



**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**FIRST QUARTER 2024  
January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024**

**WBRZ-TV**  
**ISSUES COVERED THIS QUARTER**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2024**  
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1. Political
2. Community
3. Safety
4. Business
5. Crime
6. Environmental
7. Transportation
8. Health
9. Youth
10. Education

**WBRZ PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND PROGRAMMING:**

**Sunday Journal:** A locally produced 30-minute weekly program produced through the station's News Department. This program airs each Sunday from 5:30 AM to 6:00 AM. The format includes a host who interviews community leaders concerning local problems, issues, and interests.

**Love, 225:** A locally produced 30-minute bi-weekly program produced through the station's News Department. This program airs every other Thursday from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The format includes a host who interviews community residents concerning local interest stories and events.

**LOCAL NEWS STORIES:** Attached

**WBRZ Local Newscasts:**

1. 5:00 AM – 9:00 AM Monday through Friday
2. 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Saturday
3. 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Sunday
4. 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Monday through Friday
5. 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM Monday through Friday
6. 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM Monday through Friday
7. 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM Sunday
8. 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Monday through Saturday
9. 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Monday through Friday
10. 9:00 PM – 9:30 PM Monday through Friday
11. 10:00 PM – 10:35 PM Monday through Sunday

**WBRZ News Updates:**

1. 7:25 AM – 7:30 AM Monday through Friday
2. 7:56 AM – Traffic and Weather
3. 8:25 AM – 8:30 AM Monday through Friday
4. 8:56 AM – Traffic and Weather

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

During the period January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024, WBRZ ran Public Service Announcements for the following charities, causes, or issues:

Stand Up to Cancer, Community Unity, USO Assistance, Kids Safety, Colorectal Cancer, Wetlands Rescue, Cancer Prevention, Pet Adoption, American Heart Association, Autism Awareness, National Guard, Make A Wish, Drunk Driving, Reading, YMCA, St. Jude, USA Swim, Alcoholics Anonymous, Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy, National Park Service, Gun Safety, Good Fatherhood Awareness, Adult Literacy, and the Elven Howard Cancer Foundation.

The aforementioned announcements were in the lengths of 10, 15, 20, 30, and 60-second spots. These announcements ran throughout the broadcast day on WBRZ, WBRZ 2.2, and WBTR.

**WBRZ-TV**  
**ISSUES COVERED THIS QUARTER**  
**NETWORK NEWS**  
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**ABC NETWORK:**



April 4, 2024

To: Station Management

***Re: ABC Television Network First Quarter, 2024 Program Information***

Attached is the **First Quarter 2024** review of the **ABC Television Network News & Public Affairs Programming**. The information, which we will continue to issue on a quarterly basis, may be useful to licensees in compiling their FCC quarterly issues/program list for your station's public inspection files. All related legal materials will be posted to [anet.abc](http://anet.abc) prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the new quarter.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact your Station Relations Representative, or send an e-mail to [abc.affiliate.relations@abc.com](mailto:abc.affiliate.relations@abc.com).

Regards,

Chiara Wimberly  
Director  
Affiliate Relations

Attachment(s)

**ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – First Quarter, 2024**  
**WORLD NEWS NOW**

*Monday thru Friday*  
2:00 – 4:30 AM ET  
12:00 – 4:30 AM PT (*Monday*)  
1:06:30 – 4:30 AM PT (*Tuesday-Friday*)

Comprised of thirty-minute segments, ABC's WORLD NEWS NOW, with co-anchors Andrew Dymburt and Rhiannon Ally offers up-to-date news coverage including a mixture of live and taped coverage of domestic and international news issues.

**AMERICA THIS MORNING**

*Monday through Friday*  
4:00 – 7:00 AM ET  
4:30 – 7:00 AM PT

Andrew Dymburt and Rhiannon Ally co-anchor this morning news program which provides viewers with late-breaking national and international news, sports, weather and financial reports. Featuring separate and distinct fifteen-minute segments, information about overnight events is constantly updated.

**GOOD MORNING AMERICA**

*Monday through Friday*  
7:00 – 9:00 AM ET / PT

George Stephanopoulos, Robin Roberts and Michael Strahan provide viewers with timely news reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

*Saturday*  
8:00 – 10:00AM ET / 7:00 – 9:00AM PT

*Sunday*  
8:00 – 9:00 AM ET / 7:00 – 8:00AM PT

ABC News Correspondents Whit Johnson, Janai Norman, and Gio Benitez co-anchor providing viewers with timely reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the-minute interviews with world leaders.

**GMA3: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

*Monday through Friday*  
1:00 – 2:00 PM ET / 12:00 – 1:00PM CT/MT/PT

A one-hour news program featuring ABC News Correspondents Eva Pilgrim, DeMarco Morgan, and Dr. Jennifer Ashton featuring news reports informative health and lifestyle features.

**THE VIEW**

*Monday through Friday*  
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM ET / 10:00 – 11:00 AM CT/MT/PT

A one-hour talk show hosted by Whoopi Goldberg, Joy Behar, Sunny Hostin, Sara Haines, Alyssa Farah Griffin, and Ana Navarro featuring the hottest topics, headline-making conversations, politics, pop culture, celebrity guests, and newsmakers, broadcast live from New York.

## **ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR**

*Monday through Friday*

6:30 – 7:00PM ET and 7:00 – 7:30PM ET

5:30 – 6:00PM PT and 6:00 – 6:30PM PT and 6:30 – 7:00PM PT

ABC News Anchor David Muir keeps viewers informed about world news events in this half-hour news review.

## **20/20**

*Friday*

9:01 – 11:00PM ET

Note: on occasion, 20/20 will air on another night

Informational News magazine combines hard-hitting investigative reports, newsmaker interviews, compelling human interest, and feature stories, and offers viewers a chance to learn more about the world around them. ABC News Correspondents David Muir and Deborah Roberts co-anchor 20/20.

## **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

*Sunday (effective February 18, 2024)*

10:01 - 11:00PM ET

ABC News' John Quiñones hosts WHAT WOULD YOU DO? with guest correspondents Sara Haines and W. Kamau Bell. This program reveals how people behave when they think no one is watching by using hidden cameras to record real reactions to thought-provoking scenarios.

## **NIGHTLINE**

*Monday through Friday*

12:37 – 1:06:30 AM ET / PT

JuJu Chang and Byron Pitts co-anchor the program which provides in-depth discussion of current events.

NOTE: As news events warrant, ABC NEWS NIGHTLINE may be expanded. Please refer to the NIGHTLINE section for exact program times.

## **ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Saturday)**

**Whit Johnson**, Anchor

*Saturday*

6:00 – 6:30PM ET and 6:30 – 7:00PM ET

5:30 – 6:00PM PT and 6:00 – 6:30PM PT

This half-hour news program reviews the day's major events from around the country and around the world on the weekend.

NOTE: ABC Sports programs may necessitate the preemption or rescheduling of various news feeds.

## **ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR (Sunday)**

**Linsey Davis**, Anchor

*Sunday*

6:00 – 6:30PM ET and 6:30 – 7:00PM ET

5:30 – 6:00PM PT

This half-hour news program reviews the day's major events from around the country and around the world on the weekend.

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## **THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS**

*Sunday*

9:00 – 10:00AM ET and 10:00 – 11:00AM ET

8:00 – 9:00 AM PT

George Stephanopoulos, Martha Raddatz, and Jonathan Karl co-anchor this news/interview program which focuses on the latest news events. World leaders and policymakers participate in roundtable discussions.

NOTE: ABC Sports programs may necessitate the pre-emption or re-scheduling of various news feeds.

## **ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – First Quarter, 2024**

### **20/20**

Friday, January 5, 2024

#### **Three Shots in the Dark**

In May 2022, Anna Moriah Wilson, a promising young cyclist bringing new energy to the emerging sport of gravel racing, was suddenly gunned down in Austin, Texas, just days before a major race. The last person to see her alive was fellow cyclist Colin Strickland, who had a brief romantic relationship with Wilson before turning platonic again. Authorities quickly identified a suspect: Colin's on-again/off-again girlfriend, Kaitlin Armstrong. ABC News chief national correspondent Matt Gutman investigates the details of the grisly murder, the 43-day hunt for Kaitlin that crossed state and international lines, and the trial that reached a verdict in November of 2023. The two-hour episode includes exclusive interviews with Mike Armstrong, Kaitlin's father; Nicole Mertz, Kaitlin's former friend who tipped off police to disturbing comments she allegedly made about Moriah; and a neighbor at the crime scene who provided key surveillance videos to authorities. The episode also features the first interviews with Jose Garza, Travis County district attorney, and prosecutors Rickey Jones and Guillermo Gonzalez. Additional interviews include Kaitlin's neighbors in Costa Rica, including one who witnessed her arrest.

Friday, January 12, 2024

#### **Missing from the Mall**

On a November afternoon in 2003, Dru Sjodin, a senior at the University of North Dakota, was finishing some Christmas shopping when she vanished from the parking lot of her local mall. When authorities arrived at the scene, they discovered a chilling piece of evidence — the sheath of a handheld knife. In a new "20/20," "Nightline" co-anchor Juju Chang reports on Dru's disappearance, the investigation that led police to Alfonso Rodriguez — a local man with a violent history — and the trial that ended in North Dakota's first death sentence in over 100 years that was later overturned. The two-hour program includes an impassioned interview with Allan Sjodin, Dru's father, who hasn't spoken on national TV since Alfonso Rodriguez's death sentence was overturned.

Friday, January 19, 2024

#### **There is a Monster in Me**

In 1987, when authorities found Susan Woods naked and murdered in her home in Stephenville, Texas, the tight-knit community was quick to place the blame on Michael Woods, her estranged husband. But when fingerprints at the scene did not match Michael's, the case ground to a halt. Twenty years later, a different detective took a fresh look at the evidence and was able to find a match for the fingerprints: Scott Hatley, a local man with a violent history. However, the details of the gruesome murder and Scott's motives remained a mystery until 2022, when Scott's writings about his life and crimes found in a trailer



next to his dead body shed new light on the case. In a new “20/20,” ABC News contributor Chris Connelly takes viewers inside the shocking murder and the decades-long search for answers.

Monday, January 22, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Dangerous Game”**

Quincy, Illinois, couple Tim and Becky Bliefnick are busy. They both work, and Becky is also in nursing school, all while raising two young children with one on the way. Tim wins the chance to go on a gameshow with his mom, dad and brothers, but Becky is too busy to join. Tim jokes on national television that he regrets his marriage, and a couple of months later, one of the Bliefnicks is dead. This case drew national attention and evidence included authorities discovering a grainy surveillance video of a ghostly figure on a bike. Could that phantom be the killer?

Friday, January 26, 2024

**Gypsy-Rose: The Next Act**

For over a decade, Gypsy-Rose Blanchard lived in a wheelchair and allegedly suffered from multiple medical issues, including leukemia, seizures and muscular dystrophy. Known in her community as a local hero, Gypsy and her mother, Dee Dee, spoke at conferences, met celebrities, and even received a home from Habitat for Humanity. However, everything changed in 2015, when police discovered Dee Dee stabbed to death in her home and named Gypsy and her secret boyfriend, Nicholas Godejohn, as the main suspects. In a case that reverberated across the nation, experts revealed that this was likely a case of Munchausen by proxy, a form of abuse, usually by a parent to their child, in which a guardian exaggerates or induces illness in a child often motivated by a desire for attention and sympathy — Gypsy says she was a healthy young woman. In a new “20/20,” co-anchor Deborah Roberts sits down with Gypsy one week after her release from prison to talk about life behind bars, her reckoning with her past, and how she is dealing with her newfound fame.

Monday, January 29, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “No Trace”**

A situation involving a husband, wife and young bar hostess results in a disappearance.

Friday, February 2, 2024

**The Murderer in the Minivan**

When a perpetrator nearly abducts 16-year-old Madison Nygard in western Michigan, she narrowly escapes with her life by jumping from a moving minivan. But when she meets with police to identify her alleged captor, what begins as an investigation to solve an attempted kidnapping turns into a hunt for a murderer. Authorities connect Madison’s attempted kidnapping to the murder of two other Michigan women: 25-year-old Jessica Heeringa, who vanished from the Exxon gas station where she worked, and 36-year-old Rebekah Bletsch, who was shot by the side of the road. In a new “20/20,” “GMA3” co-anchor Eva Pilgrim takes viewers inside the murders of two women in two years and the dramatic escape that led police to their killer.

Monday, February 5, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Shot in the Dark”**

A star football player’s attempt to win back his high school sweetheart ends in foul play.

Friday, February 9, 2024

**Sealed With a Kill**

When Erik Maund, a prominent, wealthy auto executive from Texas, had an affair with an escort, Holly Williams, on a trip to Nashville, he might have thought there would be no consequences. But when Holly’s partner, Bill Lanway, attempted to extort Maund for \$25,000 and threatened to expose his affair with Williams to his family, a deadly murder-for-hire plot ended in tragedy. On March 12, 2020, Williams and Lanway were shot to death, and their bodies were left in an abandoned car in Nashville. In a new “20/20,” ABC News correspondent Bob Woodruff gives viewers an exclusive inside look at the investigation of a dangerous conspiracy involving private security operatives with elite military experience, including never-before-seen surveillance video and footage of the FBI’s undercover sting that busted the case wide open.

Monday, February 12, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Tangled Web”**

A woman’s obsessive and threatening texts to an ex-boyfriend, a gunshot, arson and a stalker – all untangle a case with an astonishing twist.

Friday, February 16, 2024

**Love-Honor-Betray**

Sgt. Tyrone Hassel III had beaten the odds. Growing up in what was considered a tough neighborhood, Tyrone was an honors student who excelled at sports and won a college scholarship to study engineering. He later joined the Army, where he quickly rose through the ranks and would start a family with his wife, Army Specialist Kemia Hassel. When he was gunned down while visiting his family for the holidays, police wondered – who would want Sgt. Tyrone Hassel dead? In a new “20/20,” ABC News correspondent John Quiñones reports on the investigation into the tragic murder featuring body camera footage, jail phone calls, and never-before-seen police interrogation videos. When authorities finally solve this murder mystery, they uncover a cold and heartless plot of adultery and greed that left them shocked and a suspect they never saw coming.

Monday, February 19, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Deadly Night”**

A couple’s ultimate nightmare: a masked gunman kills a pregnant mom while she sleeps in her own bed.

Friday, February 23, 2024

**A Killer Renovation**

When Shanti Cooper-Tronnes, a beloved mom and successful businesswoman, is found dead in the Florida home she shared with her husband, David Tronnes, police suspected it was a robbery gone wrong. Why else would her \$15,000 diamond ring be missing? When investigators dismiss that theory, they turn their attention to a home renovation that the couple had undertaken, which was to be profiled on the A&E show “Zombie House Flipping.” In a new episode, “20/20” co-anchor Deborah Roberts investigates the brutal murder and the bizarre home renovation that may have been the motive and details what investigators say was a secret that David Tronnes was keeping from everyone. The episode also profiles Shanti Cooper Tronnes’ son, now age 14, who courageously fought for justice for his mother. The two-hour program includes the first post-trial exclusive interviews with Jackson Cooper, Shanti’s son, and Jim Cooper, Shanti’s ex-husband.

Monday, February 26, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Shattered Love”**

A beloved young mother is found murdered in her bedroom closet. Family, friends and neighbors are heartbroken and baffled. The incredible investigation leads to multiple trials and a 24-year search for justice.

Friday, March 1, 2024

**Killer on Campus**

In September 2012, the disappearance of 18-year-old college student Christian Aguilar shocked the University of Florida community where he went to school. The search for Christian, led by his family and new girlfriend, Erika Friman, ended tragically 22 days later with the discovery of Christian’s body in a remote swamp. In a new “20/20,” ABC News correspondent Victor Oquendo reports on the investigation that unraveled a complex web of lies and obsession, culminating in the arrest of Pedro Bravo, Christian’s close friend and Erika’s former boyfriend. The trial featured surveillance videos, secret diaries and damning testimony from Bravo’s jail cellmate. Now, a decade later, that jailhouse informant recanted his testimony, and a new witness for the defense has come forward with a claim that may verify Bravo’s version of events. Will these new developments lead to the court overturning Pedro Bravo’s conviction? The two-hour program includes an exclusive prison interview with Pedro Bravo and exclusives with Michael Angelo, the jailhouse informant who recanted his testimony, as well as Pedro’s parents, Azucena Duque and Pedro Bravo. The program also includes interviews with Christian’s parents, Carlos and Claudia Aguilar; Christian’s brother, Alex Aguilar; Brian Kramer, state attorney for Florida’s Eighth Judicial

Circuit; Randy Roberts, a retired detective in the Gainesville Police Department; and Stephen Wilder, a retired detective in the University of Florida Police Department.

Monday, March 4, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Dark Waters”**

When a military hero’s body is found at the bottom of a pond, authorities race to find the killer, and the shocking evidence they find leads them to someone closer than they could have imagined.

Friday, March 8, 2024

**Into the Darkness**

When 17-year-old Brittanee Drexel stopped answering text messages mid-conversation during a spring break trip in April 2009, her friends and family instantly knew something was seriously wrong. Drexel — who was last seen on video camera footage leaving a hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina — had seemingly vanished into thin air, creating a heartbreaking mystery that would haunt her friends and family for more than a decade. Now, “20/20” gives viewers an exclusive inside look at how a new FBI team assigned to the case finally brought justice to Brittanee with the arrest of convicted sex offender Raymond Moody and brings viewers inside the dramatic courtroom confrontation between Brittanee’s mom and her daughter’s killer for the first time.

Monday, March 11, 2024

**Bad Romance – A Special Edition of 20/20: “Death at the Door”**

When Rhoni Reuter, the girlfriend of Chicago Bears defensive linebacker Shaun Gayle, is pregnant with her first child and found murdered on the kitchen floor of her apartment, shot multiple times at point-blank range, police begin looking for the killer. When Rhoni’s NFL boyfriend learns about the murder, he calls the local police station within hours of the shooting. Gayle shares with investigators that he was involved with several women during the time of his relationship with Rhoni, including Marni Yang, a single mother of three children, leading authorities to wonder if jealousy could be a motive to kill. Yang eventually confesses to the killing during a wired conversation with a friend but later claims she was just spinning a tale. Evidence of numerous harassing letters, computer hacking, surveillance video, and ballistics led authorities to the culprit. The episode features JuJu Chang’s jailhouse interview with Yang, in which she still claims she is innocent of the murder even while serving a double life sentence.

Friday, March 15, 2024

**Highway Hunter**

In the spring and summer of 1997, four young women vanish in quick succession. Two of them go missing just off Texas Interstate 45, and the other two disappear just a few hours north. Could a serial killer be roaming the highways between Texas and Oklahoma? ABC News correspondent John Quiñones takes viewers inside the decades-long cold case investigation and four families’ quest for answers. The report features exclusive footage of a hypnosis session with a fifth survivor that helped lead police to the killer and behind-the-scenes details into the killer’s confession.

Friday, March 22, 2024

**Ruby Franke – from Momfluencer to Felon**

Ruby Franke’s YouTube channel “8 Passengers” was a portrait of social media success. For years, the wife and mother of six, who were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, amassed nearly 2.5 million followers documenting the daily life of her children. However, the image of the perfect family began to crack when her controversial videos displayed her strict parenting. In August of 2023, one of Ruby’s children, malnourished with duct tape and wounds on his wrists and ankles, escaped the home of Franke’s friend and business partner, Jodi Hildebrandt, and asked a neighbor for help. A new “20/20,” with reporting from “Nightline” co-anchor Juju Chang, unravels the unimaginable abuse at the hands of Ruby and Jodi, told through never-before-seen body camera video, recorded calls, and Ruby’s own journal detailing the horrific abuse. “20/20” also includes an exclusive interview with Jodi’s niece, Jessi Hildebrandt, and newly unveiled police interviews recounting the events of the day authorities arrested Ruby and Jodi and the frantic search for the Franke children in four different cities. The program features interviews with Emily Palmer, senior crime writer at People Magazine; Randy Kester, attorney for Kevin

Franke; Adam Steed, Stephanie Jones and Trey Warner, former therapy patients of Jodi Hildebrandt; and Jo Piazza, author and host of the “Under the Influence” podcast.

Friday, March 29, 2024

### **Hell in Heels**

“20/20” reports on well-known West Coast lawyer Larry McNabney who disappeared after a horse show. His fifth wife, Elisa McNabney, claimed he broke up with her and left town. Soon after, police found McNabney’s body buried in a California vineyard and discovered that Elisa drained his assets and went on the run with her daughter, Haylei Jordan. The investigation uncovered a twisted web of lies in Elisa’s wake, including how Elisa’s real name was Laren Sims and that she played a shocking role in McNabney’s death. On this episode of “20/20,” Jordan speaks out and reveals insight into her mother’s troubled past, including her allegedly volatile relationship with McNabney. In the interview, Jordan shares stories about life on the run with her mother, before finding out about her role in the murder, and her firsthand interactions with her mother’s accomplice, Sarah Dutra, convicted of manslaughter and of helping cover up McNabney’s death.

### **WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Bystanders grapple with a schoolteacher’s side hustle on an adult-content site, objections to immigrants applying for work, a deli staffer dealing with a rude customer, breastfeeding in public and a man bothering a woman at the gym.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Hidden cameras capture how fellow patrons react to a homeless diner at a restaurant, a man presenting his fiancé with a last-minute prenup, an employer asking a Black applicant to change her hairstyle, and a young couple facing a big decision.

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Onlookers decide what to do when a pregnant woman can’t pay for a meal, a trainer ignores his athlete’s head pain, an unemployed father-to-be considers illegal dealings, and a cheating partner is caught after their phone is secretly tracked.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Observers react to a woman lured into a pyramid scheme, objections to an interracial couple, a dad struggling to pay for his child’s birthday gift, a bride-to-be flirting with temptation, and a mom forcing her teen into online influencing.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Hidden cameras reveal what people do when they witness a man drugging a woman’s drink, a scam artist in the act, a vasectomy debate, an elderly woman shoplifting, and a veteran struggling with mental health.

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Bystanders react to cutting a family member off, parents warring over their kids’ screen time, finding lost cash on the ground, a college student telling her parents she wants to pursue acting, and a mother dealing with postpartum.

### **ABC NEWS SPECIALS – First Quarter, 2024**

Friday, January 5, 2024

#### **IMPACT x Nightline: On the Brink**

ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer and senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott cover the harrowing stories of pregnant women who have medical emergencies in states with laws restricting abortions, and the physicians caught in a legal web when trying to provide essential health care, in this special that first premiered on Hulu.

Monday, January 8, 2024

**Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields**

ABC News Studios announces the network premiere of the award-winning documentary “Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields,” from Emmy Award-winning director Lana Wilson (“Miss Americana”). The film, produced in partnership with Boat Rocker’s Matador Content and Bedby8 for ABC News Studios, celebrated its world premiere to a sold-out crowd and standing ovation at the 2023 Sundance Film Festival before premiering on Hulu. “Pretty Baby: Brooke Shields” garnered ABC News its first-ever Primetime Emmy Award nominations with two nods in nonfiction program categories, including Outstanding Directing for a Documentary for Lana Wilson and Outstanding Picture Editing. The documentary is a galvanizing look at actor, model and icon Brooke Shields as she transforms from a sexualized young girl to a woman discovering her power. Holding a mirror up to a society that objectifies women and girls, her story shows the perils and triumphs of gaining agency in a hostile world.

Thursday, January 25, 2024

**Truth and Lies: The Hunted**

After 23-year-old escort Shannan Gilbert disappeared in 2010, police stumbled upon a serial killer’s graveyard in Gilgo Beach, Long Island — which held the human remains of four other missing sex workers. Shortly after, authorities discovered six more bodies along the same stretch of road. “Truth and Lies: The Hunted” chronicles the twists and turns in the decade-long investigation to find the Long Island serial killer, uncovering allegations of corruption and police biases that slowed the investigation and enraged the victims’ family members. This episode takes viewers inside the task force that used new technology that led to the July 2023 arrest of the man now accused of murdering those four sex workers: Rex Heuermann, a husband and father who police claim was leading a dark double life. Heuermann has pleaded not guilty to these charges. “Truth and Lies: The Hunted” explores the police’s ongoing investigation of this notorious case and dives deep into the subculture of sex work, giving viewers the point of view of the women behind these headlines.

Thursday, February 1, 2024

**Soul of a Nation Presents: X / o n e r a t e d – The Murder of Malcolm X and 55 Years to Justice**

The special profiles Muhammad Abdul Aziz, a man who was wrongfully convicted of Malcolm X’s assassination. Featuring the first TV interview with Aziz following his exoneration in 2021, conducted by ABC News “Nightline” co-anchor Byron Pitts, the special retraces Malcolm X’s shocking 1965 assassination, Aziz’s decades behind bars and on parole, and the devastating impact on Aziz’s family. “X / o n e r a t e d” also features interviews with Shahid Johnson, Ameen Johnson and Khalil Ibn Islam, the children of the late Khalil Islam, who was also wrongfully convicted for the assassination and posthumously exonerated, as well as Malcolm X’s daughter Ilyasah Shabazz.

Thursday, February 8, 2024

**Fatal Dive to the Titanic: Truth and Lies**

Entrepreneur Stockton Rush dreamed of a revolutionary submersible that could take adventurous tourists into the deep sea to view the fabled Titanic wreckage. “Fatal Dive to the Titanic: Truth and Lies” reports on how Rush’s Titan submersible became a cautionary tale about the risks of innovation. Through interviews with Rush’s friends, former Titan “mission specialists” and adventure pioneers, the episode explores the groundbreaking technology behind the Titan, painting a picture of both the excitement and devastation surrounding the deadly venture. The program also takes viewers through the pivotal moments that ultimately led to the demise of the Titan and all on board its final tragic journey into the deep sea.

Thursday, February 15, 2024

**The Doomsday Prophet: Truth and Lies**

“The Doomsday Prophet: Truth and Lies” examines the secretive Fundamentalist Latter-Day Saints (FLDS) community and the unconventional and controversial life of its founder, Warren Jeffs, exploring the rise of the sect and its practice of polygamy. The episode features harrowing, exclusive interviews with courageous ex-FLDS members, including one of Jeffs’ former wives and his daughter. Never-before-seen footage takes viewers inside this closed community that encourages women to “keep sweet” by suppressing emotions and obeying their husbands and the all-knowing prophet. By unraveling the

complexities of power, faith and control, the documentary paints a vivid portrait of the impact the FLDS had on its followers and the broader implications of Jeffs' leadership, which still influences the society he constructed.

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

**Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024**

“World News Tonight” anchor and managing editor David Muir leads the network’s coverage of the voting results, issues, candidates and campaigns. Muir will be joined by ABC News’ powerhouse political team, including “ABC News Live Prime” anchor Linsey Davis; chief global affairs correspondent and “This Week” co-anchor Martha Raddatz; chief Washington correspondent and “This Week” co-anchor Jonathan Karl; chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce; senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott from Trump HQ in Florida; correspondent Alex Presha from the trail in South Carolina; chief national correspondent Matt Gutman; senior national correspondent Terry Moran; senior White House correspondent Selina Wang; political director Rick Klein; deputy political director Averil Harper; White House correspondent MaryAlice Parks; correspondents Aaron Katersky, Mola Lenghi, Elizabeth Schulze, and Mireya Villarreal; executive editorial producer John Santucci; senior Washington reporter Devin Dwyer; senior reporter Katherine Faulders; and multiplatform reporter Jay O’Brien. Contributors Dan Abrams, Donna Brazile, John Katko, Reince Priebus, and Kate Shaw will provide analysis across platforms. ABC News will have on-the-ground reporting from California, Alabama, Virginia, Texas and Colorado to deliver viewers up-to-the-minute reporting of all election results and campaign updates.

Thursday, March 7, 2024

**The State of the Union and The Republican Response**

ABC News announces special coverage of the 2024 State of the Union address by President Joe Biden and the Republican response by Sen. Katie Britt of Alabama. “World News Tonight” anchor and managing editor David Muir will lead coverage joined by ABC News’ powerhouse political team, including “ABC News Live Prime” anchor Linsey Davis, chief global affairs correspondent and “This Week” co-anchor Martha Raddatz, chief Washington correspondent and “This Week” co-anchor Jonathan Karl, chief White House correspondent Mary Bruce, chief justice correspondent Pierre Thomas, senior congressional correspondent Rachel Scott, senior national correspondent Terry Moran, senior White House correspondent Selina Wang, correspondent Elizabeth Schulze, political director Rick Klein, deputy political director Averil Harper and multiplatform reporter Jay O’Brien. Contributors Donna Brazile and Reince Priebus will provide analysis across platforms.

**ABC NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS – First Quarter, 2024**

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Monday, January 15, 2024	9:52:39 PM	- 9:54:45 PM	ET 0:02:06	Special Report: Iowa Caucus Results
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	7:52:39 PM	- 7:54:45 PM	MT 0:02:06	Special Report: Iowa Caucus Results
	6:52:39 PM	- 6:54:45 PM	PT 0:02:06	Special Report: Iowa Caucus Results
Tuesday, January 23, 2024	8:11:47 PM	- 8:13:57 PM	ET 0:02:10	Special Report: New Hampshire Primary Results
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Tuesday, January 23, 2024	9:52:00 PM	- 10:00:00 PM	ET	0:08:00	Election Night: The New Hampshire Primary - Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	8:52:00 PM	- 9:00:00 PM	CT	0:08:00	Election Night: The New Hampshire Primary - Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	8:52:00 PM	- 9:00:00 PM	MT	0:08:00	Election Night: The New Hampshire Primary - Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	9:52:00 PM	- 10:00:00 PM	PT	0:08:00	Election Night: The New Hampshire Primary - Your Voice Your Vote 2024
Friday, February 2, 2024	3:20:30 PM	- 3:25:18 PM	ET	0:04:48	Special Report: Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	2:20:30 PM	- 2:25:18 PM	CT	0:04:48	Special Report: Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	1:20:30 PM	- 1:25:18 PM	MT	0:04:48	Special Report: Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	12:20:31 PM	- 12:25:17 PM	PT	0:04:46	Special Report: Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
Friday, February 2, 2024	4:20:31 PM	- 4:28:57 PM	ET	0:08:26	Special Report: Update on Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	3:20:31 PM	- 3:28:57 PM	CT	0:08:26	Special Report: Update on Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	2:20:31 PM	- 2:28:57 PM	MT	0:08:26	Special Report: Update on Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
	1:20:31 PM	- 1:28:56 PM	PT	0:08:25	Special Report: Update on Retaliatory Strikes in the Middle East
Tuesday, February 6, 2024	1:37:56 PM	- 1:51:03 PM	ET	0:13:07	Special Report: Crumbley Verdict
	12:37:56 PM	- 12:51:03 PM	CT	0:13:07	Special Report: Crumbley Verdict

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	10:37:57 AM	10:51:02 AM	0:13:05	Special Report: Crumbley Verdict
Thursday, February 8, 2024	2:53:38 PM	3:21:20 PM	0:27:42	Special Report: Report Released Regarding President Biden Classified Documents Investigation
	1:53:38 PM	2:21:20 PM	0:27:42	Special Report: Report Released Regarding President Biden Classified Documents Investigation
	12:53:38 PM	1:21:20 PM	0:27:42	Special Report: Report Released Regarding President Biden Classified Documents Investigation
	11:53:38 AM	12:21:13 PM	0:27:35	Special Report: Report Released Regarding President Biden Classified Documents Investigation
Thursday, February 8, 2024	7:56:36 PM	8:14:22 PM	0:17:46	Special Report: President Biden Speaks about Classified Documents Case
	6:56:36 PM	7:14:22 PM	0:17:46	Special Report: President Biden Speaks about Classified Documents Case
	5:56:36 PM	6:14:20 PM	0:17:44	Special Report: President Biden Speaks about Classified Documents Case
	4:56:36 PM	5:14:20 PM	0:17:44	Special Report: President Biden Speaks about Classified Documents Case
Wednesday, February 14, 2024	4:00:24 PM	4:08:47 PM	0:08:23	Special Report: Shooting at the Super Bowl Parade in Kansas City
	3:00:24 PM	3:08:47 PM	0:08:23	Special Report: Shooting at the Super Bowl Parade in Kansas City
	2:00:24 PM	2:08:47 PM	0:08:23	Special Report: Shooting at the Super Bowl Parade in Kansas City
	1:00:25 PM	1:08:45 PM	0:08:20	Special Report: Shooting at the Super Bowl Parade in Kansas City



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Friday, February 16, 2024	3:03:47 PM	- 3:36:31 PM	ET	0:32:44	Special Report: Ruling on Former President Trump's Business Fraud Trial
	2:03:47 PM	- 2:36:31 PM	CT	0:32:44	Special Report: Ruling on Former President Trump's Business Fraud Trial
	1:03:47 PM	- 1:36:31 PM	MT	0:32:44	Special Report: Ruling on Former President Trump's Business Fraud Trial
	12:03:50 PM	- 12:36:29 PM	PT	0:32:39	Special Report: Ruling on Former President Trump's Business Fraud Trial
Saturday, February 24, 2024	7:00:00 PM	- 7:02:16 PM	ET	0:02:16	Special Report: South Carolina Primary Results
	6:00:00 PM	- 6:02:16 PM	CT	0:02:16	Special Report: South Carolina Primary Results
	5:00:00 PM	- 5:02:16 PM	MT	0:02:16	Special Report: South Carolina Primary Results
	4:00:00 PM	- 4:02:16 PM	PT	0:02:16	Special Report: South Carolina Primary Results
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	5:10:51 PM	- 5:21:26 PM	ET	0:10:35	Special Report: Supreme Court Will Decide if Former President Trump Can be Prosecuted in Election Interference Case
	4:10:51 PM	- 4:21:26 PM	CT	0:10:35	Special Report: Supreme Court Will Decide if Former President Trump Can be Prosecuted in Election Interference Case
	3:10:51 PM	- 3:21:26 PM	MT	0:10:35	Special Report: Supreme Court Will Decide if Former President Trump Can be Prosecuted in Election Interference Case
	2:10:52 PM	- 2:21:24 PM	PT	0:10:32	Special Report: Supreme Court Will Decide if Former President Trump Can be Prosecuted in Election Interference Case

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Monday, March 4, 2024	10:01:55 AM	10:14:38 AM	ET	0:12:43	Special Report: Supreme Court's Ruling on Former President Trump's Colorado Ballot Eligibility
	9:01:55 AM	9:14:38 AM	CT	0:12:43	Special Report: Supreme Court's Ruling on Former President Trump's Colorado Ballot Eligibility
	8:01:57 AM	8:14:25 AM	MT	0:12:28	Special Report: Supreme Court's Ruling on Former President Trump's Colorado Ballot Eligibility
	7:01:57 AM	7:14:25 AM	PT	0:12:28	Special Report: Supreme Court's Ruling on Former President Trump's Colorado Ballot Eligibility
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	10:00:00 PM	11:00:00 PM	ET	1:00:00	Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	9:00:00 PM	10:00:00 PM	CT	1:00:00	Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	8:00:00 PM	9:00:00 PM	MT	1:00:00	Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024
	7:00:00 PM	8:00:00 PM	PT	1:00:00	Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024 (optional to PT stations)
	10:00:00 PM	11:00:00 PM	PT	1:00:00	Super Tuesday: Your Voice Your Vote 2024 (updated for PT stations)
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	10:03:26 AM	10:18:46 AM	ET	0:15:20	Special Report: Nikki Haley Remarks Regarding Ending Her Presidential Campaign
	9:03:26 AM	9:18:46 AM	CT	0:15:20	Special Report: Nikki Haley Remarks Regarding Ending Her Presidential Campaign
	8:03:27 AM	8:18:44 AM	MT	0:15:17	Special Report: Nikki Haley Remarks Regarding Ending Her Presidential Campaign
	7:03:27 AM	7:18:44 AM	PT	0:15:17	Special Report: Nikki Haley Remarks Regarding Ending Her Presidential Campaign
Thursday, March 7, 2024	9:00:00 PM	11:12:40 PM	ET	2:12:40	The State of the Union and The Republican Response
	8:00:00 PM	10:12:40 PM	CT	2:12:40	The State of the Union and The Republican

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	7:00:00 PM	- 9:12:40 PM	MT	2:12:40	The State of the Union and The Republican Response
	6:00:00 PM	- 8:12:40 PM	PT	2:12:40	The State of the Union and The Republican Response
Friday, March 15, 2024	9:07:45 AM	- 9:17:38 PM	ET	0:09:53	Special Report: Ruling on Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis
	8:07:45 AM	- 8:17:38 PM	CT	0:09:53	Special Report: Ruling on Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis
	7:07:45 AM	- 7:17:38 PM	MT	0:09:53	Special Report: Ruling on Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis
	6:07:45 AM	- 6:17:38 PM	PT	0:09:53	Special Report: Ruling on Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis
Friday, March 15, 2024	3:16:23 PM	- 3:20:05 PM	ET	0:03:42	Special Report: Prosecutor Nathan Wade Resigns from the Georgia Trial of Former President Trump
	2:16:23 PM	- 2:20:05 PM	CT	0:03:42	Special Report: Prosecutor Nathan Wade Resigns from the Georgia Trial of Former President Trump
	1:16:23 PM	- 1:20:05 PM	MT	0:03:42	Special Report: Prosecutor Nathan Wade Resigns from the Georgia Trial of Former President Trump
	12:16:24 PM	- 12:20:03 PM	PT	0:03:39	Special Report: Prosecutor Nathan Wade Resigns from the Georgia Trial of Former President Trump
Friday, March 22, 2024	2:00:00 PM	- 2:16:42 PM	ET	0:16:42	Special Report: Princess Catherine Reveals Cancer Diagnosis
	1:00:00 PM	- 1:16:42 PM	CT	0:16:42	Special Report: Princess Catherine Reveals Cancer Diagnosis
	12:00:00 PM	- 12:16:30 PM	MT	0:16:30	Special Report: Princess Catherine Reveals Cancer Diagnosis

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	11:00:00 AM	11:16:30 AM	PT 0:16:30	Special Report: Princess Catherine Reveals Cancer Diagnosis
Monday, March 25, 2024 (Broadcast Day - Actually early Tuesday, March 26, 2024 morning)	4:00:00 AM	4:05:32 AM	ET 0:05:32	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	3:00:00 AM	3:05:32 AM	CT 0:05:32	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	2:00:00 AM	2:05:33 AM	MT 0:05:33	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	1:00:00 AM	1:05:33 AM	PT 0:05:33	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse
Monday, March 25, 2024 (Broadcast Day - Actually early Tuesday, March 26, 2024 morning)	5:00:00 AM	5:07:00 AM	ET 0:07:00	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update
	4:00:00 AM	4:07:00 AM	CT 0:07:00	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update
	3:00:00 AM	3:06:58 AM	MT 0:06:58	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update
	2:00:00 AM	2:06:58 AM	PT 0:06:58	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	6:00:00 AM	6:06:02 AM	ET 0:06:02	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update 2
	5:00:00 AM	5:06:02 AM	CT 0:06:02	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update 2
	4:00:00 AM	4:06:01 AM	MT 0:06:01	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update 2
	3:00:00 AM	3:06:01 AM	PT 0:06:01	Special Report: Baltimore Bridge Collapse Update 2
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	9:53:35 AM	10:13:54 AM	ET 0:20:19	Special Report: News Conference Regarding the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	8:53:37 AM	9:13:54 AM	CT 0:20:17	Special Report: News Conference Regarding the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	7:53:37 AM	8:13:52 AM	MT 0:20:15	Special Report: News Conference Regarding the Baltimore Bridge Collapse

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	6:53:37 AM	7:13:52 AM	PT 0:20:15	Special Report: News Conference Regarding the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	12:41:21 PM	12:56:15 PM	ET 0:14:54	Special Report: President Biden's Comments on the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	11:41:21 AM	11:56:15 AM	CT 0:14:54	Special Report: President Biden's Comments on the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	10:41:21 AM	10:56:14 AM	MT 0:14:53	Special Report: President Biden's Comments on the Baltimore Bridge Collapse
	9:41:22 AM	9:56:14 AM	PT 0:14:52	Special Report: President Biden's Comments on the Baltimore Bridge Collapse

### **THIS WEEK – First Quarter, 2024**

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Guests:

- **Rep. Nancy Pelosi**  
House Speaker Emerita  
(D) California  
*Exclusive*
- **Rep. Tony Gonzales**  
(R) Texas  
*Exclusive*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

- **Donna Brazile**  
Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Sarah Isgur**  
*The Dispatch* Senior Editor  
Former Trump Justice Department Spokesperson  
ABC News Contributor
- **Julie Pace**  
Associated Press Executive Editor
- **Susan Page**  
USA Today Washington Bureau Chief

Topics:

- Plus, ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent Rachel Scott reports on the Republican presidential primary race just ahead of the Iowa caucuses.

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Guests:

- **Gov. Ron DeSantis**  
Republican Presidential Candidate  
(R) Florida
- **Gov. JB Pritzker**  
(D) Illinois  
Biden-Harris National Advisory Board Member  
*Exclusive*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

- **Rick Klein**  
ABC News Political Director
- **Asma Khalid**  
NPR White House Correspondent  
ABC News Contributor
- **Donna Brazile**  
Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst

Topics:

- Plus, the results of a new ABC News/ IPSOS poll on the latest views from Americans ahead of the start of voting in the 2024 election. And ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent Rachel Scott reports from Iowa on the Republican presidential race in the final days before the Iowa caucuses.

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Guests:

- **Gov. Doug Burgum**  
(R) North Dakota
- **Quentin Fulks**  
Biden Principal Deputy Campaign Manager
- **Jon Finer**  
White House Deputy National Security Adviser

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

- **Donna Brazile**  
Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Larry Hogan**  
(R) Former Maryland Governor
- **Rachael Bade**  
POLITICO Playbook Co-Author  
ABC News Contributing Political Correspondent
- **Toluse Olorunnipa**  
Washington Post White House Bureau Chief

Topics:

- Plus, ABC News Chief White House Correspondent Mary Bruce is on the campaign trail with Vice President Kamala Harris. ABC News Political Director Rick Klein breaks down the latest polls in the final days ahead of the New Hampshire primary. And ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent Rachel Scott reports from New Hampshire on the Republican presidential race.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Guests:

- **Sen. Tim Scott**  
(R) South Carolina

*Exclusive*

- **Gov. Gavin Newsom**  
(D) California  
*in an exclusive sit-down conversation with “This Week” co-anchor Jonathan Karl*
- **Gen. CQ Brown**  
Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff  
*Exclusive*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

- **Donna Brazile**  
Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Barbara Comstock**  
(R) Former Virginia Congresswoman  
ABC News Contributor
- **Ramesh Ponnuru**  
National Review Editor  
Washington Post Contributing Columnist
- **Juana Summers**  
NPR “All Things Considered” Co-Host

Sunday, February 4, 2024

Guests:

- **Jake Sullivan**  
White House National Security Adviser
- **Rep. Hakeem Jeffries**  
House Democratic Leader  
(D) New York  
*Exclusive*
- **Sen. JD Vance**  
(R) Ohio  
*Exclusive*

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Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst
- **Marianna Sotomayor**  
Washington Post Congressional Reporter
- **Jonathan Martin**  
POLITICO Senior Political Columnist

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Guests:

- **Benjamin Netanyahu**  
Israeli Prime Minister  
*Exclusive*  
*Just days after President Biden called Israel’s military campaign in Gaza “over the top,” Netanyahu joins Jonathan Karl to discuss the ongoing war in Gaza, the latest on evacuating civilians from Rafah, and why he rejected Hamas’ ceasefire proposal.*
- **Sen. Chris Coons**  
(D) Delaware  
*Exclusive*

- **Gov. Brian Kemp**  
(R) Georgia  
*Exclusive*

Legal Panel:

- **Sarah Isgur**  
*The Dispatch* Senior Editor  
Former Trump Justice Department Spokesperson  
ABC News Contributor
- **Preet Bharara**  
Former U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

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ABC News Political Director
- **Donna Brazile**  
Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst
- **Rachael Bade**  
POLITICO Playbook Co-Author  
ABC News Contributing Political Correspondent

Topics:

- Plus, the results of a new ABC News/IPSOS poll about how Americans view key issues impacting the 2024 election, including legal challenges for President Biden and former President Trump.

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Guests:

- **Nikki Haley**  
(R) Presidential Candidate  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.  
*Exclusive*
- **Gov. Josh Shapiro**  
(D) Pennsylvania  
*Exclusive*
- **Charlamagne tha God**  
*Exclusive*  
*A candid sit-down conversation with the television personality, producer, and "The Breakfast Club" co-host to discuss the 2024 election and state of American politics.*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

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Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Selina Wang**  
ABC News Senior White House Correspondent
- **Ramesh Ponnuru**  
National Review Editor  
Washington Post Contributing Columnist
- **Jonathan Martin**  
POLITICO Senior Political Columnist

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Guests:

- **Jake Sullivan**



White House National Security Adviser

- **Sen. Tammy Duckworth**  
(D) Illinois  
*Exclusive*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

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Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst
- **Rachael Bade**  
POLITICO Playbook Co-Author  
ABC News Contributing Political Correspondent
- **Asma Khalid**  
NPR White House Correspondent  
ABC News Contributor

Topics:

- Just returning from Ukraine, Martha Raddatz reports on the latest in the country's ongoing war with Russia as the conflict reaches the two-year mark.
- Plus, ABC News Correspondent Elizabeth Schulze reports from Alabama on the implications for families and health care providers impacted by the recent Alabama Supreme Court ruling that frozen embryos created through IVF have the same rights as children.
- Plus, to mark Black History Month, ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent Rachel Scott reports on the history of Black women running for and serving in the U.S. Senate, speaking with 2024 Senate candidates Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), and Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD).

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Guests:

- **Sen. Chris Murphy**  
(D) Connecticut  
*Exclusive*
- **Sen. Mike Rounds**  
(R) South Dakota  
*Exclusive*
- **José Andrés**  
World Central Kitchen Founder  
*The chef and restaurateur exclusively discusses his humanitarian work feeding those in need around the world and his most recent trip to the Middle East.*

Legal Panel:

- **Sarah Isgur**  
Former Trump Justice Department Spokesperson  
ABC News Contributor
- **Preet Bharara**  
Former U.S. Attorney, Southern District of New York

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ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst

- **Leigh Ann Caldwell**  
Washington Post Live Co-Ancor  
Early 202 Co-Author
- **Jonathan Martin**  
POLITICO Senior Political Columnist

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Guests:

- **Pete Buttigieg**  
U.S. Secretary of Transportation
- **Rep. Nancy Mace**  
(R) South Carolina  
*Exclusive*
- **Kara Swisher**  
Author, "Burn Book"  
Podcast Host, "On with Kara Swisher"  
*As a proposed bill that could potentially ban TikTok in the U.S. gains momentum in Congress, Kara Swisher joins the program to share her insights on the broader tech landscape surrounding the 2024 election, the role of AI and concerns about misinformation on social media platforms.*

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ABC News Contributor
- **Sarah Isgur**  
*The Dispatch* Senior Editor  
Former Trump Justice Department Spokesperson  
ABC News Contributor
- **Rachel Scott**  
ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent
- **Susan Page**  
USA Today Washington Bureau Chief

Topics:

- Plus, the results of a new ABC News/Ipsos poll with reaction to President Biden's State of the Union address, and how Americans view both President Biden and former President Trump ahead of a likely general election rematch.
- And with 18 states passing new laws limiting discussions on race in the classroom, ABC's MaryAlice Parks reports from Oklahoma on the debate over teaching "Killers of the Flower Moon," the popular book and Oscar-nominated film depicting the state's history.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Guests:

- **Rep. Mike Turner**  
House Intelligence Committee Chair  
(R) Ohio  
*Exclusive*
- **Rep. Ro Khanna**  
(D) California  
*Exclusive*
- **John Kirby**  
White House National Security Communications Adviser

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Former DNC Chair  
ABC News Contributor
- **Sarah Isgur**

*The Dispatch* Senior Editor  
Former Trump Justice Department Spokesperson  
ABC News Contributor

- **Rick Klein**  
ABC News Political Director
- **Susan Glasser**  
*The New Yorker* Staff Writer

Topics:

- Plus, after President Biden and former President Trump clinched their party nominations this week, three Virginia voters discuss their discontent with a general election rematch.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Guests:

- **Vice President Kamala Harris**  
*Exclusive*  
ABC News' Senior Congressional Correspondent Rachel Scott speaks with Harris from Parkland, FL.
- **Former Rep. Ken Buck**  
(R) Colorado  
*Exclusive*

Trump Legal Panel:

- **Aaron Katersky**  
ABC News Senior Investigative Correspondent
- **Melissa Murray**  
NYU School of Law Professor  
Co-Author, *The Trump Indictments: The Historic Charging Documents With Commentary*
- **Russ Buettner**  
New York Times Investigative Reporter  
Co-Author, *Lucky Loser: How Donald Trump Squandered His Father's Fortune and Created the Illusion of Success*

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- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst
- **Rick Klein**  
ABC News Political Director
- **Marianna Sotomayor**  
Washington Post Congressional Reporter

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Guests:

- **Sen. Chris Van Hollen**  
(D) Maryland  
*Exclusive*
- **Gen. Frank McKenzie**  
Former CENTCOM Commander  
U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.)  
*A conversation about the rising threat from ISIS affiliates following recent attacks in Russia and Iran*

The Powerhouse Roundtable:

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ABC News Contributor
- **Reince Priebus**  
Former RNC Chair  
Former Trump White House Chief of Staff  
ABC News Political Analyst
- **Rick Klein**  
ABC News Political Director
- **Asma Khalid**  
NPR White House Correspondent  
ABC News Contributor

Topics:

- Plus, a sit-down with Ukrainian Archbishop Borys Gudziak about his Easter message amid the war in Ukraine.

**NIGHTLINE (M-F) – First Quarter, 2024**

Monday, January 1, 2024

- Mom Shrooms (encore)
- 'Recess Therapy' - Little Kids, Big Questions, Free Advice (encore)
- Happy New Year

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

- Air Scare
- Ian Ziering Shocking Brawl
- Artist Devon Rodriguez
- Damar Hamlin - One Year Later

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- PPP Loan Fraud
- Uvalde Strong
- Baby's Miracle Heart

Thursday, January 4, 2024

- Paula Abdul Sexual Abuse Allegations
- The Golden Wedding
- On the Brink Preview

Friday, January 5, 2024

- Gypsy Rose Blanchard Speaks Out
- Oscar Pistorius Freed
- Nightline Nightlight: Dog's Cash Snack

Monday, January 8, 2024

- Air Scare
- Maui Strong 808
- College Football Champs!

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

- Courtroom Chaos - Judge Attacker Faces New Charges
- Pet Mania
- OKC Ballet for Seniors

#### Wednesday, January 10, 2024

- Impact: Jonathan Major Speaks
- Tony Danza on Set
- Jennifer Lopez "Can't Get Enough"

#### Thursday, January 11, 2024

- Jelly Roll Testifies at Anti-Fentanyl Hearing
- Isabella Strahan
- Bill Belichick Officially Out

#### Friday, January 12, 2024

- Dulos Murder Trial
- Bobi Wine - From Pop Star to Presidential Candidate
- Sterling K. Brown One-on-One

#### Monday, January 15, 2024

- Iowa Caucuses - Trump Headquarters
- Ron DeSantis Headquarters
- Nikki Haley Headquarters
- The Iowa Vote
- Analysis
- Donna Brazile & Reince Priebus - Roundtable
- MLK Day

#### Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- New Charge Against the Alleged Long Island Serial Killer
- Annette Bening - One-on-One
- No Doubt Reunion

#### Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- Texas Immigration Bill
- Dry January
- Royal Health Scares

#### Thursday, January 18, 2024

- Scott Peterson Shocker
- Impact: Aliens
- Mariana van Zeller 'Trafficked'
- Jason Kelce Mc Surprise

#### Friday, January 19, 2024

- Alec Baldwin Charged

- Scott Peterson Innocent?
- One-on-One With Ava DuVernay
- Dolly's Birthday Surprise

#### Monday, January 22, 2024

- Bayard Rustin
- Stanley Cup Craze
- Norman Jewison Obit

#### Tuesday, January 23, 2024

- New Hampshire - Trump Headquarters
- Nikki Haley Headquarters
- The New Hampshire Vote
- Analysis
- Donna Brazile & Reince Priebus - Roundtable

#### Wednesday, January 24, 2024

- A Special Edition of Nightline - Exodus

#### Thursday, January 25, 2024

- Exodus
- Robert Downey Jr.'s Cool Food
- Justin Timberlake New Music

#### Friday, January 26, 2024

- Inside Snoop Dogg's World
- Impact - Gringo Hunters
- Taylor Swift - AI Deep Fakes

#### Monday, January 29, 2024

- Nikki Addimando Released
- Kylie Kelce, The NFL and Taylor Swift
- King Charles and Kate Go Home

#### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

- A Special Edition of Nightline - Street Soldiers

#### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

- New "Rust" Details
- Jam Master Jay Murder Trial
- "Argylle" Movie Cast
- Elmo Checks In
- Malcom X Exonerated Preview

#### Thursday, February 1, 2024

- Short Kings: The Big Business of Getting Tall
- Nikolaj Coster-Waldau on Set
- The Housewife and The Hustler 2: The Reckoning Trailer

#### Friday, February 2, 2024

- Crumbleys on Trial
- Athletes Mental Health
- Feud: Capote vs. The Swans
- Remembering Carl Weathers

Monday, February 5, 2024

- King Charles Cancer
- Second Chances
- Ariana Madrox on Broadway

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

- Crumbley Mom Guilty
- Mascot Mania
- Remembering Toby Keith

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

- School Board Sex Scandal
- Sara Gilbert
- 60 Years of The Beatles

Thursday, February 8, 2024

- President Biden's Fiery Newser
- Special Counsel's Biden Report
- Impact: Usher's Big Show
- Maui Strong 808: The Police Officers
- Final Member of The Spinners Dies

Friday, February 9, 2024

- Worlds Collide - Super Bowl + Taylor Swift
- NFL Fashion
- Little Elephant's Super Bowl Pick

Monday, February 12, 2024

- The Housewife & The Hustler 2
- BHM: Wu-Tang Clan
- Super Bowl Disneyland Celebration

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

- French Bulldogs Targeted by Thieves
- BHM: The Space Race
- Trailblazing Beyoncé

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- Deadly Kansas City Parade Shooting
- A Look at Love
- Billy Dee Williams
- Pop Tarts Inventor Dies

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- Tween Beauty Obsession
- "Bob Marley: One Love" Star Lashana Lynch
- Caitlin Clark Makes History

Friday, February 16, 2024

- Prince Harry Exclusive
- Trump's Whopping \$354 Million Fine - Context with John Santucci
- Little Shop of Horrors - Darren Criss & Rachel Evan Wood
- Reunited! Paul McCartney And His Stolen Bass Guitar

#### Monday, February 19, 2024

- A Special Edition of Nightline - I'll See Her Again

#### Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- Ruby Franke Sentenced
- Bob Woodruff's "Operation Arctic Cure"
- Country's Queen Bey

#### Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- Hair Transplants
- Kelly Rowland's Steamy New Role
- First Look: Eva Pilgrim - Nikki Haley

#### Thursday, February 22, 2024

- NTL Impact: Scott Peterson
- Sean Wang on Set
- Odysseus

#### Friday, February 23, 2024

- Wendy Williams Doc (Exclusive)
- \$50K Viral Scam
- New Rod Stewart Album

#### Monday, February 26, 2024

- Alabama IVF Decision - Women Caught in the Middle
- Emily Blunt
- Sheer Baseball Uniforms

#### Tuesday, February 27, 2024

- SeaQuest Investigation
- Cast of "Dune: Part Two"
- Wendy's Price Surge

#### Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- Alabama IVF Protest
- Shōgun
- Remembering Richard Lewis

#### Thursday, February 29, 2024

- Impact: Skinny Confessions
- "10 Million Names"
- Happy Birthday Leplings!

#### Friday, March 1, 2024

- Watch What Happens - "Housewives" Leah McSweeney Lawsuit
- "Me, Hereafter"
- Robin Roberts - RuPaul Sneak Peek

#### Monday, March 4, 2024



- RuPaul's "House of Hidden Meanings"
- Who TF Did I Marry?
- Jason Kelce Retiring

#### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

- A Special Edition of Nightline - Your Voice Your Vote
- Super Tuesday - Trump Sweeps
- Nikki Haley Campaign
- The Voters
- Exit Polls
- Breaking Down the Vote
- Context and Perspective
- Donna Brazile & Reince Priebus - Roundtable

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

- "Rust" Movie Guilty Verdict
- Oregon Decriminalizing Drugs
- Joey Fatone & AJ McLean on Tour
- Breaking News - IVF

#### Thursday, March 7, 2024

- State of the Union
- Biden's High Stakes Address
- Caitlin Clark Exclusive
- Mike Tyson Comeback

#### Friday, March 8, 2024

- Impact: Gisele Bündchen
- Oscars Preview
- International Women's Day - Barbie Role Models

#### Monday, March 11, 2024

- Royals Photo Mystery
- Abbott Elementary
- Young Love...At Any Age

#### Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- Scott Peterson New Trial?
- Boeing Air Scares
- Jenifer Lewis Exclusive
- Queen Camilla Barbie

#### Wednesday, March 13, 2024

- "Quiet on Set" Drake Bell Speaks Out
- Christina Applegate & Jamie-Lynn Sigler Exclusive
- Tote Bag Mania

#### Thursday, March 14, 2024

- Impact: Sportswashing
- Linsey Davis' Girls of the World
- 'NSYNC Reunion

#### Friday, March 15, 2024

- Spring Break Breakup

- Regina King Exclusive
- Taylor's The Eras Tour Hits Disney+

Monday, March 18, 2024

- Oprah - Shame No More
- Mysterious Monoliths - Aliens or Art?
- Princess Kate

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

- EtO - Invisible Threat?
- Where is Riley Strain?
- Beyoncé Speaks Out

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

- Stolen Childhood
- One-on-One with Shaggy
- The Boss Is Back!

Thursday, March 21, 2024

- Impact: How I Got Played
- Lukas Gage One-on-One
- Ghost Army Honored

Friday, March 22, 2024

- Princess Kate's Cancer Diagnosis
- Ruby Franke: Momfluencer to Felon
- Princess Kate: You Are Not Alone

Monday, March 25, 2024

- Feds Raid Diddy's Homes
- How Did a Man Sneak Onto a Delta Flight?
- Trump's Legal Woes
- Women's Basketball
- "The Bachelor" Finale Twist

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

- Catastrophic Bridge Collapse
- What Went Wrong?
- 40+ Models
- Shakira Takes Over Times Square

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

- Squatters
- Kathy Griffin One-on-One
- Remembering Sen. Joe Lieberman

Thursday, March 28, 2024

- Impact: It's Beyoncé Country
- Ewan McGregor One-on-One
- Beyoncé's Legendary 'Cowboy Carter' Collabs

Friday, March 29, 2024

- A Special Edition of Nightline - Shot Caller? The Killing of Tupac

**WBRZ-TV**  
**ISSUES COVERED THIS QUARTER**  
**LOCAL NEWS**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2024**  
**January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024**

CRIME 5AM 01/01/2024

ONE PERSON IS WITHOUT A HOME THIS MORNING...INVESTIGATORS STILL DETERMINING THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. CREWS FROM THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A FIRE SUNDAY MORNING ON EAST BROOKSTOWN DRIVE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED AND RED CROSS WAS CALLED TO HELP THE DISPLACED RESIDENT. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 01/01/2024

AT THE CAPITOL - A NEW YEAR BRINGS NEW CHANGE. DOZENS OF LAWS ARE SET TO TAKE EFFECT TODAY JANUARY FIRST. SOME CONTROVERSIAL, SOME BENEFICIAL. ONE OF WHICH COULD BE AN UPHILL BATTLE IN THE FEDERAL COURTS. THESE INCLUDE HOUSE BILL 648, WHICH BANS GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE FOR TRANS MINORS IN LOUISIANA THOUGH THE BILL COULD BE CHALLENGED IN COURT. HOUSE BILL 337 WILL ELIMINATE A MINIMUM FOR CHILD SUPPORT AWARDED. HOUSE BILL 579 WILL REQUIRE PET INSURANCE AGENCIES TO BETTER DEFINE COVERAGE. AND HOUSE BILL 398 WILL REQUIRE THOSE BEING FLOWN TO OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS RIGS TO WEAR LIFE JACKETS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH LOCATOR BEACONS.

