE PROJECT BUSINESS REAX The regional manager of the store tells me the problem extends far beyond tropical storms, saying that with just a summer storm the roads and her place flood. She says it's ruined the floors and the problem persists so frequently that it isn't worth having them fixed, just for them to be flooded again. 00:00:18

			(Nicole Holder - Regional Manager, Bentley's Petstuff) "We have to sandbag all of the front doors, the garage door in the back we have to sandbag all of those. we have to tape it up and put cardboard so that the water doesn't come in farther than a few feet into the store. When the cars drive by it pushes the water into my store... I think one time ive seen them come out in the last four years and actually do the drains like they're supposed to... once and that's it." Holder says she'd like the city to come clear the drains before any big rainstorm but would settle for just once a year. She also tells me the street out front of her business floods and she watches accident after accident because of it.	
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	DRAINAGE			
	PROJECT			
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	5AM SHEA			
	BROUGHTO			
	N		One business in this area that didn't want to be identified tells WTOC that they won't be able to survive much longer due to the hardships caused by the construction. We also talked with one that did survive, Bluemercury makeup store... who says it was an incredibly difficult time for their bottom line. The store's manager Susan Silver attributes their ability to stay open to a strong local community that kept them going.	
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3/29/2023	5AM DAYBREA	CONSTRUCT		
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	5AM	SHEA	(Susan Silver - Store Manager, Bluemercury) "From August, which is when I started until then, it was	
		BROUGHTO	detrimental to our business. I didn't anticipate the inability for any of my local clients to be able to park, if	
		N	they did it was sheer luck and it was a lot of walking that they had to do so I'm very blessed that we have	
		STREETSCA	very loyal customers and a lot of them were willing to that but it was a lot of effort on their part." Silver	
	5AM	PE	says throughout the construction business was sporadic, with certain days bringing in thousands of	
3/29/2023	DAYBREA	CONSTRUCT	dollars and others seeing almost no customers. She also mentions the city temporarily opening the	
5:00:00 AM	K OD	ION	street around the holidays was a big help while the project was still going on.	00:00:38

	530	SHEA	The street has actually been open since January and The Savannah Bee Company, who has their	
		BROUGHTO	flagship location here, says foot traffic has been really good since then. The team lead at the store tells	
		N ST SCAPE	us while construction was going on many people just didn't know they were open... but in the last few	
	5AM	BUSINESS	months since the construction was completed, they've seen a complete 180. While they say the bottom	
3/29/2023	DAYBREA	REAX	line has been much healthier since January, they're hoping to get back to the levels of a few years ago	
5:00:00 AM	K OD		after today's event.	00:00:31

	530	SHEA	(Kirsten Tatom - Team Lead, Savannah Bee Company) "We welcome people with open arms, we're here	
		BROUGHTO	both doors open. We're ready to have the amount of people we had in here pre-construction pre	
		N ST SCAPE	pandemic as well because that's when people were really really in here. These guys don't really know it,	
	5AM	BUSINESS	but business used to be booming in here and so we're hoping to get just that trajectory back."	
3/29/2023	DAYBREA	REAX		
5:00:00 AM	K OD			00:00:19

	530	SHEA	While the celebration is happening today --Broughton street has been open since January. It was all	
		BROUGHTO	apart of the Broughton Streetscape Project. The Savannah Bee Company, who has their flagship	
		N ST SCAPE	location in the area says foot traffic has picked up since then. During construction, they say people didn't	
		BUSINESS	know they were open. They're hoping that's all about to change.	
3/29/2023	NOON OD	REAX		
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LL INTRO: After years of waiting, today marks the ceremonial end of the Broughton Streetscape project. City leaders say while it's had its obstacles, they're overjoyed that the project has reached its finish line. \*\*NATS\*\*\*3..2..1.. alright" Savannah's main street... now fully open for business. The construction was completed around two months ago... but city leaders celebrated today with a ribbon-cutting. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson.. acknowledging the long wait. "So the project went on, and on, and on, and on, and on... and on. Then, COVID came about... and the project went on." Construction started in 2020 after voters approved SPLOST taxes for the project in 2019. This project, which is considered phase one of a larger streetscape construction plan in the City of Savannah, had a \$13.3 million dollar price tag, completely funded by the SPLOST. Store owners say... the conclusion of the project is a relief. "Construction made it very difficult for some businesses. Some didn't survive, but many did. For those that did, what doesn't kill us is hopefully going to make us stronger." City leaders saying... they recognize the frustrations faced by business owners. "We understand the frustration. What it's been like on our end is just trying to get the project done as quickly as possible but also deliver a quality product and not skimp on things that are going to be important." Next up is phase two of the project, but there's no timeline available for that just yet. In Sav, HB WTOC NEWS.

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N STREET  
RIBBON  
CUTTING

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"Things were beeping in my house. My microwave was going nuts." Vo The fire started around 5 a.m. "For me, for a lot of people that's a good time, when you're in bed and don't think too much about it." Vo Hours later crews still scrambling to get power back for the near 63,000 people without it... an outage as big as the one from Hurricane Matthew. "Get up get going, of course I haven't had a shave yet or shower this morning but a lot of folks - our members - the same way." Vo Tray Hunter works for Palmetto Electric and he says waking up without power is especially rough when you know it's on your crew to go get it fixed. Sot "We approached it like we do any outage... we throw every resource we can at it to get it on as soon as possible." Vo He tells me the co-op sent more than 20 people into the field and brought around the same number to the office, but couldn't do much until the flames at the power site were put out by the Bluffton fire department. "They were able to take down the electrical and give us the safe call. Our firefighters came in and were able to extinguish it after that." Vo Power was brought back before 10 am for almost everyone, but crews still continued checking on the equipment from the sky Nat Vo And ground late into this afternoon.

BEAUFORT  
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STATION  
FIRE  
LATEST

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**ISSUE 12-THE STATE OF NATIONAL, STATE AND COUNTY ECONOMY AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO DO ABOUT IT. LOCAL PROFESSOR ON INFLATION, HHI 2022 ECONOMICS REPORT, GA DAIRY CONFERENCE ON INFLATION, SEDA ON NUMBERS IN SAVANNAH, CHARITY AREA TRANSIT MEETING ON RECRUITING, GA BILL TO INCREASE IN MINIMUM WAGE, GOV. KEMP ON PORT LOGISTICS, HOTEL MOTEL TAX INCREASE, SAVANNAH PORTS HYBRID CRANES  
SOURCE: FED, STATE AND LOCAL GOV, PRES BIDEN**

Nat it's all good Vo There's a little bias there, but take a look for yourself... Nat we just made some pralines Nat we call them fiddlers after the fiddler crabs Nat we have gators that have escaped out of the lagoon Vo The top seller though... Nat the fudge is the most popular item Vo Which makes sense, seeing how this is the Island Fudge Shoppe. "We're just busy all the time. We're still open even in January, we're here." Vo 2023 is off to a quick start at this family business... but the owners tell me it's got big shoes to fill. "21 was good, about the best year we'd ever had, and 22 surpassed that." Vo The Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, says that's a common theme around the island. "Post-pandemic we saw our rates at 19% above pre-pandemic levels, last year we saw that number 8% above that number." Vo Back at the fudge shop... Nat chocolate machine Vo They're happy to be riding the local wave. Sot "The island itself is just busting at the seams." Vo Moving to the new year, this couples hope's mirror those of the Chamber... looking for another record setting year. Sot "Expectations are really good." Vo From Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

1/3/2023 HHI 2022  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD ECONOMICS REPORT 00:01:07

Governor Kemp suspended the gas tax in March. It's saved you about 30 cents a gallon since. According to Triple A, the average gas price right now in Georgia is \$2.81. The average in Savannah is \$2.92. People I spoke to today say they have to worry about other expenses being high because of inflation and gas going up won't help their pockets.

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4:29:00 PM OD GAS TAXES 00:00:20

"In our regional economy in the Savannah metro area, we don't have much to worry about in terms of recession at the national level. Our economy is well poised to perform well throughout 2023. I think what we might see here locally is the rate of job creation slow." Toma says that over the last two years, Savannah has seen about 9 to 10,000 new jobs each year, but this year he expects 2 to 3,000 new jobs-most of which would be created after a potential recession.

1/10/2023 LOCAL  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD PROFESSOR INFLATION LATEST 00:00:27

1/17/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD GA DAIRY CONF. ON INFLATION

After we saw record high milk prices in 2022, one dairy consultant I spoke to says we can expect those prices to go down in 2023. That's great news for consumers, but for farmers, it could cause their profit margin to be reduced. "The margin between what you get for your milk, what you sell it for, is going to be tighter. But dairy farmers, especially dairy farmers here in Georgia, they're good managers." Covington says at its core- milk prices and farmers' profits are a supply and demand issue. Because milk prices have spiked so much- demand for it has gone down, which is what will bring prices down. Another food seeing a spike in price: eggs. Chickens in Georgia were spared from a recent bout of avian flu that's driving up prices everywhere. That spread of the flu, highlighting the importance of keeping flocks healthy. "It's important for producers right now and every day. You have to be all in, or you'll most certainly be all out when it comes to biosecurity, doing those things that protect your flocks, your operation, against the invasion of this virus." According to the US Bureau of Labor and Statistics, eggs hit \$4.25 a dozen in December of 2022- Milk, reaching \$4.44 that same month. Covington: "Milk prices will probably be about 10 to 15 percent lower, based upon what we know today in 2023 compared to 2022. However, even though they're down, they still could well be the third highest price in history." Black recommends shoppers be mindful of what you're buying- and don't buy food you're not going to eat. That'll help even out supply and demand. Shea: Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News. 00:01:35

1/18/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAV ECONOMIC OUTLOOK LUNCHEON

According to the Savannah Economic Development Authority, it was a record year for business development in the Chatham County coastal region. They say there were 10 expansion announcements, over 92-hundred new jobs, 72 new projects considering future location expansions and \$5.9 billion in new capital investment. A Georgia Southern Professor we spoke with today says the Savannah-metro area is looking good for 20-23 despite a potential nationwide recession. 00:00:28

1/19/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD BO: SAV ECON OUTLOOK NUMBRS

Here's a look at the numbers given to us yesterday by the Savannah Economic Development Authority. They were presented as part of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce's annual Economic Outlook Luncheon. The development authority says there were 10 expansion announcements...over 92-hundred new jobs, 72 new projects considering future location expansions and \$5.9 billion in new capital investment. 00:00:24

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1/20/2023	5:30pm		GROWTH	The report released by the governor's office yesterday focused on the six months of 20-22. In that time,	
6:29:00 PM	OD		REPORT	more than 13 billion dollars were invested through 218 projects in the Peach State.	00:00:11

"There's a chance that TSPLOST could make it on your ballot and CAT officials have a list of things that those funds would really help them with getting about a dozen more electrical buses." Here's CAT's proposed Transportation Special Purpose Options Sales Tax detailing an 11.5 million dollar price tag for things like bus replacements, electric charging stations and microtransit electric vehicles for mobility services. The list also says they need 10 million dollars to make operations run smoother. CAT, like many public transit systems, have been experiencing a bus driver shortage. I spoke with CEO Fay DiMassimo over the phone while she was in Atlanta talking with lawmakers about getting more money. She says they have raised the starting pay for drivers with money factored into their budget. DiMassimo says they could still use the support of TSPLOST though. (FAYE DIMASSIMO PHONER) "Opportunities that can also help support those operations that also make the capital projects perform the way they need to perform in the community are fewer. So, we're very excited to think about how a TSPLOST could help compliment in that way as well." CAT has had to change their bus routes because of the driver shortage. Meanwhile, DiMassimo says they are working on bringing in more drivers. "We have been bringing in new operators every month." In September, CAT officials said they were down 31 fixed route drivers and 18 mobility bus drivers. Now, their vacancies have gone up. There are 45 fixed route and 14 mobility bus driver openings. "We have a support contract with the Department of Labor and they are helping us in the recruitment within the state. We're doing all of the things that you need to do to reach out to every part of the community and to be competitive with what we offer." They are hosting weekly job fairs every Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Camille Syed WTOC News.

			CHATHAM AREA		
1/24/2023	5:30pm		TRANSIT		
6:29:00 PM	OD		MEETING		00:01:50

Check this out -- The Port of Savannah is now home to four towering ship-to-shore cranes. They were brought up the river yesterday -- as people stopped to watch. According to the Coast Guard, these are the largest ship-to-shore cranes in U.S. history. Each crane is 306 feet tall and can lift 72.8 tons according to the Georgia Ports Authority. They are scheduled to come online this summer and will expand the terminal's annual berth capacity by about 25%.

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2/10/2023	5AM		DAYBREA ARRIVING		
6:00:00 AM	K OD		AT PORTS		00:00:27

2/10/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD  
 WANF: GA  
 BILL TO  
 MAKE TRUCKLOAD S EVEN BIGGER  
 Right now- the weight limit in georgia is currently 80--thousand pounds. House bill 189 would increase that limit to 90-thousand on all roads except for interstates. the idea for the bill came when governor brian kemp issued an executive order to let truck drivers carry more during a state of emergency and during supply chain issues. Supporters say it will help keep prices down.

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2/10/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD  
 WANF: GA  
 BILL TO INCREASE MIN WAGE TO \$15  
 New tonight- there's a new bill that- if passed- would boost georgia's minimum wage from 5-15 an hour to 15 dollars. Now- georgia is actually required to abide by the federal minimum wage -- which is 7-25. but people are still struggling. meanwhile, another bill introduced this session would allow local governments to set their own minimum wage. we'll let you know if either bill moves forward.

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 SHEA: 2022 AIRPORT REPORT  
 The Savannah Hilton Head International Airport's numbers show that around 3 million-500 thousand people traveled through the airport last year... and airport officials say that that record high number shows the need for several improvement projects they have in the works. ((VO)) Some of those projects include expanding the airport's TSA checkpoint, as well as expanding the footprint of the lone terminal. Lori Lynah, the airport's air service development director, says that those projects are longer-term, big picture projects, with the goal being to make traveling through the airport easier and more comfortable. Seeing numbers like they saw in 2022 makes it easier to show the need for such projects. ((SOT)) "These are numbers we track all the time, and we track the number of air carrier seats that we have and just the whole picture, as a whole. And we do need to keep showing that growth so that we can keep qualifying for the federal money to do projects that are gonna improve the building and the whole airport campus. The whole picture is really important to us. ((SHEA)) Lynah adds that in January alone, 30-thousand more people boarded flights out of the airport than they did at the same time last year.. and January is usually a slow time for the airport. Reporting from the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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2/17/2023		OSSOFF ON		
12:01:00		BRUNSWICK		
AM	11PM OD	PORT	Senator Ossoff did not say when construction will begin or how long it's expected to take. We will be sure	
		PROJECT	to update you as soon as we learn more.	00:00:08

2/27/2023		HARRIS	"Every month is program gives more than 16 million working families a \$30 discount on their internet bill. 800,000 households in South Carolina are eligible. And because we worked with internet service providers to make sure that they offer plans for \$30 or less per month, with a \$30 discount, a majority of these households can access internet for zero dollars a month." Her visit comes after South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster and U-S Representative Jim Clyburn announced a new campaign to deliver internet service statewide. State lawmakers say nearly 137-thousand households do not have access to high-speed internet.	
5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	SOUTH		
		CAROLINA		
		VISIT		00:00:37

3/2/2023		CAMILLE:	"Well it's definitely a lot to manage." Lenisha Cunningham isn't a traditional college student. Instead, she travels from Hinesville where she lives with her husband and two kids. "I really want to be involved in the college experience because this is my first time at a four year university but it is challenging because of gas prices." While those prices are slowly decreasing, the inflation rate is at about 6.4 percent. It's getting better as the months pass but unfortunately the expert I talked to said we'll never see those lower prices before the crisis comes back. "We'll see more of an equalization sort of on the pay side as opposed to seeing prices come down." Georgia Southern Economics Professor Michael Toma said rates will start increasing at a more steady rate. As far as the recession, he expects it will mildly hit our area in the summer. He says Savannah should be in a better shape than the average for Georgia and the country at the time. Partially, because of the 8,100 new jobs coming with the Hyundai plant. "So you're climbing a mountain right. You're going up a slope right and you'r growing and growing and growing and what a recession might mean for us is job accelaration will plateau and it will start to increase in the future." In the meantime as college students on all walks of life are having to juggle those rising costs, they're also having to compromise on their spring break plans. "We try to show our kids different things and expose them to different places but now we have to cut down to either spring break or summer break." "We're not going to Disney World, instead we're just going to eat out more as a family, go out more as a family to restaurants, events." While adjusting to this new normal, Cunningham encourages other college students to try different ways to budget. "Maybe you can take out a certain amount of money a month. Put it in an envelope and that's your money for spending so you don't go over." Camille Syed WTOC News.	
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(sot) As Georgia continues to grow, logistics become even more important to companies and communities large and small. (vo) Business leaders and others came together for the Logistics Summit. For small business owners, it's a time to talk to others and see what can help them stay competitive. (sot) It's absolutely important as a small business owner to get some information and knowledge on things around you so you can plan... (vo) More than 32,000 companies statewide work in the logistics of hauling or moving products into, out of, or within Georgia. Those gathered here recognize the port here in Savannah as a main artery for making that happen and even attracting new industry. (sot) When you look at Hyundai...one of the reasons Hyundai selected the location they selected is because they've got access to the port. They can have car parts coming in and finished cars shipping out. (vo) But local leaders say it takes a range of platforms, from rail lines and interstates to give companies what they need to come here and prosper here. (sot) Transportation and logistics are critical across the whole state. The entire state and the Southeast depend on the Georgia Ports Authority to move their products efficiently. But that branches out to the rail system and interstate. (vo) Leaders here hope they can keep the momentum moving forward. (sot) All agree the growth can go only as far as the logistics support it. In Savannah, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

3/8/2023  
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GOV. KEMP  
ON PORT  
LOGISTICS

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It's a charge on room rentals in the city. Everyone pays them when they stay at a hotel here. The current rate stands at six percent but would go up to eight percent. Both tourism leaders and city officials say the added tax revenue would be used for infrastructure projects centered around tourism. Those include 30 million dollars worth of improvements to River Street, and more work in the canal district and water works building, among others. The bill to raise the tax has not dropped yet, but the CEO of Savannah's Tourism Leadership Council tells me Representative Edna Jackson will create a bill to raise the tax. That will ultimately be voted on by a local delegation. He says even though this has been a year's long process...there is now enough support for the increase.

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FLYNN:  
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MOTEL TAX  
OUTLOOK

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It's a product that's being described as the electric car for the cargo industry...that leaders hope will boost capacity at Savannah's port. "We're adding these rubber-tired gantry cranes that service containers in the yard, that service both the ships and our front-end customers the truck drivers. And we've gone with these hybrid, rubber-tired gantry cranes. It's the first time for us." The Georgia Ports Authority has placed an order for 55 Hybrid Yard Cranes...or R-T-G's to move shipping containers. Executive Director Griff Lynch says the new machines...along with other port expansion...will help fix supply chain issues. "We're going all in. We're doubling down and we're going to create more capacity." (BUTTED TO) "We're talking about a 50% increase in our ship and container capacity over the next 2 years." The port says the new cranes will use electric battery power...causing 50-percent fewer emissions than similar diesel machines...leading to 1.6 million dollars in savings per year. "These new RTGs being battery powered will save -- eliminate the use of 500,000 gallons a year of diesel." The massive investment comes at a time of slowdown for the port. Lynch says cargo volume in February was down 14 percent year over year...but was still the second busiest month the port has ever seen. "We're using this slowdown as a time to kind of recalibrate, build the projects we need to build, make sure when it comes back we're ready to go." The cranes will be placed in the port's soon to be renovated Ocean Terminal...that Lynch says will ultimately help get more products from cargo ships to store shelves. "We want to make sure that those goods get to the stores on time so that people that live in and around our neighborhoods can go to the stores and know that those goods will be there. So that's what this is all about."

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SAVANNAH  
PORTS  
HYBRID  
CRANES

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**ISSUE 13-HOW CHARITABLE AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY. UNITED WAY/CANNADY/WTOC COAT DRIVE, RICHMOND HILL TREE RECYCLING, PEMBROKE THEATRE FUNDRAISER, TYBEE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE, PEMBROKE THEATRE FUNDRAISER, 14TH ANNUAL FEED THE HUNGRY, HINESVILLE CHARITY EXPANDS, EMMAUS HOUSE DONATION, SAFE SHELTER NEW DIRECTOR, SAVANNAH SUPPORTS UKRAINE, UNITED WAY'S WOMEN WHO RULE EVENT, POWER BILL ASSISTANCE FROM CITY OF SAVANNAH. SOURCE: NON-PROFITS,**

PKG: \*crowd counts down\* A different kind of countdown for New Year's on Tybee Island. \*crowd cheering\* Hundreds rushing into the ocean...braving the chilly water temperatures for Tybee's Polar Plunge. It's a tradition not held in full-scale since before the pandemic...but made a complete return this New Year's. "We stumbled on it three years ago, by accident. It's kind of just a way of showing that you're alive, having fun, and starting out the New Year right." But before the crowd of 800 plunged into the Atlantic...the competition began on Tybee's pier...where many vied for the first-place trophy in the costume contest. "You don't get to take it home. It gets placed in your favorite locale on Tybee Island." And for some...the costumes represented overcoming personal challenges...including for this couple dressed as Superman. "I had a rough year, almost died." "He had an open heart that didn't go well. He ended up on life support for 10 days just in March, so we're celebrating life." After the contest...crowds rushed into the waters. And while...some felt a chill...this duo from New England says the plunge was anything but polar. "The ocean temperature here now is probably what June/July would be up in New Hampshire. It's nothing, we are good." The water for the plunge was at 59 degrees...a far cry from the 80-degree temperatures in the middle of summer. Pop: "It's cold!" Each person holding a unique reason for taking the plunge. "My son committed suicide, and I found a 'Dear Santa' letter that he wanted Santa to bring matching outfits. So, we decided, in his memory, we'd do this every year for him." The plunge is used to give back to Tybee...with entry fees going to help the island's Main Street Program and Post Theater. On Tybee Island...FS...WTOCN.

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It's a holiday tradition that isn't everyone's favorite...taking down the Christmas tree. "It's a little grim. My wife and I had quite a long discussion on how long we were going to keep it up, but we pulled the trigger today." Several locations in our area are giving people the option of recycling their tree instead of throwing it out. \*nats of tree being thrown\* And truck...after truck...people came to drop off their tree...signaling the unofficial end to the holidays...but the start of a new life for their evergreen fir. "We recycled it last year, recycled it this year, and plan to keep doing it." The trees can be ground up or used in ponds to help with various landscaping projects. "I would much rather see it be used for something in the community rather than being on the side of the road or going to a landfill." Savannah/Hilton Airport...Coligny Beach on Hilton Head...and right here at J.F. Gregory Park in Richmond Hill all have tree recycling drop offs. "I wasn't even sure they would pick it up for me on the curb. So, we're used to doing that, we've always done it." And while some were sad to see their tree go...others were looking forward to dropping it off. "We're ready to get it out of the house and get things back to normal and send it on to its next life."

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LL: Organizers say they've been able to raise thousands of dollars for this restoration project that they hope will not only bring new life to this building...but also downtown Pembroke. VO: The project is expected to cost around 3 million dollars. "Friends of the TOS Theater" is the committee overseeing the work. In recent weeks...the group has announced 25-hundred dollars in donations from local sponsors and more than 75-thousand dollars from the Fox theater in Atlanta. The goal...to completely renovate this nearly century-old theater into a performance and community space. Leaders say the clock is ticking given an expected economic boom in the area. SOT: "We need to start bringing in money for this project. With the new Hyundai plant coming in, we see thousands of families moving in that will need somewhere to go for entertainment. We want to be that hub that draws people to main street Pembroke." LL: Fundraising efforts will continue while the committee waits for approval on architectural designs. Reporting in Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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We are still waiting for a grand total, but organizers expect the event raised upwards of \$30,000. Half of that will go right here, to the Tybee Post Theater. VO For the first time, the theater worked with Tybee's Main Street program to put on the event ... one reason why organizers say this year was so successful. Evan Goetz with the Tybee Post Theater says this also means they're splitting the money raised with main street. Each organization will use the money to expand on what they already do in the community. Goetz says the theater has bands perform every weekend, an expense that can cost up to \$6,000. SOT "Huge success, probably one of the most successful years that we've had with the Polar Plunge. The percentage that we'll take will go directly into programming, so we're able to bring fantastic events, movies, concerts and theater to our stage." CONTD VO Goetz says 2022 was a record year for them. He says they sold almost 20,000 tickets and that the plunge was the cherry on top of an amazing year.. thanking everyone who came out and took the plunge to support the Tybee community... On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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"Looking for positive roll models for the youth that we detain in the facility. Just keeping the culture great and the youth not missing anything with being incarcerated in the facility." If you missed today's job fair, there will be another one on January 25th. The detention center also takes walk-in interviews everyday from 9 A-M to 5 P-M. If you decided to apply you will need your I-D and proof of high school diploma or G-E-D.

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1/4/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	COAT DRIVE DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY	"This is so important to us. No kid should ever go without a coat and we are just so thankful for folks going out, purchasing new coats, bringing them and dropping those coats off . These aren't closet clean outs and we're just so thankful for everyone that participated." Canady's says plans are underway for the Fourth Annual Canady's Coats Campaign later this year. A big thank you to all of those who donated this year!	00:00:24
1/4/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	COAT DRIVE DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY	Check it out! More than 1-thousand coats are going to children in need to keep them warm this winter. Canady's Heating, Air and Plumbing dropped off the donations to the United Way of the Coastal Empire this morning. Some of those donations came from YOU. It's all part of the Canday's Coats for Kids Coat Drive. Boxes were set up in different areas of Chatham, Bryan Effingham and Liberty Counties. Including the WTOC Lobby! The Founder of Canady's Heating Air and Plumbing thanked everyone in the community who donated.	00:00:30
1/5/2023	5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUND BR EAKING	Check it out! The Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity holding a groundbreaking ceremony today for affordable housing. 4 new homes with four bedrooms will be built in Garden City. The CEO of the non-profit says in 20-18, someone donated the land to them. He says process included surveys and an overhaul of the entire area. He says they currently have three families for the homes and another family is in the process of applying.	00:00:25
1/6/2023	5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUND BR EAKING	"Over the past 4 years at this point, we've been working hard with the city of garden city and some of our private investors to make sure we can make this dream become a reality." The C-E-O says they are hoping to have these all done by June of 2023.	00:00:14
1/10/2023	4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	SCI BLANKET DRIVE	The organization is collecting new blankets to help senior citizens without adequate heating stay warm. You can drop off donations at various locations, including the Senior Citizen's Inc headquarters and participating Starbucks shops. Donations will be collected through February 14th- and donors will also receive a free tall drink. The president of S-C-I says a donation goes beyond just the blanket.	00:00:24
1/11/2023	5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREAK OD	UNITED WAY EMA AGREEMENT	"these are the things we already do well and we can be a partner with our emergency response agencies and non profits in the area and faith based communities to deliver the very best response in our communities." The United Way will also team up with the emergency management agencies to help provide client assistance and case management services.	00:00:21
1/16/2023	10:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 1 16	14TH ANNUAL FEED THE HUNGRY	After the MLK parade wraps up downtown, Savannah Feed the Hungry is hosting their 14th annual MLK Community Dinner. One of the things Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is known for is reminding people to show love one another. and what better way to honor him today than to spread love through a free hot meal. The dinner will be held at the Tompkins Community Center around 2pm on Anderson Street.	00:00:23

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Any one that needed to was able to come to the Tompkins Community Center for a free meal. Those in attendance were also able to take a trip to what organizers called the "empowerment zone." That's where businesses were able to set up an connect with people who were applying for a job. COVID vaccinations were also available. Feed the Hungry says the dinner is important because it doesn't just give people a meal- it helps provide important opportunities for folks moving forward.

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"There is hope. What it looks like today is not the way it has to be all the time. We're here to encourage, uplift, and empower. We don't know everyone's story, we don't know everyone's journey. However, we're here to help them along the way moving forward." "We really try to impact them getting on their feet, careers, jobs. And we gotta make sure we go back to making sure that we're safe with vaccinations." People at the community dinner were also able to watch The Last Days of King, a documentary that was written narrated by Representative Gilliard.

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If you would like free help - you need to gather up all of your tax documents including W-2's. You will also need your I-D and your social security card. Then head to their \*new office at 2410 Skidaway Road. The director says she hopes their new location will bring in more people for the service. She says last year they helped around 4-thousand people file their taxes for free. They were open today until 5 p.m. -- their hours each day will vary and they plan to announce Saturday dates. We do have a full list of dates and times on our website WTOC dot com. Just look for this story.

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New tonight--- Park Place Outreach receiving a generous donation today. The Downtown Kiwnis Club of Savannah presented a check of \$15-hundred dollars to the non profit organization. Park Place is a shelter that provides emergency services for young people 11 through 21 years old who may be homeless, runaways or at-risk. The executive director of Park Place says today's donation will help offset costs with their emergency operations. She says she's thankful for this donation.

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"We do receive some funding from federal and state, but we do mainly depend on those helping, kind individuals and a lot of donors." The executive director says they accept anything that can help. She says they have a lot of groups that come on the weekend to help with things like yard work and the building in general. For more information on how you can assist, head over to our website WTOC dot com.

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1/19/2023 5:30pm 6:29:00 PM OD	HINESVILLE CHARITY EXPANDS	<p>LL INTRO: Think Big Youth Organization was previously only located in Midway, and now they're expanding into Hinesville while also expanding the age group they serve. TAKE VO This is the Think Big's brand new location on Weeping Willow Drive. They're partnering with the Travis Manion Foundation – a national organization that helps connect veterans and families of fallen service members to the community through volunteering. In the new space, the two organizations will offer mentoring sessions to students from kindergarten to 18 years old – previously, their after school program stopped at 14. They'll also have several opportunities for adults including career mentoring, parenting courses, and GED and other standardized testing prep classes. Organizers say they're focused on building a community at every age. "We have paraprofessionals that will be here, we have school teachers that will participate here, other community organizations, the police department, Keep Liberty Beautiful, Live Oak Libraries so we have someone who will lift literacy in the building. Our goal is to do something that is going to embody the whole family as well as the child." Registration for the program is required, and open now.</p> <p>LL TAG: The organization will be hosting an open house for you to come see the location yourself on Saturday at 11 a.m. In Hinesville, HB WTOC NEWS.</p>	00:01:22
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1/21/2023 WKEND 7:00:00 PM 6PM OD	MARIAH: FEED OUR CITY	<p>Every third Saturday, Feed the Hungry will host a food distribution event just like this one in different places all over town. Organizers say at these events hundreds of people will get a 40-pound box of groceries, which is enough food to feed a family for a week. You will also see a CAT bus at every distribution event. It's known as the empowerment bus. In it, people will have access to health screenings and information about various careers, schooling and more. Carl Gilliard, Savannah Feed the Hungry's Founder says you never know who's in need and this tour is a way for them to make sure everyone has a path to success.</p>	00:00:37
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1/23/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD	READ UNITED TELETHON PUSH	<p>The money collected will help the United Way buy books for the Read United program. That program helps put new books in the homes of students in Pre-K through second grade across Bryan, Chatham, Effingham and Liberty counties. The telethon will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last until 7:30 p.m. To donate-- call the number you see right here on your screen.</p>	00:00:21
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1/23/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD	TIM: HOMETOWN HERO	<p>They have a new neighborhood. But the Neighborhood Improvement Association is once again doing the same good work it has for almost a quarter-century. "we are a volunteer income-tax assistance site and we do free taxes. They have also saved thousands of people money over the years by helping them avoid late fees and identifying tax credits. But even when they don't, they do help people complete something that can be one of their most challenging and necessary tasks of the year. "we have volunteers who come in all day long and do taxes. Volunteers give up their time and they go through training and it's a very thorough training. and then they come in and do taxes. This year, after 22 years in downtown Savannah, they will be doing it in person for the first time since 2019. And they will be doing it in a new office that is larger - and maybe more centrally located. "I think it is because here we're around so many businesses and a lot of the employees are eligible for this program. "This is an IRS initiative, and they want us to target low-income individuals, people living in rural counties, those who are disabled, and this year we are targeting those who are re-entering from incarceration. They started offering their tax service last week and will continue until the tax deadline, which this year is April 18. "we will be able to do taxes on the 18th. "If we take your taxes on the 18th, we will e-file them that day, so they will go that day. But there's no reason to wait until the last minute to go see the WTOC Hometown Heroes helping people with their taxes. "We love it. We love that people can come in and sit down and get their taxes prepared. We have more room in the lobby now, so it's exciting. Tim Guidera, WTOC news.</p>	00:01:41
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		GHOST PIRATES TEDDY BEAR HOSPITAL VISIT	Check it out! Patients at the children's hospital in Savannah getting a special surprise today. The Savannah Ghost Pirates visited Memorial Health and handed out teddy bears. The stuffed animals are coming from fans who threw them on the ice during the team's teddy bear toss. All together, 3-thousand stuffed animals were collected. The stuffed animals went to Hugaroo for cleaning and packaging. The team will be giving out the teddy bears through out the year to children in the hospital.	00:00:29
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		HAYLEY: SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY	LL INTRO: This Super Museum Sunday, there are plenty of opportunities to learn about Georgia's state history, including right here in Liberty County at the Midway Museum. Admission is free at seven sites across the county on Sunday. In addition to the Midway Museum, there's the Susie King Taylor Exhibit, the ITPA Telephone Museum, Dorchester Academy, and Fort Morris Historic Site, just to name a few. Phil Odom with the Liberty County Historical Society says Sunday is an important learning opportunity for all ages. "When you come out to Liberty on that day, you can experience what it was like in the colonial period, through the Antebellum to Reconstruction and the civil rights era. You can go through the whole society's history in this part of Georgia." LL TAG: For more information and business hours for Super Museum Sunday, you can head to our website – WTOC.COM. In Midway, HB WTOC NEWS.	00:00:53
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		HAYLEY: LIBERTY CO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB	LL INTRO: The Liberty County Boys and Girls Club started a new chapter today, welcoming in the students and families they'll serve for orientation, with after school programs starting on Monday. Next week will be the first time the Boys and Girls Club after school program is available to students in Liberty County. Today, parents had the opportunity to meet the staff and see the facility. The club is leasing the building on Deen Street from the school board, while working toward fundraising for their forever home. Organizers say they plan to serve around 150 students from fourth to tenth grade levels. "We hope to enhance their educational abilities throughout to provide them education opportunities, to go off to college, trade school, or go into the workforce. We look at it as our job to prepare these young minds to be viable, productive citizens in the future." The program will offer various activities for students, including a robotics lab. LL TAG: For more information, you can find links in this story on our website, WTOC.com. In LC, HB WTOCNEWS.	00:01:03
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		AFTERNON ON BREAK OD	Susana Elizabeth Chavez moved from Mexico to Savannah 7 years ago. She didn't know English well but was motivated to learn. She wanted her son to learn English to avoid any language barriers she once had. She signed him up for a bilingual learning program at the YMCA to prepare him for school. Nat sound- "he did that, this one, when we were at school." She says she instantly fell in love with the results of the program. "I got to see how much he grows and how much he started talking because he is a late talker. The way he was evolving and learning new things that I couldn't do by myself." Susana says she benefited from the program alongside her son, and she learned enough to even be a teacher for the program. She says she wanted to help people like herself. "The happiness it brings me to see little ones growing and start doing more things. Not only the families the caregivers that come to the school involving what they saw what they know now is a joy." Shannon Horst, the race director says the Early Learning Readiness program is one of many programs the funds from the race will benefit from. "discounts on after-school care, summer camp programming, child care, child care, membership for families and seniors as well as free programming that's offered such as early learning readiness programs, our teen outreach programs, and our live strong program." She says the money is spread through all 10 YMCA branches. "everything you spend on the race stays here in coastal Georgia for residents of coastal Georgia for those that in coastal Georgia." Michaela Romero, WTOC	00:01:32
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2/4/2023 12:01:00 AM	11PM OD	FRIDAY	YMCA CRITZ TYBEE RUN	And they're off! Look at those tiny tots go! This signified the beginning of the YMCA Critz Tybee Run Fest. Tonight hundreds of runners took over the streets for a 5k and a kids run. Saturday, the fun kicks off in the morning at 7 with the Collins Quarter 10K. It's followed by the Chu's Mart Half-Marathon at 8:30 a.m. At noon, the Lighthouse Pizza 2.8-Mile Beach Run and the fest wraps up with the West Construction Company One-Mile Run at 1 p.m. The proceeds from the run fest benefit all 10 YMCA branches.	00:00:29
2/13/2023 12:01:00 AM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	FLYNN: PUPPYBOW L 2023		Today...Renegade Paws Rescue hosted the second annual puppy bowl at Service Brewing in Savannah. The dogs got to play on a puppy-sized football field all with the hopes of getting adopted. This is the second year the group has put on the event showcasing their adoptable pups.	00:00:16
2/13/2023 12:01:00 AM	11PM WEEKEN D OD	FLYNN: PUPPYBOW L 2023		"Events like these are fun because we get to get dogs out in different environments. We get to be in a more relaxed environment. We get dogs in front of new people. When we get to have the older puppies play like this, they get to showcase their personalities out to potential adopters." Also on hand...vendors selling dog treats and...of course...beer ahead of the big game. Volunteers with Renegade Paws Rescue tell us they expect to see an uptick in adoption applications after today's event.	00:00:29
2/13/2023 5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	RECRUITME NT EVENT	EFFINGHAM CO.	It's from 9 a.m. to noon at the WorkSource Coastal Effingham Job Center -- on South Columbia Avenue in Rincon. You're asked to bring your resume. The sheriff's office is hiring for a number of positions including dispatchers and officers. Effingham County Fire Rescue, Port City Logistics, and Waffle House will be at the hiring event with open positions as well.	00:00:21
2/15/2023 10:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 2 15	TIM: NEW PLAYGROUN D EQUIP. BLUFFTON B&G		Finally, I can't tell you the happiness and the joy the kids are having to have a playground. A playground is so important for many reasons, more so for their learning abilities. I mean just to watch them, we built this playground for for 6-12 years old. So, we decided to kind of test it to let the teenagers see it. The teenagers had than the elementary. So, it is a good thing for all the kids and we're excited.	00:00:24
2/15/2023 10:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 2 15	TIM: NEW PLAYGROUN D EQUIP. BLUFFTON B&G		The Bluffton Club recently installed new playground equipment to further enhance their outdoors area. The original playground was removed five years ago to accommodate the addition of a literacy center to the club's building and a fundraising effort to replace it was moving slowly until a donation from the Willett family made it possible to complete the work. The playground was opened earlier this month to give children from the community another long-awaited opportunity to play at the Boys and Girls Club.	00:00:31