SPORTS 5AM 01/01/2024

THE MONTH LONG LAYOFF FOR THE LSU FOOTBALL TEAM IS ALMOST OVER. THE TIGERS GO FOR THEIR TENTH WIN OF THE SEASON IN JUST A FEW HOURS WHEN THEY FACE OFF AGAINST WISCONSIN IN THE RELIAQUEST BOWL DOWN IN SUNNY TAMPA FLORIDA. WHILE IT'S NOT THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF OR A NEW YEAR'S SIX GAME, IT'S STILL A GAME FEATURING THE TOP CONFERENCES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL, THE BIG TEN AND THE SEC. BUT WHAT'S ON THE LINE? THE LSU CAREER RECEIVING YARDS RECORD. IF JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN MALIK NABERS CAN CATCH 22 YARDS OF PASSES, HE WILL BREAK JOSH REED'S RECORD, WHICH IS 3 THOUSAND AND 1 YARDS. IT'S ONE REASON WHY THE FUTURE FIRST ROUNDER DIDN'T OPT OUT OF THIS GAME. BUT COACH KELLY KNOWS NABERS MIND IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE. THE GAME KICKS OFF AT 11 AM CENTRAL TIME AT RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM. YOU CAN WATCH THE GAME ON ESPN2. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE IS IN TAMPA AND WILL HAVE ALL KINDS OF COVERAGE HERE ON W-B-R-Z, SO STAY TUNED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

COMMUNITY

1-1-24/4PM

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ONCE AGAIN...THE STATE OF LOUISIANA WAS REPRESENTED AT THE ROSE PARADE TODAY IN PASADENA. THIS YEAR'S FLOAT IS MUSIC-THEMED, FEATURING A JESTER AND MORE THAN 20-THOUSAND FLOWERS ON DISPLAY. THIS IS LOUISIANA'S THIRD TIME HAVING A FLOAT IN THE PARADE.

POLITICS

1-1-24/4PM

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WE ARE ONE WEEK AWAY FROM THE INAUGURATION OF NEW GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, JANUARY EIGHTH ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL. HE'LL BE SWORN IN WITH A SPECIAL CEREMONY, AND WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT HIS NEWLY APPOINTED CABINET MEMBERS. OF COURSE, WE'LL HAVE LIVE COVERAGE ON W-B-R-Z.

BUSINESS

1-1-24/4PM

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THERE WAS NO JACKPOT WINNER IN SATURDAY NIGHT'S POWERBALL DRAWING. ACCORDING TO THE POWERBALL WEBSITE, THE PRIZE HAS GROWN TO AN ESTIMATED 810-MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEXT DRAWING IS TONIGHT. YOU CAN CATCH IT BEFORE THE TEN O'CLOCK NEWS ON W-B-R-Z PLUS.

Crime 1/1/24 5pm

A TEENAGER IS DEAD AND 4 OTHERS ARE HURT AFTER A DRIVE BY SHOOTING ON THIS FIRST DAY OF 20-24.

Community 1/1/24 5pm

BEFORE THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND, SEVERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WARNED RESIDENTS NOT TO FIRE GUNS INTO THE AIR ON NEW YEARS...MANY NOT HEEDING THAT ADVICE.

Health 1/1/24 5pm

MEDICAL FORMS TYPICALLY ASK FOR YOUR RACE AND ETHNICITY, BUT EXPERTS WARN THAT SOME BOXES ARE TOO BROAD TO ACCURATELY REFLECT YOUR HEALTH NEEDS.

Crime 1-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

A TEENAGER IS DEAD AND FOUR OTHERS INJURED AFTER A SHOOTING IN THE BROOKSTOWN AREA OF BATON ROUGE. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ON EVANGELINE STREET. SOME OF THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND BLOCKS AWAY. ALEXA MARIGNY IS HERE WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

Crime 1-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

IT'S A TROUBLING TREND...NEW YEARS EVE REVELERS SHOOTING MORE THAN FIREWORKS INTO THE AIR...CHOOSING TO CELEBRATE BY FIRING GUNS. ON THE WEST SIDE, THE SHERIFFS OFFICE WORKED OVERTIME TO TRY AND STOP IT. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO DEPUTIES. SHE JOINS US NOW.

Sports 1-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE L-S-U FOOTBALL TEAM CLOSES THE BOOK ON THE 20-23 SEASON WITH TEN WINS AND MOMENTUM AS ATTENTION SHIFTS TO 20-24 AND SPRING PRACTICE. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE WITH THE TIGERS AS THEY COMPLETE THE COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN IN THE RELIAQUEST BOWL.

Sports 1-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:40

THE L-S-U FOOTBALL TEAM CLOSED THE BOOK ON A TEN WIN SEASON TODAY. THE TIGERS CAME FROM BEHIND TO TAKE DOWN THE WISCONSIN BADGERS IN THE RELIAQUEST BOWL IN TAMPA. AFTER STRUGGLING FOR MUCH OF THE GAME THE DEFENSE CAME UP WITH A CRITICAL FUMBLE RECOVERY TO SEAL THE WIN. THE TIGERS WINNING 35 TO 31. THIS IS WHAT COACH BRIAN KELLY HAD TO SAY AFTER THE GAME LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SEASON.

Crime 1-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE NEW YEAR CAME WITH A TRIP TO JAIL FOR SOME WHO CHOSE TO CELEBRATE WITH GUNFIRE RATHER THAN FIREWORKS. BESS CASSERLEIGH WITH THE PRO-ACTIVE APPROACH TO SAFETY IN IBERVILLE PARISH.

Business 1-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

NOW THAT 2023 IS IN THE REAR- VIEW MIRROR - LOOK FOR SOME BIG TECH FOR NEW CARS - IN THE NEW YEAR ... INCLUDING A WAY TO MAKE BUYING FAST FOOD ... EVEN FASTER.

9pm 1/1/24 crime

A TEENAGER DIED AND FOUR OTHERS WERE INJURED IN A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING THIS AFTERNOON. THE TEENAGER THAT DIED WAS FOUND ON EVANGELINE STREET -- IN A FIELD NEXT TO GREATER MOUNT CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS TELL US THE OTHER VICTIMS WERE FOUND IN SEPERATE LOCATIONS NEAR THE SHOOTING SCENE. FAMILIES FROM WEST BROOKSTOWN GATHERED IN THE FIELD -- MOURNING THE TEEN AND SUPPORTING THE GRIEVING FAMILY.

9pm 1/1/24 emergency

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND SEVEN OTHERS WERE INJURED IN A CRASH ALONG I-12 NEAR HOLDEN. EMERGENCY CREWS TELL US THREE CARS WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEADLY ACCIDENT. STATE POLICE SHUT DOWN A WESTBOUND STRETCH OF THE INTERSTATE FOR SEVERAL HOURS WHILE THEY WORKED TO CLEAR THE WRECKAGE. 4 MINORS WERE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH WITH THREE OF THEM BEING TAKEN TO NORTH OAKS MEDICAL CENTER.

9pm 1/1/24 emergency

DENHAM SPRINGS POLICE SAY A TEENAGER WAS KILLED IN A CRASH JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. THE DRIVER WAS TURNING ONTO RANGE AVENUE OFF I-12 WHEN THEIR CAR WAS HIT BY ANOTHER DRIVER. POLICE BELIEVE "IMPAIRMENT WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR" AND TOOK TOXICOLOGY SAMPLES FROM BOTH DRIVERS. THE TEEN WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY LATER DIED. THE OTHER DRIVER INVOLVED HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

10pm 1/1/24 crime

BATON ROUGE POLICE DETECTIVES ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO KILLED A TEENAGER AND WHY EIGHT HOURS AGO ON EVANGELINE STREET...FOUR OTHERS WERE ALSO SHOT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING NEW DEVELOPMENTS THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

10pm 1/1/24 crime

AS WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR, WE'RE LOOKING BACK AT THE STATS FROM 2023...THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES DROPPED FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. STILL ACCORDING TO THE D-As OFFICE, THERE WERE 102 HOMICIDES LAST YEAR...THAT WAS DOWN FROM 135 IN 2022, AND 170 IN 2021. WE ARE AWAITING AN OFFICIAL NUMBER FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE FOR 2023.

10pm 1/1/24 emergency

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND SEVEN OTHERS INJURED IN A CRASH ALONG I-12 NEAR HOLDEN. THREE CARS WERE INVOLVED IN THIS CRASH. STATE POLICE HAVE PARTS OF I-12 WESTBOUND SHUTDOWN AS THEY WORK TO CLEAR THE WRECKAGE. WE'RE TOLD FOUR MINORS WERE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH...THREE HAD TO BE TAKEN TO NORTH OAKS MEDICAL CENTER IN HAMMOND.

CRIME 5AM 1/2/2024

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE RESPONDING TO A DEADLY SHOOTING THIS MORNING. INVESTIGATORS SAY ONE PERSON WAS SHOT TO DEATH ON ATKINSON AND MAIN STREET AROUND TWO-45. NO OTHER DETAILS ON ANY ARRESTS OR MOTIVES. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY, WE'LL BE SURE TO UPDATE YOU HERE ON TUNE IN AND OUR WEBSITE AT W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/2/2024

IN ASCENSION PARISH INAUGURATION KICKS OFF TODAY FOR THE PARISH. NEARLY A DOZEN COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE SWORN INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES. THE EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY, AT TEN-A-M. THE HONORABLE RICKY BABIN WILL SERVE AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES. AS A REMINDER, ALL PARISH GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL TOMORROW, JANUARY THIRD.

SPORTS 5AM 1/2/2024

WIDE RECEIVER MALIK NABERS BECAME THE ALL-TIME LEADING RECEIVER IN PROGRAM HISTORY AND THE TIGERS SECURED THEIR TENTH WIN OF THE SEASON. BUT IT WAS THE LATE HEROICS OF QUARTERBACK GARRETT NUSSMEIER THAT PROPELLED THE TIGERS TO VICTORY. NUSSMEIER WHO STARTED IN PLACE OF HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER JAYDEN

DANIELS LED A GAME WINNING 98-YARD DRIVE LATE IN THE FOURTH THAT HELPED SEAL THE BOWL WIN FOR L-S-U.

Crime 1/2/24 12pm

A WOMAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH THIS MORNING ON ATKINSON STREET. BRPD INVESTIGATORS SAY IT HAPPENED ON ATKINSON AND MAIN STREET AROUND 2-45.

Community 1/2/24 12pm

WHILE THE GREATER BATON ROUGE AREA SET OFF FIREWORKS...DEPUTIES SPENT THEIR NEW YEARS EVE MAKING SURE FIREWORKS WERE THE ONLY THING BEING SHOT IN THE AIR.

International 1/2/24 12pm

DRAMATIC VIDEO SHOWS THE MOMENT A JAPAN AIRLINE JETLINER ERUPTS INTO FLAMES AT HANEDA AIRPORT IN TOKYO AFTER IT COLLIDED WITH A COAST GUARD PLANE ON THE RUNWAY.

CRIME 1-2-24/4PM :20

ONE WOMAN IS DEAD, FOLLOWING AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED AROUND TWO-45 A-M ON ATKINSON STREET. RIGHT NOW, POLICE DON'T HAVE AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE VICTIM, AND NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

CRIME 1-2-24/4PM :20

TWO PEOPLE WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, AFTER REPORTEDLY BEING SHOT IN THE PARKING LOT OF A WALMART IN GONZALES. IT HAPPENED AROUND TEN-30 LAST NIGHT. THE SHOOTING VICTIMS HAVE SINCE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL. THERE'S NO WORD ON A MOTIVE AND NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

POLITICS 1-2-24/4PM :20

WE'RE LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY FROM INAUGURATION DAY FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT JEFF LANDRY. ON MONDAY, JANUARY EIGHTH, LANDRY WILL BE SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL. WE WILL HAVE LIVE COVERAGE ON W-B-R-Z AND OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Crime 1/2/24 5 p.m. :14

THE VICTIM HAS ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED IN A DEADLY OVERNIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. POLICE SAY 37 YEAR OLD CYNTHIA LAMB WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH AROUND 2-45 A-M ON MAIN STREET NEAR ATKINSON STREET. POLICE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS.

Transportation 1/2/24 5 p.m. :25

THOSE ORANGE CONES ARE THE FIRST SIGNS OF A POSITIVE CHANGE FOR DRIVERS IN ASCENSION PARISH. THE PLANS TO SMOOTH OUT THE SURFACE ON AIRLINE HIGHWAY ARE MOVING RIGHT ALONG. AND STARTING SUNDAY, CREWS WILL BEGIN THE PROCESS. THE 13-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT CALLS FOR AN OVERLAY OF THE BUSY ROAD BETWEEN HIGHWAY 42 AND HIGHWAY 74. MOST OF THE LANE CLOSURES WILL HAPPEN OVERNIGHT AND ON WEEKENDS, WHICH IS GOOD NEWS FOR BUSINESSES NEARBY.

Health 1/2/24 5 p.m. :34

RESPIRATORY VIRUSES ARE RISING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT IS TYPICAL FOR LATE DECEMBER AND INTO THE NEW YEAR. THE C-D-C SAYS MORE THAN 29-THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE HOSPITALIZED WITH COVID-19 IN THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS. ANOTHER 15-THOUSAND WERE ADMITTED FOR FLU, AND THOUSANDS MORE WITH R-S-V. WASTE-WATER ANALYSIS SHOWS MORE COVID IN THE ENVIRONMENT THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS JUMPED 17 PERCENT IN ONE WEEK. R-S-V IS SLOWING IN SOME PARTS OF THE COUNTRY BUT IS STILL SHOWING ELEVATED HOSPITALIZATION RATES. VACCINATION RATES HAVE BEEN LOW THIS YEAR PARTICULARLY FOR COVID.

Weather 1-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

RAIN WILL BE ROLLING INTO THE AREA IN A MATTER OF HOURS. IT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR THE MORNING COMMUTE. JOSH HERE WITH THE TIMING.

Crime 1-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:30

POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE TEEN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN A DRIVEBY ON NEW YEARS DAY AS 15 YEAR OLD RAMIDE COSEY. COSEY WAS A STUDENT AT ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL. FOUR OTHER TEENS WERE INJURED IN THAT SHOOTING, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. THOUGH IT'S THE FIRST FATAL TEEN SHOOTING OF THE YEAR, IT'S NOT LIKELY TO BE THE LAST AS MORE AND MORE KIDS TURN TO GUNS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH TWO LEGAL EXPERTS ON HOW THE CITY-PARISH CAN GET A GRIP ON JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME.

Traffic 1-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

CONSTRUCTION CREWS ARE GEARING UP FOR A 13-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT TO SMOOTH OUT THE SURFACE OF AIRLINE HIGHWAY IN PRAIRIEVILLE. IT'S SET TO HAPPEN ALONG A BUSY 5-MILE STRETCH BETWEEN HIGHWAY 42 AND HIGHWAY 74. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST, FALON BROWN, SPOKE WITH THE OWNER OF A BUSINESS, LOCATED ALONG THAT LINE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Crime 1-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

NEW DETAILS IN THE DEADLY CAR CRASH IN ROCHESTER NEW YORK THAT LEFT THREE DEAD AND NINE INJURED. AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE DRIVER OF ONE CAR WAS ACTING INTENTIONALLY AND NOW INVESTIGATORS WORKING TO DETERMINE HIS POTENTIAL MOTIVE.

Politics 1-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

HARVARD PRESIDENT CLAUDINE GAY IS STEPPING DOWN. IT COMES AFTER ALLEGATIONS OF PLAGIARISM WITHIN HER WORK - AND CRITICISM FROM SOME GROUPS OVER HER HANDLING OF ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS FOLLOWING HER TESTIMONY IN CONGRESS.

Investigation 1-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

VIDEO SHOWS THE MOMENT A JAPAN AIRLINE JETLINER ERUPTS INTO FLAMES AT AN AIRPORT IN TOKYO. IT COLLIDED WITH A COAST GUARD PLANE ON THE RUNWAY KILLING FIVE PEOPLE.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 9pm/01/02/24 :20

FOUR OTHER TEENS WERE INJURED IN THAT SHOOTING, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO SURVIVE. THOUGH IT'S THE FIRST FATAL TEEN SHOOTING OF THE YEAR, IT'S NOT LIKELY TO BE THE LAST AS MORE AND MORE KIDS TURN TO GUNS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH TWO LEGAL EXPERTS ON HOW THE CITY-PARISH CAN GET A GRIP ON JUVENILE VIOLENT CRIME.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/02/24 :20

THE CRASH TOOK THE LIFE OF 17 YEAR-OLD BLAKELEIGH WEEMS. OTHERS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT HAD MINOR INJURIES. OFFICIALS BELIEVE IMPAIRMENT IS A FACTOR IN THE CRASH AND HAVE TAKEN TOXICOLOGY SAMPLES TO GET ANALYZED. THE NAME OF THE PASSENGER AND THE OTHER DRIVER HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED. FRIENDS OF BLAKELEIGH WERE DEVASTATED WHEN THEY HEARD THE NEWS OF HER PASSING.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/02/24 :20

POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE TEEN KILLED IN A NEW YEAR'S DAY DRIVE-BY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE AS 15 YEAR-OLD RAMID COSEY. THEY SAY FOUR JUVENILE VICTIMS WERE SHOT BY SOMEONE IN A PASSING VEHICLE, WHILE WALKING ON WEST BROOKSTOWN DRIVE OFF OF EVANGELINE. COSEY, WHO WAS A STUDENT AT ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL, DIED AT

THE SCENE. THE OTHER VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE O-K. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

10pm 1/2/24 infrastructure

PUSHBACK AGAINST DEVELOPERS WHO WANT TO BUILD A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR BURBANK DRIVE. ITS AN AREA WHERE HOMEOWNERS ARE PLAGUED WITH FLOODING ISSUES. THOSE WORKING IN THE AREA ARE CONCERNED WHAT THIS COULD MEAN FOR THEM. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME.

10pm 1/2/24 crime

BATON ROUGE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE 15-YEAR OLD KILLED IN A DRIVE BY SHOOTING MONDAY. "RA-MEED COSEY" - AN ISTROUMA HIGH STUDENT -- WAS ONE OF FOUR TEENS SHOT ON WEST BROOKSTOWN DRIVE OFF EVANGELINE. THE OTHER VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WITH MINOR INJURIES. INSTROUMA RELEASED A STATEMENT ON COSEY'S DEATH SAYING -- "OUR THOUGHTS AND DEEPEST CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO THE LOVED ONES OF RA-MEED COSEY DURING THIS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT TIME. THIS SENSELESS TRAGEDY HAS LEFT A VOID IN OUR HEARTS AS WE BEGIN THE PROCESS OF GRIEVING AND HEALING."

10pm 1/2/24 crime

THE VIOLENCE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY HAS ONLY HIGHLIGHTED THE ISSUES WITH JUVENILE CRIME IN BATON ROUGE. 20-23 SAW PARISH LEADERS FOCUSING ON WAYS TO PREVENT TEENS FROM BEING INVOLVED IN GUN VIOLENCE. SOME PROSECUTORS RESORTED TO STIFFER PENALTIES FOR OFFENDERS, BUT THE OTHER MAJOR PROBLEM IS NOT HAVING AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO HOUSE JUVENILES. SEVERAL HIGH PROFILE ESCAPES AT JUVENILE DETENTION CENTERS ACROSS THE STATE -- INCLUDING A MURDER SUSPECT WHO ESCAPED TWICE AND IS STILL ON THE LOOSE.

CRIME 5AM 1/3/2024

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GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/3/2024

JOHN BEL EDWARDS IS SET TO GIVE HIS FINAL ADDRESS AS GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA. EDWARDS WILL BID FAREWELL FROM HIS HOMETOWN OF AMITE THIS EVENING. HE SAYS HE HAS NO PLANS TO RUN FOR ANY OTHER OFFICE AND SAYS HE IS PULLING FOR JEFF LANDRY TO HAVE SUCCESS AS HE TAKES OVER.

SPORTS 5AM 1/3/2024

HEADING INTO THE RELIAQUEST BOWL, THERE WERE MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT L-S-U'S OFFENSE. BUT THOSE QUESTIONS WERE SEEMINGLY ANSWERED WITH AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE. THE TIGER OFFENSE RECORDED NEARLY 500 YARDS, WITH ALMOST 400 YARDS COMING OFF THE ARM OF GARRETT NUSSMEIER. WITH THE TIGERS NOW IN THE OFFSEASON, HEAD COACH BRIAN KELLY WILL NOW HAVE TO FIND A NEW OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR. HOWEVER, KELLY FELT IMPRESSED BY QUARTERBACKS COACH JOE SLOAN AND HIS ENTIRE OFFENSIVE STAFF DURING L-S-U'S VICTORY OVER WISCONSIN. L-S-U'S OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR DURING THE SEASON, MIKE DENBROCK, LEFT L-S-U TO RETURN TO NOTRE DAME.



LSU 12 PM 1/3/2024

JUST 2 DAYS AFTER LSU'S VICTORY OVER WISCONSIN IN THE RELIAQUEST BOWL, LSU COACH BRIAN KELLY IS CLEANING HOUSE, FIRING DEFENSIVE CO-ORDINATOR MATT HOUSE AND SEVERAL OTHER COACHES. LSU'S DEFENSE WAS AMONG THE WORST IN THE NATION, GIVING UP ALMOST 420 YARDS AND 28 POINTS PER GAME. AS A RESULT, WEDNESDAY MORNING KELLY FIRED THE TEAM'S DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND THREE MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF.

Police 12 PM 1/3/2024

THE B-R-P-D AVIATION UNIT HAS BEEN DISBANDED, AFTER TWO OFFICERS DIED IN A DEADLY HELICOPTER CRASH IN MARCH. ON MARCH 28-TH, SERGEANT DAVID POIRRIER AND CORPORAL SCOTTY CANEZARO WERE PURSUING A SUSPECT IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH WHEN THEIR HELICOPTER CRASHED INTO A FIELD.

Politics 12 PM 1/3/2024

NOW TO THE LATEST ON THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT-- HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STEVE SCALISE HAS ENDORSED FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT. SCALISE POSTED THIS ON X-- SAYING HE WAS 'PROUD TO ENDORSE' DONALD TRUMP AND THAT HE WAS 'LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING' WITH TRUMP TO FIGHT FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES.

CRIME 1-3-24/4PM :20

A TRIO OF SUSPECTED SCHOOL VANDALS IN ASCENSION PARISH ARE UNDER ARREST THIS AFTERNOON. SMASHED WINDOWS AND GRAFFITTI HAS CAUSED MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DAMAGE TO THE NEW PRAIRIEVILL HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THE THREE JUVENILES FACE MULTIPLE CHARGES.

COMMUNITY 1-3-24/4PM :20

WALKER HIGH SCHOOL HAS CANCELED CLASSES MONDAY, JANUARY EIGHTH, AFTER A DEADLY CRASH TOOK THE LIFE OF ONE OF THEIR STUDENTS. FUNERAL SERVICES FOR 17 YEAR-OLD BLAKELEIGH WEEMS ARE SET FOR ELEVEN A-M MONDAY AT MOST BLESSED SACREMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH ON JEFFERSON HIGHWAY. STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND.

POLITICS 1-3-24/4PM :20

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Crime 1/3/24 5 p.m. :25

THREE TEENAGERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN ASCENSION PARISH ACCUSED OF BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DAMAGES TO PRAIRIEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIRTY WINDOWS WERE SMASHED AND THE WALLS WERE COVERED IN GRAFFITTI. THE THREE JUVENILES ARE FACING FELONY CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL TRESPASSING CHARGES. MORE ON THOSE ARRESTS COMING UP AT TEN.

Crime 1/3/24 5 p.m. :16

THIS MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON MURDER CHARGES...ACCUSED OF KILLING A WOMAN YESTERDAY MORNING IN BATON ROUGE. 23 YEAR OLD DARREN KNOX IS CHARGED IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF 37 YEAR OLD CYNTHIA LAMB. SHE WAS FOUND SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES AROUND 2-45 A-M TUESDAY ON MAIN STREET NEAR ATKINSON.

Health 1/3/24 5 p.m. :21

IF YOU ARE LOOKING TO MAKE A HEALTHY CHANGE IN THE NEW YEAR, YOUR PET MAY BE A BIG HELP. PETS CAN KEEP YOU MOTIVATED. PLAYING WITH YOUR ANIMAL IN THE BACKYARD OR TAKING YOUR A DOG FOR A WALK CAN GET YOU MOVING. STAYING ACTIVE CAN BENEFIT

YOU BOTH. ANIMALS CAN ALSO BOOST MENTAL HEALTH AND ALLOW FOR SOCIAL CONNECTION -- NOT ONLY TO YOUR PET BUT OTHERS YOU MAY MEET WHEN YOU ARE OUT.

Crime 1-3-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30

VIDEO POSTED TO SOCIAL MEDIA SHOWS A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN FIRING SEVERAL DIFFERENT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN AN OUT OF CONTROL NEIGHBORHOOD NEW YEAR'S EVE DISPLAY. THOSE BULLETS HITTING A CHURCH, AND POSSIBLY SEVERAL HOMES NEARBY. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH TRACKED DOWN WHERE THAT VIDEO WAS SHOT AND SPOKE TO THAT CHURCH'S PASTOR. SHE JOINS US NOW LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM.

Sports 1-3-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE WRITING WAS ON THE WALL FOR MUCH OF THE SEASON. THE L-S-U FOOTBALL DEFENSE STRUGGLED FROM GAME ONE AND SHOWED LITTLE SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT. SOMETHING HAD TO GIVE. AND NOW COACH BRIAN KELLY IS IN SEARCH OF A WHOLE NEW DEFENSIVE COACHING STAFF. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE HERE WITH THE SHAKEUP IN TIGER STADIUM.

Politics 1-3-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

JUST A FEW MORE DAYS BEFORE JEFF LANDRY IS SWORN IN AS THE 57-TH GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO COME TO BATON ROUGE FOR THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY. KATIE EASTER JOINING US NOW WITH WHAT TO EXPECT.

Politics 1-3-2024/6:30 p.m. 15:00

GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS IS SET TO BEGIN HIS FAREWELL ADDRESS IN JUST A FEW MINUTES. HE WILL BE LIVE IN HIS HOMETOWN OF AMITE. SO ONCE IT BEGINS, WE WILL TAKE YOU BACK TO THE GOVERNOR'S FINAL PUBLIC EVENT OF HIS TERM.

Politics 1-3-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:00

IN FIVE DAYS, LOUISIANA WILL HAVE A NEW GOVERNOR. RAIN OR SHINE CREWS ARE OUT ON THE CAPITOL STEPS, BUILDING THE INAUGURATION STAGE FOR WHEN JEFF LANDRY IS SWORN IN AS THE 57-TH GOVERNOR. ORGANIZER BUD COURSON SAYS THIS YEAR'S SET UP WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN YEARS PAST. CYPRESS TREES WERE BROUGHT IN TO SIT ON EACH CORNER OF THE STEPS AND MORE PLANTS AND FLAGS WILL PLACED AROUND THE STAGE.

Holiday 1-3-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:00

PLACING FLAMINGOS IN UNIVERSITY LAKE DURING PARADE SEASON HAS BEEN A TRADITION FOR OVER 40 YEARS. BUT WITH THE LACK OF RAIN AND CONSTRUCTION WORK GOING ON IN THE LAKE THAT TRADITION WILL CHANGE. IT STARTED WHEN OLD BOARD MEMBERS GATHERED TOGETHER AND AGREED IT WAS TIME THIS PARADE HAVE SOMETHING TO REPRESENT IT. THAT'S WHEN THE FLAMINGO WAS CHOSEN TO BE WHAT THEY CALL IT THEIR SPIRIT ANIMAL. A DECISION HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR HOW THE TRADITION WILL CONTINUE, BUT THE PRESIDENT OF SPANISH TOWN BOARD SAYS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FLAMINGO WILL STAY ALIVE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/03/24 :20

EDWARDS HAS SERVED AS GOVERNOR SINCE 20-16. THROUGHOUT HIS EIGHT YEARS IN OFFICE HE OVERSAW REFORMS TO THE STATE'S BUDGET, AND INFRA-STRUCTURE. HE ALSO LED THE STATE THROUGH SEVERAL CHALLENGES SUCH AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND HURRICANE IDA.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/03/24 :20

WE WILL HAVE TEAM COVERAGE OF INAUGURATION DAY THIS MONDAY STARTING AT 11:30 A-M. YOU CAN SEE IT ON W-B-R-Z AND ON OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z DOT-COM.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/03/24 :20

THREE TEENAGERS, AGES FIFTEEN AND SIXTEEN ARRESTED IN ASCENSION PARISH AFTER ADMITTING TO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES THEY VANDALIZED PRAIRIEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND IS SET TO OPEN FOR STUDENTS THIS FALL. AT LEAST 30 WINDOWS WERE BUSTED AND GRAFFITI SPRAYED ON WALLS. THE DAMAGE IS ESTIMATED TO BE MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND THIS INVESTIGATION IS NOT OVER.

10pm 1/3/24 politics

GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS SAYING GOODBYE AFTER 8 YEARS IN OFFICE. IN AMITE EDWARDS CELEBRATED HIS SUCCESSES LOOKING BACK ON HIS TIME LEADING LOUISIANA. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY WAS THERE.

10pm 1/3/24 politics

AT THE CAPITOL...THE FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITH JUST FIVE DAYS UNTIL INAUGURATION DAY. CREWS SPENT THE DAY ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL GETTING THE STAGE SET FOR JEFF LANDRY TO BE SWORN IN MONDAY. CYPRESS TREES WERE BROUGHT IN TO SIT ATOP EACH SIDE OF THE STEPS AND MORE THAN NINE THOUSAND FLAGS WILL FLY DURING THE CEREMONY. THOUSANDS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE EVENT ON THE CAPITOL LAWN.

10pm 1/3/24 crime

DISTURBING VIDEO ON SOCIAL MEDIA CAPTURED SEVERAL YOUNG MEN IN BATON ROUGE FIRING OFF HANDGUNS IN THE EDEN PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ON NEW YEAR'S EVE. MOST OF THE SHOOTING IN THE VIDEO TAKES PLACE NEXT TO THE FIRST LOVE CHURCH. THE LAWN NEXT DOOR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS. OUR CREWS FOUND AROUND 50 SPENT SHELL CASINGS ALONG WITH BULLET HOLES IN THE CHURCH DAYCARE BUILDING. PASTOR RIC RHEAMS SAYS THEY DECIDED TO MOVE SUNDAY SERVICE OVER CONCERNS ABOUT GUNFIRE, BUT DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S A NEED TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHURCH MEMBERS. THE PASTOR SAYS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE THEIR MISSION.

CRIME 5AM 1/4/2024

THIS MORNING FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE MOURNING THE DEATH OF AN L-S-U STUDENT KILLED AT A NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY. ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST, 18-YEAR-OLD ASHLEI HINDS WAS WITH A FRIEND AT A HOTEL WHEN A FIGHT BETWEEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE ESCALATED TO GUNFIRE. HINDS WAS HIT BY A BULLET. THE L-S-U FRESHMEN GREW UP IN MARYLAND AND WAS VISITING FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS. L-S-U RELEASING A STATEMENT, SAYING IN PART..."THIS IS A TRAGIC LOSS FOR ASHLEI'S FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND OUR ENTIRE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY. OUR HEARTS ARE WITH ASHLEI'S LOVED ONES DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME, ALONG WITH OUR THOUGHTS, OUR PRAYERS, AND OUR SUPPORT." STUDENTS WHO NEED COUNSELING CAN CONTACT THE STUDENT HEALTH CENTER'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/4/2024

AT THE CAPITOL...THE FINAL PREPARATIONS ARE UNDERWAY WITH JUST FOUR DAYS UNTIL INAUGURATION DAY. CREWS SPENT WEDNESDAY ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL GETTING THE STAGE SET FOR JEFF LANDRY TO BE SWORN IN MONDAY. CYPRESS TREES WERE BROUGHT IN TO SIT ATOP EACH SIDE OF THE STEPS AND MORE THAN NINE THOUSAND FLAGS WILL FLY DURING THE CEREMONY. THOUSANDS ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE EVENT ON THE CAPITOL LAWN. SPECTATORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARK IN ONE OF THE GARAGES DOWNTOWN.

SPORTS 5AM 1/4/2024

TO SPORTS...AFTER A ROUGH DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE THIS SEASON, HEAD COACH BRIAN KELLY IS OFFICIALLY "CLEANING HOUSE." ON WEDNESDAY, COACH KELLY OFFICIALLY MADE THE DECISION TO FIRE DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR MATT HOUSE AND THE ENTIRE DEFENSIVE

STAFF. DURING THE 20-23 SEASON, THE TIGERS RANKED 105TH IN YARDS GIVEN UP WITH AN AVERAGE OF 417 PER GAME. IN ADDITION, THEY ALSO RANKED 78TH IN SCORING DEFENSE, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 29 POINTS PER GAME. FOR COACH KELLY, THE DEFENSIVE CHANGES DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT, AS HE HAD BEEN EVALUATING THEIR PERFORMANCES IN THE LEAD-UP TO THE RELIAQUEST BOWL. L-S-U NOW HAS FIVE OPENINGS ON ITS COACHING STAFF. ALONG WITH DENBROCK, THE PROGRAM ALSO FIRED DEFENSIVE LINE COACH JIMMY LINDSEY, SAFETIES COACH KERRY COOKS AND CORNERBACKS COACH ROBERT STEEPLES. IN ADDITION, OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR MIKE DENBROCK LEFT L-S-U TO RETURN TO NOTRE DAME.

Crime 1/4/24 12pm

NEW INFORMATION IN THE ONGOING ISSUE OF JUVENILE CRIME...DISTURBING VIDEO SHOWS SEVERAL YOUNG MEN FIRING GUNS IN EDAN PARK ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.

Community 1/4/24 12pm

DUE TO THE EXTREME SUMMER HEAT, A LACK OF RAIN, AND CONSTRUCTION OUT ON THE UNIVERSITY LAKES, THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER BIG CHANGE COMING. THIS YEAR THE FLOCKING WILL STILL TAKE PLACE BUT THE LOCATION IS CHANGING.

National 1/4/24 12pm

WE TURN NOW TO NEW YORK CITY WHERE COURT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED RELATED TO SEX OFFENDER JEFFREY EPSTEIN AND HIS LONGTIME BUSINESS PARTNER AND GIRLFRIEND GHISLAINE MAXWELL.

POLITICS

1-4-24/4PM

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OUTGOING GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS WILL BE JOINING LAW FIRM FISHMAN HAYGOOD. HE WILL BE JOINING THEIR BUSINESS AND LITIGATION TEAMS AS A SPECIAL COUNSEL, FOCUSING ON RENEWABLE ENERGY. A FULL STATEMENT CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

POLITICS

1-4-24/4PM

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INAUGURATION DAY FOR NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS SET FOR MONDAY. WE WILL HAVE LIVE COVERAGE FROM THE STATE CAPITOL STARTING AT ELEVEN-30. YOU CAN WATCH IT ON W-B-R-Z AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

BUSINESS

1-4-24/4PM

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THREE COMMEMORATIVE COINS HONORING HARRIET TUBMAN GO ON SALE TODAY FROM THE U-S MINT. EACH COIN REFLECTS A PERIOD OF THE ABOLITIONIST'S LIFE. THE COINS CAN BE PURCHASED SEPARATELY OR AS A SET FOR 836 DOLLARS.

Transportation

1/4/24

5 p.m.

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D-O-T-D IS STUDYING THREE SITES IN IBERVILLE PARISH FOR THE NEW MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE. IN MAY, OFFICIALS NARROWED DOWN THE LIST OF LOCATIONS FROM TEN TO THREE. ONE OF THOSE LOCATIONS WOULD CUT THROUGH A FOREST OF CENTURY OLD CYPRESS TREES. A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD EARLIER TODAY. SEVERAL CONCERNED HOMEOWNERS INCLUDING THOSE WHO OWN THE LAND THE TREES ARE ON MET WITH PROJECT MANAGERS TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS. THEY WERE TOLD ALL THREE LOCATIONS WILL GO THROUGH THE RESEARCH PROCESS BEFORE ANY CONSTRUCTION PLANS CAN BE FINALIZED. TO PROVE A POINT HOMEOWNERS TOOK THE OFFICIALS ON A HIKE, SHOWING THEM THE HISTORIC TREES. BUT OFFICIALS REASSURED THEM, THERE ARE NO PLANS TO BULL DOZE THE GREENERY JUST YET.

Crime

1/4/24

5 p.m.

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WE HAVE A W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT UPDATE ON THE MADISON BROOKS CASE AND THE FIGHT OVER VIDEO EVIDENCE. BROOKS WAS KILLED AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR ON BURBANK DRIVE LAST JANUARY. FOUR MEN WERE ACCUSED OF RAPING HER EARLIER THAT

EVENING. THREE HAVE BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED AND TWO MADE VIDEOS DURING BROOKS' FINAL HOURS. TODAY, A JUDGE ORDERED PROSECUTORS TO GIVE A DEFENSE LAWYER 19 OF THE RECORDINGS. THE DEFENSE ASKED FOR 30. THE DEFENSE TEAM SAYS PROSECUTORS CANNOT PROVE ANY SEXUAL ASSAULT TOOK PLACE, AND THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORTED LAST SUMMER THAT A D-N-A REPORT DID NOT INDICATE A RAPE. PROSECUTORS SAY THE REPORT WAS TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT AND THAT THERE IS OTHER EVIDENCE TO PROVE THE ASSAULT.

Health 1/4/24 5 p.m. :30  
THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET WAS NAMED THE BEST OVERALL DIET BY U-S NEWS AND WORLD REPORT FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR IN A ROW. IT ALSO RANKED FIRST IN THE CATEGORIES OF EASIEST DIET TO FOLLOW, BEST FAMILY-FRIENDLY DIET, BEST FOR HEALTHY AND HEART-HEALTHY EATING, AND BEST DIET FOR DIABETES AND BONES AND JOINTS. THE DIET FEATURES SIMPLE, PLANT-BASED COOKING, WITH THE MAJORITY OF EACH MEAL FOCUSED ON FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, WHOLE GRAINS, BEANS, AND SEEDS. IT ALSO INCLUDES A FEW NUTS AND A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON EXTRA-VIRGIN OLIVE OIL.

Crime 1-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
SIX PEOPLE SHOT...ONE OF THEM KILLED. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ABOUT THREE HOURS AGO AT THE URBAN MEADOWS APARTMENTS ON GREENWHEEL STREET. THAT'S ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS OFF OF AIRLINE HIGHWAY. ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS BEEN ON SCENE ALL AFTERNOON. ALEXIS ... BRING US UP TO SPEED.

Community 1-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
DO YOU KNOW WHO THIS WOMAN IS? SHE HAS NO MEMORY OF HER NAME OR WHERE SHE IS FROM. ONE WOMAN IS ON A QUEST TO HELP HER FIND HER IDENTITY AND HER HOME. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS WITH THE URGENT NEED FOR HELP.

Police 1-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
FOLLOWING THE HELICOPTER CRASH DEATH OF TWO BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICERS LAST YEAR, THE AIR RESPONSE UNIT WAS PUT ON HOLD. B-R-P-D IS TURNING TO TECHNOLOGY TO REPLACE IT THAT WILL KEEP YOU--AND THEIR OFFICERS, SAFE. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS MORE ON THE NEW UNIT.

Weather 1-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:20  
TODAY'S NICE WEATHER IS GOING TO QUICKLY CHANGE...THE STORM STATION IS TRACKING TOMORROW'S RAINMAKER... SO LET'S GET OVER TO JOSH.

Community 1-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
GOOD NEWS FOR THE BANK ACCOUNTS OF SOME ASCENSION PARISH RESIDENTS. A BETTER FIRE RATING FOR FIRE DISTRICT ONE WILL ALLOW FOR CHEAPER HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

Crime 1-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
POLICE SAY MULTIPLE PEOPLE WERE SHOT AT HIGH SCHOOL IN PERRY, IOWA THIS MORNING. LAW ENFORCEMENT SAY THE GUNMAN IS DEAD AND TWO VICTIMS WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/04/24 :20  
DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS WOMAN? SHE HAS CAN NOT REMEMBER HER NAME...OR WHERE SHE IS FROM. ONE WOMAN IS ON A QUEST TO FIND HER IDENTITY AND HER HOME. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS WITH THE URGENT NEED FOR HELP.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/04/24 :20

ONE OF TWO B-R-P-D HELICOPTERS WAS DESTROYED IN THE CRASH THAT KILLED SERGEANT DAVID POIRRIER AND CORPORAL SCOTTY (CANNIE-ZARO) CANEZARO. THE REMAINING CHOPPER WILL NOW BE FLOWN BY THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/04/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE INVESTIGATING AN AFTERNOON SHOOTING WHICH HAS LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD...FIVE OTHERS INJURED. IT HAPPENED NEAR THE URBAN MEADOWS APARTMENTS ON GREENWELL STREET ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS OFF AIRLINE HIGHWAY. NEIGHBORS WE SPOKE TO SAY THEY WANT THE VIOLENCE TO STOP.

10pm 1/4/24 Crime  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD...FIVE OTHERS HURT...FOLLOWING A SHOOTING AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED TODAY ON GREENWELL STREET -- NEAR AIRLINE HIGHWAY. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY REPORTS POLICE NEED PEOPLE WHO MAY KNOW SOMETHING TO SPEAK UP.

10pm 1/4/24 Crime  
ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAY A WOMAN'S BODY WAS FOUND FLOATING IN BLACK BAYOU NEAR RODDY ROAD. DEPUTIES RECEIVED THE CALL JUST BEFORE 9:30 THIS MORNING. THERE WERE NO APPARENT SIGNS OF INJURY ON THE VICTIM'S BODY. DETECTIVES AWAITING AN AUTOPSY TO CONFIRM THE I-D ALONG WITH AN OFFICIAL CAUSE OF DEATH.

10pm 1/4/24 crime  
AN UPDATE ON THE MADISON BROOKS CASE FROM THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- TODAY A JUDGE ORDERED PROSECUTORS TO HAND OVER 19 RECORDINGS TO THE DEFENSE FROM THE NIGHT OF BROOKS' DEATH. BROOKS WAS KILLED AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR ON BURBANK DRIVE LAST JANUARY. FOUR MEN ARE ACCUSED OF RAPING HER THAT NIGHT. TWO OF THE MEN MADE VIDEOS BEFORE BROOKS' DEATH. THE DEFENSE ATTORNEY SAY PROSECUTORS CANNOT PROVE ANY SEXUAL ASSAULT TOOK PLACE. 11 OTHER VIDEOS HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED. A HEARING IS SCHEDULED TO DETERMINE IF THOSE RECORDINGS WILL HAVE TO HANDED OVER AS WELL.

CRIME 2UNE IN 1/5/24  
BATON ROUGE POLICE CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE A SHOOTING THAT LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD AND FIVE WOUNDED THURSDAY AFTERNOON. THE SHOOTING OCCURRED AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX NEAR RAGUSA MARKET ON GREENWELL STREET. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL W-B-R-Z THE VICTIMS WERE STANDING OUTSIDE WHEN A VEHICLE PULLED UP. SUSPECTS THEN STEPPED OUT OF THE CAR AND BEGAN FIRING. THE FIVE INJURED VICTIMS RAN TO A NEARBY CONVENIENCE STORE. DESPITE THERE BEING A CROWD AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING BATON ROUGE POLICE SAYS IT IS A CHALLENGE GETTING VICTIMS TO SPEAK UP. THEY'RE NOW ASKING FOR THE COMMUNITY'S HELP IN FINDING THE SUSPECTS.

GOVERNMENT 2UNE IN 1/5/24  
WE'RE JUST THREE DAYS AWAY FROM THE START OF THE JEFF LANDRY ADMINISTRATION. THIS IS VIDEO FROM THIS MORNING SHOWING CREWS SETTING UP FOR INAUGURATION DAY. EVENTS BEGIN THIS SUNDAY WITH AN INAUGURAL MASS AT LANDRY'S CHILDHOOD CHURCH IN SAINT MARTINVILLE. LANDRY WILL THEN BE SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL ON MONDAY AT 11-30. THE FESTIVITIES WRAP UP MONDAY NIGHT WITH THE INAUGURAL BALL AT THE RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER.

COMMUNITY 2UNE IN 1/5/24  
GET READY BECAUSE TOMORROW IS A BIG DAY TO SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH. JANUARY 6 IS THE OFFICIAL START OF THE MARDI GRAS SEASON. WHETHER YOU CALL IT TWELFTH NIGHT, THE EPIPHANY, OR KING'S DAY, THE START OF KARNIVAL SEASON HAS EVERYONE THINKING ABOUT ONE THING...KING CAKE. IN PAGAN TIMES, THE CAKES ORIGINALLY HAD A

BEAN INSTEAD OF A BABY. IT WAS MEANT TO REPRESENT NEW BEGINNINGS. PLUS IT WAS MORE COMMON TO FIND THEN A PLASTIC FIGURINE. BUT THIS LATER CHANGED TO THE KING CAKE BABY TO HONOR THE THREE BIBLICAL KINGS, WHO VISITED JESUS AFTER HIS BIRTH.

Crime 1/5/24 12pm

WE NOW HAVE THE IDENTITY OF THE VICTIM FROM THURSDAY'S NIGHT SHOOTING ON GREENWELL STREET. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US 30-YEAR-OLD JAWAN ALEXCEE, DIED IN THE SHOOTING.

Community 1/5/24 12pm

NOW FROM 2 ON YOUR SIDE WHERE ONE WOMAN IS ON A QUEST TO FIND HER IDENTITY AND HOME. SHE CAN NOT REMEMBER HER NAME...OR WHERE SHE IS FROM.

Investigative 1/5/24 12pm

FROM THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT AN UPDATE ON THE MADISON BROOKS CASE. THURSDAY A JUDGE ORDERED PROSECUTORS TO HAND OVER 19 RECORDINGS TO THE DEFENSE FROM THE NIGHT OF BROOKS' DEATH.

COMMUNITY 1-5-24/4PM :20

WE ARE JUST THREE DAYS AWAY FROM INAUGURATION HERE IN BATON ROUGE AND CHANNEL 2 HAS EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO STAY INFORMED. WE WILL HAVE LIVE TEAM COVERAGE OF THE INAUGURATION. IT STARTS AT ELEVEN-THIRTY MONDAY MORNING ON W-B-R-Z CHANNEL TWO AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

COMMUNITY 1-5-24/4PM :20

AND A REMINDER FROM STATE POLICE: DRONES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE FLOWN ON MONDAY DURING INAUGURATION EVENTS. OPERATING A DRONE WITHIN OR ABOVE THE PROTECTED AREA WILL BE ENFORCED FROM EIGHT IN THE MORNING UNTIL MIDNIGHT.

COMMUNITY 1-5-24/4PM :20

TOMORROW IS A BIG DAY TO SATISFY YOUR SWEET TOOTH. JANUARY SIXTH, IS THE OFFICIAL START OF THE CARNIVAL SEASON...MEANING IT'S TIME TO EAT KING CAKE! WHETHER YOU CALL IT TWELFTH NIGHT, THE EPIPHANY, OR KING'S DAY...TO HONOR THE THREE BIBLICAL KINGS, WHO VISITED BABY JESUS.

COMMUNITY 5pm/01/05/24 :20

THE WET WEATHER IN THE FORECAST MIGHT PUT A DAMPER ON GOVERNOR-ELECT JEFF LANDRY'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY MONDAY.

COMMUNITY 5pm/ 01/05/24 :20

W-B-R-Z WILL HAVE LIVE TEAM COVERAGE OF THE INAUGURATION. IT STARTS AT ELEVEN-THIRTY MONDAY MORNING ON W-B-R-Z CHANNEL TWO, AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 5pm/ 01/05/24 :20

WHITE IS KNOWN AS LEE LEE. HE IS ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TWO WOMEN JANUARY NINTH 20-16. ONE OF THEM KOURTNEY THOMAS, WAS KILLED. KATIE EASTER MET WITH THE DEPUTIES TODAY TO FIND OUT WHY THEY ARE OFFERING A REWARD NOW.

Consumer 1-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:00

A MAN LIVING OUT OF STATE SAYS A WOMAN HAS TAKEN OVER HIS BATON ROUGE PROPERTY AND WON'T LEAVE! THE HOMEOWNER CAUGHT IN A LEGAL MESS AS HE FIGHTS TO RECLAIM WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY HIS. HE'S FIGHTING THE SQUATTER \*AND\* THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND CONTACTED TWO YOUR SIDE FOR HELP. BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US MORE ABOUT THIS WILD SITUATION.

Crime 1-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

AT FOUR AND FIVE WE TOLD YOU THE U-S MARSHAL IS OFFERING A REWARD TO ANYONE WHO HELPS THEM ARREST 46-YEAR-OLD LEETHEL WHITE. WHITE WANTED FOR AN EXECUTION STYLE MURDER ON JANUARY NINTH 20-16. KATIE EASTER IS JOINING US NOW WITH MORE INFORMATION ON WHERE HE MAY BE AND WHO HE MAY BE CONNECTED TO.

Politics 1-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

WHILE FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PLACED ON THE STATE CAPITOL IN TIME FOR MONDAY'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY, RAIN IN THE FORECAST COULD BE A SPOILER. BUT IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME MOTHER NATURE CRASHED THE PARTY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SHARES THE CURRENT CONTINGENCY PLAN OR LACK THEREOF.

POLITICS 6:30 PM /01/05/24 :15  
GOVERNOR ELECT JEFF LANDRY'S INAUGURATION HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK TO SUNDAY DUE TO HEAVY RAINS EXPECTED ON MONDAY.

COMMUNITY 6:30 PM /01/05/24 :15  
BAD GAS HAS DAMAGED CARS AND A MAN IN BATON ROUGE SAYS THE OWNER OF THE GAS STATION WILL NOT FIX HIS S-U-V. HE TOLD NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM DOZENS OF OTHER DAMAGED CARS HAVE BEEN FIXED BUT NOT HIS.

NATIONAL 6:30 PM /01/05/24 :15  
THE FINAL JOBS REPORTS OF 20-23 DEFYING ANALYSTS EXPECTATIONS. EMPLOYERS ADDING MORE THAN 200 THOUSAND JOBS, CAPPING A YEAR OF STEADY GAINS.

POLITICS 9 PM /01/05/24 :15  
THE INAUGURATION OF GOVERNOR ELECT JEFF LANDRY HAS BEEN MOVED UP TO SUNDAY DUE TO CONCERNS ABOUT WEATHER. LANDRY WILL NOW BE SWORN IN ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL AT 4:30 P-M. THAT CEREMONY WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR MONDAY AT TEN A-M.

COMMUNITY 9 PM /01/05/24 :15  
A NEW DEVELOPMENT TODAY IN A LAWSUIT FILED BY FORMER L-S-U ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATOR SHARON LEWIS AGAINST LSU AND FORMER HEAD FOOTBALL COACH LES MILES. A BATON ROUGE JUDGE ORDERED LEWIS AND HER ATTORNEY TO PAY MILES NEARLY 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SANCTIONS.

CRIME 9 PM /01/05/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE SHOOTING LAST NIGHT ON ORIOLE STREET. OFFICERS TELL US TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT AROUND 10 O CLOCK. ONE OF THE VICTIMS IS NOW IN CRITICAL CONDITION. BUT THE OTHER IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. WE'RE WORKING TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION. WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE.

10pm 1/5/24 politics

BLAME IT ON THE RAIN. THE WET FORECAST FORCED ORGANIZERS TO MAKE A LAST MINUTE CHANGE TO INAUGURATION DAY FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT JEFF LANDRY. LANDRY WILL NOW BE SWORN IN SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30 ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL. THE LEGISLATURE WILL STILL BE SWORN IN MONDAY AT TEN A-M. THE FESTIVITIES WILL WRAP UP MONDAY NIGHT AT THE RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BALL AT SEVEN P-M.

10pm 1/5/24 legal

A JUDGE ORDERED FORMER L-S-U ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATOR SHARON LEWIS AND HER ATTORNEY TO PAY ALMOST 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO FORMER HEAD COACH LES MILES. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO ATTORNEYS FROM BOTH SIDES ON WHAT IS NEXT.

10pm 1/5/24 crime



BATON ROUGE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE MAN KILLED IN A SHOOTING YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OFF GREENWELL ST. 30-YEAR-OLD JAWAN ALEXCEE WAS SHOT OUTSIDE THE URBAN MEADOWS APARTMENTS. INVESTIGATORS SAY A CAR PULLED UP TO THE COMPLEX AND TWO PEOPLE OPENED FIRE. FIVE OTHERS WERE INJURED. A SPOKESPERSON FOR B-R-P-D TELLS US THE VICTIMS ARE NOT COOPERATING WITH THE INVESTIGATION. AND THEY NEED HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY TO ARREST THE GUNMAN.

#### CRIME 9AM 1/6/24

THE U-S MARSHAL'S OFFICE IS ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN LOCATING A MAN WANTED FOR A MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER BACK IN 20-16. DEPUTIES TELL W-B-R-Z THAT TWO WOMEN TOOK LEETHEL "LEE-LEE" WHITE TO AN APARTMENT COMPLEX WHERE WHITE SAID HE WOULD GET DRUGS. BUT AUTHORITIES SAY UPON RETURNING TO THE CAR, WHITE SHOT INTO THE VEHICLE. 28-YEAR-OLD KOURTNEY THOMAS WAS KILLED. THE SECOND WOMAN WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED. WHITE HAS BEEN ON THE RUN SINCE THOMAS' DEATH. THE U-S MARSHAL'S OFFICE RECENTLY PUT HIM ON THE TOP-15 MOST WANTED LIST IN HOPES OF BRINGING JUSTICE TO THE VICTIMS.

#### GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/6/24

A VERY RAINY FORECAST HAS FORCED ORGANIZERS TO MAKE A LAST-MINUTE CHANGE FOR JEFF LANDRY'S INAUGURATION. THE GOVERNOR-ELECT WILL NOW BE SWORN IN TOMORROW AT FOUR-30 ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL. THE LEGISLATURE, MEANWHILE, WILL STILL BE SWORN IN MONDAY MORNING AT TEN. INAUGURATION FESTIVITIES WILL WRAP UP THAT NIGHT AT SEVEN P-M WITH THE GOVERNOR'S BALL AT THE RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER.

#### SPORTS 9AM 1/6/24

IT'S THE L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM'S TURN TO OPEN S-E-C PLAY. THIS COMES AFTER THE WOMEN'S TEAM BEGAN CONFERENCE PLAY THURSDAY NIGHT. UNLIKE THE LADY TIGERS, THE TIGERS WILL OPEN PLAY ON THE ROAD AGAINST TEXAS A-M. CURRENTLY SITTING AT EIGHT AND FIVE, THE MEN'S TEAM HAS A LITTLE PEP IN ITS STEP AFTER HAVING A ROUGH START TO THE SEASON. WITH JALEN COOK BACK IN THE LINEUP, L-S-U HAS PLAYED WITH A BIT MORE RHYTHM. BUT NOW WITH S-E-C PLAY NEXT, MATT MCMAHON SAYS HIS TIGERS ARE READY TO BE PUT TO THE TEST.

#### Government 6 PM 1/6/2024

AROUND THE STATE SEVERAL MORE INAUGURATIONS IN OUR VIEWING AREA ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS. RANDY DELATTE (DE-LAT) WILL TAKE OVER AS LIVINGSTON PARISH PRESIDENT TOMORROW AT TWO AT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COURTHOUSE ON GOVERNMENT BOULEVARD.

#### Crime 6 PM 1/6/2024

GONZALES POLICE HAVE ISSUED A WARRANT FOR KELLY WEBB, WHO IS SUSPECTED TO HAVE STOLEN A TRUCK AND PROPANE TANKS. INVESTIGATORS SAY WEBB BROKE INTO AN ENTERGY LOT THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 26-TH, WHERE HE STOLE A MARKED ENTERGY TRUCK, AND SPOOLS OF WIRE, BEFORE DRIVING TO THE MARATHON GAS STATION BY TANGER OUTLETS, WHERE HE STOLE 14 PROPANE TANKS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS ASKED TO CALL THE GONZALES POLICE DEPARTMENT.

#### Holiday 6 PM 1/6/2024

IT'S BEEN 12 DAYS SINCE CHRISTMAS...WHICH ONLY MEANS ONE THING: TODAY IS KING'S DAY. BAKERIES ALL OVER HAVE BEEN PREPPING FOR WEEKS TO GET READY FOR THE LARGE NUMBER OF KING CAKE ORDERS THEY EXPECT.

AN EMOTIONAL MEMORIAL TODAY IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE FOR A WOMAN KILLED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHOOTING. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM WAS THERE AND JOINS US FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE.

DEVELOPING 10 PM /01/06/24 :20  
ONE PERSON WAS KILLED IN DENHAM SPRINGS, AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR ALONG FLORIDA BOULEVARD. THE VICTIM'S NAME HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED. OFFICERS ARE STILL ON SCENE INVESTIGATING. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO POLICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/06/24 :15  
JEFF LANDRY WILL NOW BE SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR TOMORROW AFTERNOON, DUE TO HEAVY RAINS EXPECTED MONDAY. THAT CEREMONY WAS ORIGINALLY SET FOR MONDAY MORNING AT TEN A-M.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/7/24  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE HONORING THE LIFE OF CYNTHIA LAMB. THE 37-YEAR-OLD MOTHER OF SIX WAS SHOT TO DEATH TUESDAY, ALLEGEDLY BY HER EX-BOYFRIEND. GATHERERS RELEASED SILVER, BLACK AND PURPLE BALLOONS TO ADVOCATE FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS. STATISTICS PUBLISHED BY BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY AT LEAST 42 PEOPLE WERE KILLED DUE TO DOMESTIC ABUSE SINCE 20-19. THOSE AT THE BALLOON RELEASE NOW HOPE FOR THE CITY TO STOP THE VIOLENCE. THEY ALSO URGE OTHERS TO NOT BECOME IMMUNE TO THE CRIME THAT IS HAPPENING DAILY.

GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/7/24  
IN LIVINGSTON PARISH, RANDY DELATTE WILL BE SWORN IN AS THE NEW PARISH PRESIDENT. ALSO SWEARING IN ARE THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS. THAT STARTS AT TWO P-M AT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COURTHOUSE.

SPORTS 9AM 1/7/24  
L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL WILL PLAY ITS FIRST ROAD S-E-C GAME THIS AFTERNOON. THE LADY TIGERS ARE FACING THE OLE MISS LADY REBELS, WHO ENTER TODAY'S GAME ON A FIVE-GAME WINNING STREAK. THE REIGNING NATIONAL CHAMPS ENTER TODAY ON A 14-GAME WINNING STREAK. BOTH TEAMS WON THEIR S-E-C OPENERS. TIP-OFF IS AT TWO P-M ON E-S-P-N.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/07/24 :15  
MULTIPLE SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ADJUSTING THEIR SCHEDULES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER TOMORROW AFTERNOON. ALL ZACHARY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW. OTHER PARISHES HAVE ANNOUNCED ADJUSTED TIMES.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/07/24 :15  
A HISTORIC DAY IN LOUISIANA. JEFF LANDRY SWORN IN AS THE STATE'S 57-TH GOVERNOR. WHILE HE WAS SWORN IN THIS EVENING, HE WILL NOT OFFICIALLY ASSUME THE TITLE UNTIL TOMORROW.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/07/24 :15  
ACADIAN AMBULANCE IS ONE OF MANY PROFESSIONS CURRENTLY DEALING WITH STAFFING SHORTAGES. DEMAND FOR ALL ROLES FROM 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS TO AMBULANCE DRIVERS IS NOW HIGHER THAN EVER. NEWS TWO'S SYLVIA WEATHERSPOON TELLS US HOW YOU CAN FILL THAT GAP.

CRIME 5AM 1/8/2024  
IN PLAQUEMINE A SECOND SUSPECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO A CHRISTMAS EVE DOUBLE MURDER. POLICE TELL W-B-R-Z TRAVIS PITCHER FACES TWO COUNTS OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND TWO COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/8/2024

JEFF LANDRY HAS ALREADY PLANNED TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS IN THE COMING WEEKS. THE FIRST AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK. LANDRY PLANS TO HOLD A SPECIAL SESSION FROM JANUARY 15-TH THROUGH THE 23-RD TO REDRAW THE CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE SENT TO REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS. A SECOND, ABOUT CRIME, IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 19-TH TO MARCH 6-TH.

SPORTS 5AM 1/8/2024

SAINTS COACH DENNIS ALLEN IN THE HOT SEAT THIS MORNING AFTER A "SNEAKY TOUCHDOWN". IT WAS A CALL THAT BACK UP QUARTERBACK, JAMEIS WINSTON AND THE O-LINE PLAYED THAT WENT COMPLETELY AGAINST THE COACHES. THAT PLAY CAPPED OFF THE SAINTS SEASON WITH A 48-17 WIN. WITH THE BLACK AND GOLD ALREADY 24-POINTS AHEAD OF ATLANTA AND ONLY A MINUTE LEFT ON THE CLOCK IT SEEMED LIKED WINSTON WAS GOING TO TAKE A KNEE TO RUN OUT THE CLOCK. BUT IN JUST MOMENTS THE BALL WAS HANDED OFF TO JAMAAL WILLIAMS TO CLOSE OUT THE GAME WITH A WIN. AND FALCON'S ARTHUR SMITH WAS NOT HAPPY AT ALL. COMPLETELY DISREGARDING ALLEN'S APOLOGY ON THE FIELD AFTER THE GAME. A BIG FINAL WIN FOR THE SAINTS REGULAR PLAY, 48-17. THE FALCONS SEASON IS OVER AFTER GOING 7-10. THE LAST CHANCE TO GET INTO PLAYOFFS SLIPPING RIGHT THROUGH THEIR FINGERS AS THEY NEEDED BOTH GREEN BAY AND SEATTLE TO LOSE IN THEIR GAMES.

Government 1/8/24 12pm

JEFF LANDRY OFFICIALLY BECAME LOUISIANA'S 57TH GOVERNOR, JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO. LANDRY WAS CEREMONIALLY SWORN SUNDAY EVENING ON THE STEPS OF STATE CAPITOL.

Crime 1/8/24 12pm

IN PLAQUEMINE A SECOND SUSPECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO A CHRISTMAS EVE DOUBLE MURDER.

Community 1/8/24 12pm

CARNIVAL SEASON IS HERE AND PARADES ARE ABOUT TO START ROLLING ALL OVER THE STATE. FROM FIDOS TO FLAMINGOES, A LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN EXPECT THIS YEAR, FROM EACH CARNIVAL KREWE IN BATON ROUGE.

POLITICS

1-8-24/4PM

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TONIGHT JEFF LANDRY IS INVITING THE PUBLIC TO HIS INAUGURAL BALL AT THE RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER. THE EVENT IS BLACK TIE FORMAL AND TICKETS ARE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS....AVAILABLE ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. LANDRY'S CELEBRATION WILL BE THE FIRST INAUGURAL BALL SINCE GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS INAUGURATION IN 2016.

POLITICS

1-8-24/4PM

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MITCH LANDRIEU IS STEPPING DOWN FROM HIS ROLE AS WHITE HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE COORDINATOR. A CAMPAIGN OFFICIAL SAYS LANDRIEU WILL JOIN THE BIDEN RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN AS CO-CHAIR. PRESIDENT BIDEN THANKED LANDRIEU FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND FOR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. LANDRIEU IS A FORMER MAYOR OF NEW ORLEANS.

BUSINESS

1-8-24/4PM

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AMERICANS' ATTITUDES ABOUT INFLATION HAVE IMPROVED...THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK'S DECEMBER SURVEY OF CONSUMER EXPECTATIONS REPORT. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND EXPECTATIONS ABOUT CREDIT ACCESS AND OVERALL FINANCIAL HEALTH TRENDED UPWARD.

Political

1/8/24

5 p.m.

:38

THE ENTIRE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE WAS SWORN-IN TODAY. IN THE HOUSE, PHILLIP DEVILLIER WAS VOTED IN AS SPEAKER. THE REPUBLICAN FROM EUNICE WAS FIRST ELECTED AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN 20-15. HE IS TERM LIMITED SO THIS WILL BE HIS LAST FOUR YEARS IN THE HOUSE. OVER IN THE SENATE AS YOU HEARD, REPUBLICAN CAMERON HENRY WAS CHOSEN AS SENATE PRESIDENT. HE HAS BEEN IN THE SENATE SINCE 20-19 AFTER TWELVE YEARS IN THE HOUSE. THE LEGISLATURE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN ONE WEEK FROM TODAY FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS YET TO ANNOUNCE THE CALL FOR THE SESSION. WE WILL HAVE MORE ON THAT SESSION ON NEWS TWO AT SIX.

Political 1/8/24 5 p.m. :22  
GOVERNOR LANDRY'S INAUGURAL BALL IS TONIGHT AT THE RAISING CANE'S RIVER CENTER. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO THE BLACK TIE FORMAL EVENT. TICKETS ARE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. LOUISIANA'S LAST INAUGURAL BALL WAS IN 2016 AFTER JOHN BEL EDWARDS WAS ELECTED. HIS SECOND INAUGURATION FELL ON THE SAME DAY OF THE 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME WHEN LSU FACED CLEMSON AT THE SUPERDOME IN NEW ORLEANS.

Health 1/8/24 5 p.m. :29  
NEW NUMBERS FROM THE C-D-C SHOW RESPIRATORY VIRUSES CONTINUED TO SPREAD DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. FLU-LIKE ACTIVITY IS HIGH OR VERY HIGH IN ALL BUT A DOZEN STATES. LOUISIANA IS AMONG THE STATES WITH THE MOST ACTIVITY. NATIONALLY HOSPITALIZATIONS FOR COVID-19 AND THE FLU BOTH SURGED LAST WEEK WHEN COMPARED TO THE WEEK BEFORE. THE J-N-ONE VARIANT NOW ACCOUNTS FOR MOST OF NEW COVID INFECTIONS THE C-D-C DOES SAY R-S-V ACTIVITY IS SHOWING SIGNS OF SLOWING DOWN IN PARTS OF THE COUNTRY ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTH.

Weather 1-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE WEATHER COULD GET DICEY INTO THE EVENING. A TORNADO WATCH IS IN PLACE FOR THE AREA AND HEAVY RAIN AND SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS ARE THREATENING TONIGHT. WE HAVE STORM STATION TEAM COVERAGE OF THIS DEVELOPING WEATHER EVENT STARTING WITH CHIEF METEOROLOGIST DR JOSH EACHUS.

Politics 1-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
AS LEGISLATORS ARE GETTING SETTLED INTO THEIR NEW OFFICES, TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS WILL SOON BE CALLED. THE FIRST ONE REDISTRICTING THE STATE TO MEET FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS. LAST MONTH U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE SHELLY DICK RULED THE LEGISLATURE MUST DRAW A SECOND MAJORITY-BLACK DISTRICT WITHIN ITS SIX EXISTING U.S. HOUSE SEATS BEFORE FEBRUARY. KATIE EASTER JOINING US NOW.

Community 1-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:45  
TWO ON YOUR SIDE HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP POSITIVELY IDENTIFY A WOMAN WHO DIDN'T KNOW WHO SHE WAS. SHE HAD NO MEMORY OF WHERE SHE CAME FROM. BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US MORE ABOUT HOW THE MYSTERY WAS SOLVED AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPING HER FIND A HOME.

Weather 1-8-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE NASTY WEATHER IS BEARING DOWN ON US. METEOROLOGIST MALCOLM BYRON BEGINS OUT TEAM COVERAGE.

Traffic 1-8-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
IT HAS BEEN ALMOST THREE MONTHS SINCE THE L-A 10-19 ROAD CONSTRUCTION BEGAN IN WATSON. THE NEARLY SIX MILE PROJECT STARTED ON OCTOBER TWENTY-FOURTH. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

Space 1-8-2024/6:30 p.m. 0:00

A HISTORIC MOON MISSION GETTING UNDERWAY FROM A LAUNCHING PAD IN FLORIDA. IF ALL GOES WELL A LANDER AND SOME PRECIOUS CARGO ARE EXPECTED ON THE MOON NEXT MONTH.

#### 9 PM 1/8/24 WEATHER

THE STORMS THIS AFTERNOON CAUSED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN PARTS OF ASSUMPTION PARISH. PICTURES SHARED BY THE LABADIEVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOW A MOBILE HOME THAT CRASHED INTO THE FIRE STATION DUE TO STRONG WINDS. THE ROOF OF THIS THRIFT STORE WAS ALSO TORN OFF. AND DEBRIS SCATTERED THROUGH THE STREETS. OFFICIALS SAY MULTIPLE BUILDINGS IN THE TOWN FLOODED.

#### 9 PM 1/8/24 POLITICS

AT THE CAPITOL -- THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE WRAPPED UP THEIR FIRST DAY IN OFFICE AFTER THEY WERE SWORN IN THIS MORNING. IN THE HOUSE, PHILLIP DEVILLIER WAS VOTED IN AS SPEAKER. THE REPUBLICAN FROM EUNICE WAS FIRST ELECTED AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN 20-15. IN THE SENATE, CAMERON HENRY OF METAIRIE WAS SELECTED AS LEADER WITH SENATOR REGINA BARROW SERVING AS PRESIDENT PRO-TEM. DESPITE A SUPERMAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES, LAWMAKERS SAY THEY PLAN TO COME TOGETHER TO HELP MOVE LOUISIANA FORWARD.

#### 9 PM 1/8/24 POLITICS

LAST MONTH U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE SHELLY DICK RULED THE LEGISLATURE MUST DRAW A SECOND MAJORITY-BLACK DISTRICT WITHIN ITS SIX EXISTING U.S. HOUSE SEATS BEFORE FEBRUARY. KATIE EASTER SPOKE WITH SENATORS ON THEIR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION.

#### 10PM 1/8/24 WEATHER

PART OF A HOME WAS DAMAGED AFTER WIND CAUSED THIS TREE TO CRASH ONTO THE CARPORT. IT HAPPENED OFF KLEINPETER ROAD NEAR THE BATON ROUGE AIRPORT. NO ONE WAS INJURED. THE WEATHER ALSO KNOCKED OUT ELECTRICITY TO HOMES IN THE MAGNOLIA WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD OFF HIGHLAND ROAD. ENTERGY WORKED TO GET THE LIGHTS BACK ON TO NEARLY A THOUSAND RESIDENTS IN THE CAPITOL REGION.

#### 10PM 1/8/24 LEGAL

A FORMER L-S-U ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE SHARON LEWIS AND HER ATTORNEY WANT THE JUDGE IN HER STATE LAWSUIT TO BE REMOVED. LEWIS AND ATTORNEY LARRY ENGLISH SAY THE JUDGE WHO ORDERED THEM TO PAY NEARLY 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LES MILES DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THEM. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS THIS UPDATE.

#### 10PM 1/8/24 LEGAL

A LAWSUIT FILED TODAY IN STATE COURT ASKED A JUDGE TO BLOCK THE STATE'S BAN ON GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE FOR MINORS. THE SUIT CLAIMS THE NEW LAW DISCRIMINATES AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND PREVENTS PARENTS AND DOCTORS FROM GIVING CHILDREN THE BEST POSSIBLE HEALTH CARE NEEDED. LAMBDA LEGAL HAS HANDLED SIMILAR CASES IN OTHER STATES IS REPRESENTING THE FAMILIES IN THIS CASE.

#### CRIME 5AM 1/9/2024

A MAN IS IN JAIL FOR TERRORIZING HIS NEIGHBORS, EVEN KNOCKING ONE UNCONSCIOUS. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY JAYLAN WINFREY ATTACKED A NEIGHBOR JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS BECAUSE HE WAS CONFRONTED ABOUT A DISTURBANCE IN THE AREA. OFFICERS SAY THAT WINFREY THEN HIT HIS NEIGHBOR AND THE MAN PASSED OUT. DURING THE INVESTIGATION, POLICE FOUND OUT FROM OTHER NEIGHBORS THAT THIS WASN'T THE FIRST DISTURBANCE FROM HIM. WINFREY WAS ARRESTED ON SECOND-DEGREE BATTERY.

#### GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/9/2024

AT THE CAPITOL...THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE WRAPPED UP THEIR FIRST DAY AFTER BEING SWORN-IN MONDAY MORNING. IN THE HOUSE, PHILLIP DEVILLIER WAS VOTED IN AS SPEAKER. THE REPUBLICAN FROM EUNICE WAS FIRST ELECTED AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE IN 20-15. IN THE SENATE, CAMERON HENRY OF METAIRIE WAS SELECTED AS LEADER, WITH SENATOR REGINA BARROW SERVING AS PRESIDENT PRO TEM. DESPITE A SUPERMAJORITY IN BOTH HOUSES LAWMAKERS SAY THEY PLAN TO COME TOGETHER TO HELP MOVE LOUISIANA FORWARD. LEGISLATORS WILL HIT THE GROUND RUNNING. TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS ARE EXPECTED THIS MONTH INCLUDING A REDISTRICTING SESSION, WHICH GOVERNOR LANDRY ORDERED TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

#### SPORTS 5AM 1/9/2024

THERE'S A NEW CHAMPION IN TOWN. THE MICHIGAN WOLVERINES WON THE 20-24 COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. IT WAS A MATCHUP AGAINST WASHINGTON'S HIGH POWERED OFFENSE UNDER MICHAEL PENIX JUNIOR. AND A STELLAR MICHIGAN DEFENSE WHO IS FIRST IN THE NATION IN TOTAL DEFENSE. RIGHT OFF THE BAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER MICHIGAN WASTED NO TIME SCORING 14 POINTS. BY HALFTIME MICHIGAN LEADS WASHINGTON BY 7 WITH A SCORE OF 17 TO 10. BOTH TEAMS SCORE 3 POINTS IN THE 3RD QUARTER BUT THE FOURTH QUARTER WAS A BIG ONE FOR THE WOLVERINES. THE HUSKIES GETTING NO POINTS ON THE BOARD BUT MICHIGAN ENDS WITH 14 POINTS. THAT FINAL 34 TO 13 MICHIGAN MAKING SECURING THEIR SPOT AS THE BEST TEAM IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL. HERE IS THE FINAL FROM HOUSTON. THE WOLVERINES ARE NOW CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN. THEIR FIRST NATIONAL TITLE IN ALMOST 25 YEARS. THEY TAKE DOWN WASHINGTON AND CAP OFF A PERFECT 15-0 SEASON.

#### Weather 1/9/24 12pm

JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CONFIRMED A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN IN LABADIEVILLE OVERNIGHT, DAMAGING HOMES, BUSINESSES, EVEN A FIRE STATION AND KNOCKED OUT POWER TO HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS.

#### Crime 1/9/24 12pm

THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS INVESTIGATING AFTER A VICTIM WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH OVERNIGHT.

#### Community 1/9/24 12pm

TWO ON YOUR SIDE HAS BEEN ABLE TO HELP POSITIVELY IDENTIFY A WOMAN WHO DID NOT KNOW WHO SHE WAS. SHE HAD NO MEMORY OF WHERE SHE CAME FROM. BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US MORE ABOUT HOW THE MYSTERY WAS SOLVED AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HELPING HER FIND A HOME.

#### CRIME 1-9-24/4PM :20

ONE PERSON IS DEAD, FOLLOWING A SHOOTING OVERNIGHT IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED AROUND MIDNIGHT ON OLD HERMITAGE PARKWAY...THAT'S OFF GARDERE LANE. 22 YEAR-OLD MALAACK ROSS, WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN THE DOORWAY OF HIS APARTMENT. RIGHT NOW, AUTHORITIES DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

#### CRIME 1-9-24/4PM :20

DETECTIVES ARE SEARCHING FOR A SUSPECT, WANTED FOR ROBBING A ZAXBY'S AT GUNPOINT IN GONZALES. IT HAPPENED OVER THE WEEKEND AT THE ZAXBY'S ON HIGHWAY THIRTY. THEY SAY THE SUSPECT GRABBED CASH FROM THE REGISTER AND TOOK OFF. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS, PLEASE CALL POLICE.

#### COMMUNITY 1-9-24/4PM :20

IT'S ALMOST THAT TIME OF YEAR...THE GIRL SCOUTS OF LOUISIANA KICKS OFF THEIR COOKIE SEASON ON JANUARY NINETEENTH. IF YOU DON'T KNOW A SCOUT, DON'T WORRY...THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE FINDER LAUNCHES MARCH FIRST AND CAN HELP FIND VENDORS IN YOUR AREA. THE SEASON RUNS THROUGH MARCH TWENTY-FOURTH.

Transportation 1/9/24 5 p.m. :46  
FALON, NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE BEHIND US AND WE'RE REFLECTING ON WHAT SEEMS TO BE A ROUGH ONE FOR THE ROADS. HOW IS THAT TRANSLATING TO STATISTICS? WELL MICHAEL, D-O-T-D IS ACTUALLY TELLING ME THE 20-23 HOLIDAY SEASON MAY HAVE SURPASSED THE PREVIOUS FIVE-YEAR RECORD FOR TRAFFIC-RELATED FATALITIES. THE OFFICIAL STATISTICS WON'T COME OUT UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR, BUT D-O-T-D IS CITING CRASH REPORTS FROM STATE POLICE AS AN EARLY INDICATOR OF WHAT THOSE NUMBERS COULD LOOK LIKE. IMPAIRED DRIVING PLAYS A LARGE ROLE IN FATAL ACCIDENTS AROUND THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS, AND NEW YEARS. BUT SOME OTHER FACTORS THAT CAN BE ATTRIBUTED ARE THINGS LIKE SPEEDING, BEING ON THE PHONE, OR NOT WEARING A SEATBELT. I SPOKE TO A MOTHER WHO LOST HER DAUGHTER IN A CRASH BEFORE CHRISTMAS IN 2021 ABOUT THE DISTURBING UPWARD TREND.

Transportation 1/9/24 5 p.m. :32  
WE HAVE NEW DETAILS ON THE HIGHWAY 10-19 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN WATSON WE TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY. THE ROAD IS BEING RE-PAVED AND WORK IS UNDERWAY ON NEW DRAINAGE BETWEEN L-A 19 AND L-A 447. IT HAS BEEN A HEADACHE FOR DRIVERS AND BUSINESSES IN THE CONSTRUCTION ZONE. NOW, PARTIAL LANE CLOSURES HAVE BEGUN BETWEEN OLD HIGHWAY 19 AND LOTTS LANE. THE RIGHT EASTBOUND LANE WILL BE CLOSED AT TIMES AS CREWS PUL-VERIZE AND POUR CEMENT. ONE LANE WILL BE OPEN AT ALL TIMES. THESE CLOSURES ARE SET TO END FRIDAY. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY.

Health 1/9/24 5 p.m. :37  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE NOT GETTING THEIR DAILY SERVINGS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, THEY ARE NOT ALONE. TOO MANY KIDS ARE MISSING OUT ON KEY VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS. EXPERTS SAY A KEY TO GETTING YOUR KIDS TO EAT THEIR FRUITS AND VEGGIES IS INTRODUCING THEM TO THESE FOODS EARLY ON. PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INCORPORATE GREENS INTO THEIR CHILD'S DIET AS SOON AS THEY START GIVING THEM SOLID FOODS. YOU CAN ALSO ENCOURAGE A CHILD'S INVOLVEMENT IN PICKING AND PREPARING HEALTHY FOODS. IF YOU HAVE A PICKY EATER, EXPERTS SAY YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE UP. STARTING WITH SMALLER PORTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGGIES IS BETTER THAN NOTHING.

Environment 1-9-2024/6:00p.m. 2:30  
CLEAN UP IS UNDERWAY IN LABADIEVILLE AFTER A TORNADO TOUCHED DOWN THERE YESTERDAY. POWERLINES AND MOBILE HOMES WERE SHREDDED IN A MATTER OF SECONDS. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY TAKES US THERE.

Weather 1-9-2024/6:00p.m. 2:00  
WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON IN THE STORM STATION WEATHER CENTER. MORE ON THE TORNADO IN JUST A MOMENT. JOSH HERE WITH TWO MORE SYSTEMS HE'S WATCHING CLOSELY.

Traffic 1-9-2024/6:00p.m. 2:30  
WITH THE 2023 HOLIDAY SEASON IS BEHIND US THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS ESTIMATING THE NUMBER OF DEADLY CRASHES WILL SURPASS THE PREVIOUS RECORD SET IN 20-21 AND POSSIBLY MARK THE DEADLIEST HOLIDAY SEASON IN MORE THAN A DECADE. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN SPOKE WITH THE MOTHER OF A VICTIM WHO DIED IN 20-21 AFTER BEING HIT BY A DRUNK DRIVER.

Weather 1-9-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30  
CALM RETURNS AFTER A STORMY MONDAY. BUT IT WON'T LAST. STORM STATION METEOROLOGIST MALCOLM BRYAN TRACKING A PAIR OF SYSTEMS THAT WILL SHAKE UP THE AREA AS THE WEEK GOES ON.

Environment 1-9-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

LAST NIGHT'S STORM SWEEPED THROUGH LABADIEVILLE IN ASSUMPTION PARISH. THE FIRE STATION THERE WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED WHEN A TRAILER HOME SLAMMED UP AGAINST IT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY THERE FOR THE CLEANUP TODAY.

Court 1-9-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

IN WASHINGTON A THREE JUDGE PANEL IS NOW CONSIDERING WHETHER TO DISMISS FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S FEDERAL ELECTION INTERFERENCE CASE BASED ON HIS CLAIM OF PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY. TRUMP PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO CHARGES ACCUSING HIM OF A CRIMINAL SCHEME TO OVERTURN THE 2020 ELECTION RESULTS.

9PM 1/9/24 WEATHER

IN LABADIEVILLE CLEAN UP IS UNDERWAY FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE TORNADO YESTERDAY. TREES, POWERLINES, AND MOBILE HOMES WERE TORN DOWN...MANY RESIDENTS LEFT WITH THE JOB OF PICKING UP THE PIECES. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY TAKES US THERE.

9PM 1/9/24 WEATHER

YESTERDAY'S STORMS CONTINUE TO MOVE EAST, CAUSING MAJOR DAMAGE AND PUTTING MILLIONS OF AMERICANS UNDER SEVERE WEATHER ALERT.

9PM 1/9/24 CRIME

A CRIME ALERT -- ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING OFF GARDERE LANE LATE LAST NIGHT. IT HAPPENED ON OLD HERMITAGE PARKWAY. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT WAS ALERTED JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT. 23 YEAR OLD MALAACK ROSS WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE DOORWAY OF HIS APARTMENT. ROSS IS THE FOURTH HOMICIDE VICTIM IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SINCE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

10PM 1/9/24 CRIME

A FIVE YEAR OLD BOY IN LIVINGSTON PARISH DIED FROM INJURIES LIKELY SUSTAINED FROM A BEATING. NOW, HIS RELATIVES WHO SAY THEY TRIED SEVERAL TIMES TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE ABUSIVE HOUSEHOLD WANT TO CHANGE THE LAWS TO MAKE SURE NOTHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS TO ANY OTHER CHILD. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS MORE FROM LEO ESLINGER'S FAMILY AND WHAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE DOING.

10PM 1/9/24 CRIME

A MAN FROM WASHINGTON STATE VISITING NEW ORLEANS WAS GUNNED DOWN NEAR THE FRENCH QUARTER OVER THE WEEKEND. THE VICTIM IDENTIFIED AS JACOB CARTER.

10PM 1/9/24 POLITICS

AFTER 2 AND A HALF DECADES IBERVILLE PARISH HAS SWORN IN A NEW PARISH-PRESIDENT. CHRIS DAIGLE OFFICIALLY TOOK OFFICE TODAY, ALONG WITH THE PARISH COUNCIL. NEWS 2'S DANIEL MCCLAIN TELLS US ABOUT DAIGLE'S PLAN FOR THE PARISH.

2UNE IN 1/10/24 CRIME

WE'RE LEARNING THAT VACANT APARTMENT FIRE OVERNIGHT WAS INTENTIONALLY SET. OFFICIALS HAVE RULED THE CAUSE AS ARSON. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO AN APARTMENT AT THE BELLA OF BATON ROUGE ON BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE AROUND TWO A-M. THEY FOUND SMOKE IN THE STAIRWELL ON SECOND FLOOR SPREADING TO NEARBY APARTMENTS. CREWS MANAGED TO PUT THE FIRE OUT AROUND 2-55 A-M. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. INVESTIGATORS SAY THERE ARE NO SUSPECTS AS OF NOW.

2UNE IN 1/10/24 COMMUNITY

MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME WILL DELIVER HER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TODAY AT NOON AT THE BATON ROUGE ROTARY CLUB. THE MAYOR IS



EXPECTED TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES FACING THE CITY, INCLUDING CRIME PREVENTION AS WELL AS THE NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF. WE WILL HAVE COVERAGE OF THE ADDRESS LIVE ON OUR WEBSITE AND ON W-B-R-Z NEWS AT NOON.

#### 2UNE IN 1/10/24 SPORTS

THE FINAL A-P COLLEGE FOOTBALL POLL IS OUT, AND L-S-U WILL FINISH THE 20-23 SEASON AS THE 12TH BEST TEAM IN THE COUNTRY. THE TIGER'S ROSE ONE SPOT FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. GEORGIA FINISHED IN FOURTH, WHICH IS THE HIGHEST PLACEMENT AMONG S-E-C TEAMS. ALABAMA PLACED FIFTH, WHILE MISSOURI AND OLE MISS FINISHED IN EIGHTH AND NINTH RESPECTIVELY.

#### Crime 1/10/24 12pm

INVESTIGATORS SAY A 5-YEAR-OLD BOY WAS BEATEN TO DEATH AND HIS FATHER IN CUSTODY. LEO ESLINGER WAS PLACED IN HIS FATHER'S CARE AFTER HIS MOTHER WAS ARRESTED IN INDIANA.

#### Community 1/10/24 12pm

MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME IS DELIVERING HER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS AT THE BATON ROUGE ROTARY CLUB. THE MAYOR IS EXPECTED TO ADDRESS KEY ISSUES FACING THE CITY, INCLUDING CRIME PREVENTION AS WELL AS THE NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF.

#### National 1/10/24 12pm

FINAL PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY IN IOWA...RON DESANTIS AND NIKKI HALEY PREPARING TO FACE OFF IN THE FINAL DEBATE BEFORE THE IOWA CAUCUSES. DESANTIS IN A DISTANT SECOND PLACE BEHIND FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP IN THE STATE AND HALEY IS NOT THAT FAR BEHIND.

#### COMMUNITY

1-10-24/4PM

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MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME DELIVERING HER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TODAY AT THE BATON ROUGE ROTARY CLUB. THE MAYOR TACKLING KEY ISSUES FACING THE CITY, INCLUDING CRIME PREVENTION, AS WELL AS THE NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF.

#### CRIME

1-10-24/4PM

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A MAN IS WANTED AFTER AN HOURS-LONG STANDOFF AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN BRUSLY, TUESDAY NIGHT. AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING FOR 54-YEAR-OLD KEITH FRANKLIN SENIOR WHO IS WANTED FOR MULTIPLE CHARGES...INCLUDING ATTEMPTED SECOND DEGREE MURDER. ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HIS WHEREABOUTS IS ASKED TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

#### CRIME

1-10-24/4PM

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T-S-A HAS REVEALED ITS LIST OF THE TOP TEN WILDEST FINDS AT AIRPORT SECURITY, AND ONE OF THEM IS A LITTLE "SPICY". A BATH OF METH WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE A CONTAINER OF CRAB BOIL SEASONING AT LOUIS ARMSTRONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN NEW ORLEANS. OTHER ODD FINDS INCLUDED MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE A DIAPER IN NEW YORK.

#### Political

1/10/24

5 p.m.

:56

EAST BATON ROUGE MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME DELIVERS HER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. IT IS ALSO AN ELECTION YEAR AND THE MAYOR OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED HER CANDIDACY FOR A THIRD TERM. A LARGE PART OF HER ADDRESS FOCUSED ON WHAT SHE PLANS TO DO WITH THOSE NEXT FOUR YEARS IF SHE WINS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS THOSE DETAILS. BROOME'S TWO BIGGEST PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE ARE INCREASING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE. CHOOSING TO FOCUS ON THE LAST TWO YEARS, BROOME TOUTED A 34 PERCENT

REDUCTION IN GUN VIOLENCE AS WELL AS AN EIGHT AND A HALF PERCENT REDUCTION IN FATAL SHOOTINGS. SHE SAID A MORE THOROUGH PLAN ON HOW TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE CRIME WILL BE REVEALED IN NEW POLICE CHIEF THOMAS' MORSES' 100 DAY PLAN NEXT WEEK. AS FAR AS IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE, BROOME PLANS TO CONTINUE LITTER ABATEMENT INITIATIVES WITH GROUPS LIKE KEEP TIGER TOWN BEAUTIFUL, AND WILL EVENTUALLY APPOINT SOMEONE WHO'S JOB IT IS TO ADDRESS AND ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS.

Sports 1/10/24 5 p.m. :32  
BREAKING NEWS OUT OF ALABAMA...E-S-P-N IS REPORTING NICK SABAN TOLD HIS TEAM TODAY THAT HE IS RETIRING. IT WOULD BRING AN END TO WHAT MAY BE THE MOST IMPRESSIVE STRETCH FOR ANY COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH EVER. HE WON SEVEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS...SIX AT ALABAMA AND ONE AT L-S-U. SABAN IS 72 YEARS OLD. WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THE RAMIFICATIONS COMING UP ON NEWS TWO AT SIX.

Transportation 1/10/24 5 p.m. :29  
LOUIS ARMSTRONG AIRPORT IN NEW ORLEANS MADE THE T-S-A'S TOP TEN LIST OF BEST CATCHES OF 20-23 A COUPLE OF TIMES. AT NUMBER SEVEN WAS THE USE OF A COMMON SOUTH LOUISIANA PRODUCT: CRAB BOIL. INSIDE THE CONTAINER AGENTS FOUND A BAG OF METH INSTEAD. ALSO IN NEW ORLEANS...AND NUMBER FOUR ON THE LIST...A FULLY LOADED GUN WHICH INCLUDED 163 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. OTHER ITEMS IN THE TOP TEN: HASH FOUND INSIDE A DIAPER AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT IN NEW YORK. ALSO AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE DISCOVERED INSIDE AN ENERGY DRINK CAN IN TULSA.

Sports 1-10-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
THAT BREAKING NEWS ... NICK SABAN CALLING IT A CAREER. SABAN SHOCKING THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL WORLD ABOUT TWO HOURS AGO ANNOUNCING HIS RETIREMENT. HE TOOK OVER A STRUGGLING L-S-U FOOTBALL PROGRAM IN 19-99 AND BUILT THE TIGERS INTO A CONSISTENT NATIONAL CONTENDER. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE HERE WITH THE LEGACY.

Crime 1-10-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS TONIGHT ABOUT THE BEATING DEATH OF A 5-YEAR-OLD BOY IN ALBANY. HIS FATHER AND THE FATHER'S GIRLFRIEND LOCKED UP BUT ONLY CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE DESPITE THE BOY'S DEATH. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN HERE WITH WHY THOSE CHARGES COULD BE UPGRADED.

Politics 1-10-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
EAST BATON ROUGE MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME HAS SOME 'BIG' AND 'BOLD' IDEAS FOR BATON ROUGE AND SHE PLANS TO SEE THEM THROUGH BY RUNNING FOR HER THIRD TERM THIS FALL. SHE DELIVERED THE MESSAGE DURING HER STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS THIS AFTERNOON. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS THE DETAILS ON HER "FIVE PATHWAYS TO PROGRESS".

CRIME 6:30 PM /01/10/24 :15  
MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS TONIGHT ABOUT THE BEATING DEATH OF A 5-YEAR-OLD BOY IN ALBANY. HIS FATHER AND THE FATHER'S GIRLFRIEND LOCKED UP BUT ONLY CHARGED WITH CHILD ABUSE DESPITE THE BOY'S DEATH. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN EXPLAINS WHY THOSE CHARGES COULD BE UPGRADED.

CRIME 6:30 PM /01/10/24 :20  
THREE PEOPLE INCLUDING ONE CHILD WERE HURT IN A SHOOTING AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ALONG ROSENWALD ROAD THIS AFTERNOON. IT HAPPENED SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE P-M. THE CONDITION OF THE VICTIMS IS UNKNOWN. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO BATON ROUGE POLICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. WE'LL POST ANY UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE.

CRIME 6:30 PM /01/10/24 :20  
MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME TOUTING A REDUCTION IN VIOLENT CRIME DURING HER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS TODAY. SHE SAYS GUN VIOLENCE FELL BY 34 PERCENT IN THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH DEADLY SHOOTINGS DOWN EIGHT AND A HALF PERCENT. BROOME ARGUED THE NUMBERS SHOW HER EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY ARE WORKING.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/10/24 :15  
A VERY ACTIVE RADAR EXPECTED IN THE CAPITAL AREA FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. OUR NEXT RAINMAKER ROLLING IN FRIDAY, FOLLOWED BY A HARD FREEZE.

COMMUNITY 9 PM /01/10/24 :30  
DURING THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR TONIGHT THE EAST BATON ROUGE METRO COUNCIL CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL TO FUND MEALS FOR JUVENILES CURRENTLY LOCKED UP IN THE DETENTION CENTER. IT WOULD GIVE THE COUNCIL ON AGING NEARLY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE FOOD. THE COUNCIL WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MOTION LATER THIS MONTH. IF PASSED, THIS CONTRACT WILL LAST FROM FEBRUARY FIRST TO DECEMBER THIRTY FIRST WITH THE OPTION TO BE RENEWED AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

POLITICS 9 PM /01/10/24 :30  
GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS CALLING FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD SCRAP LOUISIANA'S OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM. THE CREATION OF A CLOSED PRIMARY SYSTEM WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING NEXT WEEK'S SPECIAL SESSION. THIS WOULD MEAN EACH PARTY WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PRIMARIES BEFORE A SEPARATE GENERAL ELECTION. SENATOR BILL CASSIDY CONDEMNED CALLS TO CHANGE THE STATE'S ELECTION SYSTEM, ARGUING IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF MONEY.

10pm 1/10/24 sports  
IT WAS AN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SENT SHOCKWAVES THROUGHOUT THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL LANDSCAPE. HEAD COACH NICK SABAN ANNOUNCING HE'S RETIRING. THE DECISION IS SURE TO IMPACT NOT JUST ALABAMA BUT THE WHOLE S-E-C.

10pm 1/10/24 politics  
SENIOR LOUISIANA REPUBLICAN SENATOR BILL CASSIDY IS PUSHING BACK AGAINST A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE STATE'S OPEN PRIMARIES. THE MATTER IS EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN UP DURING THE UPCOMING SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN BATON ROUGE. DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

10pm 1/10/24 crime  
THREE PEOPLE -- INCLUDING A CHILD -- ARE RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING OFF ROSENWALD ROAD THIS AFTERNOON. IT HAPPENED SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE P-M. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY THE THERE INJURIES ARE NON-LIFE THREATENING. WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR MORE INFORMATION. WE'LL HAVE ALL THE UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 5AM 1/11/2024  
3 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A CHILD, ARE RECOVERING AFTER A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING WEDNESDAY EVENING. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THE SHOOTING HAPPENED ALONG ROSENWALD ROAD BETWEEN SCENIC HIGHWAY AND SCOTLAND AVENUE JUST BEFORE 5. THE VICTIMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. NO MOTIVES OR SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/11/2024  
AS WE'VE BEEN REPORTING, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF BREAKOUTS AT THE EBR JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, LEADING TO CONCERNS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY. THE METRO COUNCIL APPROVED A MILLION DOLLAR EMERGENCY PROJECT TO REPAIR THE FENCING AT THE

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. SECURITY AT THE CENTER IS UNDER SCRUTINY AFTER MULTIPLE ESCAPES. ONE OF THE TEENS, 17-YEAR-OLD DAVID ATKINS IS STILL ON THE RUN AFTER ESCAPING TWICE LAST YEAR. THE MAYOR AND SEVERAL OTHER CITY LEADERS PUSHING TO BUILD A NEW JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AS WELL AS A NEW JAIL TO HELP PREVENT MORE INMATES FROM BREAKING OUT.

SPORTS 5AM 1/11/2024

THE CRIMSON TIDE IS ABOUT TO "ROLL" INTO A NEW ERA. NICK SABAN IS STEPPING DOWN AS HEAD COACH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA'S FOOTBALL TEAM. THE SCHOOL CONFIRMED SABAN'S RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT IN A NEWS RELEASE WEDNESDAY EVENING. THE 72-YEAR-OLD IS QUOTED, CALLING THE UNIVERSITY A SPECIAL PLACE TO BOTH HIM AND HIS WIFE ... AND THAT HE WILL ALWAYS CONSIDER ALABAMA THEIR HOME. DURING HIS 17 YEARS IN TUSCALOOSA SABAN COLLECTED 206-WINS...SIX NATIONAL TITLES...FOUR HEISMAN TROPHY WINNERS...AND TEN S-E-C CHAMPIONSHIPS. HE ALSO PREVIOUSLY WON A NATIONAL TITLE AT L-S-U, WHICH GIVES HIM THE ALL-TIME RECORD OF SEVEN, PASSING THE SIX EARNED BY LEGENDARY FORMER ALABAMA HEAD COACH PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT.

Crime 1/11/24 12pm

3 PEOPLE INCLUDING A CHILD ARE RECOVERING AFTER A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Community 1/11/24 12pm

RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY ARE ENJOYING A BRAND NEW GROCERY STORE. THIS MORNING ROUSES CUT THE RIBBON ON A NEW LOCATION AT 59-09 FLORIDA BLVD AND THEY WERE WELCOMED WITH A BIG CROWD.

Sports 1/11/24 12pm

NOW TO THE NFL WHERE PATRIOTS HEAD COACH BILL BELICHICK IS LEAVING THE TEAM AFTER AN ICONIC 24 SEASON RUN ACCORDING TO SOURCES. BELICHICK LEAD THE TEAM TO SIX SUPER BOWL TITLES AN UNMATCHED RUN IN NFL HISTORY. IT COMES AMID SPECULATION ABOUT HIS FUTURE FOLLOWING SEVERAL LOSING SEASONS.

COMMUNITY

1-11-24/4PM

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THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD WILL ELECT A NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT TODAY. DETAILS ON WHO MAY BE APPOINTED WERE NOT RELEASED. ALSO, ON THE LIST OF TOPICS IS RENEWING A CONTRACT FOR INSPIRE CHARTER ACADEMY AS WELL AS ACCEPTING TWO OTHER CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. THE MEETING STARTS AT FIVE-P-M.

COMMUNITY

1-11-24/4PM

:20

NORTH BATON ROUGE NOW HAS A NEW LOCAL GROCERY STORE. ROUSES MARKET OPENED ITS DOORS THIS MORNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF FLORIDA BOULEVARD AND NORTH ARDENWOOD DRIVE. THE STORE WILL ALSO EMPLOY TWO-HUNDRED PEOPLE IN FULL- AND PART-TIME POSITIONS.

COMMUNITY

1-11-24/4PM

:20

ANOTHER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR MOVE B-R TOOK PLACE THIS MORNING...THIS ONE ON CONSTANTIN BOULEVARD. MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME...ALONG WITH MOVE-B-R OFFICIALS WERE ON HAND TO BREAK GROUND ON A NEW ROADWAY BETWEEN MIDWAY AND BLUEBONNET...THAT'S BEHIND O-L-O-L CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Crime

1/11/24

5 p.m.

:49

IN THE FIRST 10 DAYS OF JANUARY THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN THREE DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE. MULTIPLE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN INJURED INCLUDING A FIVE YEAR OLD JUST YESTERDAY. IT COMES AS MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME IT TOUTING A

34-PERCENT REDUCTION IN GUN VIOLENCE OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO A CRIMINOLOGIST WHO SAYS A BROADER VIEW NEEDS TO BE TAKEN. THOUGH THE MAYOR'S STATEMENT WAS ACCURATE, DR. EDWARD SHIHADDEH SAYS IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A GOOD MARKER FOR THE OVERALL STATE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THE PARISH. THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY DECLINE IN HOMICIDES SINCE THE RECORD BREAKING POST COVID YEAR IN 2021 WHEN CRIME ALL OVER THE WORLD SPIKED. SHIHADDEH SAYS THE PROPER MARKER FOR CRIME IN THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE BEFORE COVID--2019 AND EARLIER. IN THAT CASE, THE CITY-PARISH IS STILL 20 PERCENT HIGHER THAN WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.

Transportation 1/11/24 5 p.m. :24  
IT WAS GROUNDBREAKING DAY FOR THE LATEST MOVE E-B-R PROJECT. CONSTANTIN BOULEVARD IS BEING EXTENDED FROM MIDWAY DRIVE TO BLUEBONNET BOULEVARD. IT IS PART OF THE EFFORTS TO BETTER CONNECT BLUEBONNET WITH ESSEN LANE. THERE WILL BE TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION, SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, AND ACCESS TO BREC'S WARD CREEK GREENWAY. AT BLUEBONNET, IMPROVED TURNING LANES WILL BE ADDED NEAR EYE-10 AND THE MALL OF LOUISIANA.

Health 1/11/24 5 p.m. :32  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...THE C-D-C SAYS LUNG CANCER IS THE THIRD MOST COMMON CANCER IN THE UNITED STATES. RESEARCHERS ARE STUDYING A NEW BLOOD TEST THAT COULD ONE DAY HELP WITH EARLY DETECTION. THE STUDIES LOOKED AT INDIVIDUALS WITH AND WITHOUT LUNG CANCER, WHO WERE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENINGS. THEY FOUND SUCCESS WITH TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF BLOOD TESTS. BOTH WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY A MAJORITY OF THE LUNG CANCER CASES. DOCTORS SAY IT IS PROMISING SINCE MANY PEOPLE ARE NOT GETTING RECOMMENDED C-T SCANS FOR LUNG CANCER SCREENING WHEN THEY SHOULD.

Weather 1-11-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
WE'RE BRACING FOR A ONE--TWO PUNCH. A MAJOR COLD SNAP WITH THE DEEP FREEZE GRABBING THE HEADLINES. BUT FIRST A WET RUSH HOUR TO GET THROUGH FIRST.

Crime 1-11-1024/6:00 p.m. 3:00  
FOUR HOMICIDES AND THREE DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS STARTS THE NEW YEAR. THAT AS MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME TOUTS A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN GUN VIOLENCE SINCE 2021. BUT SOME SAY A TWO-YEAR SNAP SHOT IS NOT AN ACCURATE PORTRAYAL OF THE STATE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THE PARISH. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT GUN VIOLENCE NUMBERS IN BATON ROUGE.

Consumer 1-11-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
A BATON ROUGE COUPLE WANTED TO ADD A PET TO THEIR FAMILY. WHAT THEY GOT WAS A LOT OF HEADACHE AFTER PAYING TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A DOG. THEY CONTACTED BRITTANY WEISS AND TWO ON YOUR SIDE AFTER IT BECAME APPARENT THEY WERE NOT GETTING WHAT THEY PAID FOR.

Weather 1-11-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30  
A MAJOR CHILL IS COMING TO THE CAPITAL AREA NEXT WEEK. BUT BEFORE THAT, SHOWERS AND STORMS EXPECTED FOR THE FRIDAY MORNING DRIVE. LET GET TO JOSH WITH THE TWO BIG STORIES THE STORM STATION IS WATCHING.

Community 1-11-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
AN UNDER SERVED PART OF THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY IS ENJOYING THE CONVENIENCE OF A GROCERY STORE IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS MORNING ROUSES CUT THE RIBBON ON A BRAND NEW STORE ON FLORIDA BLVD. NEWS TWOS MIA MONET TELLS US ABOUT THE IMPACT IT IS EXPECT TO HAVE.

Court 1-11-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

AFTER 11 WEEKS OF TESTIMONY A NEW YORK JUDGE HELD CLOSING ARGUMENTS IN A CIVIL FRAUD TRIAL AGAINST FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP. TRUMP DEFYING THE JUDGE'S ORDERS SPEAKING IN COURT TO ARGUE HIS INNOCENCE.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/11/24 :15

A MAJOR CHILL IS COMING TO THE CAPITAL AREA NEXT WEEK. BUT BEFORE THAT SHOWERS AND STORMS EXPECTED TOMORROW.

CRIME 9 PM /01/11/24 :15

MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME TOUTED A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN GUN VIOLENCE SINCE 20-21. BUT A CRIMINOLOGIST WE SPOKE TO SAYS IT MAY BE TOO SOON TO DECLARE SUCCESS. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH REPORTS.

COMMUNITY 9 PM /01/11/24 :15

WORKERS AT THE STARBUCKS ON SOUTH SHERWOOD FOREST BOULEVARD ANNOUNCED TODAY THEY HAVE FORMED A UNION. IT IS THE FIRST LOCATION IN BATON ROUGE TO DO SO, AND ONLY THE THIRD IN LOUISIANA.

10PM 1/11/24 POLITICS

CHANGES COULD SOON HAPPEN TO THE LIVINGSTON PARISH CHARTER. PARISH PRESIDENT RANDY DELATTE IS PUSHING TO ALLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS AND OTHER PARISH STAFF TO USE AN ATTORNEY OTHER THAN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY EXPLAINS WHY HE WANTS THIS CHANGE.

10PM 1/11/24 POLITICS

THE COUNCIL ALSO APPROVED AN EXTENSION ON THE PARISH'S MORATORIUM ON CARBON CAPTURE WELLS. THE INITIAL PROPOSAL WAS FOR 120 DAY BUT MEMBERS CHOSE TO EXTEND THE MEASURE ANOTHER 24 MONTHS. PARISH LEADERS HAVE PUSHED PLANS TO PUT INJECTION WELLS ON LAKE MAUREPAS BY "AIR PRODUCTS" IN 20-22. THIS MORATORIUM WOULD ONLY IMPACT INJECTION WELLS BEING PLACED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

10PM 1/11/24 EDUCATION

A CONTENTIOUS NIGHT AT THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD SELECTING NEW LEADERSHIP OVER THE NEXT YEAR. WHAT IS USUALLY A QUICK TRANSITION OF POWER TURNED TO MUD SLINGING AS BOARD MEMBERS ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF BACK DOOR MEETINGS AND DIVISIVE TACTICS.

2UNE IN 1/12/24 GOVERNMENT

THIS MONDAY AT THE CAPITOL GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY AND THE LEGISLATURE WILL BEGIN THEIR FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEW YEAR. ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL ADDRESS REDISTRICTING, POTENTIAL REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. LAWMAKERS WILL MEET AT THE CAPITOL MONDAY AT FOUR-P-M.

2UNE IN 1/12/24 SPORTS

ON SATURDAY, BOTH SOUTHERN PROGRAMS WILL HIT THE HARDWOOD. THE JAGS AND LADY JAGS WILL BE IN TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA TO TAKE ON FLORIDA A-M. THE WOMEN'S TEAMS KICK THINGS OFF AT ONE P-M WHILE THE MEN'S TEAMS FOLLOW AT THREE P-M.

2UNE IN 1/12/24 CRIME

TWO JUDGES HAVE POSTPONED DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS FOR A GROUP OF B-R-P-D OFFICERS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING CITY POLICIES. SERGEANT JESSE BARCELONA AND OFFICER MATTHEW WALLACE WERE SET FOR DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS THURSDAY. BOTH MEN ARE ACCUSED OF STRIP-SEARCHING A WOMAN FOR NARCOTICS FOLLOWING A TRAFFIC STOP LAST SUMMER. EMPLOYEES CLAIM THEIR SUPERIORS DID NOT BRING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THEM IN A TIMELY MANNER. THEY ALSO CLAIM FORMER POLICE CHIEF MURPHY

PAUL AND HIS SUCCESSOR ARE BARRED FROM DISCIPLINING THEM. BARCELONA AND DEPUTY CHIEF TROY LAWRENCE SENIOR ALSO FACE A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING NEXT WEDNESDAY. COURT RECORDS SHOW THEY WERE ACCUSED OF PUNCHING AND TASING A SUSPECT IN A BATHROOM DURING A SEARCH IN 20-20. THEY'RE ACCUSED OF ALSO DISPOSING OF VIDEO EVIDENCE.

Crime 1/12/24 12pm

A BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER HAS BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH THIRD-DEGREE RAPE AFTER BEING ARRESTED IN AUGUST OF 2023.

Community 1/12/24 12pm

A BATON ROUGE COUPLE WANTED TO ADD A PET TO THEIR FAMILY. WHAT THEY GOT WAS A LOT OF HEADACHE AFTER PAYING TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A DOG.

Investigative 1/12/24 12pm

A MAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO MADI BROOKS' DEATH IS FACING A NEW CHARGE. A GRAND JURY INDICTED CASEN CARVER FOR VIDEO VOYEURISM THURSDAY.

CRIME

1-12-24/4PM

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POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THIS MAN...18 YEAR-OLD DEVIN JACKSON. JACKSON IS ACCUSED OF ROBBING A ZAXBY'S AT GUNPOINT IN GONZALES LAST WEEKEND. HE WAS ARRESTED FOR A PREVIOUS ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY AT THE BUDGET INN ON HIGHWAY 30. JACKSON IS BOOKED ON ROBBERY CHARGES.

POLITICS

1-12-24/4PM

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AT THE CAPITOL...GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY AND THE LEGISLATURE WILL BEGIN THEIR FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEW YEAR NEXT WEEK. ELECTED OFFICIALS WILL ADDRESS REDISTRICTING, POTENTIALLY REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. THE SESSION IS SET TO BEGIN MONDAY AFTERNOON AND COULD LAST OVER A WEEK.

COMMUNITY

1-12-24/4PM

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THE DAY HONORING DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR IS MONDAY AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EVENTS THIS WEEKEND TO CELEBRATE HIM AND HIS WORK. TOMORROW AT EIGHT A-M...STARHILL BAPTIST CHURCH WILL HAVE A SERVICE WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER MAYOR PRO TEMPORE LAMONT COLE. AND AT TEN A-M...DONNA BRAZILE WILL SPEAK AT AN M-L-K BRUNCH AT UNITED FAITH MINISTRIES.

Environment

1/12/24

5 p.m.

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THAT FRIGID WEATHER COULD CAUSE EXPENSIVE DAMAGE TO YOUR HOME IF YOU'RE NOT PREPARED. FALON BROWN SPOKE TO THE EXPERTS...WHEN IT COMES TO "WINTERIZING" YOUR HOME IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO LAST-MINUTE. ASIDE FROM BRINGING PLANTS AND PETS INSIDE YOU'LL WANT TO MAKE SURE OUTDOOR PIPES AND HOSE BIBS ARE WELL INSULATED OR WRAPPED TO PREVENT A BREAK. DRIPPING FAUCETS OVERNIGHT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED. WHEN HEATING YOUR HOME SPACE HEATERS ARE FINE BUT DOUBLE CHECK THAT THEY ARE MADE FOR INDOORS AND NOT PROPANE-POWERED. A CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR IS ALSO A GOOD INVESTMENT.

Business

1/12/24

5 p.m.

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ENTERGY SAYS IT WILL NOT TURN OFF POWER NEXT WEEK DUE TO NON-PAYMENT. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE FREEZING TEMPERATURES. THE SUSPENSION OF DISCONNECTS WILL BE IN PLACE FROM MONDAY THE 15TH TO FRIDAY THE 19TH. AFTER THAT, ENTERGY SAYS IT WILL TAKE A DAY-BY-DAY APPROACH.

Crime

1/12/24

5 p.m.

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A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER HAS NOW BEEN FORMALLY CHARGED WITH RAPE. DEMICHAEL ROBERTSON WAS ARRESTED IN AUGUST AND FIRED IN DECEMBER. ROBERTSON

WAS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT EIGHT YEARS AND WAS PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AFTER HIS ARREST. HE WAS FIRED FOUR MONTHS LATER.

Weather 1-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:40

THE DARKER THE COLOR ... THE COLDER THE AIR. AND IT'S ON THE WAY TO SOUTH LOUISIANA. THAT TOPS NEWS TWO AT SIX. THE TEMPERATURE COULD DIP INTO THE TEENS. ABOUT TWO HOURS AGO ... GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY ISSUED A STATE OF EMERGENCY AHEAD OF THE FREEZE. JOSH HERE WITH THE TIMING OF THIS ARCTIC BLAST.

Weather 1-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

WITH THE FRIGID WEATHER ON THE WAY IT'S IMPORTANT TO PROTECT YOUR HOME, AND YOUR FAMILY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SPOKE WITH THE EXPERTS ON WHAT IT TAKES TO GET YOUR HOME READY. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO.

Community 1-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30

THE O'BRIEN HOUSE HAS BEEN HELPING PEOPLE IN THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY SINCE 1971. ONE OF ITS FOUNDERS -- JOHN CAMP -- IS AN AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST WHO ONCE WALKED THE HALLS OF W-B-R-Z. NOW, THE RECOVERY CENTER IS WORKING TO HONOR CAMP. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS HAS THE DETAILS.

Weather 1-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:40

WE'RE A FEW DAYS AWAY FROM A BIG DROP IN TEMPERATURES WITH WIND CHILLS THAT COULD REACH THE SINGLE DIGITS.

Politics 1-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE HAMMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT MAY SOON NEED A NEW CHIEF. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE APPROVED AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER. THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY COUNCIL TO REMOVE THE CHIEF. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

Health 1-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE VAST MAJORITY OF STATES INCLUDING LOUISIANA ARE REPORTING HIGH LEVELS OF FLU, COVID, AND R-S-V. THE C-D-C SAYS CASES HAVE BEEN SPIKING SINCE AFTER CHRISTMAS.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/12/24 :15

A BLAST OF COLD AIR CURRENTLY MAKING ITS WAY TO LOUISIANA. THAT FRIGID AIR ARRIVING AFTER THE WEEKEND. TEMPERATURES MAY EVEN DIP INTO THE TEENS. JOSH IS HERE TO GIVE US THE LATEST.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/12/24 :15

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS OPENING ITS EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS, AHEAD OF THE ARCTIC BLAST. THEY'RE ALSO ASKING FOR THE COMMUNITY'S HELP TO COLLECT ITEMS FOR THOSE IN NEED. OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE CURRENTLY IN NEED OF BLANKETS, TOILETRIES, AND PAJAMAS. THESE ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THEIR MAIN SHELTER ON CONVENTION STREET.

EDUCATION 9 PM /01/12/24 :15

THE MEDIA WORLD IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING WITH NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATING AND THE EVOLVING WORLD OF TECHNOLOGY. TO KEEP THEIR KIDS IN-THE-KNOW, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOLS HELD ITS INAUGURAL MEDIA DAY. MIA MONET WAS THERE.

1/12/24 10pm weather

AHEAD OF THE WINTER WEATHER -- GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS ISSUED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. THE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WILL BE STANDING BY TO ASSIST WITH PARISHED WITH ANY NEEDED RESOURCES. ENTERGY



TODAY ALSO ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE SUSPENDING DISCONNECTIONS FROM JANUARY 15TH THROUGH THE 19TH OUT OF AN "ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION". AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL TELLS US THEY HAVE ADDED EXTRA BEDS TO PREPARE FOR IN ANTICIPATION OF MORE HOMELESS MEN ... WOMEN AND CHILDREN LOOKING FOR A REFUGE FROM THE COLD.

1/12/24 10pm politics

TENSIONS BETWEEN CITY LEADERS AND THE POLICE CHIEF IN HAMMOND HAVE RISEN, AND NOW COUNCIL MEMBERS WANT VOTERS TO GIVE THEM THE POWER TO REMOVE HIM FROM OFFICE. THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER. IF APPROVED THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO REMOVE THE POLICE CHIEF EDWIN BERGERON, AND ALLOW VOTERS TO ELECT A NEW ONE. BERGERON'S TERM HAD BEEN MARRIED WITH CONTROVERSY. AFTER BEING APPOINTED VIDEO CAME TO LIGHT SHOW KENTDRICK RATLIFF IN HANDCUFFS GETTING ASSAULTED INSIDE OF A BOOKING ROOM BY BERGERON AND OFFICER CRAIG DUNN. DUNN -- A RELATIVE OF BERGERON -- WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING LAST YEAR THAT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE F-B-I.

1/12/24 10pm crime

BOGALUSA POLICE SAY THEY'RE LOOKING FOR TWO SUSPECTS THEY BELIEVE WERE INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING LAST NIGHT THAT KILLED ONE TEENAGER AND HURT ANOTHER HAPPENED NEAR DURING A BASKETBALL GAME AT BOGALUSA HIGH SCHOOL NOW DISTRICT AND CITY LEADERS ARE TAKING STEPS TO KEEP STUDENTS SAFE.

INFRASTRUCTURE 9AM 1/13/24

DOWNTOWN DRIVERS BEWARE...THIS IS THE ROUTE FOR THE MARATHON SUNDAY. IT TAKES PLACE ALONG THE RIVER THROUGH THE HEART OF BATON ROUGE AND INTO THE UNIVERSITY LAKES AREA. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ROAD CLOSURES ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/13/24

THE NEW LEGISLATURE WILL GET TO WORK MONDAY, WITH THE FIRST OF TWO SPECIAL SESSIONS OF THE NEW YEAR. THE MAIN FOCUS WILL BE ON REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAPS TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT. GOVERNOR ALSO ASKED LAWMAKERS TO CONSIDER CHANGING THE STATE'S ELECTIONS TO A CLOSED PRIMARY SYSTEM. SESSION STARTS MONDAY AT FOUR P-M. IT MUST END BY JANUARY 23.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/13/24

IN THE NEXT HOUR THERE WILL BE THREE VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES BEGINNING. THE LOCATIONS ARE THE U-F-C GYM ON SOUTH SHERWOOD FOREST, THE HOUSE OF STYLES BARBER SHOP ON MAPLEWOOD, AND CHOICES SALON ON GOVERNMENT STREET. THE DRIVES WILL RUN UNTIL ONE P-M.

Holiday 6 PM 1/13/2024

AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY ON MONDAY FAMILIES AROUND BATON ROUGE ARE CELEBRATING. FOR ONE FAMILY, THAT MEANT FINALLY MEETING CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST, JOAN (TRUMP-POWER MULL-HALL-LIND) TRUMPAUER MULHOLLAND. KATIE EASTER SHARES HER INSPIRING STORY.

Community 6 PM 1/13/2024

MULLHOLLAND ALSO CROSSED COLOR LINES TO JOIN DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INCORPORATED. IT'S A HISTORICALLY BLACK SORORITY. TODAY, BATON ROUGE ALUMNAE CHAPTER HELD A DAY OF SERVICE ACROSS THE CITY. THEY CALL IT '22 ACTS OF SERVICE'. IT'S AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE 1 HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH FOUNDERS DAY.

Sports 6 PM 1/13/2024

THE LOUISIANA MARATHON KICKED OFF THIS MORNING. DESPITE THE CHILLY WEATHER, RUNNERS COMPETED IN THE QUARTER MARATHON, FIVE-K AND THE KIDS ONE MILE

MARATHON. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF TODAY'S RACES. TOMORROW WILL BE THE FULL MARATHON, AND THE HALF MARATHON...BOTH STARTING AT SEVEN A-M. WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE RACES TOMORROW MORNING AT NINE.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/13/24 :15  
TEMPERATURES BEGINNING TO PLUNGE TONIGHT, TWO DAYS BEFORE AN ARTIC BLAST ARRIVES IN THE CAPITAL AREA. THE STORM STATION IS GETTING US READY FOR THAT HARD FREEZE. LET'S GET TO BALIN WITH THE LATEST.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/13/24 :15  
THIS THURSDAY WORKERS AT THE STARBUCKS LOCATION ON SOUTH SHERWOOD FOREST BOULEVARD VOTED TO FORM A UNION. IT'S THE FIRST IN THE CAPITAL CITY TO DO SO. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

SPORTS 10 PM /01/13/24 :15  
THE LSU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS OFF TO A SURPRISING 2-0 START IN SEC PLAY. THE TIGERS GOT THINGS GOING WITH A BIG WIN AT TEXAS A&M LAST SATURDAY BEFORE GUTTING OUT A HOME VICTORY AGAINST VANDERBILT TUESDAY. TONIGHT THOUGH, THIS TEAM FACES THEIR TOUGHEST CHALLENGE YET, GOING UP AGAINST NO. 16 AUBURN IN A PACKED NEVILLE ARENA.

GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/14/24  
IN THE LEADUP TO THE FREEZE, GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. IN A STATEMENT, GOVERNOR LANDRY SAYS "GOHSEP STANDS READY TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL EMERGENCY PARTNERS WITH ANY RESOURCES NEEDED BEYOND THEIR CAPABILITIES." IN ADDITION, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE ISSUED A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY EXCEPTION. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO ASSIST WITH POWER GRID REPAIRS, DELIVERY OF GROCERIES AND OTHER ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS THROUGH WEDNESDAY. ENTERGY IS SUSPENDING DISCONNECTIONS FROM MONDAY UNTIL FRIDAY.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/14/24  
HOMEOWNERS IN THE WHISPERING SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD IN WALKER ARE IN A HEATED CONFRONTATION WITH THEIR PROPERTY OWNER. THE ISSUE IS OVER INCREASING H-O-A FEES. THE PROPERTY OWNER, D-R HORTON, WILL SOON RAISE H-O-A FEES TO 700 DOLLARS A YEAR. HOWEVER, PEOPLE CLAIM D-R HORTON HASN'T DONE ANYTHING TO KEEP UP WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. EARLIER THIS WEEK, HOMEOWNERS TRIED TO MEET WITH D-R HORTON TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT. BUT D-R HORTON INSTEAD SENT MEMBERS OF LEGACY MANAGEMENT, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE AREA, TO THE MEETING. THIS FURTHER UPSET THE RESIDENTS, WHO LEFT THE MEETING EARLY.