2/15/2023 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	APPLE LAND PRESERVAT ION	Take a look at this - it may just look like a bunch of trees but one organization is using this land to help farmers understand sustainable practices. Apple and the McIntosh Sustainable Environment and Economic Development are launching a new initiative to support Black landowners. Organizers say the goal of the project is help farmers be able to sustain their land in order to pass it down for generations.	00:00:24
2/16/2023 5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	HAYLEY: LIBERTY CO. ARBOR DAY PREVIEW	LL INTRO: Each one of these trees is ready to go to a new home in Liberty County for Arbor Day thanks to Keep Liberty Beautiful. The organization plans to give out about 700 of them over the next couple of days. Staff with Keep Liberty Beautiful are loading up the hundreds of free trees to get them to county residents to plant on their own property. While most of these are for people who pre-registered to get them, there will still be some trees available at the giveaway sites. Executive Director Dr. Karen Bell says they typically only distribute around 150 trees each year, and this year... they've exceeded expectations. Bell says it's important to recognize the importance of planting new trees in any community. "For one reason, it's always good to have a tree canopy that helps the look of your city, it draws people here. Plus it helps with health. A lot of people don't know that you can look at something beautiful like a tree, and it helps lower blood pressure and just make you feel good, and it helps our environment." The first tree giveaways will be at Farmers National Foods and Melon Bluff on Friday. LL TAG: For a full list of tree pickup sites in the county, you can head to our website WTOC.COM. In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.	00:01:13
2/16/2023 5:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	DAL: FEED THE BORO	?(sot) Feed the Boro will reach yet another milestone with their food drop this weekend. (vo) They'll hold their 23rd consecutive monthly food drop this Saturday morning at Statesboro High School. By their calculations, they will pass 1.5 million meals. They give roughly 1,000 families enough food to feed four people two meals a day for a week. Organizers say they've seen their crowds evolve to include a broader range of people. (sot) ..that tells us that middle class, even upper class, people need help. That's why they're sitting in this line 4-5 hours. (vo) He says people begin lining up as early as 3:00 or 4:00am. The food packages come through Second Harvest Food Bank to include fresh meat, canned goods, bread, and more. (sot) They'll start at 8am and distribute until the food is gone. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.	00:00:48
2/20/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	EMMAUS HOUSE DONATION	"Two or three times a year we'll do local shows and this was originally scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving and so it was a natural tie in and with a food bank and an organization that feeds the needy, to donate the proceeds to an organization like this from the show." The Emmaus house helps feed those in need. They also allow the homeless to have a hot shower, clean clothes and more.	00:00:23
2/20/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	EMMAUS HOUSE DONATION	New tonight-- The Emmaus House Soup Kitchen in Savannah received a generous check today. Victory North donated nearly \$4-thousand dollars. The money came from the venue's concert last month-- Georgia on My Mind. It featured different local musicians. Victory North puts on different events like live music, weddings and more. They say its all about giving back to the community.	00:00:23

Soon, people will be getting their hands dirty again at Employability, some of them on their way to life-enriching employment. "They could work for any landscaping company, they could work at Lowe's or Home Depot. The non-profit that helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities get jobs in the community lost its garden work space when it shifted locations during the pandemic. But a gift to organization will now allow Employability to resume its popular gardening program. "they are raised garden beds that are ADA accessible, so it's approachable for all of our program participants ... the ones that are on casters can come inside and outside and the beauty of it is that everybody can participate with it, whether they need to stay indoors because of heat restrictions or if they want to go outside. Boy Scout Troop 1 in Savannah built seven garden beds as Ian Eckmann's Eagle Scout project. And now Employability participants can use them to learn, to simply enjoy planting or for potential job training. "The beauty of it is it's going to be both fun and rewarding. And it's something where people can see the affects, the growth in what they're doing. "From the initial planting to seeing all the plants change in size and stuff like that and just giving them something to do every day that they can see changing, I think it's a really good opportunity for them. May River Landscaping Services is helping beautify Employability's new space as the organization's participants get ready to get back to planting for themselves. "That often times is one of the challenges we have is to find activities where people can learn something, be engaged, have a good time but also see the fruits of their labors. Tim Guidera, WTOC News.

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LL: Over the past year, Savannah Supports Ukraine has been working to collect aid at this warehouse. The group's leader...a Ukrainian native says despite the devastation...she's still determined to help. PKG: "So this is 1,200 cases of different types of medical supplies" Boxes of donations sit stacked in this Chatham County warehouse bound for Ukraine. Native Uliana Gonzalez says the country is damaged but not deterred. "The war, the year of war united the nation and united Ukrainians within the country and abroad." That united front extends here to the Coastal Empire...where Gonzalez and her group Savannah Supports Ukraine have been working since the war's earliest days to collect donations for those on the front lines. \*nats of warehouse\* We first introduced you to Gonzalez a year ago. Since then ...her group has been able to ship three 40-foot-long containers filled with local donations and money to Ukraine. "We were able to help to purchase a rescue vehicle for military doctors that would take the wounded out of the field quickly and deliver them to the hospitals. And I believe by that time, it saved multiple lives." The group has done it with assistance from company American Moving and Storage which has helped prepare and transport donations. "Even though it feels like such a small part of what's going on, to be able to see the efforts that we're doing here actually get to the frontlines with soldiers writing notes, saying how happy they are, you cant put it into words." The messages of gratitude from Ukrainians keep Gonzalez and her group going even during the war's darkest days. "Close family friends have already been killed by Russians on the front lines and they volunteered to go and protect their land." And much like the people in her home country...Gonzalez remains determined to continue the fight for help...even as she reflects on one year of war. "If there is one goal, and people are standing behind it together, united, we can make anything happen." LL: The group will send their next shipment of supplies to Ukraine on March 4th. Reporting in Savannah...Flynn Snyder...WTOCN.

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The event is four hours of fun for the whole family. More than 55 businesses and vendors set up shop for the day. The event gives kids the opportunity to see the vehicles they see every day on the road ... up close and personal. They got to see how a crane and garbage truck works, sit inside a firetruck, and check out a bulldozer. They even got to learn about our WTOC Storm Chaser. Organizers say the event is also very affordable. It cost a whole family \$20 to get in. All of the money raised goes to the Pooler Mothers of Preschoolers. MOPS is a nonprofit organization for mothers to meet other mothers who they can relate to most.

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2/28/2023	6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SAFE SHELTER NEW DIRECTOR	Leading non-profits is nothing new to Shannon McClure. Before coming to SAFE Shelter...she lead teams at the American Cancer Society. She also volunteered at United Way of the Coastal Empire. Among McClure's goals...addressing changes caused by Covid-19. "Currently we have a handful of vacancies and that will be my number one priority is to support our leadership team by filling those vacancies and that in turn has the ripple effect to being able to be better community partners." In 2022...the shelter served 18-hundred victims...equivalent to 20-thousand bed stays and 65-thousand meals prepared. McClure says she wants to use her experience...both personal and professional to help others. "I come from a single parent family and there was some domestic violence in my family early on. And so, I know how that impacted me as a child and I just think it's interesting how life comes full circle and I can take what I learned in the non-profit world and apply it to what I went through." The shelter's current facility has been running since 2021 and is one of the largest domestic violence shelters in Georgia. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:08
3/6/2023	10:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 3 6	LANDINGS FLEA MARKET INTAKE	It is actually a three-day process to collect items donated by Landings residents that will be for sale next Saturday at the annual flea market, which draws thousands of people to the island every year. Volunteers unloaded cars and took in items that were sorted into 13 different categories from jewelry to appliances to furniture. Last year was the first time the sale was held since the pandemic, but turnout for intake was strong again this year because 2022 was such a busy year for home sales all across the area and new homeowners have been holding onto merchandise to put in the sale.	00:00:35
3/13/2023	4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	EMANCIPATI ON ASSOC. DONATION	The Emancipation Association recognized several groups for the work they do in our community. Greenbriar Children's Center was one of the organization. They say they could not do it without not only the financial support but also the backing of the community. The Director of the Emancipation Association says they know the need is great.	00:00:20
3/14/2023	9:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 3 14	UNION MISSION BREAKFAST	Homeless individuals enjoyed a special "Green" breakfast this morning thanks to the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. Union Mission has cared for Savannah's homeless community for more than 85 years, offering emergency, transitional and permanent housing solutions to those in need. Union Misson President and CEO, Michael Traynor says this breakfast brings a little fun and festivity to their day.	00:00:25
3/14/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	WOMEN WHO RULE	NO SCRIPT FOR SOT Women Who Rule is also a fundraiser - allowing United Way to raise money for people who need dependable transportation. The group says money from this event will fund gas cards, bus passes and even help with minor car repairs for people in need across our area.	00:00:16

3/14/2023	7:00:00 PM	7PM OD	WOMEN WHO RULE	"I hope that the event will inspire other women so that they can take the torch from me and from others because I'm getting older, so we have a new generation coming, and I'd like to see them ignite their passion and continue to volunteer in their community to help other women with women united." Women Who Rule is also a fundraiser - allowing United Way to raise money for people who need dependable transportation. The group says money from this event will pay for gas cards, bus passes and even help with minor car repairs for people in need across our area.	00:00:33
3/28/2023	5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREA K OD	RICARDO: CHURCH FOOD GIVEAWAY	The program was established back in 20-11. They're out every week to help give back to the community. Their mission is to provide meals to those that need it- including the elderly, unemployed, homeless and more. Just last year alone, they prepared and gave out almost 49-thousand hot meals. The Executive Director says that with how big their mission is- they're always looking for more hands to help.	00:00:24
3/28/2023	5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREA K OD	RICARDO: CHURCH FOOD GIVEAWAY	"We will find something where you can fit, have the excitement of energized people doing things to impact this community in a positive way." Witter also says that they deliver to those that are homebound. If you would like to get involved or if you know someone that needs assistance, we'll have all those details on our website- WTOC dot com.	00:00:20
3/29/2023	4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	WINE WOMEN AND SHOES	Another big fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House is just over a month away. Wine, Women and Shoes is happening on May 10th and 11th at the Kehoe Iron Works building in Savannah. Tickets are on sale now. There will be wine tasting, designer shopping and more - including a fashion show featuring some familiar faces.	00:00:19
3/31/2023	5:00:00 AM	5AM DAYBREA K OD	VAN JOHNSON ON POWER BILL ASSISTANC E	"This can not happen. This can not happen. So the reality is, is there is help out there for nearly 11-thousand households in this community. 2-point-8 million dollars are expenses can be addressed or helped. We're leaving this on the table."	00:00:14
3/31/2023	4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	PORT WENTWORT H BLOOD DRIVE	"You may not be someone that wants to attend a council meeting but that doesn't mean you don't care about your community you can give back in this way." Councilwoman Nelson says that they plan to organize more events like this in the future.	00:00:14

**ISSUE 14--HOW VOLUNTEERS ARE A GREAT ASSET TO NON PROFITS AND THE COMMUNITY. BLOOD DONORS NEEDED, BULLOCH CO. FOSTER PROJECT NEEDING VOLUNTEERS, STATESBORO CREEK CLEANUP, REPLANTING TREES IN PEMBROKE ALMOST YEAR AFTER TORNADO RIPPED THROUGH. READING TO KIDS FOR READ UNITED DAY, RBC HERITAGE VOLUNTEERS**

**SOURCE: VOLUNTEERS, ETC.**

1/2/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

BLOOD CONNECTION BLOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

"What we're hoping is that people think about blood donation and put that on their list of New Year's resolutions for this year." Vo The Blood Connection knows you've probably committed to exercising more or eating healthier, but they say they have an easy to achieve resolution with high local impact you should think about. Sot "A lot of times we talk about making goals that are attainable and achievable and when I say add saving a life to your goal that seems maybe not reachable right? But it is with blood donation." Vo Right now, they're seeing a lot of people cancel donation appointments due to seasonal illnesses and that it's been happening a lot over the last two years. Sot "2021 was historically our worst year in history and unfortunately we did continue to see low donor turnout in 2022." Vo It's a trend they're hoping to turn around in 2023, specifically calling on younger people to help out. In Savannah, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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1/26/2023 12:01:00 AM  
11PM OD

DAL: BULLOCH FOSTER PROJECT

Step by step, 7th Mile Farm outside Statesboro moves forward with help from people and companies that want to see it move from a dream to reality. (vo) Chris Yaughn sometimes looks in amazement at what he sees so far. He and others from Fostering Bulloch took 30 acres that had been a golf course and turned it into a retreat and campground for Foster families and other special-case kids. (sot) We're absolutely intentional about creating a controlled, safe environment for our kids so they can let down the walls and barriers they have just to survive in daily life. (vo) They hold camps in the summer designed to help kids overcome their circumstances. A team from Aspen Aerogels, one of Bulloch County's newest industries, is spending this week painting in the dining hall. (sot) There's so many things to do here between Fostering Bulloch, 7th Mile Farm. There's lots of opportunities to volunteer. Chris as got a lot of projects he needs done. (vo) Yaughn says they now have the space to house 100 people at a time and help brighten lives and he hopes they can continue to grow to help even more. (sot) Yaughn says one of the most exciting things is seeing new people or groups get on board. In Bulloch County, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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

STATESBORO CREEK CLEANUP

(sot) Organizers of this cleanup say you might think this accumulated pile of trash in the creek, with two..yes two..basketballs, is unsightly..but they say it's beter than letting it all float down stream to the river and beyond. (vo) Floating booms collect trash that flows down Little Lotts Creek. A team from Ogeechee Riverkeeper and Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful waded in and filled their nets. They do this every few weeks to save the trash from floating to the Ogeechee River and eventually the ocean. They call the project "Don't Litter Lotts". They think most people would be suprised how quickly the trash collects...but not from people dumping directly in the creek. (sot) ..trash bins that don't have a lid on top of them. It might be blowing out of the back of vehicles. You might not think of trash in the back of a pickup as a problem. But if the wind catches it..it blows out. (vo) They stretch the booms across the creek to collect the bottles and other trash, while letting the creek continue to flow. (sot) She says they'll keep using these booms..because they're working. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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5AM K OD

DAYBREA VELVET GALA

The ceremony was held last night at the Charles H. Morris Center on Broad Street. The awards were given to community volunteers that provided essential services for youth and families. There was be a buffet dinner... open bar... music... silent auction... and bingo. Event organizers it's all to serve a greater purpose...serving the community.

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2/18/2023 8:00:00 PM	WKEND 7PM OD	MARIAH: TYBEE ARBOR	The Savannah Tree Foundation is working with Gulfstream to plant trees at various YMCA locations and recreation centers throughout the tri-county area. 10 trees, including Bald Cypress trees, Jane Magnolias and Tulip Poplars, were planted at Tybee's YMCA today. The Savannah Tree Foundation says this is the best time of year to plant trees because it's not too hot. Families, city members and residents who participated watched a demonstration about how to properly plant them before they started. They also got to take a home a free seedling to plant in their own yard. Folks with The Savannah Tree Foundation have some recommendations for those of you at home who might want to get to planting.	00:00:41
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3/6/2023 10:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 3 6	LANDINGS FLEA MARKET INTAKE	This is where we ask our residents and citizens to donate their items that they don't have room for anymore or they are unwanted, so they bring them into this process. We've got 600 volunteers that are working through this intake process and the market next week. This will go on for three days. We're processing them and putting pricing on them and getting them ready for the bog event next Saturday, March 11. And this year the big influx has been because the real estate market was so hot, we had a lot of home turnovers, house turnovers, and then they didn't have room for it or they didn't want it or they just needed to get rid of it. So, we've been picking up for six months and holding in storage areas that are coming out today too. The Landings Landlovers are a charitable organizations and proceeds from the sale next weekend will go back into the community through scholarships and donations to non-profit organizations.	00:00:54
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2/24/2023 5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	BRYAN CO. TORNADO DAMAGE CONTRACTS	With a shovel *nats of shoveling* and a goal...volunteers from the Savannah and Coastal Tree Foundations are working to replant some of the 250 trees lost at Hendrix Park in April's tornado. "We're planting 32 trees that are all native, stronger tress than pines, so hopefully they'll withstand future storms. These are very long-lived trees." This replanting will surround baseball fields that were detstroyed but now are nearly repaired and almost ready for opening day. Standup: Volunteers with the tree foundation say even though they don't typically do these types of events in Bryan County, it was important for them to be here at Hendrix Park saying that this replanting is one step in helping get this area back to normal. "They'll absorb some of the storm water that pools up out here. But it provides shade for people watching the baseball game too. So it really has so many different benefits." *nats of planting* While work continues off the field...construction on the baseball diamonds is also moving forward...with commissioners recently approving more than six-hundred-thousand dollars in contracts for repairs...paid for by the county's insurance policy. "Fields 5-8 are almost complete. They should be ready by opening day in mid March. But 1-4 will take a little bit more time and those contracts were for fencing, bleacher stands and the necessary things like that." And as crews inch closer to restoring this park...volunteers with the tree foundation hope the replanting *leaves* an impact on future visitors. "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best is right now. So, we really try to do this for the next generation." In Ellabell...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:40
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New voices. "Like the trees, I'm here to grow. Like the mountains, to stand ... New stories "When Mrs. Noodleman told the class about the talent show ... The same sense of giving all across the Coastal Empire. "There was only one thing to do, count with me. One, two, three, four, five ... Hundreds of community volunteers went back to school Friday, visiting classrooms to read to Pre-K through second grade students on the Unites Way of the Coastal Empire's Read United Day, the culmination of a year-round program to encourage reading in elementary school children. (DR. ANN LEVETT) "It is so important for our children to be exposed to reading and to learn to read during this time in their lives. This is a time of their fastest brain development, so we want to capture that. Lawyers, engineers, bankers and technicians took time out of their day to give back to the youngest members of the community in Chatham, Bryan, Effingham and Liberty Counties - sharing stories and showing how reading fuels all education. "Reading is more than reading a story. It helps with vocabulary, articulation. It takes you so far. It helps build your imagination, just the creator in you to take you to a level you didn't know you could go to. "It's key to the development of children, even from a very, very, very young age. They need to be read to, taught to read. They need books to read. Each WTOC Hometown Hero volunteer left a book for the classroom and gave each student a book to take home -- 19,000 books provided to kids at 60 schools through the Read United Program. And on the biggest Read United Day yet. "Just watching their faces, they were so excited. It was the best part of their day. "It was great. The kids were funny, they laughed, they hugged me when I was done. It was wonderful. Tim Guidera, WTOC news.

2/27/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD TIM: HOMETOWN HERO 00:00:34

3/28/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD RBC VOLUNTEER PICK UP SATURDAY You're looking at video from 2021's pick up day. This year, the tournament is welcoming a record-breaking 15-hundred volunteers. The R-B-C Heritage starts on April 10th. All tickets are sold out on the tournament's website, but they do have a link to try to find resale tickets available. 00:00:17

3/29/2023 4:30:00 AM 4:30AM DAYBREA K OD RBC VOLUNTEER PICK UP SATURDAY You're looking at video from 20-21's pick up day. This year, the tournament is welcoming a record-breaking 15-hundred volunteers. The R-B-C Heritage starts on April 10-th. All tickets are sold out on the tournament's website, but they do have a link to try to find resale tickets available. 00:00:17

(sot) You'll find the usual volunteers and hard work at this Habitat for Humanity site. But you'll be hard-pressed to find another usual staple - sawdust. (vo) Crews assemble blocks, not boards, to make this house a reality. It's an interlocking system of foam insulation that builds walls but will also serve as a mold for poured concrete. Habitat organizers say it's fairly new and this is the first local house with it. (sot) At the most recent Habitat conference last year, I went to these people and said "I've heard about it. I've seen it. I want it!" (vo) She she could see Habitat and other groups using this method to build for a host of reasons. (sot) ..it's so much faster. It's so much lay-person friendly. Any person can build Lego's. I put up some of these. (vo) She says they've seen a jump in Habitat home applications while donations have stayed the same. While they can also use more funds, a more efficient building model could help them keep up. (sot) They'll pour the concrete early to mid next month and get this house closer to completion. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

3/30/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH CO. NEW HABITAT BUILDING 00:01:01



**ISSUE15 DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH OF ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES AND TOURISM AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. SEDA ON HYUNDAI PLANT, BULLOCH CO. ANNEX EXPANSION, BULLOCH CO. NEW KIA, GULFSTREAM DEVELOPMENT, BLUFFTON BOAT LANDING, SAV COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING INITIATIVE, SAVANANH HARBOR I-16 CORRIDOR WORKFORCE STUDY, BRYAN AND EFFINGHAM HOW TO WELCOME NEW HYUNDAI EMPLOYEES, DAVE AND BUSTERS VOTE IN POOLER, NEW TYBEE RESTAURANTS, ST. HELENA DEVELOPMENT, BEAUFORT CO. GRANT, BRYAN CO. AND LIBERTY CO. LONG TERM PLAN, GEORGETOWN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, TYBEE PREPARING FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY, NEW ART PARK IN STATESBORO, VIDALIA LIBRARY RENOVATION, FED COURT HOUSE ROAD CLOSURES, CLAXTON HYUNDAI GAS AGREEMENT, JESUP WORKFORCE HOUSING TALKS, TYBEE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PREPS, STATESBORO CITY BUSES, TYBEE DEVELOPMENT MEETING, NEW LYONS WELCOME CENTER, CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP WITH LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS GETTING A BOOST, JESUP PICKLEBALL COURTS, EVANS CO. ADDING 4 ICU UNITS, GHOST PIRATES PROPOSED IGLOO RINK, HYUNDAI PLANT PROGRESS UPDATE, VICTORY DRIVE ALDI PERMIT**  
**Source: City of Savannah, Chamber of Commerce, SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL, etc**

1/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD SEDA MEETING ON HYUNDAI PLANT "And so when you think about the over 8-thousand jobs and we're expecting a 20-30-thousand job impact over the next 5 to 10 years and so when you factor that in, it's basically like adding another city in a very short period of time so its a big deal." Construction is currently underway for the Plant. Full production is expected to happen in the first half of 20-25. To take a look at all the previous stories we've covered on this project, head over to our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:28

1/4/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD LEHMAN FRANKLIN ON HYUNDAI PLANT (sot) It's almost impossible to pass this stretch of Interstate 16 and not see Hyundai's progress and realize the impact it will have on North Bryan and South Bulloch Counties. The area's newest lawmaker says many decisions in Atlanta will help shape this area for generations to come. (vo) Lehman Franklin will begin his term in the House of Representatives as the project kicks into high gear to bring an electric car plant and thousands of jobs here. Bryan, Bulloch, Chatham and Effingham counties teamed with the State of Georgia to bring the plant to the area. He says the state can bring matching funds for some infrastructure projects and help provide technical training for hirees. (sot) A lot of it is to give the resources needed to help provide the workforce needed for these industries coming in. (vo) He knows the growth will affect local schools, housing, highways and more. But he says dealing with growth and influx is better than struggling with the opposite. (sot) He says he and other state lawmakers will work with commissioners and others from these four counties to help guide the project and benefit the region. In Bryan County, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ? 00:01:08

1/5/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD BULLOCH MANUFACTURING PLANT FOR HYUNDAI (vo) Ecoplastic's new facility will produce exterior parts like bumpers and interior pieces like consoles, molding, trim and more. The company already has facilities near other Hyundai plants elsewhere. Developers say they've worked with the company for months to find them the right place - both the land and the community to support them. (sot) I think we have all the right components to attract companies, and I think we'll have the same success with the employees. (vo) This announcement brings the number of supply jobs coming to Bulloch at more than 1,000 so far and more than 1,400 new industrial jobs in the past 11 months. (sot) It takes a long time for good decisions to be made, for people to be patient for everything to be ready for these kinds of things to happen. Another way to look at it is..we're the overnight success that took years and years to get to the overnight. (vo) They'll be less than two miles from Interstate 16 and another supplier, and just 30 minutes from the Hyundai plant. And with these companies on the way, they expect more to look at locating here too. ? 00:01:02

?(sot) County leaders say they've needed more space for years, but will need it even more in the future as the county keeps growing. (vo) Offices inside show the signs of progress as crews gut old walls and redivide the space. Outside, the foundation comes up to show the expansion. They're expanding the annex to make more room for people getting permits. It's all designed to give more room and offer one-stop-shopping. (sot) ...that way you're not walking around trying to find out where you're supposed to go. It's all in one place. (vo) Another large part of the project is expanding an already crowded commissioners' chamber. The expansion will add more than 700 square feet and give more audience room for people to attend county meetings. (sot) They hope to have this finished by summer or early Fall. In the meantime, county commissioners are meeting at the Honey Bowen Building on Fair Road. And if you come here, you'll parking back in the back, come around the fence and enter this door from the side. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

1/3/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

DAL:  
BULLOCH  
CO. ANNEX  
EXPANSION

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Governor Brian Kemp says automotive parts manufacturer--Ecoplastic Corporation will create 465 new jobs. It will also invest over \$205 million dollars in the facility. The Governor says the facility can paint, mold and will produce exterior parts, bumpers and garnishes, interior parts, consoles, and trims for electric vehicles. You can see--Bulloch County Leaders signing the contract for the project. It will be located on Highway 301 in South Register--right near Statesboro. This facility is expected to begin operations by October 2024.

1/5/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

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NEW BUILD

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Quail Run Lodge will soon be forced to close its doors after the Savannah Airport Commission has invoked eminent domain against the property. Daniel Connell has owned the place for the last 29 years, and he says now a lot of his long-term guests are struggling to find other affordable housing. "The people who have to leave are probably going to pay twice what they pay me, if they can find a place, so they're very upset about it." Connell says he was given notice around a month ago that the 32 people who lived in the building number 400 had to be out by the 1st of the year... People in the other buildings have until July. One of those people is John Saxon- a retiree who's lived at Quail Run for 10 years. He was given this notice... "It's just like, a joke. It's just something that came up unexpected and you just didn't know how to handle it or what to do with it. I'm searching for senior living and all that kind of stuff and I'm just not having very good luck finding things that are staying within my financial means." In the notice given to people like Saxon, Connell says that he's "fought with the Airport Commission for over 5 years with everything I had, and I have been unsuccessful." Connell says he has seven years left on his lease- but now that he has no choice but to give up the lodge by July, he just wants to be fairly compensated. Connell: "If you could come up with enough funding to purchase the buildings from me that I could buy another hotel, and move all my employees and all of my guests with me, I would work that out with you. But as it turns out, the funding level is nowhere near adequate to do that." Shea: I did reach out to the Savannah Airport Commission and they said that they aren't able to comment because the situation is still under litigation. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

1/10/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD

SHEA: QUAIL  
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GULFSTREA  
M PLAN

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Standup: A lot of the space surrounding the Alljoy boat landing here in Beaufort is taken up by houses, limiting the opportunity for Beaufort county to expand on the project. They've come up with a solution recently though, buying this plot of land for just under 2 million dollars. Sot: (Christopher Ophardt - PIO, Beaufort County) "We were, a couple weeks ago, approached by some residents that were willing to sell their property in order to make this a more safe boat landing." Vo He says residential feedback suggests there's not enough space to park during the summer, but these 2 new acres should help with that problem. Sot "County council authorized us to spend up to 1.9 million dollars to purchase the property. We're working the local community and plan on at least expanding parking and giving access to the public for a fishing pier." On cam tag As soon as we can get a timeline on those possible expansion projects we'll make sure to update you on air and online at WTOC.com, for now though reporting from Bluffton, Tyler Manlin, WTOC News.

1/11/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

TYLER:  
BLUFFTON  
BOAT  
LANDING

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The Cuyler-Brownville district is one of Savannah's oldest historically African-American communities. Patricia Hartwell lived here in the 1960's and recently moved back. She says it's seen better days. "All the houses, everything was real good. After I came back everything has gone down." The Galvan Foundation hopes to improve that. Their more than \$6 million affordable housing plan will be broken up in two parts. First \$1 million will go towards a Cuyler-Brownville Housing Initiative that will offer home repairs and several financial assistance opportunities on your screen. Next, \$5 million will go towards purchasing those 19 vacant lots. Hartwell says it's vital these houses come with a reasonable price tag. "It should be affordable where they can pay for it rather than push them out rather then they have to go somewhere else. Rental property is high, housing is high, everything is high but they need to make sure people can actually pay the rent." Galvan Vice President Dan Kent says it will be mixed family housing and they will accept section 8 vouchers. "We chose Cuyler-Brownville because it's a historically diverse mixed income neighborhood. It's walkable, a short walk to downtown Savannah. It's a neighborhood that clearly deserves more development." While they are purchasing 19 lots, Kent says there could be more than 19 homes that come out this project "We're in the process of working with the City of Savannah to figure out what's allowed on this parcel and we'll look to do a combination of single-family homes and more rental apartment opportunities." District 1 Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier representing the community says she's happy about the partnership and neighbors tell her that community, no stranger to gun violence, needs even more improvements "They're crying out about crime, asking of lights and camera." 00:01:49

1/12/2023 4:30PM CAMILLE:  
4:29:00 PM OD SAV CITY  
COUNCIL

The informal meeting brought together folks from all aspects of the community, from banking and business to construction and development. They talked about the impact the Hyundai plant and its suppliers will have here. That includes potentially thousands of people moving here and thousands more commuting on a daily basis. Speakers said they're preparing now for that growth that's expected in the not-so-distant future. That' includes expanding schools, adding more access to healthcare and trying to get infrastructure ready to handle it. 00:00:33

1/10/2023 5:30pm SBORO  
5:29:00 PM OD COMMUNITY  
PLANNING  
LUNCH

The Savannah Harbor-I-16 Corridor Joint Development Authority has announced a new regional workforce study. The goal?...to identify and develop a plan to overcome area labor challenges. "This is us just really wanting to see how it's going to impact our community -- our workforce that we have here now. JDA chairman Carter Infinger says the study is crucial for ensuring locals are prepared for jobs at the Hyundai plant and other industrial sites. "We talked to people, and we really need a deep dive and this decision was made to go ahead and do this...so we could get that analysis done." The study will look at current regional workforce resources and how they fit in with skills that Hyundai, current and future industries need. "We're getting what Hyundai needs, and these manufacturerers need, but we're also looking at other industries that our here and seeing what they need and how can they benefit from this too." The study will also help to set benchmark salary expectations and what training programs are needed for the new jobs. "We're talking about pathways at tech schools. What do we need in our school systems. Everything, it's going to include everything in that study. Economic leaders say that key regional stakeholders will be interviewed for the study so that plans can be made to improve the skills of current workers and attract news." Infinger says with the massive onslaught of 8-thousand plus jobs from the Hyundai site alone...this study is crucial. "This is new to us, this many jobs at one time for our whole region, right? And these are generational changes that we're talking about." There's no timeline on the study's completion...but Infinger says he hopes it will be done in the next few months. In Bryan County...FS...WTOCN. 00:01:44

1/6/2023 WORK  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD FORCE  
STUDY

The town will be opening its first ALDI store at the end of the month! It's set to open two weeks from today on January 26th. The new store will be open daily from 9 am to 8 pm. The first 100 customers to visit will get a gift bag of ALDI Fan Favorites products and a gift card. Shoppers can also enter a sweepstakes for a chance to win a 500 dollar gift card. 00:00:20

1/12/2023 ALDI  
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	4:30AM	HENDERSO	increasing and it's our job to try and keep those children busy, keep them active, and in productive	
1/6/2023	DAYBREA	N PARK	activities." Director Smith says about 600 young people have signed up for rec basketball and they'll get	
4:30:00 AM	K OD	REOPENING	to use the new facility this Saturday.	00:00:20

LL: The seminar's host says welcoming people from overseas for Hyundai's Metaplant will require an active role from just about everyone in the Coastal Empire. PKG: Jeanne Charbonneau knows what it takes to welcome new neighbors for an area Hyundai plant. "...you are going to have an active role, and be prepared for that active role." She was the point-of-contact for South Korean families at the automaker's Montgomery, Alabama site for nearly two decades. "This economic development project is going to change the landscape of these counties, in a good way, but you have to be receptive to that." Charbonneau shared her experience of working with families from abroad.. "The families particularly, in most cases, didn't have a voice in whether they were coming here or not and it's strain for them, at least initially." Area leaders say Korean owned businesses already have a foothold in the local economy. "We've got some hairdressers that are already here. We have several churches that are already here. I think there's a good base and it sounds like a lot of these families will come and open their own businesses as well." The Savannah Economic Development Authority says more than 100 employees for Hyundai's Metaplant have already moved to the area...and they're expected to stay here anywhere from 2 to 5 years. They expect the number of families to grow when the site enters the production phase...and more suppliers are announced. Charbonneau says communities can prepare by increasing staff levels at English learning programs in schools and by having enough rental property available. But her most important advice...she says...is just being a good neighbor. "Know a little bit about their culture, know a little bit about their history. Locals here now preparing for a transformation to the area. "It's really good to hear about this sort of thing from someone who's done it before. I was surprised at how large and how big of a change this area is about to go through." LL: If you weren't able to make it to today's seminar...Charbonneau is presenting in Chatham...Effingham...and Bulloch counties in the coming days. For details...look for this story on our website...WTOC.com In RH...FS...WTOCN.