SPORTS 9AM 1/14/24  
THE L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GOT OFF TO A SURPRISING TWO AND OH START IN S-E-C PLAY. ON SATURDAY, THE TIGERS FACED THEIR TOUGHEST CHALLENGE YET: THE SIXTEENTH-RANKED AUBURN TIGERS. THE GAME STARTED OUT CLOSE, WITH AUBURN LEADING BY ONE POINT ABOUT FIVE MINUTES INTO THE MATCHUP. BUT IN A PACKED NEVILLE ARENA, THE HOME TIGERS BEGAN TO TAKE FLIGHT. AUBURN EXPLODED FOR 51 POINTS IN THE FIRST HALF TO LEAD BY 17 POINTS AT HALFTIME. AUBURN'S LEAD THEN INCREASED TO NEARLY 30 POINTS MIDWAY THROUGH THE SECOND HALF...A LEAD THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR L-S-U TO OVERCOME. L-S-U'S FOUR GAME WIN STREAK IS NOW OVER THOUGH THE TIGERS ARE STILL ABOVE 500 IN S-E-C PLAY. THE TIGERS ARE BACK IN ACTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE MARAVICH CENTER AGAINST OLE MISS.

Community 5:30PM 1/14/2024  
IN PREPARATION FOR THE CHILLY WEATHER, VOLUNTEERS HELPED HARVEST VEGETABLES AT BREC'S HOWELL PARK THIS AFTERNOON. BATON ROOT--A BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY FARM LOCATED AT THE PARK IS SPONSORED BY MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON

BROOME'S HEALTHY BR INITIATIVE. THE GROUP TOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA LAST NIGHT ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO COME OUT AND HELP HARVEST THE VEGETABLES TO ENSURE THEY DON'T GO TO WASTE. THE RESPONSE WAS OVERWHELMING WIPING OUT EVERY CROP WITHIN AN HOUR.

Sports 5:30PM 1/14/2024

AND LUCKILY THAT FREEZE HELD OFF FOR RUNNERS COMPETING IN THE LOUISIANA MARATHON THIS MORNING. MORE THAN 5,000 RUNNERS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIVE RACES THIS WEEKEND...SIX RACES IF YOU INCLUDE THE 'DIAPER DASH' FOR COMPETITORS WHO HAVEN'T QUITE FIGURED OUT WALKING YET.

Politics 5:30PM 1/14/2024

GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS SET TO ADDRESS THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS TOMORROW BEFORE THE FIRST SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 2024 BEGINS. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THE EIGHT DAY SESSION WILL BE REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAP TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT. LAWMAKERS WILL ALSO LOOK AT CREATING A SIMILAR DISTRICT FOR THE STATE'S SUPREME COURT. LANDRY IS ALSO PUSHING THE LEGISLATURE TO CHANGE LOUISIANA'S JUNGLE PRIMARIES TO MORE TRADITIONAL CLOSED PRIMARIES. THE SESSION WILL CONVENE AT FOUR, AND THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE HIS ADDRESS AROUND 4:45.

BREAKING

10 PM /01/14/24

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A MOTHER AND HER ONE YEAR OLD CHILD WERE FOUND SHOT TO DEATH AT THEIR GONZALES HOME THIS AFTERNOON. THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE TELLS US THEIR BODIES WERE FOUND AROUND 5:30, INSIDE A TRAILER HOME AT THE OAK VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK OFF AIRLINE. DEPUTIES BELIEVE IT'S A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHOOTING.

WEATHER

10 PM /01/14/24

:10

LESS THAN 24 HOURS TO GO UNTIL AN ARTIC BLAST ARRIVES IN OUR AREA. THE STORM STATION IS GETTING US READY FOR THE HARD FREEZE. LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO MALCOLM WITH THE LATEST.

COMMUNITY

10 PM /01/14/24

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THE FREEZE ALSO SPARKED A LAST-MINUTE HARVESTING DAY AT A BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY FARM. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

CRIME 2UNE IN 1/15/24

DEPUTIES ARE INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE SHOOTING THAT LEFT A MOTHER AND HER BABY DEAD IN GONZALES SUNDAY. THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE TELLS W-B-R-Z THE BODIES WERE FOUND AROUND 5-30 INSIDE A TRAILER HOME OFF AIRLINE HIGHWAY. DEPUTIES BELIEVE THE SHOOTING IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED. A PERSON-OF-INTEREST IS IN CUSTODY.

COMMUNITY 2UNE IN 1/15/24

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR DAY. THAT GOES FOR ALL PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN THE STATE. CLOSURES AHEAD OF TUESDAY HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED YET. E-B-R SCHOOLS POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THEY WILL NOTIFY PARENTS THIS MORNING IF THEY MAKE ANY SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS. ASCENSION PARISH TELL US THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO PLANS TO CHANGE THEIR SCHEDULE, BUT THAT COULD CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE FORECAST. WE ARE ACTIVELY MONITORING FOR ANY CHANGES. BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST.

GOVERNMENT 2UNE IN 1/15/24

THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL MEET THIS AFTERNOON TO BEGIN ITS FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF 20-24. THE FOCUS WILL BE ON REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAP TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY MINORITY DISTRICT. THIS COMES AFTER A FEDERAL JUDGE DETERMINED

LOUISIANA'S CURRENT MAP IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE LEGISLATURE HAS UNTIL JANUARY 30 TO PASS THE NEW MAP BUT STATE LAWMAKERS ARE HOPEFUL THEY'LL MEET THE DEADLINE.

Weather 1/15/24 12pm

AND PEOPLE AROUND THE CAPITAL CITY AREA CONTINUE TO PREP FOR THE HARD FREEZE. OFFICIALS SAY IT IS IMPORTANT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS IN ORDER TO PROTECT BOTH YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR HOMES.

Crime 1/15/24 12pm

DEPUTIES ARE INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE SHOOTING THAT LEFT A MOTHER AND HER BABY DEAD IN GONZALES SUNDAY.

Community 1/15/24 12pm

A FORMER FREEDOM RIDER RETURNED TO BATON ROUGE. SHE FINALLY MET WITH A FAMILY SHE MET, DURING THE PEAK OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

CRIME 1-15-24/4PM :20

DEPUTIES IN ASCENSION PARISH HAVE IDENTIFIED THE MOTHER AND BABY, KILLED IN A SHOOTING SUNDAY EVENING IN GONZALES. THE BODIES OF 41 YEAR-OLD CHRISTINA ARTUS AND ONE YEAR-OLD KAYLEE FORCELL WERE FOUND IN A TRAILER HOME OFF AIRLINE HIGHWAY. DEPUTIES BELIEVE THE SHOOTING WAS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED. KALVIN FORCELL WAS ARRESTED AND FACES TWO COUNTS OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER.

POLITICS 1-15-24/4PM :20

AT THE CAPITOL...THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE NEW YEAR IS NOW UNDERWAY. STATE LAWMAKERS WILL FOCUS ON REDRAWING THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL MAP TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY MINORITY DISTRICT. THIS COMES AFTER A FEDERAL JUDGE DETERMINED LOUISIANA'S CURRENT MAP IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

COMMUNITY 1-15-24/4PM :20

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS SERVING THE NEEDY, AS THE EXTREME COLD APPROACHES. THEY'VE OPENED THEIR EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY BEGAN ACCEPTING PEOPLE THIS WEEKEND AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEK.

Community 1/15/24 5 p.m. :30

PEOPLE ACROSS THE COUNTRY ARE REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR. DOCTOR KING'S MESSAGE OF PEACE AND EQUALITY HAS TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. IN BATON ROUGE MANY EVENTS WERE HELD ACROSS THE COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. ONE OF THE BIGGEST WAS AT BREC'S GUS YOUNG PARK WHERE THE M-L-K FESTIVAL OF SERVICE WAS HELD. COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATED WITH FOOD, ACTIVITIES, AND CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DR. KING'S DREAM.

Political 1/15/24 5 p.m. :36

THERE ARE SEVERAL BILLS FILED TO RE-DRAW THE CONGRESSIONAL MAPS INCLUDING THIS ONE FROM MONROE REPUBLICAN MICHAEL ECHOLS. IT WOULD MAKE DISTRICT SIX REPRESENTED BY REPUBLICAN GARRET GRAVES A MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT, ALONG WITH DISTRICT TWO CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY TROY CARTER. BOTH WOULD HAVE A BLACK POPULATION JUST OVER 50 PERCENT. BUT THE PERCENTAGE OF REGISTERED BLACK VOTERS WOULD BE "LESS" THAN 50 PERCENT. BILLS FROM DEMOCRATS HAVE A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT THAT GOES FROM NORTH BATON ROUGE TO MONROE. THAT WOULD BE DISTRICT FIVE REPRESENTED BY JULIA LETLOW. MORE ON THE SPECIAL SESSION TONIGHT AT TEN.

Health 1/15/24 5 p.m. :28

EAR INFECTIONS CAN SET A CHILD UP FOR DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS IN SPEECH AND HEARING. NEW RESEARCH FIND CHILDREN PRONE TO EAR INFECTIONS HAD SMALLER VOCABULARIES ON AVERAGE, AND A HARDER TIME MATCHING SIMILAR-SOUNDING WORDS. THE STUDY ALSO FOUND THESE DELAYS MIGHT NOT APPEAR UNTIL YEARS LATER IN A CHILD'S ACADEMIC CAREER. EAR INFECTIONS HAMPER HEARING BECAUSE FLUID BUILDS UP BEHIND THE EAR-DRUM. THE FLUID BUILDUP CAN AFFECT HEARING EVEN IF AN EAR INFECTION IS NOT PAINFUL.

Weather 1-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30

HARD FREEZE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN SWEEPING ACROSS THE STATE ALL DAY TODAY. THE NORTHERN BATON ROUGE AREA IS ALREADY FEELING THE CHANGE. TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT IS GOING ON ACROSS THE STATE. SHREVEPORT WAS FIRST TO GET IT. THIS IS A LIVE LOOK AT INTERSTATE 20 NORMALLY A VERY BUSY CORRIDOR ACROSS NORTH LOUISIANA ... NOW VIRTUALLY DESERTED. AND CONDITIONS JUST AS BAD NEAR ALEXANDRIA WITH ICY CONDITIONS ON INTERSTATE 49. JOSH ... MONITORING THE CONDITIONS HERE.

Weather 1-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A LIVE LOOK TONIGHT AT EYE-110. D-O-T-D SAYS IT WILL BE THE FIRST ELEVATED STRUCTURE TO CLOSE IF ICE BECOMES A CONCERN. STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS ARE ALSO CLOSELY MONITORING THE AUDUBON BRIDGE CONNECTING WEST FELICIANA AND POINTE COUPEE PARISHES. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM ASKED D-O-T-D ABOUT WHAT THEY'RE WORKING ON TONIGHT.

Police 1-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

AHEAD OF HIS SWEARING IN TOMORROW NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR GAVE THE COMMUNITY A PREVIEW OF WHAT KIND OF CHIEF HE INTENDS TO BE. HE SPOKE TO A GROUP OF CONCERNED CITIZENS DURING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENTS M-L-K DAY EVENT. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH WAS THERE. SHE JOINS US NOW WITH MORE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/15/24 :20

THE W-B-R-Z STORM TEAM IS HERE FOR YOU THRU THE HARD FREEZE EVENT. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, DOWNLOAD THE STORM STATION NEWS AND WEATHER APPS. WE WILL POST THE LATEST WEATHER UPDATES THERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/15/24 :20

ONE WEEK INTO GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY'S TERM -- HE HAS CALLED FOR A SPECIAL SESSION. THIS FIRST SESSION IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON RE-DISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS. FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW -- LAWMAKERS ARE WORKING TO CREATE A NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAP REFLECTING THE STATE'S POPULATION. THIS COULD INCLUDE ADDING A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT. THE MAP FROM 20-22 WAS CHALLENGED IN COURT -- WHICH NOW MEANS LAWMAKERS NEED TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT FOR LOUISIANA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/15/24 :20

AN ARREST MADE IN THE KILLING OF A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER IN GONZALES. THE VICTIMS: 41 YEAR-OLD CHRISTINA ARTUS AND ONE YEAR-OLD KAY-LEE FOR-CELL. KALVIN FOR-CELL ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF MURDER ALONG WITH MULTIPLE OTHER CRIMES. INVESTIGATORS TELL US FOR-CELL RAN FROM THE SCENE BUT WAS LATER CAPTURED.

10PM 1/15/24 WEATHER

HERE'S A LIVE LOOK AT THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN BRIDGE NEAR WHISKEY BAY TONIGHT. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHUTDOWN EYE-10 FROM SAINT MARTIN PARISH TO BATON ROUGE. D-O-T-D CREWS WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR STATE BRIDGES AND ROADWAYS AND PROVIDE UPDATES AS THE WEATHER CHANGES.

10PM 1/15/24 EMERGENCY

SAINT GEORGE FIRE IS RESPONDING TO A FIRE AT A BUSINESS OFF PERKINS ROAD NEAR GREENBRIAR HOLLOW. WE ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT THE EXTENT OF DAMAGES AND WHETHER ANYONE WAS HURT. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY. WE WILL PROVIDE UPDATES WHEN AVAILABLE.

10PM 1/15/24 POLITICS

AT THE CAPITOL - THE FIRST DAY OF LOUISIANA'S SPECIAL SESSION OPENED WITH A CALL TO ONCE AGAIN RE-DRAW THE STATES VOTING DISTRICTS. IN 20-22 THE LEGISLATURE APPROVED A MAP WITH ONE MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT -- FEDERAL COURTS TURNED DOWN THAT MAP, SENDING LAWMAKERS BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY...WE COULD SEE BIG CHANGES TO BATON ROUGE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

COMMUNITY 7AM 1/16/2024

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS SERVING PEOPLE AS THE ARCTIC BLAST CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THEIR EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER IS OPEN FOR THE HOMELESS. OFFICIALS SAY THEY WILL CONTINUE ACCEPTING PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WEEK. THE MAIN SHELTER IS LOCATED ON CONVENTION STREET AND WILL BE OPEN ALL WEEK ACCEPTING PEOPLE IN NEED AND THE HOMELESS. OTHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DONATE SUPPLIES LIKE PAJAMAS, BLANKETS, AND TOILETRIES AS WELL AS NON-PERISHABLES. FOR MORE INFORMATION...AND OR TO MAKE DONATIONS, CALL THE NUMBERS ON YOUR SCREEN.

GOVERNMENT 7AM 1/16/2024

AT THE CAPITOL...GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY CALLING A SPECIAL SESSION FOCUSING ON RE-DISTRICTING AND ELECTIONS. LAWMAKERS ARE WORKING TO CREATE A NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAP REFLECTING THE STATE'S POPULATION. THE MAP FROM 20-22 WAS CHALLENGED IN COURT WHICH NOW MEANS LAWMAKERS NEED TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT FOR LOUISIANA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. IF LOUISIANA CAN'T MAKE IT HAPPEN...THE COURTS WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION. THE SPECIAL SESSION MUST END BY JANUARY 23RD.

INFRASTRUCTURE 7AM 1/16/2024

WE ARE TAKING A LOOK AT U-S 190. THIS VIDEO IS FROM THE LAST HOUR. CREWS ARE SALTING PARTS OF THE BRIDGE ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI IN EAST AND WEST BATON ROUGE PARISHES. 190 IS STILL OPEN AT THIS TIME BUT D-O-T-D URGES PEOPLE TO CHECK 5-1-1 L-A DOT ORG BEFORE HITTING THE ROADS.

Weather 1/16/24 12pm

THE ARCTIC BLAST PUTS SOUTH LOUISIANA IN FROZEN STRANGLEHOLD, STRANDING DRIVERS ON THE INTERSTATE, SOME EVEN ABANDONING THEIR CARS AFTER THE BRIDGE WAS SHUT DOWN. AND ICY CONDITIONS CAUSED THIS MASSIVE PILE UP ON INTERSTATE NEAR SIEGEN LANE.

Government 1/16/24 12pm

AND NOW THE RESULTS IN THE IOWA CAUCUSES. IT WAS A STRONG START FOR FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP WHO DOMINATED THE COMPETITION, WINNING MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

Community 1/16/24 12pm

WITH MORE BITTER COLD WEATHER IN THE FORECAST, EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME, IS ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO STAY HOME, TODAY AND TOMORROW. THE MAYOR JOINED US ON 2UNE-IN THIS MORNING AFTER SEEING SOME OF THE ICY IMPACTS OF THE ARCTIC BLAST.

COMMUNITY 1-16-24/4PM :20  
BATON ROUGE OFFICIALLY HAS A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE. THOMAS "T-J" MORSE JUNIOR WAS SWORN IN THIS MORNING...IN FRONT OF A PACKED HOUSE, DESPITE ICY ROAD CONDITIONS. THE FORMER SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM COMMANDER WILL SERVE AS THE CITY'S THIRTY-FOURTH POLICE CHIEF.

COMMUNITY 1-16-24/4PM :20  
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS SERVING PEOPLE AS THE ARCTIC BLAST CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. THEIR EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER IS OPEN FOR THE HOMELESS. THE MAIN SHELTER IS LOCATED ON CONVENTION STREET AND WILL BE OPEN ALL WEEK ACCEPTING PEOPLE IN NEED AND THE HOMELESS.

COMMUNITY 1-16-24/4PM :20  
AND JUST A REMINDER, THAT ALL E-B-R PARISH LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS WARMING CENTERS. DOORS ARE OPEN NOW. WE HAVE A LIST OF THOSE LOCATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

Transportation 1/16/24 5 p.m. :32  
EARLY THIS MORNING, CARS WERE STUCK ON THE INTERSTATE FOR HOURS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN LOOKS AT THE MESS AND WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE TO AVOID IT. THERE WERE TWO SEPARATE ACCIDENTS ON I-10 WEST AT DALRYMPLE THAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM ALONG WITH THE ICY CONDITIONS. THE ACCIDENTS HAPPENED AROUND 3 A-M. BY 5 A-M ROAD CLOSURES WENT INTO EFFECT. BARRIERS WERE PLACED TO BLOCK OFF INTERSTATES IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT DRIVING ON THE ICY HIGHWAYS. WE WERE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH D-O-T-D TO FIND OUT MORE ON THE PROCESS OF ROAD CLOSURES AND WHO MAKES THE FINAL DECISION.

Political 1/16/24 5 p.m. :36  
THAT IS BATON ROUGE'S NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, THOMAS MORSE JR. OFFICIALLY SWORN IN THIS MORNING. DESPITE THE WEATHER, THE CEREMONY WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH WAS THERE. BESS, WHAT THE NEW CHIEF SAY? SYLVIA, THOMAS MORSE JR, WHO PREFERS TO BE CALLED 'TJ' IS NOW THE 34TH CHIEF OF POLICE IN BATON ROUGE. THE FORMER SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM COMMANDER SAYS HE PLANS TO CHAMPION TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS ADVOCATING FOR OFFICERS' MENTAL HEALTH. MORSE HAS WORKED AT B-R-P-D FOR 20 YEARS AND HAS GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT. HE GOT EMOTIONAL WHEN ADDRESSING THEM THIS MORNING.

Health 1/16/24 5 p.m. :36  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...HAVING A 'CHEAT DAY' WHILE DIETING CAN MAKE SOME PEOPLE FEEL GUILTY OR ASHAMED AS IF THEY HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. EXPERTS SAY IT IS TIME TO GET RID OF AN "ALL OR NOTHING" MINDSET. INSTEAD OF HAVING A 'CHEAT DAY' ONCE IN A WHILE CONSIDER FOLLOWING THE 80-20 RULE. THAT IS WHEN YOU EAT NUTRIENT DENSE FOODS 80-PERCENT OF THE TIME...THEN WHAT-EVER ELSE YOU ENJOY THE OTHER 20-PERCENT. IT CAN ALSO BE HELPFUL TO STOP LOOKING AT FOOD AS GOOD OR BAD AND INSTEAD THINK ABOUT ITS NUTRITIONAL BENEFITS. ANOTHER SUGGESTION IS TO AVOID EXTREME DIETS WHICH LIMIT WHAT YOU CAN EAT. THAT IS GOING TO BE HARD TO MAINTAIN LONG-TERM.

Weather 1-16-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
WE SET A NEW COLD TEMPERATURE RECORD THIS MORNING AND IT WILL GET EVEN COLDER TONIGHT. JOSH ... HOW LOW WILL IT GO?

Police 1-16-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
BATON ROUGE OFFICIALLY HAS A NEW CHIEF OF POLICE, AS THOMAS MORSE JR WAS SWORN IN THIS MORNING. HIS INSTALLATION ENDS A SIX MONTH LONG PROCESS OF CHOOSING A

REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER CHIEF MURPHY PAUL. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH WAS THERE FOR THE PACKED CEREMONY, SHE JOINS US NOW.

Consumer 1-16-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A TRANSMISSION SHOP ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD IS THE SUBJECT OF A TWO ON YOUR SIDE REPORT \*AGAIN\*. PEOPLE TELLING NEWS TWO THE PLACE IS DOING POOR WORK AND TAKING FOREVER TO GET THE JOB DONE. BRITTANY WEISS HAS THE STORY.

Weather 1-16-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

ANOTHER ARTIC BLAST TONIGHT AS TEMPERATURES ARE DROPPING AGAIN...LET'S HEAD OVER THE STORM STATION METEOROLOGIST MALCOLM BYRON WITH WHAT WE SHOULD EXPECT.

Community 1-16-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

WITH THE FRIGID TEMPERATURES TONIGHT...PEOPLE IN NEED OF A WARM BED IN LIVINGSTON PARISH, NOW HAVE A PLACE TO STAY. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

Weather 1-16-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

LOUISIANA IS NOT THE ONLY TIME STRUGGLING TO TRAVEL IN THE WINTER WEATHER. UP NORTH MAJOR STORMS ARE BRINGING LARGE AMOUNTS OF SNOW AND ICE, CREATING HEADACHES FOR MILLIONS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/16/24 :20

COLD WEATHER ACROSS THE REGION ALSO LEADS TO AN UP TICK IN HOUSE FIRES. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO SEVERAL TODAY. FIRST AROUND SEVEN THIS MORNING - A FIRE AT AN ABANDONED HOUSE ALONG NORTH 12-TH STREET AFTER SOMEONE SET FURNITURE ON FIRE TO STAY WARM.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/16/24 :20

MANY SCHOOLS IN PAISHES ACROSS THE AREA REMAIN CLOSED TOMORROW INCLUDING EAST AND WEST BATON ROUGE, ASCENSION, EAST FELICIANA, AND LIVINGSTON, AS WELL AS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. L-S-U WILL OPEN AT 12-30 TOMORROW AFTERNOON. THE FULL LIST OF CLOSURES IS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/16/24 :20

JUST A REMINDER...ALL E-B-R PARISH LIBRARY BRANCHES ARE ALSO SERVING AS WARMING CENTERS FOR THE PUBLIC. DOORS ARE OPEN DURING BUSINESS HOURS. WE HAVE A LIST OF THOSE LOCATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

10pm 1/16/24 weather

ONE PERSON IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A FIRE THIS MORNING ON BYRON STREET. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT STARTED WHEN A SPACE HEATER CAUGHT FIRE. THIS WAS NOT THE ONLY FIRE TODAY. WITH THE COLD WEATHER SOME PEOPLE ARE TAKING DRASTIC MEASURES TO KEEP WARM. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY HERE WITH THE WARNING TO HELP KEEP YOU SAFE.

10pm 1/16/24 COMMUNITY

MANY FOLKS ARE FALLING ASLEEP WARM AND SAFE TONIGHT AT A CHURCH SHELTER IN DENHAM SPRINGS. A WARMING SHELTER OPENED YESTERDAY AT CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH. THE COMMUNITY EVEN HELP PROVIDE BASIC NECESSITIES...INCLUDING CLOTHES, BLANKETS, AND FOOD. THE NEAREST HOMELESS SHELTER IS LOCATED IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. ORGANIZERS HOPE PARISH OFFICIALS WILL SEE THE NEED FOR A SHELTER IN THEIR AREA.

10pm 1/16/24 POLITICS



AT THE CAPITOL -- THE POTENTIAL NEXT CONGRESSIONAL MAP JUST CLEARED IT'S FIRST HURDLE AND IS SET TO BE VOTED ON BY THE SENATE. THE PROPOSAL -- WHICH WAS FILED BY SENATOR GLEN WOMACK AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY -- WOULD COMPLETELY RE-SHAPE DISTRICT SIX. GARRET GRAVE'S SEAT WOULD NOW STRETCH ACROSS THE CENTRAL PART OF THE STATE COVERING AREAS FROM LIVINGSTON UP TO SHREVEPORT. WOMACK SAYS HE STRUCTURED THE MAP TO PROTECT LOUISIANA'S REPUBLICAN LEADERS IN CONGRESS -- SPEAKER MIKE JOHNSON AND MAJORITY LEADER STEVE SCALISE. HE ALSO PUSHED TO KEEP JULIA LETLOW -- THE ONLY FEMALE REPRESENTATIVE -- FROM LOSING HER SEAT.

2une In 1/17/24 Community

AN OVERNIGHT FIRE COMPLETELY DESTROYED A HOME ON BROOKSTOWN DRIVE. BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDING TO A FIRE JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. CREWS WERE ABLE TO PUT THAT FIRE OUT BEFORE SPREADING TO ANY NEIGHBORING HOUSES. THE HOUSE WAS A TOTAL LOSS. THE CAUSE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. NO ONE WAS FOUND INSIDE.

2une In 1/17/24 Crime

OFFICERS IN GONZALES ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS AFTER A DEADLY SHOOTING ON SUNDAY. THE DEPARTMENTS SAYS 20-YEAR-OLD KYLER BOUDREAUX WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH ON SOUTH ABE AVENUE AROUND FIVE-P-M. OFFICERS SAID BOUDREAUX WAS THE VICTIM OF A NON-FATAL SHOOTING A MONTH BEFORE ON DECEMBER NINTH. BOUDREAUX WAS SHOT WHILE IN THE BACKYARD OF A HOME ALONG WEST SIDNEY STREET. POLICE SAID THERE IS A POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN THE TWO, BUT THEY DO NOT HAVE ANY SUSPECTS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE SHOOTING SHOULD CALL THE GONZALES POLICE DEPARTMENT AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN.

2une In 1/17/24 Government

ON TUESDAY THE GOVERNOR ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER WHICH AIMS TO PROTECT LOUISIANA FROM THE "COSTLY BURDEN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION". THE ORDER SAYS THE HEAD OF EVERY STATE AGENCY SHOULD WRITE A REPORT DETAILING HOW MUCH MONEY IS BEING SPENT "FOR THE BENEFIT OF ILLEGAL ALIENS" AND TURN IT INTO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WITHIN 120 DAYS. IN THE RELEASE, LANDRY SAID "LOUISIANA WILL ALWAYS WELCOME THOSE WHO LEGALLY IMMIGRATE BUT TAXPAYERS CANNOT CONTINUE TO FOOT THE BILL FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO BREAK THE LAW AND SKIP THE LINE."

Crime 1/17/24 12pm

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COMMUNITY

1-17-24/4PM

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IF YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY WARM DURING THESE FREEZING TEMPERATURES ALL E-B-R PARISH LIBRARY BRANCHES ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS WARMING CENTERS DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. WE HAVE A LIST OF THOSE LOCATIONS AND TIMES ON OUR

WEBSITE W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

COMMUNITY 1-17-24/4PM :20

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS ARE GETTING READY TO KICK OFF WITH A PARADE ROLLING IN NORTH BATON ROUGE THIS WEEKEND. IT'S ONE OF MANY PARADES HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CAPITAL AREA. KREWE OF OSHUN ROLLS AT NOON THIS SATURDAY. TWO MORE PARADES ROLL NEXT WEEKEND.

BUSINESS 1-17-24/4PM :20

ALDI CUSTOMERS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PURCHASE PLASTIC BAGS. THE DISCOUNT GROCERY RETAILER HAS ELIMINATED PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS FROM ALL 23-HUNDRED U-S STORES. THE RETAILER AIMS TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY BY REDUCING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS -- AND ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO BRING THEIR OWN REUSABLE BAGS.

Political 1/17/24 5 p.m. :34

A DECADE LONG ISSUE MAY SOON BE RESOLVED IN LIVINGSTON PARISH. FOR YEARS, TALKS OF PROPERLY ZONING THE PARISH HAVE TAKEN PLACE NEWCOMERS TELL OUR KATIE EASTER THIS IS THE YEAR IT GETS DONE. SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM. THERE'S STILL CONFUSION IN THE AIR AS COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE ONLY OFFICIALLY MET ONCE. THEY DO KNOW THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO PASS AN ORDINANCE FOR A ZONING COMMISSION TO FINALLY ZONE THE PARISH. CURRENTLY THERE ARE PARTS OF THE PARISH NOT ZONED AT ALL. THE PROBLEM COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL TELL YOU IS HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE MOVED OUT TO THE PARISH OVER THE YEARS.

Political 1/17/24 5 p.m. :32

AT THE CAPITOL...THE STATE SENATE HAS PASSED THE ONLY CONGRESSIONAL RE-DISTRICTING MAP TO MAKE IT OUT OF COMMITTEE SO FAR. SENATE BILL EIGHT CREATES A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT. THE NEW DISTRICT SIX CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY REPUBLICAN GARRET GRAVES WOULD STRETCH FROM BATON ROUGE TO SHREVEPORT. IT PASSED WITH 27 VOTES FOR AND ELEVEN AGAINST. ALL THE "NO" VOTES CAME FROM REPUBLICANS. BUT THE BILL WAS AUTHORED BY REPUBLICAN GLEN WOMACK AND IS SUPPORTED BY GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY. WE WILL HAVE MUCH MORE FROM THE LEGISLATURE TONIGHT AT TEN.

Health 1/17/24 5 p.m. :27

A NEW STUDY FINDS MARIJUANA CAN HELP PEOPLE ENJOY WORKING OUT, EVEN THOUGH IT DOESN'T BOOST PERFORMANCE. THE RESEARCH INVOLVED A SMALL GROUP OF RUNNERS IN THE BOULDER COLORADO AREA. THEY REPORTED BETTER FOCUS, LESS PAIN, AND A MORE INTENSE "RUNNER'S HIGH" WHEN THEY EXERCISED AFTER USING MARIJUANA. THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE FINDINGS PUBLISHED RECENTLY IN THE JOURNAL "SPORTS MEDICINE." BUT THE RUNNERS ALSO REPORTED THAT EXERCISE FELT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE DIFFICULT.

Weather 1-17-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

RELIEF ARRIVES AFTER TWO DAYS WITH LOWS IN THE TEENS. THAT RELIEF WILL SHORT LIVED. JOSH ... HERE WITH ANOTHER HARD FREEZE IN THE FORECAST.

Wildlife 1-17-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

AFTER A NEARLY 40 YEAR HIATUS, BLACK BEAR HUNTING IN LOUISIANA IS RETURNING THIS YEAR. WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES CREDITS A SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATION PROGRAM FOR INCREASING THE BEAR'S POPULATION AROUND THE STATE BUT IN SOME PARISHES THEY HAVE BECOME A NUISANCE. ANIMAL ADVOCATES ASKING THE PUBLIC TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH THE BEARS INSTEAD OF HUNTING THEM. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

Consumer 1-17-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30

A DAY AFTER A TWO ON YOUR SIDE REPORT ABOUT A BATON ROUGE TRANSMISSION SHOP ... MORE CUSTOMERS ARE COMING FORWARD. BRITTANY WEISS WENT TO FIND THE OWNER WHO SAYS HE IS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING PARTS.

Weather 1-17-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30

THE CAPITAL AREA IS THAWING OUT TODAY, BUT THE HARSH TEMPERATURES ARE SET TO RETURN. LET'S GET OVER THE STORM STATION METEOROLOGIST MALCOM BYRON WITH WHY YOU SHOULD NOT UNWRAP THOSE PIPES JUST YET.

School 1-17-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

SCHOOL SYSTEMS HAVE FACED A LOT OF CRITICISM OVER SCHOOL CLOSURES THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS. SOCIAL MEDIA GROUPS ARE FILLED WITH COMPLAINTS FROM WORKING PARENTS. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

Health 1-17-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A NEW STUDY FROM THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SHOWS THAT WHILE DEATHS ARE DOWN ACROSS THE BOARD - THERE IS CONCERNING NEWS. THE STUDY SHOWS TROUBLING CANCER RATES AMONG ADULTS UNDER 50-- ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO SEVERAL TYPES OF CANCERS.

CRIME 9pm/01/17/24 :20

THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND A SUSPECT IS IN CUSTODY AFTER A SHOOTING IN WALKER. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK AT THE PLEASANT OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK. WE ARE WORKING TO GET A MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/17/24 :20

AT THE CAPITOL TODAY...THE SENATE VOTED ON A PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL MAP FAVORED BY GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY. WITH SUPPORT FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE THE MEASURE COULD CREATE A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT. IT PASSED IN THE SENATE TWENTY SEVEN TO ELEVEN. ALL OF THE NO VOTES WERE FROM REPUBLICANS -- SOME SAY IT COMBINES TOO MANY PARISHES INTO ONE DISTRICT.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/17/24 :20

A YEARS LONG FIGHT MAY SOON COME TO AN END IN LIVINGSTON PARISH AS THE NEW COUNCIL FOCUES ON ZONING. WE FIRST STARTED REPORTING ON THE GROWTH OF THE PARISH AT LEAST TEN YEARS AGO AND HOW IT WAS NOT PROPERLY ZONED. NOW COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL PASS AN ORDINANCE TO ZONE THE PARISH. PARISH COUNCILMAN JOE ER-DEY SAYS THERE ARE PARTS WHICH ARE NOT ZONED BUT MAY SOON CHANGE.

INVESTIGATIVE 10 PM /01/17/24 :25

BODY CAMERA VIDEO SHOWING THE MOMENT HAMMOND POLICE OFFICERS RUSHED INTO A HOME AND SHOT A MAN AS HE WAS IN HIS BEDROOM. THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE "NO-KNOCK WARRANT" AND SHOOTING OF LIONELL JACKSON SINCE LAST JULY. SIX MONTHS LATER WE HAVE THE BODY CAMERA VIDEO. WE WANT TO WARN YOU THE VIDEO IS DISTURBING. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

BREAKING 10 PM /01/17/24 :25

TWO PEOPLE SHOT TO DEATH IN A MOBILE HOME IN WALKER. LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF JASON ARD SAYS HIS OFFICE RESPONDED TO THE PLEASANT OAKS MOBILE HOME JUST AFTER SEVEN O'CLOCK TONIGHT. ONE PERSON IS IN CUSTODY. INVESTIGATORS ARE STILL ON SCENE. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS WE LEARN NEW DETAILS.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/17/24 :25

AT THE CAPITOL -- THE SENATE PASSED A CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING MAP BACKED BY GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY. IT WOULD ADD A SECOND MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT IN LOUISIANA. AS NEWS TWO'S LEXIS MARIGNY REPORTS NOT EVERYONE IS ON BOARD.

CRIME 5AM 1/18/2024

ONE SUSPECT IS IN CUSTODY AFTER TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN LIVINGSTON PARISH. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAID DEPUTIES ARRIVED AT PLEASANT OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK JUST AFTER 7 TO DISCOVER TWO PEOPLE DEAD. NO OTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. WE WILL POST ANY UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/18/2024

GOVERNOR LANDRY WITH ANOTHER WIN IN THE SPECIAL SESSION AFTER THE HOUSE APPROVED TWO MEASURES THAT COULD CHANGE THE STATE'S ELECTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A BILL TO ABANDON LOUISIANA'S OPEN PRIMARY SYSTEM IN FAVOR OF A CLOSED-PARTY PRIMARY. IT WOULD ONLY APPLY TO LOUISIANA'S LEGISLATIVE, STATEWIDE, FEDERAL AND JUDICIAL ELECTIONS. 13 MILLION DOLLARS WAS ALSO APPROVED TO HELP PAY FOR THE NEW ELECTION SYSTEM. BOTH BILLS WILL NOW NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

SPORTS 5AM 1/18/2024

TO SPORTS...AFTER STARTING THE SEASON SIX AND FIVE L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL HAS GONE FIVE AND ONE, INCLUDING THREE WINS IN S-E-C PLAY. THIS LATEST VICTORY CAME AT HOME WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND IT WAS A BIG ONE. AN UPSET WIN OVER 22ND-RANKED OLE MISS. THE GAME STARTED EXTREMELY CONTESTED WITH THE FIRST POINTS ONLY BEING SCORED AFTER NEARLY TWO MINUTES PLAYED. DESPITE OLE MISS LEADING BY SEVEN MIDWAY THROUGH THE HALF, L-S-U STORMED BACK TO TAKE A TWO-POINT LEAD AT HALFTIME. THE TIGERS THEN WENT ON A SIX POINT RUN TO START THE SECOND HALF... LATER INCREASING THEIR LEAD TO AS HIGH AS SIXTEEN POINTS. OLE MISS WOULD ATTEMPT A LAST-MINUTE COMEBACK, BUT IT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH. FINAL SCORE, L-S-U 89, OLE MISS 80. JORDAN WRIGHT LED THE WAY FOR L-S-U, RECORDING 27 POINTS AND SEVEN STEALS. JALEN COOK ADDED 16 POINTS. L-S-U REMAINS AT HOME THIS WEEKEND FOR A REMATCH AGAINST TEXAS A AND M. THAT STARTS SATURDAY AT THREE P-M.

Crime 1/18/24 12pm

LIVINGSTON PARISH DEPUTIES HAVE A SUSPECT IN CUSTODY AFTER TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Government 1/18/24 12pm

TODAY, THE LEGISLATORS RETURN TO THE CAPITOL FOR ANOTHER DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. THEY WILL CONTINUE RACING AGAINST THE CLOCK TO GET A NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAP FOR LOUISIANA.

Community 1/18/24 12pm

HERE IN THE 225, YOU CAN MEET YOUR GOALS BY TRYING OUT THESE SHAKES. AND THE OWNER HIMSELF, WANTS TO CHALLENGE OTHERS, JUST LIKE HE CHALLENGED HIMSELF.

CRIME

1-18-24/4PM

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22 YEAR-OLD KENNETRA ARY IS UNDER ARREST FOR ALLEGEDLY KILLING HER FATHER AND SISTER. IT HAPPENED AT THE PLEASANT OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK IN WALKER. DETECTIVES SAY 58 YEAR-OLD KENNETH ARY AND 21 YEAR-OLD HELEN ARY WERE SHOT AFTER THE THREE GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT. KENNETRA ARY IS BOOKED ON TWO COUNTS OF FIRST-DEGREE MURDER.

CRIME

1-18-24/4PM

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TWO PEOPLE ARE IN JAIL FOLLOWING A DRUG BUST DURING A TRAFFIC STOP IN CENTRAL.

OFFICERS STOPPED THE VEHICLE ON JOOR ROAD AND FOUND METH, FENTANYL, HEROIN, AND MARIJUANA AS WELL AS OVER FOUR-THOUSAND DOLLARS. DESHANE CHANDLER AND RAELEYN CHAUVIN HAVE BEEN BOOKED ON DRUG-RELATED CHARGES.

COMMUNITY 1-18-24/4PM :20  
THE NEW ORLEANS JAZZ FEST HAS ANNOUNCED THIS YEAR'S LINEUP OF ACTS SCHEDULED TO PERFORM. THE ROLLING STONES WILL BE HEADLINING THE EVENT ALONG WITH THE FOO FIGHTERS, CHRIS STAPELTON, AND NEIL YOUNG. THE KILLERS, HOZIER, AND EARTH, WIND AND FIRE ARE ALSO SET TO BE THERE. JAZZ FEST WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW ORLEANS FAIR GROUNDS APRIL 25TH THROUGH MAY FIFTH.

Transportation 1/18/24 5 p.m. :25  
THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS TELLING STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENTS TO PUT THE BRAKES ON WHEN IT COMES TO TELLING JOKES. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN A SIGN LIKE THIS ON THE INTERSTATE THAT MADE YOU CHUCKLE. A NEW RECOMMENDATION FROM THE F-H-W-A SAYS IT'S BETTER TO KEEP THINGS SHORT, AND TO-THE-POINT TO LIMIT DISTRACTIONS. THOSE AT L-A D-O-T-D SAY THERE'S A THIN LINE BETWEEN BEING 'ATTENTION GRABBING' AND JUST PLAIN DISTRACTING.

Education 1/18/24 5 p.m. :41  
ASCENSION PARISH'S RAPID GROWTH IS FORCING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO FIND WAYS TO FINANCE NEW SCHOOLS. THEY'RE HOPING RESIDENTS WILL VOTE TO RENEW A TAX PUT IN PLACE TO COVER CONSTRUCTION COSTS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND JOINS US NOW. MICHAEL, RESIDENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAYING THIS TAX SINCE THE 90'S. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM SAYS THE MONEY IS NECESSARY TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH THE PARISH IS EXPERIENCING. OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, OFFICIALS SAY ASCENSION SCHOOLS TAKE AN AVERAGE THREE-HUNDRED AND 50 TO FOUR-HUNDRED NEW STUDENTS A YEAR. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE TWO NEW HIGH SCHOOLS BEING BUILT, BUT THE DISTRICT NEEDS TO EXPAND A COUPLE OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO KEEP UP.

Business 1/18/24 5 p.m. :23  
THE BELLE OF BATON ROUGE CASINO IS GETTING A \$132 MILLION DOLLAR MAKEOVER NOW THAT ITS PLANS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE STATE GAMING CONTROL BOARD. THAT DECISION WAS MADE THIS MORNING. THE PLAN IS TO MOVE TO AN ENTIRELY LAND-BASED CASINO IN WHAT IS CURRENTLY THE ATRIUM. RENDERINGS SHOW A NEW 25-HUNDRED SQUARE FOOT SPORTS BOOK...NEARLY ONE-THOUSAND SLOT MACHINES, THREE RESTAURANTS, AND A 250 ROOM HOTEL.

Weather 1-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:20  
TODAY'S WARM UP ... FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER HARD FREEZE WATCH JOSH.

Community 1-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
AS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING PARISHES IN THE STATE, ASCENSION PARISH IS CONSTANTLY EXPANDING...AND THAT INCLUDES THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. THE DISTRICT NEEDS MONEY TO HELP FINANCE NEW SCHOOLS TO ACCOMMODATE THE INFLUX OF NEW STUDENTS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND JOINS US NOW.

Traffic 1-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
FUNNY SIGNS ON THE INTERSTATE ARE NO JOKE TO THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION. RECENT NEWS OF A NATIONWIDE BAN OF THOSE CLEVER MESSAGES HAS BEEN CIRCULATING. BUT AS TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN REPORTS ... THAT ISN'T QUITE THE CASE.

Traffic 1-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A PROJECT THAT'S HIT A LOT OF DELAYS. PEOPLE LIVING IN DENHAM SPRINGS ARE CURIOUS TO FIND OUT WHEN WILL JUBAN ROAD BE FINISHED? TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS HAS AN UPDATE THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE NEWS PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR.

Crime 1-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RELEASED THE RESULTS OF A MORE THAN YEAR-LONG INVESTIGATION INTO POLICE FAILURES DURING THE ATTACK ON ROBB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN UVALDE, TEXAS. THE REPORT FOUND FAILURES AT ALL LEVELS OF POLICE LEADERSHIP AFTER A SERIES OF PROBES INTO WHAT WENT WRONG THAT DAY.

Travel 1-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

NEW DETAILS THIS EVENING ABOUT THE BOY FROM MARYLAND - ATTACKED BY A SHARK AT A POPULAR RESORT IN THE BAHAMAS. WITNESSES ARE NOW DESCRIBING THE FRANTIC MOMENTS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/18/24 :20

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COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/18/24 :20

EARLIER TODAY CITY OFFICIALS GAVE OUT DRINKING WATER AT CITY HALL. MAYOR IRMA T-GORDON SAYS THE PROBLEM IS THE WELL -- WHICH SUPPLIES WATER TO THE ENTIRE TOWN. SHE SAYS A TRAP DOOR AT THE BOTTOM IS NOT OPENING -- PREVENTING THE WATER FROM MOVING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY. THEY NOTICED THE PROBLEM WHEN RESIDENTS REPORTED LOW PRESSURE OR NO WATER FLOWING AT ALL.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/18/24 :20

THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION IS TRYING TO TAKE THE FUN OUT OF ROAD SIGNS LIKE THESE DIGITAL BOARDS WITH CLEVER OR HUMOROUS MESSAGES. THE AGENCY SAYS SOME OF THOSE SIGNS CAN BE DISTRACTING TO DRIVERS AND THEY ISSUED A NATION-WIDE RECOMENDATION TO KEEP THOSE PHRASES CLEAR AND SIMPLE.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/18/24 :15

THE CAPITOL REGION UNDER A HARD FREEZE WATCH AS WE DIP BACK INTO THOSE CHILLY TEMPS. THE STORM STATION AND DR JOSH EACHUS TRACKING WHAT IS EXPECTED TO A BITTER COLD WEEKEND.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/18/24 :20

IN KENTWOOD NEARLY 23-HUNDRED RESIDENTS HAVE NO RUNNING WATER AND THE PROBLEM COULD LAST A FEW DAYS. PEOPLE NOTICED THE PROBLEM EARLIER TODAY WITH LOW PRESSURE OR IN SOME CASES NOT AT ALL. OFFICIALS TELL NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARGNY THAT LED THEM TO A MUCH BIGGER PROBLEM.

INVESTIGATIVE 10 PM /01/18/24 :20

JUST 24 HOURS AFTER THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT UNCOVERED BODY CAMERA FOOTAGE OF AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING. WE ARE GETTING A CLOSER LOOK AT HOW HAMMOND POLICE INVESTIGATED THE INCIDENT. LAST JULY, LIONELL JACKSON WAS SHOT WHILE HE WAS IN HIS BED BY OFFICER CRAIG DUNN.

2UNE IN 1/19/24 CRIME

A WALKER WOMAN IS BEING ACCUSED OF KILLING HER FAMILY. THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THAT 22-YEAR-OLD KENNTRA ARY SHOT HER FATHER AND SISTER TO DEATH ON WEDNESDAY. ARY WAS LIVING AT HOME WITH HER FATHER, 58-YEAR-OLD KENNETH ARY AND WAS VISITED BY HER SISTER 21-YEAR-OLD HELEN ARY. DEPUTIES SAY

THAT AN ARGUMENT ESCALATED BETWEEN THE THREE OF THEM, LEADING THE KENNETRA FIRING AT THE TWO. SHE IS NOW BEHIND BARS, FACING TWO COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

#### 2JUNE IN 1/19/24 COMMUNITY

SATURDAY THOSE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ARE TEAMING UP TO HAND OUT ONE-THOUSAND DOSES OF NARCAN. THE LOUISIANA HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE CORONER'S OFFICE, BATON ROUGE POLICE AND THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL GIVE OUT THE SPRAY AT B-R-P-D HEADQUARTERS STARTING AT 9 A-M. IF YOU MISS THE GIVEAWAY THEY SAY L-D-H WILL BE HOSTING MORE IN OTHER PARISHES SOON.

#### 2JUNE IN 1/19/24 SPORTS

AFTER THAT TOUGH LOSS TO AUBURN LAST WEEKEND, L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NEEDED JUST LITTLE TIME TO REGROUP. THE LADY TIGERS REGAINED THEIR FORM THURSDAY NIGHT AGAINST THE ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE. AFTER ALABAMA SCORED THE NIGHT'S OPENING POINTS, L-S-U WENT ON A NINE POINT RUN. BUT THE TIDE CLAWED BACK TO TAKE A ONE POINT LEAD AFTER ONE QUARTER. IN THE THIRD QUARTER L-S-U'S OFFENSE TOOK OFF SCORING 26 POINTS. HOLDING ALABAMA TO JUST 10 POINTS. FINAL SCORE IN THIS ONE, L-S-U 78, ALABAMA 58. ANGEL REESE LED THE CHARGE FOR L-S-U RECORDING 20 POINTS AND 17 REBOUNDS. THE LADY TIGERS ARE BACK IN THE P-MAC SUNDAY TO FACE ARKANSAS.

#### Community 1/19/24 12pm

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, DR. SITO NARCISSE ANNOUNCED HE'S LEAVING HIS POSITION AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM.

#### Crime 1/19/24 12pm

GONZALES POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THESE FOUR MEN. NAQUAN COLEMAN, DEVIS NAPOLEON, TYREAN HARRY AND JONATHAN FAVORITE ARE WANTED IN CONNECTION TO A SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED IN NOVEMBER.

#### Health 1/19/24 12pm

WE'RE KICKING OFF ANOTHER EDITION OF 'GET 2 MOVING'. WHERE WE FIND NEW WAYS TO GET \*YOU\* MOVING. THIS WEEK - LAUREN REACHED NEW HEIGHTS AT UPTOWN CLIMBING...ONE OF THE LARGEST INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING GYMS LOUISIANA!

#### EDUCATION

1-19-24/4PM

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DOCTOR SITO NARCISSE IS STEPPING DOWN. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, DOCTOR NARCISSE ANNOUNCED HE WOULD LEAVE HIS POSITION AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM. HIS LEAVING THE POSITION COMES AFTER A VOTE NOT TO RENEW HIS CONTRACT IN DECEMBER.

#### COMMUNITY

1-19-24/4PM

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THE GOOD TIMES WILL ROLL IN BATON ROUGE, WITH THE KREWE OF OSHUN (OCEAN) PARADE. IT'S ONE OF MANY PARADES HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CAPITAL AREA. NEXT WEEK - THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG GETS STARTED AT ONE-P-M JANUARY 27TH...AND THE CAPITAL AREA ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY WILL KICK OFF THEIR CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH.

#### BUSINESS

1-19-24/4PM

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YOU WILL FIND GIRL SCOUTS ALL AROUND BATON ROUGE SELLING AMERICA'S FAVORITE COOKIES. FROM THIN MINTS TO DO-SI-DO'S IT'S TIME TO STOCK UP AND THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR...UNBOXING THE FUTURE. YOU CAN FIND OUT WHERE COOKIES ARE BEING SOLD BY CHECKING THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE FINDER THROUGH GIRL SCOUTS DOT ORG.

#### Crime

1/19/24

5 p.m.

:48

WE ARE HEARING FROM THE OFFICER WHO SHOT AN UNARMED MAN IN HAMMOND OVER THE SUMMER. IT HAPPENED WHILE SERVING A NO KNOCK WARRANT. EARLIER THIS WEEK THE WBRZ INVESTIGATIVE UNIT OBTAINED BODY CAMERA VIDEO FROM THE MOMENT LIONELL JACKSON WAS SHOT. AN AUDIO RECORDING WITH INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NEWS TWO'S KATIE EASTER HAS THIS INVESTIGATIVE UNIT FOLLOW UP. THE RECORDING IS IN TWO PARTS IN TOTAL IT IS 31 MINUTES LONG. CRAIG DUNN, THE OFFICER WHO PULLS THE TRIGGER, SHOOTING LIONELL JACKSON ANSWERS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS BY INTERNAL AFFAIRS. ONE OF THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS: WHY WAS HIS BODY CAMERA NOT ON. DUNN TELLS THE INVESTIGATOR HE ATTEMPTED TO DID NOT REALIZE IT WASN'T ON AND WAS MORE FOCUSED ON GETTING INTO JACKSON'S HOME. DUNN ALSO NARRATES EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE WALKED INTO JACKSON'S HOME.

Community 1/19/24 5 p.m. :28  
A SAD DAY FOR THE W-B-R-Z FAMILY. LEGENDARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER JOHN CAMP HAS PASSED AWAY. CAMP WAS A FOUR-TIME PEABODY WINNER SPENDING NEARLY A DECADE AT CHANNEL TWO AND MAKING NATIONAL HEADLINES WITH STORIES ON JIMMY SWAGGERT AND BARRY SEAL. HE WAS ALSO ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE O'BRIEN HOUSE IN BATON ROUGE A RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE. FUNDS ARE BEING RAISED TO NAME A TREATMENT MEETING ROOM AFTER HIM. JOHN CAMP WAS EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD.

Business 1/19/24 5 p.m. :34  
CRAWFISH SEASON IS OFF TO A ROUGH AND EXPENSIVE START. ALTHOUGH IT'S STILL EARLY THE PROSPECTS AREN'T LOOKING POSITIVE. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN EXPLAINS WHY SUPPLY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH DEMAND. MICHAEL, SYLVIA, LAST SUMMER'S DROUGHT KILLED A LARGE PORTION OF THE CRAWFISH POPULATION ACROSS LOUISIANA. WHEN A DROUGHT HAPPENS, THE GROUND DRIES UP AND KILLS THOSE LITTLE MUDBUGS WE ALL LOVE TO EAT. I WENT OUT TO BREAUX BRIDGE TO SEE THE DAMAGE FIRSTHAND. CRAWFISH FARMERS ARE STRUGGLING TO CATCH EVEN THE BARE MINIMUM AMOUNT NEEDED TO BREAK EVEN.

Investigation 1-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:30  
WE ARE FINDING OUT WHY HAMMOND POLICE SWAT COMMANDER CRAIG DUNN PULLED THE TRIGGER ON AN UNARMED MAN WHILE CARRYING OU A NO-KNOCK WARRANT. THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT HAS OBTAINED AN AUDIO RECORDING OF DUNN'S FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE JULY 15th SHOOTING. KATIE EASTER HERE WITH ANSWERS TO MANY QUESTIONS.

Weather 1-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:20  
WE ARE UNDER ANOTHER HARD FREEZE WARNING. JOSH ... HOW LOW WILL IT GO?

Environment 1-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:00  
FROM THE POND TO THE DINNER TABLE THERE'S A BOILING UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THIS YEAR'S CRAWFISH SEASON. CRAWFISH FARMERS ALL OVER LOUISIANA ARE STRUGGLING TO KEEP THEIR BUSINESS AFLOAT AFTER LAST SUMMER'S DROUGHT DRIED UP ALL THEIR PONDS. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN WENT TO THE SOURCE TO EXPERIENCE FIRST HAND WHAT THOSE FARMERS ARE GOING THROUGH.

Weather 1-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:20  
THE TEMPERATURE IS BEGINNING AN OVERNIGHT PLUNGE. METEOROLOGIST BALIN ROGERS HERE WITH THE HARD FREEZE WARNING.

School 1-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
SITO NARCISSE IS OUT AS THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM. SOME DETAILS STILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. MIA MONET REPORTS FROM THE NEWSROOM.



Court 1-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

ALEC BALDWIN INDICTED TODAY BY A GRAND JURY ON INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES IN THE 2021 FATAL SHOOTING ON THE 'RUST' MOVIE SET. PROSECUTORS HAD DROPPED HIS CASE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/19/24 :15  
TEMPERATURES STARTING TO PLUNGE AS WE APPROACH THE BITTER COLD WEEKEND. A HARD FREEZE WARNING AND WIND CHILL ADVISORY IN EFFECT TOMORROW. LET'S GET TO BALIN WITH THE LATEST.

INVESTIGATIVE 9 PM /01/19/24 :15  
WE ARE FINDING OUT WHY HAMMOND POLICE SWAT COMMANDER CRAIG DUNN PULLED THE TRIGGER ON AN UN-ARMED MAN WHILE CARRYING OUT A NO-KNOCK WARRANT. THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT OBTAINED AN AUDIO RECORDING OF DUNN'S FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE JULY 15TH SHOOTING.

SPORTS 9 PM /01/19/24 :15  
THE N-F-L WHITTLING SUPER BOWL CONTENDERS DOWN TO THE FINAL FOUR THIS WEEKEND. HUNTER MCCANN HAS HIS BEST BETS FOR THE HIGH STAKES GAMES.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/19/24 :15  
THE WEEKEND INCLUDES ANOTHER ROUND OF BITTER COLD. THE CAPITOL AREA ONCE AGAIN UNDER A HARD FREEZE WARNING. JOSH IS OUTSIDE BRAVING THE FRIGID TEMPERATURES.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/19/24 :15  
EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD SUPERINTENDENT DR. SITO NARCISSE STEPPED DOWN THIS MORNING. SIX WEEKS AGO THE SCHOOL BOARD REJECTED HIS CONTRACT EXTENSION AND A SERIES OF PAY INCREASES. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO COMMUNITY LEADERS ABOUT THE CHANGE.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/19/24 :20  
A STORY WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THURSDAY. THE MAYOR IN KENTWOOD POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THEIR WATER PRESSURE IS BACK UP. THE INITIAL WELL THAT MALFUNCTIONED STILL NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED. BUT OTHER WELLS WERE AVAILABLE FOR USE. CITY LEADERS STILL URGING RESIDENTS NOT TO RUN WATER AT FULL FORCE. THE TOWN IS ALSO STILL UNDER A BOIL ADVISORY.

CRIME 9AM 1/20/24  
ONE MAN IS IN JAIL FOR A SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED ON RUSH AVENUE MONDAY. 38-YEAR-OLD ALLONZO BOLDEN WAS ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES, INCLUDING ATTEMPTED SECOND-DEGREE MURDER. THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS IT RESPONDED TO A SHOT SPOTTER ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE SHOTS MONDAY. A MAN WAS INJURED DURING THE SHOOTING. DETECTIVES WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY BOLDEN AS THE SUSPECT, THANKS TO PICTURES AND VIDEOS.

GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/20/24  
STARTING IN 20-26 EACH PARTY WILL HOLD SEPARATE PRIMARIES. LAWMAKERS ALSO APPROVED GOVERNOR LANDRY'S REQUEST FOR CLOSED PRIMARIES. THE NEW SYSTEM WILL REPLACE THE STATE'S JUNGLE PRIMARY SYSTEM. THAT SYSTEM HAD BEEN IN PLACE FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. LANDRY AND STATE G-O-P LEADERS ARGUED IT IS MORE EFFICIENT AND WILL RESULT IN BETTER CANDIDATES.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/20/24  
CARNIVAL SEASON IS OFFICIALLY HERE IN THE CAPITAL CITY. THE KREWE OF OSHUN WILL KICK THINGS OFF IN SCOTLANDVILLE AT NOON. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN ON HARDING

BOULEVARD BEFORE TURNING ONTO SCENIC HIGHWAY. IT WILL THEN GO ONTO 72ND AVENUE BEFORE FINISHING ON HOWELL BOULEVARD. THE KREWE OF OSHUN IS ONE OF SEVERAL PARADES THIS MONTH. NEXT SATURDAY IS THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG. AND THEN ON SUNDAY, IT'S THE KREWE OF MUTTS.

Crime 6 PM 1/20/24

THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS MADE AN ARREST AFTER A BODY WAS FOUND AT A BATON ROUGE HOTEL A WEEK AGO. 42-YEAR-OLD OBAHTIER MILLER IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING KWAME PAUL.

Obituary 6 PM 1/20/24

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF HOUMA THIBODAUZ ANNOUNCED THEIR BISHOP MARIO DORSONVILLE DIED LAST NIGHT. THE DIOCESE SAYS HE PASSED AWAY DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM A LIVER DISEASE HE WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH.

Holiday 6 PM 1/20/24

TODAY MARKED THE START OF THE CARNIVAL SEASON IN BATON ROUGE WITH THE CAPITAL CITY'S FIRST MARDI GRAS PARADE ROLLING THIS AFTERNOON. THE KREWE OF OSHUN RODE AROUND THE CITY, BRINGING FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN TO NORTH BATON ROUGE.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/20/24 :15

THE CAPITAL AREA UNDER ANOTHER HARD FREEZE WARNING TONIGHT AS THE BITTER COLD WEEKEND CONTINUES. BALIN, WHAT CAN WE EXPECT TO SEE TOMORROW?

EDUCATION 10 PM /01/20/24 :25

WE TOLD YOU THAT E-B-R SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT SITO NARCISSE ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION. AND TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHO WILL FILL THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S TOP JOB, WHILE THE SCHOOL BOARD LOOKS FOR A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT. THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCED THEIR RECOMMENDATION FOR AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. AS KATIE EASTER REPORTS, THE CANDIDATE IS NO STRANGER TO THE JOB.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/20/24 :25

A CAPITAL AREA NON PROFIT HELPING CHILDREN WITHOUT FATHER FIGURES CELEBRATED A MASSIVE EXPANSION IN BATON ROUGE. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM WAS THERE.