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1/17/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD 2 MONTHS FROM ST. PATRICKS DAY In the meantime - the committee congratulated the planners of the return of the M-L-K Day Parade, writing in a statement, "This group of individuals did an amazing job. The City of Savannah, as usual, did a great job from traffic to sanitation. It's always a spectacular event watching Savannahians' celebrate their heritage, faith, and family. We'll see everyone in a few months." 00:00:22

1/17/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD POOLER DAVE AND BUSTERS VOTE Pooler City Council is set to vote on site plans for Dave and Busters. The arcade chain petitioned the city to open up a location at the Tanger Outlets in Pooler. The new location would be next to the Candy/Ice Cream store close to the old Johnny Rockets. They would build a breezeway to connect the two buildings as well as more parking and relocating the playground. The council is set to meet at 6 o'clock tonight. We'll have the link to stream that meeting on our website WTOC dot com. 00:00:28

1/18/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD BRYAN CO FAST TRACK MANUFACTURING RING "We're training them with the skills needed and the knowledge needed things like lockout-tag out, OSHA 10 certifications, forklift certifications. Also, we give them something called the Bennett Mechanical Aptitude Test and give them a White Belt Six Sigma certification making sure that they know how to go into a manufacturing environment and not just be like someone who just walked off the street and saw a job posting. But actually someone who can work safely and work effectively" 00:00:29

1/18/2023 12:01:00 AM POOLER DAVE & BUSTERS During tonight's city council meeting, leaders with Tanger Outlets laid out the plan. They say they will be adding a 22-thousand 500 square foot expansion to the front area of the mall where the playground currently is. They say Dave and Busters will be placed in that expansion near the River Street Sweets candy/ice cream store. Pooler Mayor Rebecca Benton tells us she does have safety concerns for the entertainment site. 00:00:25

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Folks with Tybee Island Main Street say what this means is that Tybee has become a place where people want to do business. They say 6 million people visited the island last year and any time a new business opens it adds to the overall experience people have when they come here. "It's just another opportunity for us to join a community and hopefully do good things together." Chris Smith the Owner of Zunzi's and Zunzibar says it's been a goal of his to find a piece of property on Tybee. When Gerald's Pig and Shrimp off Highway 80 went up for sale it was a no brainer. "Just an amazing piece of property and so I quickly reached out and we had a lease done in about 45 days." Smith applied for an entertainment license through the City of Tybee and according to the city the restaurant got approval. Since then, the building has been getting a facelift. Smith says people can expect the same menu here as the Savannah location, but some items on the menu may have a Tybee twist. He says he hopes visitors and locals will enjoy their unique cuisine and environment. "We're going to shoot to have live music during peak season almost every day. We're going to keep it simple and focused on a great guest experience. Things that our guests have loved for many years downtown." But it's not only about a new cuisine experience for islanders. Cassadi Kendrick the Executive Director of the island's Main Street program says it's about giving people more dining options and more places to find work. "Just getting creative with recruiting new people to come out here and work will not just help a new business but could also help the existing businesses out here too." Kendrick says this growth further markets the island and encourages people, who might not otherwise, to choose Tybee as a place to go. "Hopefully with their locations in Savannah some of the crowds that visit those locations come out and experience the Tybee location. They could've picked a lot of other places, but they picked Tybee." LLTAG There's also talk about another well-known restaurant in Savannah opening a location on the island as well. The city says paperwork for it hasn't been filed yet, so stick with WTOC for that update. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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Nat we have two petitions with over 10,000 signatures Vo 10,844 signatures to be exact... all saying the 498 acres of land known as Pine Island on Saint Helena should remain untouched. It's historically native land, with a protection put in place back in 1999 to restrict potential development. Sot: (Jessie White - South Coast Office Director, Coastal Conservation League) "That overlay was purposefully and specifically made by the community, for the community, to protect Gullah Geechee land and culture." Vo Jessie White works at the Coastal Conservation League, educating and empowering communities like the Gullah. Nat you see pine island right here Vo She tells me the land is in danger with potential gentrification on the horizon. Specifically saying a developer is looking to put in a 9 hole golf course and gated community. Sot "The result of that is the property taxes and the property values skyrocket and it pushes people off their land." Vo The zoning laws keeping that from happening are long and complex, but would need a tweak before any of it becomes possible... and that's where Beaufort County comes in. County public information officer Chris Ophardt tells me they put forward a potential change in the Cultural Protection Overlay that would allow for more development than it does currently. Sot: (Christopher Ophardt, PIO Beaufort County) "Within the cultural protection overlay is very specific rules for development, you cannot have anything more than an 8 hole golf course." Vo He says it also doesn't allow for gated communities, the switch in wording would change that. The initial proposal however, got the attention of both Governor McMaster and Congresswoman Nancy Mace. Who both said it would signal "open season" to developers and create a "domino effect" on Saint Helena and beyond, supporting White's mission and the native islanders. I asked the county about the statements from those leaders. Sot "We support the principles of both the Governor and our Representative, and we believe that we will uphold those principles." Vo He says Beaufort county wants the best for everyone involved, as they see the land development as an opportunity to share native culture, not take it away. Sot "The county's intent is to work with the Gullah people to strengthen their community, strengthen their economy and protect their heritage." Vo The text amendment to the overlay was initially denied by a committee after those state leaders stood against it, but will now go back to a citizen group for changes and compromises before making it's way to county council in April. We'll continue to update you as that draws closer, but for now reporting from Saint Helena, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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Sot: (Michelle Knight - Community and Economic Development Director, Lowcountry Council of Governments) "We have to work in an area where we're serving a majority of low to moderate income people, we have to do that or either address a slum blight issues, or address something that's been deemed an urgent health threat. The best projects that come out of these processes are usually ones that are grass roots community driven." Knight says you can get involved in the process. Beaufort will have a public meeting next Tuesday.

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LL: This summer...Bryan County leaders held input sessions on the priorities residents want considered when mapping out zoning. Now...the county will use that input to make a draft of the plan that will impact development over the next 20 years. VO: The county hopes to have the draft plan available by spring of this year. The plan maps out the county into commercial...residential...and industrial use zones. County leaders say public input showed wide support for expanded recreation. They say there were some questions about how the county will regulate growth as concerns over traffic...pollution...and warehousing remain with more industrial sites opening in the county. County leaders say that input will be used as the draft is created. SOT: "We have 45,000 residents right now and we have a lot of open green space. When we plan appropriately, we can protect that greenspace. We can make sure that industrial buildings and companies are away from those wetlands and greenspaces, and preserve as much environmentally between residential and commercial – we can preserve that space between it as much as possible." LL: Once the draft is complete...the county will make it available for public input again. They hope to have final approval for the plan from the state by the fall of this year. Reporting in Bryan County...FS...WTOCN.

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Plenty of people come to Tybee Island for the beach in the summer, but what about for restaurants in the winter? That's exactly what city officials and restaurant owners alike are hoping will be the case, as the island kicks off Restaurant Week today. "Every day during Restaurant Week, you can go to the different participating businesses and order off of their special menu that they've prepared." Six restaurants elected to create a special menu this year.. Those menus, featuring three of four course meals, all for just 25 to 35 dollars.. It's a bang for your buck, and fun for the chefs creating the menu.. "It does give us the opportunity to throw out some different dishes, test them for an upcoming menu or whatever else, so we have a lot of fun with that." This isn't the first time that Tybee has had Restaurant Week- but it's been gone for the past few years. This year, Tybee Island Main Street took it over from the original organizer- which created quite a bit of buzz. Kendrick: "People are planning birthdays or anniversary dinners or special events with their families around some of the specials that some of these restaurants are doing because they want to be on Tybee and supporting those businesses and get to taste some of those special items that the chefs have put together." And the chefs... just as excited to welcome the community to try their new dishes. Bucci: It's everything. We are a small, community focused business. We are Tybee Island. Most of our customers, if you look around, they're locals. They come and they support us through the low season, especially. Shea: If you don't have a chance to make it out to Restaurant Week this weekend, you haven't missed your chance. The promotion runs until January 30th- so you have until then to try those special menus. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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Looking ahead--- Savannah's iconic globe along Derenne Avenue is getting a makeover. Tomorrow it's getting a fresh paint job. Alderman Nick Palumbo says the globe has been in place since 19-55. And it was last painted in 19-99. Big changes are also coming to the area surrounding the globe. The city will hold a news conference tomorrow to give an update on that project. WTOC will be there and will bring you the latest information on-air and online.

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Landmark 24 is trying to rezone about 100 acres of land off Wild Heron Rd. to residential. They've been trying to convince the community of their plans for six months but just like the Metropolitan Planning Commission denied them -- residents don't want it in their neighborhood. That includes school board member Dr. David Bringman who's lived in Georgetown since 1984. "I believe most people who were here tonight would like the area to stay similar to what it looks like now. Not against growth just not exponential growth of this size. I'm glad that they came and listened. It was unfortunate that they didn't believe that the news that would come here to report on something happening in the community should be reporting." You won't hear from Landmark tonight because they didn't want their presentation recorded, even for residents who weren't able to make it. Many of them have heard of the development plans before -- 399 homes, with a mix of townhomes and single family homes. It's not the rezoning some have a problem with -- it's the scale of it "Split the difference and build 300 homes and not 400 homes so they can have less density and that would reduce the traffic" The land is zoned agricultural.

GEORGETOWN  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
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Developers say this project would take 15 years to complete. Some people also voiced frustration with lack of research and outreach. "What the builder's don't think about is reaching out further than just the immediate community and the high schools that would be impacted. Most of the high schools that would be districted from this area are more full so looking down the road we would have to in the school district think about how those students would impact future enrollment."

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LL Tybee Beach Vacation Rentals Owner, Keith Gay Sr. tells me about 40% of their short-term properties are already booked up for the holiday. He says he expects this to double come St. Patrick's Day. VO Gay says most of these bookings are from Friday, the 17th to Sunday the 19th. He says compared to this time last year, their bookings are a little less. He says he thinks one of the reasons for this is that Savannah has so many more hotel options now. But, as we often see when those get booked for the holiday people look to the outskirts, like Tybee, for places to stay. Gay says there are a lot of 'week of' bookings, so the bookings are coming in at a steady pace right now. SOT "We're seeing, industry wide, people booking closer to arrival date and so I think that's a factor too as we get closer to St. Patrick's Day it'll pick up rapidly and I think that's going to be the case for the spring bookings this year." LLTAG I also checked in with hotels, including Hotel Tybee, to see what their bookings look like. A Hotel Tybee staff member says they're getting calls sporadically for the St. Patrick's Day weekend, but they still have many vacancies. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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			BUILD	Here's a look at the exact location on Apache Road. For those who are local, you'll remember there was	
			MARINA ON	a marina restaurant on the land for years, but it burned down nearly 17 years ago. The land has been	
1/27/2023	4:30PM		SITE OF	vacant since then. Alderman Purtee says he is working with neighbors and the developer as plans for	
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			DEVEL. TO	A new waterfront restaurant is planned for the Southside of Savannah. You are looking at the	
			BUILD	development concept for a 2-acre property on the old site of the Bells Landing restaurant. You can see the	
			MARINA ON	restaurant with waterfront and rooftop dining along with a marina and boat landing. Savannah's District	
1/27/2023	4:30PM		SITE OF	Alderman Kurtis Purtee shared these today on his Facebook page. That's after the Savannah City	
5:29:00 PM	OD		BELLS LAND	Council approved the property rezoning and an alcohol permit for the restaurant.	00:00:29

				(sot) City leaders say they feel like they've put minimum funds into this Art Park, but are getting	
				maximum use. (vo) Crews spread dirt around the outside curbing as they get closer to completion. The	
				city took reached a deal with the railroad to makeover to this vacant lot that's in the right of way. They	
				believe the makeover is both functional and fun. The space will include pads for outdoor art displays.	
				City councilmember Phil Boyum has helped lead the project he says it can help connect city-wide	
				attractions like the Willie McTell trail and other parks all over town. (sot) Eventually, we want to connect	
				all these parks together so people get a sense that the entire city of Statesboro is a place you can walk	
				around. (vo) The project comes in at less than \$60,000..thanks in part to the use of city crews for it. It	
			DOWNTOWN	also features artificial rock from a local recycling company. It can also be removed if the railroad ever	
1/25/2023	4:30PM		STATESBOR	resends the use agreement. (sot) They hope to have it finished and officially opened in early Spring. In	
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12:01:00		GERMAN		Company leaders from Revalyu Resources spoke to community leaders about their planned \$50 million	
AM	11PM OD	RECYCLING	PLANT	facility outside Statesboro. The plant will transform used plastics into yarns that could be used in	
				everything from fabrics to automobile parts, and more.	00:00:15

				Standup The Bridge St streetscape project here in Bluffton is going to use just over \$1,000,000 to make	
				a lot of changes here on this road that runs rights past town hall. Sot: (Pat Rooney - Capital	
				Improvements Project Manager, Bluffton) "Reducing the road width, adding sidewalks, parking, lighting,	
				signage, crosswalks... those kinds of things that will hopefully send a message to motorists to slow	
				down." Vo He says they're trying to make the area safer for pedestrians, while also improving how	
				polluted water leaves the road. Sot "Right now, the water goes directly down the hill and discharges into	
				the cove that goes to the May River. What we're going to do now is collect that water into a storm water	
		BLUFFTON		drainage system." Vo You can see just how close Bridge St is to those waterways. Rooney tells me the	
		BRIDGE ST.		new system will reduce the water that makes its way to the cove and take away its pollutants. On cam	
1/17/2023	5:30pm	CONSTRUCT		tag He tells me that phase one of this project that started in December, should be finished in June and	
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				When I was out here in June for my first check-up, it was very loud as crews were moving materials and	
				bolting in the steel frame of the building. Now, it's much quieter ... because the outside is done and	
				crews are hard at work on the inside. VO The whole exterior of the 25,000 square foot building is intact,	
				and the windows are in. What's left now is a lot of the intricate, time-consuming work in the building. This	
				includes things like getting the command center ready and finishing the elevator shafts and engineering	
				space. Engineering Petty Officer Trey McLendon says once it's all done it'll alleviate a lot of stress on the	
				crew. For example, they don't have the proper engineering shop to be able to work on their vessels right	
				now... but he says they will in the new facility. McLendon says there will also be a recreation center and	
				basketball courts, which he says is key in boosting morale. Something he says has been hard to keep up	
				ever since construction started and they've been living in trailers. SOT "It's one thing to be stuck in, you	
				know, temporary birthing and stuff like that and still running the job and trying not to let it affect the	
				mission, but the morale does suffer after a while. This is their home away from home well over 50% of	
				the time so it'll be nice to have somewhere where they're comfortable and can call their own. They'll be	
				the first ones in there, so we'll get to make it our own." In June, I was told the facility would be done by	
				this spring ... but McLendon says they did have a few setbacks and are now on track to be in by August.	
				We will continue to follow this story because once it's done the public will be invited to come check it out.	
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County leaders say industrializing off of Islands Highway here in Midway has been a goal of the county's, and now the comprehensive plan is on its way to mirroring that goal. However, people who live here in the area say they still feel that their concerns haven't been addressed. These friends and neighbors all live down Islands Highway... and have been making noise over industrial rezoning off of Exit 76... for months. "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, and not getting better results, and I feel like that's what's happened." The county has rezoned several portions of land from agricultural to industrial in past months, each time, with these residents voicing their concerns. "I will say in the last couple of years there's been a tremendous increase in traffic." "We have standing water. Our yard gets flooded, especially when it rains heavy, the water sits there, it takes longer now for that water to go away." Previously, the county's comprehensive plan had much of the area off of Exit 76 planned for agriculture. Now, the county has submitted their plan to the state's Coastal Regional Commission... amending it to allow for industrial growth – the blue and gray areas on this map show the areas now considered for development. Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director of the Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission, says developing the area is important to diversify the county's economy. "That's the area that we have to sell to the world. In order to take advantage of that, and maximize the tax base, we need to allow for a reasonable area around exit 76 to be developed." The plan, with amendments – puts a boundary on industrial rezoning about two and a half miles from the exit. Ricketson says the county won't rezone past that. "Based on everything, I've had a pretty good seat in this process, I would interpret what's happened as a promise to the residents that the two and a half mile limit is pretty reliable." Still – many residents say they're not convinced. "I was told as long as this board was in place, we'll never go further. But what happens when a new board is put in place? That's always a possibility." Now that the plan has been submitted to the state, Ricketson says they should send it back to the county commission in February. LL TAG: Ricketson says he anticipates the county commission voting on the final version of the amended comprehensive plan sometime in March. In Midway, HB WTOC NEWS.

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World Trade Center Savannah is partnering with local communities for a public discussion on the impacts of the Hyundai Motor plant coming to the area. The program is meant to educate people on the culture shock families coming from South Korea may face as they move here for work. The most recent seminar was in Effingham County. One cultural consultant says she's worked with the company before and these seminars are standard procedure.

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2/1/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD HYUNDAI SUPPLIER TO CHATHAM CO. The company says they hope to make Savannah a place for new ideas in the auto-maker world, writing in a statement, "we hope that it will not only provide new jobs in the region but also contribute to making Savannah a central city for automobile development and production." 00:00:16

This library has been here since the 60s and the last time it was renovated was in the 90s. Staff here says everything is new except the bricks and steel beams holding it up. "Even when it was in disrepair, and everything was so old, and the roof was leaking, and the carpet was awful they still loved it and I was like 'ya'll kind of deserve a little bit better.'" Even though this old library was a sanctuary space for some, staff says many people didn't necessarily feel that way. "They kind of had a bad view of the library." Ochoopee Regional Library Director Cameron Asbell says she had a big job to do when she became director in 2016. "We just had to change peoples' perception of the library." Asbell says she and the library board needed to show people that they were willing to put in work to turn this old and dark library around. One of the first people they went to was State Senator Blake Tillery. "He told Cameron, 'come up with the plans for a 21st century library.'" And that's what they did. Library board member Howard Holman says the state gave them \$3 million for renovations and with a restored confidence from the community they raised about \$800,000 locally. The biggest donors are who the library is now named after, Dr. Mark and Tonya Spivey. This support ... means so much. "They were given an opportunity to participate. They could've said 'no we're not interested in supporting the library.'" The new space is equipped with about 80,000 books and things like the Ladson Genealogy Library, a teen room, a community room, a teaching kitchen, study rooms with smartboards, and a Spark Lab for weekly kids' STEM programming. "Every week we have slime making and they build little robots, and they do all kinds of stuff. This space gives us a chance to have it open every afternoon instead of once a week." Asbell and Holman say a library brings so much value to the community. "We usually checked out about 48,000-49,000 books a year. 20,000 people a year to come in to use the computers." And it was a constant during the COVID-19 pandemic. "When those security offices were shut down and DFCS, we were here and open helping people keep their benefits and kind of keep things moving." Asbell says there's so much pent-up excitement about this project and she hopes that same excitement continues when it's done. "I hope they continue to support it. I hope they don't forget about it in a few years and it kind of falls in decline." LLTAG This project wasn't even supposed to get started until next year, so they're way ahead of schedule with construction expected to be done in just two weeks. In March, there will be a soft opening for the public and then on April 13 they will have their grand opening. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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Need another reason to head out to the Lowcountry - Hilton Head Island's annual Restaurant Week is happening now through Saturday. More than 50 restaurants are offering a specially-priced menu options as well as signature dishes, new meals, and more. For more information on each event, head over to our website WTOC dot com. Just look for the community page.

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Standing room only in the Cooper Center Thursday night while CenterPoint developers tried telling residents their plans for an industrial site behind the farmer's market. But they didn't get to say much --- "I don't want to keep yall from talking but I do want to be able to show for whoever would like to see the exhibits I'm happy to do that" "...we don't want to see that." Rossignol Hill residents in Garden City showed up -- some with signs -- saying "Profit or People" "Everybody come to garden city all they wanna do is make money. Nobody wanna say we wanna help yall." "Father didn't take no stuff, momma don't take no stuff, and I guess I'm not taking any either" "You can build as high as you want the noise still gonnna be there...the backup noise i can still hear it in my sleep....beep beep" They even tried to get answers from city leaders like the mayor "Are we going to hear from our elected officials?"s And the city manager did attempt to address the crowd, but some people got ignored who wanted answers "Mr city manager....mr city manager...mr city manager" A couple of city leaders did voice where they stand -- "Whatever my community says,,Because I live here I grew up here is what the hell I'm gon do" "I am accountable to the citizens of garden city,i am accountable to the city of garden city, the developer and most of all myself" Developers wanted a chance for residents to hear them out -- saying they have listened, increased the buffer and added screened fencing around the warehouse and container yard "How would you feel if this were your property? If you owned this property and it's been in your family for 51 years"

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LL: The new pipes will add capacity along Claxton's gas line that runs near where I am at Hyundai's construction site. Even though Claxton is nearly 30 miles away from here...the city's mayor says the impact from this expansion will be immediate. PKG: Claxton leaders are hoping that expansions to their gas lines fuel future growth. The city...recently signing an agreement with Hyundai to add capacity to an existing city-owned pipeline to bring natural gas to the automaker's Metaplant. "When Hyundai bought the property in that area, we started talking about negotiating with them to build additional capacity to be able to supply the Hyundai plant itself." According to maps from the project's engineer...the 8-mile section of the pipeline runs along Highways 80 and 2-80. A new 12-inch line will be added to existing 4-inch pipes along Highway 80. From there...8-inch lines will be installed along 2-80...eventually delivering gas to the Hyundai site. The project is expected to cost roughly 14 million dollars. According to the agreement...Hyundai will pay for roughly 10 million dollars of it...with Claxton responsible for the rest. "The facility will be funded by additional businesses, industries that we're adding on, so that'll take care of the cost of the project itself." Mayor Branch says Claxton is also getting help from the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia. Ultimately...he says the line expansion will pave the way for more growth once the Hyundai plant opens. "It'll let us immediately benefit from all the growth and activity going on in the state. We see the need for more housing. So, housing comes people, comes services, comes retail activities. So, it's going to be a plus for us." LL: The city says they'll keep their current pipeline operational. Mayor Branch says the line should have the expanded capacity needed to service the Hyundai site by January of next year. In Ellabell...FS...WTOCN.

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((SHEA)) According to the Jesup Housing Authority, they already have land set aside so when they receive their share of the funds- they're going to be ready to build affordable workplace housing. ((VO)) Mark Watson, the Executive Director of the Jesup Housing Authority, says they've acquired those properties through their non-profit, Wayne Housing Partners. Right now, they have enough property to build 8 to 10, 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom homes. Those properties would be rented out to local workers. The need for this, Watson says, is growing in Wayne County. He says that homeowners have been taking advantage of the housing market by selling off their rental properties- severely decreasing the number of homes available to rent. That could in turn, be a barrier for people trying to move their families or their businesses to the area. "You've got folks that are just getting out of college that are coming back to the area and looking for a place to live. The average home market price in 2022 for a house here Jesup/Wayne County was a little over 330-thousand dollars, so obviously they can't afford to come back and make a purchase of a home like that, so they need a place to stay to build some equity and build some savings and be able to do that. Shea: Watson says he's meeting with state officials on Wednesday to see what portion of that money the Jesup and Wayne County area might be able to get. Reporting in Jesup, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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2/6/2023 5:30pm SAV HHI  
6:29:00 PM OD AIRPORT 2022 They're hoping that active investment will support another record setting year. New numbers released today show more than 3 point 5 million people traveled through the airport in 2022. That's a new record...and a 27 percent increase over the year before. The numbers show most of those people flew Delta, with Southwest and United coming in at numbers two and three. 00:00:22  
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2/6/2023 5:30pm SAV HHI  
6:29:00 PM OD AIRPORT 2022 The airport commission's executive director said of the numbers, "This expected growth will require larger facilities and those projects are already either underway or in the design phase at the current time. 00:00:15  
NUMBERS We look forward to another busy year here at SAV."

2/8/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD SHEA: ((PKG)) "I know it intimately. I know this business so well, I know our product, I know our mission." That mission, Audran says, is to cultivate a sense of stewardship with everyone that passes through the Science Center. Getting people into the Center through community outreach is a big part of that.. the other is having something amazing for them to see when they walk through the door. Audran: "I have a degree in marine science to be able to bring research and interactive exhibits into our building is going to be a goal for me. I think it's an awesome opportunity. We have a home in this new science center, and now let's fill it with everything we can dream of." The hope, Audran says, is that those exhibits will really catch people's attention, and hopefully stay with them long after they leave the Science Center. Audran: "If they meet a sea turtle and now they fill in holes at the beach during the summer nesting season or they take down their beach supplies, or they take down their sandcastle- if we leave them with this sense of urgency to take action for nature, then we've done our job. So it's definitely an honor." 00:01:05  
MARINE SCIENCE CENTER

"It's really important to us that everybody from Savannah comes out and enjoys it whether they do or do not like golf." Tournament Director of The Club Car Championship Cheyenne Overby says they prepare for tournament week year-round. The tournament runs from March 20-26. Overby says there are 156 players who will tee off in round one on the 23rd. 30 of them will receive status on the PGA Tour the following season. "The future Sam Burns, Scottie Schefflers, Max Homas, those guys have all played in Savannah and been a part of this and now they're household names on Saturday and Sunday." Overby says there's something for everyone during tournament week. Activities include things like the Outrun Hunger Fore Kids Café 5k, an Executive Women's Day and this year they're holding their first concert on the range, Saturday night, featuring Yacht Rock Revue. "All Saturday tournament tickets, no matter which ticket you have, includes access to the concert and that'll kick off at about 7:00 p.m. after our military appreciation ceremony." Overby says the tournament brings in \$3-\$5 million. All of the money goes right back into the local community. "Our tournament donates all of our net proceeds to our nine official charity partners. Last year we donated over \$370,000 in a single season." Some of the charities include Park Place Outreach, Savannah CASA, EmployAbility and more. Overby says their overall goal is for this to be a community event where everyone feels like they're a part of it. "We want you to come out, be a part of it and find something that's great for you and a good fit for you and your family." Mariah Congedo WTOG News.

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2/15/2023 5:30pm  
6:29:00 PM OD DELEWARE  
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Check it out - you can see city leaders cutting the ribbon on the reopening of the Delaware Center. The \$1-point-6 million dollar revitalization was funded through the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. Savannah Mayor Van Johnson recognizing the impact the center has in the area

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Check this out - the city of Port Wentworth is getting ready for a major face lift. Today they broke ground on the single largest investment ever made by the city. This 150 acre sports and entertainment park is expected to have everything from football fields to a splash pad and an amphitheater. The director of leisure services for the city says the location off of Monteith Road is one of the most exciting parts of the project.

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2/20/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD TYBEE ST. PATRICKS DAY PREPS

The island's parade committee says this week is when everything kicks into gear for them and it's also the last week they'll be taking applications for participants. VO The parade will be held on March 11 at 3:00 p.m. Chairman of the Tybee Island Irish Heritage Parade, Jay Burke says they're on track to have up to 90 entries in the parade, which means they're just about full. Some of the entries include the Grand Marshal for Savannah's St. Patrick's Day parade and their parade committee, local Tybee organizations and council members, state representatives, military bands and more. It's a family-friendly parade and everyone is invited to come out. Burke says they do have one change this year and that's where the parade route starts. SOT "This year it's going to be starting right there at the YMCA between 5th and 6th Street because we're renovating the City Hall. That'll be the big change for us this year moving it a little bit south. It'll be ending past Fannie's on 18th Street, so it's the same route it's just going to be a block or two shorter." After the parade, Burke says they will have some entertainment on the pier. If you're interested in applying to be in the parade, you can find a link for the application on our website wtoc.com just look for this story. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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2/21/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SAVANNAH MONOPOLY

Game makers announced today that the new edition will feature locally themed squares and playing cards unique to the Hostess City. Monopoly's manufacturer is even looking for your thoughts on what landmarks should be included. Organizers say local input is crucial to the game's success. Savannah is the first city from Georgia to be featured in the game. The Savannah edition is set to be released in November. For info on how you can give input on what landmarks should be included...just look for this story on our website... W-T-O-C dot com.

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2/21/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD DAL: STATESBORO CITY BUSES

The City of Statesboro moved a step closer to a public transit system. (nat) With the arrival of four 8-passenger buses that will start their routes this spring. (vo) They've been waiting for them since Fall. The city says supply chain issues kept them delayed. The city will operate two basic daytime routes to criss-cross the city. But they can adjust and adapt based on demand. City leaders say the bus system could help some people get to work, medical treatment, or other places that are out of reach now. (sot) If you have a car in Statesboro, you have access to all of Statesboro. Some of our residents don't have access to Statesboro in its entirety. We're hoping this helps solve that problem. (vo) City council must still formally approve the partnership with the Regional Development Commission to run the buses and get them decaled with logos on the outside and technology inside. (sot) And we'll keep you updated when the buses get closer to starting their routes. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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(PKG) Tybee Main Street's annual planning meeting looked a little bit different this year, as it wasn't just board members that had a seat at the table, but Main Street's partner organizations as well. There were representatives from the Post Theater, the Marine Science Center, Tybee MLK, TIMA, and the YMCA participating in the meeting- which included brainstorm sessions and open discussion. "We want to make sure that what Main Street is focusing on is aligning with our mission and our vision statement, but also with what our partners and our community is interested in, too." One topic discussed is possibly giving out a business-of-the-month award and opening up promotion through Tybee Main Street to non-profits. A big talker, too, was the possibility expanding the "turtle-friendly" designation restaurants can receive from Fight Dirty Tybee and Tybee Clean Beach. Kendrick: "Main Street wants to try to find some ways that we can partner and grow that initiative to other types of businesses on the island and possibly even making our events more sustainable and eco-friendly." One thing Main Street will definitely be moving forward with this year, Kendrick says, is the beautification of the South-end business district. Kendrick: "It is our traditional downtown district on Tybee Island, and eventually when we finish the South-end district, we want to expand those beautification efforts to the North end and the middle island, as well." Shea: Nothing that was talked about in this meeting today is final yet, but Tybee Main Street will be finalizing a list of bullet points of what they hope to move forward with in the future. Reporting on Tybee Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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PKG "We're just trying to revitalize our downtown and put these old buildings to use." For two and half years, Lyons Main Street Director Daphne Walker says they've been hard at work making this project come to life. "It's our largest project." This three-story brick building has a long history. "This was a car and auto shop, so we redid the floors. You can still see some paint and oil stains in the floors." And Walker says at one point it was a space the Shriner's used. Most recently, it housed the Altamaha Heritage Museum. Walker says the museum didn't really get a lot of attention though because they could only be open for short periods of time. "By making this move we can have the museum open all the time." Walker says they will be able to expand the operating hours because the welcome center, main street offices and the museum will share the new building and be staffed every day. "I have a few sets that will be permanent like my moonshine still, the turpentine exhibit and a giant barn loom." Walker says the other exhibits will rotate, so people can experience something new each time they come. "I'm hoping that we can get some local history and pictures that we can add in and really give this community somewhere to go and learn and share." Walker says they've done \$130,000 in renovations so far. This project, she says, is thanks to the success of some of the city's biggest events including the Soap Box Derby and the Real Squeal BBQ and Music Festival. "Funds that we receive from hosting these events, we pour back into the community." LLTAG If you're wanting to check it out, Walker says they will be all moved in by the end of March. As for the old welcome center, it'll be up to the Lyons Downtown Development Authority to decide what it'll be used for. In Lyons, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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\*nats of announcer\* From the moment the Bananas took to the field... \*nats of game\* ...fans couldn't contain their excitement. "It feels bananas" Following last year's season that saw the team go viral...the Bananas are embarking on a cross-country tour...bringing Banana Ball and some former Major League players to the rest of the country. "It gives us total freedom. A couple nights ago, we had Johnny Damon play for us. Where will you ever see that again? We've got guys who can do anything they want because they're a part of Banana Ball and that's the fun." The team will play 30 games in Savannah as part of the tour. Last season, the team announced their split from the Coastal Plain League...opting for year round Banana Ball. "It's a two hour time limit. Fan catches foul balls for an out. There's no bunting. There's no walks. There's no mound visits. It's like every moment matters." Fans saying they're excited for the changes. "I think it's great. Looking for to-- MLB is doing changes too." "I think it's great for Savannah. I think it's great for tourism. People are coming from all over to see the Bananas play so I think they're doing a really great job." So far this tour...the team has played in front record crowds in Florida. Team officials say demand is high...with half a million people on the waiting list for tickets. The home opener was sold out. "We've met people from California and Texas and different countries and everyone's descending on Savannah to see this crazy thing that it happening at Grayson Stadium." \*nats\* The Bananas hoping to peel away from conventional baseball and bring the so-called party to the Hostess City and across the country. In Savannah....Flynn Snyder...WTOC News.

2/26/2023 11PM FLYNN:  
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((SHEA)) With the RBC Heritage taking place the week after the Masters, in years past, some of golf's top players have skipped it to take a break. This year, however, it's going to be different. With the PGA Tour implementing "designated events", top players are required to play at the RBC Heritage. ((VO)) Designated events are part of the PGA's response to LIV Golf, a professional golf tour financed by Saudi Arabia. The idea is to get golf's top players in the world at the same tournaments more often. Players who finished in the top 20 of last year's player impact program are required to play in all of the PGA's designated events, except for one of their choice. Because of these new rules, purses- or prize money- for the designated events have gone up. This year, the RBC Heritage carries a 20-million dollar purse and some of golf's top names- like Rory Mclroy, Xander Schauffele, and reigning champ Jordan Spieth, will compete for it. ((SOT)) "We can't just sit back and pat ourselves on the back and say, 'Okay, great, we're designated.' Now we need to really step up our game, and we want those guys, whether it's the players or the tour, or additional CBS support, or if it's the families, we want them to go 'Oh, you know what, that three hour trip from Augusta is fine, we are going to continue to come back.'" ((SHEA)) Because of the star power that this year's tournament has, RBC Heritage organizers are expecting record crowds here at Harbour Town Golf Links. I'm working on that story for you about how they're getting ready for all those fans, coming up on THE News at 6. Reporting on Hilton Head Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

2/27/2023 4:30PM SHEA: RBC  
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The Club Car Championship at The Landings kicks it all off on March 20th. Organizers say 156 players will tee off in round one on the 23rd. There's a lot at stake - 30 of them will get P-G-A Tour status the following season. WTOC is working on plans to cover what's considered the most famous tournament in the game - the Masters. The 20-23 Masters at Augusta National starts on April 6th and wraps up on the 9th. The R-B-C follows that tournament. Again, the start date is April 10th.

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2/27/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD NEW SCREVEN CO. PLANT BRINGING JOBS

(sot) A new company will bring around 80 new jobs to Screven County, using a building that's been around for a long time. (vo) Governor Bryan Kemp announced Idea Nuova would set up a textile operation here to make pillows, quilts and more. This comes only a few months after Millicken closed down it's facility a few miles away. County leaders say the timing could help everyone. (sot) So I think, for Idea Nuova, this is perfect for them because they have additional work force to hire. (vo) They'll move into a facility that has recently held Sylvania Yarn Systems and Elk International. With the building already here, the company could be ruling as early as next month. (sot) And we'll keep you updated on their progress. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

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2/27/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD RBC HERITAGE MEDIA DAY CITY PREPS

((PKG)) Preparations are underway here at Harbour Town Golf Links, where RBC Heritage organizers are expecting a record number of spectators to gather in about six weeks. "We're designated, but we want the experience to be elevated in a way that people are gonna go, 'I want to go back.'" That means offering comfortable amenities to all those that will be hanging out on the links- many of whom may be there for an entire week. "Parking, bathrooms access, food and beverage access. All those areas are being thought through in a very comprehensive manner." Spectator stands and different tents are already in the process of being built around the course. The course is still open for play now- but the week before the tournament, it'll close down for final preparations. Farrell: "The inaugural Heritage, there was still paint wet on some of the buildings around here. There have been some years where there's been play on the front nine and we've been finishing on the back nine, but as of late, the last number of years, we're ready in advance week. Usually Masters week." It's not just the course that's preparing for an influx of people. The Town of Hilton Head Island is used to hosting tourists- but in preparation for the tournament, they'll be taking extra measures. "We're sprucing up the areas. We're making sure the medians are cleaner, just giving it a spring cleaning, so to say. Making certain that it represents, well, when the tourists come into Hilton Head for the tournament, that it represents the same thing that Sea Pines is trying to represent as well, and that is class and excellence." There's still work to be done- but organizers say they're all working toward making this year's Heritage the event of a lifetime. Fuller: "Don't miss this Heritage. This is gonna be a real celebration of the game, of the island, of the State. It's gonna be a wonderful thing to be part of, and you're gonna look back on it and say, 'I was there when this happened.'" Shea: The RBC Heritage Tournament kicks off on April 10th, and of course, that is the week right after the Masters. We'll have coverage of both of those tournaments right here on WTOC. Reporting on Hilton Head Island, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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" I think the tournaments we play on the Korn Ferry Tour are when we come to communities like The Landings. You get a ton of local suppoort and you usually get pretty pristine golf courses like we see here. You definitely see an increase in fans and spectators when you got to a club or a community that really shows out to support the event. I think that's when the Korn Ferry Tour gets the most support." I think it has really cemented itself as the best tournament on the Korn Ferry Tour and I think that's a product of how the players love to come back here. We love to embrace them, so it's been pretty special to watch. And I think what we always want people to expect is more fan experience. It's our No. 1 focus. We want everyone in Savannah to come out here, have something to do whether they are watching golf, not watching golf. So, they can expect more of that. We hope we see everybody out here at the Club Car Concert on the Range powered by Trojan Battery with Yacht Rock review on Saturday. That is Saturday of tournament week, so March 25th. And with the addition of that public concert, Cheyenne says they are expecting Saturday this year to be the biggest and busiest day in tournament history.

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3/1/2023	MORNIN	TIM: CLUB	Club Car Championship organizers outlined plans for the sixth annual Korn Ferry Tour event at The Landings Club. Former Georgia Southern golfer Steven Fisk was among the current and former Korn Ferry pros on hand. The tournament in four weeks will grow again in 2023 with the addition of a public concert on Saturday, food truck concessions on the course and the same picturesque setting of The Landings Deer Creek course continuing to make Savannah's pro event one of the most popular on the Korn Ferry Tour.	00:00:30
10:00:00 AM	G BREAK	CAR		
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3/6/2023		EFFINGHAM	"Well I can't see any filming from where I'm standing at the road closure next to Chester Thomas Rd but take a look at this Black van coming by. It's just one of the several that have passed by me so far." "It'll be exciting to see." An exciting moment indeed for Henry Roberson who lives near where Fear the Walking Dead season eight is being filmed. Savannah film agency Stalwart Productions has been filming the TV series in Savannah and made their way to Effingham County. Roberson says he's been living here for 23 years and is happy to see Effingham County in the spotlight. "We never seen nothing like this come through these parts. So, it will be nice to have something to uplift the county so it will be nice to see." Filming here in Effingham will only last for the day and will continue in Savannah. Camille Syed	00:00:48
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	MOVIE	WTOC News.	
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3/6/2023		BO:	As for where the timeline to open the massive Hyundai plant project in Bryan County stands today... The company officially broke ground back in October. It was expected to begin construction until January of this year. It's expected to be in full production in the first half of 2025. That facility alone will be a 5 point 5 billion dollar investment expected to bring 81-hundred jobs to the area. WTOC will continue to bring you new developments linked to the project. Everything we know right now is posted on WTOC dot com.	00:00:31
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	HYUNDAI		
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3/6/2023		HYUNDAI	New at 5 - Savannah Economic Development Authority President and C-E-O Trip Tollison says it's an exciting day for Chatham County, writing in a statement, "P-H-A is a great company and well regarded in the industry. We look forward to working with them as they build their new facility and begin operations in the Savannah region."	00:00:20
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SUPPLIER		
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3/6/2023		GA MOVIE	That's a new industry record... with more productions than ever before coming to the Peach State... and everything from massive franchises like Marvel and Stranger Things to the independent films and television crews coming here to film.	00:00:14
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As for where the timeline to open the massive Hyundai plant project in Bryan County stands today... The company officially broke ground back in October. It wasn't expected to begin construction until January of this year. It's expected to be in full production in the first half of 2025. That facility alone will be a 5 point 5 billion dollar investment expected to bring 81-hundred jobs to the area. WTOC will continue to bring you new developments linked to the project. Everything we know right now is posted on WTOC dot com.

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"As you turn the corner on Waters Avenue and see this coming down the street it feels much like when Dorothy stepped out into Oz and it turns into technicolor and comes to life." For Waters Café owner Clinton Edminster bringing Waters Avenue back to life was always part of the plan. "I was just enchanted by this area and I feel like a lot of us has felt it, like, 'where has Waters Avenue gone? Why is nothing happening, why has nothing really stuck?'" So, Clinton took it upon himself to hopefully change that...starting with this once abandoned building. "It's not a big space but the idea here is really big. What we're trying to do is a big thing." And to accomplish this 'big thing' Edminster sought out help from the community... "Really from the get-go, from the ground floor, we wanted to make people feel part of it and they are. Literally all the tables all the chairs have names." Raising money for the café by selling the naming rights...to, well, anything....and anyone." "Farty McFartFace and some other ones I probably can't say on TV." But that's not the only way he's offering locals a chance to be part of Waters Café. "You can get a Waters Café t-shirt that's produced right across the street at Studio 13." Bringing the community and local business together...while aiming to address a very real issue. "There's a huge need for affordable food in this area and that's exactly what we're trying to do and exactly what we're trying to deliver." Working to keep prices down...and quality high. "A grilled cheese with jalapenos for \$5 and a \$2 cup of coffee, you won't find many places like that in Savannah. I really appreciate the model here that it's for the community by the community." So, sure Waters Café has a unique look... "It looks like psychedelic grandma's house." But maybe it's just a reflection of our community, colorful, a little quirky and a little messy, that wouldn't be the same without each one of us playing as part of it. "I hope we do see more businesses around this area that are unique and small and built up with just as much love as we've been able to put in here. That could create an incredible community."

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3/9/2023 BREAK WATERS  
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Take pkg Sot "We have over 110 entries." Vo It'll be one of the biggest parades Hilton Head has ever seen, with plenty of music on hand. Sot: (Lynne Hummell - Media Coordinator, HHI St. Patrick's Committee) "We have the army, the navy, the marine corps, border patrol..." Vo Plus high school bands and more. There's a lot on the way, needing a bunch of space to set up. Sot: (Gabrielle Muething - Chair, HHI St. Patrick's Committee) "Staging includes all of this and the parking lot the public beach parking lot." Vo One of the bands you'll see is the Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums, who I met up with as they got onto Hilton Head. Sot: (Paul Boyle - Pipe Sgt., Boston Police Gaelic Column of Pipes and Drums) "We play mostly Irish music and we make our settings such that it kind of coincides with if you were singing the tunes." Vo They're still unpacking all the instruments, so you'll have to wait to hear them, but their first performance is set for Saturday's Irish festival. It's their 7th year here, telling me they had to come back. Sot "The parade is huge, the people are enormously friendly." Vo The organizers say there's one more thing working in their favor. Sot "And mother nature has already cleaned all the pollen away." On cam tag: If you're coming out to the island for that parade on Sunday, we'll hope for some better weather than we have right now but there are a few things you need to know, like first it's going to kick off from Lowcountry Celebration Park starting at 3 pm. Secondly, this road right behind me - Pope Avenue - it's the main drag of the parade and it's going to closed down at 2 p.m., so no traffic through after that point. And lastly you might expect to see some of your favorite WTOC members in the parade itself so look out for us and say hello. For now though reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.

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3/10/2023 5:30pm PARADE &  
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These two new pickleball courts where I'm standing are the newest additions to renovate Cracker Williams Park here in Jesup. Mayor Ralph Hickox says the city began renovating the park three years ago, to include an updated playground for children to enjoy. When all renovations are complete-- he estimates total cost to be nearly \$1 million dollars. The addition of pickleball courts is the most recent-- and was completed in a little over a month. It was officially opened to the public last week. The new courts cost around \$1,500, and all park improvements come out of the city's general fund. Hickox says people have already begun appreciating the updates. "We provide services from water to police to fire, but these are the things that they enjoy. When you're able to provide this and see them enjoying it, it's fulfilling as an elected official to feel like you had something to do with it. It makes you proud to be a part of it. All of our city commissioners have worked really hard on it." LL TAG: The next project planned as part of the renovations is building a new community pool, according to Mayor Hickox. In Jesup, HB

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(sot) Hundreds of Evans Memorial patients must be transferred out to other hospitals near and far for services like Intensive Care Units and more. Hospital leaders here say they need to be able to offer those services to serve patients in the community. (vo) Demolition work rolls along in the area that will become a four-bed ICU. Walls will be replaced with glass sections to allow nurses to better watch patients and bring in equipment in a matter of seconds. (sot) These rooms will have much more access to immediate nursing care, immediate respiratory care, more intensive monitoring abilities. (vo) The hospital's CEO says Evans Memorial can serve the community better if they can provide a larger range of services and keep more patients here for treatment locally. (sot) As we often say we want you to 'buy local', but we also want you to 'seek care local' because if people don't seek local care, those facilities might one day not be available. (vo) The demo and construction will cost roughly \$900,000. The hospital was one of ten statewide to receive rural health grants to help adapt to community needs and stay in business. (sot) They hope to have the construction finished in May and have equipment and everything else in place to serve patients in June. In Claxton, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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New tonight-- Savannah Officials revealing the city's new and improved Blackshear Park. A ribbon cutting was held today to show off the restorations. It's located on Wheaton Street. Several parts of the park got a makeover. That includes the basketball courts, play ground equipment, picnic area and more. This work was all part of the city's Recreation Reimagined initiative.

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<p>3/6/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD</p>	<p>ENMARKET ARENA PARK &amp; TRAIL MTG</p>	<p>The city says the focus will be on getting feedback from the community on the vision for the Wetland Preserve Park and Nature Trail. That's the passive educational park that will be developed in the years ahead. The city says it will feature amenities associated with Savannah's culture, history and ecosystem. The funding for the project is coming from a grant from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The meeting is tomorrow from 6 to 7 in the Community Room at Enmarket Arena. If you attend the meeting, you can park for free in Lot J by entering from Gwinnett Street.</p>	<p>00:00:34</p>
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<p>3/13/2023 5:30pm 5:29:00 PM OD</p>	<p>TYBEE ST. PATRICK'S DAY TRANSPORT</p>	<p>((PKG)) "It's a huge operation. Tybee, we normally use about 40 vehicles just for the Tybee back and forth run. They say every 30 minutes, but sometimes we get a little busy and we're running a little faster than that." GFX If you want to use the shuttle, - there are four pickup/dropoff locations available on Tybee: River's End Campground and RV Park, the lighthouse, the DeSoto Beach Club, and Hotel Tybee. The shuttle will run from there, to the pickup/dropoff location in downtown Savannah: the Marriott Savannah Riverfront on the East end of Bay Street- not to be confused with JW Marriott in the Plant Riverside District. VO: You can buy a wristband at any of the pickup locations. Serpa: "That gets you back and forth all day, as many times as you want. Say you forgot something at your bed and breakfast, you need to run back, you want to come back downtown later, your wristband is good all day." It's a convenient option for paradegoers that want to retreat to the calm of Tybee Island at the end of the night.. and, one hotel owner tells me, is a good incentive to get people to stay on the island on St. Patrick's Day weekend. "We have a good amount of people that decide to stay on Tybee to travel into Savannah for the parade, which hopefully that'll bring more tourists to the island to be able to travel that way."</p>	<p>00:01:16</p>
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"As the ghost pirates are looking for a permanent training facility that would benefit them and the community, Pooler Councilwoman Karen Williams says the area of Tom Triplett Park would be the perfect place for it. She joined county commissioner Aaron Whitely in seeing another facility that would look similar to the Ghost Pirate's in Jacksonville. Take a look at what it looks like." They visited the Jacksonville Ice Men training facility called the Community First Igloo. It has two skating areas for the community and the hockey team, a restaurant and store. A Ghost Pirates representative was also on the trip. President of the Ghost Pirates Bob Ohrablo tells me this is the exact concept they have for the rink in Chatham County and possibly Pooler. He says they want to also offer community hockey lessons for the less fortunate. Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely likes the idea of bringing a similar facility to Tom Triplett Park, which is owned by the county. However, he's concerned the location won't be accessible for people living on the other side of the county. "But aside from that it sounds great. But again we're in the exploratory stages of it now, so I don't want to create any misconceptions that this is something that Chatham County is completely one board with at this point. Our staff is working to get all of the information, the data and engaging with the ownership group to see what this deal would look like." He says the facility can bring in needed tax dollars to the community. The decision is up to the county commission. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Savannah's St. Patrick's Day draws visitors from across the country...causing local hotels to fill up fast. And with this year's celebrations happening on a Friday...the CEO of Savannah's Tourism Leadership Council expects more rooms to be filled. "It's fairly common that we get really close to sellout when it's on a Friday, little lighter occupancy when it's on the weekdays. I think everybody believes that we always sell out for St. Patrick's Day. That hasn't been the case for many, many years." But it'll be close. According to data from the council...Chatham County's 17-thousand hotel rooms are expected to be 99 percent full by Friday and Saturday. That's just over 31-thousand overnight visitors. Owens expects other visitors to stay outside of the city. "When we see our occupancies increase in Savannah, the rates go up with that so we see those more cost sensitive go out to Pooler, Richmond Hill and Tybee Island. So, our success is everybody else's success too." City leaders say the crowds have already arrived with the bulk of revelers expected to come on Thursday. "I think it's very difficult to get a hotel room within 45 miles of Savannah." And if you \*are\* staying in the Hostess City...hotels like the Hyatt Regency say they've been planning for St. Patrick's Day since the fall. "For this weekend, it's all hands on deck. Everybody's working, even the folks who are typically Monday-Friday. So we probably got about 30-40 extra folks than we normally would."

SAVANNAH  
HOTEL  
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Longer days, college basketball conversations and usually warmer weather welcomes Korn Ferry Tour professionals to Savannah every year. But a lot more about the Club Car Championship draws players here. "Talking with a lot of the players and caddies, it's one of the premier events here on the Korn Ferry Tour. We're taking care of so well up here. "It seems like the community here at The Landings and Savannah really rallies around this tournament, so it's super exciting for all of us. In its first five years, the local event has built a strong reputation with players that now in Year 6 distinguishes it from most other Korn Ferry events. "even just with the grandstands and the ropes everywhere, it's pretty impressive with the infrastructure you guys have put up here and we're looking forward to the week. T.J. Vogel has unique memories coming back to him in Savannah. But winning the Club Car last year is not the only reason he is excited to return this year. "If there was one place I would have loved to win it was here. This is just a special place and it's a great tournament. It's one of my favorites all year. "The community is very involved. We have a ton of volunteers, great volunteers. We feel like they want us here, which is important. And if all doesn't go well around the course this week, players still have the surroundings to enjoy. "Walking along the waterfront is awesome. I love downtown Savannah, it has a really cool vibe to it, the food is awesome. I'm actually looking forward to going back tonight. Tim Gudera, WTOC news.

3/21/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD KORN FERRY: CLUB CAR CHAMP 00:01:30

It is Savannah fare on the fairways at Savannah's professional golf tournament this week, whether fans are teeing off on some tacos or grabbing a burger for the back 9. "I'm impressed with this. I flew out for the tournament from California and I wanted to get some Southern food and I think I'm going to get it today. At the Club Car Championship, local food trucks are serving as the concessions this year – expanding snacking options for spectators and further increasing an always-growing Savannah flavor at the event on Skidaway Island. "It's a good way to get the community engaged. Obviously they're all over Savannah, so we wanted them to be part of this tournament and maybe bring some of their followers out to the tournament as well. "It's great to be out here. We were out here last year and we got a great response from the community "Having the tournament incorporate food trucks from the local businesses just gets our name out and gets us out in the community even more than we already are. And the popularity of food trucks right now ... "it's the accessibility of our food outside our brick and mortar, which is really neat. ... could make the Club Car even more popular with fans in its sixth year. "They're excited about it. They're asking who's going to be where. They're excited. Tim Guidera, WTOC news.

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3/24/2023	9:00:00 AM	MORNIN G BREAK OD 3 24	TIM: CLUB CAR FOOD TRUCKS	It is Savannah fare on the fairways at Savannah's professional golf tournament this week, whether fans are teeing off on some tacos or grabbing a burger for the back 9. "I'm impressed with this. I flew out for the tournament from California and I wanted to get some Southern food and I think I'm going to get it today. At the Club Car Championship, local food trucks are serving as the concessions this year – expanding snacking options for spectators and further increasing an always-growing Savannah flavor at the event on Skidaway Island. "It's a good way to get the community engaged. Obviously they're all over Savannah, so we wanted them to be part of this tournament and maybe bring some of their followers out to the tournament as well. "It's great to be out here. We were out here last year and we got a great response from the community "Having the tournament incorporate food trucks from the local businesses just gets our name out and gets us out in the community even more than we already are. And the popularity of food trucks right now ... "it's the accessibility of our food outside our brick and mortar, which is really neat. ... could make the Club Car even more popular with fans in its sixth year. "They're excited about it. They're asking who's going to be where. They're excited.	00:01:15
3/28/2023	4:29:00 PM	4:30PM OD	VICTORY DRIVE ALDI PERMIT	New at 4:30 - Plans to bring a new grocery store to the Victory Drive corridor in Savannah are moving forward. You're looking at new video from that area... Aldi has applied for a permit for a lot between Dixie Avenue and Wicklow Street. The Savannah City Council approved a zoning change for the area last year. It includes a potential development including a multi-family housing complex with up to 280 units.	00:00:24
3/28/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	UPWARD BUILDING UNDERWAY	You've probably seen the beginning phases of upward building at the mega-site if you've driven through Bryan County. The site's lead inspector told county commissioners earlier this month the steel for key buildings was expected to arrive. That means metal could go up as early as last week. The county's board chair says work is on schedule...but that they have had to adjust some things to fix dust concerns in the area. The site is expected to bring more than 8-thousand jobs and produce 300,000 units each year. Production is slated to start in early 2025.	00:00:33
3/30/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SCREVEN LIVESTOCK FEST PREP	(sot) Screven County's Livestock Festival helps remind the community about their agriculture roots and invest forward into the future. (vo) The 72nd annual festival takes the entire week to focus on agriculture. Students show animals they've raised all year. Proceeds from barbecues and the rest of the festival help pay for the prizes and students use the prize money to invest back in animals. Students say it's important. (sot) It brings everybody together. It reminds everyone what the backbone of the community is - agriculture. It reminds people how this country was made - agriculture. (vo) Organizers say they're still accepting last minute parade entries and they can contact the Livestock Association or the Chamber of Commerce. (sot) The parade will come through downtown Sylvania Saturday morning. The animal shows will happen Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday night nights at the Ag barn. In Sylvania, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?	00:00:54
3/30/2023	5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	SAVANNAH JDA HYUNDAI MEETING	Savannah's Joint Development Authority is looking for people to help work construction projects related to Hyundai's Metaplant America site. They plan to announce the opportunities available at a meeting on April 13th. It will be at the Georgia Quick Start in Pooler beginning at 10 A-M. You do need to register for the meeting. We have the link to do that on our website WTOC dot com.	00:00:23

It was a big day at Service Brewing in Savannah. "We're making history today." If not history...at least memorable. "One of the most unusual things I've ever done." Marcia Thompson of Mrs. Wilkes bringing over some her famous banana pudding...but not for eating. "We're making banana pudding beer." A phrase she never thought she'd utter. "I was very, very surprised and everyone I've told was surprised too." But for Service Brewing...I mean...how could they not? "To be able to make a beer with the pudding queen of Savannah is a huge honor." Marcia lending more than just her recipe, trying her hand at the brewing process. "Making sweet potatoes in a big bin is pretty tough, but nothing like this." "Very hard, it was very hard. It was not easily done; you need lots of muscles for that." That muscle, Brewer Bryan Harvey. "To be able to have somebody come in and experience what we're doing on a daily basis, it's neat. It's an interesting perspective on what we're doing and the things we get to do here at service brewing." While it will still be awhile before it's available to drink...it already feels like a perfect combination. "Maybe we might start having Mrs. Wilkes banana pudding beer at lunch on the table." Well...maybe not quite. "We may be tempted but impossible. My grandmother would not approve of that I don't think." So, you'll just have to stop by Service Brewing to try it for yourself...but maybe plan on sticking around for a while if you do. "We might not go back to work today, that'd be okay wouldn't it?"

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

**TERRORISM/AMERICA UNITES**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023**

**CBS NETWORK PROGRAMMING**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 01/01/23 **Guests:** Michael Gapen, managing director, chief U.S. economist, Bank of America (1); Kristalina Georgieva, managing director, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2); John Sullivan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia (3); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor (3); Michele Flournoy, former undersecretary of defense for policy, Obama Administration (3); General H.R. McMaster, former national security adviser, Trump administration (3); Ben Tracy, CBS News senior national and environmental correspondent (4); Kevin Book, energy analyst, managing director, Clearview Energy Partners (4)  
3) Topics include: predictions for the war in Ukraine / Russian President Vladimir Putin's mindset; military partnership between Russia and Iran; Iran's nuclear capabilities / protests in Iran; trans-Atlantic unity against the war in Ukraine; U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan; emerging terrorism threats; challenges from China
- 01/08/23 **Guests:** Representative Nancy Mace (R-SC) (1); Representative Tony Gonzales, (R-TX) (2); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (3); Representative Veronica Escobar (D-TX) (4); Senator Angus King (I-ME) (5); Oksana Markarova, Ukrainian ambassador to the United States (6)  
4) Topics include: preview of President Biden's trip to southern border / CBS News poll results indicating disapproval of the Biden administration's handling of immigration / new Biden administration policy announcement, expanding the use of Title 42  
5) Topics include: his recent trip to Kyiv, Ukraine and meeting with President Zelenskyy / recently approved U.S. aid for Ukraine / potential impact on U.S. stockpiles; immigration and border security; bipartisanship  
6) Topics include: life in Ukraine during the holiday season / U.S. aid package for Ukraine / status of Ukrainian children deported to Russia
- 01/15/23 **Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor, former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House" (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
8) a report from Kyiv, Ukraine on the Russian wave of missile attacks, killing about two dozen people in Dnipro and knocking out critical infrastructure in at least two major cities, as Ukraine asks for advanced air defenses
- 01/29/23 **Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), vice chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); former Representative Val Demings (D-FL), former police chief, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, FL (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4)  
4) a report from Jerusalem ahead of a visit by Secretary of State Antony Blinken, who is traveling to Israel and the West Bank amid an outbreak of violence that has raised security concerns in the region
- 02/05/23 **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (2); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (5); Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA), president, Democratic freshman class (6); Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) (6); Representative Summer Lee (D-PA) (6); Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA) (6)  
1) a discussion on the latest fallout from the Biden administration shooting down a suspected Chinese spy balloon after it traveled across the U.S.  
2) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / Texan Mark Swidan, political prisoner held in China / TikTok / need to delink U.S. supply chain from China / China's human rights violations; his bill to limit terms to two six-year terms in office for Senators  
3) Topics include: Chinese spy balloon / TikTok; police reform / working with Republican Senator Tim Scott / qualified immunity
- 02/12/23 **Guests:** Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign

correspondent (4); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (5) (6); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (6); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND) (6); Governor Wes Moore (D-MD) (6)

1) Topics include: late Saturday's radar anomaly over Montana / high-altitude object shot down over Alaska / China's possible role in the latest sightings / new support for how the Biden administration handled shooting down the Chinese spy balloon; proposed bill to restrict foreign ownership of farmland

2) a discussion on the latest on the two unidentified objects that were shot down over Alaska and Canada on Friday and Saturday

3) Topics include: call for an end to U.S. exports of technology that ends up used in Chinese surveillance operations / Chinese spy balloon; 'Ukraine Fatigue Resolution', a Republican introduced bill to try and cut off aid to Ukraine

02/19/23

**Guests:** Antony Blinken, U.S. secretary of state, Biden administration (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), author, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism" (2); Mateusz Morawiecki, prime minister, Poland (3); Dr. Fiona Hill, former National Security Council senior director for European and Russian affairs (4); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (4); Dr. Joshua Gordon, director, National Institute of Mental Health (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Bob Schieffer, former moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)

1) Topics include: meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi / Chinese spy balloon; Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine; relationship between Russia and Iran; atrocities Russia is committing in Ukraine

3) Topics include: upcoming visits to Poland by President Biden and Ukraine's President Zelenskyy / Russia's war against Ukraine / evidence that Russia will try to occupy Moldova / discussions with Biden administration to increase U.S. troop presence in Poland

4) Topics include: sanctions against Russia / potential worldwide-reaching impact of Russia's land grab in Ukraine / Moldova / upcoming speech from President Biden in Poland and Vladimir Putin's state of the nation address

02/26/23

**Guests:** William Burns, director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (1); Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. secretary of state, George W. Bush administration, director, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (3); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (3); Drew Findling, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Jennifer Little, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)

1) Topics include: Russia's war in Ukraine, one year in / Russian President Putin's mindset / United States' current relationship with Russia / Putin's confidence in 'his ability to wear down Ukraine' / China as a potential new source of weaponry for Russia / lethal equipment and munitions from Iran and North Korea; China's ambitions towards Taiwan; China's spy balloon over the U.S.; Russia-Iran defense partnership; Iran's nuclear program

2) Topics include: U.S. aid to Ukraine / presidential candidates who criticize U.S. funding for Ukraine / strategy of the Chinese-Russian relationship / China's ambitions towards Taiwan

5) a report from Ukraine, as Friday marked one year since Russia invaded

03/12/23

**Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)

4) Topics include: last night's remarks from former Vice President Mike Pence, condemning Donald Trump and his role in the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack / House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's deal with FOX News, giving them hours of surveillance video, which they used to whitewash the events of January 6<sup>th</sup>; details of this past week's open hearing on Afghanistan / outstanding documents request with the State Department

03/19/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) (2); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (3); Gary Cohn, former director, National Economic Council, vice chairman, IBM (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, "Pivot" (5); General H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration (6)

6) Topics include: Vladimir Putin's trip to Ukraine and visit to children centers / indictment by the International Criminal Court for kidnapping children / Xi Jinping's trip to Russia / China's supply of weapons, munitions and other support to Russia / change in foreign policy from some Republicans, who diminish the importance of supporting Ukraine

03/26/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1) (5); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (3); John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (5); Bill Bratton, former New York City police commissioner (5); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (6)

2) Topics include: Mr. Trump's rally in Waco and his use of a recording made by people who are being

prosecuted for the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack on the Capitol; solutions focusing on securing the border and legal immigration

4) Topics include: national security concerns about TikTok / the RESTRICT Act - Senator Warner's bill targeting TikTok endorsed by the NSC; attacks on U.S. positions by Iran-backed groups / President Biden's commitment to keeping U.S. troops in Syria; monitoring the Russian rhetoric regarding nuclear weaponry; Taiwan's President Tsai's visit to the United States

## 60 MINUTES

- 01/15/23 **"Star Power"** – a report on Lawrence Livermore Laboratory's National Ignition Facility. The federal research center recently reported a breakthrough which may help make controlled fusion a commercial power. Includes interviews with Kim Budil, director of Livermore Laboratory; Tammy Ma, who leads the lab's laser fusion research initiatives; Michael Stadermann, the Target Fabrication Program manager; and Charles Seife, an NYU professor who authored a book on fusion power. (See also: "The Last Minute", OAD: 12/18/22) (C: Scott Pelley – P: Andy Court)  
**"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)
- 01/22/23 PREEMPTED for 60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Stories That Inspire"  
**60 MINUTES PRESENTS: "Stories That Inspire"**  
**"Carnegie Heroes"** – a report on the Carnegie Hero Medal, which is awarded to individuals in recognition of their unique heroic acts. Neurological data supports the theory that some people are predisposed to performing acts of bravery. Includes interviews with Terryann Thomas, Pete Pontzer, and David McCartney, who are all Carnegie Heroes; Eric Zahren, President of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission; and Dr. Abigail Marsh, a neuroscientist. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Aaron Weisz) (OAD: 11/07/21; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 06/05/22)  
**"Ballet in Exile"** – a report on the effect of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on ballet. As the war continues, many dancers have condemned the invasion and moved elsewhere to pursue dance. Includes interviews with Olga Smirnova, Russian dancer and former lead dancer with the Bolshoi; Alexei Ratmansky, who trained at the Bolshoi and was its former artistic director; Polina Chepyk, a ballerina; Larissa Saveliev, founder of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition; Oleskii Potiomkin, a Principal Dancer with Ukraine's National Ballet who now serves as an army medic; and Ted Brandsen, head of the Dutch National Ballet. (C: Jon Wertheim – P: Michael H. Gavshon, Nadim Roberts) (OAD: 05/08/22; 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast: 08/21/22)
- 02/19/23 **"Candles Against the Darkness"** – a report from Ukraine on the country's energy grid. With Russia's continued attacks, Ukrainians fear blackouts and are left without heat, water, and electricity. Includes interviews with Vira Savchenko, Tatiana Sologub, Serhii Bondarenko, Borodianka residents; Volodymyr Kudrytskyi, CEO of Ukrenergo; Anatoliy Kaharlitskiy, a former journalist; and Oksana Koronik, a nurse. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic, Alex Ortiz)  
**"Prime Minister Marin"** – a profile of Prime Minister of Finland Sanna Marin from her Helsinki residence. Historically neutral Finland, which borders Russia, has applied for a NATO membership following the invasion of Ukraine. (C: Sharyn Alfonsi – P: Michael Rey)
- 02/26/23 **"Kherson Under Fire"** – a report from Kherson, the first major Ukrainian city captured in the war with Russia. Since the city's liberation, residents still face Russian military attacks as they attempt to rebuild. Includes interviews with Halyna Luhova, Mayor of Kherson; and Valentina Syryk, Iryna Barandych, Elena, Katya Fateeva, Vladimir Sagayak, Andriy Andryushchenko, Kherson residents. (C: Holly Williams – P: Erin Lyall, Guy Campanile)
- 03/05/23 60 MINUTES (7:06 – 8:06p)  
**"Please Let Me Die"** – a report on the thousands of Ukrainian prisoners of war being held captive by Russia. Three women soldiers who served in Mariupol and were recently released discuss their time as POWs in camps that the U.N. condemned for torture. Includes interviews with Sergeant Iryna Stogniy, Captain Mariana Mamonova, and Sergeant Anastasia Chornenka, recently released prisoners of war; and Andriy Yermak, chief of staff to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. (C: Scott Pelley – P: Maria Gavrilovic)
- 03/19/23 60 MINUTES (7:39 – 8:39p)  
**"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

### **CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS**

On **Thursday, February 16**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden remarks on the United States' response to recent aerial objects) aired for 16:02 from 2:10:44-2:26:46pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Tuesday, February 21**, a CBS News Special Report (President Biden remarks from Warsaw, Poland on the one-year anniversary of the Russia-Ukraine war) aired for 26:53 from 11:38:15am-12:06:08pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On Saturday, February 4, a CBS News Squeeze and Crawl (update on China Spy Balloon) aired for 1:41 from 3:17:51-3:19:32pm cnyt, during CBS Sports coverage of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am golf tournament, live to all stations

### **WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 16--OUR MILITARY FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERRORISM. HAPPENINGS AT FORT STEWART, PARIS ISLAND AND HUNTER, GA SOUTHERN ARMY FITNESS, FORT STEWART TRAINING, SUSTAINED COMMUNITY FOR MIDWAY HOMELESS VETERANS, PARRIS ISLAND PROPOSAL, SENTENCING IN FT. STEWART STABBING, OSSOFF AND CARTER ASKING FOR MILITARY HOUSING WAIT TIMES, REMEMBERING IRAQ 20 YEARS AGO, HELPING TO IMPROVE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL READINESS FOR SOLDIERS, VETERAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATES, HUNTER ARMY DEPLOYMENT  
SOURCE: MILITARY OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, ETC.**

(sot) One faculty member I spoke with said this not only helps show soldiers how to "work smarter, not harder" but also help the Army conserve one of its biggest resources - its soldiers. (vo) The university will broaden its research into tactical fitness through 5.6 million dollars in federal funding. It started back in 2016, working with local Third Infantry soldiers to study common work-related injuries and technique changes to prevent them. It's part of the Army's Research Institute for Environmental Medicine as a way to reduce soldier injuries and possibly prolong health careers. (sot) What started as a small program at Fort Stewart is now an Army program. And we're tickled to be at this level and this will help accelerate more growth in this area. (vo) They examine how a soldier's movement in certain tasks and the muscle or skeletal injuries that occur. The university also conducts similar research with police and firefighters as well. (sot) He says this project also helps put Southern on a platform with some prestigious research schools. At Georgia Southern, Dal Cannady WTOC news. ?

1/13/2023  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD

GA SOUTHERN  
ARMY FITNESS

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1/18/2023  
5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MIDWAY  
HOMELESS  
VETERANS

BuddyWatch is an organization that helps Veterans with their mental health. The nonprofit has pledged a 5-acre land donation to build a self-sustaining community called Polaris. About 26 homes will be built for homeless veterans to rent back during their recovery. There will be a mental health clinic on site and a workshop for veterans to make bird feeders. The sales from the bird houses will help sustain the program. The founder of buddywatch says the program will give veterans a sense of purpose.

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1/18/2023  
5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD MIDWAY  
HOMELESS  
VETERANS

"I go by the philosophy that before you can help a person become independent and functioning again we've got to give them the basic needs. And the basic needs are shelter, safety, and then the second basic need is the belonging." The 800 square foot homes will be designed by a woman who helped put up similar homes for residents after Hurricane Katrina.

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1/25/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD

PARRIS ISLAND  
PROPOSAL

South Carolina's representatives are arguing the base still serves a "vital role," with First District Representative Nancy Mace writing in a statement, "Over one million brave Marines have trained at the base and served our country in every conflict since World War I. Parris Island is fundamental to our national defense, and I am pleased to join Congressmen Wilson, Norman, Timmons, and Fry to ensure it remains open to train marines for generations to come."

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1/26/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

FT STEWART  
TRAINING WITH  
HAYLEY

LL INTRO: 3rd ID soldiers are busy preparing for their tests for three different expert badges starting next week, but I wanted to get a first-hand look at just how difficult some of these tests are. First up – is one of the more physically challenging exercises ... transporting a wounded soldier – or in this case, a 200-pound dummy. Demonstrated here by a soldier, you're assessing injuries, and preparing to move them 50 meters. Nats \* put your feet down, and just push \*\* Then, it was time for me to try... and these soldiers make it look easier than it is. Military leaders say these tests determine the best of the best. "Before they participate, they're required to meet minimum standards of physical fitness and marksmanship, and they're tested on their ability to pass a physical fitness test. Over the course of a week, they test on infantry skills on patrolling, weapons proficiency, and medical proficiency." Weapons proficiency... which was my next challenge. Soldiers are timed while they prepare and fire a Mark 19 grenade launcher... a lethal piece of machinery. Of course, all weapons used in this test are disarmed. This soldier is showing the speed at which this is normally done... then I was up next. \*\*nats pull it all the way back \*\*\* Definitely not as seamless in real time... Soldiers going through the training say these exercises help them establish a baseline. "Going through all of this training, for me, it's very important to see where I'm at from a readiness perspective, and also improve my readiness and lethality, and be ready when the nation calls upon me." I'm certainly not close to earning any of these badges these soldiers are working toward – but regardless of who passes, military leaders say these past couple of weeks preparation are crucial to preparing them if they're called into action. "It really just gives them a lot of training. Whether you learn the task or not, the grueling effort it's going to be to be able to take all of this in in a short period of time and then go out and test on it, it just totally talks volumes to the character of that individual." From throwing grenades, to assembling weaponry, these are just some of the more than 30 exercises and drills required of these soldiers... All leading up to a final test they'll take next week. On Fort Stewart, HB WTOC NEWS.

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2/2/2023  
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

SENTENCING IN  
FT. STEWART  
STABBING

Byron Booker was sentenced to life and a fine of 25-hundred dollars for the deadly stabbing of Specialist Austin Hawk. That's after he pleaded guilty to pre-meditated murder. Federal prosecutors say Booker worked with another man - Jordan Brown - to get into Hawk's barrack after Hawk reported Brown for using marijuana. Brown pleaded guilty in December to charged in the case. He'll be sentenced at a later date.

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2/9/2023  
6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD

FT. STEWART  
SOLIDER DIES

The 3rd Infantry Division is mourning the loss of a soldier who died after a medical emergency. P-F-C Kaleb Franklin died during a flight to the National Training Center in California on Tuesday. During that emergency - Franklin was taken to a Texas hospital where he later died. Franklin served nearly three years of active duty service. In that time - he was awarded the National Defense Service medal. Franklin's cause of death has not yet been determined. Our thoughts are with his family and the community around Fort Stewart tonight.

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2/10/2023  
5:59:00 PM 5PM OD OSSOFF CARTER  
MILITARY  
HOUSING Military families who move under a permanent change of station status get an allowance to cover the cost of temporary housing, but they're only compensated for 14 days worth of expenses. The group is asking the department to release information on wait times, what they're doing to cut down on the wait times, and how they're supporting families with long wait times. WTOC will update you when the D-O-D replies. 00:00:24

2/28/2023  
5:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD OPERATING  
CAPABILITIES  
DEMONSTRATION According to the Marine Corps the division focused on new war-fighting concepts to ensure prepare for combat. Nine units were trained in fixed-wing aviation, command and control agencies, logistics, and ground-support units. You're looking at video from some of that training. The Marine corps says it is to prepare them for the quote "the fight of the future." 00:00:22

3/20/2023 IRAQ 20 YEARS  
5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD LATER

LL: At the American Legion post on Bull Street...veterans are looking back on the conflict...recounting the pivotal role local troops played in the war...while recounting the sacrifices they say many families had to make. VO: We spoke with Arthur Peltier who says he served in the 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment at Hunter Army Airfield until 2004. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Peltier says he was assigned to remain here and help the families of deployed servicemembers...helping with everything from finances to household projects. "Our unit had 289, 290 deployed. Some had family here, some sent their family home. It was a little over 100 families here in the Chatham County area. Wherever they lived, that's where we went to support the families." VO: The 3rd Infantry Division based out of Fort Stewart also played a crucial role in the war. According to the U.S. Army...the 3rd ID helped seize the Iraqi capital during the battle of Baghdad in 2003...calling it a decisive battle in the U.S.'s campaign there. LL: Peltier says he's proud of his support role of local families. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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3/21/2023 VETERAN  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD UNEMPLOYEMENT  
RATES

"We did see important gains in this regard for the overall number of veterans who are unhoused and the V-A has pledged to continue to permanently house more veterans this year as well. So we do see a connection in making sure that we can provide housing first for veterans and then get them reintegrated and into the workforce."

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3/24/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CHRIS:  
PERFORMANCE  
OPTIMIZATION  
SUMMIT "This is going to provide information to people who work with soldiers, and also soldiers themselves, about best ways to prevent muscular skeletal injuries. It's also going to give information about proper nutrition for training, as well as proper information about sleep to make sure that they're maximizing their performance. 00:00:20

3/24/2023  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD CHRIS:  
PERFORMANCE  
OPTIMIZATION  
SUMMIT The Inaugural Human Optimization Summit was held earlier today. It was hosted by Nancy Henderson- who's the director of Georgia Southern's Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. The two-day conference offers educational sessions for both soldiers and their providers. The focus is to improve physical and mental readiness for soldiers. 00:00:20

3/24/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD HUNTER ARMY DEPLOYMENT "You're closer to the adversary per se, for this deployment. The train-up and the preparation remain the exact same. Our mission to remain ready to answer the nation's call is the same. I'll tell you, this company is one of the best trained logistics units that we have in the Army." With a nine month deployment.... These soldiers are set to return home around the holidays in December.... 00:00:22

3/25/2023 11PM WEEKEND 11:01:00 PM OD FORT STEWART SOLDIERS DEPLOY "There might be a potential mission to purify water while we're over there. From what I know, we sent a few purification systems. If we need to, I would assist with that and go purify water for any of the supporting units" Leaders with the brigade say these soldiers are well prepared for what's ahead of them. This same sustainment brigade completed a similar mission in 2021. WTOC will continue to follow this group and bring you updates as we get them. 00:00:26

**ISSUE 17: HOW THE MILITARY IS HONORED AND REMEMBERED. HONORING THE MIGHTY EIGHTH AND A BILL TO DESIGNATE IT AS A NATIONAL MUSEUM, HINESVILLE OUTPATIENT CLINIC NAMED AFTER 4 VIETNAM VETS, BILL TO RENAME HINESVILLE VA CLINIC, TSA TIPS, WW2 VET TURNS 105, SC VIETNAM VETS DAY  
SOURCE: VETERAN ORGS,, ETC**

"We're working to expand the information about everybody who served in the Eighth and we're noted as the story keepers of the men and women of the Mighty Eighth." And now the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force has a new story to keep. "This is probably the most complete scrapbook they have ever received." This scrapbook tells the story of Peggy Trout's aunt, Corporal Flora Ausenbaugh. "Needless to say, my aunt was a very, very special person and we had a very good relationship." Inside, pictures, documents and details of her role in the war. "She kept everything from her enlistment papers, to her discharge." Flora, originally a beautician, enlisted at age 37...without hesitation. "She closed the doors to her shop and said, 'my country needs me.'" She would serve as a teletypist at the 8th Air Force command in England, typing, sending and receiving orders for the troops. "She took three really, really important messages. She took the one for D-Day, she took the one for President Roosevelt when he died, and she took the surrender from Germany." And while Flora received multiple honors for her service...when she came home...unlike the men...there was no parade... "I'm sure she wasn't invited. When she came home, she went to the local legion, right there in our little town, she wanted to become a member, they wouldn't accept women." No recognition, no one to hear her stories. "Again, this was coming from a woman and so they probably they weren't as interested as they would have been listening to a man who served." Still, Flora held on to that old scrapbook, maybe for herself...maybe for her niece Peggy...but she likely never imagined her story would not only be kept but more importantly.... heard. "They're adding onto the museum and hopefully there will be a special section there for the WACS and this will be there for young girls to see. That's the reason I'm presenting it to them, I want it to last, I want future generations to see. She is, as I said, very special."