ALERT 9AM 1/21/24

A VACANT HOUSE FIRE IS NOW OUT, AS OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT STARTED IT THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED OFF NORTH STREET. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS SOMEONE REPORTED THE FIRE SHORTLY AFTER THREE-30. FIREFIGHTERS FOUND A LOT OF FLAMES COMING FROM THE ATTIC. THE HOME IS BEING CONSIDERED A TOTAL LOSS.

GOVERNMENT 9AM 1/21/24

A FEDERAL CIVIL TRIAL AGAINST BATON ROUGE POLICE FILED BY DOZENS OF ALTON STERLING PROTESTERS WILL RESUME TOMORROW MORNING. THAT'S ACCORDING TO OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE. TEN PLAINTIFFS WHO PROTESTED OUTSIDE OF B-R-P-D HEADQUARTERS IN 20-16 CLAIM OFFICERS USED EXCESSIVE FORCE AND WRONGFULLY ARRESTED PROTESTERS. 34 OFFICERS ARE NAMED IN THE SUIT, INCLUDING FORMER POLICE CHIEF CARL DABADIE JUNIOR.

SPORTS 9AM 1/21/24

OVER IN CALIFORNIA HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER AND NOW-FORMER L-S-U QUARTERBACK JAYDEN DANIELS WAS HONORED IN HIS HOMETOWN OF SAN BERNARDINO. THERE WAS A PARADE AND CEREMONY AT CAJON HIGH SCHOOL, DANIELS' ALMA MATER. THE SCHOOL GAVE HIM A LETTERMAN JACKET AND ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR FOOTBALL STADIUM WILL BEAR HIS NAME.

Crime 5:30 PM 1/21/2024

A VACANT HOUSE FIRE FROM LAST NIGHT HAS BEEN RULED ARSON. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO A CALL ON NORTH 25-TH STREET JUST AFTER 3:30 IN THE MORNING. THE FIRE WAS MOSTLY CONTAINED TO THE ATTIC, BUT THE HOUSE WAS STILL DEEMED A TOTAL LOSS. ANYONE WITH INFO SHOULD CALL CRIME STOPPERS.

Community 5:30 PM 1/21/2024

TOMORROW IS THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V WADE A SUPREME COURT CASE LEGALIZING ABORTION THAT WAS OVERTURNED IN 20-22. THE REVERSAL OF ROE HAS ALLOWED SEVERAL STATES TO BAN ABORTION INCLUDING LOUISIANA. THIS WEEKEND, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE DEBATE RALLIED IN FRONT OF THE STATE CAPITOL INCLUDING THE LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH FEATURING ATTORNEY GENERAL LIZ MURRILL, AND VOICES FOR CHANGE.

Parks 5:30 PM 1/21/2024

20-24 IS SET TO BE A BIG YEAR FOR BREC NOT ONLY ARE THEY WORKING ON REIMAGING THE PARK SYSTEM...THE RENOVATIONS TO THE ZOO AT GREENWOOD COMMUNITY PARK WILL ALSO BE COMPLETED! WE SPOKE WITH BREC SUPERINTENDENT COREY WILSON ABOUT WHAT THEY'LL BE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEAR.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/21/24 :15

AFTER A BITTER COLD WEEKEND, THINGS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO WARM UP HERE IN THE BATON ROUGE AREA. BUT A HUGE PATTERN CHANGE IS COMING AT THE START OF THE WORK WEEK. LET'S SEND IT OUTSIDE TO MALCOLM WITH THE LATEST.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/21/24 :15

BOTH PRO CHOICE AND ANTI ABORTION GROUPS RALLIED AT THE CAPITOL THIS WEEKEND, AHEAD OF TOMORROW'S ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V WADE. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM SPOKE WITH PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/21/24 :15

A TEEN IN JACKSON PARISH WAS KILLED IN GAZA AS ISRAEL'S WAR AGAINST HAMAS CONTINUES. HIS FAMILY GATHERING THIS WEEKEND TO MOURN HIS LOSS.

CRIME 5AM 1/22/2024

A VACANT HOUSE FIRE FROM SUNDAY MORNING HAS NOW BEEN RULED AS ARSON. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO THE HOUSE ON NORTH 25-TH STREET AROUND 3-30 SUNDAY. WHEN THEY ENTERED THE HOME THEY FOUND THE FIRE MAINLY IN THE ATTIC. THE HOUSE WAS RULED A TOTAL LOSS. INVESTIGATORS URGE ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS OR BATON ROUGE FIRE INVESTIGATORS.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/22/2024

AFTER NEARLY A WEEK IN OFFICE...NEW BATON BROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE HIS 100-DAY PLAN LATER TODAY. ON SOCIAL MEDIA MORSE SAID THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE PLAN INCLUDE PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY. MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME SAYS DECREASING VIOLENT CRIME WILL ALSO BE A MAJOR FOCUS. THE FULL PLAN WILL BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 1/22/2024

WHETHER IT'S ON THE ROAD OR AT HOME, THE LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS QUITE THE FOLLOWING. SUNDAY NEARLY 13 THOUSAND FANS PACKED THE P-MAC TO WATCH THE TIGERS HOST ARKANSAS. AND L-S-U PUT ON A SHOW FOR THE CROWD. IN THE FIRST HALF L-S-U SCORING 55 POINTS. THEY LEAD BY 30 AT HALFTIME. IN THE SECOND HALF THE TIGERS CONTINUE DOMINATING. THEY SCORE 44 POINTS. L-S-U TAKES THE WIN 99 TO 68. L-

S-U SHOT NEARLY 50 PERCENT FROM THE FIELD AND 40 PERCENT FROM THREE IN THE 31-POINT BLOWOUT WIN. SPORTS TWO'S BRIE ANDRAS HAS MORE ON HOW THE TIGERS ARE PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER AFTER LAST WEEK'S LOSS. THE TIGERS TAKE ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA GAMECOCKS THURSDAY AT 7 P-M IN THE P-MAC.

Crime 1/22/24 12pm

A MAN IS IN JAIL ACCUSED OF KILLING SOMEONE IN A HOTEL ROOM ON SATURDAY. EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTED 42-YEAR-OLD OBAHTIER MILLER FOR THE DEATH OF 34-YEAR-OLD KWAME PAUL.

Investigative 1/22/24 12pm

IN A DEVELOPING STORY THAT IS RAISING QUESTIONS...THE HAMMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT IS UNDER SCRUTINY AFTER THE RELEASE OF BODY-WORN CAMERA VIDEO SHOWS AN OFFICER SHOOTING A SUSPECT DURING A NO-KNOCK WARRANT.

Government 1/22/24 12pm

COME 20-26...THE LOUISIANA PRIMARIES ARE GOING TO LOOK DIFFERENT. LAWMAKERS APPROVED A BILL RESHAPING THE ELECTION PROCESS FOR SPECIFIC PRIMARY RACES, LIKE CONGRESS AND THE STATE SUPREME COURT.

COMMUNITY

1-22-24/4PM

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AFTER NEARLY A WEEK IN OFFICE...NEW BATON BROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR IS EXPECTED TO RELEASE HIS 100-DAY PLAN TODAY. MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME SAYS DECREASING VIOLENT CRIME WILL ALSO BE A MAJOR FOCUS. THE FULL PLAN WILL BE POSTED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

COMMUNITY

1-22-24/4PM

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THE E-B-R SCHOOL BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING TO APPOINT AN INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. ON TUESDAY, ADAM SMITH WILL BE RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD TO FILL THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S TOP JOB, WHILE THEY SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT REPLACEMENT. THIS COMES AFTER DOCTOR SITO NARCISSE ANNOUNCED HE WAS STEPPING DOWN FRIDAY.

BUSINESS

1-22-24/4PM

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THE CENSUS BUREAU'S HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY SHOWS AMERICAN FAMILIES SHELL OUT ABOUT TWO-HUNDRED AND 70 DOLLARS A WEEK ON GROCERIES. HOUSEHOLDS IN CALIFORNIA PAY THE MOST -- AT 297 A WEEK. NEVADA AND MISSISSIPPI COME IN SECOND AND THIRD...LOUISIANA RANKS EIGHTH.

Crime

1/22/24

5 p.m.

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NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF T-J MORSE IS OUTLINING THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES FOR HIS FIRST ONE HUNDRED DAYS IN THE JOB. HE WANTS TO MAINTAIN ONGOING INTERACTION WITH STAKEHOLDERS OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS, TO GAIN A THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, AND THE CONCERNS WITH-IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO FIND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT, RECOGNIZE STRENGTHS, AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH. AND PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY BY PROMPTLY SHARING INFORMATION WITH ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND INCREASE SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION. YOU CAN FIND THE ENTIRE PLAN FROM THE CHIEF ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Crime

1/22/24

5 p.m.

:33

A 40 YEAR OLD MAN FROM GEISMAR WAS ARRESTED IN BATON ROUGE TODAY ACCUSED OF ASSAULTING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING THE JANUARY SIXTH ATTACK ON THE U-S CAPITOL IN 20-21. EDWARD RICHMOND JUNIOR FACES FELONY CHARGES OF CIVIL DISORDER, ASSAULT, RESISTING, AND IMPEDING OFFICERS. HE IS ALSO CHARGED WITH A

BUNCH OF MISDEMEANORS. INVESTIGATORS SAY RICHMOND TRAVELED TO WASHINGTON D-C FROM OHIO WITH A GROUP OF NINE PEOPLE TO ATTEND RALLIES. HE WORE A BLACK HELMET, GOGGLES, SHOULDER PADS, AN ORANGE TWO-WAY RADIO, AND A LOUISIANA STATE FLAG PATCH ON HIS CHEST DURING THE ATTACK.

Health 1/22/24 5 p.m. :38  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...NOW THAT KIDS ARE BACK TO A ROUTINE AT SCHOOL MORE CASES OF THE FLU ARE BEING REPORTED. DOCTORS SAY IT IS WHAT THEY HAVE COME TO EXPECT. THE FLU IS A COMMON RESPIRATORY VIRUS AND CAN EASILY SPREAD. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE FEVER, CHILLS, BODY ACHES, COUGH, HEADACHES, SORE THROAT, RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE AND FATIGUE. IN MILD CASES, DOCTORS SAY IT CAN BE TREATED AT HOME BY GETTING PLENTY OF REST, STAYING HYDRATED, AND TAKING PAIN RELIEVERS TO HELP WITH HEAD AND BODY ACHES AND FEVERS. ANTI-VIRAL MEDICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. PREVENTION INCLUDES REGULAR HAND WASHING, SANITIZING HIGH TOUCH AREAS AND GETTING THE FLU VACCINE.

Weather 1-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:20  
RAIN RAMPS UP AS THE WEEK GOES ON. SOME SOGGY DAYS AHEAD. JOSH HERE WITH THE TIMING.

Crime 1-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:30  
A NIGHT OF GUN FIRE ON NEW YEARS EVE IN BATON ROUGE CAUSED THOUSANDS IN DAMAGE TO HOMES AND A VEHICLE...AND WAS POSTED ONLINE. WE SAW IT, AND SO DID POLICE. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY A CRIMESTOPPERS TIP SPAWNED BY BESS CASSERLEIGH'S REPORT EARLIER THIS MONTH HELPED TO CATCH THE SUSPECTS. SHE JOINS US NOW WITH THE LATEST UPDATES ON THE CASE.

Community 1-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
DRIVERS SEEM TO BE IN A HURRY AT ONE BUSY INTERSECTION IN BATON ROUGE. THEY'RE CUTTING THE LIGHT -- DRIVING THROUGH A CONVENIENCE STORE PARKING LOT. ONE MAN TELLS TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Weather 1-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:20  
THE COLD IS GONE FOR NOW AND RAIN IS ON COMING. MALCOLM ... OUTSIDE WITH WHAT TO EXPECT.

Environment 1-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
EXPECT TO PAY A PREMIUM TO SATISFY YOUR CRAWFISH CRAVING THIS SEASON. THE DROUGHT LAST SUMMER ... KILLING OFF MUCH OF THE CROP. FALON BROWN ... LEARNING THE DAMAGE COULD LINGER FOR YEARS.

Health 1-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
A NEW STUDY ON KIDS AND SPORTS SHOWS MORE YOUNG KIDS ARE QUITTING SPORTS. ALISON KOSIK HERE WITH WHAT RESEARCHERS ARE FINDING OUT WHY.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/22/24 :20  
A PAIR OF 10-YEAR-OLD BOYS WENT MISSING FRIDAY EVENING AFTER PLAYING IN THE WOODS BEHIND THEIR HOMES IN SAINT FRANCISVILLE. AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM SCHOOL LAST FRIDAY AFTERNOON AROUND 4-30 THE TWO FRIENDS WENT WALKING DOWN A TRAIL THEY HAVE WALKED MANY TIMES BEFORE. BUT ONE WRONG TURN LEFT THEM WANDERING IN THE WOODS LOST. THE BOYS' PARENTS HAVE A RULE: THE KIDS MUST BE INSIDE BY FIVE-30. BUT WHEN NEITHER ONE WAS HOME, MESSAGES WENT OUT AND THE SEARCH WAS ON.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/22/24 :20

A CRAWFISH SPECIALIST FROM THE L-S-U AG CENTER IS PAINTING A GRIM PICTURE OF WHAT THE REST OF CRAWFISH SEASON LOOKS LIKE. IN A DETAILED REPORT, MARK SHIRLEY SAYS THE DROUGHT LED TO A MASSACRE OF WHAT IS CALLED "CARRY-OVER CRAWFISH" DURING THE OFF-SEASON. THOSE CRAWFISH ARE WHAT FISHERMEN TYPICALLY CATCH DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF CRAWFISH SEASON.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/22/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE SAW AN EIGHT PERCENT DROP IN DEADLY DRUG OVERDOSES LAST YEAR. WHILE MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME ACKNOWLEDGES MORE NEED TO BE DONE. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS 20-23 WAS THE THIRD WORST YEAR FOR OVERDOSE DEATHS ON RECORD.

CRIME 10pm/01/22/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE WORKING A SHOOTING TONIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF SCENIC HIGHWAY AND 74TH STREET. ONE PERSON WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL. WE ARE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION. WE WILL UPDATE YOU ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 10pm/ 01/22/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE DETECTIVES ARRESTED TWO JUVENILES SUSPECTED FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN CALLING IN BOMB THREATS TO BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS ON NOVEMBER 9TH AND NOVEMBER 13. 15-YEAR-OLD HOUSTON WILLIAMS CALLED IN BOMB THREATS TO THRIVE ACADEMY, CAPITOL HIGH SCHOOL, AND HELIX MENTORSHIP STEAM ACADEMY.

CRIME 10pm/ 01/22/24 :20  
A NIGHT OF GUN FIRE ON NEW YEARS EVE IN BATON ROUGE CAUSED THOUSANDS IN DAMAGE TO HOMES AND A VEHICLE...AND WAS POSTED ONLINE. WE FIRST REPORTED THIS STORY EARLIER THIS MONTH. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY OUR STORY LEAD TO A CRIME-STOPPERS TIP AND FIVE PEOPLE ARRESTED. TREYLEN WILLIAMS AND JAQUAEL ROBINSON...BOTH 18 ALONG WITH 21 YEAR OLD TI-GEE O'CONNOR, AND TWO 17 YEAR OLDS BOOKED WITH MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES.

CRIME 5AM 1/23/2024  
ONE PERSON WAS INJURED MONDAY NIGHT IN A SHOOTING. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS WERE CALLED TO THE SCENE NEAR THE CORNER OF 74-TH AVENUE AND SCENIC HIGHWAY AROUND 9 P-M. NO INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING, POTENTIAL SUSPECTS OR THE VICTIMS CONDITION IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/23/2024  
NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR LAYED OUT A PLAN FOR HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN OFFICE. HE SAYS HE WILL SPEND THE TIME LISTENING AND LEARNING. HE HAS THREE PRIMARY OBJECTIVES. HE WANTS TO MAINTAIN ON-GOING INTERACTION WITH STAKEHOLDERS OF VARIOUS BACKGROUNDS FOR AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS AND THE CONCERNS WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE WANTS TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO FIND AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT, RECOGNIZE STRENGTHS, AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH. HE ALSO PLANS TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY BY PROMPTLY SHARING INFORMATION AND INCREASE SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT FOR BETTER COMMUNICATION. YOU CAN FIND THE ENTIRE PLAN FROM THE CHIEF ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 1/23/2024  
ON SUNDAY L-S-U PUT TOGETHER ONE OF THEIR MORE COMPLETE PERFORMANCES OF THE SEASON WITH A 31 POINT WIN AGAINST ARKANSAS. 11 PLAYERS WERE ON THE STAT SHEET, AND NINE SCORED. ALL FIVE STARTERS REACHED DOUBLE FIGURES. RECENTLY, ONE OF THOSE STARTERS, HAILEY VAN LITH, HAS STRUGGLED. IN THE LAST TWO GAMES, THE

LOUISVILLE TRANSFER WAS JUST 3 OF 17 FROM THE FIELD, SCORING JUST 11 POINTS. BUT SUNDAY WAS A DIFFERENT STORY...VAN LITH GOING FOR 20 POINTS, DISHING OUT 6 ASSISTS, AND GRABBING FIVE BOARDS AND JUST IN TIME FOR THE BIG GAME AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA THURSDAY.

Crime 1/23/24 12pm

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN NEW YEAR'S EVE GUNFIRE THAT CAUSED DAMAGE TO HOMES AND A VEHICLE IN BATON ROUGE.

National 1/23/24 12pm

VOTING IS NOW UNDERWAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE AS TODAY MARKS THE FIRST-IN-THE-NATION PRIMARY. DONALD TRUMP AND NIKKI HALEY ARE GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION AFTER ALL THE OTHER G-O-P CANDIDATES DROPPED OUT.

Community 1/23/24 12pm

IMAGINE AS A PARENT YOUR CHILD DECIDES TO GO WALKING WITH A FRIEND AFTER SCHOOL BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF THEM HOURS AFTER THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO BE HOME. THAT HAPPENED LAST FRIDAY NIGHT TO A PAIR OF TEN YEAR OLDS IN ST. FRANCISVILLE.

COMMUNITY

1-23-24/4PM

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A CRASH THIS MORNING IN BATON ROUGE BETWEEN A SEMI-TRAILER AND A TRUCK CAUSED QUITE A MESS. IT HAPPENED ALONG HIGHLAND ROAD NEAR SIEGEN LANE. LUCKILY...ONLY MINOR INJURIES WERE REPORTED. RIGHT NOW...THERE'S NO WORD ON EXACTLY HOW THE CRASH HAPPENED.

EDUCATION

1-23-24/4PM

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BY TONIGHT...EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE A NEW INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. A SPECIAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AS FORMER LEADER SITO NARCISSE OFFICIALLY STEPS DOWN. ADAM SMITH WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD TO FILL THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S TOP JOB, FOR THE TIME BEING. THE MEETING STARTS AT FIVE.

BUSINESS

1-23-24/4PM

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THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION HAS RULED AGAINST TURBO TAX. THE AGENCY FOUND PARENT COMPANY INTUIT (IN-TOO-IT) DECEIVED CUSTOMERS BY ADVERTISING ITS TAX SERVICES AS FREE. THE PROBLEM IS THOSE TAX SERVICES END-UP NOT BEING FREE FOR MANY USERS. THE F-T-C ORDERED INTUIT TO EITHER STOP ADVERTISING AS FREE ... OR MAKE ITS SERVICES FREE FOR ALL CUSTOMERS.

Political

1/23/24

5 p.m.

:36

THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE STATE WILL DECIDE IF THE PROPOSED CITY OF ST. GEORGE WILL BECOME A REAL CITY. OPPONENTS FROM THE CITY-PARISH AND SAINT GEORGE INCORPORATORS PRESENTED THEIR ARGUMENTS TO THE SUPREME COURT THIS MORNING. INCORPORATION EFFORTS HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN BY TWO PRIOR COURTS. AND IF THE SUPREME COURT JUSTICES AGREE IT WILL BE THE END OF THE LINE FOR THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE. THE MAIN ARGUMENTS OF THE CITY PARISH TO DENY INCORPORATION INCLUDE: THERE IS NO PLAN OF GOVERNMENT, AND IT WILL TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF TAX INCOME AWAY FROM BATON ROUGE. ST. GEORGE PROPONENTS SAY IT IS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE TO BECOME A CITY.

Community

1/23/24

5 p.m.

:28

THE SAINT GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD AN INTERESTING NIGHT LAST NIGHT...ABIGAIL WHITHAM EXPLAINS. FIVE FIREFIGHTERS TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE OF GETTING A DOE UNSTUCK FROM AN IRON FENCE. IT HAPPENED IN FRONT OF A NEIGHBORHOOD ON HOO SHOO TOO ROAD. IN ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES, THE DOE WAS FREED AND RAN TO A FAMILY OF FIVE WAITING FOR HER NEAR THE TREE LINE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA

AND POSTED THE VIDEO OF ITS RELEASE, COMMENTS ON THE VIDEO ARE REFERRING TO THE FIREFIGHTERS AS HEROES.

Political 1/23/24 5 p.m. :42

STATE SENATOR CLEO FIELDS WANTS TO GO BACK TO CONGRESS. HE IS WASTING NO TIME IN RUNNING FOR THE NEW SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT. THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE APPROVED THE NEW DISTRICT MAPS IN A SPECIAL SESSION LAST WEEK. THE NEW DISTRICT SIX STRETCHES FROM BATON ROUGE TO SHREVEPORT. THE BULK OF THE VOTING POPULATION IS IN AND AROUND BATON ROUGE INCLUDING 284 THOUSAND OUT OF 776 THOUSAND IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. DISTRICT SIX IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY GARRET GRAVES. HE SAYS HE WILL RUN FOR RE-ELECTION, BUT DID NOT SAY IT WILL BE IN THE NEW DISTRICT. FIELDS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN CONGRESS FROM 19-93 TO 19-97. HIS DISTRICT WAS ULTIMATELY THROWN OUT BY THE SUPREME COURT AS AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL RACIAL GERRYMANDER.

Weather 1-23-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

AS ONE COMMUTE ENDS, WE COULD BE LINING UP A SERIES OF TOUGH DRIVES DUE TO RAIN AND STORMS. PLUS, MUCH OF THE CAPITAL AREA UNDER A FLOOD WATCH. LET'S GET RIGHT OVER TO JOSH WITH THE DETAILS.

Court 1-23-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

AFTER AN EIGHT YEAR BATTLE, THE CITY OF ST GEORGE INCORPORATORS PUT UP THEIR LAST FIGHT THIS MORNING ... ARGUING THEIR CASE IN FRONT OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH THERE. SHE HAS MORE ON WHAT'S AT STAKE, AND WHATS NEXT FOR THE POTENTIAL NEW CITY.

Schools 1-23-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD IS MOVING ON FROM THE ABRUPTLY ENDED SITO NARSSISE ERA. THE BOARD WITH A LOT OF HOUSE CLEANING TO TAKE CARE OF ... INCLUDING A SEVERANCE PACKAGE ... AND LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR THE NEXT SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH. ALEXIS MARIGNY IS FOLLOWING THE ACTION AT THE BOARD OFFICE.

Weather 1-23-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30

THE STORM STATION HAS EYES ON A HEAVY RAIN POTENTIAL FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. A FLOOD WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED, SO LET'S HEAD OVER TO JOSH FOR WHAT TO EXPECT.

Politics 1-23-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

DONALD TRUMP AND NIKKI HALEY ARE GOING HEAD-TO-HEAD IN THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY. THE FINAL POLLING AVERAGE SHOWS TRUMP HAS FURTHER STRETCHED HIS LEAD BUT HALEY SAYS SHE'S STILL LOCKED IN.

Entertainment 1-23-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE 96TH OSCARS ARE OUT AND IT IS SETTING UP TO BE A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN THE BIRTH OF THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB AND A TRUE CRIME WESTERN DRAMA. OPPENHEIMER TOPPED THE LIST WITH 13 NOMINATIONS, BUT THERE WERE SOME SNUBS AND SURPRISES.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/23/24 :20

THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALLY ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF SITO NARCISSE AS SUPERINTENDENT AT TONIGHT'S SPECIAL MEETING. THE BOARD INSTALLED ADAM SMITH AS THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT AND REWORKED HIS CONTRACT TO REMOVE THE CLAUSE THAT SAID HE COULD NOT RUN FOR THE PERMANENT POSITION WHILE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. DURING PUBLIC COMMENT, MANY IN THE COMMUNITY PUSHED FOR THE BOARD TO BYPASS THE NORMAL PROCESS AND NAME SMITH THE PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT. BUT THE BOARD SAID THEY MUST FOLLOW THE SELECTION PROCESS.



COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/23/24 :20  
NEW INFORMATION THIS EVENING ABOUT A HOUSE FIRE LAST WEEK IN BATON ROUGE. 68 YEAR-OLD JESSE ALLEN, WHO SUFFERED MAJOR BURNS IN THE FIRE ON BYRON STREET HAS DIED. INVESTIGATORS SAY A SPACE HEATER TOO CLOSE TO FLAMMABLE MATERIAL SPARKED THE BLAZE. EIGHT OTHERS IN THE HOME WERE ABLE TO GET OUT SAFELY.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/23/24 :20  
THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE APPROVED THE NEW DISTRICT MAPS IN A SPECIAL SESSION LAST WEEK. THE NEW DISTRICT SIX STRETCHES FROM BATON ROUGE TO SHREVEPORT. THE BULK OF THE VOTING POPULATION IS IN AND AROUND BATON ROUGE INCLUDING 284-THOUSAND, OUT OF 776-THOUSAND IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. DISTRICT SIX IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY GARRET GRAVES. HE SAYS HE WILL RUN FOR RE-ELECTION. BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER IT WILL BE IN THE NEW DISTRICT.

10pm 1/23/24 Education  
DOCTOR SITO NARCISSE IS OUT - AND ADAM SMITH IS IN AS EAST BATON ROUGE IN-TERIM SUPERINTENDENT. IN A NEARLY TWO HOUR LONG MEETING, THE PUBLIC VOUCHERED FOR SMITH AS AN EDUCATOR AND PARISH LEADER. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY IS HERE WITH WHAT THE FUTURE OF EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS COULD LOOK LIKE.

10pm 1/23/24 politics  
LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER THE GOVERNOR SIGNED LOUISIANA'S NEW CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS INTO LAW, A STATE SENATOR IS THROWING HIS NAME INTO THE RACE FOR THE NEW MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT. SENATOR CLEO FIELDS ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO SEEK THE DISTRICT SIX SEAT. FIELDS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN CONGRESS IN DISTRICT FOUR BEFORE HE WAS RE-ZONED.

10pm 1/23/24 Politics  
GRAVES DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE UP HIS SEAT IN CONGRESS DUE TO RE-DISTRICTING. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH U-S-A TODAY THE REPRESENTATIVE BLASTED STATE G-O-P LEADERSHIP.

CRIME 5AM 1/24/2024  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR POSSIBLE SUSPECTS THAT SHOT TWO WOMEN ON PLANK ROAD LATE TUESDAY NIGHT. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE TWO WOMEN WERE DRIVING NEAR GREENWELL STREET, WHEN A UNKNOWN VEHICLE OPEN-FIRED INTO THEIR CAR. BOTH VICTIMS WERE HIT MULTIPLE TIMES AND ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN CRITICAL CONDITION. BOTH MOTIVE AND SUSPECT ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. IF ANYONE HAS INFORMATION YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

COMMUNITY 5AM 1/24/2024  
WITH THE THREAT FOR HEAVY RAIN AND POTENTIAL FLOODING...THE CITY IS RECOMMENDING RESIDENTS WHO NEED SANDBAGS CAN FIND THEM AT THESE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CAPITAL AREA. SAND AND SANDBAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT MOST BREC PARKS. OTHER LOCATIONS INCLUDE THE AIRLINE HIGHWAY FAIRGROUNDS AND MEMORIAL STADIUM. AS A REMINDER, YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN SHOVEL, BUT BAGS WILL BE PROVIDED. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL LIST OF LOCATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE AT "W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM".

SPORTS 5AM 1/24/2024  
THE WAIT IS OVER! L-S-U FOOTBALL COACH BRIAN KELLY IS PROMOTING FROM WITHIN TO FILL THE VACANT OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR POSITION. QUARTERBACKS COACH JOE SLOAN AND WIDE RECEIVERS COACH CORTEZ HANKTON ARE BEING ELEVATED TO CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS, ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE REPORTS. BOTH COACHES HELD CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR POSITIONS FOR THE RELIAQUEST BOWL WIN AGAINST WISCONSIN. SLOAN, JUST LIKE THE BOWL GAME, WILL CALL PLAYS NEXT SEASON. HE DOES HAVE EXPERIENCE

GIVING ORDERS TO THE OFFENSE. SLOAN WAS THE OC AT LOUISIANA TECH FROM 2019 TO 2021. HANKTON WAS THE PASSING GAME COORDINATOR THIS PAST SEASON IN ADDITION TO HIS WIDE RECEIVER DUTIES AT LSU, GUIDING ONE OF THE BEST PASSING OFFENSES IN THE NATION.

Crime 1/24/24 12pm

TWO WOMEN ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AS POLICE SEARCH FOR THE GUNMAN. POLICE SAY THAT THE SHOOTING HAPPENED AROUND 10-30 LAST NIGHT ON PLANK ROAD NEAR HOLLYWOOD STREET.

Community 1/24/24 12pm

A BATON ROUGE APARTMENT COMPLEX IS IN THE HOT SEAT AGAIN AFTER RESIDENTS COMPLAIN ABOUT SECURITY IN THE AREA. WE'RE TOLD THE COMPLEX IS A PRIME SPOT FOR THIEVES TO BREAK INTO CARS.

Weather 1/24/24 12pm

THIS FLOOD WATCH WILL LAST UNTIL EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. STORM STATION METEOROLOGIST BALIN ROGERS IS ON FLOOD WATCH THIS AFTERNOON, AND RIGHT NOW HE'S ON JOOR ROAD...MONITORING THE COMITE RIVER.

COMMUNITY

1-24-24/4PM

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SAND AND SANDBAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT NUMEROUS BREC PARKS ACROSS THE CAPITAL AREA. ADDITIONAL SITES INCLUDE AIRLINE HIGHWAY FAIRGROUNDS...AND MEMORIAL STADIUM. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN SHOVEL. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL LIST OF LOCATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

CRIME

1-24-24/4PM

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TWO WOMEN ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION, FOLLOWING A SHOOTING LATE LAST NIGHT IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED AROUND TEN-30 ON PLANK ROAD NEAR HOLLYWOOD STREET. POLICE SAY THE VICTIMS WERE DRIVING WHEN SOMEONE FIRED SHOTS AT THEM FROM ANOTHER CAR. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO WORD ON A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

COMMUNITY

1-24-24/4PM

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THE CREW AT THE U-S-S KIDD ANNOUNCED PLANS TO FLOAT THE WORLD WAR TWO DESTROYER TO A SHIPYARD IN HOUMA. THE MOVE AIMS TO ENSURE THE SHIP'S LONG-TERM STABILITY IN A ONCE IN A GENERATION OVERHAUL. IN HOUMA, THE MUSEUM STAFF WILL CONTINUE OFFERING TOURS. THE U-S-S KIDD IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A RETURN TO THE CAPITAL AREA IN THE SPRING OF 20-25.

Sports

1/24/24

5 p.m.

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TOMORROW, THE L-H-S-A-A VOTES ON LETTING GIRLS WRESTLING BECOME A SEPARATE DIVISION. RIGHT NOW, THE GIRLS WRESTLE AGAINST THE BOYS. FALON BROWN HAS THE STORY. SYLVIA MICHAEL, MANY ATHLETES AND COACHES ARE EXCITED ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY. KYLEIGH PEARSON IS ONE OF THREE GIRLS ON THE SAINT AMANT HIGH WRESTLING TEAM...FOR HER, IT'S ABOUT MORE THAN JUST SELF-EXPRESSION, IT'S A FORM OF EMPOWERMENT...A WAY TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST BULLYING. KYLEIGH AND HER COACH BELIEVE SANCTIONING GIRLS WRESTLING WILL GIVE THEM THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE.

Sports

1/24/24

5 p.m.

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WHILE THE L-S-U BASEBALL TEAM GETS READY FOR THE SEASON, THE OTHER DEFENDING CHAMPIONS...THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS GETTING READY FOR THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR. E-S-P-N GAMEDAY HAS ARRIVED IN BATON ROUGE FOR THE MATCHUP AGAINST TOP RANKED SOUTH CAROLINA. THEY WERE SETTING UP AT THE P-MAC TODAY. WE WILL HAVE MUCH MORE ON BOTH TEAMS COMING UP AT SIX.

Health 1/24/24 5 p.m. :33

IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...AN EXERCISE SNACK MAY SOUND LIKE TRYING A NEW SMOOTHIE OR PROTEIN BAR. BUT IT ACTUALLY REFERS TO SHORT BURSTS OF INTENSE ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE DAY. LIKE ANY OTHER EXERCISE, DOING IT REGULARLY MAKES IT MORE LIKELY YOU WILL SEE AN IMPACT. AN EXERCISE SNACK TYPICALLY LASTS ONE TO TWO MINUTES. IT CAN BE ANYTHING FROM CLIMBING STAIRS TO JUMPING JACKS AND CAN BE DONE WITHOUT SPECIAL EQUIPMENT OR A GYM MEMBERSHIP. MORE RESEARCH IS NEEDED ON THE BENEFITS, BUT IT IS A GOOD REMINDER TO GET UP AND MOVE MORE. EXPERTS ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN OUT TIMES TO BE ACTIVE.

Weather 1-24-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE RAIN CONTINUES. NOT AS HEAVY AS IT WAS EARLIER, BUT WE REMAIN UNDER A FLOOD WATCH WITH MORE ROUNDS OF RAIN YET TO COME. LET'S GET TO JOSH. HE'S BEEN TRACKING THE ACTION ALL DAY LONG.

Police 1-24-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

ONE WEEK AFTER THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT EXCLUSIVELY OBTAINED BODY CAMERA VIDEO FROM THE HAMMOND OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING, EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE EXPERTS ARE SHARING WHAT THEY SEE. LIONELL JACKSON WAS SHOT DURING A NO-KNOCK WARRANT IN JULY. KATIE EASTER REPORTS ... THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME A USE-OF-FORCE EXPERT HAS COMMENTED ON HAMMOND P-D'S ACTIONS.

Sports 1-24-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

TOMORROW THE L-H-S-A-A IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON WHETHER GIRLS' WRESTLING SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN TEAMS ... SEPARATE FROM THE BOYS. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SHOWS US HOW ONE STUDENT AT SAINT AMANT HIGH SCHOOL USED WRESTLING TO OVERCOME A VERY PERSONAL CHALLENGE.

Weather 1-24-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE RAIN WILL CONTINUE TONIGHT, BUT NOT AS HEAVY AS EARLIER. WE ARE STILL UNDER A FLOOD WATCH, SO LET'S HEAD OVER TO STORM STATION METEROLOGIST MALCOLM BYRON FOR THE LATEST.

Crime 1-24-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A BATON ROUGE APARTMENT COMPLEX IS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE WITH RESIDENTS AGAIN COMPLAINING ABOUT SECURITY. WE'RE TOLD THE COMPLEX IS A PRIME SPOT FOR THIEVES TO BREAK INTO CARS. NEWS TWO'S MIA MONET SPOKE TO RESIDENTS, AND SHE JOINS US NOW WITH THEIR STORIES.

Money 1-24-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

OFFICIALS ARE WARNING ABOUT CERTAIN POPULAR PAYMENT APPS. A DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN NEW YORK IS NOW CALLING ON THESE APPS TO DO MORE TO PROTECT USERS...SAYING THEY LEAVE USERS VULNERABLE TO FRAUD.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/24/24 :20

IN 20-16, FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER BRAD FORD WAS DISPATCHED TO A BLACK LIVES MATTER PROTEST NEAR B-R-P-D HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE SAYS HE SUFFERED SERIOUS INJURIES THAT ENDED UP COSTING HIM HIS JOB. THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW WHO ATTACKED HIM, FORD DECIDED TO SUE PROTEST ORGANIZERS DERAY MCKESSON AND THE BLACK LIVES MATTER ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/24/24 :20

THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS PLAYING NUMBER ONE RANKED SOUTH CAROLINA TOMORROW NIGHT AND THE P-MAC IS SETTING UP FOR WHAT WILL BE A JAM-PACKED DAY.

THE GAME IS DRAWING SO MUCH ATTENTION. IN SOME CASES, RE-SALE SITES ARE SELLING GAME TICKETS FOR MORE THAN THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/24/24 :20

ONE WEEK AFTER THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT EXCLUSIVELY OBTAINED BODY CAMERA VIDEO FROM THE HAMMOND OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING, EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE EXPERTS ARE SHARING WHAT THEY SEE. LIONELL JACKSON WAS SHOT DURING A NO-KNOCK WARRANT IN JULY. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

WEATHER 10 PM /01/24/24 :15

A FLOOD WATCH CONTINUES FOR THE CAPITOL AREA THIS EVENING. THE STORM STATION TRACKING MORE SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. LET'S GET STRAIGHT OVER TO JOSH WITH WHAT WE CAN EXPECT.

SPORTS 10 PM /01/24/24 :20

IF YOU ARE HOPING TO GET A SEAT AT THE L-S-U VERSUS SOUTH CAROLINA GAME TOMORROW NIGHT, BE PREPARED BECAUSE YOU MIGHT HAVE TO PAY A PRETTY PENNY. ON SOME RESALE SITES TICKETS LISTED AT NEARLY THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY WENT TO L-S-U TO JOIN IN ON THE EXCITEMENT AHEAD OF THE BIG GAME.

CRIME 10 PM /01/24/24 :20

THREE PEOPLE ARE RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER A DRIVE-BY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY TWO ADULTS AND A TEEN WERE WALKING NEAR ALASKA AND GARFIELD ST WHEN A CAR PULLED UP AND OPENED FIRE ON THEM. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY. WE WILL POST UPDATES AS WE GET MORE INFORMATION.

CRIME 5AM 1/25/2024

3 PEOPLE INCLUDING A JUVENILE ARE RECOVERING AFTER BEING HIT IN A DRIVE BY SHOOTING WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY 2 MEN AND 1 JUVENILE WALKING NEAR THE CORNER OF ALASKA AND WEST GARFIELD STREETS WERE APPROACHED BY A CAR AND SHOT. THE VICTIMS ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. POTENTIAL SUSPECTS AND A MOTIVE ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/25/2024

MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME MAY HAVE HER FIRST CHALLENGER FOR RE-ELECTION. FORMER LOUISIANA STATE REPRESENTATIVE TED JAMES IS LEAVING HIS POSITION WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE HIS BID TO BECOME MAYOR. FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, JAMES SERVED AS THE S-B-A SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR. HE ALSO SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LOUISIANA BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS. JAMES TOLD W-B-R-Z ON WEDNESDAY THAT AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WON'T BE MADE UNTIL AFTER HE LEAVES THE S-B-A's SOUTH-CENTRAL REGION ON FEBRUARY 10TH. NO REPUBLICANS HAVE YET TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY'LL CHALLENGE BROOME, WHO WAS FIRST ELECTED IN 2016. BROOME ANNOUNCED HER RE-ELECTION PLANS THIS MONTH. IN A STATEMENT, HER OFFICE SAID SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO A THIRD TERM AND CONTINUING THE TRANSFORMATIVE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

SPORTS 5AM 1/25/2024

THE TIGERS AND GEORGIA BULLDOGS HAD FANS' HEARTS RACING WEDNESDAY NIGHT AS THEIR MATCHUP CAME DOWN RIGHT TO THE WIRE. L-S-U LED BY ONE WITH UNDER TEN SECONDS LEFT. GEORGIA ATTEMPTS AND MISSES A THREE-POINT SHOT, BUT THE BULLDOGS GET THE REBOUND. THEIR SECOND CHANCE SHOT GOES IN AND THEY'RE FOULED ON THE PLAY. GEORGIA WOULD MAKE ITS FREE THROW TO LEAD BY TWO WITH TWO SECONDS LEFT. ON THE LAST PLAY, JALEN REED HEAVES IT DOWN COURT TO JORDAN WRIGHT WHO ATTEMPTS A GAME-WINNER BUT IT DOESN'T FALL. HEARTBREAK FOR L-S-U,

WHO LOSES 68 TO 66. THEY'RE NOW THREE AND THREE IN S-E-C PLAY. THEY REMAIN ON THE ROAD FOR THEIR NEXT MATCHUP AGAINST ALABAMA ON SATURDAY.

Crime 1/25/24 12pm

ONE PERSON WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD THURSDAY NIGHT IN A SHOOTING ALONG NORTH ACADIAN THRUWAY.

Investigative 1/25/24 12pm

ONE WEEK AFTER THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT EXCLUSIVELY OBTAINED BODY CAM FOOTAGE OF AN HAMMOND OFFICER SHOOTING AN UNARMED MAN, EXPERTS ARE SHARING THEIR INTERPRETATION.

Community 1/25/24 12pm

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS CONTINUE TO ROLL THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOUISIANA...MAKE THAT "MARDI PAWS," AS THE MYSTIC KREWE OF MUTTS WILL LET THE GOOD TIMES "WAG," THIS SUNDAY. IT'S THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARADE AND THEY'RE GOING TO "PAW-TY LIKE IT'S 19-99".

COMMUNITY

1-25-24/4PM

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IT WILL BE A PACKED HOUSE TONIGHT AT THE P-MAC...AS THE DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FACES OFF AGAINST TOP-RANKED SOUTH CAROLINA. DOORS OPEN AT FIVE-30...WITH E-S-P-N COLLEGE GAMEDAY KICKING OFF THEIR COVERAGE AT SIX...AND TIPOFF SET FOR SEVEN.

TRANSPORTATION

1-25-24/4PM

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MOVE B-R IS HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE FLORIDA BOULEVARD CORRIDOR. OFFICIALS WILL DISCUSS AN ENHANCEMENT PROJECT AIMED AT ELEVATING PEDESTRIAN TRANSIT...BICYCLE SAFETY AND MOBILITY. THE PLAN IS TO MAKE DAILY TRAVELS SMOOTH AND SAFE...FROM NORTH 22ND STREET TO AIRLINE HIGHWAY. THE MEETING START AT FIVE AT THE BREC BALLROOM...THAT'S ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD.

BUSINESS

1-25-24/4PM

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CREWS WERE BUSY EARLY THIS MORNING, BATTLING A FIRE AT A BATON ROUGE BUSINESS. IT HAPPENED AROUND THREE A-M AT THE ONE-EIGHT HUNDRED RADIATOR AND A-C ON ROME DRIVE. THEY WERE ABLE TO LIMIT THE SPREAD OF THE FIRE TO NEIGHBORING BUILDINGS. THE BUSINESS IS TOTAL LOSS. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO WORD ON HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

Sports

1/25/24

5 p.m.

:31

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT L-S-U VERSUS TOP RANKED SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE P-MAC. THE TIGERS ARE THE DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPS BUT THEY COULD NOT BEAT SOUTH CAROLINA IN THEIR ONE MATCH-UP LAST SEASON. SPORTS TWO'S BRIE ANDRUS IS LIVE FROM L-S-U WITH MORE. YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS A FRESHMAN AT LSU ABOUT 4 YEARS AGO, FANS SELLING OUT THE MARAVICH CENTER FOR A WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME WAS JUST UNHEARD OF. FAST FORWARD TO TODAY AND IT'S THE HOTTEST TICKET IN TOWN. CALL IT THE KIM MULKEY EFFECT. THE INCREASED ATTENTION ON THE PROGRAM. THE SUCCESS LSU HAS HAD IN THE LAST THREE YEARS. WHAT EVER YOU PIN IT ON, LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL AND IT'S PLAYERS HAVE BECOME ONE OF THOSE KEY ELEMENTS YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU THINK OF LSU. AND COACH MULKEY PROUD OF THE IMPACT THE PROGRAM HAS MADE ON THE COMMUNITY, BUT SHE HASN'T BEEN ABLE TO TRULY ENJOY IT QUITE YET BECAUSE WELL THE WORK NEVER STOPS.

Sports

1/25/24

5 p.m.

1:09

INVOLVING FORMER L-S-U FOOTBALL PLAYER KAYSHON BOUTTE. HE WAS BOOKED INTO EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH JAIL ON CHARGES OF COMPUTER FRAUD AND PROHIBITED

GAMING FOR PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21. STATE POLICE INVESTIGATORS SAY BOUTTE PLACED NEARLY NINE THOUSAND BETS UNDER AN ASSUMED NAME THROUGH ONLINE GAMBLING APP FAN DUEL. IT INCLUDED AT LEAST 17 ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL AND SIX ON L-S-U GAMES. THE FOOTBALL BETS TOOK PLACE WHILE HE WAS AN L-S-U PLAYER. HE DEPOSITED MORE THAN 130 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND EVENTUALLY WITHDREW MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND. THE INVESTIGATION BEGAN IN JULY AFTER STATE POLICE WERE CONTACTED BY FAN DUEL. BOUTTE CURRENTLY PLAYS FOR THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS. L-S-U RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT "IN JULY 2023, LSU WAS MADE AWARE OF ALLEGATIONS REGARDING A FORMER STUDENT-ATHLETE'S IMPROPER CONDUCT RELATED TO SPORTS GAMBLING WHILE ENROLLED AT THE UNIVERSITY. SINCE THEN, WE HAVE FULLY COOPERATED WITH ALL RELEVANT AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OTHER STUDENT-ATHLETES PARTICIPATED IN THESE PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES." YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THE ARREST ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Transportation 1/25/24 5 p.m. :30  
THE CAPITOL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM CATS SAYS IT WILL HAVE A NEW C-E-O BY SPRING. EARLIER TODAY, SEVERAL CANDIDATES WERE INTERVIEWED. KATIE EASTER LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM...THE DETAILS. CATS IS CURRENTLY ON THEIR THIRD C-E-O WITHIN TWO YEARS. BACK IN AUGUST, INTERIM DWANA WILLIAMS RESIGNED, AND THEO RICHARDS TOOK OVER. BEFORE THAT BILL DEVILLE WAS OUSTED AFTER SEVERAL ISSUES WERE UNCOVERED BY THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT. NOW, THE BOARD WILL INTERVIEW SIX PEOPLE IN TOTAL AND NARROW DOWN THEIR SEARCH TO A FINAL THREE.

Sports 1-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S \*THE\* GAME TO SEE. THE DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPION L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HOSTS NUMBER ONE SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE P-MAC. EVEN E-S-P-N GAME DAY DROPPED BY FOR THE GAME. AND SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL.

Weather 1-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
THE WEATHER IS COOPERATING FOR FANS WHO HAVE BEEN AT THE P-MAC FOR HOURS. JOSH ... TAKE US THOUGH THE NIGHT ... INTO FRIDAY.

Community 1-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
IT'S A STREET IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NEIGHBORHOOD OF BATON ROUGE THAT REPEATEDLY FLOODS. TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS WENT TO CHECK IT OUT.

Traffic 1-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
A PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE JUST WRAPPED UP TONIGHT FOR A MOVE E-B-R PROJECT WHICH SHOWED WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE CAPITAL AREA. TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN EXPLAINS WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.

Court 1-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP TOOK THE STAND IN THE CIVIL DEFAMATION TRIAL AGAINST HIM IN NEW YORK CITY TODAY AFTER THE PLAINTIFF SIDE RESTED ITS CASE. THE TRIAL WILL DETERMINE HOW MUCH HE MUST PAY WRITER E. JEAN CAROLL IN DAMAGES FOR DEFAMING HER.

Politics 1-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THERE'S A NEW PUSH TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR CHILDREN TO ACCESS SOCIAL MEDIA WITH LAWMAKERS FROM NEW YORK TO FLORIDA ARE TAKING NEW ACTION.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/25/24 :20

L-S-U AND SOUTH CAROLINA HAVE JUST WRAPPED UP IN THE P-MAC WHERE THE TIGERS FELL TO THE GAMECOCKS. THIS WAS ONE OF IF NOT THE MOST HIGHLY ANTICIPATED GAMES OF THE SEASON WITH TIGER FANS SHOWING UP IN DROVES TO SELL-OUT THE VENUE.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/25/24 :20  
AUTHORITIES HAVE GIVEN THE ALL CLEAR AFTER COMPLETING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY'S NURSING BUILDING AFTER A BOMB THREAT. SHELTER IN PLACE ORDERS LIFTED AND, CLASSES ARE SET TO RESUME TOMORROW. POLICE ON CAMPUS ENSURED THE SITUATION IS UNDER CONTROL AND THEY WILL ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BRING OF THE UNIVERSITY.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/25/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE SAYS MULTIPLE SKELITAL REMAINS OF A HUMAN BODY WERE FOUND IN THE TREE LINE NEAR DAWSON CREEK TODAY. THEY SAY A WORKER WHO WAS SURVEYING FOR AN IMPENDING CLEARING PROJECT FOUND THE REMAINS. B-R-P-D SAYS THE CORONER'S OFFICE AND L-S-U FACE LABS COLLECTED THE REMAINS IN HOPE TO MAKE A POSITIVE I-D. NO FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED.

SPORTS 10 PM /01/25/24 :10  
A DRAMATIC FINISH...BUT THE TIGERS CAME UP JUST SHORT...FALLING TO SOUTH CAROLINA 76-70. WE WILL HAVE MORE ON KIM MULKEY'S SQUAD AND THE SELLOUT CROWD AT THE P-MAC IN JUST A MINUTE.

SPORTS 10 PM /01/25/24 :10  
FORMER L-S-U FOOTBALL PLAYER KAYSHON BOUTTE BONDED OUT OF EARLIER TODAY. HE WAS BOOKED IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH JAIL ON CHARGES OF COMPUTER FRAUD AND PROHIBITED GAMING FOR PERSONS UNDER 21. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO FANS AND EXPERTS ABOUT WHAT ALL OF THIS MEANS.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/25/24 :10  
THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL TOOK ANOTHER STEP TO HELP THEM CATCH UP WITH THEIR RAPID GROWTH. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTED TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON SUBDIVISIONS FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MONTHS WHILE THEY LOOK TO IMPROVE THE PARISH INFRASTRUCTURE.

CRIME 5AM 1/26/2024  
STATE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A MAN INVOLVED IN A HIT AND RUN CRASH THAT KILLED 1 PERSON WEDNESDAY NIGHT. ACCORDING TO POLICE, 65-YEAR-OLD JEFFREY VARISTE WAS DRIVING ON L-A 64 IN ZACHARY IN HIS TRUCK WHEN ANOTHER TRUCK CROSSED THE CENTER LINE AND HIT VARISTE HEAD ON. THE DRIVER RAN AWAY. VARISTE WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL BUT DIED. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THE CRASH IS ASK TO CONTACT STATE POLICE TROOP-A AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN.

COMMUNITY 5AM 1/26/2024  
THE PARTY CONTINUES AS WE COUNT DOWN TO FAT TUESDAY. WITH MORE PARADES SET TO ROLL ACROSS, W-B-R-Z IS THE STATION FOR ALL YOUR CAPITAL CITY CARNIVAL COVERAGE. HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME PARADES HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND. THIS WEEK- THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG GETS STARTED AT ONE-P-M JANUARY 27TH. AND THE CAPITAL AREA ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY WILL KICK OFF THEIR CELEBRATION SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH. IN THE NEXT HALF HOUR TUNE-IN'S MIA MONET WILL BE WITH THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG TO KEEP A SNEAK PEAK OF WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE PARADE ROUTE.

SPORTS 5AM 1/26/2024  
THURSDAY NIGHT MARKED ONE OF THE MOST ANTICIPATED MATCHUPS OF THIS COLLEGE BASKETBALL SEASON. THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HIT THE HARDWOOD TO TAKE ON THE TOP-RANKED SOUTH CAROLINA. THE LADY TIGERS LOOK TO END A 14-GAME LOSING

STREAK TO THE LADY GAMECOCKS. AND EARLY ON, L-S-U LOOKED TO BE ON TRACK TO DO JUST THAT. THE REIGNING NATIONAL CHAMPS LED BY AS MUCH AS 11 POINTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER. BUT SOUTH CAROLINA SLOWLY CHIPPED AT L-S-U'S LEAD. BY THE FOURTH QUARTER, L-S-U ONLY LED BY FOUR. EARLY IN THE QUARTER, ANGEL REESE COMMITTED HER FOURTH FOUL. MULKEY THEN TOOK REESE OFF THE FLOOR. SOUTH CAROLINA WOULD THEN TAKE ITS FIRST LEAD SINCE THE FIRST QUARTER. REESE CAME BACK IN THE GAME A FEW MINUTES LATER, BUT SHE COMMITTED HER FIFTH FOUL. THAT KNOCKED HER OUT OF THE GAME... AND THAT MADE ALL THE DIFFERENCE IN THE GAME. THOUGH REESE WAS OUT, THE LADY TIGERS WERE NOT. DOWN BY THREE WITH UNDER TWO MINUTES TO GO ANEESAH MORROW FOUND HAILEY VAN LITH. VAN LITH MAKES A THREE POINTER TO TIED THINGS UP AND THE P-MAC GOES NUTS. BUT SOUTH CAROLINA COMES RIGHT BACK AND RETAKES THE LEAD WITH A THREE POINTER. AND THAT WOULD BE ALL SHE WROTE. A TOUGH LOSS FOR L-S-U, BUT THEIR PERFORMANCE LEFT COACH KIM MULKEY PROUD OF HER TIGERS. THE FINAL SCORE IN THIS ONE, SOUTH CAROLINA 76, L-S-U 70. LEADING THE LADY TIGERS ON THE NIGHT WAS ANEESAH MORROW, WHO RECORDED A DOUBLE-DOUBLE WITH 16 POINTS AND 10 REBOUNDS. ANGEL REESE AND HAILEY VAN LITH FOLLOWED CLOSE BEHIND WITH 15 AND 13 POINTS. L-S-U IS NOW FIVE AND TWO IN S-E-C PLAY. THEY'RE BACK IN ACTION MONDAY AGAINST MISSISSIPPI STATE.

Crime 1/26/24 12pm

A MAN WAS ARRESTED AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY SHOT AND KILLED HIS UNCLE THURSDAY NIGHT IN DENHAM SPRINGS.

Community 1/26/24 12pm

THERE'S A STREET IN THE SOUTH DOWNS NEIGHBORHOOD OF BATON WHICH REPEATEDLY FLOODS. AND AFTER HEAVY RAIN FOR NEARLY TWO DAYS, THIS WEEK WAS NO EXCEPTION. 2 ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS WENT TO CHECK IT OUT.

Health 1/26/24 12pm

THIS WEEK LAUREN BUSTED SOME MOVES WITH THE COLE GOAL-MISS CASSIE COLE. SHE TEACHES A STEP CLASS AND IS THE FOUNDER OF XTREME HIP-HOP. AND AS LAUREN FOUND OUT...IT CAN GET EXTREME.

CRIME

1-26-24/4PM

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JORDY WILSON IS NOW IN JAIL, AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY SHOT AND KILLED HIS UNCLE THURSDAY NIGHT. DETECTIVES FOUND 60 YEAR-OLD VAUGHN WILSON, SHOT TO DEATH AT A HOME ON DENHAM ROAD IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. JORDY WILSON WAS LATER ARRESTED AT A BUSINESS IN DENHAM SPRINGS. DURING A SEARCH OF HIS CAR, THEY FOUND A GUN AND DRUGS.

BUSINESS

1-26-24/4PM

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THE CAPITOL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM...OR CATS, IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF NAMING A NEW C-E-O. TODAY, THE SEARCH COMMITTEE IS INTERVIEWING THE NEXT SET OF CANDIDATES. SINCE THE REGINATION OF INTERIM C-E-O DWANA WILLIAMS IN AUGUST...THE ROLE HAS TEMPORARILY BEEN FILLED BY THEO RICHARDS.

COMMUNITY

1-26-24/4PM

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MORE MARDI GRAS PARADES ROLLS THIS WEEKEND IN BATON ROUGE. THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG KICKS EVERYTHING OFF SATURDAY AT ONE...STARTING ON WINBOURNE AND ACADIAN THRUWAY, THROUGH GUS YOUNG PARK ENDING AT NORTH FOSTER DRIVE. THEN ON SUNDAY, IT'S THE MYSTIC KREWE OF MUTTS ON NORTH BOULEVARD ROLLING SHORTLY AFTER TWO P-M.

Crime

1/26/24

5 p.m.

:40

NOW TO THAT DOUBLE SHOOTING THAT LEFT TWO PEOPLE DEAD, ANOTHER INJURED EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON. IT HAPPENED ON SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT OFF NORTH



HARRELL'S FERRY DRIVE NEAR SHERWOOD AND EYE-12. NEW TWO'S ALEXIS MARINGNY WENT TO THE SCENE. SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM. SYLVIA, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE IT WAS EMOTIONAL SCENE. IN JUST 48-HOUR POLICE HAVE RESPONDED TO GUNFIRE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD THREE TIMES. IN TWO INSTANCES FIVE PEOPLE WERE SHOT -- AND NOW FOUR ARE CONFIRMED DEAD. IN THIS AFTERNOON'S SHOOTING - POLICE SAY TWO MEN ARE DEAD FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS. ANOTHER MAN BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL -- POLICE SAY HIS INJURIES WERE NON LIFE THREATENING. AND B-R-P-D SAYS THEY NEED THE PUBLIC'S HELP.

Crime 1/26/24 5 p.m. :22  
EAST BATON ROUGE DEPUTIES SAY THIS MAN SHOT AND KILLED HIS UNCLE LAST NIGHT. 37-YEAR-OLD JORDY WILSON WAS ARRESTED BY THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN DENHAM SPRINGS. HIS UNCLE 60-YEAR-OLD VAUGHN WILSON WAS FOUND DEAD IN A HOME ON DENHAM ROAD IN BATON ROUGE. WHEN THE NEPHEW WAS ARRESTED AT A BUSINESS ON RANGE ROAD DEPUTIES SAY THEY RECOVERED A GUN, METH, AND COCAINE.

Health 1/26/24 5 p.m. :22  
WORKERS SITTING AT A DESK ALL DAY HAVE A HIGHER RISK OF EARLY DEATH ESPECIALLY FROM CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE. THOSE ARE THE FINDINGS OF A NEW STUDY. THERE WAS A 16 PERCENT HIGHER RISK OF DEATH FROM ALL CAUSES AND A 34 PERCENT HIGHER RISK FROM HEART PROBLEMS. EXPERTS ENCOURAGE ANYONE WHO SITS A LOT AT WORK TO GET 15 TO 30 MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY A DAY TO REDUCE THEIR RISK.

Crime 1-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A MID-AFTERNOON SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. A THIRD PERSON WAS WOUNDED IN THE CONFRONTATION AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ON SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT ... OFF OF NORTH HARROLL'S FERRY ROAD. ALEXIS MARIGNY ... IN THE NEWSROOM WITH THE INVESTIGATION.

Crime 1-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
LOUISIANA COULD MAKE CHANGES DEATH PENALTY LAWS AFTER ALABAMA CARRIED OUT AN EXECUTION LAST NIGHT USING NITROGEN GAS. LETHAL INJECTION IS THE ONLY LEGAL METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT A DEATH PENALTY HERE. KATIE EASTER ... TAKING A LOOK AT WHAT ALABAMA'S ACTION COULD MEAN FOR LOUISIANA.

Sports 1-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
GOOD NEWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS...STARTING THIS FALL, GIRLS WILL GET THEIR OWN WRESTLING TEAMS! NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SHARES THE EXCITEMENT FLOWING THROUGH HIGH SCHOOLS ACROSS THE STATE.

Weather 1-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30  
SHOWERS STICKING WITH US TONIGHT, BUT THINGS ARE LOOKING DRY FOR MOST OF THE WEEKEND. MALCOLM-- WHEN CAN WE EXPECT THIS RAIN TO CLEAR OUT?

Crime 1-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
FOR YEARS NOW-- RESIDENTS OF LAKE BEAU PREY--HEATHERSTONE AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS HAVE FALLEN VICTIM TO HOME BURGLARIES. ONE MAN HAS BEEN HARASSING THESE NEIGHBORHOODS-- BUT THEY'RE FED UP AND HAVE SAID ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

Politics 1-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT DOUBLING DOWN ON HIS BORDER INITIATIVES--- AFTER BEING DEALT A BLOW FROM THE SUPREME COURT EARLIER THIS WEEK. HE ARGUES THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION FAILED ITS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO PROTECT THE BORDER.

TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING ON SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT AROUND ONE O CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON. THIS IS WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR: 19 YEAR OLD TREVOR COURTNEY AND 18 YEAR OLD EYE-DRISSA IN-DON-GO WERE KILLED. A THIRD PERSON WAS BROUGHT TO A HOSPITAL BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY.

POLITICS 9 PM /01/26/24 :15  
LOUISIANA COULD MAKE CHANGES TO DEATH PENALTY LAWS AFTER ALABAMA CARRIED OUT AN EXECUTION LAST NIGHT USING NITROGEN GAS. KATIE EASTER EXAMINES WHAT ALABAMA'S ACTION COULD MEAN FOR US.

WEATHER 9 PM /01/26/24 :10  
WE HANG ONTO THE RAIN A LITTLE WHILE LONGER THEN WE DRY OUT. MALCOLM-- WHEN WILL WE SEE THE SUN AGAIN?

10pm 1/26/24 crime  
WE NOW KNOW THE NAMES OF THE TWO MEN SHOT AND KILLED AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ON SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT. 19 YEAR OLD TREVOR COURTNEY AND 18 YEAR OLD EYE-DRISSA IN-DON-GO WERE KILLED. A THIRD PERSON WAS BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. THE SHOOTING HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON AROUND ONE-O-CLOCK. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS MORE ON THE INVESTIGATION.

10pm 1/26/24 crime  
INTERNATIONAL OUTCRY IS GROWING FOLLOWING ALABAMA'S EXECUTION OF AN INMATE THURSDAY NIGHT USING SUFFOCATION BY NITROGEN GAS. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS METHOD HAD BEEN USED IN THE U-S--AND ONLY THREE STATES HAVE APPROVED IT FOR USE.

10pm 1/26/24 crime  
A MAN IS IN JAIL TONIGHT ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS UNCLE. EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARRESTED 37-YEAR-OLD JORDY WILSON AFTER THEY FOUND HIS UNCLE DEAD WITH MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS. WITNESSES SAY THEY SPOTTED JORDY WILSON WALKING ON HIS UNCLE'S PROPERTY BEFORE THE SHOOTING. HE WAS BOOKED INTO THE LIVINGSTON PARISH JAIL AS A FUGITIVE.

CRIME 9AM 1/27/24  
A JURY HAS FOUND CARDELL HAYES GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER IN THE KILLING OF FORMER SAINTS STAR, WILL SMITH. IT'S THE SECOND TIME HAYES WAS FOUND GUILTY. BUT THE ORIGINAL TRIAL'S VERDICT CAME WITH A 10 TO 2 VOTE. AFTER NON-UNANIMOUS JURY DECISIONS WERE RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, HAYES WAS GIVEN A NEW TRIAL. NOW WITH THE NEW GUILTY VERDICT, IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE JUDGE WILL HAND DOWN A SENTENCE SIMILAR TO THE ONE HANDED OUT IN HAYES' ORIGINAL TRIAL. HAYES WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF ATTEMPTED MANSLAUGHTER IN THE SHOOTING OF SMITH'S WIFE. HE WILL BE SENTENCED IN MARCH.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/27/24  
AND MARDI GRAS FUN CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND, AS SOME PARADES WILL ROLL THROUGH THE CAPITAL CITY AREA. FIRST, THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG KICKS EVERYTHING THIS AFTERNOON AT ONE. HERE'S A LOOK AT THEIR PARADE ROUTE. IT STARTS ON WINBOURNE AND ACADIAN THRUWAY. IT THEN GOES THROUGH GUS YOUNG PARK BEFORE ENDING AT NORTH FOSTER DRIVE.

SPORTS 9AM 1/27/24  
OPENING DAY FOR L-S-U BASEBALL IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. ON FRIDAY, HEAD COACH JAY JOHNSON HELD MEDIA DAY AT ALEX BOX STADIUM TO PREVIEW WHAT'S NEXT FOR HIS TIGERS. OF COURSE, L-S-U IS LOOKING TO REPEAT AS NATIONAL CHAMPS. JOHNSON POINTED OUT THAT NOT MANY L-S-U TEAMS EVEN MADE BACK TO BACK TRIPS TO THE

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES. SO HE WENT OUT AND HIT THE TRANSFER PORTAL ONCE AGAIN TO TRY AND GIVE HIS TEAM THEIR BEST CHANCE AT REACHING OMAHA AGAIN. AND AS COACH JOHNSON SAYS HIMSELF, THE WORK NEVER STOPS.

Crime 6 PM 1/27/2024

ONE PERSON WAS SHOT OFF OF SCENIC HIGHWAY LAST NIGHT. B-R-P-D SAID THE SHOOTING HAPPENED BEFORE MIDNIGHT FRIDAY ON 69-TH AVENUE. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. NO WORD ON A MOTIVE OR SUSPECT.

Entertainment 6 PM 1/27/2024

W-B-R-Z HAD A FEW GUESTS IN THE STUDIO THIS MORNING AND THEY BROUGHT THEIR OWN CAMERAS. A FILMING CREW USED OUR STUDIOS AS A SET FOR AN UPCOMING MOVIE. THE MOVIE IS NAMED BEWARE OF THE BOX FOLK. ITS A POLITICAL THRILLER THATS FOLLOWING A JOURNALIST ON THE VERGE OF BREAKING A BIG STORY. BOTH OF THE DIRECTORS WENT TO LSU AND THEY TELL US THEY ARE SO EXCITED TO BE FILMING IN BATON ROUGE.

Travel 6 PM 1/27/2024

WEEKS AFTER THE F-A-A GROUNDED THEM, BOEING SEVEN-37 MAX NINES ARE BACK IN THE AIR. EARLIER THIS MONTH, A PANEL BLEW OFF ONE OF THE MAX NINE'S IN MID-FLIGHT. THE F-A-A IS ONLY ALLOWING EACH PLANE BACK INTO THE SKY AFTER IT HAS UNDERGONE RIGOROUS INSPECTIONS. NO DOUBT SOME PASSENGERS OUT THERE LIKELY HAVE CONCERNS, BUT MOST SEEMED UNFAZED ABOUT GETTING ON AN ALASKA AIRLINES SEVEN-37 MAX NINE FLIGHT YESTERDAY.

Justice 10 PM 1/27/2024

A JURY HAS FOUND CARDELL HAYES GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER IN THE KILLING OF FORMER SAINTS STAR, WILL SMITH. IT'S THE SECOND TIME HAYES WAS FOUND GUILTY. BUT THE ORIGINAL TRIAL'S VERDICT CAME WITH A 10 TO 2 VOTE. AFTER NON-UNANIMOUS JURY DECISIONS WERE RULED UNCONSTITUTIONAL, HAYES WAS GIVEN A NEW TRIAL.

Holiday 10 PM 1/27/2024

IF YOU STILL NEED A LITTLE MORE MARDI GRAS THIS WEEKEND, TOMORROW, THE MYSTIC KREWE OF MUTTS WILL MAKE THEIR WAY AROUND THE CITY. IT'S THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARADE, SO THEY'RE GOING TO "PAW-TY LIKE IT'S 19-99".

Border 10 PM 1/27/2024

THE SENATE IS POTENTIALLY CLOSING IN ON A RARE BIPARTISAN AGREEMENT ON NEW IMMIGRATION REFORM AND BORDER SECURITY. BUT THAT DEAL IS IN JEOPARDY WITH KEY REPUBLICANS EXPRESSING CONCERN FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP COULD DERAIL THE NEGATIONS.

CRIME 9AM 1/28/24

A MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS UNCLE IS OFFICIALLY IN JAIL FOR MURDER. 37-YEAR-OLD JORDY WILSON WAS BOOKED INTO THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH JAIL FOR SECOND-DEGREE MURDER AND POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A WITNESS HEARD GUNSHOTS, THEN LATER SAW JORDY LEAVING THE SCENE WITH HIS GRANDMOTHER. THAT WITNESS LATER FOUND 60-YEAR-OLD VAUGHN WILSON SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES IN HIS YARD. VAUGHN DIED AT THE SCENE. LIVINGSTON PARISH DEPUTIES LOCATED JORDY AND HIS GRANDMOTHER, WHO WAS UNHARMED. JORDY WAS BOOKED AS A FUGITIVE IN LIVINGSTON PARISH.

SPORTS 9AM 1/28/24

THE L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM WAS BACK ON THE ROAD SATURDAY. THE TIGERS FACED THE ALABAMA CRIMSON TIDE AS THEY ENTER THE MORE-DIFFICULT STRETCH OF THEIR S-E-C SCHEDULE. DESPITE ALABAMA BEING HEAVY FAVORITES, L-S-U KEPT THE GAME CLOSE DURING THE FIRST HALF. THE GAME SAW NUMEROUS TIES AND LEAD CHANGES

DURING THE FIRST 20 MINUTES. BY HALFTIME, THE TIGERS ONLY TRAILED BY SIX POINTS. BUT DURING THE SECOND HALF, IT SEEMED LIKE THE TIDE JUST COULDN'T MISS SHOTS. ALABAMA MADE TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR ATTEMPTS. MEANWHILE, L-S-U MADE AROUND 37-PERCENT OF THEIR SHOTS. THE TIDE WOULD THEN CRUISE TO A DOUBLE-DIGIT LEAD AND NEVER LOOKED BACK. L-S-U LOSES ITS THIRD STRAIGHT GAME AND FALLS TO THREE AND FOUR IN S-E-C PLAY. THE TIGERS HAVE A WHOLE WEEK OFF UNTIL THEIR NEXT GAME. THEY FACE ARKANSAS ON SATURDAY IN THE P-MAC.

COMMUNITY 9AM 1/28/24

MARDI GRAS SEASON CONTINUES IN THE CAPITAL CITY THIS WEEKEND. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL. THE KREWE USUALLY HOSTS AN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE. THIS CARNIVAL SEASON, THEY STARTED A NEW TRADITION. PARADE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS HOPE TO MAKE THE PARADE ANNUAL.

Crime 5:30PM 1/28/2024

THREE MALE JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED IN POINTE COUPEE. THY'RE TIED TO A ROBBERY IN KROTZ SPRINGS. AUTHORITIES SAY THE ROBBERY HAPPENED AROUND SEVEN THIS MORNING, AT A STORE OFF HIGHWAY 1-90. TWO OF THE SUSPECTS WERE CAUGHT ON VIDEO STEALING FROM THE STORE.

Holiday 5:30PM 1/28/2024

CARNIVAL SEASON IS IN FULL SWING AS SEVERAL EVENTS WRAP UP THE WEEKEND. KREWE OF MUTTS TOOK OVER DOWNTOWN EARLER TODAY. AS KATIE EASTER REPORTS IT ISN'T A REAL PAW-TY UNLESS EVERY FAMILY MEMBER SHOWS UP.

Border 5:30PM 1/28/2024

CONGRESS IS CLOSE TO FINISHING UP THE WORDING OF A BIPARTISAN COMPROMISE THAT COULD HELP EASE THE CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER. BUT FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD \*COULD DERAIL\* THE DEAL BEFORE IT EVEN REACHES THE SENATE FLOOR.

Crime 10 PM 1/28/2024

ONE PERSON WAS SHOT ON SOUTH 15-TH STREET AT AROUND FIVE. OFFICIALS TOLD US THE PERSON WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED BUT IS STABLE. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO B-R-P-D FOR MORE DETAILS.

Community 10 PM 1/28/2024

WILLIAMSBURG SENIOR LIVING HOME IS CURRENTLY HOUSING FOUR INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE 100 YEARS OLD...ALSO REFERRED TO AS CENTENARIANS. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

Traffic 10 PM 1/28/2024

PART OF THE INTERSTATE IN GRANT COUNTY, INDIANA WAS SHUT DOWN AFTER A TRAILER CARRYING ZOO ANIMALS CAUGHT ON FIRE YESTERDAY. THE GRANT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHARED THESE PICTURES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. IT SHOWS THE OFFICERS WITH THE ANIMALS - WHICH INCLUDED CAMELS AND ZEBRAS. ALL OF THE ANIMALS WERE RESCUED SAFELY AND OFFICERS EVEN GAVE THEM A SNACK OF SOME HAY!

CRIME 5AM 1/29/2024

BATON ROUGE POLICE SEARCHING FOR THE GUNMAN WHO LEFT ONE PERSON INJURED ON SOUTH 15TH STREET SUNDAY. INVESTIGATORS TELL US ONE PERSON WAS SHOT OFF OF GOVERNMENT STREET. AS OF NOW, THEY ARE IN STABLE CONDITION. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO B-R-P-D FOR MORE DETAILS.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/29/2024

LATER TODAY THE NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR WILL SPEAK AT THE PRESS CLUB. MORSE BEGAN HIS DUTIES EARLIER THIS MONTH. HE SAID HE WANTS

TO FOCUS ON HAVING GREATER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT AND FOCUS ON OFFICER'S MENTAL HEALTH. THE MEETING IS IN THE BALLROOM OF DRUSILLA PLACE CATERING. IT'S \$25 DOLLARS FOR MEMBERS AND \$30 DOLLARS FOR NON-MEMBERS. DOORS OPEN AT 11:30.

#### SPORTS 5AM 1/29/2024

THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HAS HAD A FEW DAYS TO REGROUP AND LOOK OVER WHAT WENT WRONG IN THEIR GAME AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA. NOW IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR THEIR NEXT OPPONENT MISSISSIPPI STATE. THEY PLAYED WELL FOR MUCH OF THE GAME AGAINST THE GAMECOCKS UNTIL THE FOURTH QUARTER. IT WAS TOUGH FOR THE TIGERS TO HOLD IT DOWN ON THE COURT ONCE ANGEL REESE FOULED OUT WITH FOUR MINUTES LEFT. BUT THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO REDEEM THEMSELVES TONIGHT. THE TIGERS TAKE ON MISSISSIPPI STATE TONIGHT IN STARKVILLE. TIP OFF IS SET FOR 6 P-M ON ESPN 2.

#### Crime 1/29/24 12pm

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING THAT LEFT A 36-YEAR-OLD MAN DEAD SUNDAY EVENING.

#### Community 1/29/24 12pm

MARDI GRAS SEASON KICKED OFF IN THE CAPITAL AREA OVER THE WEEKEND. THE KREWE OF GUS YOUNG GOT TO LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.

#### Sports 1/29/24 12pm

SUPER BOWL 58 IS AHEAD OF US AND THE STAGE IS SET. THE DEFENDING CHAMPS, THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS WILL FACE OFF AGAINST THE SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A GRIDIRON SPECTACLE.

#### CRIME

1-29-24/4PM

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POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE SUNDAY EVENING. 36 YEAR-OLD GEORGE JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE A HOME ON EVANGELINE STREET, NEAR NORTH FOSTER DRIVE. RIGHT NOW, POLICE DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE OR ANY SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

#### COMMUNITY

1-29-24/4PM

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A NEW COMMUNITY PANTRY IS OPENING IN NORTH BATON ROUGE. A RIBBON CUTTING IS TAKING PLACE THIS AFTERNOON AT THE COMMUNITY PANTRY AND RESOURCE SHED AT DELMONT GARDENS LIBRARY ON LORRAINE STREET. IT WILL BE STOCKED WITH NON-PERISHABLE FOODS, SOCKS, NEW UNDERGARMENTS AND BLANKETS. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO DONATE, HEAD TO SERVICE AT FORUM 2-2-5-DOT-ORG.

#### BUSINESS

1-29-24/4PM

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IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. TAX SEASON STARTS TODAY...AS THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WILL START ACCEPTING AND PROCESSING 20-23 FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURNS. THE DEADLINE FOR FILING IS APRIL FIFTEENTH. PEOPLE WHO MISS THE TAX FILING DEADLINE WILL LIKELY FACE A HEFTY PENALTY, UNLESS THEY ASK FOR AN EXTENSION.

#### Crime

1/29/24

5 p.m.

:44

THE NEW BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF DEALING WITH AN OUTBURST OF VIOLENCE IN HIS FIRST FEW DAYS ON THE JOB. A DOUBLE MURDER AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX FRIDAY WAS THE LATEST SHOOTING IN THE SAME SPOT. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US WHAT THE CHIEF IS PLANNING TO DO ABOUT IT. LAST WEEK B-R-P-D WAS CALLED TO THAT SAME LOCATION THREE TIMES IN THE SPAN OF 24 HOURS...FIVE PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND TWO OF THEM KILLED. CHIEF T-J MORSE TOOK TO THE PODIUM AT A PRESS CLUB MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO TALK ABOUT STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND OFFICERS. HE PLANS TO INCREASE PATROLS IN HIGH-CRIME AREAS...LIKE

SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT WHERE LAST WEEK'S SHOOTINGS OCCURRED. HE ALSO WANTS TO FOSTER A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH RESIDENTS.

Business 1/29/24 5 p.m. :27

AN L-S-U LED PARTNERSHIP HAS WON THE LARGEST GRANT EVER AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. THE 160 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS WILL FUND "FUEL" WHICH STANDS FOR FUTURE USE OF ENERGY IN LOUISIANA. THE MONEY WILL GO TOWARDS CHALLENGES IN AREAS LIKE CARBON CAPTURE, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE, HYDROGEN, AND USE OF CARBON DIOXIDE TO PRODUCE LOW-CARBON FUELS. LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WILL CONTRIBUTE AN ADDITIONAL 67 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PROJECT.

Health 1/29/24 5 p.m. :35

WOMEN WHO SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION DURING PREGNANCY OR AFTER GIVING BIRTH HAVE AN INCREASED RISK OF SUICIDE OR ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. THAT IS ACCORDING TO TWO DIFFERENT STUDIES. THE MOST RECENT IS BASED ON NEARLY ONE-MILLION WOMEN FROM 2001 THROUGH 20-17. RESEARCHERS SAY WOMEN WITH WHAT IS CALLED (pear-ruh-natal) PERINATAL DEPRESSION ARE THREE-TIMES MORE LIKELY TO ATTEMPT SELF-HARM COMPARED TO WOMEN WHO ARE NOT AFFLICTED WITH THE DISORDER. THE OTHER STUDY WAS SMALLER BUT SAYS DEPRESSED MOTHERS HAVE SIX-TIMES THE CHANCE OF SUICIDE. THE AVERAGE AGE FOR WOMEN TO SUFFER FROM (pear-ruh-natal) PERINATAL DEPRESSION IS 31-YEARS-OLD.

Police 1-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

DAYS AFTER FIVE PEOPLE WERE SHOT WITHIN BLOCKS OF EACH OTHER QUESTIONS LINGER ABOUT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY TO GET AHEAD OF CRIME IN BATON ROUGE. THE NEW CHIEF OF B-R-P-D TOOK THE TIME TO ANSWER SOME OF THOSE QUESTIONS TODAY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN WAS AT PRESS CLUB AS THE CHIEF SPELLED OUT HIS THREE-STEP APPROACH TO KEEPING THE COMMUNITY A SAFE PLACE.

Community 1-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE BUILDING THAT FORMERLY HOUSED GLEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS HAD A ROUGH FEW MONTHS. FIRST A FIRE, AND NOW RAMPANT VANDALISM. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM WITH MORE ON THE BLIGHT THAT WAS ONCE A THRIVING SCHOOL.

Health 1-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:00

AN IMPORTANT CONVERSATION IS JUST BEGINNING INSIDE THE P-MAC. IT'S CALLED PLANTING SEEDS OF HOPE. AND ITS FOCUS: BRINGING MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS OUT INTO THE OPEN. ALEXIS MARGNY THERE WITH MORE ON THE DISCUSSION.

Community 1-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:00

GLEN OAKS MIDDLE, NOW KNOWN AS ZION CITY SCHOOL, HAS HAD A ROUGH TIME LATELY. THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE 20-20. LAST NOVEMBER, FIRE TORE THROUGH PARTS OF THE CAMPUS. SINCE THEN, IT HAS BEEN A POPULAR SITE FOR VANDALISM. THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY VOTED TO DEMOLISH THE SCHOOL. BUT, IT'S STILL STANDING LEAVING HOMEOWNERS IN THE AREA URGING FOR IT TO BE TORN DOWN.

Military 1-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE WHITE HOUSE ENSURING A REPOSE AS A DRONE ATTACK ON U-S TROOPS IN THE MIDDLE EAST KILLED THREE SERVICE MEMBERS. THERE'S NEW INSIGHT INTO WHO WAS AT THE MILITARY BASE DURING THE ATTACK AND HOW SUCH AN ATTACK WAS SUCCESSFUL.

Politics 1-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

WHILE CONGRESS REMAINS GRIDLOCKED OVER A POSSIBLE BIPARTISAN SENATE DEAL ON IMMIGRATION REFORM, THERE'S NOW AN EFFORT TO IMPEACH THE SECRETARY OF

HOMELAND SECURITY. THE CRITICISM COMES FROM REPUBLICANS OVER THE SECRETARY'S HANDLING OF THE BORDER.

CRIME 9pm/01/29/24 :20

POLICE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE SUNDAY EVENING. 36 YEAR-OLD GEORGE JOHNSON WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE A HOME ON EVANGELINE STREET, NEAR NORTH FOSTER DRIVE. POLICE DO NOT HAVE A MOTIVE OR ANY SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/29/24 :20

AN ASCENSION PARISH MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY TAKING PART IN THE JANUARY SIXTH ATTACK ON THE U-S CAPITOL WILL BE BACK IN COURT TOMORROW. EDWARD RICHMOND JUNIOR IS ACCUSED OF ATTACKING POLICE OFFICERS AFTER BREACHING THE CAPITOL IN 20-21. HE WAS ARRESTED LAST MONDAY AND RELEASED FROM JAIL THE NEXT DAY. PROSECUTORS ARGUE RICHMOND IS STILL A DANGER AND A FLIGHT RISK AND WANT HIM HELD IN JAIL. HE IS SCHEDULED FOR A HEARING TOMORROW IN A COURT IN D-C. IT WILL BE HELD OVER ZOOM.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/29/24 :20

A TRIAL OVER WHETHER LAW OFFICERS MIS-TREATED TEN PEOPLE DURING THE ALTON STERLING PROTESTS IN 20-16 SHOULD WRAP UP THIS WEEK AT THE BATON ROUGE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE. STERLING WAS SHOT TO DEATH JULY FIFTH, 20-16 BY BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDING TO A REPORT ABOUT A MAN WITH A GUN.

10pm 1/29/24 community

FORMER L-S-U ATHLETES AND STARS CAME TOGETHER TO TALK ABOUT AN ISSUE IMPACTING EVERYONE. AFTER 15-YEAR-OLD OWEN TABOR DIED. EIGHT MONTHS AGO HIS PARENTS MADE IT THEIR MISSION TO PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONVERSATIONS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY EXPLAINS HOW EVENTS LIKE THIS MAY BE A LIFE SAVER.

10pm 1/29/24 crime

LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER A SERIES OF SHOOTINGS NEAR AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN BATON ROUGE THE NEW POLICE CHIEF IS ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES HIS DEPARTMENT FACES. TODAY CHIEF T-J MORSE TALKED ABOUT STRENGTHENING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND OFFICERS. HE PLANS TO CREATED MORE VISIBILITY IN HIGH-CRIME AREAS LIKE SHERWOOD HOLLOW COURT -- WHERE LAST WEEK'S SHOOTINGS OCCURRED -- BY INCREASING PATROLS. MORSE FEELS LIKE CAMERA PROGRAMS -- LIKE THE PAGE-RICE INITIATIVE -- WILL ALSO HELP BUSINESSES AND HOMEOWNERS FEEL LIKE THEY ARE A PART OF THE CRIME FIGHTING INITIATIVE.

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CRIME 5AM 1/30/2024

SEVERAL SUSPECTS ARE IN JAIL AFTER DEPUTIES CONDUCTED A THREE WEEK DRUG INVESTIGATION. THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTED TUYET NGUYEN, HOANG NGUYEN, AND MORGAN WEAVER ON MONDAY. INVESTIGATORS FOUND THAT THE TRIO WAS RUNNING OPERATIONS OUT OF TWO HOUSES. ONE ON GOODWOOD BOULEVARD AND THE OTHER ON BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE. DEPUTIES FOUND A VARIETY OF DRUGS LIKE METHAMPHETAMINE, FENTANYL, COCAINE, AND MARIJUANA. THEY ALSO CONFISCATED FOUR GUNS. ALL THREE SUSPECTS ARE ALL FACING DRUG-RELATED CHARGES.

COMMUNITY 5AM 1/30/2024

LSU AND OVER 50 ENTITIES ACROSS LOUISIANA WILL BE RECEIVING THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATIONS LARGEST GRANT. A STAGGERING 160-MILLION-DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT DECADE TO BE EXACT. THE FUTURE USE OF ENERGY IN LOUISIANA...OR FUEL...IS TO HELP DECARBONIZE THE STATES INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR. THE AMBITIOUS PLAN INCLUDES CARBON CAPTURE, HYDROGEN UTILIZATION, AND INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO CARBON DIOXIDE FOR LOW-CARBON FUELS. WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDING FROM THE LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, THE INVESTMENT SOARS TO MORE THAN 200-MILLION-DOLLARS. PRESIDENT WILLIAM TATE SAYS THIS PROJECT IS KEY TO HIS GOAL OF HELPING MAKE L-S-U ONE OF THE NATION'S PREMIER RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES.

SPORTS 5AM 1/30/2024

ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT FOR THE L-S-U WOMEN'S TEAM MONDAY NIGHT IN THEIR GAME AGAINST MISSISSIPPI STATE ON THE ROAD. THE TIGERS TAKING THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT LOSS...77 TO 73. FOLLOWING THE TIGERS FIVE-POINT LEAD AT HALFTIME, THE BULLDOGS DOMINATE IN THE THIRD QUARTER. OUTSCORING LSU 28 TO 17, SECURING A SIX-POINT ADVANTAGE HEADING IN TO THE FINAL QUARTER. MISSISSIPPI STATE EXTENDS THEIR LEAD TO AS MUCH AS NINE-POINTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. DESPITE THE PURPLE AND GOLD'S EFFORT TO NARROW THE GAP TO JUST THREE POINTS BEHIND, THE TIGERS NOT ABLE TO MAKE THOSE CRUCIAL STOPS TO MAKE A COMEBACK FALLING SHORT TO THE BULLDOGS. MISSISSIPPI STATE MADE 9 THREE'S IN ROUTE TO A 4-POINT WIN. LSU IS NOW JUST 5 AND 3 IN SEC PLAY SO FAR THIS SEASON. THE TIGERS LOOK TOWARD SUNDAY TO HOPEFULLY GET A WIN AT HOME AGAINST FLORIDA.

Breaking news 1/30/24 12pm

BREAKING NEWS AT NOON...A FIGHT REPORTEDLY BROKE OUT AT A BATON ROUGE SCHOOL, LEADING TO MULTIPLE PARENT ARRESTS.

Crime 1/30/24 12pm

TWO PEOPLE WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER BEING SHOT EARLY THIS MORNING. OFFICIALS TELL US THE VICTIMS WERE FOUND ON BUTTWOOD DRIVE OFF GLEN OAKS SOMETIME AFTER MIDNIGHT.

Community 1/30/24 12pm

WE'RE TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM FAT TUESDAY AND NOW WE FINALLY KNOW WHO WILL BE THIS YEAR'S QUEEN OF ZULU. THE ZULU SOCIAL AID AND PLEASURE CLUB ARE NAMING ANGELIQUE ROCHE (ROW-SHAY) AS THE 20-24 QUEEN.

CRIME

1-30-24/4PM

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A MAJOR DRUG BUST IN BATON ROUGE HAS LANDED FOUR PEOPLE IN JAIL. FOLLOWING A THREE-WEEK INVESTIGATION...DEPUTIES RECOVERED MULTIPLE DRUGS FROM TWO HOMES...ONE ON GOODWOOD, THE OTHER ON BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE. THEY FOUND METH, FENTANYL AND COCAINE, AS WELL AS 17-THOUSAND DOLLARS AND GUNS.

BUSINESS

1-30-24/4PM

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THE L-S-U ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT POSTED A NEARLY FOUR MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT FOR THE 20-23 FISCAL YEAR...THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEWLY RELEASED AUDIT. EXPENSES ADDED UP TO TWO-HUNDRED AND FOUR MILLION DOLLARS. THE BIGGEST EXPENSE WAS SALARIES, WITH FOOTBALL COACHES AND BASKETBALL COACHES SEEING FOUR-POINT-SIX AND FOUR-POINT-FOUR MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

COMMUNITY

1-30-24/4PM

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MORE MARDI GRAS PARADES ARE SET TO ROLL THIS WEEKEND IN BATON ROUGE. THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS KICKS OFF FRIDAY FEBRUARY SECOND AT SEVEN P-M. ON SATURDAY, THE KREWE OF MYSTIQUE ROLLS OUT AT TWO P-M, AND THE KREWE OF ORION IS LATER THAT EVENING AT SIX-30. AND FINALLY... MID CITY GRAS IS SUNDAY AND STARTS ONE P-M.



Crime 1/30/24 5 p.m. :22  
ANOTHER CRIME ALERT...THIS ONE INVOLVING A DRUG BUST BY THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE. STREET CRIMES AND NARCOTICS OFFICERS RECOVERED THESE DRUGS, CASH, AND WEAPONS FROM TWO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS...ONE ON GOODWOOD, THE OTHER ON BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE. FOUR GUNS, AND 17-THOUSAND DOLLARS WERE FOUND ALONG WITH METH, FENTANYL, COCAINE, AND MARIJUANA. FOUR PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED.

Political 1/30/24 5 p.m. :25  
WE HAVE A W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT UPDATE ON BRANDON WILLIAMS. THE EAST BATON ROUGE METRO COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW AND IS SET TO REMOVE HIM FROM THE POLICE AND FIRE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. A JUDGE RULED HE CANNOT SERVE ON THAT BOARD AND ON THE LOUISIANA HOUSING COMMISSION. THAT IS NOT THE ONLY LEGAL DISPUTE HE WAS INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR. THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON HIS ARRESTS ON ALLEGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR FRAUD.

Health 1/30/24 5 p.m. :21  
THE C-D-C HAS ISSUED A WARNING ABOUT AN INCREASE IN MEASLES CASES. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL OUTBREAKS MAINLY AMONG UN-VACCINATED CHILDREN. VACCINATION RATES HAVE DROPPED IN THE UNITED STATES WITH A RECORD LEVEL OF VACCINE EXEMPTIONS LAST SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS NOT JUST A U-S PROBLEM. HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE SIMILAR INCREASES IN MEASLES CASES AROUND THE WORLD.

COMMUNITY 6pm/01/30/24 :20  
MARDI GRAS GOES INTO FULL SWING IN BATON ROUGE THIS WEEKEND WITH A BEEFED UP POLICE PRESENCE. B-R-P-D's FIFTH DISTRICT CAPTAIN TELLS BESS CASSERLEIGH THEY ARE FULLY STAFFED AND READY TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE.

WEATHER 6pm/ 01/30/24 :20  
THE PARADES WILL FACE A CHALLENGE...PARTICULARLY ON SATURDAY. JOSH IS TRACKING THE TIMING OF RAIN. WE'LL CHECK IN WITH HIM FOR A PARADE FORECAST IN A FEW MINUTES.

CRIME 6pm/ 01/30/24 :20  
TWO PARENTS WERE ARRESTED THIS MORNING FOLLOWING A FIGHT AT PARK FOREST MIDDLE SCHOOL IN BATON ROUGE. ACCORDING TO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, A BRAWL BROKE OUT AMONG SEVERAL GIRLS AROUND TEN-30. WHEN THE PARENTS GOT WORD OF THE FIGHT THEY SHOWED UP AT THE SCHOOL AND GOT INVOLVED. THEY WERE ARRESTED ONCE LAW ENFORCEMENT GOT THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL.

CRIME 6:30pm/01/30/24 :20  
THIS VIDEO SHOWS THE MOMENT THEY WERE HIT ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD. SHE DIED AFTER BEING IN A COMA FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THE BOYFRIEND IS DOING OKAY TONIGHT. EVEN THOUGH A NEARBY BUSINESS HAS VIDEO FOOTAGE OF THE ACCIDENT AND TWO WITNESSES, POLICE HAVE NOT MADE AN ARREST. AND WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION. THE DRIVER OF THE TRUCK DID NOT STOP AFTER HITTING COSTANZA AND HER BOYFRIEND.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 01/30/24 :20  
B-R-P-D SAYS IT WILL BE FULLY STAFFED TO PATROL THE PARADE ROUTES THIS YEAR. CITY POLICE WILL BE STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE ROUTE, AS WELL AS THE BICYCLE DIVISION TO ASSIST WITH ANY CALLS. THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT RECENTLY STARTED DOING 24-HOUR PATROLS TO KEEP UP WITH AN INFLUX OF VISITORS. THEY SAY OFFICERS WILL BE OUT ALL NIGHT AFTER THE PARADES TO MAINTAIN ORDER WITH ANY LATE-NIGHT REVELERS.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 01/30/24 :20

A MORNING CAR CHASE IN IBERVILLE PARISH LANDED TWO PEOPLE, INCLUDING A JUVENILE, UNDER ARREST. POLICE ARRESTED THE PAIR, FOLLOWING THE CHASE ON COURT STREET IN PLAQUEMINE. THEY SAY THE TWO WERE CAUGHT IN A REPORTED STOLEN VEHICLE OUT OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO WORD ON CHARGES THEY ARE FACING.

COMMUNITY 9pm/01/30/24 :20  
THE EAST BATON ROUGE METRO COUNCIL WILL MEET TOMORROW TO REMOVE BRANDON WILLIAMS FROM THE POLICE AND FIRE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD. EARLIER THIS MONTH, A JUDGE RULED HE CANNOT SERVE ON THAT BOARD AND ON THE LOUISIANA HOUSING COMMISSION AFTER WILLIAMS TRIED TO CLAIM THE HOUSING COMMISSION WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/30/24 :20  
A MAN IN ASCENSION PARISH ACCUSED OF TAKING PART IN THE JANUARY SIXTH ATTACK ON THE U-S CAPITOL HAS BEEN ORDERED BACK TO JAIL. EDWARD RICHMOND JUNIOR WAS ARRESTED LAST WEEK...CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING POLICE WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON, AND CIVIL DISORDER.

CRIME 9pm/ 01/30/24 :20  
FOUR PEOPLE ARE IN JAIL AFTER A MAJOR DRUG BUST IN BATON ROUGE. FOLLOWING A THREE-WEEK INVESTIGATION, DEPUTIES RECOVERED MULTIPLE DRUGS FROM TWO HOMES...ONE ON GOODWOOD, THE OTHER ON BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE.

10pm 1/30/24 business  
THIS TIME OF YEAR CRAWFISH PRICES ARE USUALLY AT THEIR HIGHEST, BUT CRAWFISH SPECIALISTS SAY RIGHT NOW COSTS FOR THE MUDBUGS ARE SOARING DUE TO LAST SUMMER'S DROUGHT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARGNY SPOKE WITH SEAFOOD BUSINESS OWNERS FINDING WAYS TO STILL MAKE A PROFIT.

10pm 1/30/24 politics  
A CONVOY WHO SAYS IT WANTS TO SHED LIGHT ON ISSUES AT THE U-S MEXICO BORDER STOPPED IN DENHAM SPRINGS TONIGHT. ORGANIZERS WITH THE "TAKE BACK OUR BORDER" CONVOY LEFT VIRGINIA MONDAY NIGHT HEADING TO TEXAS. THE GROUP CLAIMS IT IS NOT AGAINST IMMIGRATION INTO THE U.S. BUT ARGUE THINGS HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF CONTROL.

10pm 1/30/24 politics  
AT THE CAPITOL -- NEXT WEEK A JOINT SENATE COMMITTEE WILL MEET TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED MERGER BETWEEN BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA AND INDIANA-BASED- ELEVANCE HEALTH. LAST YEAR THE TWO-POINT-FIVE BILLION DOLLAR DEAL WAS ANNOUNCED BETWEEN THE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS. BUT THE DEAL WAS PUT ON PAUSE OVER CONCERNS, MOST NOTABLY FROM GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY. BLUE CROSS FILED A NEW SALES PLAN IN MID-DECEMBER.

CRIME 5AM 1/31/2024  
ONE PERSON IS IN JAIL AFTER EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SEIZED MULTIPLE GUNS AND DRUGS. DEPUTIES BEGAN INVESTIGATING 30-YEAR-OLD MONTRELL LEE THREE WEEKS AGO. ONCE SEARCHING HIS HOME ON RIO DRIVE THEY FOUND METH, FENTANYL, MARIJUANA, AND FIREARMS THAT COULD BE CONVERTED INTO MACHINE GUNS. HE WAS ARRESTED ON MULTIPLE CHARGES INCLUDING POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS AND POSSESSION OF A MACHINE GUN.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 1/31/2024  
A FEDERAL JUDGE WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY ON LOUISIANA'S NEWLY DRAWN CONGRESSIONAL MAPS. EARLIER THIS MONTH, LAWMAKERS MET IN SPECIAL SESSION TO ADD A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT TO THE STATE'S MAPS. A PRE-TRIAL HEARING

SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND JUDGE SHELLEY DICK WILL REVIEW THE LEGISLATURE'S DECISION. THE PLAINTIFFS IN THIS CASE HAVE UNTIL TUESDAY TO FILE THEIR CONCERNS.

SPORTS 5AM 1/31/2024

THE N-F-L COACHING CAROUSEL IS IN FULL SWING. AND A FORMER LONGTIME NEW ORLEANS SAINTS COACH IS REUNITING WITH HIS FORMER HEAD COACH. PETE CARMICHAEL IS HEADING TO THE MILE HIGH CITY TO JOIN THE DENVER BRONCOS AND THEIR HEAD COACH, SEAN PAYTON. CARMICHAEL WILL WORK UNDER FORMER NEW ORLEANS ASSISTANT JOE LOMBARDI, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE BRONCOS' OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR. CARMICHAEL WAS FIRED FROM THE SAINTS AFTER THE 20-23 SEASON. HE HAD SERVED WITH THE BLACK AND GOLD FOR 15 YEARS.

Crime 1/31/24 12pm

A FAMILY IS STILL SEEKING JUSTICE TWO MONTHS AFTER SOMEONE RAN OVER THEIR MOTHER, LEAVING HER FOR DEAD.

Community 1/31/24 12pm

AHEAD OF THE BUSY MARDI GRAS WEEKENDS IN BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE BEEFING UP PATROLS TO MAKE SURE IT'S SAFE.

Business 1/31/24 12pm

ANOTHER LOUISIANA TRADITION IS GEARING UP CRAWFISH SEASON. THIS TIME OF YEAR CRAWFISH PRICES ARE USUALLY AT THEIR HIGHEST, BUT CRAWFISH SPECIALISTS SAY, RIGHT NOW, COSTS FOR THE MUDBUGS ARE SOARING DUE TO LAST SUMMER'S DROUGHT.

COMMUNITY

1-31-24/4PM

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THE METRO COUNCIL IS MEETING TODAY TO POSSIBLY MAKE A DECISION TO REMOVE BRANDON WILLIAMS FROM THE BOARD. EARLIER THIS MONTH...WE REPORTED THAT A JUDGE RULED WILLIAMS CANNOT SIMULTANEOUSLY SERVE ON THE BOARD AND THE LOUISIANA HOUSING COMMISSION. A FINAL VOTE IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14TH.

COMMUNITY

1-31-24/4PM

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FEMA HAS FINALIZED FLOOD MAPS FOR 2024 FOR EAST AND WEST FELICIANA PARISHES. OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, FEMA WILL WORK WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO UPDATE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCES AND ADOPT THE NEW MAPS. THEY GO INTO EFFECT ON JULY 31ST. TO VIEW THE MAPS AND DETERMINE PROPERTY RISKS JUST HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE...W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM.

COMMUNITY

1-31-24/4PM

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CARNIVAL SEASON WILL BE IN FULL SWING IN THE CAPITAL AREA THIS WEEKEND. THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS WILL KICK THINGS OFF FRIDAY AT SEVEN P-M. THEN ON SATURDAY, THE KREWE OF DIVERSION BOAT PARADE HITS THE CANAL AT NOON. LATER THAT AFTERNOON...PARTY WITH THE KREWE OF MYSTIQUE AT TWO P-M. AN HOUR LATER...CHECK OUT THE KREWE OF DENHAM SPRINGS AT THREE.

Community

1/31/24

5 p.m.

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ON THE OLD GLEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS...NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM IS LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE UPDATE. SAFETY IS TOP PRIORITY WHEN IT COMES TO THE LONG AWAITED DEMOLITION PROJECT. THE ABANDONED CAMPUS HAS BECOME AN EYESORE DUE TO VANDALISM AND A FIRE LAST YEAR. E-B-R SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DADRIOUS LANUS TELLS US THE DEMOLITION PROCESS IS TAKING LONGER THAN EXPECTED DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF ASBESTOS. THE E-P-A SAYS THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MUST BE TREATED, CAPTURED, AND REMOVED BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN TAKE PLACE SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH THE SCHOOL BOARD'S GENERAL FUND AND AN E-P-A CERTIFIED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS BEEN HIRED.

Environment 1/31/24 5 p.m. :21

FEMA HAS FINALIZED ITS FLOOD MAPS FOR BOTH EAST AND WEST FELICIANA PARISHES. ALL PROPERTY OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK THEM OUT. THE NEW MAPS WILL GO INTO EFFECT JULY 31ST. BEFORE THEN, FEMA WILL WORK WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO UPDATE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE MAPS. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO THE INTERACTIVE FEMA WEBSITE WITH THE MAPS ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Health 1/31/24 5 p.m. :30

PIGS COULD BE THE FUTURE WHEN IT COMES TO ORGAN TRANSPLANTS FOR HUMANS. RECENT ADVANCES IN PIG CLONING AND GENE EDITING ALONG WITH BETTER INFECTION CONTROL HAVE LED TO BREAKTHROUGHS. IT COULD LEAD TO AN F-D-A APPROVED CLINICAL TRIAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE F-D-A SAYS THERE IS BOTH GREAT PROMISE AND POTENTIAL RISKS. BIO-TECH COMPANIES ARE ALREADY RAISING PIGS TO TRY TO SOLVE THE ORGAN SHORTAGE CRISIS. GENE EDITING INCLUDES REMOVING SOME PIG GENES AND ADDING SOME HUMAN GENES TO MAKE THE PIG ORGANS A BETTER FIT FOR HUMANS.

Business 1-31-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

STRUGGLING CRAWFISHERMEN MAY GET SOME RELIEF FROM WASHINGTON. CONGRESSMAN CLAY HIGGINS SAYS HIS OFFICE IS ASKING FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS THE POTENTIAL 140-MILLION DOLLAR LOSS THE INDUSTRY IS FACING THIS SEASON. LAST NIGHT WE TOLD YOU MANY RESTAURANTS AREN'T SURE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO START BOILING ANY TIME SOON. KATIE EASTER HERE WITH WHY ONE ORGANIZATION IS COUNTING ON A LATE SEASON REBOUND.

Community 1-31-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

SOME GOOD NEWS TONIGHT FOR PEOPLE LIVING NEAR THE BLIGHTED FORMER GLEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL. FOLLOWING OUR REPORT MONDAY ON THE VANDALISM AND OTHER PROBLEMS THE SCHOOL BOARD PROMISED ACTION TODAY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THAT.

Weather 1-31-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:10

A RAINMAKER IS COMING INTO THE FORECAST PICTURE JOSH.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/01/31/24 :20

THE GLEN OAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL DEMOLITION IS TAKING LONGER THAN EXPECTED. TODAY, WE LEARNED THAT ASBESTOS IS PRESENT...WHICH IS SLOWING DOWN THE PROCESS. ON MONDAY, WE TOLD YOU COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE TIRED OF THE EYE SORE. ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MUST BE REMOVED CAREFULLY BEFORE DEMOLITION CAN TAKE PLACE. 700-THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS OBTAINED THROUGH THE SCHOOL BOARD'S GENERAL FUND. AN E-P-A CERTIFIED CONSTRUCTION COMPANY HAS BEEN HIRED.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 01/31/24 :20

FEDERAL RELIEF COULD BE COMING TO HELP OUT WITH LOUISIANA CRAWFISH. CONGRESSMAN CLAY HIGGINS SENT A LETTER TO THE U-S-D-A SAYING THE INDUSTRY IS FACING A 140-MILLION DOLLAR LOSS THIS SEASON. DESPITE THE PROBLEMS, ONE ORGANIZATION STILL HOPES TO HOST THEIR FIRST CRAWFISH BOIL COMPETITION.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 01/31/24 :20

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COMMUNITY 9pm/01/31/24 :20  
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CRIME 9pm/ 01/31/24 :20  
A CRIME ALERT THIS EVENING...ONE MAN IS DEAD FOLLOWING A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED AROUND TEN-30 LAST NIGHT ALONG BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE. POLICE SAY 25 YEAR-OLD REGINALD RHEAMS WAS SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED. THERE'S NO WORD ON A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 01/31/24 :20  
TWO MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ARE HAPPENING TOGETHER AT THE L-S-U LAKES. AND IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT. DESPITE THE VISUAL DISRUPTION, WHAT'S HAPPENING BEHIND THE SCENES IS A BIT MORE COMPELLING. ORGANIZERS OF THE L-S-U LAKES RESTORATION AND D-O-T-D ARE MAKING A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TOWARDS PROGRESS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /01/31/24 :20  
OUR FIRST SIT DOWN INTERVIEW WITH NEWLY APPOINTED BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS "T-J" MORSE JUNIOR. NEW LEADERSHIP MEANS CHANGES FOR THE DEPARTMENT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HERE WITH WHAT THOSE CHANGES COULD LOOK LIKE.

DEVELOPING 10 PM /01/31/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE POLICE FACING A SECOND LAWSUIT OVER AN OFFICER-INVOLVED CRASH THAT KILLED A MAN LAST YEAR. THE MOTHER OF 38-YEAR-OLD CALEB CHAPPETTA FILED THE SUIT AGAINST THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE, FORMER POLICE CHIEF MURPHY PAUL, AND THE OFFICER INVOLVED.

POLITICS 10 PM /01/31/24 :20  
THE E-B-R METRO COUNCIL APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WHICH ALLOWS THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO PROVIDE MEALS FOR THE PARISH JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. ACCORDING TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THE JUVENILE JAIL AND KITCHEN SERVICES HAVE STAFFING ISSUES AND FEED THE JUVENILES THROUGH OUTSIDE SATELLITE VENDORS.

CRIME 5AM 2/1/2024  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A DEADLY SHOOTING ON TUESDAY NIGHT. POLICE SAY JUST BEFORE 11, 25- YEAR-OLD REGINALD RHEAMS WAS SHOT SEVERAL TIMES OFF BOULEVARD DE PROVINCE. HE DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. THE MOTIVE AND SUSPECTS ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS URGED TO CONTACT THE VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/1/2024  
A FEDERAL LAWSUIT IS CHALLENGING LOUISIANA'S NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAPS, CALLING THEM "RACIALLY GERRY-MANDERED." A DOZEN VOTERS FILED THE SUIT IN SHREVEPORT CLAIMING LAWMAKERS INTENDED TO SEGREGATE VOTERS "WITHOUT REGARD FOR TRADITIONAL REDISTRICTING CRITERIA." THE PLAINTIFFS IN THE CASE IDENTIFIED AS NON-AFRICAN AMERICAN VOTERS. EIGHT OF THEM SAY THEIR VOTING DISTRICTS CHANGED DUE TO THE REDISTRICTING.

SPORTS 5AM 2/1/2024  
THE N-F-L DRAFT IS TWO MONTHS AWAY AND FOR MANY PROSPECTS, A STEPPING STONE TO THE PROS IS THE SENIOR BOWL. AND AMONG THOSE PARTICIPATING ARE TWO FORMER TIGERS, DEFENSIVE TACKLE JORDAN JEFFERSON AND CENTER CHARLES TURNER. A FIVE-YEAR PLAYER FOR L-S-U, TURNER WAS THE LEADER OF THE TIGERS' OFFENSIVE LINE THIS

PAST SEASON. HIS POSITION ON THE FIELD WAS A BIG PART IN L-S-U CREATING ONE OF THE NATION'S BEST OFFENSES. TURNER BELIEVES THIS YEAR'S OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCE HAS PREPARED HIM FOR THE N-F-L. HE NOW HOPES THE SENIOR BOWL CAN PROVE JUST THAT. THE SENIOR BOWL IS SET FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY THIRD.

Community 2/1/24 12pm

THE CAPITAL CITY CARNIVAL COVERAGE KEEPS GOING...WE'VE GOT A KREWE IN STUDIO 2 READY TO TELL US ABOUT THEIR PARADE THIS WEEKEND...HEAR FROM THE KING AND QUEEN OF DENHAM SPRINGS.

Government 2/1/24 12pm

LAWMAKERS ARE GETTING READY TO HEAD BACK TO THE CAPITOL IN LESS THAN A MONTH FOR A SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME IN LOUISIANA.

Crime 2/1/24 12pm

WE'VE GOT AN UPDATE ON THE PAGE-RICE CAMERA INITIATIVE WHICH WAS FORMED FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF THREE YEAR-OLD DEVIN PAGE JUNIOR AND L-S-U STUDENT ALLIE RICE.

COMMUNITY

2-1-24/4PM

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A BIG STEP FORWARD TODAY WITH THE PAGE-RICE INITIATIVE...FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF THREE YEAR-OLD DEVIN PAGE AND L-S-U STUDENT ALLIE RICE. THE BATON ROUGE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED THEY WILL BE ADDING LICENSE PLATE READERS AND NEW A-EYE TECHNOLOGY. THE INITIATIVE WILL BE REBRANDED...NOW CALLING IT THE "PAGE-RICE SAFETY INITIATIVE".

COMMUNITY

2-1-24/4PM

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THE GOOD TIMES WILL ROLL THIS WEEKEND IN THE CAPITAL REGION...AND THAT BEGINS WITH THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS. THE ALL-FEMALE KREWE HAS BEEN ROLLING FOR THE LAST 23 YEARS. WITH MORE THAN 20 FLOATS ARTEMIS WILL HAVE MORE THAN 30 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS MARCHING WITH THEM. THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS ROLLS AT SEVEN ON FRIDAY.

COMMUNITY

2-1-24/4PM

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ARTEMIS ISN'T THE ONLY PARADE ROLLING THROUGH THE CITY THIS WEEKEND. ON SATURDAY, THE KREWE OF DIVERSION BOAT PARADE HITS THE CANAL AT NOON, PARTY WITH THE KREWE OF MYSTIQUE ROLLS AT TWO P-M. THE KREWE OF ORION WILL FOLLOW AT SIX-30.

Crime

2/1/24

5 p.m.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT CAN SPOT GUNS AND LICENSE PLATES...PART OF THE BATON ROUGE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION'S PAGE-RICE PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE. THE TECHNOLOGY IS AIMED AT REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLANE EXPLAINS. THE GROUP HAS RAISED MONEY TO INSTALL CAMERAS THAT WILL BE MONITORED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS PART OF THE REAL-TIME CRIME CENTER. IT COMES AFTER THE DEATHS OF THREE-YEAR OLD DEVIN PAGE JUNIOR AND L-S-U STUDENT ALLIE RICE. THE NEW CAMERAS WILL HAVE LICENSE PLATE READERS AND NEW A-EYE EQUIPMENT THAT WILL IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A GUN AND THEIR LOCATION. THE GOALS ARE LOFTY...PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, UPLIFT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND BUILD TRUST BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Community

2/1/24

5 p.m.

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A STRANGE CONNECTION TO DEVIN PAGE JUNIOR TODAY...A "FIRE" AT THE HOUSE ON FAIRFIELDS AVENUE WHERE HE WAS KILLED BY A STRAY BULLET. IT SENT A WOMAN TO THE HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION. PAGE'S FAMILY NO LONGER LIVES THERE. THEY WERE RENTING THE HOUSE WHEN DEVIN WAS KILLED IN APRIL 20-22 AND THE FAMILY MOVED SOON

AFTER. FIREFIGHTERS PULLED THE WOMAN FROM THE BURNING HOUSE. BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT DETERMINED WHAT SPARKED THE FIRE.

Community 2/1/24 5 p.m. :19  
THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS NOT CHANGING ITS SCHEDULE. IT GETS THIS BIG PARADE WEEKEND IN BATON ROUGE ROLLING TOMORROW NIGHT. ARTEMIS HAS NOW BEEN AROUND FOR 23 YEARS AND HAS 450 MEMBERS. THE PARADE WILL FEATURE MORE THAN 20 FLOATS PLUS MORE THAN 30 SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING. KREWE LEADERS SAY IT IS A LOT OF WORK BUT WORTH IT.

Court 2-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
PROSECUTORS IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH ARE TRYING A RACKETEERING CASE. IT'S THE FIRST OF ITS KIND THERE. FIVE MEN ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING A NEWS ROADS MAN IN 20-21. AS KATIE EASTER REPORTS -- PROSECUTORS ARE TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO CURBING GANG ACTIVITY.

Community 2-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S BEEN ONE WEEK SINCE SKELETAL REMAINS WERE DISCOVERED NEAR A BUSY INTERSECTION IN A BATON ROUGE NEIGHBORHOOD. SINCE THEN, THE BONES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY ANALYZED BY THE L-S-U FACES LAB TO TRY AND DETERMINE WHO THEY BELONG TO AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH GOT AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE PROCESS.

Police 2-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
BATON ROUGE POLICE GETTING A NEW HIGH TECH CRIME FIGHTING TOOL. A-I IS BEING ADDED TO THE PAGE-RICE PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE NAMED FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD DEVIN PAGE AND L-S-U STUDENT ALLIE RICE...BOTH KILLED IN 20-22 IN CRIMES THAT REMAIN UNSOLVED. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN EXPLAINS HOW IT WILL WORK.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 6:30pm/02/01/24 :20  
THIS IS PART OF THE RE-VAMPING OF THE PAGE-RICE INITIATIVE THAT STARTED IN 20-23. THEY ANNOUNCED THEY WILL ADD LICENSE PLATE READERS AND NEW "A-EYE" TECHNOLOGY WILL IDENTIFY AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A GUN AND THEIR LOCATION. THIS IS DONE THROUGH THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH ZERO EYES. BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION SIGNED A CONTRACT WITH ZERO EYES AND PURCHASED 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH THEY ARE DONATING TO THE COMMUNITY.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/02/01/24 :20  
81-YEAR OLD JANICE JONES HAS DIED AFTER A FIRE THIS AFTERNOON AT A HOME ON FAIRFIELDS AVENUE NEAR NORTH FOSTER DRIVE. SHE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, BUT DIED FROM HER INJURIES. THE HOME HAS A STRANGE CONNECTION TO DEVIN PAGE JUNIOR AS ITS THE SAME HOUSE WHERE HE WAS KILLED BY A STRAY BULLET IN 20-22. PAGE'S FAMILY NO LONGER LIVES THERE AS THEY WERE RENTING THE HOUSE WHEN DEVIN WAS KILLED AND MOVED SOON AFTER. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 02/01/24 :20  
THAT STORMY WEATHER IS ALREADY HAVING AN IMPACT ON MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS IN BATON ROUGE. THE KREWE OF ORION WAS SET TO ROLL THROUGH DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE SATURDAY NIGHT. BUT THE ORGANIZATION MADE THE CALL TODAY TO PUSH BACK THE CELEBRATION BY 24 HOURS.

CRIME 9 PM /02/01/24 :15  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE GETTING A NEW HIGH TECH CRIME FIGHTING TOOL. AI IS BEING ADDED TO THE PAGE-RICE PUBLIC SAFETY INITIATIVE NAMED FOR THREE-YEAR-OLD DEVIN PAGE AND L-S-U STUDENT ALLIE RICE BOTH KILLED IN 20-22 IN CRIMES THAT REMAIN UNSOLVED.

CRIME 9 PM /02/01/24 :15  
FROM THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT: THE PARENTS OF AN EAST FELICIANA WOMAN WHO WAS FOUND DEAD OF SEVERE NEGLECT IN 20-22 ARE EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER MONDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY LACEY FLETCHER DIED ON A SOFA WHERE SHE SAT FOR SO LONG HER BODY MELTED INTO IT.

CRIME 9 PM /02/01/24 :15  
PROSECUTORS IN POINTE COUPEE PARISH ARE TRYING A RACKETEERING CASE LINKED TO FIVE MEN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING A NEWS ROADS MAN IN 20-21. IT'S PART OF A NEW APPROACH TO CURBING GANG ACTIVITY. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

10pm 2/1/24 community  
THE GLEN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT CRIME FROM HAPPENING IN THEIR COMMUNITY. LAST YEAR SENATOR REGINA BARROW WHO LIVES IN GLEN OAKS PASSED LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH A CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS A LOOK AT WHAT IS NEXT FOR NEIGHBORS.

10pm 2/1/24 emergency  
THE TOWN OF LIVINGSTON ISSUED A BOIL WATER ADVISORY AFTER A MAIN WATER LINE WAS DAMAGED THIS AFTERNOON. OFFICIALS SAY THE BREAK HAPPENED NEAR ANN AND OHIO STREET CAUSING PUBLIC WORKS TO SHUT OFF THE WATER. MAYOR J-T TAYLOR SAYS THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS ON REPAIRS AND WILL CONTINUE TO UPDATE THE STATUS ON THE TOWN'S FACEBOOK PAGE.

10pm 2/1/24 emergency  
THIS AFTERNOON A DEADLY HOUSE FIRE TORE THROUGH THE HOME WHERE DEVIN PAGE JUNIOR WAS MURDERED IN 20-22. BATON ROUGE FIRE OFFICIALS SAY 81-YEAR-OLD JANICE JONES DIED DUE TO INJURIES FROM THE BLAZE. IT HAPPENED ON FAIRFIELDS AVENUE JUST OFF NORTH FOSTER AROUND 12-30. JONES WAS FOUND IN A BACK BEDROOM. ONE OTHER PERSON ESCAPED UN-HURT. INVESTIGATORS WORKING TO DETERMINE WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE.

CRIME 5AM 2/2/2024  
FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT...THE PARENTS OF A WOMAN WHO WAS FOUND DEAD OF SEVERE NEGLECT IN EAST FELICIANA IN 20-22 ARE EXPECTED TO PLEAD GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER MONDAY. INVESTIGATORS SAY LACEY FLETCHER DIED ON A SOFA WHERE SHE WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT FOR YEARS. SOURCES TOLD THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT FLETCHER WAS COVERED HEAD TO TOE IN FECES AND HAD "MELTED" INTO THE COUCH. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS ASKING FOR THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 40 YEARS FOR BOTH CLAY AND SHEILA FLETCHER. THE SENTENCING HEARING IS SET FOR MARCH 20TH.

COMMUNITY 5AM 2/2/2024  
SOME KREWES ARE TRYING TO BEAT THE RAIN, BUT PARADES ARE STILL ROLLING. HERE'S A LOOK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND WITH SOME PARADES MODIFYING THEIR SCHEDULES: ARTEMIS WILL STILL ROLL TONIGHT AT SEVEN, DENHAM SPRINGS CHANGING THEIR TIME TO ELEVEN-A-M SATURDAY, THE KREWE OF DIVERSION PUSHING THEIR PARADE TO ELEVEN AS WELL. AND DON'T FORGET THE KREWE OF ASCENSION MAMBO SATURDAY AT ONE, KREWE MYSTIQUE DE LA CAPITALE SATURDAY AT TWO HERE IN BATON ROUGE. AND ON SUNDAY, MID CITY GRAS WILL GO \*NUTS\* AT ONE-P-M, FOLLOWED BY KREWE OF ORION WHO MOVED THEIR CELEBRATIONS TO SUNDAY NIGHT AT SIX-30.

SPORTS 5AM 2/2/2024  
OVER TO THE HARDWOOD...MATT MCMAHON AND HIS SQUAD HAVE HAD SOME TIME TO REST THIS PAST WEEK TO PREPARE FOR THEIR GAME ARKANSAS SATURDAY MORNING. THE



TIGERS TRYING TO SNAP A 3 GAME LOSING SKID THAT CAME AFTER A BIG TIME WIN OVER A TOP 25 OPPONENT A FEW WEEKS AGO. THEY WERE BEAT OUT IN ALMOST EVERY STAT LINE BY ALABAMA LAST SATURDAY. COACH MCMAHON KNOWS WHAT THE RAZORBACKS WILL BRING TO THE TABLE SATURDAY, AND HE HOPES THAT HIS TEAM HAS LEARNED FROM THESE LOSSES.