1/6/2023 AFTERNOO  
 3:00:00 PM N BREAK MIGHTY EIGHTH  
 OD SCRAPBOOK

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He's calling it "Friends of the First." The push comes after Carter's office organized a similar campaign last year for first responders. This year, the card will be handed to veterans and veterans service employees. All you have to do is make the card and drop it off or mail it to the address on your screen. They'll be handed out on Valentine's Day.

1/19/2023  
 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD  
 REP. CARTER V  
 DAY CARDS FOR  
 VETS

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A group of veterans in Hinesville has been working for nearly a year to make this happen -- rallying support from local governments and elected officials. They'd like to name the Hinesville Outpatient Clinic after four Vietnam War veterans with ties to Liberty County who died in combat-- John Gibson, Dan James, Billy Sapp, and Frankie Lee Smiley. The process requires federal legislation. In October, Representative Carter met with the group -- promising them he'd take the steps necessary to make it happen. On Monday, Carter says he'll be introducing a bill to officially rename the clinic.

1/29/2023 11PM  
 12:01:00 AM WEEKEND  
 OD HAYLEY:  
 HINESVILLE CLINIC  
 RENAME

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LL INTRO: The City of Riceboro was the first city to officially put their support behind the renaming of the VA clinic in Liberty County. Today, family members of those mentioned in the bill are celebrating the bill's introduction and remembering the loved ones they've lost. \* "Billy was raised in Liberty County all his life, our family goes back years and years." Billy Sapp – is one of four Liberty County veterans... along with John Gibson, Dan James, and Frankie Smiley -- who could soon be featured in the name of the Hinesville VA Outpatient Clinic. Family members – rejoicing over the news of the bill to make it happen. "For our family, this would be amazing, because John was such a special man. From the time he was in high school, he was practicing to be a marine." Four servicemen... who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War. "Billy walked into an ambush, a claymore mine, was immediately mortally wounded, and insisted that the other members of the unit leave him and seek cover to protect themselves." Now... there's hope – to forever preserve their legacy here locally. "It would be a blessing for his grandkids, he has four grandkids. It's a blessing for me, because every time I go by, I'd know, you know, look, my uncle did this, that's my uncle! I thank God, because I know it's going to be done." Rep. Buddy Carter met with the group of veterans pushing for the name change back in October... and introduced the legislation this week to name it the John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic. "I knew when I left that meeting, that I was on a mission to get this done, and I'm going to do it." This news – something these group members say ... was a sigh of relief. "It feels wonderful... that these families are going to get this recognition. It's them that gave the sacrifice. The family members sacrifice." The name change... would offer a permanent reminder of four lives... cut short too soon. "We would know he did not die in vain. He didn't just die for the family members, he died for everyone. To see his name there, I feel like his death will not be in vain." In Liberty County, HB WTOC NEWS.

2/1/2023  
6:53:00 PM 6PM OD

BILL TO RENAME  
HINESVILLE VA  
CLINIC

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In a WTOC Exclusive - Georgia leaders in Washington are working to put the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum in Pooler the National stage. U-S Representative Buddy Carter introduced a bill that would designate the location as a national museum. Representative Austin Scott and Andrew Clyde from Georgia have both cosponsored the bill along with several others from different states. The Museum preserves the stories and artifacts of the men and woman of the Eighth Air Force starting during World War two through today.

2/3/2023  
1:00:00 PM NOON OD

MIGHTY EIGHTH  
DESIGNATION BILL

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2/14/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	BUDDY CARTER VALENTINES DAY	Veterans here at the Long County JROTC building were surprised this morning by a special Valentine's Day appearance from Representative Buddy Carter. ((VO)) Carter came to the JROTC building with a basket full of Valentine's- made by kids and other folks in Georgia's First Congressional District to give to veterans. This is second year for the veterans' appreciation campaign, called "Friends of the First." The campaign, Carter says, is a simple way to show appreciation to the area's veterans- and to show kids the importance of respecting veterans. Some of the veterans that were honored say that they've given out Valentines like this before- but haven't ever received them. ((SOT)) "It is nice to get something from someone that you know, or even that you don't know, may even be more special for someone to say, 'Hey, I'm thinking about you and I appreciate you, even if no one else does.'" "It's a very special feeling, because they are our heroes. And we really owe them so much, and again, we appreciate them, but especially on Valentine's Day." Shea: Carter made stops in seven other counties today, including Bryan County and Liberty County. Reporting in Long County, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.	00:01:10
3/24/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	WW2 VETERAN TURNS 105	Friends, Family and representatives from Fort Stewart all joined in celebrating Retired Lieutenant colonel Bill Wheeler's 105th birthday today. The World War 2 veteran pilot was honored with the gold medal of appreciation from Chatham County. He tells us he is humbled by the show of support.	00:00:18
3/24/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	WW2 VETERAN TURNS 105	"I intern can't tell you what this means to me. I get chocked up. It's wonderful. I'm just a small town guy." A general from Ft. Stewart also presented him with a coin as a token of their appreciation.	00:00:11
3/25/2023 6:00:00 PM	WKEND 6PM OD	SC VIETNAM VETS DAY	Happening this weekend - There will be a ceremony recognizing National Vietnam War Veteran's Day *tomorrow*. The ceremony is happening at the Beaufort National Cemetery. It will include a Color Guard... patriotic music... and more. Everyone is welcome.	00:00:15

**ISSUE 18: HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS PROTECTING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.**  
**SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, DEPT. OF HOMELAND SECURITY, TSA, NSA, FAA, ETC**

1/6/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SAV MAN  
CHARGED IN JAN.  
6 RIOT A judge signed off on the criminal complaint against Box Tuesday. Federal investigators used U-S Capitol video footage, as well as countless open source posts, photographs and videos to build their case. The pictures on your screen now are from that complaint. The F-B-I says Box entered the Capitol building what appears to be three times that day. They say Box confirmed that himself in both an interview with the F-B-I and in an H-B-O documentary about the riot. 00:00:28

3/7/2023  
7:00:00 AM 6AM  
DAYBREAK OD 530 SARAH TSA  
TIPS ST PAT'S DAY  
SPRING BREAK Mark Howell / TSA Regional Spokesperson "Please pay attention to what you are bringing with you to the airport, take a couple of minutes and start with an empty bag, a lot of times people will have these things in a side pocket in a duffle bag and they aren't thinking about it so start with an empty bag, give yourself time and pay attention what you are bringing to the airport." The Savannah airport has already had 3 guns at the checkpoint this year – one of them just yesterday. That's on pace for last year with a total of 16 guns. TSA says if they do find a gun – they have to get law enforcement involved which takes time and you could miss your flight. They also will issue you a civil penalty of up to 15 thousand dollars. 00:00:42



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**GOVERNMENT  
JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023**

**FACE THE NATION**

- 01/15/23      **Guests:** Adriana Diaz, CBS News correspondent, anchor, CBS Weekend News, Saturday edition (1); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (2); Representative Daniel Goldman (D-NY) (3); Representative Chris Stewart (R-UT) (4); Michael Morell, CBS News national security contributor, former deputy director, CIA (6); Lucius Outlaw, professor of law, Howard University (6); Larry Pfeiffer, director, Michael V. Hayden Center for Intelligence, Policy, and International Security, senior director, White House Situation Room, Obama administration (6); Chris Whipple, author, "The Fight of His Life: Inside Joe Biden's White House" (7); Debora Patta, CBS News foreign correspondent (8)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
1) a report from Chicago on the latest about the classified documents found at President Biden's former office and residence and what legal experts say about the records  
2) a discussion on the criticism the White House is facing about transparency regarding the classified documents at President Biden's home and former office and what the administration is saying  
3) Topics include: appointment of special counsel Robert Hur to oversee the Biden document probe / how the administration is reacting to the discovery of classified documents at President Biden's home and former office / differences in how Mr. Trump and Mr. Biden oversaw the issue of classified materials; new GOP Representative George Santos of New York, who falsified his resume and is now under multiple criminal investigations  
4) Topics include: classified documents discovered at Mr. Biden's home and former office / how classified documents look; U.S. set to hit the debt ceiling on January 19<sup>th</sup>; Representative George Santos  
7) a discussion on his book, about the first two years of President Biden's White House, as well as Bob Bauer, the attorney the president has turned to represent him in the classified documents investigation
- 01/22/23      **Guests:** Kris Van Cleave, CBS News national correspondent (1) Jeff Pegues, CBS News chief national affairs and justice correspondent (2); Representative Mike Turner (R-OH) (3); Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4); Ed O'Keefe, CBS News senior White House and political correspondent (4); Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) (6); Francis Suarez, mayor (R-Miami, FL), president, United States Conference of Mayors (7); LaToya Cantrell, mayor (D-New Orleans, LA) (7); Andre Dickens, mayor (D-Atlanta, GA) (7); John Giles, mayor (R-Mesa, AZ) (7)  
**Correspondent:** Margaret Brennan, moderator, FACE THE NATION (5)  
3) Topics include: discovery of six more classified items during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home; serving on a House committee with Republicans who worked with former President Trump to overturn the 2020 election / working with Democrats and Republicans to pass legislation  
4) a discussion and analysis on the discovery of documents marked classified at President Biden's home, and what it means for the White House and Democrats, political conversations about the debt ceiling and President Biden's relationship with Senator Mitch McConnell  
5) Roe v. Wade: 50 Years Later – How FACE THE NATION covered challenges to Roe v. Wade in 1989  
6) Topics include: mass shooting in Monterey Park; discovery of additional classified items at during Friday's search of President Biden's Delaware home / support for the special counsel probe into the discovery of classified documents at Mr. Biden's home and former office; the debt ceiling; difference among Western allies in types of equipment support for Ukraine  
7) a discussion on the challenges facing their cities and how they are addressing issues, such as gun violence, policing, and immigration

- 01/29/23 **Guests:** Representative Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), Speaker of the House of Representatives (1); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), vice chairman, Senate Intelligence Committee (2); former Representative Val Demings (D-FL), former police chief, Orlando Police Department, Orlando, FL (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4)  
1) Topics include: this Wednesday's meeting with President Biden / what he is seeking in a deal to raise the debt ceiling; vision of leadership; assigning 2020 election deniers to key House committee assignments / New York Republican Representative George Santos  
2) Topics include: investigation into classified documents found at the residences of President Biden and former President Trump / need to work on the issues of declassification and over-classification regarding record keeping; threat posed by China / banning TikTok / Elon Musk / bringing back chip and semiconductor making to America
- 02/05/23 **Guests:** David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (1); Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) (2); Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) (3); Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (4); Gary Cohn, vice chairman, IBM, former top economic adviser, Trump administration (5); Representative Robert Garcia (D-CA), president, Democratic freshman class (6); Representative Mike Lawler (R-NY) (6); Representative Summer Lee (D-PA) (6); Representative Zach Nunn (R-IA) (6)  
6) a discussion with four new members of Congress on the potential for bipartisan cooperation on crime, police reform, immigration, the debt ceiling and cutting discretionary spending
- 02/12/23 **Guests:** Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) (1); David Martin, CBS News national security correspondent (2); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX), chairman, House Foreign Affairs Committee (3); Imtiaz Tyab, CBS News foreign correspondent (4); Governor Chris Sununu (R-NH) (5) (6); Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D-NM) (6); Governor Doug Burgum (R-ND) (6); Governor Wes Moore (D-MD) (6)  
5) a discussion with the governor, previewing a potential presidential bid in 2024  
6) a panel discussion with four governors on the opioid crisis, Narcan availability and abortion rights and access, as well as other issues facing their states
- 02/19/23 **Guests:** Antony Blinken, U.S. secretary of state, Biden administration (1); Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), author, "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism" (2); Mateusz Morawiecki, prime minister, Poland (3); Dr. Fiona Hill, former National Security Council senior director for European and Russian affairs (4); John Sullivan, former U.S. ambassador to Russia, CBS News contributor (4); Dr. Joshua Gordon, director, National Institute of Mental Health (5)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Bob Schieffer, former moderator, FACE THE NATION (6)  
2) Topics include: his book / working with President Biden and assessment of his presidency / U.S. health care system / prescription drugs / COVID vaccines; Senator Fetterman's health issues; support for President Biden if he seeks a second term in office / reaction to Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley's suggestion of a mandatory mental competency test for politicians older than 75; perilous state of democracy in Israel / pro-Israel lobby AIPAC; his proposal of a new Cabinet-level agency to focus on the future of work and workers / artificial intelligence and robotics; criticism of the price of tickets for his book tour  
5) Topics include: Senator Fetterman's post-stroke depression; recent CDC study about teenage girls  
6) thoughts on former President Jimmy Carter's life and career, as news that he has entered home hospice care was revealed on Saturday
- 02/26/23 **Guests:** William Burns, director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) (1); Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. secretary of state, George W. Bush administration, director, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (2); Representative Mike Gallagher (R-WI) (3); Representative Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) (3); Drew Findling, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Jennifer Little, attorney for former President Donald Trump (4); Charlie D'Agata, CBS News senior foreign correspondent (5)  
**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (4)

- 3) Topics include: purpose of the new House select committee on China / need for bipartisanship / how the Chinese Communist Party harasses and surveils Chinese dissidents in the U.S. / fear expressed by the Asian American Caucus that this committee will contribute to bigotry / planned conversations with companies that do business with China / Taiwan / TikTok
- 4) an interview with two Trump attorneys in the Fulton County, GA investigation, who claim that jury foreperson Emily Kohrs' interviews have tainted any possible charge of former president

03/05/23

**Guests:** Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) (1); Larry Hogan, former governor (R-MD) (2); Governor J.B. Pritzker (D-IL) (3); Representative Brad Wenstrup (R-OH) (4); Dr. Scott Gottlieb, former FDA commissioner, Pfizer board member (5)

**Guest Correspondent:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (2)

- 1) Topics include:; his refusal to make any political decisions regarding endorsing Joe Biden for re-election or whether he is going to run for re-election or the presidency until December
- 2) a brief discussion with Mr. Costa and extended recorded excerpts from his Friday interview with former Governor Hogan on his decision not to run for the Republican presidential nomination in the 2024 election, divisions within the Republican Party, the candidacy of former President Trump, his hope that Trump is not successful, the Dominion lawsuit against Fox News and the potential candidacy of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis
- 3) Topics include: intention to serve out his term as governor / support for President Biden's re-election; Republican message regarding education on a local and national scale / Walgreens pharmacy announcement that they won't sell abortion pills in states that have threatened legal action / Chicago's race for mayor
- 4) Topics include: lack of consensus on Covid-19's origins / work of the newly created House subcommittee on the coronavirus pandemic / subcommittee members who traffic in misleading information about COVID;
- 5) Topics include: possible origins of Covid-19 / putting the focus on 'taking the steps' to ensure that a lab leak never happens;

03/12/23

**Guests:** Mark Strassmann, CBS News senior national correspondent (1); Janet Yellen, U.S. Treasury secretary (2); Representative Ro Khanna (D-CA) (3); Representative Michael McCaul (R-TX) (4); Christopher Krebs, former director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, CBS News cybersecurity expert and analyst (5); Governor Phil Murphy (D-NJ) (6)

5) Topics include: data breach at a D.C. health insurance provider, impacting some members of Congress / SVB collapse / impact on the tech sector

6) Topics include: support for President Biden's re-election;; preparing for the possible undoing of government approval of an abortion bill by a Texas judge

03/19/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1); Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) (2); Representative Patrick McHenry (R-NC), chairman, House Financial Services Committee (3); Gary Cohn, former director, National Economic Council, vice chairman, IBM (4); Kara Swisher, tech journalist, host, "On With Kara Swisher", co-host, "Pivot" (5); Scott Galloway, professor, New York University, co-host, "Pivot" (5); General H.R. McMaster (retired), former national security adviser, Trump administration (6)

1) a report on what Mr. Trump's legal team is planning if he is charged in the Stormy Daniels hush money investigation and what could happen with the former president's 2024 campaign

3) Topics include: House Speaker McCarthy's directive to Congress, to investigate whether federal funds are being used by the Manhattan district

- attorney to investigate the 45<sup>th</sup> president;  
 4) Topics include: Mr. Trump's call for protests, should he be indicted;  
 5) Topics include:; this week's TikTok hearing / risk level associated with using TikTok; Mr. Trump's use of social media and lack of oversight, as he calls for more protests  
 6) Topics include: Mr. Trump's call for protests, should he be indicted;

03/26/23

**Guests:** Robert Costa, CBS News chief election & campaign correspondent (1) (5); Representative Tony Gonzales (R-TX) (2); Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence (3); John Kirby, NSC Coordinator for Strategic Communications (4); Rikki Klieman, CBS News legal analyst (5); Bill Bratton, former New York City police commissioner (5); Neel Kashkari, president, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (6)

- 1) the latest as the special counsel is "tightening" investigation into former President Trump, as he held his first official 2024 campaign rally in Waco, TX Saturday night  
 3) Topics include: past week's questioning of TikTok's CEO / White House support of a bipartisan bill that could potentially ban technology seen as a credible threat / political costs of banning TikTok; / his political donations from SVB; classified materials improperly held by President Biden and former President Trump  
 4) Topics include: full cooperation with the Justice Department in the ongoing classified materials investigation;  
 5) a discussion on the New York grand jury investigation into Mr. Trump and what could happen if the former President is indicted and arrested in New York

## 60 Minutes

01/08/23

60 MINUTES (7:34 – 8:34p)

**"Prince Harry"** – an interview with Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex. In his first U.S. television interview, he discusses his upcoming memoir, *Spare*. C: Anderson Cooper – P: Draggan Mihailovich) DOUBLE LENGTH SEGMENT

**"A Hans Zimmer Score"** – a profile of Hans Zimmer. He discusses composing for film and his upcoming tour. Includes interviews with Jim Brooks, film director; and Pedro Eustache, flautist and collaborator. (C: Lesley Stahl – P: Richard Bonin)

**The Last Minute** – The historic chaos in the House of Representatives this past week embarrassed not only a party, but an entire nation. A small minority blocked the House from electing a leader, or even swearing in its own members. (C: Lesley Stahl)

02/05/23

**"Investigating Donald Trump"** – an interview with former Manhattan special assistant district attorney Mark Pomerantz. In his first television interview since his abrupt resignation, he discusses his claims that he was declined the authorization to prosecute former President Donald Trump. He also discusses his new book, "People vs Donald Trump: An Inside Account." (C: Bill Whitaker – P: Sarah Koch)

## CBS NEWS SPECIAL BROADCASTS

02/07/23

**CBS NEWS SPECIAL REPORT: State of the Union and the Republican Response** (9:00 – 11:04p) – live coverage of President Joseph Biden's second State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. Includes: (1) President Biden's State of the Union address; and (2) Republican response by Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders, from Little Rock, AR. President Biden's State of the Union address and Republican response were preceded and followed by correspondents' commentary and analysis. Origination: House Chamber, Capitol Hill. Correspondents / Contributors: Norah O'Donnell (anchor, Washington, D.C. studio); Nancy Cordes (Washington, D.C. studio); Margaret Brennan (Washington, D.C. studio); John Dickerson (Washington, D.C. studio); Robert

Costa (Washington, D.C. studio); Nikole Killion (Washington, D.C. Studio); Scott MacFarlane (from inside the Chamber); Ed O'Keefe (Capitol Hill); and Major Garrett (Capitol Hill). Political analyst: Leslie Sanchez. Political contributor: Ashley Etienne.

On **Thursday, January 12**, a CBS News Special Report (Attorney General Merrick Garland statement at the Department of Justice regarding President Biden/confidential documents) aired for 15:10 from 1:15:07-1:30:17pm cnyt, live to all stations.

On **Thursday, March 30**, a CBS News Special Report (The Grand Jury voted to indict former President Trump) aired for 22:27 from 5:40:17-6:02:44pm cnyt, live to all stations.

### **WTOC NEWSCASTS**

**ISSUE 19: ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON FEDERAL,LOCAL, STATE. SC DISTRICT 1 TO BE REDRAWN, KEMP SWEARING IN, MCMCASTER INAGUARATION, KEMP 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL, SC FIRST DAY OF 2023 SEASON, GA SPORTS BETTING BILL, SARAH FDS COVID VACCINE PLANS, GA BILLS TARGET PROSECUTORS, GAY MEN BLOOD DONOR REQUIREMENTS DNC PRIMARY CHANGES SC IMPACT, GA FOSTER CARE CONCERNS, DOUG WEATHERS ON JIMMY CARTER, FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN HEARING, HYUNDAI LIASON APPROVED IN GA BUDGET, GA GENDER HEALTHCARE BILL, PASSPORT DELAYS, GA HOTEL MOTEL TAX BILL, TRUMP INDICTMENT SOURCE: PRESIDENT BIDEN, CBS, CONGRESS, SENATE GOV. KEMP, GOV. MCMMASTER, BUDDY CARTER, ETC**

1/13/2023	CARL		
5:53:00 PM	GILLIARD		
6PM OD	BLACK	"A lot of times we have name tags and we don't lead. I want to play a role in breaking the barriers of parties and people and showing people that it's about leading for people in general."	00:00:11
	CAUCUS		

1/2/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD AG COMMISSIO  
NER BLACK FAREWELL "Yes you're protecting the family. But, you're also protecting that integrated food system and stabilizing the economy and that's a very important responsibility that we take very seriously." Commissioner Black says him and his team have been working since the summer to give as much information and background as possible to Commissioner-elect Tyler Harper. As far as Gary Black, he says he will develop a consulting company to help farmers, food companies, and others. 00:00:28

1/2/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD AG COMMISSIO  
NER BLACK FAREWELL An era comes to an end next week as several new state leaders take office in Georgia. Longtime Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black will leave his seat after 12 years. We spoke with him one-on-one today about his time in office. He says one of his proudest accomplishments is the Georgia Grown program that promotes crops, foods, and food products that come from the Peach State. 00:00:22

The House of Representatives has entered it's sixth round of voting... each time, without one person getting enough votes to be the new speaker. This is the first time this has happened in 100 years. Dr. Kimberly Martin with Georgia Southern University says – there's been multiple ballots for speaker only 15 times in our country's history – 13 of those times predate the Civil War. So far in the previous votes – a group of 20 conservatives have put up their own candidate, which has taken votes away from Representative Kevin McCarthy. Dr. Martin says – this could have serious implications on the future of the Republican Party this session...

1/4/2023  
4:00:00 PM 4PM OD

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Vote ... after vote... all with similar results – and still no Speaker of the House. Georgia Southern Assistant Politics Professor Dr. Kimberly Martin says this may take longer than many had expected. "I don't think this is going to get resolved today. There's going to have to be a lot more effort put in from Kevin McCarthy's group and his allies to either switch votes or come to some deal ... in order to get this group of republicans to vote for him." That group – of about 20 conservatives – has continually put up their own candidate, pulling votes away from Rep. McCarthy. "This sort of starts a precedent for this group to be able to get things they want down the road, because they realize that they're now able to negotiate with Rep. McCarthy to get what they want in the end." South Carolina Republican Representative Nancy Mace – who has consistently voted for McCarthy over the past two days – tweeted her frustrations with the vote saying - "It's time to declare victory, close the border, hold the Administration accountable and deliver on a fiscally conservative agenda putting every American first -- But we can't do that if our fiscally conservative agenda continues to be held hostage." Georgia Republican Representative Buddy Carter, who has also voted for McCarthy, in a statement to WTOC says -- "I will support McCarthy as long as it takes and urge our Conference to come together so we can start delivering on the Commitment to America." Meanwhile – Dr. Martin says... this vote could create a bumpy road through the rest of this session. "There definitely could be some damage done by making it difficult for there to be some cohesion in the republican party. You don't want to go into a speakership knowing there's a group of people that are against your decisions right from the get-go."

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

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TO  
SPEAKER  
VOTE

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?(sot) This area's newest legislator says he's spent the summer and fall preparing for the job in Atlanta. (vo) Lehman Franklin finished up a few things before he left for Atlanta. He'll take his oath of office Monday as a state representative. But he says he's been learning and researching since he ran unopposed for the seat. (sot) I've been meeting 2-3 times a week with different leaders and different programs and organizations so I know what's to come. (vo) He says he's worked with his predecessor, Jan Tankersley and others who represent parts of Bulloch, Bryan, and neighboring counties. He says he has plenty of work ahead to learn the system and get things done. (sot) ..it's a lot to learn. But I'm just grateful for the opportunity, to be honest with you, to the community for the chance to do this. (sot) The legislative session begins Monday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

1/4/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

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"I don't really see the battle. I just, we're not that far away. We only need 11 more votes to win. So, I think from the whole perspective, we talked to everybody, it's not that far away." BUTTED TO: "How do you think this looks to the rest of the world? We're finally coming out of the first time. . we're really getting through the issue relating to January 6th. Things are settling out and now for the first time in 100 years we can't move? Some are calling it a once-in-a-century fight...because the last time the U-S Speaker of the House was elected by multiple ballots was in 1923. A sixth vote to elect nominee Kevin McCarthy - a Republican from California has now failed. McCarthy is missing the mark - about 20 votes shy of winning the majority...with a small group of Republicans withholding their support. The House cannot conduct any other business - including swearing in new members - until a Speaker has been elected.

1/4/2023 7PM OD  
7:00:00 PM

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HOUSE  
SPEAKER  
LATEST

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1/4/2023 7:00:00 PM 7PM OD VAN JOHNSON TOP 100 INFLUENTIA L GEORGIAN S "For so long, when you talked about Georgia, you talked about Atlanta or metro Atlanta, and we've known for quite some time that Savannah matters, the coast matters, and there are great things happening in the greatest city in the world, which is Savannah... and so this honor that's bestowed on me is really because of the position I hold in serving the greatest city in the world." 00:00:22

1/6/2023 4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD STATE HOUSE SPEAKER Certainly, his death turned this in a very bittersweet moment. He's been my Speaker for many years now, a dear friend and a trusted leader. House Republicans have enough votes to elect Burns. That vote will happen Monday morning in Atlanta. 00:00:14

1/6/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DOJ JAN. 6 CASES LATEST All this comes the federal government continues to investigate that deadly day. As of last week - 900 people had been arrested in nearly every state across the country. 470 people have entered guilty pleas in their cases. 33 people are convicted after their cases went to trial. 00:00:16

1/6/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SC DISTRICT 1 TO BE REDRAWN "I think we go through this every time we have a census. I'm sure it will be legally exhausted by the time it is resolved, but we got a lot of other things that we need to be focusing on." 00:00:10

(sot) State Representative Jon Burns says he plans to take the same approach he's used in serving his district to serving the entire state as the next Speaker of the House. (vo) As House Majority Leader, Burns won the Republican nomination to succeed retiring Speaker David Ralston. Two days after Burns' nomination, Ralston passed away. (sot) He was my Speaker for many years now, a dear friend and trusted leader. (vo) He hopes the transition will be smooth as he carries on the party's agenda. (sot) What are the main issues you feel the House and the General Assembly need to be looking at in 2023 and beyond?. (sot) ..continue to make Georgia the #1 place in the nation to live, work, and raise a family... (vo) While he will continue to represent parts of Effingham and Bulloch Counties and serve in Southeast Georgia's delegation, he must also take a broader approach. (sot) There are a lot of good things happening in Southeast Georgia. But there are a number of good things happening across the state. We'll continue to work with people in every part of Georgia. (sot) The General Assembly session begins Monday. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

1/6/2023 5:30pm  
5:29:00 PM OD

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Sot: (Rep. Nancy Mace - District 1, SC) "I believe it will be very difficult but it's going to be my job to put forward very pragmatic common-sense legislation that reflect the values that I have professed." Vo The Congresswoman made her feelings clear on twitter throughout the votes. She tells me transparency should remain a value through house negotiation. Sot "Nobody in this country, nobody in the state of South Carolina, nobody in the Lowcountry wants to see deals done in secret. Sunshine is the best medicine. If there were secret handshakes made, then we all should know about the process." Vo Now that a speaker has been chosen though, she tells me she's ready to get to work with the 12 bills facing the house this week. Sot "The midterm elections were about finding ways to work together where we have agreement. We're not going to agree on 80% of the things, but on 10 or 20% of the things that we do agree on, we've got to move forward."

1/9/2023 4:30PM  
4:29:00 PM OD

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MACE

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The first day of the legislative session was a short one in both the Senate and House of Representatives – with not much activity. But that's bound to change in the coming weeks – so here's a look at what's ahead. As the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives gavelled in Tuesday – leaders of both parties say they've put \*education among their top priorities – especially addressing the state's worsening teacher shortage. "Anything we can do to retain and recruit more teachers is necessary for us. But I also think the first step is giving a sizable pay raise." "We're concerned about the salaries that we pay teachers. We're concerned about the incentives that we may use to attract more young people into the teaching profession. We're concerned about classroom size." Republicans will try again to establish a voucher program – to give families state dollars to send their children to private school. "We spent a lot of time on that last year, and we'll spend some more time on that this year, and hopefully we can get an agreement and get there." Democrats say they'll work to ensure public schools have the money and support they need. "Our children are vastly underrepresented up here. We've got to make sure they are not going to be underfunded up here." State House leaders are also hoping to pass legislation cracking down on fentanyl trafficking ... reforming catch-and-release bail law ... and bolstering economic development – the top priority for new House Speaker Murrell Smith. The start of this year's session comes less than a week after the state Supreme Court struck down South Carolina's six-week ban on abortion. Republican leaders say they're still determining next steps – but don't believe this issue will bog down the entire session. "There will be attention paid to the abortion issue. There's no doubt of that in light of the ruling, but again, I do think that there are other issues than that that are important to the citizens of South Carolina." This session – Republicans retain their majority in the Senate – and now hold a \*supermajority in the House. Reporting from the State House, I'm Mary Green.

1/10/2023  
4:59:00 PM 5PM OD  
SC FIRST  
DAY OF  
2023  
SESSION

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Vo In a 33-page filing, three judges make it clear... concluding FS Race was the predominant factor motivating the General Assembly's adoption of Congressional District number 1. Vo There's a lot in this document, but a main point... FS The movement of over 30,000 African Americans in a single county from Congressional District number 1 to Congressional District number 6 created a stark racial gerrymander of Charleston County. Vo 70 miles to the North of us, the court says enough of the Democratic Black population was moved from Charleston county to impact the political lean of the entire first district. Daniel Morgan puts the maps together for Beaufort County and had nothing to do with the statewide drawings in question. He's got over three decades of experience and says the political affiliation of voters should have nothing to do with how they're redistricted. Sot: (Daniel Morgan - Director of Mapping and Applications, Beaufort County) "Never once has it come up to say, 'Hey let's look at this area. let's look at democrat or republican.' Not a part of the process? Not a part of our process no. And shouldn't be? I don't think so. I think anytime that it would be brought up to us, we would say hey there's a red flag a state's going to look at that and scrutinize what we're doing there." Vo As he showed us months ago, the process of drawing these maps is painstakingly intentional... with a lot of factors and numbers to balance, including not splitting minority groups of people as happened in Charleston. Sot "That's what we need to take into context, areas of interest and really look at that detail saying if you cut down this road you have this community here. Can we bring this community and keep them together." Vo Congresswoman Nancy Mace was re-elected by the district using that now thrown-out map, and the US House rep tells me she respects the ruling of the court. "I'm here to work hard and represent the Lowcountry no matter what that map looks like and I'm really honored to do it."

1/10/2023  
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EXPLAINED

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"So help me God." "So help me God." After being sworn in by state Supreme Court Justice John Kittredge – Gov. McMaster delivered a nearly 20-minute address. His thesis was one he's been reiterating recently in other remarks – saying South Carolina's future prosperity relies on three pillars -- its economic strength, education, and natural environment. McMaster laid out goals he's calling for the state to accomplish in his next four years – including raising teachers' starting salaries to 50-thousand dollars ... preserving South Carolina's environment and historic sites ... and strengthening laws regarding illegal guns and bail policies. The governor's inauguration comes less than week after the state Supreme Court struck down South Carolina's six-week ban on abortion. Here's the line that got McMaster his biggest standing ovation during his address. "We must also ensure that the public has confidence in whom and how all our judges are selected - by making the processes more transparent and accountable; so that every South Carolinian, born and unborn, may enjoy life, liberty and happiness."

1/11/2023  
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INAUGURAT  
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"One of the greatest honors of my life has been serving you and my fellow Georgians as your 83rd governor so I saw let's get back to work. Let's keep fighting hard everyday to keep out state the best place to live, work, and raise a family." Several other officials officially taking office today including Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and Attorney General Chris Carr. WTOC's Flynn Snyder will have more details on the ceremony coming up on the News at 5.

1/12/2023  
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SWEARING  
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\*nats of swearing in\* In a speech marking the start of Governor Brian Kemp's second term...it was the resilience of Georgians during his first term that took center stage. "We could not have anticipated the historic challenges and the tremendous headwinds the Peach State would face during my first term in office. But thanks to the character of our people, and the determination of public servants and local heroes in every corner of our state, I believe now more than ever Georgia's best days are ahead of us." Among his first priorities...Governor Kemp says he'll release his administration's 20-23 budget proposals. "My budget recommendations will propose a \$2,000 pay raise for all state employees including state law enforcement, teachers, pre-K teachers, and certified K-12 personnel." The Governor also promising tax rebates for property owners. "First, we will once again return \$1 billion of your income tax in the regards of a refund to our tax payers this year. Second, we will allocate \$1.1 billion for a one-time homeowner property tax relief grant to help you with rising local...property tax bills." Kemp highlighted several electric mobility projects announced during his first term...including the Hyundai plant coming to Bryan County. "The electric mobility industry will be responsible for 35 projects Georgia, to the tune of \$23 billion of investment and 28,000 new jobs." The inauguration follows a closely-watched race with Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams and comes just over two years after he and other state officials faced pressure from Donald Trump following the 2020 election. "My family and I have taken our fair share of arrows." Other state officials including the Lieutenant Governor...Secretary of State...and Attorney General were sworn in during the ceremony as well. Reporting...Flynn Snyder...WTOCN.

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NEW LABOR Thompson says he's humbled for the opportunity, writing in a statement "I am committed to working alongside partners statewide to modernize and improve efficiencies within the department that help more Georgians get back to work."

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4:59:00 PM 5PM OD KEMP 2023 BUDGET PROPOSAL Governor Brian Kemp made his recommendations to the General Assembly today. Those include another round of state income tax rebates. He's budgeting 1 billion dollars to give all eligible tax payers at least 250 dollars back. The second big ticket item is another rebate. This time for homeowners. The governor says the plan gives on average 500 dollars to eligible homeowners. Outside of the rebates - another big promise - teacher raises. The governor is asking state lawmakers to use 303 million dollars to adjust base salaries for educators. The change to the scale would give teachers about a 2-thousand dollar raise. The governor will pitch these and more to state lawmakers in joint committee hearings next week. 00:00:43

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6:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA SPORTS BETTING BILLS LATEST "My team went 11-4 this year, so I would've won a lot of money. And two, I don't see why anybody gets mad about us spending the money that we work for." "I don't think there's a problem with it, obviously with all the regulations and whatever. Like, I'm from Michigan and it's legal there. And I don't see any problems happening with society in Michigan since it's been legalized." Aside from individual people, there's also an advocacy group dedicated to legalizing sports betting in all 50 states- called the Sports Betting Alliance. They represent companies like FanDuel and Draft Kings. 00:00:34



1/17/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA SPORTS BETTING BILLS LATEST The push to legalize sports betting has been popular since a 2018 Supreme Court ruling opened the option for states to allow it. One of the main talking points for supporters: Georgia would benefit from the tax money made from sports betting. Now, if you want to use an app like DraftKings or FanDuel to place bets- you have to go to a state where it's legal. I caught up with some Savannahians to see what they thought about possibly being able to legally bet on sports. 00:00:27

1/19/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD OSSOFF ECHOLS HYDROGEN ENERGY U-S Senator Jon Ossoff and Georgia Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols announced the Georgia Hydrogen Energy Braintrust today. They'll be working with Georgia Tech on the initiative. They say the university has been researching advanced hydrogen technologies for decades. They say the goal is to make Georgia a national leader in hydrogen energy by working with businesses, energy companies and more. 00:00:24

I spoke to Savannah CPA Neville Stein today, and he told me that this tax season, things are mostly business as usual. He said that parents, however, do need to be on the lookout for one major change. "No more Mr. Nice Guy. For the COVID years, 20 and 21, the child tax credit was 3,000 for a child under 17. That's reduced to 2,000." That doesn't necessarily mean that parents will get less money back this year, however. Stein ran several mock tax returns for a family of four people. One was making 60,000 a year, one making 80,000, and one making 120,000. Stein: "In each of the '22 returns, they seemed to get a little more back. A couple of thousand back more." Stein says when you will get that money depends on when you file. The IRS has seen delays processing returns over the last few years- so keep that in mind when deciding when to file. Stein: "They are battling to kind of find their feet to pre-COVID levels of service, so given that, I would file earlier rather than later if you're waiting for that refund." Shea: Because of a holiday weekend, the deadline to file your taxes this year is Tuesday, April 18th- not April 15th. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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5AM SARAH At the Chatham County Health Department you can see a cooler full of different brand options for the  
FDA COVID vaccine and they also have a long chart how many doses patients should get based on a number of  
VACCINE factors. All of this information can get confusing for the providers and the patients. The Chatham County  
PLANS Nurse Manager says she is happy to hear the FDA is looking to streamline the process.

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1/30/2023 7:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBRE AK OD 5AM SARAH FDA COVID VACCINE PLANS Sierra Peebles / Chatham County Nurse Manager "We are used to a new vaccine every 5-10 years and we have concrete guidelines and things like that. Covid obviously happened very quickly, thankfully some research had already been done about the vaccine so they were able to produce that quickly but because the virus is changing so rapidly, there was a need for the vaccine to change rapidly as well." Peebles says there is no timeline yet on how soon we could see changes to the guidelines of when to get the next COVID vaccine but says until then -- she encourages you to ask questions about if you are eligible for another booster shot. 00:00:37

1/30/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD WHO COVID UPDATE In our area the Chatham County Health Department is focusing on getting more people vaccinated. The Chatham County Nurse Manager says there's a reason there have been so many different shots aimed at the virus. 00:00:12

"We are used to a new vaccine every 5-10 years and we have concrete guidelines and things like that. Covid obviously happened very quickly, thankfully some research had already been done about the vaccine so they were able to produce that quickly but because the virus is changing so rapidly, there was a need for the vaccine to change rapidly as well." The health department is still giving out COVID vaccines 5 days a week -- and they say the numbers of patients has dropped but they still do have people come in each week to get the vaccine.

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State Representative Jesse Petrea has openly criticized the Chatham County District Attorney's Office in the past for her stance on DUIs and recent plea deals in murder cases. He says it's important to understand the absolute power of an elected DA. "At the end of the day, the district attorney is supposed to protect the community. The No. 1 chief law enforcement officer of a county. If they can't protect the community, they're failing." This week, he joined several colleagues from across the state to introduce two new bills aimed at holding District Attorneys accountable. House Bill 229 would make it easier for voters to remove a DA from office. It reduced the requirements needed to have a recall election for a District Attorney. House Bill 231 would create a new state oversight commission for prosecutors in Georgia. The commission would have the power to discipline or remove an elected district attorneys or solicitor-general. Under the proposal, the 5-person commission made up of attorneys who would serve 4-year terms by appointment of the governor, the speaker of the house, the lieutenant governor and Senate commission on Assignments. Petrea said the state commission would be similar to the one that oversees judges in Georgia. "Judges have this, but there is no oversight for district attorneys outside of the people that elect them, so the voters of chatham county can hold our DA accountable by re-electing her in two years or not." But critics of a similar measure that's passed in other states, including Florida, have argued the commission can be used as a political tool by the governor to remove any DA that goes against his party's interest.

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		BLOOD	Right now the FDA has a new draft out and they are in the 60 comment period before they make any official	
	6AM	DONOR	changes. The proposal is to eliminate time based deferrals and instead switch to risk-based deferrals for men who	
2/6/2023	DAYBREAK	REQUIREMEN	have sex with other men. The current donor history questionnaire would be revised to ask all donors about new or	
7:00:00 AM	OD	TS	multiple sexual partners in the past three months to determine if they are eligible to give blood.	00:00:25

		530 SARAH		
		GAY MEN		
		BLOOD	Katie Smithson / Blood Connection "This will potentially expand that pool of eligible donors though we don't know	
	6AM	DONOR	exactly what that number looks like...we just ask that people be patient with us as we figure out what all of this	
2/6/2023	DAYBREAK	REQUIREMEN	means and how we best implement it and ensure that the blood supply is stable and safe for our hospital partners."	
7:00:00 AM	OD	TS	The blood connection says once they get final word from the FDA to make the switch -- they will have to update all	
			of their systems and do training with staff before this is implemented.	00:00:31

It's a major shakeup to the presidential nominating process. The Democratic party voting Saturday to replace Iowa with South Carolina for the first primary spot in 2024. "What they're trying to do is put a state that has more representative demographics in the lead." Dr. Kimberly Martin...assistant professor of political science at Georgia Southern says states with early primaries help set the tone for the rest of the race. "In Iowa, you have a majority white population as well as in New Hampshire. South Carolina is a little bit more representative, overall of the demographics in the country. It kind of gives candidates a little more of a reality check early on." In response to the change...Beaufort County's Democratic Party tells W-T-O-C "Prioritizing South Carolina, a state with diversity of race and economic status...shows that the Democratic party values every American, no matter their circumstance." After the move...the chair of the Republican National Committee said the change will cause chaos and abandon millions of Iowa and New Hampshire voters. Iowa has held the first primary spot since 1972. Dr. Martin says the move isn't sitting well in the Hawkeye State. "This is a big deal for them to make this sort of change and they've actually been resisting it a little bit." Closer to home...the Beaufort County Democratic Party expects higher voter turnout in South Carolina for the 2024 primary. Dr. Martin says the change will bring more attention sooner than voters are used to. "...just prepare to have candidates there to talk to you. They're going to be in your state first, if that's the case. Also, be prepared for all those ads, all those commercials, because your state will be bombarded first before anyone else."

2/6/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD IMPACT DNC PRIMARY CHANGES SC 00:01:43

The court stood by the decision to let the referendum stand, writing in part, "the Georgia Constitution grants county voters the right to seek a referendum undoing their local government's ordinances, resolutions, or regulations." They go on to write, "the Camden County Probate Court judge who authorized the referendum acted within the scope of his jurisdiction."

2/7/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD SPACEPORT REFERNDUM RULING 00:00:22

2/7/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SEN. SCOTT CONCEALED CARRY BILL The senator says the plan would allow concealed carry permits to be treated like drivers' licenses by allowing people with permits in one state to carry in another. Those that chose to carry would still have to follow every state's individual gun laws. WTOC will follow this bill as it makes its way through Congress. 00:00:19

"Savannah advocates say placing foster children in hotels should be a thing of the past but it's something the Department of Family and Children Services is often forced to do. Georgia lawmakers are looking for solutions and so is Brightside Children and Family advocacy." "It's a crisis across the board." According to Voice for Georgia Children, 50 to 70 children in foster care are housed in hotels or the DFACS office every night with a social worker. Brightside Director Kate Blair says Chatham County foster children are often put in hotels miles away from the places they know. "We had a 10-year-old around the holidays that was not in school because he was in a hotel for the whole time and not in Chatham County. So, they're not going to their school. Visitation is difficult with family." In the 2022 fiscal year, the state spent 28 million dollars on hotels for children. That an average of \$1,500 a night Blair says law makers are looking at restricting hotel use. She happy the issue is getting recognition but it raises new problems. "What happens when we do that is the children are sleeping at DFACS." Another issue in the system--- insurance. Georgia's Department of Community Health uses one company for all of their managed care, but Blair says the company is not providing the services and screenings they're supposed to. "Everybody that's in the child welfare system will make that complaint. That will tell you we are not getting the services paid for our children that need to be paid for." She believes a solution to save more money and end hotel stays could be using short-term intake homes with a similar set up as their BrightHouse. Blair adds a proactive approach would be providing more financial help and Medicaid opportunities for children with behavioral and mental conditions so their parents can better care for them. "The children coming into to foster care should be children experiencing significant abuse and neglect. Not children who with the proper support could remain at home with their parents." A system desperately needing a change. Camille Syed WTOC News.

2/9/2023 5:59:00 PM 5PM OD GA FOSTER CARE CONCERNS 00:02:04

2/13/2023 5:00:00 PM 4PM OD CAMILLE: COVID EMERGENCY OVER The CDC added Covid shots to its schedule of routinely recommended vaccines recently for everyone over 6 months old. Right now, Dr. Reddick says COVID cases are low across the eight counties in the Coastal District. As of February 8th, there were 356 cases in Chatham County according to the Georgia Department of Health website. Dr. Reddick says he expects the COVID vaccine is on the CDC's annual list to stay. 00:00:24

2/13/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD SC MEDICAID ELGIBILITY REVIEW TO RESUME "A lot of folks move over a three year period. They don't always think to notify us that they've moved and changed addresses, so we're going to be over the next year sneind out annual review forms and annual review letters." 00:00:13



2/17/2023  
5:00:00 PM 4PM OD HAYLEY: PRESIDENTAL CANDIDATES Martin says this is a critical time for a candidate like Nikki Haley – to renew her name recognition across the country. She says while Haley has been out of the spotlight for a bit, her campaign will likely center around reminding voters of her resume early on... Martin also says since Haley worked under the Trump administration so she'll have to be very strategic in how she differentiates herself from her opponent. 00:00:25

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5:00:00 PM 4PM OD CBS: CARTER HOSPICE 3:30 "History will show that he was one of the greatest persons that ever lived in our country not just one of the greatest presidents." On this Presidents Day, many are visiting former President Jimmy Carter's hometown. The 98-year-old has entered hospice care at his home following a series of hospital stays. Cristian Benavides is in Plains, Georgia... where Carter was born, raised, and where he's living out his final days. 00:00:25

2/20/2023 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HOSPICE REAX JIMMY CARTER "This man whose greatest service occurred after he held the greatest office in the land...hugely sad, I mean, he just such a good man, a righteous man, and you know, if he's at peace, we know what his faith, where people that have that faith go, so we just remember his legacy and pray his for family." 00:00:17

Former President Jimmy Carter made the most of his time spent in Plains, Georgia -- but over here in Savannah -- how does he know Doug Weathers? \*sliding in DVD\* \*playing clip of president carter\* Former WTOC Anchor Doug Weathers says he doesn't remember exactly how they first met -- but it wasn't just a one-time thing. In fact, he was in the WTOC newsroom. "He's been there many many many times" It was no secret, President Carter loved WTOC and the hostess city "He made it a regular thing. Every time he was in town he would come by and he loved the St. Patrick's Day parade" Doug Weathers had the honor -- one legend to another -- \*nat pop\* To interview the president when he was a georgia state senator and governor "It's just amazing when you start thinking about you could be interviewing the person who could be president of the United States." \*nat pop interview clip\* "He was a very easy person to interview. And you could always tell when you got him going because his eyes would open up." Respectable. And accomplished are two ways Doug Weathers remembers him "He was a very sincere person. He loved his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And his wife Rosalind. "I don't care what you said about him...you couldn't say anything about his character or intentions." President Carter is on hospice care. "Well he's 98 now...that's older

2/23/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD ALYSSA: DOUG WEATHERS ON JIMMY CARTER than I am by the way \*laughs\*" And Doug Weathers like many here in the peach state are hoping he stays with us much longer "I want to see him get to 100 or more. He's 98 now so let's go" Doug Weathers has interviewed and met many change-makers in his lifetime but President Carter will always hold a special place in his heart "So he goes down on the list of greats for you? Oh yeah, sure." 00:01:39

2/23/2023 1:00:00 PM NOON OD CHOA  
MERCER EXPANDING RURAL HEALTHCARE GOV. KEMP: "Over half a million Georgia children currently live in rural counties. And at least 24,000 babies are born each year in these places. But fewer than 200 pediatricians live and work in those same counties. And as I said in my State of the State address last month, 67 counties in Georgia have fewer than 10 physicians and even more alarming, roughly 65 rural counties have no pediatricians." 00:00:23

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2/28/2023		OVERSIGHT		
6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	LATEST	But some prosecutors are now pushing back against the bill - saying the plan could allow the state to go against the will of the voters who elect the D-A's. Some are also concerned it would force them to go after undesirable criminal charges. Others support the plan - with about 20 district attorneys signing a letter in support of the bills.	00:00:20

LL intro: With President Joe Biden's student debt relief program up in the air – I talked to some borrowers here in the Savannah area. Some of them say they're confused about what's next – while others who have paid off their debts say they're feeling frustrated. "I have a full-time job as a scientist – but still not enough to pay off my debt, unfortunately." Graduates like Jasmine Lupi – who's facing about \$19,000 worth of unpaid student loans – say they're worried about what's next – if Biden's debt relief program is ended by the Supreme Court. "It was the first time in my life that I saw a vision of myself being able to own a home. The second that they unfreeze that and don't resolve my loans, that vision is gone." Dr. Richard McGrath, an economics professor at Georgia Southern, says relieving student debt, could create more economic opportunities for many. "There are some real benefits to people having less debt that can help in the other direction. People who feel less strained to pay off a debt, may have more opportunities to be self employed, to do something creative that's going to create a lot more future value." While others – aren't so fond of the program. "It's my tax money. I paid my way, my son's paid his way, why can't the rest of the world do that?" But current borrowers – are beginning to worry as the program remains in limbo. Like Doug Norton – who still owes about \$35,000. "I understand everybody behind us would be upset, but when does it get better? When's that first day that it gets better? I would champion that with or without student loans." LL TAG: According to the Department of Education, payments will resume 60 days after the Supreme Court announces their decision. If no decision is made by June 30th, payments will resume 60 days after that. In Savannah, HB WTOC NEWS.

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3/3/2023		GA SENATE		
5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	REJECTS	But that's not the end of the road for sports betting supporters. The House is set to vote on another plan that	
		SPORTS	excludes horse racing and put the decision to allow betting to voters on Monday. If they pass it, it will go to the	
		BETTING	Senate for a vote.	00:00:14

3/15/2023		HYUNDAI		
4:59:00 PM	5PM OD	LIASION	New today - the State of Georgia officially funded a position that supports the Hyundai build. You may remember	
		APPROVED IN	the Savannah Joint Development Authority recently hired a director of workforce to help companies fill their hiring	
		GA BUDGET	needs in regards to this project. State lawmakers approved more than 200-thousand dollars for costs associated	
			with that part of the process to get Hyundai up and running in the Coastal Empire.	00:00:25

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LAST DAY FOR OKEEFENOKEE MINING OPINIONS  
Today is the last day to make your voice heard on the issue of mining near the Okefenokee Swamp. If you remember- a group of Georgia lawmakers started to try and prevent any mining near the edge of the swamp back in January. Federal scientists have warned that the mining could damage the swamp's ability to hold water and the ecosystem at the Georgia-Florida line. Twin Pines Minerals has already released a draft plan for the first phase of the proposed strip mine. To submit your opinions- look for this story on wtoc.com . 00:00:31

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PASSPORT DELAYS  
Right now – average turnaround times are 5-8 weeks for an expedited application, and 8-12 weeks for a regular application. Carter's office recommends that if your passport is set to expire in about a year, it's best to renew it now. Their office can also help track applications, and assist in cases of emergency. 00:00:18

"By making this bill you're actually harming people." Senate Bill 140 is expected to be law soon. The bill sponsored by Statesboro Senator Billy Hickman will ban gender affirming healthcare like gender change surgeries and hormone treatment in people younger than 18. (Sen. Billy Hickman phoner) "I don't believe that someone under 18 has the mental ability to decide for the rest of their life that they want to make that type of change." While gender reassignment surgery is rare in youth, hormone treatment is often prescribed. It's used by someone who wants to identify as either non-binary or as a different gender than they were born. "This is really taking power of out the hands of not just the patient but really the patient's parents." "Starland Family Practice offers hormone treatment to their patients as young as 16 and doctors are worried about a mental health decline in many of their LGBTQ+ patients if this bill goes into affect." 56 percent of transgender youth attempted suicide and 86 percent reported suicidality, according to a 2022 study by the National Institutes of Health. "It is common that they present with other adjustment disorders, or mood disorders like depression or anxiety and it almost always gets better when you treat the gender dysphoria." "I believe that if a child is going through some of this then they need psychological help. But to have a surgery altering change or either the drugs I don't believe in that. Hoping to stop this bill, just over a dozen young people with Savannah non-profit Deep Center which offers transgender support, went to the Capitol Wednesday to explain why they feel it's harmful. "Imagine being a young trans person and watching legislators debate whether or not you deserve to exist or that they know what's best for you as opposed to your parents or you." If Governor Brian Kemp signs this bill, doctors who still provide treatment must appear before the Georgia Medical Board, according to Hickman. It's not clear what their punishment will be. Camille Syed WTOC News.

3/22/2023 CAMILLE: 00:01:58  
4:29:00 PM 4:30PM OD GENDER HEALTHCARE

Taking a LIVE look from the WTOC Plant Riverside District Skycam. Hotel bills in Savannah could soon go up. State lawmakers passed a bill Monday to increase the city's hotel/motel tax from 6 percent to 8 percent. That means people could be paying more in taxes for room rentals in the city. State Representative Edna Jackson sponsored the bill. She says the money will be used for tourism-based projects.

3/28/2023 GA HOTEL 00:00:24  
5:53:00 PM 6PM OD MOTEL TAX BILL PASSES

3/28/2023 5:53:00 PM 6PM OD GA HOTEL MOTEL TAX BILL PASSES "It's not putting the burden on the people of Savannah. But this money, the taxes, will only be from people that are going in our hotels." Some of the projects the tax money would go to are sidewalk construction and millions of dollars in River Street improvements. 00:00:15

? (vo) As the General Assembly wraps up the last few hours of the 2023 session, House Speaker Jon Burns says he's disappointed lawmakers won't get a vote on House Bill 520, which includes reforms for mental health treatment. (sot) We would like to see it move on through. But we understand how the process works here, working in conjunction with our friends in the Senate. (vo) The bill would expand student loan forgiveness for mental health care providers, create crisis stabilization centers around the state and expand the provisions for court-ordered outpatient treatment. The Senate has its own reform bill and hasn't moved on the House version. Burns said they did agree on more funding for the services available now. (sot) We know we've make significant progress when it comes to funding issues. And that helps move the needle forward. We're working with our local providers, working with public safety, trying to solve some of the homeless issues. (vo) He says that some of the initial work on this began last year through the former Speaker, the late David Ralston. He pledges to keep that moving. (sot) Advocates of mental health issues know they have an ear in the House, have an ear in this building. And we're going to continue to do that. I'm encouraged. We've made progress. We would like to make more. (vo) He says that will continue through the year even before they reconvene next January. Dal Cannady WTOC news.

3/29/2023 5:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD HOUSE SPEAKER ON PRIORITIES 00:01:22



3/31/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD DECKER INTERVIEW ON TRUMP INDICTMENT History was made in New York, after a Manhattan grand jury voted to indict Former President Donald Trump Thursday. We're joined by Gray T-V's White House Correspondent Jon Decker. Jon - put this in perspective for us - it's the first time a current or former president has been criminally charged. What does this mean big picture? This indictment is still under seal. Do you have an idea of what the charges may be? How does this impact Trump's ability to run for president next year? Do you think the state of New York has a strong case? 00:00:31

**ISSUE 20- ALERTING THE PUBLIC ON LOCAL CITY AND COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STAFF CHANGES. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES LIQUOR LICENSE, PORT WENTWORTH COUNCILWOMAN ON ETHICS VIOLATIONS, TYBEE SEWER RATE INCREASES, MEETING ON DARIEN BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION, PEMBROKE REZONING VOTE, TYBEE BEACH RENOURISHMENT FUNDS, BEAUFORT DRAINAGE PROJECT BLOOMINGDALE REZONING, CODE COMPLIANCE OUTSTANDING FEES, TOOMBS CO. COURTHOUSE UPDATE, SAVANNAH CIVIC CENTER PLAN, TYBEE ISLAND WORKFORCE HOUSING, CHATHAM CO. FIRE FEES, PEMBROKE TORNADO CLAIMS, FORMER RICHMOND HILL MAYOR DIES, NEW VIDALIA CITY HALL, WALTHOURVILLE WATER PROBLEMS, TYBEE CITY HALL RENOVATIONS, REPORT ON SAVANNAH'S HOMELESS, STATESBORO COUNCIL BLUE MILE AGREEMENT, SAV. CITY COUNCIL ON IMPACT FEES, PORT WENTWORTH RETIRED CHIEF MATT LIBBY'S OVERSPENDING, SAV. CHATHAM DAY AT THE CAPITOL, COVID EMERGENCY END LOCAL IMPACT, TYBEE PARKING FEES INCREASE AND BUSINESS REACTION, GARDEN CITY MAPS REDRAWN AND FIRE FEE SAVANNAH CITY BUILDING SOLAR PANELS, JESUP CHICKEN CONTROVERSY, SAVANNAH PARKING TICKET BOOTS, ST. PATRICK'S DAY LITTER RULES, SAVANNAH COUNCIL ON ST. PAT'S PLANS. HILTON HEAD PRIORITY PROJECTS, GUYTON LIQUOR STORE LATEST, CAT ROUTES BEGIN TODAY, SAVANNAH DRAINAGE MEETING, CHATHAM CO. TERM LIMITS, PHASE 2 ON BROUGHTON STREETScape, CALHOUN SQUARE TO BE RENAMED  
SOURCE: CHATHAM CO. COMMISSION,, SAV. CITY COUNCIL, ETC**

1/12/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSES LIQUOR LICENSE	<p>"We have never, since i've been sitting at this post, i have never witnessed, an individual or business be held to as high of a standard as these individuals have been. additionally, they have done above and beyond what is required." "The residents of the third district, they were in opposition, I've been working in this community for the last 3 years, and I was not going to say anything, but to say that I'm against black businesses, when the alderwoman at large has denied at least 3 black businesses..." (Gibson-Carter and Mayor interrupt)</p>	00:00:30
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1/2/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	TYBEE BEACH RENOURISH MENT FUNDS	<p>Tybee has had this partnership with the Corps of Engineers for 50 years and with this new act signed ... they secured 12 more. This federal support is step one. Now, the city has to figure out how they'll come up with the money they need to fund their part of the overall renourishment cost. PKG "Our beach is absolutely everybody's beach." Mayor Shirley Sessions says she believes this is why they had support from Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock and people like Representative Buddy Carter who pushed to get the president's signature on this agreement. An agreement that's vital for the island's well-being. "We knew that the current agreement ended in 2024 and we knew that that 2020 nourishment was our last formal nourishment under the agreement, barring hurricane damage, so we've been working for the last three years with everyone." Having federal authorization means when Tybee does their next renourishment project, which Robertson expects will be in 2026, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will fund about 60% of it. "Tybee is going to have to come with the other 35%-40% of that money." Sessions says the city needs help from the county and the state to pay their end of the bargain, which is millions of dollars. At the end of 2022 we reported about the lengthy negotiations on how to split local options sales tax funds between Chatham County and its eight municipalities. A big hold up was how much of the split would go toward Tybee's beach renourishment. "But the chairman and the commissioners did not support that and that has led to where we are now." With no money for beach renourishment coming from LOST funds, Sessions says Chairman Chester Ellis asked to meet to talk about how they can help fund renourishment from SPLOST funds. "If a hurricane damages the beach as Matthew did and Irma did then the corps is authorized to come in and prepare the beach at the federal government's cost." Which was the case for the last renourishment project finished in 2020. However, Robertson says the city will not and does not want to rely on this and needs to have a payment plan of their own. "This is a never-ending job. With every nourishment our beach gets a little healthier and a little bigger." LLTAG Mayor Sessions says the city plans to meet with County Commission Chairman Chester Ellis at the end of this month. She says they will also meet with Governor Brian Kemp's office to see how the state can help fund the next project as well. She says she's hopeful that it will get sorted out. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.</p>	00:02:29
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		BEAUFORT PROJECT MEETING NEXT WEEK	It's the Alljoy Road sidewalk project in Bluffton. The plan right now is to create a 6 foot sidewalk aimed at making more room for walkers. It will also add a separate bike lane apart from the road in the hopes of increasing safety. The meeting will be drop by style next Tuesday. It's happening at the Bluffton Recreation Center from 5 to 7 p-m.	
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		DARIEN BRIDGE OPEN HOUSE CONT.	And a reminder for our viewers in Darien - the virtual public house is still open. So you still have time to share your thoughts on the Darien River Bridge Replacement Project. You have from now until January 31st to comment on the plan. The virtual public house is available on the project's website. There will also be an in-person meeting Next Thursday at Darien City Hall.	
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		BEAUFORT PROJECT MEETING NEXT WEEK	We're talking about the Alljoy Road sidewalk project in Bluffton. The plan right now is to create a 6 foot sidewalk that will create more room for walkers. It will also add a bike lane separate from the road. Town officials are holding a public meeting next Tuesday to hear your thoughts. It's happening at the Bluffton Recreation Center from 5 to 7 p-m.	
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LL: The city says this rezoning gives them and the people that own the property more options for future development. But limits on certain utility services here could curtail growing interest to build housing in the city. PKG: In 20-17...the City of Pembroke identified nearly 230 parcels of land to be rezoned from agricultural to residential use. But Steve Scholar with the city's planning and zoning commission says there was a problem. "For some reason, it never got voted on." Now...with city leaders saying there's growing interest to build new houses here...council finally voted to approve the change at last night's council meeting. The parcels sit mostly undeveloped in the northwest section of Pembroke. "We think that's where the growth is going to come because of the Hyundai plant and just the growth in general in this area. We meet weekly with people that are interested in developing. I met this morning with someone who wants to bring 30 homes into the city. So there's lots of interest." Scholar says that even though there currently aren't any large-scale housing developments up for final approval...the change gives property owners greater flexibility. "It gives the people that own the property more options. The city is not in the business of developing property, but we are trying to make it reasonable for people who want to come in and develop." But Scholar says that increasing the city's limited sewage processing abilities is a priority for ensuring that interest for development can be met. "We only have a certain amount of sewer capacity and at the moment, we don't have near enough for that. At some point, we're going to have to build a mechanical plant, but that's four or five years down the road." Scholar says the city is working to expand current sewage capacity amid expected growth from the nearby Hyundai electric vehicle plant. LL: As for the parcels...the city did allow people who owned five or more acres of the affected land to keep the agricultural zoning for their property. Scholar says a handful of people did take that option. Reporting in Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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Happening now - the City of Tybee Island is reminding people who live on the island - expect your water bill to go up. That's with a 4 percent rate increase for water and sewer services. The city says the raise will help pay for repairs and upgrades to water infrastructure across the city. That increase went into effect on January 1st.

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It was originally built in 1944 and the Georgia Department of Transportation says it's in need of repairs. The new plans also include a pedestrian and bike path.. as well as a platform to use for Blessing of the Fleet.

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1/11/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	BEAUFORT HISTORIC BRIDGE	<p>You may know it from Forrest Gump's run, posing as a bridge over the Mississippi River... or you may just know it as the bridge that swings open... but for Alisha Smith it's just the office. Nat it's not as complicated as it looks Nat you put your warning gates, then your barrier gates, then your wedge Nat you just push the level up and you hold it and it opens the bridge Vo The Woods Memorial Bridge first opened back in 1959 and is now one of the last of its kind. Carrying countless travelers as a piece of Hollywood history, it's been a busy six decades, but the operator's only been working this complicated board for six months. Nat I was scared about that at first too, but you only use about six buttons Vo She's got a beautiful view of historic Beaufort, and now her office along with the rest of the swing bridge are recognized as part of it. Officially listed on the Nation Registry of Historic Places last week, this city staple now has extra protections. Sot: (Cynthia Jenkins - Executive Director, Historic Beaufort Foundation) "It was critically important from an economic and a tourism standpoint that we try to protect the integrity of the national landmark district." Vo The director of the Historic Beaufort Foundation tells me keeping the Woods Memorial bridge is to the benefit of Beaufort's character. It's functional too, letting boats through the area's waterways after swinging open. Sot: (Alisha Smith - Tender, Woods Memorial Bridge) "Right now, we're on the hour so we can open every hour. I had an opening at 1 o'clock. Weekends and holidays it's by request." Vo Smith says the job is enjoyable, but she hasn't quite gotten into the bridge's exercise benefits like Forrest. Nat that's a long walk Vo I can attest it is quite the stroll... but the view once you get to the top isn't just pretty... now it's historic too. Reporting from Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:43
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1/12/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	DARIEN CITY COUNCIL DEATH	<p>Goodyear represented the South Ward and served on the board of the Darien-McIntosh Chamber of Commerce. She was an Albany native - but moved to Darien in 2009. She's served in a public role since 2010 - when she was elected to the Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Hodge tells WTOC that Goodyear passed away yesterday and that it was sudden. We will keep you updated as we learn more.</p>	00:00:22
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1/12/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	DARIEN BRIDGE MEETING	<p>You may remember --- Darien city leaders say they were originally told that the bridge would be shut down for years during construction ... last summer, GDOT announced that they would be keeping the bridge open during the reconstruction... however, under the preliminary construction plans – the bridge would still be closed for about 30 days – which still raises some concerns with residents. The Darien Bridge connects Darien with Brunswick along Highway 17 – serving as a main route for many of the people who live or work in both towns.</p>	00:00:32
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Well CRU Lounge would be located in Alderwoman Linda Wilder Byran's district and she says people living in the area say they don't want the lounge selling alcohol in their community. Alderwoman Kesha Gibson Carter felt like the business owners haven't been treated fairly considering this is their second time asking for an alcohol license although they meet the requirements. The council voted to deny the request by Brittany O'Neal in a 5-4 vote. That's after they tabled the vote on the liquor license in July of last year.

O'Neal was asked to reapply and today they said they checked all the boxes they had to be eligible for the license. O'Neal said they spent roughly \$330 thousand dollars so far on several things like fees in order to get CRU Lounge up and running. Alderwoman at large Kesha Gibson-Carter claimed the applicants had so many hurdles to jump through because they're a Black owned business. Mayor Van Johnson cut Gibson-Carter and Wilder-Bryan off saying their comments were inappropriate.

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LL intro: Last month, GDOT released their preliminary plans for the reconstruction of the Darien Bridge. This open house served as an opportunity for people who live in the area to get their questions answered about the plan. It was a packed house in Darien City Hall – as people showed up to see the renderings of the construction plan. "We're particularly grateful that GDOT is listening to the members of our community and understand how important it is to keep our businesses open and traffic going across the bridge, so I think we're going in the right direction." Previously, Darien city leaders say they were told GDOT would be shutting down the Darien bridge for years while it's reconstructed. Last July, GDOT confirmed that they would be keeping the bridge open to traffic. However, the preliminary construction plans still have a potential 30-day closure to connect portions of the bridge. "I drive back and forth over the bridge three to four times a week at least, because I work in Brunswick. So, them doing half of the bridge at a time is really important to me actually being able to actually cross over." GDOT representatives say construction on the bridge, built in the 1940s, is necessary. "We're coming up on about 80 years of life, generally bridges have roughly 50 years of life, especially as they were designed back in that time, so lots of things have changed. Modern vehicles have changed. Weights have gone up on these vehicles that are going to and from the bridge. It's definitely safe for travel, but it's been eyed for replacement for several years." Many residents came to the meeting to voice their concerns. "My biggest concern is how are they going to slow traffic down coming off of the bridge? Right now, nobody slows down even though there's a 35 miles per hour speed limit." While GDOT is taking public comment now, construction isn't expected to start until 2026. LL TAG: If you were unable to make it to the meeting, you can still submit comments to GDOT online until January 31st. We'll have a link to that in this story on our website. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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We saw Brittany O'Neal's team before council in July of last year asking for a liquor license for her business "CRU Lounge". Council tabled it asking her to come back -- tonight it was still denied in a 5-4 vote. "Is it something I'm missing that would send any red flags? I don't see it right now." It left several council members upset and confused when according to the city manager, they've done everything required "I would like to ask why we are we denying this license." Mayor" That's an inappropriate question" "I have never witnessed an individual or business be held as high to as high of a standard as these individuals have been" The couple says they've invested 330-thousand dollars into their business so far, Alderwoman Kesha Gibson Carter says the denial proves policies of the city and some of the administration are racist -- "Do you just have to not be black or what?" Mayor: That's inappropriate After accusations and character attacks were exchanged, the mayor says each council member votes their own conviction -- alderwoman wilder bryan's who represents the district says her constituents didn't want them selling liquor "We are all entrusted with the ability to not only vote but to respect everyone's right to have a vote"

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PW CITY A Port Wentworth councilwoman will face a municipal court judge for ethics violations next week.  
COUNCILW Councilwoman Jo Smith is facing allegations included falsifying residency, abusing her city-issued credit  
OMAN card and conflicts of interest tied to taxpayer money. She will go before a municipal court judge  
UPDATE Wednesday morning.

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PW CITY Councilwoman Jo Smith is accused of falsifying her residency, abusing her city-issued credit card and  
COUNCILW conflicts of interest tied to taxpayer money. Smith has denied several attempts for an interview with  
OMAN WTOC. We are waiting to hear back from her lawyer. She will go before a municipal court judge  
UPDATE Wednesday morning.

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LL Every year, over the past few years, City Manager Shawn Gillen says they've increased the rate in small increments so that they can stay on top of necessary maintenance of things like water pipes and lines. VO Gillen says what peoples' bills will look like next month is dependent on their usage. Some people might notice an increase while others may not. Every year, Gillen says the city spends nearly \$3 million just to keep the existing water and sewer lines up to par. In the case of an emergency, like we saw in July when a manhole collapsed, Gillen says it's imperative that the city is ready to pay for the repairs. Just under a year ago, the city implemented a new water rate structure ... and Gillen says this latest rate increase goes right along with it. SOT "We're being very aggressive in our water and sewer infrastructure replacement program. In our CIP (capital investment plan) and our five-year plan we're spending about \$2 million to \$2.5 million a year in water and sewer main replacement. That is more than we've ever done, so we're looking at keeping up with the purchasing power of that over time." LLTAG Gillen says residents should expect an increase like this next year as well. If anyone has any questions about their bill when they get it next month ... he says they can give the city a call. On Tybee Island Mariah Congedo WTOC News. 00:01:17

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Standup In talking with the city's special projects director, he tells me houses here on Bayard street can see up to 20 inches of flooding right now, that's almost enough water to get to my knee, but he says this funding will allow them to fix that. Sot: voice of gfx so no lower needed "This will put a drainage system at the right size at the right elevation in order to evacuate the water as rapidly as possible." Vo The city will add another 200,000 dollars to fund this project, that the special projects director says is popular with everyone. Sot "All the residents have been briefed on what we intend to do, they're wildly in support of the project. City council is wildly in support of the project and we've also got our county partners which are in favor of the project." On cam tag He says they're waiting to hear back about two other grants that would bring another 17 million dollars in for flooding across the city, but for this specific project there's not a timeline for completion just yet. Reporting from Beaufort, Tyler Manion, WTOC News. 00:01:01

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About a mile away from Bloomingdale City Hall sits more than 200 acres of land many residents want to keep zoned for housing. Developers say it would be better utilized as industrial. But, Council denied those developers' re-zoning request after a packed room made their voices heard Thursday. "Simply put, this property isn't suitable for residential and with thousands of acres of undeveloped land in bloomingdale the question is why hasn't it developed already?" "He paid taxes all these years and as a property owner and realtor they should be able to do what they want to do within reason" "How much longer are we gonna say no no no instead of yes and control the growth" The land is zoned residential-agricultural. Residents against re-zoning say they know they aren't the only area dealing with many industrial developments coming in. "It's inappropriate. Even in other developments in the Savannah area where you see one of these industrial parks. There's a lot of land around it. This has been shoe horned in there." One resident says it's ruining her peace and quiet. "We can't stop a lot of progress. And it's probably not a matter of if...but when...cause it's everywhere..." The mayor and all of council voted against the measure. "Every city should have a place for everything but you should not overfill on one particular thing." The denial could result in legal action. The developers sent the city a letter in November, saying if they were denied, they would appeal and challenge the constitutionality of the city's zoning classification. They left before the meeting was over.. so we were not able to get their reaction to Thursday night's vote.