COMMUNITY 12PM 2/2/24

L-S-U FOOTBALL HEAD COACH BRIAN KELLY RELEASED A BALD EAGLE BACK INTO THE WILD THIS MORNING. THE EAGLE HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE L-S-U SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE'S WILDLIFE HOSPITAL. WHEN DISCOVERED, SHE WAS DEHYDRATED AND HAD A LEFT WING DROOP. RADIOGRAPHS LATER REVEALED SHE HAD A LEFT CORACOID FRACTURE. THANKFULLY, THE BALD EAGLE MADE A FULL RECOVERY.

GOVERNMENT 12PM 2/2/24

A TRIAL IS UNDERWAY AS PROSECUTORS TACKLE THE PARISH'S FIRST-EVER RACKETEERING CASE AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY EMPHASIZES COMMITMENT TO GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY'S MANDATE ON FIGHTING CRIME. FIVE MEN ARE ACCUSED IN THE BRUTAL KILLING OF 43-YEAR-OLD EUGENE JARREAU THE THIRD. JARREAU WAS SHOT OVER A DOZEN TIMES IN HIS NEW ROADS HOME IN JANUARY OF 20-21. D-A TONY CLAYTON SAYS THE MEN ARE APART OF A GANG CALLED "YOUNG AND RECKLESS". CLAYTON SAYS HE IS TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO TACKLING RISING GANG VIOLENCE IN THE AREA. HE'S DETERMINED TO SEND A MESSAGE THAT GANGS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

ALERT 12PM 2/2/24

THE KREWE MYSTIQUE DE LA CAPITALE HAS ANNOUNCED IT HAS CANCELED ITS PARADE- THAT WAS SET TO ROLL TOMORROW- DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. IN A STATEMENT, THE KREWE SAYS THERE IS NO RESCHEDULE, ADDING THAT IT WAS NOT AN OPTION. IT'S THE SECOND TIME IN THE KREWE'S 47-YEAR HISTORY THAT THEY'VE CANCELED THEIR PARADE. THE FIRST TIME WAS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC.

COMMUNITY

2-2-24/4PM

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A NUMBER OF PARADES HAVE MODIFIED THEIR SCHEDULES THIS WEEKEND. THE KREWE OF DENHAM SPRINGS HAS CHANGED THEIR TIME TO ELEVEN-A-M SATURDAY. THE KREWE OF DIVERSION IS PUSHING THEIR PARADE TO ELEVEN AS WELL. THE KREWE OF ORION IS BATON ROUGE HAS MOVED THEIR CELEBRATION TO SUNDAY NIGHT AT SIX-30.

COMMUNITY

2-2-24/4PM

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A BALD EAGLE IS BACK IN THE WILD...WITH THE HELP THIS MORNING FROM L-S-U HEAD FOOTBALL COACH...BRIAN KELLY. THE EAGLE HAD BEEN TREATED BY THE L-S-U SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE'S WILDLIFE HOSPITAL. WHEN DISCOVERED, SHE WAS DEHYDRATED AND HAD A LEFT WING DROOP. IT WAS LATER REVEALED THAT THE EAGLE HAD A FRACTURE...BUT THANKFULLY...WAS ABLE TO MAKE A FULL RECOVERY.

COMMUNITY

2-2-24/4PM

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SOME SUPER BOWL GAME-DAY DISH INGREDIENTS WILL COST LESS THAN A YEAR AGO. HOWEVER, SEVERAL OTHER POPULAR SNACK ITEMS AND DRINKS ARE MORE EXPENSIVE. A POUND OF FRESH CHICKEN WINGS COST FIVE PERCENT LESS THAN THE SAME TIME A YEAR AGO. FROZEN WINGS COST ELEVEN PERCENT LESS.

Business

2/2/24

5 p.m.

:29

FIRE TORE THROUGH WOMACK'S HEAD AND BLOCK SHOP IN DENHAM SPRINGS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. NOW THAT THE DAMAGE IS DONE, IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO LOOK TOWARDS THE FUTURE. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS MORE. WHEN OWNER REMI BAKER FIRST RECEIVED THE CALL ABOUT THE FIRE WEDNESDAY, HE COULDN'T BELIEVE IT. WITH SUCH LARGE FLAMES AND CLOUDS OF SMOKE, BAKER WAS NOT ALLOWED NEAR HIS SHOP. HE

WASN'T ABLE TO SEE THE INSIDE DAMAGE UNTIL THE NEXT DAY. BAKER SAY DESPITE THE DEVASTATION, HE'S NOT GIVING UP. HE PLANS TO REBUILD AND START OVER.

Community 2/2/24 5 p.m. :27  
TWO WOMEN LIVING ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF BATON ROUGE ARE NOW BONDED THROUGH A PIECE OF ART FROM 19-78. 86-YEAR-OLD RUBY MORROW FOUND A PAINTING IN HER ART COLLECTION WITH A TELEPHONE NUMBER ON THE BACK AND DECIDED TO CALL IT. ON THE OTHER LINE THE ORIGINAL ARTIST WHO IS 98 AND LIVES IN PORT ALLEN. THE TWO BEGAN TALKING ON THE PHONE REGULARLY AND BECAME FRIENDS. TODAY WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY MET IN PERSON AND OUR W-B-R-Z CAMERAS CAPTURED THE HEARTWARMING MOMENT.

Health 2/2/24 5 p.m. :31  
THE C-D-C SAYS RESPIRATORY VIRUS ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN DECREASING OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS. FLU, COVID, AND R-S-V ACTIVITY IS STILL ELEVATED AND THE C-D-C IS STILL WATCHING OUT FOR A POST-HOLIDAY SURGE. MORE THAN FOUR PERCENT OF ALL VISITS TO A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER WERE FOR RESPIRATORY ILLNESS DURING THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20TH. THAT IS DOWN FROM NEARLY SEVEN PERCENT FROM THREE WEEKS EARLIER. THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE GETTING THE FLU WAS DOWN FOR A THIRD WEEK AND R-S-V HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR CHILDREN IS FALLING.

Entertainment 2-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE FLOATS ARE IN LINE AND READY TO ROLL. AND THE BANDS ARE WARMING UP AS WE WAIT FOR THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS TO TAKE TO THE STREETS. ALEXIS MARIGNY IS IN THE MARDI GRAS SPIRIT.

Community 2-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION HAS ALREADY FALLEN IN THE FACE OF THE WEATHER THREAT. THE KREWE OF MYSTIQUE DE LA CAPITALE MADE THE DECISION THIS MORNING TO CANCEL TOMORROW'S PARADE. BRITTANY WEISS HAS MORE ON WHAT WENT INTO THAT TOUGH DECISION.

Community 2-2-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
ART IS UNIVERSAL. IT TRANSCENDS LANGUAGE, CULTURE, AND TIME CONNECTING PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS THROUGH ITS BEAUTY. FOR TWO WOMEN ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF BATON ROUGE, IT SPARKED A FRIENDSHIP. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US THEIR STORY.

Weather 2-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:10  
IT WAS A SUNNY AND CLEAR DAY ACROSS THE CAPITAL AREA BUT IT WILL BE A MUCH DIFFERENT PICTURE TOMORROW. BALIN IS HERE TO GIVE A TIMELINE OF TOMORROW'S RAIN.

Crime 2-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
NO THREAT FOUND AT EAST ASCENSION HIGH SCHOOL AFTER A TIP THAT A STUDENT HAD BROUGHT A GUN TO SCHOOL TRIGGERED A LOCKDOWN. THE GUN WAS NOT FOUND, BUT THE 15 YEAR OLD STUDENT WAS ARRESTED AT HOME AND STUDENTS SPENT MOST OF THE AFTERNOON IN CHAOS. BESS CASSERLEIGH REPORTS.

Military 2-2-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE U-S LAUNCHED DOZENS OF AIR STRIKES TARGETING MILITIAS IN IRAQ AND SYRIA AS A RESPONSE TO AN ATTACK THAT KILLED THREE AMERICAN TROOPS IN JORDAN LAST WEEKEND. THE PENTAGON SAYS MORE THAN 85 TARGETS WERE HIT. DEFENSE SECRETARY LLOYD AUSTIN PLACING THE BLAME ON IRAN CLAIMING EVIDENCE SHOWS THEY MADE THE DRONE WHICH CARRIED OUT THE ATTACK.

WEATHER 9 PM /02/02/24 :10  
OUR NEXT RAINMAKER ARRIVING TO OUR AREA TOMORROW. BALIN WHEN WILL THE RAIN START?

COMMUNITY 9 PM /02/02/24 :15  
THAT RAIN NOT A PROBLEM FOR THE KREWE OF ARTEMIS...WHICH IS JUST WRAPPING UP IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE. THE ALL FEMALE KREWE LIT UP THE NIGHT, AS THEY ROLLED DOWN RIVER ROAD FOR THEIR 23-RD PARADE IN THE CAPITAL CITY.

COMMUNITY 9 PM /02/02/24 :15  
ANOTHER KREWE DIDN'T HAVE AS MUCH LUCK AVOIDING THE WEATHER. THE KREWE OF MYSTIQUE DE LA CAPITALE MADE THE DECISION THIS MORNING TO CANCEL TOMORROW'S PARADE. BRITTANY WEISS HAS MORE ON WHAT WENT INTO THAT TOUGH DECISION.

10pm 2/2/24 weather  
ROUGH WEATHER MAY SPOIL THE MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES THIS WEEKEND.

10pm 2/2/24 community  
FOR TWENTY THREE YEARS THE LADIES OF ARTEMIS HAVE ROLLED THROUGH DOWNTOWN. THIS YEAR'S THEME HIGHLIGHTING FAVORITE SHOWS -- MOVIES AND MUSIC. ORGANIZERS TOLD NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY THEY HOPE TO PASS THE TRADITION TO THE NEXT GENERATION.

10pm 2/2/24 sports  
L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH KIM MULKEY IS RESPONDING TO CRITICISM AFTER AN AUDIT REVEALED THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT OPERATED AT A DEFICIT IN 20-23. THE L-S-U ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT POSTED A NEARLY FOUR MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT FOR THE 20-23 FISCAL YEAR DESPITE TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND POST-SEASON APPEARANCES FROM MULTIPLE SPORTS.

Crime 9 AM 2/3/24  
DEPUTIES IN SAINT MARY PARISH ARE LOOKING FOR AN ESCAPED JUVENILE. HE ESCAPED FROM THE CUSTODY OF O-J-J WHILE ON AN ESCORTED TRIP IN FRANKLIN YESTERDAY. THE SAINT MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAID KIMMY DAUNTAIN JUNIOR ESCAPED AROUND 4:30 AFTERNOON.

Holiday 9 AM 2/3/24  
NOW LET'S GET TO THE CHANGES TO THE WEEKEND'S PARADE SCHEDULE: KREWE OF DIVERSION IS STARTING AN HOUR EARLIER, BEGINNING AT THE DIVERSION CANAL AT ELEVEN. ORION WILL BE ROLLING THROUGH DOWNTOWN SUNDAY INSTEAD OF TODAY. AND THE BIG CHANGE: KREWE OF MYSTIQUE HAS BEEN CANCELED ENTIRELY...THE SECOND TIME THE PARADE HAS EVER BEEN OUTRIGHT CANCELED.

Business 9 AM 2/3/24  
CRAWFISH PRICES AREN'T THE ONLY THING ON THE RISE...THE COST OF FILLING UP IS GOING UP. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR IS THREE-DOLLARS, 15-CENTS, ACCORDING TO TRIPLE-A. THAT'S A FOUR-CENT HIKE FROM LAST MONTH. ON THE PLUS SIDE...IT'S ALSO A 35-CENT DROP FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR. ANALYSTS SAY THE RECENT INCREASE IS LIKELY CAUSED BY RISING OIL COSTS AND A HIGHER DEMAND FROM DRIVERS. THE MOST EXPENSIVE GAS IS IN HAWAII AT NEARLY FOUR-DOLLARS AND 68-CENTS PER GALLON.

WEATHER 6 PM /02/03/24 :10  
IT'S BEEN A VERY RAINY START TO OUR WEEKEND, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE SHOWERS ARE FINALLY STARTING TO CLEAR UP. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO BALIN WITH THE LATEST.

BREAKING 6 PM /02/03/24 :20  
A DEAD BODY WAS FOUND FLOATING IN THE WATER AT THE COMITE RIVER CONSERVATION AREA THIS MORNING. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES TOLD US SOMEONE WALKING AROUND THE PARK SAW THE BODY AROUND NINE A-M. SOURCES SAY THE BODY MAY HAVE DRIFTED TO THE AREA FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE AND COULD HAVE BEEN IN THE WATER FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

COMMUNITY 6 PM /02/03/24 :10  
ALSO IN FULL SWING: TAX SEASON. BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR W-2. IT'S TIME TO GET YOUR TAXES FILED. KATIE EASTER TAKES A LOOK AT ONE ORGANIZATION HELPING PEOPLE DO JUST THAT FOR FREE.

WEATHER 10 PM /02/03/24 :10  
SHOWERS ARE STARTING TO MOVE AWAY FROM OUR AREA TONIGHT, BUT WE AREN'T COMPLETELY DONE WITH THE RAIN. BALIN, WHEN WILL WE DRY OUT?

BREAKING 10 PM /02/03/24 :10  
BOTH WESTBOUND LANES OF THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN BRIDGE NEAR THE RAMAH EXIT ARE CURRENTLY CLOSED, AFTER A MULTI-CAR ACCIDENT. HERE'S A LIVE LOOK AT THE SCENE FROM OUR TRAFFIC CAMERAS. TRAFFIC HAS BEEN AT A STANDSTILL SINCE SEVEN P-M.

ALERT 10 PM /02/03/24 :10  
A 14 YEAR OLD GONZALES MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IS IN JAIL TONIGHT AFTER POSTING A VIDEO OF A GUN TO SOCIAL MEDIA. GONZALES POLICE SAID THE VIDEO IMPLIED "THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE."

Holiday 9 AM 2/4/2024

THERE ARE TWO MARDI GRAS PARADES LEFT THIS WEEKEND: MID CITY GRAS STARTS ROLLING AT ONE P-M ALONG NORTH BOULEVARD, ENDING AT NORTH FOSTER DRIVE RIGHT NEXT TO B-R-C-C. AND THE WEEKEND'S PARADES CONCLUDE WITH THE KREWE OF ORION WHICH WAS MOVED TO TONIGHT AT 6:30 DUE TO WEATHER.

Health 9 AM 2/4/2024

TOMORROW THE LEGISLATURE WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA TO THE INDIANA-BASED ELEVANCE HEALTH. THE MERGER WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED JANUARY OF 20-23, BUT BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PULLED OUT IN SEPTEMBER SO THAT "KEY SHAREHOLDERS COULD HAVE MORE TIME FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT REORGANIZATION."

Business 9 AM 2/4/2024

IN LAS VEGAS, A UNION REPRESENTING HOSPITALITY WORKERS, THAT WAS THREATENING TO STRIKE DURING SUPER BOWL WEEK, HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO PREVENT A WALK-OUT. BINION, FOUR QUEENS, FREMONT, AND MAIN STREET WERE SOME OF THE LAST HOTEL-CASINOS ON THE STRIP TO REACH A DEAL WITH THE CULINARY UNION.

ALERT 5:30 PM /02/04/24 :20  
A JUVENILE ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT WHO ESCAPED CUSTODY IN FRANKLIN IS NOW BACK IN JAIL. THE SAINT MARY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS 17 YEAR OLD KIMMY DAUTAIN MANAGED TO ESCAPE AROUND 4:30 FRIDAY AFTERNOON DURING A TRANSPORT. THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TELLS US HIS PARENTS TURNED HIM OVER TO STATE POLICE IN KENNER THIS MORNING.

CRIME 5:30 PM /02/04/24 :20  
TWO GONZALES BROTHERS FACING CHARGES AFTER POSTING GUNS ON SOCIAL MEDIA. ON FRIDAY, EAST ASCENSION HIGH SCHOOL WENT ON LOCKDOWN FOR HOURS. A 15-YEAR-OLD

WAS ARRESTED. AND YESTERDAY SO WAS HIS YOUNGER BROTHER. KATIE EASTER HAS MORE.

POLITICS 5:30 PM /02/04/24 :20  
AFTER VISITING THE SOUTHERN BORDER TODAY GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY SAYS HE'S LOOKING TO SEND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO SUPPORT TEXAS, AS ITS STANDOFF WITH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES. LANDRY JOINED TEXAS GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT AND 12 OTHER REPUBLICAN GOVERNORS FOR A SECURITY BRIEFING IN EAGLE PASS, TEXAS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /02/04/24 :20  
YESTERDAY'S WET WEATHER MAY HAVE RAINED ON OUR PARADES, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING STOPPING THE GOOD TIMES FROM ROLLING IN BATON ROUGE TODAY. BOTH MID CITY GRAS AND KREWE OF ORION BROUGHT THE MARDI GRAS SPIRIT TO THE CAPITAL CITY TODAY. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM WAS THERE.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /02/04/24 :15  
IN THE TINY VILLAGE OF WALLACE A MAN WAS BORN ENSLAVED BUT BECAME ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES IN STATE HISTORY. HIS LEGACY IS AN INSTITUTION THAT HAS LASTED NEARLY 150 YEARS, AND HIS STORY IS CLOSELY TIED TO A BATTLE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW. BRANDI B HARRIS EXPLAINS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM /02/04/24 :10  
IN TONIGHT'S SUNDAY CONVERSATION, NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SITS DOWN WITH BATON ROUGE'S NEWEST POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR. MORSE TELLS US WHAT CHANGES HE HOPES TO BRING TO B-R-P-D.

CRIME 5AM 2/5/2024  
ONE PERSON WAS HURT SUNDAY EVENING IN A SHOOTING ALONG CASPER STREET. SOURCES SAY IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 10 P-M NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF AIRLINE AND SCENIC HIGHWAYS. THE CONDITION OF THE VICTIM AND CAUSE OF THE SHOOTING ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. WE REACHED OUT TO B-R-P-D TO GET MORE INFORMATION. WE WILL POST UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/5/2024  
THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS SET TO DISCUSS THE SALE OF BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA TO THE INDIANA-BASED ELEVANCE HEALTH. THE MERGER WAS INITIALLY PROPOSED JANUARY OF 20-23, BUT BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD PULLED OUT IN SEPTEMBER SO THAT "KEY SHAREHOLDERS COULD HAVE MORE TIME FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT REORGANIZATION." TODAY'S MEETING COMES AS CONTROVERSY OVER THE DEAL INTENSIFIES, WITH OVER FOUR THOUSAND PHYSICIANS IN THE STATE SIGNING AN OPEN LETTER TUESDAY OPPOSING THE SALE.

SPORTS 5AM 2/5/2024  
AFTER LOSING TWO STRAIGHT GAMES, THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK EVEN STRONGER THAN BEFORE. THEY DID JUST THAT SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHEN THEY TOOK ON THE FLORIDA GATORS. COACH MULKEY SAYING THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON DEFENSE WORK ALL WEEK. IN THE FIRST HALF, THE TIGERS DEFENSE HELD FLORIDA TO SHOOTING 35 PERCENT FROM THE FIELD. DEFENSE STILL HOLDING STRONG IN THE SECOND HALF. IT'S REESE, WILLIAMS, AND JOHNSON FORCING THE BALL AWAY FROM THE GATORS, ANEESAH MORROW WILL TAKE IT THE OTHER WAY, GIVE IT BACK TO FLAU'JAE AND SHE WILL FINISH IT OFF WITH A BUCKET. AND HAILEY VAN LITH HAD A SEASON HIGH 21 POINTS AND ANOTHER SEASON HIGH OF 7 REBOUNDS. AND THE TIGERS CRUISE TO VICTORY OVER THE GATORS. NOT ONLY DID THE LADY TIGERS WIN, BUT THEY WON BY 40 POINTS. THIS VICTORY IS THE MOST POINTS THE TIGERS HAVE SCORED IN AN S-E-C GAME EVER. A NEW PROGRAM RECORD. ANEESAH MORROW AND ANGEL REESE BOTH WITH DOUBLE DOUBLES. MORROW HAD 13 DEFENSIVE REBOUNDS AND A STEAL. AND HAILEY VAN LITH AND

MIKALYAH WILLIAMS TIED FOR POINTS WITH 21 A PIECE. SPORTS 2'S JACK SCHEMMEL WAS AT THE P-MAC AND HAS MORE ON HOW THE TIGERS PUT ALL OF THE RIGHT PIECES TOGETHER TO GET THE WIN.

Investigative 2/5/24 12pm

THE PARENTS OF AN EAST FELICIANA PARISH WOMAN FOUND DEAD OF SEVERE NEGLECT IN 20-22 PLEADED GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER TODAY.

Crime 2/5/24 12pm

WE'RE REACHING OUT TO POLICE GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A SHOOTING THAT LEFT ONE PERSON INJURED SUNDAY NIGHT.

Community 2/5/24 12pm

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, AND EACH WEEK WE'RE CELEBRATING WITH STORIES OF DETERMINATION, VISION, AND PRIDE. TODAY, THE STORY OF A MAN BORN ENSLAVED IN A TINY VILLAGE IN SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH. HE WENT ON TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT POLITICAL FIGURES IN STATE HISTORY.

CRIME 2-5-24/4PM :20

AN ASCENSION PARISH DEPUTY IS UNDER ARREST THIS AFTERNOON. ANDREW WHEELER IS ACCUSED OF BRINGING CONTRABAND INTO THE PARISH JAIL. WHEELER HAS BEEN FIRED AND IS BOOKED WITH MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE.

COMMUNITY 2-5-24/4PM :20

BRUSLY HIGH SCHOOL HAD TO BE SHUT DOWN THIS MORNING, DUE TO A REPORTED BOMB THREAT. STUDENTS WERE MOVED TO THE FOOTBALL FIELD WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATED THE CAMPUS. NO BOMB WAS FOUND, AND STUDENTS WERE ADVISED TO LEAVE ANYTHING LEFT INSIDE, TO BE PICKED UP TOMORROW. ALL AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELED FOR THE DAY.

CRIME 2-5-24/4PM :20

NEW INFORMATION THIS AFTERNOON INTO A LATE NIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER TEN LAST NIGHT ON CASPER STREET. POLICE TELL US ONE PERSON WAS SHOT WHILE SITTING IN THEIR VEHICLE. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE O-K. RIGHT NOW....POLICE DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS IN THIS SHOOTING.

Crime 2/5/24 5 p.m. :47

LAW ENFORCEMENT ONCE AGAIN FORCED TO INVESTIGATE A THREAT MADE TO A CAMPUS. THIS TIME THE THREAT WAS ANONYMOUS. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLIEIGH JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM. THIS COMES JUST DAYS AFTER TWO TEEN BROTHERS WERE ARRESTED FOR TERRORIZING IN ASCENSION PARISH. STUDENTS WERE MOVED TO THE FOOTBALL FIELD WHILE LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATED THE CAMPUS. NO BOMB WAS FOUND, AND STUDENTS WERE ADVISED TO LEAVE ANYTHING LEFT INSIDE, TO BE PICKED UP TOMORROW. IN JUST THE LAST 6 MONTHS, THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST SIX SIMILAR THREATS TO AREA SCHOOLS. EXPERTS SAY IT'S PART OF A NATIONWIDE TREND WHERE HOAX THREATS DISRUPT SCHOOLS AROUND THE US AT A RATE OF AT LEAST 30 PER WEEK. THOUGH ALL RECENT THREATS TO SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN EMPTY, EXPERTS SAY THEY EACH NEED TO BE TREATED AS LEGITIMATE.

Crime 2/5/24 5 p.m. :37

THE PARENTS OF A WOMAN FOUND DEAD FROM NEGLECT PLED GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER IN COURT TODAY. LACEY FLETCHER WAS FOUND DEAD FROM STARVATION IN THEIR HOME IN 20-22. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY TALKED TO ATTORNEYS AT THE COURT HOUSE ABOUT THE HEARING. CLAY AND SHEILA FLETCHER ARE OUT ON BOND AND SET TO RETURN TO COURT ON MARCH 20TH. AT THE COURT HOUSE, THEY HAD A LOT OF PEOPLE SHOW UP TO SUPPORT THEM. THE PROSECUTION BROUGHT IN A VICTIM ADVOCATE TO SUPPORT LACEY.

INITIALLY THE CHARGES AGAINST THE PARENTS WERE SECOND DEGREE MURDER. LAWYERS FOR THE COUPLE SAY THE REDUCED CHARGE IS BECAUSE THERE WAS NO \*INTENT\* TO HARM LACEY.

Health 2/5/24 5 p.m. :24  
A NEW STUDY ANALYSIS LINKS DRINKING FRUIT JUICE EACH DAY TO A SMALL INCREASE IN WEIGHT GAIN AMONG CHILDREN AND ADULTS. WITH RISING NUMBERS OF OBESE CHILDREN, AND CONCERNS FOR DENTAL CAVITIES, THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS SAYS BABIES YOUNGER THAN ONE SHOULD AVOID JUICE ENTIRELY. FOR CHILDREN AGES ONE TO THREE, IN-TAKE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FOUR OUNCES A DAY. AND LITTLE ONES AGES FOUR TO SIX ONLY SIX OUNCES DAILY.

Court 2-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
AN EAST FELICIANA PARISH COUPLE AWAITING SENTENCING AFTER PLEADING GUILTY IN THE DEATH OF THEIR DAUGHTER. CLAY AND SHEILA FLETCHER PLEAD TO MANSLAUGHTER. THIS AFTER 36 YEAR OLD LACEY FLETCHER WAS FOUND DEAD IN SQUALID CONDITIONS TWO YEARS AGO. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY WAS AT THE COURTHOUSE.

Community 2-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
ONE MAN SAYS HE'S GOT A SERIOUS FLOODING ISSUE ON HIS HANDS BUT IT'S UP TO THE STATE TO FIX IT. THE STATE TELLS TWO ON YOUR SIDE IT'S WRAPPED UP IN PAPERWORK TRYING TO CONTACT ANOTHER PROPERTY OWNER DOWNSTREAM THAT MAY BE CAUSING THE PROBLEMS UPSTREAM. BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US ABOUT THIS MAN'S FRUSTRATIONS.

Community 2-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 0:00  
THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY 'HUMAN JUKEBOX' MAKING THEIR WAY TO VEGAS RIGHT NOW TO PERFORM AT A CELEBRATION AHEAD OF THE SUPER BOWL. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SPOKE WITH THE BAND DIRECTOR BEFORE THEIR BIG SENDOFF ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY.

Politics 2-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE NEW BORDER SECURITY PACKAGE ON CAPITOL HILL IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMMIGRATION DEAL REACHED BY DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS IN MORE THAN A DECADE. THE AGREEMENT ALSO INCLUDES MORE FOREIGN AID TO ISRAEL AND UKRAINE, BUT IT ALREADY FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE.

Royal Family 2-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
BUCKINGHAM PALACE HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BRITAIN'S KING CHARLES HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. THE PALACE NOT SAYING WHAT FORM OF CANCER THE KING HAS IT COMES A WEEK AFTER CHARLES WAS TREATED IN HOSPITAL FOR AN ENLARGED PROSTATE.

Community 2-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:30  
THIS WEEK MARKS SIX MONTHS SINCE THE TERRIBLE FIRE IN MAUI THAT LEFT THE ISLAND DEVASTATED. MELISSA ADAN WENT BACK TO FIND OUT HOW THE REBUILD IS GOING SO FAR.

CRIME 9pm/02/05/24 :20  
CLAY AND SHEILA FLETCHER PLEADED NO CONTEST TO MANSLAUGHTER. THIS AFTER 36 YEAR OLD LACEY FLETCHER WAS FOUND DEAD IN DISGUSTING CONDITIONS TWO YEARS AGO. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY WITH DETAILS FROM THE COURTHOUSE.

CRIME/COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/05/24 :20  
CITY OFFICIALS IN NEW ROADS SAY THE POLICE CHIEF COULD BE OFFERED A CHANCE TO RESIGN DURING A CITY COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW. AN EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATED TO A PERSONNEL MATTER WAS ADDED TO THE MEETING'S AGENDA. SOURCES TOLD W-B-R-Z THE COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS CHIEF DELANEY LEE'S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

AND HE WILL BE GIVEN AN OPTION TO RESIGN AFTER AN ALLEGATION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT INVOLVING ANOTHER CITY EMPLOYEE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/05/24 :20  
A DENHAM SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS CAUSING MAJOR PROBLEMS AND ANGRY RESIDENTS ARE VOICING THEIR FRUSTRATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THEY SAY DRIVING IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE.

10PM 2/5/24 CRIME  
A MAJOR SHAKEUP MAY BE ON THE HORIZON IN THE NEW ROADS POLICE DEPARTMENT. SOURCES TELL WBRZ'S KATIE EASTER AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON THE COUNCIL AGENDA TOMORROW WILL DISCUSS ACCUSATIONS ABOUT THE CHIEF AND HIS EMPLOYMENT. KATIE WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

10PM 2/5/24 CRIME  
POINTE COUPEE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARRESTED A TEEN ACCUSED OF CALLING IN A BOMB THREAT AT LIVONIA HIGH SCHOOL. 18-YEAR-OLD LIVONIA HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR JAYLIN HARRIS WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY SHORTLY AFTER THREE P-M TODAY. HE FACES TERRORIZING CHARGES.

10PM 2/5/24 CRIME  
NEW DETAILS ON THE BODY FOUND NEAR COMITE RIVER PARK. STATE POLICE IDENTIFIED SAY IT IS 38-YEAR-OLD HUM-BERTO VASQUEZ. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN CRASH LAST MONTH ALONG TUCKER ROAD IN ZACHARY. TROOPERS SAID VASQUEZ CROSSED THE CENTER LINE AND HIT ANOTHER DRIVER -- 65-YEAR-OLD JEFFERY VARISTE -- HEAD ON. VARISTE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED. VASQUEZ FLED FROM THE WRECK AND WAS NOT FOUND UNTIL HIS BODY WASHED UP SATURDAY.

CRIME 5AM 2/6/2024  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING NEAR A PERKINS ROAD GAS STATION MONDAY NIGHT. SOURCES SAY IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER 10 AT THE BIG BOSS CONVENIENCE STORE ALONG PERKINS ROAD NEAR MICHAEL DELVING ROAD. IT IS UNKNOWN WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING BUT ONE OTHER PERSON MAY HAVE BEEN HURT. WE ARE REACHING OUT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

COMMUNITY 5AM 2/6/2024  
IN BATON ROUGE, MOVE-B-R WILL CUT THE RIBBON ON IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO SOUTH CHOCTAW DRIVE. MAYOR -PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE TO ANNOUNCE NEW ADDITIONS TO FLANNERY THROUGH CENTRAL THRUWAY. THAT STARTS AT TEN-A-M, AT THE CORNER OF SOUTH CHOCTAW DRIVE.

SPORTS 5AM 2/6/2024  
AN L-S-U ATHLETE HAD A BOUNCE BACK PERFORMANCE AT THE P-MAC THIS WEEKEND. ALEAH FINNIGAN WAS A KEY CONTRIBUTOR TO LSU'S HIGHEST SCORE IN PROGRAM HISTORY AGAINST ARKANSAS FRIDAY AFTER A TOUGH GO AT MISSOURI WHICH INCLUDED A FALL ON BEAM AND ON FLOOR. FINNIGAN AVERAGED A 9 POINT 9 OVER HER THREE EVENTS: BEAM, VAULT, AND FLOOR. THE TIGERS DIDN'T DROP ANY OF HER SCORES. FINNIGAN, WHO WILL COMPETE FOR THE PHILIPPINES IN THE OLYMPICS THIS SUMMER, SAYS SHE'S JUST BEEN STICKING TO THE PROCESS.

Crime 2/6/24 12pm  
EAST BATON ROUGE DEPUTIES ARRESTING A MAN FOR A DEADLY SHOOTING ON PERKINS ROAD MONDAY NIGHT.

Community 2/6/24 12pm



FROM FARM TO TABLE...THERE ARE NEW, FRESHER, HEALTHIER ITEMS ON THE MENU FOR STUDENTS IN E-B-R SCHOOLS. THAT'S RIGHT, WITH A NEW SEMESTER, COMES A NEW MENU IN THE CAFETERIA.

Government 2/6/24 12pm

NEW DETAILS IN THE ONGOING DEBATE OVER MERGING BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA WITH ELEVANCE HEALTH. A TWO-DAY PUBLIC HEARING IS SET FOR NEXT WEEK WITH A VOTE FEBRUARY 21-ST.

CRIME 2-6-24/4PM :20

DEPUTIES HAVE MADE AN ARREST INTO A DEADLY LATE NIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED AROUND TEN-30 LAST NIGHT AT A GAS STATION ON PERKINS ROAD...THAT'S WHERE DEPUTIES FOUND JEVAUGHN OUBRE DEAD IN THE ROAD. TRAVERON RICHARD FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES, INCLUDING SECOND-DEGREE MURDER.

COMMUNITY 2-6-24/4PM :20

THE ASCENSION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET TONIGHT IN DONALDSONVILLE. MEMBERS WILL APPROVE NEARLY A DOZEN RENOVATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, TO THE TUNE OF 110-THOUSAND DOLLARS ACROSS MULTIPLE PARISH SCHOOLS. ALSO, ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVING REDISTRICTING GUIDELINES FOR THE 20-24-20-25 SCHOOL YEAR. THAT MEETING STARTS AT SIX-30 TONIGHT AT THE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE.

COMMUNITY 2-6-24/4PM :20

THIS WEEKEND...A NUMBER OF PARADES WILL BE ROLLING IN THE CAPITAL AREA. ON FRIDAY...THE KREWE OF SOUTH DOWNS WILL HIT PERKINS ROAD AT SEVEN. THE KREWE OF SPANISH TOWN ROLLS OUT AT NOON ON SATURDAY. ON SUNDAY...CHECK OUT BARK ON DE BAYOU AT ELEVEN IN ZACHARY.

Community 2/6/24 5 p.m. :41

A NEW BRANCH OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY WHICH QUIETLY STARTED LAST YEAR IS GETTING ATTENTION FOLLOWING A RECENT RASH OF SCHOOL THREATS. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF THE CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS. SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM. THE CENTER FOR SAFE SCHOOLS WAS CREATED THROUGH A BILL WRITTEN LAST LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN REACTION TO THE UVALDE SCHOOL SHOOTINGS. THOUGH IT IS STILL BEING FULLY BUILT OUT, THE CENTER IS OPERATIONAL AND WORKS TO CONNECT SCHOOLS WITH RESOURCES FOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, EVERYTHING FROM A SCHOOL SHOOTING, TO FLOODING. THE HOPE IS TO BRING EXPERTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS TOGETHER TO CREATE A FULLY ENCOMPASSING EMERGENCY PLAN.

Education 2/6/24 5 p.m. :19

EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS HAVE NEW MENUS FOR STUDENTS. THE DISTRICT DEBUTED THE SPRING FOOD NUTRITION OPTIONS CHILDREN WILL EAT THIS YEAR. THIS MENU IS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT INCLUDES LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD ITEMS LIKE CATFISH AND STRAWBERRIES. THERE IS ALSO A BRAND NEW PROGRAM COMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE: MEALS ON THE WEEKEND.

Health 2/6/24 5 p.m. :31

MEDICARE HAS STARTED NEGOTIATIONS WITH DRUGMAKERS OVER THE COST OF TEN EXPENSIVE MEDICATIONS. DRUG COMPANIES HAVE ARGUED THE NEGOTIATIONS COULD CHILL THEIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, LEADING TO FEWER NEW MEDICATIONS COMING TO MARKET. MEANWHILE, A NEW REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THREE DRUGS WHICH ARE MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE IN THE U-S THAN IN OTHER COUNTRIES. FOR INSTANCE ELIQUIS – A BLOOD THINNER THAT REDUCES THE RISK OF STROKE IS 71-HUNDRED DOLLARS IN THE U-S. BUT IT IS UNDER A THOUSAND DOLLARS IN JAPAN, CANADA, GERMANY, AND THE U-K.

Politics 2-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE POLICE CHIEF IS OUT IN NEWS ROADS. DELANEY LEE TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION THIS MORNING AMID ALLEGATIONS HE SEXUALLY HARASSED A CITY EMPLOYEE. ALEXIS MARIGNY IS THERE AS THE MAYOR LAYS OUT THE PLAN TO MOVE FORWARD.

Business 2-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE DEADLINE FOR BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD POLICY HOLDERS TO CAST THEIR VOTE ON WHETHER THE COMPANY SHOULD SELL TO ELEVANCE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING. THE 95-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED A BALLOT IN THE MAIL HAVE UNTIL THE 19-TH TO VOTE. KATIE EASTER TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT THE SALE WILL MEAN TO POLICY HOLDERS.

Education 2-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A THIRD GRADE MATH AND SCIENCE TEACHER AT CRESTWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECEIVED SOME EXCITING NEWS THIS AFTERNOON. WHAT STUDENTS AND FACULTY BELIEVED TO BE A NORMAL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY, WAS ACTUALLY A MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD CEREMONY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM WAS THERE FOR WHAT'S CONSIDERED TO BE "THE OSCARS" OF TEACHING.

Crime 2-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

U-S MARSHALS ARRESTED A BATON ROUGE MAN IN A STRING OF UTILITY TRAILER BURGLARIES OVER THE LAST YEAR. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN FIRST REPORTED ON THIS STORY AROUND CHRISTMAS WHEN SHE INTERVIEWED ONE OF THE VICTIMS. SHE HAS THE UPDATE TONIGHT.

School 2-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR THE E-B-R SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A NEW MENU. NEW FOOD OPTIONS ARE BEING INTRODUCED WITH A PROGRAM CALLED FARM TO SCHOOL. MIA MONET HAS THE DETAILS.

Court 2-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A GUILTY VERDICT DELIVERED TODAY IN THE JENNIFER CRUMBLEY TRIAL: THE MICHIGAN MOTHER FACING CHARGES AFTER HER SON SHOT AND KILLED FOUR STUDENTS AT HIS HIGH SCHOOL IN 20-21. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN AMERICAN HISTORY PARENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGED IN A CASE LIKE THIS.

CRIME 9pm/02/06/24 :20

DEXTER LYONS WAS BOOKED ON SEVEN COUNTS OF SIMPLE BURGLARY AFTER CUTTING LOCKS ON TRAILERS AND STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT. AN ARREST WARRANT WAS ALSO ISSUED FOR HIS BROTHER, GENO FOR A BURGLARY ON DECEMBER 14.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/06/24 :20

EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS HAVE NEW MENUS FOR STUDENTS. THE DISTRICT DEBUTED THE SPRING FOOD NUTRITION OPTIONS KIDS WILL EAT THIS YEAR. THIS MENU IS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT INCLUDES LOCALLY SOURCED FOOD ITEMS LIKE CATFISH AND STRAWBERRIES.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/06/24 :20

MAYOR THERON SMITH SAID THE RELATIONSHIP ENDED LATE LAST YEAR, BUT WHEN THE FEMALE OFFICER STARTED HEARING RUMORS, SHE DECIDED TO REPORT IT. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE SAD LEE HAD TO LEAVE THIS WAY.

10PM 2/6/24 POLITICS

THE NEW ROADS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOW SEARCHING FOR A REPLACEMENT POLICE CHIEF. POLICE CHIEF DELANEY LEE TURNED IN HIS RESIGNATION LETTER THIS MORNING AFTER JUST MORE THAN A YEAR ON THE JOB. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY WAS IN NEW ROADS AS THE MAYOR ADDRESSED RUMORS SURROUNDING THE DEPARTURE.

10PM 2/6/24 POLITICS

LATER THIS WEEK, GOVERNOR LANDRY PLANS TO ADDRESS HIS EFFORTS TO DEPLOY THE LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TO THE U-S MEXICO BORDER. THE DECISION COMES AFTER SEVERAL GOVERNORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY WERE BRIEFED ON THE BORDER CRISIS OVER THE WEEKEND. STATE SENATE PRESIDENT CAMERON HENRY TOLD OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE THE MISSION COULD COST THE STATE UP TO THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THE OFFICE OF HOME-LAND SECURITY SAYS IT IS PREPARED FOR ANY MOVEMENT BY TROOPS.

10PM 2/6/24 POLITICS

AT THE CAPITOL -- IN TWO WEEKS, THE STATE'S LARGEST HEALTHCARE PROVIDER COULD BE SOLD TO AN INDIANA-BASED COMPANY FOR A WHOPPING TWO-POINT-FIVE BILLION DOLLARS. BUT FOLLOWING AN HOURS LONG HEARING MONDAY, SOME SENATORS SAY THEY ARE NOT SOLD ON THE DEAL.

CRIME 5AM 2/7/2024

U-S MARSHALS HAVE TWO MEN IN CUSTODY CHARGED WITH A STRING OF UTILITY TRAILER BURGLARIES SPANNING ACROSS MULTIPLE PARISHES. DEXTER LYONS AND O'NEAL THOMPSON WERE BOOKED ON SEVERAL COUNTS OF SIMPLE BURGLARY AFTER CUTTING LOCKS ON TRAILERS AND STEALING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF EQUIPMENT. LYON'S BROTHER, GENO, WAS ISSUED A WARRANT FOR A BURGLARY ON DECEMBER 14. THE CRIME HAPPENED BETWEEN DECEMBER AND FEBRUARY IN EAST BATON ROUGE, KENNER, AND JEFFERSON PARISH. MOST OF THE ACTS WERE CAUGHT ON SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS BUT AFTER THIS VIDEO IS WHAT LED TO THE ARREST. IT WAS POSTED TO INSTAGRAM AND SHOWS LYONS AND THOMPSON RIDING ON A REPORTED STOLEN DIRT BIKE.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/7/2024

LATER THIS WEEK GOVERNOR LANDRY PLANS TO ADDRESS HIS EFFORTS TO DEPLOY THE LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TO THE U-S MEXICO BORDER. THE DECISION COMES AFTER SEVERAL GOVERNORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY WERE BRIEFED ON THE BORDER CRISIS OVER THE WEEKEND. STATE SENATE PRESIDENT CAMERON HENRY TOLD OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE THE MISSION COULD COST THE STATE UP TO THREE MILLION DOLLARS AND WOULD NEED TO BE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATURE. THE OFFICE OF HOME-LAND SECURITY SAYS IT IS PREPARED FOR ANY MOVEMENT BY TROOPS.

SPORTS 5AM 2/7/2024

THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM MAY BE FIGURING THEMSELVES OUT AFTER A BIG WIN EARLIER THIS WEEK. IT COMES AFTER TWO BACK TO BACK LOSSES VERSUS SOUTH CAROLINA AND MISSISSIPPI STATE. L-S-U LOOKS TO HAVE FOUND A SOLID LINE-UP WITH THEIR STAR GUARDS PLAYING OFF THE BALL, KNOCKING DOWN SHOTS. COACH MULKEY SAYING THEY SHOWED HOW TOUGH THEY COULD BE AND KEPT IT GOING THROUGHOUT THE GAME. THE 19 AND 4 TIGERS TRAVEL TO VANDERBILT THURSDAY. MATT MCMAHON'S MEN'S TEAM IS AT TENNESSEE TONIGHT. BOTH TEAMS WITH BIG GAMES THIS WEEKEND. THE MEN TAKE ON ALABAMA ON SATURDAY AND THE WOMEN TAKING ON THE CRIMSON TIDE SUNDAY.

Crime 2/7/24 12pm

U-S MARSHALS HAVE TWO MEN IN CUSTODY CHARGED WITH A STRING OF UTILITY TRAILER BURGLARIES WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT IN DECEMBER.

Community 2/7/24 12pm

AS WE GET CLOSER TO FAT TUESDAY, ONE OF NEW ORLEANS' MOST POPULAR PARADES HAS VERY FAMOUS THROWS WITH A CAPITAL CITY CONNECTION. SOME STUDENTS ARE HELPING ZULU DECORATE THEIR FAMOUS COCONUTS.

Government 2/7/24 12pm

IN A STUNNING REVERSAL, REPUBLICAN SENATORS HAVE SHIFTED THEIR STANCE, OPENLY OPPOSING THE BIPARTISAN BORDER SECURITY PACKAGE THEY NEGOTIATED WITH DEMOCRATS ON CAPITOL HILL. STILL, THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER IS FORGING AHEAD, FORCING A KEY TEST VOTE ON THE BILL TODAY.

COMMUNITY 2-7-24/4PM :20  
TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED, AFTER A RAMP CABLE BROKE AT THE BELLE OF BATON ROUGE CASINO EARLY THIS MORNING. OFFICIALS SAY WORK WAS BEING DONE ON THE RAMP, WHEN THE CABLE BROKE. ONE WORKER HAS POSSIBLE FRACTURES AND THE OTHER MAY HAVE INJURIES TO THEIR SHOULDER AND ELBOW. BOTH ARE IN STABLE CONDITION.

COMMUNITY 2-7-24/4PM :20  
AN OPEN HOUSE IS BEING HELD TONIGHT TO TALK ABOUT NEW UPDATES ON THE FLORIDA CORRIDOR. THE PROJECT WILL UPGRADE THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PREPARE FOR ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC GROWTH...PARTICULARLY WITH THE UPCOMING AMAZON FACILITY. THE OPEN HOUSE STARTS AT FIVE-30 AT MID-CITY TOWER OFF OF FLORIDA BOULEVARD.

COMMUNITY 2-7-24/4PM :20  
MARDI GRAS WEEKEND IS JUST A FEW DAYS AWAY...AND THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF PARADES WILL BE ROLLING IN THE CAPITAL AREA. ON FRIDAY...THE KREWE OF SOUTHDOWNS WILL HIT PERKINS ROAD AT SEVEN. THE KREWE OF SPANISH TOWN ROLLS OUT AT NOON ON SATURDAY. ON SUNDAY...IT'S TIME FOR A PAW-TY...CHECK OUT BARK ON DE BAYOU AT ELEVEN IN ZACHARY.

Business 2/7/24 5 p.m. :41  
CARNIVAL SEASON BRINGS LOTS OF VISITORS TO LOUISIANA AND AN INCREASING NUMBER ARE COMING TO BATON ROUGE. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM DIVES INTO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MARDI GRAS IN THE CAPITAL REGION. VISIT BATON ROUGE SAYS 2023'S MARDI GRAS SEASON HAD A NEARLY 30 MILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC IMPACT...MORE THAN HALF OF WHAT VISITORS SPENT WAS ON FOOD. AND FOR THE TWO WEEKENDS AHEAD OF MARDI GRAS DAY, VISITORS FILLED MORE THAN 70 PERCENT OF BATON ROUGE HOTEL ROOMS. VISIT BATON ROUGE NOTED THAT THREE NEW KREWES HAVE TAKEN THE STREETS OF BATON ROUGE: THE KREWE OF MID CITY, OSHUN, AND SHENANDOAH. TOURISM OFFICIALS SAY THAT EXPANSION COULD LEAD TO EVEN MORE VISITORS.

Crime 2/7/24 5 p.m. :22  
THIS BATON ROUGE MAN IS IN JAIL ACCUSED OF RAPING A CHILD, PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AND SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN ANIMAL. 25 YEAR OLD JEREMIAH CROSBY WAS ARRESTED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE CYBER CRIMES UNIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THE CHARGES ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Health 2/7/24 5 p.m. :20  
THE F-D-A MAY EXTEND ITS APPROVAL OF THE R-S-V VACCINE AREXVY FOR PEOPLE AS YOUNG AS FIFTY. THE EXTENSION WOULD ALLOW AGES 50 TO 59 WITH UNDER-LYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO GET THE VACCINE. AREXVY WAS ONE OF TWO R-S-V VACCINES APPROVED BY THE F-D-A LAST YEAR FOR AGES SIXTY AND OLDER. A DECISION IS EXPECTED BY JUNE SEVENTH AHEAD OF THE NEXT R-S-V SEASON.

Military 2-7-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
LOTS OF QUESTIONS SURROUNDING THE POTENTIAL DEPLOYMENT OF LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE TEXAS BORDER. WE'RE EXPECTING TO GET SOME ANSWERS FROM THE GOVERNOR TOMORROW, BUT UNTIL THEN NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO A COUPLE EXPERTS ON HOW THE PROCESS WORKS.

Business 2-7-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

CARNIVAL SEASON BRINGS LOTS OF VISITORS TO LOUISIANA. AN INCREASING NUMBER OF THEM ARE COMING TO BATON ROUGE. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM DIVES INTO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MARDI GRAS IN THE CAPITAL REGION.

Holiday 2-7-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30

THE CROWD GOES CRAZY FOR COCONUTS WHEN THE KREWE OF ZULU ROLLS. AND STUDENTS AT MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL ARE AT WORK DECORATING THE COVETED THROWS AHEAD OF THE FAT TUESDAY PARADE. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON VISITED MCKINLEY TODAY TO GET A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THEIR ZULU CREATIONS.

Traffic 2-7-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THE LOWERED SPEED LIMIT NOW 50 MILES AN HOUR ON HIGHWAY 30 RIGHT AT THE E-B-R / IBERVILLE PARISH LINE. THAT'S A RESPONSE FROM THE STATE TO TRY AND CUT BACK ON SOME OF THE CRASHES THAT HAPPEN OUTSIDE OF THOSE BUSY SUBDIVISIONS LIKE UNIVERSITY CLUB. TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN REPORTS.

Business 2-7-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

CARNIVAL SEASON BRINGS LOTS OF VISITORS TO LOUISIANA AND AN INCREASING NUMBER ARE COMING TO BATON ROUGE. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM DIVES INTO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF MARDI GRAS IN THE CAPITAL REGION.

Entertainment 2-7-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE COMMERCIALS ARE AS MUCH FUN AS THE BIG GAME ON SUPERBOWL SUNDAY. SO MANY VIEWERS TUNE IN JUST FOR THEM! AND YOU CAN EXPECT A WHOLE LOT OF STAR POWER.

CRIME 9pm/02/07/24 :20

A DISTURBING CASE IN ZACHARY TONIGHT. THIS MAN 36 YEAR OLD PATRICK ALLEN IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL. THE VICTIM IS AN ACQUAINTANCE WHO HE SOMETIMES CARES FOR. THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD CONTACTED POLICE LAST WEEK SAYING SHE WAS CONCERNED HER DAUGHTER WAS BEING ABUSED. THE CHILD WAS ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE ABUSE AND TOLD POLICE HE ONCE PUT HER IN A BOX, AND INTO A GARBAGE CAN. CHARGES AGAINST ALLEN INCLUDES MOLESTATION OF A JUVENILE AND CRUELTY TO JUVENILES.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/07/24 :20

THIS MAN ARRESTED BY THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND AGENTS FROM THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. INVESTIGATORS SAY A SEARCH OF 25 YEAR OLD JEREMIAH CROSBY'S HOME TURNED UP CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND MORE. HE IS CHARGED WITH RAPE OF A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 13, PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY, AND 100 COUNTS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF AN ANIMAL.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/07/24 :20

NATIONAL SIGNING DAY DOES NOT HAVE AS MUCH FANFARE AS IT ONCE DID. BUT L-S-U HEAD COACH BRIAN KELLY DID TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT THE TOP RANKED HIGH SCHOOL PLAYER ADDED TODAY, THE RECENT SIGNINGS FROM THE TRANSFER PORTAL, AND WHAT STILL NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

10pm 2/7/24 crime

AN UNUSUAL TRIAL IN THE 19TH J-D-C WHERE THE VICTIM WILL NOT COOPERATE WITH THE PROSECUTION. LANCE SARKOZY IS ACCUSED OF COERCING A DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM IN HIS CASE NOT TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIM. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY IS IN THE NEWSROOM WITH THE STORY.

10pm 2/7/24 politics

WE ARE EXPECTING TO GET SOME ANSWERS FROM GOVERNOR LANDRY TOMORROW ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DEPLOYMENT OF LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE TEXAS BORDER.

10pm 2/7/24 education

TWO WEEKS AFTER PARTING WAYS WITH SUPERINTENDENT SITO NARCISSE, THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD WILL OFFICIALLY BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT SUPERINTENDENT. LAST MONTH, NARCISSE AGREED TO A BUYOUT AND THE BOARD APPOINTED LONGTIME ADMINISTRATOR ADAM SMITH TO THE INTERIM POSITION.

CRIME 5AM 2/8/2024

A DISTURBING CASE IN ZACHARY. 36 YEAR OLD PATRICK ALLEN IS ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ABUSING A FOUR YEAR OLD GIRL WHO HE SOMETIMES CARES FOR. THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD CONTACTED POLICE LAST WEEK SAYING SHE WAS CONCERNED HER DAUGHTER WAS BEING ABUSED. THE CHILD WAS ABLE TO DESCRIBE THE ABUSE TO POLICE. CHARGES AGAINST ALLEN INCLUDES MOLESTATION OF A JUVENILE AND CRUELTY TO JUVENILES.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/8/2024

WE EXPECT TO GET ANSWERS FROM GOVERNOR LANDRY ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DEPLOYMENT OF LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE TEXAS BORDER. RETIRED US ARMY GENERAL RUSSEL HONORE HAS SEEN MANY DIFFERENT DEPLOYMENTS BUT THIS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND. LOUISIANA TROOPS HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE BORDER BEFORE, BUT IT WAS FEDERALLY AND NOT BY THE GOVERNOR. THEY NEED FUNDING FROM THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO DEPLOY. ONCE THAT'S FIGURED OUT THEY WILL DECIDE HOW MANY TROOPS WILL GO AND FOR HOW LONG. WE'RE EXPECTING TO GET MORE DETAILS FROM THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF THIS MORNING AT 11. WE WILL HAVE LIVE COVERAGE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON W-B-R-Z PLUS AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

SPORTS 5AM 2/8/2024

MATT MCMAHON AND THE L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ON THE ROAD WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN KNOXVILLE FOR A TOUGH OPPONENT. THEY TOOK ON THE NUMBER SIX, TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS AND THAT'S THE HIGHEST RANKED OPPONENT THEY HAVE HAD TO FACE ALL SEASON. THE FIRST HALF STARTED OUT ROUGH WITH THE VOLUNTEERS GETTING 50 POINTS ON THE BOARD. THE TIGERS ARE DOWN BY 23 POINTS GOING INTO THE SECOND HALF. THEY PICK UP SOME MOMENTUM GOING 13 AND 0 BUT IT DIDN'T LAST LONG. TENNESSEE SURGES BACK TO DEFEAT THE TIGERS BY 20 POINTS IN THE END. THAT FINAL SCORE IS 88 TO 68. NOT A GREAT GAME BY THE TIGERS. THEY ONLY SHOT 24 PERCENT FROM 3, JUST OVER 40 PERCENT FROM THE FIELD AND THEY DIDN'T REALLY SHARE THE BALL TOO OFTEN WITH ONLY 7 ASSISTS. THE TIGERS WILL NOW HEAD HOME AND TURN THEIR FOCUS TO ANOTHER TOUGH OPPONENT IN ALABAMA ON SATURDAY.

Government 2/8/24 12pm

GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY SAYS LOUISIANA WILL SEND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO HELP TEXAS DEAL WITH THE CRISIS AT THE BORDER.

Crime 2/8/24 12pm

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Community 2/8/24 12pm

MUSIC -- FOOD -- AND MORE...MARDI GRAS FEST IS COMING TO DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE. WE'RE ALREADY JAMMIN' AND GETTING READY FOR THE BIG PARTY.

BUSINESS

2-8-24/4PM

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THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION HAS OUTLAWED SCAM ROBOCALLS FEATURING FAKE, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-CREATED VOICES. IT'S A CRACK-DOWN ON

DEEPPAKE TECHNOLOGY THAT EXPERTS SAY COULD UNDERMINE ELECTION SECURITY OR INCREASE FRAUD. THE F-C-C SAYS IT GIVES STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL MORE LEGAL TOOLS TO PURSUE ILLEGAL ROBOCALLERS THAT USE A-I-GENERATED VOICES TO IMPERSONATE CELEBRITIES, POLITICIANS, AND CLOSE FAMILY MEMBERS.

COMMUNITY 2-8-24/4PM :20  
IT WILL BE A HAPPY "MARDI PAWS" CELEBRATION IN ZACHARY FOR THEIR DOG PARADE. THE PARADE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY BUT WAS RESCHEDULED FOR "FAT TUESDAY" DUE TO THE THREAT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. THE PARTY STARTS AT ELEVEN A-M.

COMMUNITY 2-8-24/4PM :20  
AND IT'LL BE A BUSY PARADE WEEKEND IN THE CAPITAL CITY. ON FRIDAY THE KREWE OF SOUTHDOWNS WILL HIT PERKINS ROAD AT SEVEN. DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE WILL BE FILLED WITH A SEA OF PINK, AS THE KREWE OF SPANISH TOWN ROLLS OUT AT NOON ON SATURDAY.

Political 2/8/24 5 p.m. :43  
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Crime 2/8/24 5 p.m. :19  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD...ANOTHER INJURED AFTER A SHOOTING ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF AGO IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED ON 75TH AVENUE NEAR SCENIC HIGHWAY. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AND HAVE NOT RELEASED INFORMATION ON THE PERSON KILLED, OR A POSSIBLE MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING. WE WILL UPDATE THE STORY AS WE LEARN MORE ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Health 2/8/24 5 p.m. :28  
THE C-D-C SAYS FLU SEASON IS NOT OVER YET. ACTIVITY IS STARTING TO PICK UP AGAIN AS RESPIRATORY VIRUS LEVELS REMAIN HIGH OVERALL IN THE U-S. MORE THAN 82-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO VISITED AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT WERE DIAGNOSED WITH INFLUENZA DURING THE LAST FULL WEEK OF JANUARY. THAT IS ABOUT SIX-THOUSAND MORE THAN THE WEEK BEFORE. A SURGE OF FLU ACTIVITY AFTER THE WINTER HOLIDAYS IS COMMON. BUT THE C-D-C SAYS IT IS STILL UNCLEAR IF THIS IS THE START OF A FULL SECOND WAVE OR A MINOR BLIP.

Military 2-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT LOOKS LIKE LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS WILL BE AT THE US. MEXICO BORDER BY SPRING. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY DOUBLED DOWN ON HIS INTENTIONS TO SEND TROOPS THIS MORNING DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ... CITING THE FENTANYL CRISIS AS A NATIONAL EMERGENCY. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS DETAILS OF THE DEPLOYMENT.

Crime 2-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
A PAIR OF THEIVES TARGETED A RENTAL DROP BOX OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY GOT CHECKS WHICH HAD BEEN DROPPED OFF BY TENANTS AFTER OFFICE HOURS. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US HOW THEY DID IT.

Construction 2-8-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

DEVELOPER D-R HORTON HAS RUN INTO TROUBLE IN LIVINGSTON PARISH. WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK ABOUT ONE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT SITS UNFINISHED BECAUSE CONSTRUCTION PERMITS WERE PULLED FROM D-R HORTON. AMONG THE ISSUES IN THE FOXGLOVE SUBDIVISION ... NOT ENOUGH WATER PRESSURE IN CASE OF A FIRE. AND THERE ARE MORE ISSUES WITH THE DEVELOPER. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCLAIN HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THIS ONGOING STORY. HE'S LIVE IN LIVINGSTON WHERE THE PARISH COUNCIL WANTS ANSWERS FROM HORTON.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 6:30pm/02/08/24 :20

A DREARY DAY TODAY WITH SOME WET WEATHER EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS WEEKEND.

CRIME 6:30pm/02/08/24 :20

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND ANOTHER IS INJURED AFTER A SHOOTING THIS AFTERNOON IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED ON 75TH STREET NEAR SCENIC HIGHWAY. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AND HAVE NOT RELEASED INFORMATION ON THE PERSON KILLED OR A POSSIBLE MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING. WE WILL UPDATE THE STORY AS WE LEARN MORE ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 02/08/24 :20

LANDRY GAVE AN UPDATE ON HIS EFFORTS TO GET TROOPS THERE THIS MORNING...CITING THE FENTANYL CRISIS AS THE MAIN REASON TO GO. THOUGH HE WOULDN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFICS, GENERAL MICHAEL GREER SAID AFTERWARD THAT THEY WILL SEND ONE HUNDRED AND 50 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN FOR 90 DAYS AND WORK IN THREE 50-MAN ROTATIONS.