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The city of savannah is known for its historic buildings and beautiful architecture..but there are some properties that leave an eyesore. That's where code compliance comes in..... "I truly believe it's city wide. You can go from the westside to the eastside then when you go south you see properties surrounding blighted properties that are in good condition" The issue of properties with a history of blight goes back for years...and the price tag is to the tune of millions of dollars. WTOC obtained a list of outstanding fees from the city ....4500 invoices that total 2.2 million dollars. Last year it was at 1.6 million.... Some of the biggest fines ranged from 18-thousand to 26-thousand dollars for just one property "Just a slow process on collecting those fees. Many of the property owners are deceased...heirs are unknown or there are multiple heirs and there are even cases of citizens who are unable to pay the fees because of limited income." Some of the invoices haven't been paid on for 8 years. That forces the city to send out lien notices before they have to take people to court "Seeing it going up in regard to the liens and it doesn't pride me to say this but that's often when we hear from property owners when they get the lien notice." Fines are issued after the city pays contractors to clean up a property and after several attempts to get the owner to correct the violation Some words of advice -- Make sure you're looking into a property you plan to invest in "The fee follows the property. And if someone acquires a property where we a have a fee assessed to it, they pretty much inherit it if they haven't done the background check to identify what fees are owed" Savannah's code compliance director says she knows living near an unkempt property can be frustrating "We understand and know what needs to be done and we take action and often times when it seems like nothing is being done there's a whole history behind that code case"

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The answer is, yes. In fact, County Manager John Jones tells me they're about 80% done with it. VO This project is a massive undertaking and workers are here almost around the clock to get it done. Right now, Jones says they're finishing up the front of it by laying the brick and cast stone. Jones says once they seal up the outside of the building they'll move inside. Jones says construction hasn't been much of a disruption for court work. He says they've been able to continue on with regular courthouse duties, including several jury trials. Soon enough, this much bigger courthouse will allow them to do even more ... in a county that is seeing a lot of growth. Jones says once they move into the courthouse, sometime in July, they will start clearing out the old courthouse and they don't want anything to go to waste. SOT "We still have a lot of equipment and furniture in the current courthouse that'll be auctioned off and available for any of the public who wants to come and purchase it. That'll take about two weeks to do that once we move out of it and then after that the demolition of the existing courthouse will start." LLTAG Once it's torn down, this area I'm standing in will be used for parking and a park. Jones says the park will be for people working and visiting the courthouse throughout the week and it'll be open on weekends too for the community to enjoy. He says they don't have a name for it yet, but it'll be some type of memorial park. In Toombs County, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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"City of Savannah staffers recently held a kick off meeting with that consulting firm to get the conversation started on what's next for the Savannah Civic Center Complex. Employees working in this area say they still hope it'll be an event space." The city hired Sottile and Sottile architectural consulting firm to help with land planning, architectural assessment and support services for whatever city leaders decide will go here next. The Urban Land Institute previously recommended removing the complex entirely since city staff has said they don't have the money to keep the Civic Center running. Across the street from the Civic Center sits Savannah Coffee Roasters. Shift Leader and Savannah native Taylor Carter wants the complex to keep a similar purpose at a smaller scale. "I believe it can be utilized as an event space and even funding can come from that because every year people come to Savannah for weddings, family reunions, even homecoming ceremonies like funerals and things like that for larger families." While it's unclear what's next, city officials say the next step will be a proposal detailing a draft of plans. "And as far as how much it cost the city to hire that consulting firm, city leaders say the contract should not exceed \$100,000. In Savannah Camille Syed WTOC News."

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((PKG)) People that live in the historic district, folks from the business community, and preservationists were all represented at the City of Savannah's meeting today- getting into the nitty gritty about the subdivision of property, and the possibility of conducting a "cultural landscape survey." "By doing a cultural landscape survey, we're hoping that that report, once it's generated, can help us look at our ordinances, our procedures, our policies, and strengthen them based on some of the key items that were picked up in that process." The survey would look at what's been built in the Historic District- also taking into account input from the public. The group that met today, which doesn't have a formal name, is also hoping to get the National Park Service's help in conducting the survey. Lidy: "They've offered to provide us with some technical assistance so we want to go ahead and take advantage of that opportunity, and through that network that we have with them craft the best product that we can." There's no timeline yet on when the survey would actually be conducted- it was just decided that it's officially happening today. But, Lidy says they'll be actively working on it in the first quarter of this year. Lidy: "There's a great effort to make some positive changes to our current policies and procedures that we have, and we want to go ahead and move as quickly as possible." Shea: The group today decided to meet on a monthly basis over the next several months to get a solid plan together for the survey. Reporting in Savannah, Shea Schrader, WTOC News.

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Back in November, WTOC first learned about a proposal to put an day shelter with apartments on MLK Boulevard. City leaders say the proposed development would offer transitional housing at a low cost. The city told WTOC in the past - there's still a lot of details to work out. Again - that plan was up for discussion today but the meeting was postponed. WTOC will update you when they take it up.

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"We have a need for workforce housing down here, but the island's full." City Councilmember Brian West says many people who work on the island can't live here for two reasons. Either they can't afford it ... "I was looking at a small efficiency apartment and it's like maybe 13ft by 20 and it was astronomical, the price." .... or they can't find it. "We have to build above the flood zone and below the building height and so there's not space to add more houses. How do we go about converting existing homes or existing areas, lots whatever, into areas we can use for workforce housing and that's where the study comes in." West says the study would bring in people who examine cities around the country. They look at things like the housing capacity and what the city can do to fix it. He says at the council meeting they will be asking the city to fund the roughly \$20,000 study that the grant would've funded. "We already know, though, that we don't have a lot of the services that young families or workforce families would need. There's no childcare down here, there's no daycare, there's no preschool." West says even if the city can provide more housing in the future ... they need to also be able to offer services like these. He says this is what he and other council members and business owners are already looking into while they wait for the study to take place. "To drive in and drop a child off at daycare and drive back to work, people would rather just not live here." April White works as a reservationist and does IT work at Tybee Beach Vacation Rentals. She says she's glad the city is considering options because she wants to live on the island. She says it would allow her to be more efficient at her job. "I do a lot of the technical work with the digital locks, the thermostats. Things always go wrong and people need help with those kinds of things." REPORTER: "Ya, so if you were here you could be over there in a minute." "In a minute."

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LL INTRO: Chatham County officials provided an update on where they stand on collecting fire fees under the new format. So far, there's still more than \$3 million that have gone uncollected after the due date earlier this month. Here's what the numbers look like as of the county's most recent calculations. They billed more than \$13.5 million – across more than 36 thousand invoices. Of that, the county has collected more than \$9.5 million. That still leaves \$3.9 million uncollected. County officials say more than 70 percent of people billed have paid the fee, which had a due date of January 16th. The fee covers fire services for the county's fiscal year from July 2022 to June of this year. Commissioners acknowledged that many of their constituents were getting larger bills than they were before. Chatham Emergency Services CEO Chuck Kearns says – it's all because the cost to provide fire services has gone up. "Costs don't go down every year, costs go up. We're in a competitive market for labor, everybody is short staffed, and we're competing with about 12 or 13 other fire departments in this area for firefighters." And it's not just salaries for firefighters. "Everybody has experienced the price of fuel going up. Those big diesel fire trucks, they don't get good gas mileage. Once they're on scene and fighting a fire, the engine has to remain running at a high RPM to keep the pump operating." County officials say fire services billed approximately \$11 million before the new billing system. County commissioners are requesting exact numbers on where the increase in funding is being used – which will be discussed at their next meeting. LL TAG: County officials say those who haven't paid their fire fees will be charged a late fee of 10 percent or \$25, whichever is greater, and they'll be issued a second invoice. In Chatham County, HB WTOC NEWS.

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April's tornado left Bryan County's north end complex severely damaged. Months later...signs of improvement as crews work to make repairs to buildings housing crucial county residents. "The damage from the tornado left the county with four main projects: The courthouse, the admin building, the jail complex and Hendrix. New this month...roofing and framing is now up at the admin building. It's where many residents go to pay county bills and access other services. Since the storm...those services have run out of nearby trailers...which staff say has caused some confusion among residents. We do feel sorry for the public when they're going back and forth between trailers and they don't know which trailers they're supposed to go into. Funds for the repairs are coming from an insurance policy with the Association of County Commissioner of Georgia. According to the county's administrator...Bryan County's claim is the largest that the ACCG has ever processed...showing the large scale of damage. "That's one of the reasons that we currently have the trailers up there to house county services. We wanted to get those back as soon as possible so that we had services on both ends of the county." Next up for repairs will be roofing and drywall fixes to the courthouse...and alarm fixes to the county's jail process. For staff working out of the service trailers...a return to a normal building can't come soon enough. "It'll be nice to be back in one building and they can just come in and not have to knock on a bunch of different doors." Repairs are expected to be complete by the end of this year. In Pembroke...FS...WTOCN.

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Happening now - an open house meeting is underway about the future of Yamacraw Village. That's after the Housing Authority of Savannah pitched demolishing and redeveloping the neighborhood. That plan is in limbo...after a former resident filed an appeal last year. They're asking current and past residents, along with people who own property in the area and anyone else with an interest to come out. That's happening until 6 p-m tonight at the Coastal Georgia Center on Fahm Street.

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Flags at city hall are at half-staff as Richmond Hill prepares to say its final goodbyes to former mayor Richard Davis. The lifelong Bryan County resident was first elected to city council in 1979. A decade later...he was elected mayor and served in that role for more than 2 decades. The city's current mayor says Davis had a long-term impact. "His vision was just exemplary on the city. He really set the tone for the whole city and proper leadership for the city." Mayor Davis is described as the "driving force" behind the Great Ogeechee Seafood Fest and the creation of J.F. Gregory Park. "Some people actually fought him on it. They said, 'this is impossible, we can't afford it.' And we know enjoy it every year." A visitation for Davis will take place on Wednesday...February 1st from 6 to 8 P-M at the Richmond Hill Funeral Home. His funeral will be held at the Richmond Hill United Methodist Church February 2nd at 11 A-M. The funeral procession will go down the street named after the former mayor before a burial at the First Baptist Church cemetery. "Every time you drive down Richard Davis Drive or go to J.F. Gregory Park, you think, 'Ok, he caused this. He made this happen.' He was the greatest mayor we've had." LL: The visitation and funeral are open to the public. City officials have not released a cause of death but they say Davis died peacefully at home. Richard Davis was 87 years old. In RH...FS...WTOCN.

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"Chatham County Manager Michael Kaigler and I spoke about several things he's working on to make Chatham County a better place for employees and people living here." "We're going to be steady. We're going to get it done." Kaigler has been working for the county for over 30 years. He says now that he's in one of the county's highest roles, he wants to get major projects finished like the new courthouse. He is also tasked with overseeing their next budget process after the county received less than expected in Local Option Sales Tax negotiations. "We don't know what the future is going to bring but right now we're in good financial shape." Another of his main priorities is...getting more staff in important places like the county's police department. "We are meeting the needs but it's been very difficult, particularly in law enforcement, 911, our public works department." As there have been several complaints of people not being able to reach 911, he says a new 911 center that will take two or more years to complete is on the way. "We're trying to make improvements to our 911 center to better serve the citizens." He also mentioned staffing is an issue at the District Attorney Office. "We're worried about that but we've been working with the DA to get her what she needs and then all of the judges in various courts, we've been working with them to get them what they need. We put extra resources and extra people in the districts attorney's office and the courts in order to address the backlogs. As he takes on the role, he says he knows how important a good relationship is with the cities inside the county. While he says he can't speak for elected officials, Kaigler says he and his staff work well with city staffers in Chatham. "We all have a common goal. We all want to work to make things better for the citizens in the community." A community he's happy to serve. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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CHATHAM CO.  
MANAGER

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While the details on those plans will come with time, the town manager says it was important to them to set clear goals now, writing in a statement, "It sets the framework and public policy strategies for work we will be doing to better our community now and for future generations. From managing growth to enhancing experiences at our beach, we have a great deal work ahead of us."

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LL INTRO: The City of Walthourville is in the middle of doing a major overhaul on their water system... something Mayor Larry Baker says is more than 10 years past due. Construction has started .... to improve all of the water lines in the city to try to fix issues they've heard from residents. "Common complaints, smelly water, smelly water, smelly water, low water pressure. Back in 2011, the same engineer we had today informed the former mayor and council that if we don't take care of this matter now, it will harm us." Mayor Baker says these upgrades were recommended nearly 12 years ago, before he took office in 2020. "In 2020, I came in and we began to move forward with that process, but we all know that the world was hit with COVID-19. The process kind of slowed down, and we had limitations on supply and demand." But now – the city received more than \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding – a majority of which is being used for this project. "We're hoping the smelly water will be corrected. There's some discoloration in the water, and that the water pressure will be resolved." Construction started about two weeks ago to loop the water lines and install an aerator. The city contracted with Southern Civil, LLC of Townsend to complete the work. LL TAG: While there's not an exact timeline to finish up the whole project yet, Mayor Baker says he hopes residents will start seeing some of the benefits of the project by mid-year. In Walthourville, HB WTOC NEWS.

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I'm standing in the Vidalia Municipal Annex building, which is where the police department is also located. In March, this is where people will come to pay bills and get access to city services. VO City Manager Nick Overstreet says a new space is long overdue. The last time the current city hall was renovated was in 1996. Here is a look at their new space. It's 8,500 square feet with a significant amount of office and storage space, a conference room and more. City council chambers is located right next door. Overstreet says this location is significantly safer for city staff, which is their main priority. He says employees will sit behind bullet-proof glass and people will have to be buzzed in to get back into any of the rooms. Overstreet says this roughly \$960,000 project is being funded by SPLOST dollars and that this space will be used for decades to come. SOT "We've even got a room in the back of this facility that will allow us to build additional office space if needed, so we have planned for quite a few years to be able to use this facility for a long time to come." LLTAG Once they're all moved in here, the current city hall will be renovated and will be the new space for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Downtown Vidalia Association, Onion Museum and the Onion Growers Association. In Vidalia, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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6:53:00 PM 6PM OD NEW COUNTY MANAGER ONE ON ONE Michael Kaigler was appointed by the county commission last month. But he's served in the role as manager since the summer. Kaigler has been working for the county for over 30 years. He tells us now that he's in one of the county's highest roles, he wants to get major projects finished like the new courthouse. He is also tasked with overseeing their next budget process after the county received less than expected in Local Option Sales Tax negotiations. 00:00:27

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2/5/2023  
12:18:00 AM 11PM WEEKEND OD PURTEE RUNNING FOR REELECTION Meanwhile here in Savannah - District 6 Alderman Kurtis Purtee announced today that he's seeking re-election for another term on council. 00:00:08



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Purtee and his supporters, including fellow Alderman Nick Palumbo and Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, gathered at Mohawk Park for the announcement. Purtee has served on council for three years and says he hopes he gets re-elected so he can continue projects that are in the works on Savannah's Southside. He says these projects include The Savannah Mall, a new southside community center, upgrades to Joseph Tribble Park, enhancing public safety and more. He says all of these projects, though, wouldn't be possible without the council acting together as one.

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"One thing that I've asked for in this campaign and I've asked for for city council members is unity. We need to be one moving forward. We can be civil, and I've put that out there before there's a civility pledge we've taken. I think it's important that we are respectful for each other. We can always disagree, but we must do it in a way that's civil and that's my commitment to the city, that's my commitment to the city, that's my commitment to the district and to my counterparts." WTOC will keep you updated on whether other councilmembers will be seeking re-election.

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Demo is still underway, but Assistant City Manager Michelle Owens says it's ahead of schedule. They hope to have it done in less than two years. She says it's been an interesting process because they've found a few surprises including one that was hidden behind a wall. Since October of 2022 city hall has been closed as crews work on its much needed, \$1.5 million, upgrades. While in the process, Owens says they've found things that weren't in their original design plan. She says crews found 14ft ceilings that were buried under layers of drop ceiling, so the ceilings will now be higher than planned. Owens says they also uncovered the hall's original hardwood floors under layers of old flooring and carpet. She says they will preserve these as best they can. And lastly, they found this painting that they hope to restore and display. "We discovered an old mural that was painted on the wall ages and ages ago by a former Tybee resident. Unfortunately although the entire mural cannot be restored, we are going to take precautions to leave as much of it in place as it is and perhaps get sections of it and frame it so that we can still have some part of the past." LLTAG Once the renovations are done, they'll move to phase two. Owens says this will include fresh landscaping around the building. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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TYBEE ISLAND  
CITY HALL  
RENOVATION

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VO: At his weekly news conference...Savannah mayor Van Johnson previewed the release of the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless's Point in Time count. That's an annual report that provides a snapshot of homelessness in our area and across the country. It takes place during the last week of January. Mayor Johnson says before this year's point in time count, the homeless authority did an intensive canvassing of Chatham County...identifying 80 locations as places where people were living that aren't fit for "human habitation." There was an estimated 277 people living in those encampments. In the last 90 days, the mayor says the homeless authority provided funding for bus tickets to 119 people to help them return home to either friends or family who have agreed to provide housing. SOT: "We are not going to do what people do to us. We're not going to just put people on a bus and just send them with no one to receive them. So the 119 means we've contacted them, we've identified a family, a friend, or loved one that is going to receive that individual when they get to wherever they are going." VO: Mayor Johnson admitted that the city has seen an influx of people experiencing homeless, but that officials are working to expand care and shelter services in Savannah. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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(sot) The city's vote today accepts a two million dollar grant from the state with a promise to match it with \$500,000 or so in city funds. But one council member wonders if the city should put any more funds to the creek project. (vo) The grant money would be used to renovate the park area between Fair Road and Zetterower Avenue as part of the Creek on the Blue Mile project. It's a multi-million dollar project that would combine flood prevention, a park attraction, and a retail zone next to the waterway. Council member Phil Boyum questioned whether the project's rising cost has priced it out of the city's budget and whether they would recoup what they'll spend. Other council members urged the group to continue using state money and grant funds to plan the project. Boyum countered they must look at the long term costs and benefits. (sot) I like to say "we're not deciding on a road for today. We're deciding what that road's going to be in 50 years." It's the same with this project. How is this going to benefit us down the road and is it where we need to be putting a lot of our resources. (vo) City manager Charles Penny said the grant money for park improvements would be available until 2026. (sot) And we'll continue to follow this story as it develops. In Statesboro, Dal Cannady WTOC news.

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Delayed but not denied. That was the decision the Chatham County – Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission handed down for the property. Developer Landmark 24 is looking to rezone 105 acres on the south side of Wild Heron Road between King George Boulevard and Chevis Road from agricultural to single and multifamily residential. Landmark 24 wants to build 90 townhomes and 309 single family homes on that land. The plan has received pushback from neighbors who have voiced concerns about the impacts on traffic...the proposed housing density...and compatibility with nearby developments. When asked for a show a hands...many people expressed their opposition to the rezoning. Neighbors say the decision is disappointing. "I've lived there for 20 years. We've always thought there would be a community built there but we want that community to be consistent with what is already there." A representative for Landmark 24 says they've proposed a roundabout that would help address traffic concerns. They also say the new homes would be affordable and would help first time homebuyers. "We're trying to deliver a product that is for the middle America, and has quality, drive through – we're proud of our product." Ultimately the commission did not agree with a staff recommendation to deny the rezoning request. Members will revisit the petition during their April 11th meeting. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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Cut manager Jay Melder recommends council adopt impact fees at a rate 22 percent lower than the maximum cost set by the state. For industrial projects, the fee depends on the square footage. "It's an additional cost to construction like a permit fee or tap in fee for water and sewer or if the cost of materials goes up. It's an additional construction cost." He said for a home the impact fee would be 1 percent of the average home sale cost which is just over 3,900 dollars. Mayor Van Johnson said the home buyer association in Savannah sent a letter opposing the extra fee at today's meeting. That's because there's a chance the fees will fall on home buyers and not developers, according to Melder. "A developer or contractor is going to necessarily pass that cost on to the either the end byer to be able to make up for that additional cost." The money from the impact fees will be directed to the communities where the development is happening. He says impact fee money would really pay off for communities anticipating growth like West Savannah and the New Hempstead area. "We need to make sure we have fire stations, police stations recreational assets, roads and sidewalks that new residents in new communities are going to need to have to be safe and quality of life." He told the council adopting impact fees on any lower rates will defeat its purpose. "If you really want to have an impact fee that works you have to adopt one at a significant level, otherwise you're not going to be able to provide the amenities to those communities you've promised."

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CITY COUNCIL  
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It's all in the documents given to WTOC by Port Wentworth's legal team -- a timeline going back six months documenting how now retired chief matt libby violated city and police policy. What triggered an investigation -- an almost \$20-thousand dollar purchase for software. Libby's spending limit is \$5-thousand dollars.. It goes on to list a total of \$66,642 in unauthorized charges to -- a motor bike company, a mobile forensics and shipping supplies to name a few. The memorandum says he also tried to book lavish rooms in Vegas for a conference without approval. That trip to Vegas was apparently canceled after the city manager Steve Davis found out. Councilman Rufus Bright was the only councilmember who would comment on the record -- he says he was made aware of some of the violations -- and didn't appreciate hearing libby claim the city forced him to leave "You can always rescind your early retirement and come back and fight but because he knows he had no win and the evidence is stacked against him and it isn't true...he did not do it. I would've took it and just shut my mouth. Some people aren't grateful" The file also states Libby made a "violation of nepotism" trying to hire a family member to work as the police clerk. It claims Mayor Gary Norton tried to force davis to find the family member a position...Mayor Norton didn't respond to a request for comment. Other accused violations include trying to restructure the entire command staff and giving unauthorized promotions. "What we also know is the city accuses chief libby of claiming fraud on his credit card. According to the city manager, he was able to spend all that he did because the chief is one of three people with emergency spending capability. So after all of this...what did the city offer? a full year's salary of \$110,000 and two years of health insurance for him and his family." The interesting clause at the end of the separation agreement -- chief libby relinquishes the city from any wrongdoing with respect to his "resignation" "The city did beyond what I expected. To me, I think they gave him more than he was deserving and slapped him on the hand and said you're gone" We also asked why part of the agreement was to name the city's new police training center after Libby -- we were told it's because of his service "I don't like it. You're rewarding someone for doing something wrong."

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2/8/2023 5:00:00 PM	4PM OD	SAVANNAH CHATHAM DAY PREVIEW	<p>"We also want housing relief. Many people have complained that their rent has gone up 3-4-500 dollars and they say what are you going to do about it to the city. The city has nothing to do that. But we're saying that this becomes forced displacement and in different ways economic displacement and so we want the state to have to propose some type of measures to allow reasonable increases in rent, because it's effecting people all across the state."</p> <p>Mayor Johnson says other topics he plans to bring to state lawmakers include gun violence initiatives and funding for public transportation.</p>	00:00:35
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2/9/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SAV CHATHAM DAY AT GA CAPITOL	<p>Local leaders in Savannah discussed a number of topics up at the capitol in Atlanta with lawmakers today, some bid budget items were talked about including the Savannah Convention to get the final funding to finish the expansion project as well as more funding for public transportation including the ferries that get people to and from the convention center across the Savannah River. On a statewide level they are considering increasing teacher salaries, more mental health services, police reform and diversity training and harsher punishment for gang related crimes. The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce President says with the way that the community is growing – they need to be thinking about transportation, housing, workforce development and all the preparation that comes along with it. "Water, sewer, streets and drainage, infrastructure needs that are going to have to come up in a hurry."</p> <p>"Because of the level of traffic that we are getting into Savannah, Georgia, so it is a major priority that we are supporting Chatham Area Transit." Even though Savannah- Chatham Day has come to an end. Local lawmakers will remain in Atlanta to continue working on new legislation before the session comes to a close on March 29. In Savannah, SW, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:15
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LL INTRO: The passing of Darien city councilman Morris Butler marks the loss of a second city council member in about a month's time. Mayor Hugh Hodge says the city is now without two important leaders. "He loved his family, and he just loved people. He wasn't easily persuaded, when he thought he was doing right, he stuck to his guns." Mayor Hodge – remembering his friend and fellow council member, Morris Butler who served on council for three years. His death follows the passing of Darien City Councilwoman Marcy Goodyear, who died suddenly last month. "With us being so close together on the board and city administration everything that works together, it's basically like losing a family member. It's kind of hard to get over, especially when you just lost one just a couple of weeks ago." He says he'll always remember both of his former colleagues. "The council members always had a smile. The thing about it is, I had Councilwoman Goodyear sit to my left, and Councilman Butler sat on my right, so I could always see a smile. I always felt warmth around them and all. With them gone now, it's like a void in our meeting tables." Now – Hodge says city council has only the bare minimum for quorum—the mayor and two council members. "We're able now to continue business for the City of Darien, but it's just with a very heavy heart. When you sit at our table for city council meetings, it's just, it's a sad moment." LL TAG: Mayor Hodge says the city will hold a special election in June to fill both vacancies on city council. In Darien, HB WTOC NEWS.

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COUNCIL  
DEATHS

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There are three national historic districts on the island: the Strand Cottages Historic District, the Back River Historic District and where I'm standing ... the Fort Screven Historic District. The HPC is in charge of keeping these districts in top shape... and at the top of your mind. VO The HPC Director Cassidi Kendrick says they spent 2022 doing things like renovating some of the Fort Screven signage near The Guard House and bringing back the Historic Tybee Trolley Tour. Kendrick says they also work with various partners like the Tybee MLK Human Rights Organization. She says one of the HPC's goals this year is supporting Tybee MLK's first Black History Trail that's expected to come in the spring. Kendrick says the HPC also plays a part in giving recommendations and guidance to homeowners looking to renovate a home on the historic list. This year, Kendrick says they have plans to do things like raise money, lay out the economic impact of historic preservation and expand on historic preservation month, which is in May. SOT "During that time we'd really like to bring more education opportunities to the community for learning about preservation on Tybee, learning some of those landmarks that are here, obviously we've got the lighthouse and other buildings like that, but just having the community really open up to seeing some of the historic properties on the island." Kendrick says they also hope to bring back more trolley tours so that residents and visitors can learn more about the importance of preservation. On Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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"With the decrease in COVID transmission, hospitalizations and deaths, that's the reason for the ending and they didn't want to end it abruptly. There's certain programs and certain funding that's tied to that emergency status and they didn't want to just remove it immediately and states not have the ability to adjust to that." According to the Georgia Department of Health, there were 356 covid cases reported in Chatham County as of February 8th. While some feel like it's too soon for this call, others think this is the perfect time. (sot) "I don't think they should lift it because COVID is still running rapidly. Back in December I had it and my Granddaughter brought to me. When you're in a building, a closed in building. I think you're at danger." (sot) "It's time for it to be lifted. I think as we can see in the community that there's a lot of people out there without having mask on and doing the proper protocol." As Dr. Reddick mentioned, the end of the public health emergency means the end of programs that helped many. (Reddick) "Just for example, Medicaid is one program that has some partial funding from the federal government but also some from the state as well and that's not going to be across the board the same in every state." Reddick says people on Medicaid will have to start applying for eligibility again, as that process was put on hold because of the emergency. States can start disenrolling residents in April. According to the Department of Health and Human Services fact sheet, Medicare recipients will have to pay for over-the-counter covid tests but COVID vaccines will still be covered. Reddick says there are several programs that received funding and flexibilities that will be affected and he's still waiting to hear how their health department will be impacted. (Reddick) "Each state is going to have it's unique approach to how they do it and even within states each county each district will have a unique approach to how they adjust."

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It's a labor demand that economic officials have described as a "grenade." More than 8,000 jobs are expected to come with Hyundai's new Metaplant in Bryan County. To help prepare the area's manufacturing workers...the Savannah Joint Development Authority recently hired Maria Whitfield. She brings years of expertise in recruitment and says she knows firsthand from previous work experience what it's like to prepare for a large employer like Hyundai coming to the area. "I, just six months ago was trying to brace for how we could start preparing for Hyundai. We were building a plant right across the street." Whitfield will work with existing companies on their hiring needs. She says the results of that JDA workforce study announced last year will help economic officials develop pathway programs at area schools and retain staff at manufacturing sites. "Thinking about this from an H-R perspective. How can you create a culture so that people want to stay. I think that's key here." Savannah Economic Development Authority President Trip Tollison says the role is crucial amid an already competitive labor market. "We gotta make sure our existing folks our happy. That's a very tough lift right now. Even without Hyundai, it's tough. Covid, the market has changed so much in the past two years. We're aware of that and we want to be responsive." Right now...Tollison says the goal is to hire poeple that live within 60 miles of the Hyundai site...but recruitment will extend beyond the Coastal Empire. "We know that we don't have 8,000 people just kind of standing around within 60 miles of the site. So, we're going to target areas like the midwest, northeast." Ultimately...Whitfield says she hopes to play a role in growing the workforce...not only for Hyundai...but also for companies already here. "I think it's really important to know that, one, we've talked with existing industries, they have a voice. But, two, also, we also need to be able to corral all of the jobs in one place and be able to recruit people to come to the Savannah area." Reporting...FS...WTOCN.

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"As hundreds advocating for the City of Savannah and Chatham County packed out the state capital, Mayor Van Johnson says several topics were brought up like public safety and early education." Savannah Chatham school leaders are wanting more funding for pre-kindergarten programs...an effort to get kids in schools sooner. They are just one of many needing funding from lawmakers. "You had Chatham Area Transit talking about issues with transportation." Mayor Johnson says his main concerns are too many guns on the streets and alleviating homelessness in the city. "There are a lot of people in our community that are unsheltered and we want policy help, financial help to be able to address it." State House Representative Ron Stephens says many at the capitol brought up the cost of taxes. "The big thing that got our attention, a lot of people I represent are hard working folks...but we collected more tax than we feel like we needed to spend. So we'll be again sending back another \$500 check." He says single tax filers will receive \$250 and larger families will receive \$500 sometime during the fall of this year. Stephens also says education was a big topic on Savannah Chatham day, he's introduced legislation called the workforce EXCEleration Act. It would be a pilot program qualifying nonprofits to teach people 21 and older who did not finish high school and want a diploma. He says he hopes to open a charter school to bring this idea to life. "It'll be a mechanism and a place to go to get an education and most importantly a diploma that you earn that will get you the ability to a life sustaining job." Many looking forward to change in the Savannah Chatham area. Camille Syed WTOC News.

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Short term rentals have been a hot topic in the Lowcountry. WTOC is following a conversation at the South Carolina State House...coming just over a month after new requirements went into place on Hilton Head Island. The Town changed rules so owners now have to apply for an annual rental permit. That process started on January 3rd.

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"I'm glad to hear that the general assembly was discussing issues of homelessness. I'm concerned about the approach by which they're doing it." The Senate bill concerning Savannah Mayor Van Johnson is SB 62 which would designate areas for homeless camps in counties and cities. It's sponsored by Senator Carden Summers who spoke about the bill on Tuesday. "I know one thing. When somebody can sleep safe at night, that's what this is about. There's a lot of vacant property in every city, doesn't matter where you go." Mayor Johnson is concerned because if this became law, it would compel cities like Savannah to arrest people experiencing homelessness that aren't in these designated areas but still in public spaces. "Most of our homeless neighbors are not doing anything but just being and we're not going to criminalize people for doing that. So I'm very concerned about what this proposed bill might do to help criminalize homelessness." CoCo Gunthrie-Papy works with hundreds of homeless youth in the county through Deep Center non profit. She also raised concerns about having people from many backgrounds in one place. "Potentially sober people next to people who are in active addiction. Potentially putting young people, specifically who might have aged out of the foster youth system next to people who may have sex offenses on their record." According to the Savannah Chatham Authority for the Homeless, Chatham County has the second highest homeless rate in Georgia. In October the City of Savannah evicted about 40 people from a long time homeless camp under Truman Parkway. Majority went to other camps in the city. Gunthrie-Papy and Johnson suggest other avenues to address homelessness in our area. "More transitional housing, more safe shelters." "I think we would want approaches that are more specific, that give cities the ability to be creative and deal with the issues as it relates to our particular city." Senator Summers has said it isn't his intentions to criminalize the homeless and he's expected to make changes to the bill. Camilel Syed WTOC News.

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Check it out! A local legend in tennis and in golf has a new title: Grand Marshal! The Bluffton Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce bestowed the green sash to Stan Smith. He's used to wearing tartan for the Heritage and his 20 years working with with the Heritage Classic Foundation. He's also a former top-ranked tennis player in the world with a pretty famous Addidas shoe named for him.

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2/17/2023 5:59:00 PM	5PM OD	SAV LITTER UNITS FULLY STAFFED	New at 5 - the City of Savannah says it's fulfilled a 2022 budget promise. All four of the city's litter teams are fully staffed. The teams include 3 members who work with a supervisor to pick up trash along 17 routes throughout the week. Those teams operate 5 days a week. The city's sanitation director called it an investment in "key services." And City Manager Jay Melder says they've been a big part of "keeping Savannah beautiful."	00:00:25
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2/17/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	COMMISSION ON FIRE FEE BILLS	LL: County officials say that those who must pay Chatham County fire fees can now face court action if they don't pay their bills. VO: County Manager Michael Kaegler says officials are taking a harsher approach to get Chatham County residents to pay fire fees. Recently...county staff has been reviewing appeals. Kaegler says most bills have been corrected but those with denied appeals have been sent back to the taxpayer. After the review...if a person still refuses to pay the bill...Kaegler says they could face court action. As of February 10...the county has collected 10.2 million dollars in fire fees with just over 3.4 million dollars in uncollected fees. Kaegler says they've also changed the way the bill itself looks to clear up confusion. SOT: 1:10:24-1:10:55 LL: The due date for the latest round of bills is March 31st. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:00:51
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LL: During his announcement...Mayor Johnson said that while he's proud of his first term accomplishments...there's still more work to do. VO: The mayor touted his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic...the opening of Enmarket Arena...and his efforts to boost local businesses. Mayor Johnson also touched on city recommendations to change use of force policies for the Savannah Police Department. He highlighted city outreach programs to promote inclusivity and racial equity. While the mayor says he got a lot done during his first term...he wants to do more to address homelessness and gun violence in the Savannah. SOT: "We need more affordable housing. We have to do something about improving public safety and less violent events. We have to deal more with mental health. We have to expand public transportation. We have to make sure people are ready for the jobs coming from Hyundai and the related partners. It's a lot of work to be able to do. I think I'm the best person situated at this time to do this work. LL: Mayor Johnson said this would be his last campaign for a City of Savannah office. He joins fellow councilmember Keshia Gibson-Carter who announced her campaign for mayor back in June. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

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They're also introducing changes for annual parking passes. A normal annual pass will cost you 250 dollars, but if you want to be able to switch cars or let a friend borrow your pass, you'll have to pay 350 dollars for the transferable pass. Seniors can get a discounted pass for 175 dollars. Again, these changes take effect on March 1st. 00:00:20

Starting next Wednesday, people will now have to pay \$4 an hour to park. The current rate is \$3.50. As I talked to people today ... many were hearing about it for the first time. Everyone's initial reaction was shock, some saying the new price is "a bit steep." "\$0.50 doesn't sound like a lot, but \$4 an hour for parking is ridiculous." "\$3.50 was a bit much especially if you're just coming down here for a few hours to enjoy some things and it jumped to \$4 is kind of crazy." The city says parking is one of Tybee Island's biggest year-round money makers. This isn't the first time the city has raised the parking fee. Just last year, it went up to \$3.50. "Will I pay it? Probably because I love Tybee, but I'm not going to like it." No matter if you pay at a kiosk, a meter or on the app it will cost \$4/hour. The city has declined an interview, but did release this statement. It reads "due to unprecedented growth in Tybee Island as a tourist destination, the city's costs are outpacing revenues. The new parking rates will help offset these costs and maintain Tybee Island to the high level our residents and visitors expect." The city tracks how many visits and visitors the island gets each year. In 2017 they had just over 2 million visitors. In 2021 they had over 3 million. Visitor, Linda Stokes is the only person I spoke to who says she doesn't think \$4 is too much. "I was just surprised, but when I thought about it I understand." "I think it's probably needed. I was just surprised, but when I thought about it, I understand." The city says they use the money for things like city projects and maintenance. Everyone says they understand this, but it doesn't mean they're happy now that parking has to be factored into their vacation budget. "I think it's a little much because everywhere you go you have to pay. I think \$2 would be sufficient." "That takes money away from spending it at local restaurants, local shops, small businesses it takes money away from that. I mean, we all come down here with a certain amount of money, right?" LIVE TAG WTOC has submitted a request for documents from the city to see how much they make per year on parking. We are waiting for a response. Again, this new rate goes into effect on March 1. Live on Tybee Island, Mariah Congedo WTOC News.

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 PARKING  
 COSTS RISE

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2/20/2023  
 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD SAV MAYOR  
 JOHNSON "I want you to know that I'm going to continue to work every single day that you never ever feel ashamed to call me  
 ANNOUNCES your Mayor. You may not agree with me. You may not agree with my position, you may not agree with my stances,  
 REELECTION but I want you to know that you will say you know what, he's still down for Savannah." Mayor Johnson joins fellow  
 councilmember Keshia Gibson-Carter who announced her campaign for mayor back in June.

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2/20/2023 6:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SAV MAYOR JOHNSON ANNOUNCES REELECTION	During his announcement, Mayor Johnson touted his handling of the Covid-19 pandemic, the opening of Enmarket Arena and his efforts to boost local businesses. Mayor Johnson also touched on city recommendations to change use of force policies for the Savannah Police Department. And-- highlighted city outreach programs to promote inclusivity and racial equity. Mayor Johnson says while he's proud of his first term accomplishments, there's still more work to do.	00:00:28
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2/21/2023 6:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	FLYNN: IMPACT FEES	Savannah city council members are set to decide on impact fees...that's money charged to land developers to help cover the cost of infrastructure like roadways and emergency services. At his weekly news conference...Mayor Van Johnson said the fees would help make city services more affordable for new developments. "Otherwise, if we don't, basically you have people in Windsor Forest paying for new development out in the Highlands. And the fact is, we're saying the development should help pay for itself." Developer and member of the Savannah Homebuilders Association Mark Konter opposes the fees. He says an added cost for builders could make new developments more expensive for buyers. "Those impact fees are passed along by the building and development community onto the end user -- the homebuyer or home renter." Under the proposal...the fee for an average home sale would be 1 percent...or just over three-thousand nine-hundred dollars. Mayor Johnson says at a time of expected increased population growth...taxpayers could be impacted if the fees aren't approved. "If we're paying for infrastructure in new developments, that affects the ability of us maintaining a lower tax rate. And so the impact fee is an opportunity for the particular to pay for the particular rather than the whole paying for the particular." Konter remains skeptical...saying the fees could push developers to build somewhere else. "Our trade association has seen throughout other municipalities, both in the state of Georgia and across the country, that areas and municipalities that have greater regulatory costs, regulatory structure, regulatory fees does disincentivize development and we do see develop move to different areas." In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:45
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2/22/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD GARDEN CITY  
MAPS Garden City residents may have a different council member representing their districts soon. Councilmembers  
REDRAWN unanimously approved new district maps at last night's meeting. Though councilwoman natalyn morris was a part of  
REAX that vote, she said tonight at a community meeting there are inequities in how the maps were drawn. 00:00:19

2/22/2023 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD GARDEN CITY  
MAPS "My district was 75% Black. You got 12% white and maybe 18% hispanic. The disparity is you got certain districts  
REDRAWN that got a high number of one type race type to where to me, that would be unfair to where we need to try to work  
REAX on bringing those numbers in as well like we did the district lines." The city brought in a third-party to draft the new  
map. Councilwoman morris says she expressed her concerns , then voted to approve it because of everything that  
had to go into the process. She says they had one workshop before they passed it. Now -- it goes back to the state  
for final approval. 00:00:34

2/27/2023 STATESBORO tomorrow the Mayor of Statesboro is giving his State of the City Address. Mayor Jonathan McCollar will will be  
5:59:00 PM STATE OF THE speaking at 7 p.m. in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall at Georgia Southern University. The program will include  
5PM OD CITY musical performances, a presentation of the flags by the ROTC color guard, and a Q&A panel with the Mayor. 00:00:19

2/27/2023 GUYTON CITY happening tomorrow - the Guyton City Council will consider whether or not to green light the purchase a new city S-  
5:59:00 PM COUNCIL R-O Vehicle. The agreement is with O-C Welch Ford and totals about 50-thousand dollars. Council will hear public  
5PM OD MEETING comment on the item before going into executive session for the rest of the meeting. Again that's happening  
tomorrow at 7 p-m in the Guyton Gymnasium on Magnolia Street. 00:00:24

Director Sean Brandon says a good portion of the money owed to the city is by a few drivers that have accumulated a big tab. He says the city places a boot on your car when you have four or more outstanding tickets. He says they started booting and towing cars again last year. They booted 500 cars in 2022. While their ramping up efforts this year... Georgia State Senator Josh McLaurin introduced legislation last week that would ban booting cars. Brandon says it's already illegal for private businesses to boot cars. He says he won't know if the law would prohibit the public entities like the city from putting boots on cars until the bill's final text is ready. If it does, he also doesn't know if that would be a good thing for his office and for drivers.

2/27/2023 SAVANNAH PARKING TICKET BOOTS 6:29:00 PM 5:30pm OD 00:00:44

So -- the city manager said during their city council meeting close to 70% of the restructured fire fee will fall on industrial businesses. Here's the breakdown of the structure fee: -10 cents/year, per square foot -The Minimum charge for single family homes is \$50, the max is \$100 -For non-single-family customers, like businesses within the city...the minimum charge is \$100 and the maximum is \$5,000 The total amount someone would owe is the structure fee plus a wildfire charge of \$75 a year, per acre of land. The wildfire fee maxes out at \$500. Since the fire fee directly benefits Garden City Fire, we sat down one-on-one with the chief about it "The price of apparatus, when you talk about fire trucks you're talking about over 1/2 a million dollars for a fire truck. You're talking about almost 1 1/2 to 2 million dollars for a ladder truck. You talk about staffing, the amount of calls you have to, the amount of staffing you have to have to make the calls, make the times to meet the standards. It's just gotten to a point where we have to do something else" The chief described how more commercial and industrial structures are coming to garden city, so they need to be able to have the resources to handle calls on a bigger scale "A basic residential structure fire, you have to have 15 fire fighters on scene per the NFPA standard. But a commercial structure 28 to 43 fire fighters on the scene to handle that type of incident" The chief says this fire fee isn't going to be used for anything else but helping the fire department -- upgrading critical equipment they rely on "The cost of doing business for us is just like everybody else...it's growing. We don't want to raise tax bases, millage rates....but we have to be able to afford our job" In Garden City, Alyssa Jackson, WTOG News.

2/28/2023 ALYSSA: GARDEN CITY FIRE FEE 12:01:00 AM 11PM OD 00:01:44



2/28/2023  
12:01:00 AM 11PM OD HOUSING  
AUTHORITY COMPLAINT UPDATE  
We told you more than a week ago -- Desaray Gilliard's mother is suing the housing authority because she claims they failed to secure the property and implement safety measures that could have saved her life. The Housing Authority is requesting a judge dismiss the suit Citing "sovereign immunity" -- which means, since the housing authority is a government entity they can't be sued and are immune from a civil suit or criminal prosecution. Attorneys for the Housing Authority state in their response -- the plaintiff must prove there's an applicable waiver of sovereign immunity. WTOC reached out to the attorneys for comment. We will update this story online if we hear back. 00:00:40

2/28/2023  
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STATESBORO STATE OF THE CITY  
Mayor Jonathan McCollar is expected to touch on a host of topics in his annual address. Among them will be transparency and keeping people informed. In addition, he could also discuss how the city is expected to grow over the coming decades with industry coming to the county and it's impact on the city. He'll also talk about annual crime statistics released this morning. It's a chance for him to pull back and look at the city overall and where it's come from in the last 12 months. 00:00:28

3/1/2023 6:29:00 PM SAV CITY BUILDING SOLAR PANELS "A 100% resilient city in an independent network so that no matter the tropical system or what may befall us as a city, that city operations will continue and move forward, and it's going to save us money at the same time. As we build a stronger, more resilient city on Georgia's coast, we know that we can share these ideas with the community, homeowners out there, and even renters so that they can save money too." 00:00:24

3/1/2023 8:00:00 PM SAV CITY BUILDING SOLAR PANELS "There's also some financial benefits in the form of reduced electricity bills, which is going to be important as we know rates continue to go up with fuel crises and things of that nature, and we're also seeing some workforce training associated with this program, so unemployed, under-employed Savannians, as well as those just looking for a career change, can participate in this program -- paid, on the job learning, and for jobs that can't be exported." 00:00:27

"I've had chickens since I've been here about the past 35 years." Randy Little is a veteran, and he's lived in Jesup nearly all his life – He says he's always had chickens. "It gives me peace of mind. I've got PTSD, I don't mind telling you, they give me a peace of mind throughout the day. The chickens here I've had for about a year and a half, I've had chickens on this property about 35 years – never been a problem." According to the city – someone filed a complaint against Little's chickens... causing the city to issue a warning and a citation for violating the city ordinance that bans livestock within city limits. "With the neighbor reporting it, we're obligated to go enforce that ordinance. The city doesn't have a chicken patrol, so we're not out looking for that. Now, if they see it, or if a citizen files a complaint, we have an obligation to follow up on that." However – Little says he's frustrated – since he says many of his friends and neighbors own chickens without any issues. "Everybody knows there's chickens all over Jesup, they've been here since I was a youngin. I still don't understand how it's okay for them to be uptown but not here." Hickox says the ordinance remains the same – and exceptions are rare. "The board has never given an exception to anybody because of the fear of opening up Pandora's Box, and then you've got a pile of animals in the city." Little says... he'll do what it takes to keep his chickens – including launching an effort to change the ordinance. "I don't know what it's going to take to get it changed. Glennville's got it, Savannah you can have chickens, Jacksonville you can have chickens, I don't know what it's going to take to get it changed, but I'm going to work on it." LL TAG: While the ordinance remains the same for now, Mayor Ralph Hickox says he encourages his constituents to reach out to their city commissioner if they're interested in getting the ordinance changed. In Jesup, HB WTOC NEWS.

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Permits are open for small businesses ahead of Saint Patrick's Day. The City of Savannah says they have applications open for street vendor permits. Those are for anyone looking to sell goods in the public right-of-way during the festivities. The deadline to apply for that is March 15th. Food trucks will also need to fill out a form. That's due Monday. The City says all the information and applications are available right now online.

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<p>3/9/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>CAMILLE: SAVANNAH ST. PATRICK'S DAY PLAN</p>	<p>"We expect it to be much more vibrant." While you may want the best spot to see THIS up close, Mayor Van Johnson says you can't set up or even be in squares until 6 a.m. on St. Patrick's Day. Also, no motor coaches are allowed. With that, comes other regulations to keep in mind. "Pack it in, pack it out. No tents, no pop up bars, no Styrofoam containers." Those are rules you may be used to if you've been here on for celebrations before. A change from last year that will remain this year...there will be no festival zone with outdoor entertainment and alcohol sales. Which means no wristbands are required. Special Event Director Susan Broker says that's because they want our local businesses to strike gold. "We decided we would allow our businesses to put in the entertainment and the alcohol sales opposed to it being in the public right-of-way so they wouldn't have to be in competition with them. It's really a way to put Savannah first." Also back this year---the extended to-go cup zone on your screen that will go as South as Victory Drive and Truman Parkway to the East. "We wanted, A, locals to have a bigger opportunity to participate and we didn't want them to necessarily to have to come downtown in order to participate." Squares on the parade route will close at 4pm for cleaning and reopen at 6 pm.. Participating in such a large celebration also comes with safety protocols. "We do have command posts through the parade route." City leaders say there will be law enforcement set up at the locations on your screen. "If people are coming here with the intentions of breaking the law, then their stay here will be a little longer than they intended." There is a new initiative to keep Savannah green and clean. About 60 city staffers will join police in squares in an ongoing clean up and monitor littering. You could face a \$50 fine for your first littering offense and \$150 for your third. It's a plan the St. Patrick's Day parade committee appreciates. "We've spoken with the city about it and in the past expressed concerns around the squares in the park, but the city has done an exceptional job making sure that our city stays clean and Erin go bragh."</p>	<p>00:02:06</p>
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<p>3/9/2023 8:00:00 PM 7PM OD</p>	<p>SAV CITY COUNCIL ST. PATS PLANS</p>	<p>"Under this ordinance, When the parade is going up these Savannah Streets for St. Patrick's Day, there will be no food or drink sales along the route. That's because the mayor says they want to make sure our businesses get all the coins." Another effort to support more businesses-- the ordinance will expand the to-go cup zone again this year on March 17th only. The zone is shown on your screen and will stretch as far South as Victory Drive and Truman Parkway to the East. Mayor Van Johnson says these changes last year were a hit with area businesses and he wants that to continue. "We want people to enjoy our local restaurants, pubs and taverns, we want them to win and this is an opportunity for our visitors and guest to be able to enjoy the businesses who hold it down for us all year long." "The goal? For the businesses serving us every day to continue getting the gold at the end of the rainbow or in this case, our St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Camille Syed WTOC News."</p>	<p>00:00:57</p>
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<p>3/10/2023 6:53:00 PM 6PM OD</p>	<p>ST. PATRICK'S DAY LITTER RULES</p>	<p>"Those marshals can also give a ticket and they will give a ticket if they see littering." The first time you get caught littering, it's a \$50 fine. After the parade these marshals will also be making sure you're following rules like having one to-go cup at a time. They'll also get the law involved if necessary. "Of course if they see drunk and disorderly, if they see public urination, our police department partners will be right there in the square with them and that's when they'll turn it over to police." Tents are allowed as long as you take them home with you. These city marshals will be there to make sure you do. Another part of their job? To keep vendors in line and answer your questions. "They're not just the fun police, they're there to help. I've worked St. Patrick's Day for many, many years and I can't tell you the number of people I've just helped along the way that need help. They will be identifiable by their shirt." Now for your reminders--there will be trash and recycle containers along parade route squares. No Styrofoam is allowed. Interim Government Operation Chief Gene Prevatt says to even consider taking your trash with you. "We lug all this heavy stuff, coolers and picnic baskets and things like that. How hard is that to pick those things back up? When the goodies are gone put them back in the containers you brought them with and take them home with you." He also says after the parade, it's important to watch out for the sweepers going along the parade route "The operator can't see when you get very close so watch for the sweepers at the end of the parade. We hope you have a great and beautiful event."</p>	<p>00:01:35</p>
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3/13/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	HILTON HEAD PRIORITY PROJECTS	<p>Standup: Over the last few months, the town of Hilton Head has taken steps toward a new strategic action plan, steps the town's deputy manager says came at a perfect time. "Having a new council is the perfect time to sit down and have those conversations because with a new council can come new priorities and new areas where they want us to focus time and attention." Vo The group of leaders set aside two days to focus on 15 top priorities the town will tackle in the next two years... Gruber identifying some of the biggest. Sot "The number one they put on the list - and again if it's on the list they're all important - but the number one that's listed is our growth management initiatives." Vo It's something the newly elected mayor ran his campaign on, emphasizing redevelopment as the town continues to grow. Of the rest of the priorities, there are a few others that stick out to the deputy town manager. Sot "Development of workforce housing that's continual one that we hear from council and the public, that needs to be a high priority so it's on the list and we're continuing to work on that. Improving our roads, our corridor, safety improvements." Vo He says this plan will be brought to council in the coming months and voted on from there. On cam tag Reporting from Hilton Head, Tyler Manion, WTOC News.</p>	00:01:16
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3/14/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	ST. PAT SANITATION GUIDELINES	<p>"Please don't put litter on the ground, it takes more than 10 times the effort to pick it up off the ground than it does if you place it into the container. They will be in the parks, they will be along the parade route, better yet, take it back home with you." Be sure also to look for the recycling carts at corners and squares along the parade route for your paper and plastic – but remember – mixing trash and recycling will contaminate the entire load.</p>	00:00:26
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New tonight -- a Hilton Head Island resident is facing misdemeanor charges for his behavior during a town council meeting. Bluffton police escorted Skip Hoagland from the town's meeting last night and charged him with "disruption of court, town council or other meeting". The town says someone else at the meeting tried to give Hoagland their three minutes of public comment time to allow him a total of six minutes, but transferring time is not allowed. Here's a look at some of what happened.

3/15/2023 11:01:00 PM 11PM OD BLUFFTON PD MISDEMEANO R AT COUNCIL 00:00:29

She's in her 3rd term as the Alderwoman in Savannah's 5th district and currently serves as Mayor Pro Tem. Shabazz says she's focused on improvement projects -- like the city fairgrounds and improving local infrastructure. She believes consistent leadership is the key to success.

3/23/2023 6:00:00 AM 6AM DAYBREAK OD SHABAZZ CAMPAIGN 00:00:17

3/23/2023 6AM "Now is the time for steady and experienced leadership as this great city of Savannah continues to grow. We ain't  
6:00:00 AM DAYBREAK SHABAZZ taking nothing else. We are moving forward together." Robert Bryant is also running for the position. All  
OD CAMPAIGN candidates are required to qualify with the Secretary of State's office. That deadline is in August. 00:00:19

3/23/2023 BO: GUYTON Springfield isn't the only city in Effingham County adding liquor license options. Last year Guyton also held their first  
4:59:00 PM LIQUOR lottery for the store licenses after voters approved the move the year before. Two businesses were granted the  
5PM OD STORE LATEST licenses. The mayor told WTOC at the time he doesn't think it will change much - and the businesses will generate  
new tax dollars that go right back into the community. 00:00:24



3/23/2023 4:59:00 PM 5PM OD SPRINGFIELD LIQUOR STORE OPENS "I feel super proud, super excited - the first step, kind of nervous, but now getting positive energy from customers - we're doing something right for Springfield." Patel says today is just the start. Today's opening is what's called a "soft opening" - meaning they don't have all their inventory in yet. He says that will happen over summer, and they'll host their official grand opening then. 00:00:23

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"We're always analyzing, we're always trying to get better. We're always trying to work to make sure our riders are comfortable; our riders are at peace when they're on the bus. That they're getting there, the places they need to go on time. And how they want to use the bus, whether that's to work, whether that's to shop, and whether that's to go downtown, that the bus is always available." You can always know where your bus is by using the CAT Tracker app, or visit the website. It'll show you real time bus locations and the entire bus schedule. We have a link to those on our website, WTOC.com.

3/27/2023 CAT ROUTES  
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530 TYLER  
DRAINAGE  
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You can see some video I shot when there was a bit more light out of what this project looks like. I talked with Alderman Nick Palumbo, who looks over this district, and he tells me the project will invest \$40 million dollars of SPLOST money to help alleviate the flooding issues homes and businesses in this area face. He also describes what you'll hear about at tonight's meeting, which will start at 5 pm at the JEA on Abercorn St.

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		530 TYLER	(Nick Palumbo - District 4, Alderman) "The technology that we have today is so much better than the technology we	
		DRAINAGE	have had in the past. We're looking at deep tunnel boring technology and innovative ways to save money and get	
	5AM	MEETING	the infrastructure and resources right to the location they're needed most, especially in Habersham Village. You're	
3/28/2023	DAYBREAK	WHAT TO	going to see an update there of how we plan on doing that without tearing up the roadways and the streets,	
5:00:00 AM	OD	EXPECT	without removing our beloved tree canopy."	00:00:26

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			project at 5 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance on Abercorn Street.	
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3/28/2023 10:00:00 AM	CBS CUT- INS OD	DRAINAGE MEETING	<p>The city of Savannah is hosting an informational meeting tonight to update residents on their drainage improvement projects in the Habersham Village and Ardsley Park areas. Parts of the area including this intersection of 54th Street and Atlantic Avenue are closed for construction. Alderman Nick Palumbo, who looks over the district, says the project will invest \$40 million dollars of special purpose local option sales tax money to help alleviate the flooding issues homes and businesses in this area face. The meeting where people can see an official update on the project at 5 p.m. at the Jewish Educational Alliance on Abercorn Street.</p>	00:00:38
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3/28/2023 4:00:00 PM	4PM OD	DRAINAGE MEETING WHAT TO EXPECT	<p>Taking a look - this is at 54th and Atlantic. Just one of two areas crews are currently doing construction to address the issues. Savannah Alderman Nick Palumbo, who looks over this district, says the project will invest \$40 million dollars of SPLOST money to help alleviate the flooding issues homes and businesses in this area face.</p>	00:00:20
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LL: Under the bill...the eight members on council would be limited to serving three consecutive terms...or twelve years total...in a seat. VO: The bill's passage comes after Savannah's city council approved the same measure in February by a 7-2 vote. That measure required state approval since it required a change in the City's Charter. The change would go into effect beginning with this year's city council elections. The bill's sponsor...State Representative Anne Allen Westbrook...says since the council voted to impose these limits themselves...it was important to help get state approval. SOT: "My jobs as one of the representatives in the City of Savannah here in the state house is to carry those wishes to the state and help that enabling legislation get passed. So that's what that bill does." LL: The new term limits would apply to everyone council except the mayor since that position is already limited to two consecutive terms in office. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

3/28/2023  
4:29:00 PM  
FLYNN:  
CHATHAM CO.  
4:30PM OD TERM LIMITS

00:00:57

LL: Savannah Mayor Van Johnson and other city leaders have been pushing for this increase for several years. But Chatham County's state delegation hadn't passed the bill until now. PKG: A potential change on the way for hotel bills in the Hostess City. A local delegation at the Georgia state house approving an increase to Savannah's hotel/motel tax from 6 percent to 8 percent. That means people could be paying more in taxes for room rentals in the city. "It's not putting the burden on the people of Savannah. But this money, the taxes, will only be from people that are going in our hotels." Bill sponsor Representative Edna Jackson says the added tax money will be used to pay for tourism-based projects. According to a resolution passed by Savannah's city council in February 20-21...under an eight percent hotel/motel tax...the city would get just over 37 percent of those tax dollars...Visit Savannah would get roughly 33 percent...the convention center would get 14...and nearly 15 percent would be used for "tourism product development." Those projects include renovations to the Water Works building which is near Enmarket Arena...including a sidewalk and trail construction...as well as millions of dollars in River Street improvements. "We also need tourists to come in to help us so we will not have to show tax increases on the residents of the city. River Street has not been refurbished in a lot of years, a number of years." The bill had previously struggled to pass after the local hospitality industry voiced economic concerns. But local tourism leaders recently told WTOC that the industry is now in agreeance with how the tax revenue will be spent. Representative Jackson doesn't expect the increase to impact the city's tourism numbers...saying the new rate will be the same as similar areas. According to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs...the hotel/motel tax rate is 8 percent in Macon. On Tybee Island...it's 7 percent. "You look at our surrounding areas, we're just coming up to speed." LL: In 20-22...hotel/motel taxes generated more than 27.9 million dollars in Savannah. The bill now heads to Governor Kemp's desk for his signature. Reporting in Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

3/28/2023  
4:59:00 PM  
GA HOTEL  
MOTEL TAX  
5PM OD RAISE

00:02:09

3/29/2023 5:29:00 PM	5:30pm OD	GUYTON YMCA TALKS NEXT WEEK	The next Y-M-C-A of Coastal Georgia location could be in Guyton. The City Council is set to discuss bringing a Y-M-C-A complex to the city this coming Tuesday. It's a part of a workshop meeting scheduled at the Guyton Gymnasium on Magnolia Street. City council will be hosting the Y-M-C-A of Coastal Georgia for the community discussion. They're asking anyone interested to come out. The meeting starts at 7 p-m.	00:00:24
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3/29/2023 5:53:00 PM	6PM OD	SAVANNAH SQUARE RENAMING APPS	LL: Right now, it's called the square formerly known as Calhoun Square...but that soon will change as the city is now accepting applications for the space's new name. VO: The city is asking for the public's input on the square's renaming. It sits between Abercorn and East Wayne Streets. Savannah's city council says the removal of Calhoun's name is an opportunity to have more inclusive historical representation on public property. City officials say the renaming process will follow an ordinance aiming to ensure the people who live here are able to have their voices heard. "That process was put in place to make sure that when we do rename or name public property, that it's done in a way that's fair, requires a lot of public input, and is structured so that we put a level of importance on how we recognize and name not only our local leaders, but our important cultural aspects that make the City of Savannah special." LL: Naming applications will be open until May 15th. The public will have a chance to give their thoughts on the proposed names before council is expected to select one in late summer. For info on where to send your application and a list of guidelines to follow...just look for this story on our website...WTOC.com In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.	00:01:13
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LL: During his weekly news conference...Mayor Van Johnson described phase 1 of the Broughton Streetscapes project as difficult and entangled in many issues. Now...Johnson says he's not sure if phase 2 of the project will happen at all. SOT: "There was certainly pain with this, we recognize that, but on the other end of it, here is, I would say pleasure from a beautiful streetscape that people are enjoying." VO: Phase 2 of the Broughton Streetscapes project would extend from Drayton Street to East Broad Street. The project's goal is to bring new pavers, lighting, and infrastructure to the shopping corridor. Mayor Johnson says the city learned a lot during the project's first phase...that he says was riddled with supply chain Covid-related delays. During phase 1...many business owners along Broughton St. expressed frustration over construction impacts and what they say was a lack of communication. Johnson says part 2 of work wouldn't be as extensive but is also worried about unequal infrastructure on Broughton Street should leaders choose not to move forward with the next phase. SOT: "I'm not sure that we really have the stomach for phase 2. That being said, you have businesses there that say we don't want it. Well ok, maybe we won't have it. But now, you have a product that is different than those of your neighbors that are a couple of blocks from you." LL: The city says phase 1 of the project cost 13.3 million dollars. A start date for phase 2 has not been announced. In Savannah...FS...WTOCN.

3/30/2023 PHASE 2  
 4:59:00 PM BROUGHTON  
 5PM OD STREETSCAPE? 00:01:28

The County Council voted to reopen them Monday. It's open to people who live in the southern part of the county. That's Hilton Head Island, Palmetto Bluff, Daufuskie Island, Brighton Beach, New Riverside and more. The committee will be responsible for helping with some of the land preservation efforts in the county. All this comes after voters approved a referendum to create the Green Space preservation program in November 2022. It's in response to rapid development in the county.

3/30/2023 BEAU CO.  
 5:29:00 PM GREENSPACE  
 5:30pm OD CMTE 00:00:29



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

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023– MARCH 31, 2023**

**M-F 9AM-10am**

**MORNING BREAK**

A WEEKDAY TALK SHOW AIRING AT 9AM FEATURING GUEST INTERVIEWS,  
PERFORMANCES, WEATHER AND NEWS..

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

A WEEKDAY LIFESTYLE SHOW AT 3PM FEATURING INTERVIEWS, COOKING SEGMENTS  
AND TIPS.

**GHOST PIRATES MONTHLY, LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE NEWS AT 11**

A MONTHLY LOOK AT THE GHOST PIRATES HOCKEY TEAM.

1/16/23 10AM

**MLK PARADE IN SAVANNAH**

ANNUAL PARADE HOSTED BY WTOC'S DAWN BAKER AND E. LARRY MCDUFFIE

**2/25/23 7PM-8PM**

**JACKIE ROBINSON TRIBUTE**

PERSONAL STORIES THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH HALL OF FAMERS LIKE HANK  
AARON, ERNIE BANKS, WILLIE MAYS, WILLIE MCCOVEY AND JOE MORGAN AS WELL AS  
ACCLAIMED AUTHOR RICHARD KAHN AND JACKIE'S WIFE RACHEL.

3/10/23-7:30PM

**MURDAUGH MURDERS: AFTER THE VERDICT**

A COMPREHENSIVE LOOK BACK AT THE ALEX MURDAUGH TRIAL.

**3/11/23-9PM**

**SALUTE TO THE GRAND MARSHAL/SEASON OF ST. PATRICK-**

ROUNDTABLE SETTING WITH MIKE CIHLA AS THE HOST. LOOKS BACK AT THE PAST  
MARSHAL AND THE PRESENT GRAND MARSHAL DANIEL POWERS OF THE ST.  
PATRICK'S DAY PARADE WITH STORIES AND EVENTS

**3/17/22-8AM**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS-**

ANNUAL MASS HELD IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

**3/17/22-9AM**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PRE-PARADE-**

WTOC TALENT INTERVIEW PEOPLE IN THE PARADE AND TELL VIEWERS WHAT'S IN THE  
STORE FOR THEM IN THE PARADE

**3/17/22-10:15AM**

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE-**

THE 198<sup>TH</sup> ST. PATRICK'S PARADE IN SAVANNAH, GA. HOSTED BY MIKE CIHLA, DAWN  
BAKER AND JIMMY RAY.

**3/25/23 7:30PM**

**PROUD TO BE A FARMER**

A LOOK AT LOCAL FARMERS IN THE AREA

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TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES.**

**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**JANUARY 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023**

**JANUARY-MARCH PSA'S on WTOC 11.1, and BOUNCE 11.2**

**BEDTIME MATH**

PSA TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO BE A BIG PART OF THEIR KID'S MATH TEAMS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

**CANNADY'S COAT DRIVE**

PSA ALERTING VIEWERS THAT THEY CAN DONATE COATS TO PEOPLE IN NEED.

**GAB**

A VARIETY OF PSA'S PRODUCED BY THE GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS ON OPERATION LIFESAVER, SHERIFF ASSOCIATION, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, TEXTING AND DRIVING, NATIONAL GUARD, GEORGIA FARM BUREAU, VOTER ID, VACCINES, HUMAN TRAFFIKING, HEROES, TRAINING, DRIVER SAFETY, PEANUT COMMISSION BEFORE YOU DIG CAMPAIGN, HOSPITAL CAREERS, ETC.

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

PSA'S PROMOTING THE ANNUAL SUPER MUSEUM SUNDAY IN WHICH A NUMBER OF MUSEUMS ARE FREE IN THE STATE IN CELEBRATION OF GEORGIA DAY. ALSO, THEIR COLONIAL FAIRE AND MUSTER DAY.

**HUMANE SOCIETY FOR GREATER SAVANNAH**

PSA'S PROMOTING WEEKLY SEGMENT ON MORNING BREAK THAT FEATURES AN ANIMAL THAT CAN BE ADOPTED.

**MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION**

PSA TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THEIR PURPOSE OF GRANTING WISHES TO TERMINAL CHILDREN.

**NAB**

PSA'S PROMOTING THE PROJECT ROADBLOCK CAMPAIGN WHICH IS AGAINST DRINKING AND DRIVING.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE**

PSA ALERTING VIEWERS THEY ROUNDUP AT MCDONALD'S TO BENEFIT THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE.

**SECOND HARVEST OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE**

PSA'S TO PROMOTE THE CLUB CAR CHAMPIONSHIP 5K CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR KIDS CAFÉ.

**STAND UP FOR CANCER**

PSA WITH ACTOR JAMIE FOXX ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO GET COLORECTAL

SCREENINGS.

**TWO HUNDRED CLUB**

PSA'S PROMOTING ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS FAMILIES OF FALLEN FIRST RESPONDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**UNITED WAY OF THE COASTAL EMPIRE**

PSA'S TO DRIVE VIEWERS TO DONATE MONEY FOR BOOKS AND ALSO TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS TO READ TO CHILDREN

**WTOC**

PROMOS ALERTING VIEWERS ABOUT FIRST ALERT WEATHER DAYS, SPRING WEATHER AND WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PREPARE FOR THEM,. ALSO, THR WTOC COMMUNITY CALENDAR. PLUS, BLACK HISTORY VIGNETTES, BOOKS TO KIDS CAMPAIGN. PLUS, THE NEW WTOC ANTENNA AND HOW VIEWERS CAN RESCAN IF THEY NEED TO FOR THEIR TV'S.

WTOC 11.1  
PSA REPORT  
1ST QTR 2023

Channels (Plac	Air Date	Aired Length	Material Description	Aired House #	Order #
WTOC	1/7/2023	:30	200 Club 2022	SAV400365	2
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	99
WTOC	3/2/2023-3/26/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	5
WTOC	1/18/2023-3/28/23	:15,:30,:60	Bedtime Math 15	SAV400418-20	42
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	46
WTOC	2/25/2023-3/31/23	:30	Books to Kids	SAV400347	43
WTOC	1/4/2023-1/19/23	:30	Canady Coat Drive POP-23	SAV302273	49
WTOC	3/3/2023-3/16/23	:30	Club Car Championship 5k	SAV400444	38
WTOC	1/1/2023	:30	Coat Drive 22	SAV400407	6
WTOC	1/24/2023-2/5/23	:30	Colonial Faire & Muster	SAV400437	52
WTOC	1/2/2023-2/21/23	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	25
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/22/23	:15,:30	FA WX APP F&F-15-23	SAV302270-1	107
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/29/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	41
WTOC	1/24/2023-2/8/23	:30	GA Day Parade 2023	SAV400435	54
WTOC	2/3/2023-3/25/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	15
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	GA DDS TRAINING	SAV400339	4
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	GA DeptOfHealth	SAV400380	3
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	GA Peanuts	SAV400342	3
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	GA Pub Health	SAV400319	2
WTOC	3/2/2023	:30	GA Pub Health-Teacher	SAV400321	1
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	Georgia811-ProtectTheMoments	SAV400308	2
WTOC	1/2/2023-3/1/23	:30	GHA Flu Shot	SAV400253	47
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety	SAV400244	2
WTOC	3/2/2023-3/27/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	9
WTOC	1/10/2023-3/2/23	:30	Helmet Safety	SAV400388	2
WTOC	3/6/2023-3/29/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	18
WTOC	1/2/2023-3/30/23	1:00	Jamie Foxx-Colon Cancer60	SAV400324	30
WTOC	1/7/2023-3/20/23	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	16
WTOC	1/3/2023-2/23/23	1:00	Middle School Health	SAV400363	12
WTOC	2/11/2023-2/19/23	:30	New Ant Rescan Now	SAV302310-11	39
WTOC	1/4/2023-1/20/23	:30	New 23 WTOC Antenna	SAV302272	73
WTOC	1/5/2023-2/28/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	31
WTOC	1/1/2023-1/2/23	:15,:30	ProRdBlik-PSA's	SAV400408-10,12,14,16-17	12
WTOC	1/26/2023-2/23/23	:30	Read United Volunteer	SAV400440	84
WTOC	2/27/2023-3/10/23	:30	Read United-WTOC Cares	SAV400441	21
WTOC	1/1/2023-1/9/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Zoom Room	SAV302089	20
WTOC	1/2/2023-3/30/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	18
WTOC	1/2/2023-3/30/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	32
WTOC	3/23/2023-3/31/23	:15,:30	Spring Severe Weather-15	SAV302381-2	51
WTOC	1/1/2023-1/4/23	:30	Toy Drive POP	SAV302263	11
WTOC	1/1/2023-2/24/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	24
WTOC	1/13/2023-1/23/23	:30	WTOC B2K United	SAV400434	49
WTOC	2/1/2023	:30,:15	WTOC Black History	SAV302300-03	123
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	122
WTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert, News	SAV301574-75	315
WTOC	1/2/2023-3/31/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302268-69	400

## WTOC 11.2 (BOUNCE)

## PSA REPORT

1ST QTR 2023

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DTOC	1/8/2023-1/9/23	:30	200 Club 2022	SAV400365	4
DTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	:30	70 yrs weather experience	SAV302131	143
DTOC	3/2/2023-3/29/23	:30	Become a Trooper	SAV400443	10
DTOC	1/7/2023-3/22/23	:15,:30	Bedtime Math	SAV400419-20	26
DTOC	1/7/2023-3/31/23	:30	Before You Dig	SAV400343	48
DTOC	2/27/2023-3/31/23	:30	Books to Kids	SAV400347	39
DTOC	1/5/2023-1/20/23	:30	Canady Coat Drive POP-23	SAV302273	29
DTOC	3/23/2023	:15	Club Car Championship 23	SAV302380	1
DTOC	3/3/2023-3/17/23	:30	Club Car Championship 5k	SAV400444	12
DTOC	1/1/2023	:30	Coat Drive 22	SAV400407	3
DTOC	1/24/2023-2/5/23	:30	Colonial Faire & Muster	SAV400437,39	28
DTOC	1/5/2023-3/20/23	:30	Driving Electric	SAV400394	19
DTOC	1/2/2023-3/31/23	:15,:30	FA WX APP F&F-15-23	SAV302270-71,931	205
DTOC	1/1/2023-3/31/23	:30	FA WX Day No Cutter	SAV301935	132
DTOC	1/2/2023-1/10/23	:15	First Alert Radar Fand F	SAV300276	12
DTOC	1/24/2023-2/8/23	:30	GA Day Parade 2023	SAV400435	37
DTOC	2/5/2023-3/22/23	:30	GA DDS HEROES	SAV400338	24
DTOC	1/4/2023-3/20/23	:30	GHA Flu Shot	SAV400253	32
DTOC	1/9/2023-3/22/23	:30	Gov Office of Hwy Safety	SAV400244	13
DTOC	3/14/2023-3/27/23	:30	GovOfficeHwySaf-DriveSober	SAV400337	9
DTOC	3/4/2023-3/31/23	:30	Hospital Careers	SAV400442	14
DTOC	3/13/2023	1:00	Make A Wish Lasso	SAV400353	1
DTOC	2/12/2023-2/20/23	:30	New Ant Rescan Now	SAV302310-11	10
DTOC	1/5/2023-1/25/23	:30	New 23 WTOC Antenna	SAV302272	41
DTOC	1/6/2023-3/22/23	:30	Pedestrian Safety	SAV400395	21
DTOC	1/2/2023	:30	ProRdBik-Holiday Party 30	SAV400416	1
DTOC	1/27/2023-2/23/23	:30	Read United Volunteer	SAV400440	52
DTOC	2/27/2023-3/12/23	:30	Read United-WTOC Cares	SAV400441	10
DTOC	1/1/2023-1/9/23	:15	Rescue Me Fridays-Zoom Room	SAV302089	11
DTOC	1/9/2023-3/21/23	1:00	RMHC Anthem	SAV400366	2
DTOC	1/2/2023-3/31/23	:30	Ronald McDonald Roundup	SAV400341	89
DTOC	3/23/2023-3/31/23	:15,:30	Spring Severe Weather-15	SAV302381-82	20
DTOC	1/1/2023-1/3/23	:30	Toy Drive POP	SAV302263	7
DTOC	1/20/2023-2/26/23	:30	trooper seatbelt	SAV400397	10
DTOC	1/14/2023-1/23/23	:30	WTOC B2K United	SAV400434	21
DTOC	2/1/2023	:30	WTOC Black History	SAV302300-01,03	74
DTOC	1/2/2023-3/30/23	1:00	WTOC Community Calendar	SAV301393	14
DTOC	2/22/2023-3/26/23	:10	WTOC news App Alert	SAV301574-75	44
DTOC	2/22/2023-3/26/23	:10	WTOC WX App Alert-F&F23	SAV302268-69	51