CRIME 9pm/02/08/24 :20

BATON ROUGE POLICE INVESTIGATING TWO MURDERS THAT HAPPENED FOUR HOURS APART. THE FIRST ... IN THE 37-HUNDRED BLOCK OF SHELLY STREET AROUND NOON. THAT IS NEAR EVANGELINE.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/08/24 :20

THEN ... ABOUT TWO MILES AWAY ... TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT ON 75th STREET. POLICE SAY ONE PERSON WAS KILLED. THE OTHER ... TAKEN A HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION. NO INDICATION THE SHOOTINGS ARE RELATED. YOU CAN READ UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE AS INFORMATION DEVELOPS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/08/24 :20

AFTER LOSING HER FATHER THIS PAST SUNDAY ONE WOMAN IS NOW SEARCHING FOR A KEEPSAKE LOST IN A THRIFT STORE BIN. CARRIE "GAG-LEE-ANO" AND HER SIBLINGS HAVE SPENT HOURS COMBING THROUGH HANGER RACKS AND LOOKING FOR THEIR DAD'S CUSTOM L-S-U JACKET.

10pm 2/8/24 education

THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL SYSTEM OFFICIALLY STARTED THE SEARCH TO FIND A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. THE DISTRICT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF MEETINGS ACROSS THE PARISH TO HEAR FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT IN THEIR NEXT LEADER. THE CRITERIA WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THE MATERIAL MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF APRIL. THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT MUST BE SELECTED BY JULY EIGHTH.

10pm 2/8/24 politics

AT THE CAPITOL...GOVERNOR LANDRY OFFICIALLY CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS CRIME. IN HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER HE OUTLINED MORE THAN TWO DOZEN TOPICS HE WANTS LAWMAKERS TO ADDRESS. IT INCLUDES CHANGES TO LAWS ON JUVENILE CRIME AND



PAROLE QUALIFICATIONS. PLUS HE WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE HOW LOUISIANA WILL ADMINISTER THE DEATH PENALTY. LANDRY ALSO WANTS TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

10pm 2/8/24 community

A FAMILY IN DENHAM SPRINGS IS FACING IT'S OWN REAL LIFE TREASURE HUNT. CARRIE GAG-LEE-ANO SAYS HER FATHER'S SIGNATURE JACKET IS LOST. HER FATHER MICHAEL GAG-LEE-ANO PASSED AWAY SUNDAY. WHEN CARRIE AND HER SISTER CLEANED OUT HIS NURSING HOME ROOM THEY NOTICED IT WAS GONE. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY TALKED TO CARRIE THIS AFTERNOON. SHE HOPES SOMEONE SEEING THIS STORY CAN HELP.

CRIME 5AM 2/9/2024

THREE PEOPLE ARE RECOVERING THIS MORNING AFTER A SHOOTING ON 72-ND AVENUE THURSDAY NIGHT. OFFICIALS SAY ALL VICTIMS ARE IN STABLE CONDITION. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE ON A POSSIBLE MOTIVE OR SUSPECT. WE ARE REACHING OUT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/9/2024

ALSO AT THE CAPITOL...GOVERNOR LANDRY OFFICIALLY CALLED A SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS CRIME. IN HIS EXECUTIVE ORDER HE OUTLINED MORE THAN TWO DOZEN TOPICS HE WANTS LAWMAKERS TO ADDRESS. IT INCLUDES CHANGES TO LAWS ON JUVENILE CRIME AND PAROLE QUALIFICATIONS. PLUS HE WANTS THE LEGISLATURE TO DETERMINE HOW LOUISIANA WILL ADMINISTER THE DEATH PENALTY. LANDRY ALSO WANTS TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME STARTS FEBRUARY 19-TH AT ONE P-M. LAWMAKERS MUST WRAP THINGS UP BY MARCH 6 AT 6 PM.

SPORTS 5AM 2/9/2024

TIME TO PLAY BALL AT TIGER PARK. IT WAS OPENING DAY FOR L-S-U SOFTBALL. THEY COME INTO THE SEASON RANKED 14-TH IN THE NATION AND ARE PICKED TO FINISH THIRD IN THE SEC ACCORDING TO PRESEASON POLLS. THURSDAY NIGHT THEY TOOK ON NICHOLLS STATE OUT OF THIBODAUX. THE TIGERS GET A SLOW START IN THE FIRST INNING BUT BY THE SECOND INNING THEY'RE UP BY 1. THIRD INNING THEY PUT ANOTHER 3 POINTS ON THE BOARD. NOW TO THE FOURTH...BASES LOADED AND TAYLOR PLEASANTS IS NEXT UP TO BAT. PLEASANTS HITS IT TO RIGHT FIELD AND THAT WILL SEND 3 PLAYERS HOME. PLEASANTS TRIPLES BUT THERE'S AN ERROR THAT WILL SEND HER HOME AND SHE IS SAFE. IT WAS A SHUTOUT WIN FOR THE TIGERS. THEY TAKE THIS ONE 8 TO 0.

Crime 2/9/24 12pm

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE RESPONDING TO THE RECENT RASH OF VIOLENCE IN THE CAPITAL CITY. THEY'RE HOLDING A PRESS CONFERENCE RIGHT NOW ON THE MOST RECENT VIOLENT OUTBREAK. 4 PEOPLE ARE DEAD AND 3 ARE INJURED AS A RESULT OF THESE SHOOTINGS.

Sports 2/9/24 12pm

NOW, TO THE SUPER BOWL...AND THERE ARE MANY LOUISIANA CONNECTIONS TO SUPER BOWL HISTORY. FROM THE FIRST SUPER BOWL TO THE MOST INCREDIBLE M-V-P PERFORMANCE IN A SUPER BOWL TO PORTER'S PICK THAT WILL LIVE ON FOREVER IN WHO-DAT LEGEND AND LORE.

Community 2/9/24 12pm

THE MARDI GRAS SEASON IS IN FULL SWING HERE IN THE CAPITAL CITY WITH PARADES ROLLING ALL WEEKEND. PARADES START ROLLING AGAIN TONIGHT WITH SOUTHDOWNS THEN SPANISH TOWN IS TOMORROW.

CRIME

4pm/02/09/24

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MAYOR SHARON WESTON-BROOME AND POLICE OFFICIALS HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE AGAPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH EARLIER TODAY TO ADDRESS THE RECENT SHOOTINGS. THE CHURCH IS WHERE OWENS WAS SHOT AND KILLED. MAYOR BROOME SAID HER TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF CRIME AND BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY. SHE CONTINUED BY SAYING PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO LIVE IN FEAR BECAUSE THEY HEAR GUNSHOTS DAY AND NIGHT.

CRIME 4pm/ 02/09/24 :20  
FIVE NEW ROADS MEN ARE BEING SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER AFTER A HISTORIC CASE. FOR THE FIRST TIME DISTRICT ATTORNEY TONY CLAYTON'S OFFICE TRIED FIVE MEMBERS OF A GANG FOR THEIR DEADLY ACTIVITIES. THE FIVE MEN ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING 43-YEAR-OLD EUGENE JARREAU THE THIRD IN HIS NEW ROADS HOME IN JANUARY 2021. JARREAU WAS SHOT MORE THAN A DOZEN TIMES.

COMMUNITY 4pm/ 02/09/24 :20  
NOW TO A HEARTWARMING STORY OF A WOMAN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN HER COMMUNITY. IT STARTS WITH MARDI GRAS AND IT INCLUDES SOME FURRY FRIENDS. KAIT HARMON WENT TO ZACHARY TO LEARN MORE.

Political 2/9/24 5 p.m. :43  
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Weather 2-9-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
JOSH AND THE STORM STATION LEADING US OFF TONIGHT. HE'S HERE WITH THE EXPECTED RAIN TIMELINE.

Crime 2-9-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE SUDDEN WAVE OF VIOLENCE PROMPTED AN ANGRY RESPONSE FROM MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME. LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER HE DIED BROOME STOOD IN THAT CHURCH PARKING LOT VOWING TO HOLD THOSE THAT SHE CALLED "BAD ACTORS" ACCOUNTABLE.

BROOME ALONG WITH THE NEW POLICE CHIEF AND OTHER CITY LEADERS TRYING TO REASSURE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HERE WITH MORE ON WHAT WAS PROMISED.

Holiday 2-9-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

MARDI GRAS MADNESS IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN SOUTH DOWNS. AND ALEXIS MARIGNY IS LIVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARTY.

WEATHER 6:30 PM /02/09/24 :10  
THE WEATHER BECOMING AN INCREASING CONCERN FOR PARADE GOERS AS WE APPROACH MARDI GRAS WEEKEND. JOSH HERE WITH WHAT WE CAN EXPECT OUT OF AN INCOMING RAINMAKER.

CRIME 6:30 PM /02/09/24 :20  
MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON-BROOME JOINED BATON ROUGE POLICE AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS FOR A NEWS CONFERENCE TO ADDRESS A STRING OF RECENT SHOOTINGS. WITHIN A 24-HOUR SPAN, THERE HAVE BEEN THREE SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE...RESULTING IN TWO DEATHS. BROOME SAID HER TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY TO CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY OF CRIME AND BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.

SPORTS 6:30 PM /02/09/24 :10  
THE SUPER BOWL COULD GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET MORE MONEY IN YOUR POCKET. HUNTER MCCANN JOINS US NOW HIS BEST BETS.

WEATHER 9 PM /02/09/24 :10  
MARDI GRAS WEEKEND IN THE CAPITAL CITY WILL BE FILLED WITH PARADES AND OUTDOOR CELEBRATIONS-- MEANING LOTS OF EYES ON THE FORECAST. JOSH HERE WITH WHAT WE CAN EXPECT OUT OF AN INCOMING RAINMAKER.

COMMUNITY 9 PM /02/09/24 :10  
THE KREWE OF SOUTH DOWNS JUST WRAPPING UP TONIGHT HERE IN BATON ROUGE. BUT, THE MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS ARE JUST GETTING STARTED.

CRIME 9 PM /02/09/24 :10  
TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED, AND TWO OTHERS HURT AFTER A SUDDEN WAVE OF VIOLENCE IN BATON ROUGE YESTERDAY. THREE SHOOTINGS OCCURRED WITHIN A 24 HOUR SPAN, JUST MILES APART. THIS MORNING, MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME JOINED WITH BATON ROUGE POLICE AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS TO ADDRESS THE STRING OF SHOOTINGS.

10PM 2/9/24 COMMUNITY

MARDI GRAS IS JUST FOUR DAYS AWAY, WHICH MEANS ITS TIME FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD PARADE -- SOUTH DOWNS -- TO PUT ON A SHOW AHEAD OF A BUSY WEEKEND. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY CAUGHT UP WITH THE KREWE FOR THEIR 37TH ANNIVERSARY.

10PM 2/9/24 CRIME

BATON ROUGE POLICE IS LOOKING TO CRACKDOWN ON SEVERAL GROUPS INVOLVED IN THREE SEPARATE SHOOTINGS OVER A TEN-HOUR SPAN THURSDAY. THE THREE SHOOTINGS HAPPENED WITHIN THREE MILES OF EACH OTHER. B-R-P-D TELLS US TYRE EVERSON AND TEDRICK OWENS WERE KILLED AND THREE OTHER INJURER.

10PM 2/9/24 CRIME

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- PROSECUTORS IN FRANKLIN PARISH DROPPED CHARGES AGAINST TWO STATE TROOPERS INVOLVED IN A VIOLENT ARREST IN 20-20. TROOPERS JACOB BROWN AND DAKOTA DEMOSS WERE CAPTURED ON BODY CAM BEATING ANTONIO HARRIS AFTER A HIGH SPEED CHASE. THE TROOPERS LATER EXCHANGED 14 TEXT

MESSAGES MOCKING HARRIS DAYS AFTER THE ARREST. THE INCIDENT CAME A YEAR AFTER THE DEADLY ARREST OF RONALD GREENE -- WHICH DEMOSS WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN -- AND PROMPTED A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO USE OF FORCE BY STATE POLICE. PROSECUTORS PLAN TO DROP CHARGES AGAINST THE THIRD OFFICER INVOLVED - GEORGE HARPER. STATE POLICE FIRED DEMOSS AND HARPER AFTER AN INTERNAL REVIEW, WHILE BROWN RESIGNED.

Fire 9 AM 2/10/24

AN ELECTRICAL FIRE PARTIALLY BURNED DOWN A HOME ON KENWOOD AVENUE THIS MORNING. OFFICIALS SAID THEY BELIEVE IT STARTED IN A MECHANICAL CLOSET, WHICH THEN SPREAD INTO THE ATTIC. EVERYONE IN THE HOME WAS ABLE TO GET OUT SAFELY.

Crime 9 AM 2/10/24

THE SEARCH FOR A MAN WHO SHOT AND KILLED A TENNESSE DEPUTY CONTINUES THIS MORNING. KENNETH DEHART IS SUSPECTED OF SHOOTING TWO BLOUNT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES 30 MILES WEST OF GATLINBURG THURSDAY. DEHART IS WANTED ON WARRANTS FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER, ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM.

Holiday 9 AM 2/10/24

WE ARE JUST HOURS AWAY FROM ONE OF BATON ROUGE'S MOST WELL KNOWN PARADES-- THE SPANISH TOWN PARADE. KNOWN FOR THEIR PINK COSTUMES AND IRREVERANT MANNER, FOR MANY BATON ROUGE RESIDENTS, SPANISH TOWN IS THEIR CROWNING CARNIVAL PARADE. THIS YEARS THEME IS TAME COMPARED TO PAST YEARS-- WASTED AWAY IN FLAMINGOVILLE, A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MUSICIAN JIMMY BUFFET.

CRIME

6 PM /02/10/24

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ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS HURT AFTER ANOTHER DEADLY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED ON WASHINGTON AVENUE, NEAR NORTH 26-TH STREET. IT'S THE THIRD DEADLY SHOOTING IN THE CAPITAL CITY IN THREE DAYS. BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR TELLS US THEY BELIEVE THE SHOOTING WAS A RETALIATION BETWEEN TWO GROUPS.

COMMUNITY

6 PM /02/10/24

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THE 44TH ANNUAL SPANISH TOWN PARADE ROLLED THROUGH THE CITY THIS AFTERNOON. PARADE GOERS WERE DECKED OUT FROM HEAD TO TOE IN PINK. THIS YEARS THEME WAS A TRIBUTE TO JIMMY BUFFET TITLED, WASTED AWAY IN FLAMINGOVILLE.

COMMUNITY

6 PM /02/10/24

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THE BATON ROUGE MARDI GRAS FESTIVAL IS WRAPPING UP AT NORTH BOULEVARD TOWN SQUARE. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCALIN WAS THERE.

Crime 10 PM 2/10/2024

A JUVENILE ESCAPEE WAS KILLED IN A RETALIATORY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE THIS AFTERNOON. 18 YEAR OLD DAVID ATKINS ESCAPED THE EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER WITH ANOTHER TEEN BACK IN NOVEMBER. HE WAS FACING A FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE, ACCUSED OF KILLING ONE PERSON AT A GAS STATION JUST OUTSIDE L-S-U'S CAMPUS IN 20-21 WHEN HE WAS 15.

Holiday 10 PM 2/10/2024

THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS LEFT. TOMORROW IN PORT ALLEN, THE GOOD FRIENDS OF THE OAKS PARADE WILL START ROLLING AT NOON. ON LUNDI GRAS BATON ROUGE'S NEWEST PARADE, THE KREWE OF SHENANDOAH, STARTS AT SEVEN FROM TIGER BEND ROAD. AND ON MARDI GRAS THE NEW ROADS COMMUNITY CENTER PARADE WILL START AT ELEVEN A-M. THATS FOLLOWED BY THE LIONS PARADE AT TWO.

Food 10 PM 2/10/2024

YOU CAN ALSO FIND OUR CRAWFISH PRICE TRACKER ON OUR WEBSITE. AS WE'VE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT HAS SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED SUPPLY THIS SEASON. AND IF YOU CAN MANAGE TO FIND ANY MUD BUGS IT WILL COST A PRETTY PENNY.

Traffic 9 AM 2/11/2024

I-10 WESTBOUND IN ASCENSION PARISH IS SHUTDOWN THIS MORNING, BETWEEN THE HIGHWAY 30 TANGER OUTLET EXIT AND HIGHWAY 73. THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS THEY'RE INVESTIGATING AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING AT LEAST 4 VEHICLES THAT INJURED SEVERAL PEOPLE. DEPUTIES ARE ON THE SCENE RIGHT NOW...BUT AGAIN I-10 WESTBOUND FROM THE HIGHWAY 30 TANGER OUTLET EXIT TO THE HIGHWAY 73 EXIT IS CLOSED THIS MORNING.

Fire 9 AM 2/11/2024

FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR THE ARSONIST WHO STARTED A FIRE AT THE E-B-R READINESS ACADEMY LAST NIGHT. BATON ROUGE FIREFIGHTERS SAY SOMEONE SET A SMALL FIRE INSIDE ONE OF THE CLASSROOMS AROUND THREE P-M YESTERDAY. FIRE OFFICIALS SAID THE BUILDING WAS EMPTY WHEN THEY ARRIVE. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE FIRE IS ASKED TO CALL THE FIRE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION.

Community 9 AM 2/11/2024

DEVELOPER D-R HORTON IS IN HOT WATER WITH THE LIVINGSTON PARISH COUNCIL. CONSTRUCTION PERMITS FOR THEIR FOX-GLOVE SUBDIVISION WERE PULLED LAST WEEK AFTER A RANGE OF ISSUES CAME TO LIGHT. THE BIGGEST CONCERNS FOR THE COUNCIL: THE LACK OF WATER PRESSURE IN CASE OF A FIRE, AND POOR DRAINAGE.

WEATHER

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A TORNADO WATCH HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR AREAS TO THE NORTH OF BATON ROUGE. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO BALIN WITH THE LATEST.

TRAFFIC

5:30 PM /02/11/24

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AN OVERTURNED 18 WHEELER ON I-10 WEST AT COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY BLOCKING MULTIPLE LANES OF TRAFFIC. HERE'S A LIVE LOOK AT OUR TRAFFIC CAMS. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THE 18 WHEELER WAS LOADED WITH TOMATOES AND SHOULD BE CLEARED FROM THE ROADWAY WITHIN THE HOUR. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

COMMUNITY

5:30 PM /02/11/24

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WE ALL EAT OUR FAIR SHARE OF KING CAKE THROUGH THE MARDI GRAS SEASON, BUT ONE WOMAN FROM THE CAPITAL AREA TAKES TASTING TO A NEW LEVEL. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS HER STORY.

WEATHER

10 PM /02/11/24

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A VERY ACTIVE RADAR TONIGHT. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO BALIN WITH THE LATEST.

CRIME

10 PM /02/11/24

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WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT DAVID ATKINS, A TEENAGER WHO ESCAPED FROM A JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY NEARLY THREE MONTHS AGO AND WAS SHOT TO DEATH SATURDAY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

COMMUNITY

10 PM /02/11/24

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WALT DISNEY PARKS OFFER A WORLD OF FANTASY AND IMAGINATION. TODAY, THERE'S NOT ONLY A LOUISIANA CONNECTION TO THE PRINCESS OF ITS NEWEST ATTRACTION, BUT ALSO TO THE PAINT ON IT. OVERCOMING OBSTACLES AND LEAVING A MARK ON THE HOUSE OF MOUSE, 2UNE IN'S BRANDI B HARRIS HAS THE STORY ON THE PRINCESS OF PAINT.

2UNE IN 2/12/24 CRIME

ONE PERSON IS RECOVERING AFTER BEING STABBED ALONG OLD HAMMOND HIGHWAY SUNDAY AFTERNOON. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY IT HAPPENED AT THE EDEN POINTE APARTMENT COMPLEX NEAR THE CORNER OF OLD HAMMOND HIGHWAY AND SHERWOOD FOREST BOULEVARD AROUND 4-45. THE VICTIM IS EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. NO OTHER INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE SUSPECT OR MOTIVE WAS RELEASED.

#### 2UNE IN 2/12/24 COMMUNITY

AND THE GOOD TIMES KEEP ROLLING! TONIGHT THE KREWE OF COMOGO AND THE KREWE OF SHENANDOAH ROLL AT 7 P-M. ON MARDI GRAS THE NEW ROADS COMMUNITY CENTER PARADE WILL START AT ELEVEN A-M. THATS FOLLOWED BY THE LIONS PARADE AT TWO. IN ZACHARY THE MUST LUV MARDI PAWS EVENT STARTS AT 11, WITH A PARADE ROLLING AT TWO. THE FULL SCHEDULE IS ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

#### 2UNE IN 2/12/24 SPORTS

THE CHIEFS WINNING THEIR THIRD SUPER BOWL IN FIVE YEARS. THIS TIME, IN OVERTIME. BECOMING BACK-TO-BACK N-F-L CHAMPIONS - THE FIRST TEAM TO DO IT SINCE TOM BRADY AND THE PATRIOTS 19 YEARS AGO. IT'S MAHOMES' THIRD SUPER BOWL RING - \*AND\* HIS THIRD SUPER BOWL M-V-P AWARD. TRAVIS KELCE - CELEBRATING WITH AN ON-FIELD KISS FROM HIS GIRLFRIEND TAYLOR SWIFT WHILE ENJOYING THE LAS VEGAS VIBE. THAT GAME WAS THE SEVENTH-LONGEST IN N-F-L HISTORY. MAHOMES IS ONLY THE FOURTH STARTING QUARTERBACK IN N-F-L HISTORY TO WIN THREE SUPER BOWLS -- KANSAS CITY'S VICTORY PARADE IS WEDNESDAY.

#### Crime 2/12/24 12pm

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A REPORTED SHOOTING MONDAY MORNING.

#### Community 2/12/24 12pm

DISNEY PARKS OFFER A WORLD OF FANTASY AND IMAGINATION. TODAY, THERE'S NOT ONLY A LOUISIANA CONNECTION TO THE PRINCESS IN DISNEY'S NEWEST ATTRACTION, BUT ALSO TO THE PAINT ON IT. BRANDI B. HARRIS HAS THE STORY OF AN ASCENSION PARISH ARTIST WHO'S ALSO THE PRINCESS OF PAINT.

#### Sports 2/12/24 12pm

SUPER BOWL 58 IS IN THE BOOKS...AND WHAT A THRILLER IN LAS VEGAS! THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS TAKING ON THE SAN FRANCISCO 49-ERS.

#### CRIME 4pm/02/12/24 :20

POLICE SAY ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND A JUVENILE IS IN CUSTODY AFTER A SHOOTING IN BAKER THIS MORNING. THEY SAY A MAN WAS KILLED ON SINGLETARY DRIVE AT MAIN STREET. NO MOTIVE IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME, BUT WE WILL UPDATE YOU IN LATER NEWSCASTS AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

#### CRIME 4pm/ 02/12/24 :20

NEXT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, JEFF LANDRY'S SPECIAL SESSION IN THE HOUSE ON CRIME BEGINS AND A HANDFUL OF BILLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILED. SOME OF THE BILLS THAT ARE UP FOR DISCUSSION INCLUDES: EXECUTION METHODS WITH LETHAL INJECTIONS, NITROGEN POISONING, AND ELECTROCUTION AS POSSIBLE OPTIONS. ANOTHER TOPIC: FENTANYL FOR KIDS.

#### COMMUNITY 4pm/ 02/12/24 :20

ASCENSION PARISH RESIDENTS ARE LIKELY GETTING A LOT OF KNOCKS ON THE DOOR TODAY AFTER THAT BAD HAILSTORM BLEW THROUGH LAST NIGHT. MANY PEOPLE REPORTED GOLF BALL-SIZED CHUNKS OF ICE DAMAGING THEIR CARS, DRIVEWAYS, AND PARTS OF THEIR HOMES AND ROOFS. TODAY ROOFING COMPANIES WERE OUT IN FULL FORCE SURVEYING THE DAMAGE AND IF YOU'RE IN NEED OF REPAIRS IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THE CONTRACTOR YOU CHOOSE IS RELIABLE.

Crime 2/12/24 5 p.m. :14  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD, AND A JUVENILE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER A SHOOTING THIS MORNING IN BAKER. THE MAN WAS KILLED ON SINGLETARY DRIVE NEAR MAIN STREET. BAKER POLICE CHIEF CARL DUNN SAYS AN ALTERCATION LED TO THE SHOOTING. HE HAD A PLEA TO THE COMMUNITY.

Political 2/12/24 5 p.m. :37  
WE HAVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE ROUGH RIDE RESIDENTS IN A DENHAM SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD, WHERE ROAD REPAIRS ARE BEING MADE. LAST WEEK, WE WERE TOLD THE STREETS WOULD BE DRIVEABLE IN THE WILLOWS SUBDIVISION BY TODAY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE LATEST: MANY RESIDENTS ARE STILL NOT HAPPY WITH THE PROGRESS THE CONTRACTOR HAS MADE. WHILE THE ROADS ARE MUCH BETTER THAN THEY WERE LAST WEEK, THERE IS STILL A LOT TO BE DONE. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS THE FRONT OF THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE ENTRANCE IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED OFF. IT IS KEEPING THRU-TRAFFIC OUT AND ALLOWING CREWS TO SMOOTH OVER THE ROADS BEFORE FINAL TOUCHES ARE MADE.

Health 2/12/24 5 p.m. :35  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...CELEBRITY FASCINATION MAY HAVE REACHED NEW HEIGHTS WITH TAYLOR SWIFT AND TRAVIS KELCE LAST NIGHT AT THE SUPER BOWL. EXPERTS SAY THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WE FIND THE FAMOUS SO CAPTIVATING. WHEN SOMEONE IS READING OR WATCHING CELEBRITY NEWS, THEY MAY GET A HIT OF DOPAMINE IN THE BRAIN. DOPAMINE IS A "FEEL GOOD" HORMONE. PEOPLE MAY ALSO EXPERIENCE AN "ILLUSION OF INTIMACY" – WHICH MAKES THEM FEEL LIKE THE CELEBRITY IS A PERSONAL FRIEND. SOCIAL MEDIA HAS AMPLIFIED THIS TYPE OF CONNECTION. FANS ARE OFTEN GIVEN AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE LIVES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE RICH AND FAMOUS.

Holiday 2-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S LUNDI GRAS AND WE HAVE A NEW ENTRY IN THE BATON ROUGE PARADE SCENE. THE SHENANDOAH NEIGHBORHOOD IS GETTING INTO THE MARDI GRAS SPIRIT WITH THE KREWE OF SHENANDOAH. ALEXIS MARGNY IS LIVE WITH THE INAUGURAL CELEBRATION.

Weather 2-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
RESIDENTS IN ASCENSION PARISH ARE LIKELY GETTING READY TO FILE INSURANCE CLAIM. AFTER A LARGE HAILSTORM PELTED THE AREA LATE LAST NIGHT. THOSE RESIDENTS SENDING IN PICTURES OF GOLF BALL SIZED HAIL. FALON BROWN REPORTS.

Community 2-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S A POPULAR TOPIC WITH 2 ON YOUR SIDE. MANY PEOPLE CALL BRITTANY WEISS ASKING FOR HELP WITH A SITUATION INVOLVING THEIR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. IN THIS CASE IT INVOLVES TREE ROOTS A DRIVEWAY AND A HOMEOWNER WHO IS HAVING TROUBLE REACHING A COMPROMISE WITH THE PEOPLE LIVING NEXT DOOR.

Crime 2-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THAT DEADLY CHURCH SHOOTING IN TEXAS. TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED AND THE FEMALE SHOOTER SHOT DEAD A JOEL OSTEEEN'S MEGA-CHURCH.

Politics 2-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP FACING BACKLASH FOR COMMENTS HE MADE OVER THE WEEKEND ABOUT THE SECURITY OF NATO COUNTRIES. TRUMP SAYS HE WOULD LET RUSSIA DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO OUR ALLIES THAT DO NOT SPEND ENOUGH MONEY ON THEIR OWN MILITARY.

War 2-12-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

ISRAELI DEFENSE FORCES SAY THEY CARRIED OUT A SUCCESSFUL MISSION TO RESCUE TWO HOSTAGES BEING HELD BY HAMAS. THE RESCUE UNFOLDING DURING A MASSIVE WAVE OF AIR STRIKES IN THE SOUTH OF GAZA. HAMAS HEALTH AUTHORITIES SAY ROUGHLY 100 PALESTINIANS WERE KILLED.

9 PM 2/12/24 COMMUNITY

IT IS A POPULAR TOPIC WITH 2 ON YOUR SIDE. MANY PEOPLE CALL BRITTANY WEISS ASKING FOR HELP WITH A SITUATION INVOLVING THEIR NEIGHBOR'S PROPERTY. IN THIS CASE IT INVOLVES TREE ROOTS. A DRIVEWAY AND A HOMEOWNER HAVING TROUBLE REACHING A COMPROMISE WITH THE PEOPLE LIVING NEXT DOOR.

9 PM 2/12/24

A NEW KREWE HIT THE STREETS OF BATON ROUGE FOR THE FIRST TIME TONIGHT, HOPING TO BRING THE PARTY TO THE CAPITOL CITY. THE KREWE OF SHENANDOAH ROLLED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WANTED TO CREATE A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT THAT HELPED SHOWCASE THEIR PART OF EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. THEY TELL US OTHER KREWES ACROSS THE AREA GAVE THEM ADVICE TO HELP THEM GET GOING, AND THEY HOPE TO CONTINUE THE TRADITION FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.

9 PM 2/12/24 CRIME

3 PEOPLE IN CUSTODY -- INCLUDING TWO JUVENILES -- FOR THE MURDER OF A TEEN WHO ESCAPED FROM THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER LAST NOVEMBER.

10PM 2/12/24 COMMUNITY

THE KREWE OF SHENANDOAH ROLLED OUT ITS INAUGURAL PARADE THROUGH BATON ROUGE. THIS YEAR'S THEME 'PAR FOR THE COURSE' PAYING HOMAGE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ORIGINS AS A GOLF COURSE. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS THE HIGHLIGHTS.

10PM 2/12/24 COMMUNITY

IN THE SEARCH FOR A MAN'S TREASURED JACKET LOST AFTER HE PASSED. FAMILY MEMBERS TELL US THEY WERE ABLE TO TRACK IT DOWN. MICHAEL "BUBBA" GAG-LI-ANO -- A LIFE LONG TIGER FAN - PASSED AWAY SUNDAY AT 75-YEARS-OLD. AFTER HIS DEATH, FAMILY MEMBERS SEARCHED FOR THE JACKET, BEFORE LEARNING IT HAD BEEN DONATED BY MISTAKE. AFTER OUR STORY, COMMUNITY MEMBERS REACHED OUT HOPING TO FIND THE FAMILY.

10PM 2/12/24 CRIME

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND A TEEN IS IN CUSTODY AFTER A SHOOTING ON SINGLETARY DRIVE IN BAKER. BAKER POLICE CHIEF CARL DUNN SAYS AN ALTERCATION LED TO GUNFIRE.

2UNE IN 2/13/24 CRIME

THREE PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN THE MURDER OF A TEEN WHO ESCAPED A JUVENILE FACILITY, BACK IN NOVEMBER. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED 19-YEAR-OLD TRAVELLE BURRIS AND TWO JUVENILES FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND MULTIPLE OTHER CHARGES AFTER DAVID ATKINS WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH ON WASHINGTON AVENUE. POLICE SAID THAT A ROBBERY MAY BE THE MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING.

2UNE IN 2/13/24 WEATHER

GOLF BALL SIZED HAIL PELTED HOMES AND CARS SUNDAY NIGHT IN ASCENSION PARISH. THE HAIL CAUSING DAMAGE TO DRIVEWAYS AND EVEN STRIKING DOWN SMALL TREES. LARGE HAIL WAS ALSO SPOTTED IN PARTS OF LIVINGSTON PARISH SUNDAY NIGHT. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

2UNE IN 2/13/24 SPORTS



49ERS PASSING GAME COORDINATOR KLINT KUBIAK WILL REPLACE THE FIRED PETE CARMICHAEL AS THE NEW NEW ORLEANS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR. KUBIAK, THE SON OF FORMER NFL COACH GARY KUBIAK, WAS THE O-C IN MINNESOTA IN 2021 BEFORE COACHING WITH THE 49ERS THE LAST TWO SEASONS.

Crime 2/13/24 12pm

ONE ADULT AND TWO JUVENILES ARE IN CUSTODY FOR THE MURDER OF DAVID ATKINS WHO ESCAPED FROM THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER LAST NOVEMBER.

Community 2/13/24 12pm

THEY'RE CARRYING ON LOUISIANA'S OLDEST MARDI GRAS TRADITION, OUTSIDE OF NEW ORLEANS IN NEW ROADS TODAY. TWO PARADES ARE ROLLING.

Government 2/13/24 12pm

JUVENILE JUSTICE WILL BE AMONG THE KEY TOPICS ADDRESSED DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME NEXT MONDAY. A HANDFUL OF BILLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILED.

4PM 2/13/24 COMMUNITY

IT'S A HAPPY FAT TUESDAY ACROSS THE STATE AND THOUSANDS CROWDED THE STREETS EARLIER AS THE CITY HOSTED LOUISIANA'S OLDEST MARDI GRAS TRADITION, OUTSIDE OF NEW ORLEANS IN NEW ROADS TODAY.

4PM 2/13/24 COMMUNITY

REVELERS IN MAMOU TOOK PART IN THE ANNUAL CAJUN STYLE MARDI GRAS. THE COURIR (COO-REAR) DE MARDI GRAS, WHICH TRANSLATES TO FAT TUESDAY RUN, IS BASED ON THE FRENCH MEDIEVAL MARDI GRAS. REVELERS CHASE CHICKENS THROUGH RICE FIELDS. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BEG AND SING AND DANCE FOR HOMEOWNERS TO GET INGREDIENTS TO MAKE GUMBO. THE TRADITION DATES BACK MORE THAN 100 YEARS.

4PM 2/13/24 CRIME

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SHOOTING THAT KILLED WANTED JUVENILE ESCAPEE DAVID ATKINS OVER THE WEEKEND. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE CLARIFYING THEIR COMMENTS AFTER DOING SOME INVESTIGATING.

Community

2/13/24

5 p.m.

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IN THE BIG EASY THE PARADES ARE WINDING DOWN. BUT THE PARTY IS STILL GOING AFTER GETTING STARTED EARLY THIS MORNING WITH THE KREWE OF ZULU. BIG CROWDS WERE LINED UP TO GET THAT COVETED ZULU COCONUT. CHECK OUT THE FLOATS AND LISTEN TO THE BANDS. ZULU HAS BEEN PART OF MARDI GRAS FESTIVITIES IN NEW ORLEANS SINCE 1901.

Crime

2/13/24

5 p.m.

:47

ACCUSED MURDERER AND ESCAPEE DAVID ATKINS HAD BEEN ON THE RUN FOR 77 DAYS BEFORE HE WAS SHOT AND KILLED OVER THE WEEKEND. WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THAT SHOOTING AND THE ARRESTS OF THREE SUSPECTS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH JOINS US NOW FROM THE NEWS ROOM. SYLVIA, THREE TEENS INCLUDING TWO JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED FOR THE MURDER, AND WE'RE LEARNING TODAY ONE OF THEM WAS ALSO INJURED IN THE SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO ROB ATKINS OF A RIFLE AND WHEN HE WOULDN'T GIVE IT TO THEM, A SHOOTOUT BEGAN. ATKINS WAS KILLED AND ONE OF THE ROBBERS WAS INJURED. THEY ENDED UP TRACKING DOWN A POLICE OFFICER TO GET HELP FOR THEIR INJURIES AND WERE ARRESTED AFTER BEING TREATED. YESTERDAY, POLICE ARRESTED 19 YEAR OLD TRAVELLE BURRIS FOR HIS INVOLVEMENT.

Health

2/13/24

5 p.m.

:25

VIAGRA MAY REDUCE THE RISK FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. A STUDY IN THE JOURNAL "NEUROLOGY" LOOKED AT THE MEDICAL RECORDS OF NEARLY 270-THOUSAND MEN. THEY FOUND THOSE TAKING VIAGRA WERE 18-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. THE RESEARCH DID NOT UNCOVER POSSIBLE REASONS AND RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL STUDY. ALZHEIMER'S IS THE MOST COMMON FORM OF DEMENTIA AFFECTING MORE THAN SIX MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U-S AGED 65 OR OLDER.

COMMUNITY 6pm/02/13/2024 :20  
IN THE BIG EASY...AFTER A FUN DAY PARADE CELEBRATIONS HAVE WRAPPED UP! THE KREWE OF ZULU GOT THE PARTY STARTED THIS MORNING AS THOUSANDS LINED THE STREETS OF NEW ORLEANS HOPING TO WALK AWAY WITH ONE OF THOSE COVETED ZULU COCONUTS. THE LARGE FLOATS AND PAINTED FACES PART OF THE FAT TUESDAY TRADITION. THE KREWE OF ZULU HAS BEEN PARADING FOR MARDI GRAS WELL OVER A HUNDRED YEARS.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 02/13/2024 :20  
EVEN THOUGH THE PARADES ARE OVER THE MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS WILL RUN LATE INTO THE NIGHT IN THE BIG EASY. THIS IS A LOOK AT A VERY CROWDED BOURBON STREET ON EARTH CAM, WHERE PEOPLE FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARE CELEBRATING FAT TUESDAY IN NEW ORLEANS. THE CITY WELCOMES OVER A MILLION PEOPLE ON AVERAGE EVERY YEAR DURING CARNIVAL SEASON.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 02/13/2024 :20  
BACK HERE IN BATON ROUGE...SOMEONE GOT THE BABY WHILE ALL THE CELEBRATIONS UNFOLDED TODAY. NOT THE ONE IN THE KING CAKE...TWO PROUD PARENTS WELCOMED A BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL INTO THE WORLD. SHELBY BRYAN AND TRILL NOEL CELEBRATING THEIR NEW CHILD MARDI GRAS QUEEN, "LUNA-STRAY-UH" NOEL. THIS PRECIOUS BUNDLE CELEBRATED FAT TUESDAY WITH HER OWN SET OF BEADS AND A MASK!

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/02/13/24 :20  
PARTICIPANTS RIDE ON HORSEBACK TO SURROUNDING BUSINESSES TO ASK FOR CHICKENS TO USE IN A GUMBO LATER THAT EVENING. THEY DO IT IN FULL COSTUME AND THEY HAVE TO CATCH THE CHICKENS BY HAND. IT CAN INVOLVE CRAWLING THROUGH DITCHES AND GETTING PRETTY DIRTY BUT THAT DOES NOT PUT A DAMPER ON THE FUN.

CRIME 6:30pm/02/13/24 :20  
WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SHOOTING THAT KILLED WANTED JUVENILE ESCAPEE DAVID ATKINS OVER THE WEEKEND. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE CLARIFYING THEIR COMMENTS AFTER INVESTIGATING.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 02/13/24 :20  
DOWN IN THE BIG EASY...AFTER A FUN DAY PARADE CELEBRATIONS HAVE WRAPPED UP. HOWEVER, THE KREWE OF ZULU GOT THE PARTY STARTED THIS MORNING AS THOUSANDS LINED UP ON THE STREETS OF NEW ORLEANS HOPING TO WALK AWAY WITH ONE OF THE COVETED ZULU COCONUTS.

9 pm 2/13/24 community  
PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS FROM MAMOU TO THE CRESCENT CITY. THE OLDEST MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION OUTSIDE NEW ORLEANS TAKES PLACE EVERY YEAR IN NEW ROADS.

9 pm 2/13/24 community  
THE DAY OF FESTIVITIES CONTINUED IN THE CITY OF MAMOU AS THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATED FAT TUESDAY CAJUN STYLE! ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS THE MARDI GRAS TRADITION IS CELEBRATING ITS 74TH ANNIVERSARY.

9 pm 2/13/24 community

ONE WOMAN IN NEW ORLEANS SAYS SHE HAS BEEN BLESSED TO CELEBRATE THE TRADITION FOR MORE THAN TEN DECADES. JOSH ROBERSON CHECKS IN ON THE BELOVED CENTENARIAN IN NEW ORLEANS -- GOING STRONG AT 104.

10pm 2/13/24 community

IN ABOUT AN HOUR OR SO STREET SWEEPERS WILL BE OUT IN NEW ORLEANS CLEANING UP WHAT'S LEFT FROM A DAY OF REVEL-REE. IT WAS A FUN-FILLED MARDI GRAS DAY ACROSS THE STATE. FROM MAMOU TO THE CRESCENT CITY, THOUSANDS OF FOLKS CELEBRATED THE END OF THE MARDI GRAS SEASON, LIKE ONLY LOUISIANA CAN. WE WILL HAVE MORE ON THE CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE STATE IN JUST A MINUTE.

10pm 2/13/24 safety

A BUDDING PROBLEM WAS FIXED ON FIERO STREET. A TREE GREW AROUND A FIRE HYDRANT -- WHEN CREWS WORKING NEARBY SPOTTED THE HYDRANT -- THEY KNEW WITHOUT A FIX IT COULD CREATE PROBLEMS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SHOWS US WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

10pm 2/13/24 crime

WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE SHOOTING THAT KILLED ACCUSED MURDERER AND ESCAPEE DAVID ATKINS. ATKINS HAD BEEN ON THE RUN FOR 77 DAYS BEFORE HE WAS KILLED.

2UNE IN 2/14/24 CRIME

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE DEATH OF DAVID ATKINS, A TEEN WHO ESCAPED A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IN NOVEMBER. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY THREE TEENS WERE TRYING TO ROB ATKINS OF A RIFLE. WHEN HE WOULDN'T GIVE IT UP, ONE OF THE JUVENILES SHOT HIM WITH A FULLY AUTOMATIC HANDGUN. DURING THE STRUGGLE, ANOTHER TEEN WHO WAS THERE TO ROB ATKINS--WAS ALSO SHOT AND WOUNDED.

2UNE IN 2/14/24 COMMUNITY

AND YESTERDAY, WHILE EVERYONE WAS OUT CELEBRATING, TWO PROUD PARENTS WELCOMED A BABY GIRL INTO THE WORLD. SHELBY BRYAN AND TRILL NOEL WELCOMED THEIR MARDI GRAS QUEEN...LUNASTRAEA {LUNA-STRAY-UH} NOEL. TO MAKE SURE LUNASTRAEA DIDN'T MISS OUT ON THE MARDI GRAS PARTY THE HOSPITAL STAFF GAVE HER OWN BEADS AND MASK.

2UNE IN 2/14/24 ENTERTAINMENT

A FEDERAL JUDGE THREW OUT A LAWSUIT AGAINST WILL SMITH'S STUDIO AND SEVERAL HOLLYWOOD FILMMAKERS AFTER AN EXTRA ON SET WAS INJURED BY A CAMERA IN LIVINGSTON PARISH. THE JUDGE RULED PLAINTIFF JAMES WALKER JUNIOR FAILED TO PRESENT SUFFICIENT FACTS TO SUPPORT HIS CIVIL CLAIMS.

Crime 2/14/24 12pm

WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MURDER OF DAVID ATKINS...THE TEEN WHO ESCAPED A JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IN NOVEMBER AND WAS ON THE RUN FOR 77 DAYS.

Community 2/14/24 12pm

WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK ABOUT ONE FAMILY SEARCHING FOR A SPECIAL KEEPSAKE. THANKS TO THE HELP OF A SOCIAL MEDIA STAR AND MANY OF YOU THE FAMILY IS REUNITED WITH A PIECE OF THEIR LOVED ONE.

Business 2/14/24 12pm

BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD OF LOUISIANA WITHDRAWING ITS PLAN WITH ELEVANCE HEALTH. A PUBLIC HEARING ON BLUE CROSS'S PROPOSED SALE TO ELEVANCE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN TODAY, BUT IT WAS CANCELED.

CRIME 4pm/02/14/24 :20  
MILLARD WAS FOUND DEAD LAST MARCH, WRAPPED IN A RUG IN A VACANT PARKING LOT. DERRICK PERKINS WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE PERSON WHO DUMPED THE BODY AFTER MILLARD OVERDOSED. A WARRANT WAS PUT OUT LAST MONTH FOR PERKINS AFTER HE DID NOT SHOW UP FOR A COURT DATE. WE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ARREST TONIGHT ON NEWS TWO AT SIX!

COMMUNITY 4pm/ 02/14/24 :20  
GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS ONE MORE DAY TO REVERSE HIS DECISION TO OPT OUT OF A FEDERAL SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM THAT COULD BENEFIT ALMOST 600-THOUSAND CHILDREN IN THE STATE. LOUISIANA IS ONE OF SEVERAL STATES THAT ARE DECLINING TO ENROLL IN THE SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER PROGRAM OR SUMMER E-B-T. IT'S A PERMANENT PROGRAM CREATED AFTER A TEMPORARY PANDEMIC VERSION EXPIRED.

COMMUNITY 4pm/ 02/14/24 :20  
THE ABRUPT NOTICE COMES ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST DAY OF A TWO-DAY VOTE TO FINALIZE THE MERGER, IN WHICH A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF B-C-B-S POLICYHOLDERS WOULD BE ABLE TO VOTE ON WHETHER THEY WANTED TO MERGE. THE MERGER WAS ANNOUNCED LAST YEAR IN JANUARY. AFTER BACKLASH IN SEPTEMBER, B-C-B-S PAUSED THE DEAL BEFORE A RESUBMISSION IN DECEMBER.

Crime 2/14/24 5 p.m. :55  
A POLICE CHASE CAUGHT ON CAMERA ENDED WITH THE ARREST OF 46 YEAR OLD DERRICK PERKINS. YOU MAY REMEMBER PERKINS AS THE MAN CHARGED WITH DUMPING THE BODY OF NATHAN MILLARD. MILLARD WAS FOUND DEAD IN BATON ROUGE AFTER GOING MISSING DURING A VISIT FROM GEORGIA. PERKINS WAS OUT ON BOND BUT FAILED TO SHOW UP IN COURT LAST MONTH, OR ENROLL IN A REQUIRED MONITORING PROGRAM. YOU CAN SEE THE CHASE HERE AS POLICE PURSUE A BLACK 20-20 NISSAN MAXIMA. THE CHASE BEGAN AFTER THE OWNER REPORTED THE CAR STOLEN. YOU SEE POLICE FOLLOWED ALONG SURFACE STREETS NEAR EYE-ONE-TEN AS THE DRIVER REFUSED TO STOP...GOING THROUGH INTERSECTIONS AS OFFICERS TRAILED BEHIND NOT GOING PARTICULARLY FAST THEN EVENTUALLY GOING ONTO THE INTERSTATE. IT ENDED WHEN PERKINS CRASHED ON EVANGELINE STREET, AT THE SOUTH EYE-ONE-TEN EXIT RAMP. HE WAS CHARGED WITH UN-AUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE, AGGRAVATED FLIGHT FROM AN OFFICER, AND RESISTING AN OFFICER.

Political 2/14/24 5 p.m. :45  
THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS ONE MORE DAY TO ACCEPT FEDERAL FUNDS TO FEED CHILDREN. THE STATE ANNOUNCED FRIDAY IT WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE U-S-D-A'S NEW SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM WHICH GIVES FAMILIES AN ADDITIONAL 40 DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR EACH CHILD. KATIE EASTER REPORTS ON THE CONTROVERSIAL DECISION. THE SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM IS A NEW PERMANENT PROGRAM CREATED AFTER A TEMPORARY PANDEMIC PROGRAM EXPIRED. THE FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT IS AIMED AT GETTING CHILDREN THE NUTRITION THEY NEED WHEN NOT IN SCHOOL. ACCORDING TO U-S-D-A NUMBERS, MORE THAN 500-THOUSAND CHILDREN WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM. SO FAR, 15 OTHER STATES, ALL REPUBLICAN LED, HAVE OPTED OUT. I SPOKE WITH DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMAN TROY CARTER WHO IS HOPING THE GOVERNOR CHANGES THE DECISION, AND ACCEPTS THE FUNDS.

Health 2/14/24 5 p.m. :31  
A RECENT SURVEY FOUND MOST PEOPLE THINK IT IS OKAY TO TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK. THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS POLL FOUND 74 PERCENT OF RESPONDENTS WERE ALL RIGHT WITH MENTAL HEALTH BEING DISCUSSED AT THE WORKPLACE. ONLY 58 PERCENT SAID THEY WOULD BE COMFORTABLE DOING SO. THE MOST COMMON REASON FOR NOT DOING SO WAS WORRYING ABOUT BEING JUDGED, OR NOT

WANTING TO SEEM WEAK. FOUR IN FIVE PEOPLE SAID MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING WOULD BE A POSITIVE FOR WORKPLACE CULTURE BUT ONLY HALF SAID THEIR EMPLOYERS OFFER IT.

CRIME 06:00 PM/02/14/2024 :30  
WE START TONIGHT WITH THAT WILD POLICE CHASE THROUGH BATON ROUGE THIS MORNING UP AND DOWN PERKINS ROAD EVEN THROUGH THE EYE-TEN CONSTRUCTION ZONE ON EAST LAKESHORE AT CITY PARK LAKE. THERE IS AN UNUSUAL CONNECTION TO NATHAN MILLARD.

POLITICS 06:00 PM/02/14/2024 :15  
THE CONTROVERSIAL ACQUISITION OF BLUE CROSS UNDER ELEVANCE HEALTH NOW OFF THE TABLE-- JUST HOURS BEFORE A PLANNED HEARING AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

POLITICS 06:00 PM/ 02/14/2024 :20  
ONE DAY LEFT FOR GOVERNOR LANDRY TO ACCEPT A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM AIMED AT FEEDING CHILDREN OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS. ON FRIDAY--- D-C-F-S ANNOUNCED THAT STATE WILL NOT TAKE PART IN THE SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM. KATIE EASTER JOINING US WITH WHY SOME ARE HOPEFUL THE STATE WILL JOIN IN.

CRIME 6:30 PM /02/14/24 :20  
A POLICE CHASE CAUGHT ON CAMERA ENDED WITH THE ARREST OF 46 YEAR OLD DERRICK PERKINS. PERKINS WAS CHARGED WITH DUMPING THE BODY OF NATHAN MILLARD-- THE MAN FOUND DEAD IN BATON ROUGE AFTER HE WENT MISSING DURING A VISIT FROM GEORGIA.

COMMUNITY 6:30 PM /02/14/24 :20  
W-B-R-Z IS ONCE AGAIN TEAMING UP WITH SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL THIS LENT FOR OUR ANNUAL "FILL A PRESCRIPTION" CAMPAIGN. NEWS TWO'S PAT SHINGLETON JOINS US WITH HOW YOU CAN HELP.

NATIONAL 6:30 PM /02/14/24 :20  
DEMOCRATS WINNING A SPECIAL ELECTION TUESDAY TO REPLACE REPUBLICAN GEORGE SANTOS. THE RESULTS NARROWING AN ALREADY SLIM G-O-P MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE.

9PM 2/14/24 CRIME  
A WILD POLICE CHASE THROUGH BATON ROUGE THIS MORNING LEAD TO THE ARREST OF AN ALLEGED DRUG DEALER CONNECTED TO THE DEATH OF NATHAN (MUH-LARD) MILLARD.

9PM 2/14/24 POLITICS  
LOOKING AHEAD TO THE LEGISLATIVE SPECIAL SESSION TO ADDRESS CRIME...LAWMAKERS IN BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE PROPOSED BILLS TO LOWER THE AGE FOR CARRYING A CONCEALED FIREARM -- FREE OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. A SIMILAR BILL PASSED IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE IN 20-21 -- BUT WAS VETOED BY GOVERNOR JOHN BEL EDWARDS. THIS TIME REPUBLICANS ARE CONFIDENT IT WILL BECOME LAW.

9PM 2/14/24 HEALTH  
THE CONTROVERSIAL ACQUISITION OF BLUE CROSS UNDER ELEVANCE HEALTH NOW OFF THE TABLE-- JUST HOURS BEFORE A PLANNED HEARING AT THE STATE CAPITOL. THE MERGER FACED SCRUTINY FROM BOTH LAWMAKERS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS. BESS CASSERLEIGH REPORTS.

10PM 2/14/24 POLITICS  
WE ARE LOOKING AHEAD TO THE LOUISIANA SPECIAL SESSION WHICH STARTS MONDAY. BILLS ALREADY FILED TO CHANGE THE CONCEALED CARRY REQUIREMENTS. GOVERNOR LANDRY CALLED THE SESSION TO ADDRESS CRIME -- AND LAWMAKERS SAY THIS IS A PART OF THE STRATEGY. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARGNY EXPLAINS WHY NOT EVERYONE AT THE CAPITOL IS ON BOARD.

10PM 2/14/24 CRIME

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING OFF FLORIDA BOULEVARD. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS SAY IT HAPPENED A LITTLE MORE THAN AN HOUR AGO AROUND 8:30 AT NIGHT R-V PARK. HERE IS A LIVE LOOK AT THE SCENE. WE ARE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY. WE WILL GET YOU THOSE UPDATES AS WE LEARN MORE ON-AIR AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

10PM 2/14/24 CRIME

IN NEW ORLEANS -- STATE POLICE SAY THEY CONFISCATED 57 ILLEGAL GUNS WHILE PATROLLING THE CITY DURING MARDI GRAS. THEY SAY MOST WERE TAKEN FROM BOURBON STREET AND SEVEN WERE TAKEN FROM THE FRENCH QUARTER. STATE POLICE CREDITED THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES FOR HELPING WITH THE EFFORT.

5AM 2/15/24 CRIME

THIS MORNING DOZENS OF ILLEGAL GUNS OFF THE STREETS AFTER STATE POLICE SAY THEY CONFISCATED 57 IN NEW ORLEANS DURING MARDI GRAS. THEY SAY MOST WERE TAKEN FROM BOURBON STREET AND SEVEN WERE TAKEN FROM THE FRENCH QUARTER. STATE POLICE CREDITED THEIR PARTNERSHIP WITH WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES FOR HELPING WITH THE EFFORT.

5AM 2/15/24 GOVERNMENT

NEXT WEEK, LAWMAKERS AND GOVERNOR LANDRY HEAD BACK TO THE CAPITOL FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THIS LANDRY CALLING FOR A COMPLETE OVERHAUL ON THE STATE'S JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT INCLUDES CHANGES TO LAWS ON JUVENILE CRIME AND PAROLE QUALIFICATIONS. THAT STARTS MONDAY AND ENDS MARCH SIXTH.

5AM 2/15/24 CONSUMER

SOME CHILDREN MAY BE WITHOUT PROPER NUTRITION SOON, AFTER THE NEW SECRETARY OF D-C-F-S SAID LOUISIANA IS NOT ACCEPTING THE U-S-D-A'S SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM. WITH THE PROGRAM, FAMILIES WOULD RECEIVE 40 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR EACH CHILD. ACCORDING TO U-S-D-A NUMBERS MORE THAN 500-THOUSAND CHILDREN WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM.

Crime 2/15/24 12pm

ONE PERSON IS IN CUSTODY AFTER A REPORTED SHOOTING LEFT A 20-YEAR-OLD DEAD AT AN RV PARK WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Government 2/15/24 12pm

LOUISIANA'S JUSTICE SYSTEM COULD BE SHAKEN UP NEXT WEEK WHEN STATE LAWMAKERS MEET FOR THEIR SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR.

Community 2/15/24 12pm

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...WHEN YOU LOVE WHAT YOU DO, YOU'LL NEVER WORK A DAY IN YOUR LIFE. THAT'S CERTAINLY THE CASE FOR A WOMAN IN PIERRE PART, WHO'S A LEGEND OF CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THAT SMALL TOWN.

CRIME

2-15-24/4PM

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DEPUTIES HAVE MADE AN ARREST INTO A SHOOTING AT A BATON ROUGE R-V PARK THAT LEFT A 20 YEAR-OLD MAN DEAD. IT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT AT THE NIGHT R-V PARK OFF OF FLORIDA BOULEVARD AFTER THE VICTIM AND SUSPECT GOT INTO AN ARGUMENT. THE SUSPECT REPORTEDLY CHASED THE VICTIM WITH A GUN BEFORE SHOOTING AND KILLING HIM AND DRIVING OFF BEFORE LATER BEING CAUGHT.

COMMUNITY

2-15-24/4PM

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MAYOR-PRSDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME AND POLICE CHIEF THOMAS MORSE JUNIOR WILL BE AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY TO TALK TO THE COMMUNITY. THIS WILL BE THE TIME

FOR THE YOUNG VOICES OF BATON ROUGE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED. THAT HAPPENS TONIGHT AT SIX ON THE BLUFF AT HIGGINS HALL.

ENVIRONMENT 2-15-24/4PM :20  
A NEW STUDY FOUND LOUISIANA'S COASTAL WETLANDS COULD BE UNDERWATER IN THE COMING DECADES...OF THE 253 WETLAND SITES IT MONITORED ABOUT SIX PERCENT ARE ENTIRELY UNDERWATER. THE STUDY PREDICTS LOUISIANA COULD LOSE 75 PERCENT OF ALL ITS COASTAL WETLANDS BY 20-70.

Crime 2/15/24 5 p.m. :34  
A FOURTH ARREST HAS BEEN MADE IN THE SHOOTING DEATH OF DAVID ATKINS OVER THE WEEKEND. 18 YEAR OLD TREYLEN WILLIAMS IS CHARGED WITH MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY. 19 YEAR OLD TRAVELLE BURRIS AND TWO JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED EARLIER THIS WEEK. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY THE SUSPECTS WERE TRYING TO ROB ATKINS OF A RIFLE. HE WAS SHOT WHEN HE WOULDN'T GIVE IT UP. ATKINS HAD BEEN ON THE LOOSE SINCE NOVEMBER WHEN HE ESCAPED JUVENILE DETENTION AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR A MURDER CHARGE. TREYLEN WILLIAMS WAS ALSO CHARGED FOR SHOOTING OFF GUNS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE AND WAS SUPPOSED TO BE WEARING A G-P-S MONITOR.

Crime 2/15/24 5 p.m. :49  
A NEW TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA VETERANS WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW OPENED TODAY. IT IS THE THIRD SUCH PROGRAM IN THE STATE AND IT IS OPERATING HERE IN BATON ROUGE. THE VETERANS TREATMENT PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE VETERANS ARRESTED FOR CERTAIN OFFENSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE REHABILITATED. ITS BASED AROUND THE PREMISE THAT MANY VETERANS SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND HAVE TROUBLE ASSIMILATING BACK INTO SOCIETY AND MAY FIND THEMSELVES ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW. THE COURT WILL PROVIDE ELIGIBLE VETERANS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND EDUCATION. ONCE COMPLETED, THEIR CONVICTION WILL BE SET ASIDE OR PROSECUTION DISMISSED. NOW--IT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO VETERANS WITH MURDER OR SEX OFFENSES OR A D-W-I WHICH RESULTED IN SOMEONE'S DEATH.

Health 2/15/24 5 p.m. :29  
RESEARCHERS ARE STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF SMOKING ON THE IMMUNE SYSTEM. SMOKING RATES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN DECLINING FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. BUT IT IS STILL THE LEADING CAUSE OF PREVENTABLE DEATH. IT KILLS 480-THOUSAND PEOPLE A YEAR. A NEW STUDY IN THE JOURNAL "NATURE" LOOKED INTO HOW SMOKING DECREASES THE BODY'S ABILITY TO FIGHT OFF INFECTION "IMMEDIATELY" -- AND OVER TIME. WHEN SMOKERS IN THE STUDY QUIT THEIR IMMUNE RESPONSE GOT BETTER AT ONE LEVEL. BUT DID NOT COMPLETELY RECOVER FOR YEARS.

COMMUNITY 06:00 PM/02/15/2024 :15  
TONS AND TONS OF DEBRIS -- IT'S WHAT'S BEING REMOVED FROM DAWSON CREEK. A WATER-WAY THE CITY HAS PLEDGED TO CLEAN UP. IT HAS BEEN DECADES SINCE THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE. 2 ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT AND THE PEOPLE THANKFUL TO SEE THE WORK.

CRIME 06:00 PM/02/15/2024 :15  
A FOUR SUSPECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO THE MURDER OF ESCAPED JUVENILE DAVID ATKINS ON SATURDAY ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE. 18 YEAR OLD TREYLEN WILLIAMS FACES CHARGES OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY.

DEVELOPING 06:00 PM/02/15/2024 :20  
LSU RUNNING BACK TREY HOLLY WAS ARRESTED IN UNION PARISH ON THREE FELONY CHARGES INCLUDING "ATTEMPTED SECOND-DEGREE" MURDER. HOLLY IS ONE OF THREE

SUSPECTS CONNECTED TO A SHOOTING FEBRUARY 9-TH. IN A STATEMENT-- L-S-U CONFIRMED THE FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK HAS BEEN SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY FROM ALL TEAM ACTIVITIES.

CRIME 06:30 PM/02/15/2024 :15  
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ABOUT A DEADLY SHOOTING AT AN R-V PARK LAST NIGHT. EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S DETECTIVES HAVE A SUSPECT IN CUSTODY BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED THEM. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLANE HAS AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION.

CRIME 06:30 PM/02/15/2024 :15  
A GROUP OF LIONELL JACKSON PROTESTERS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE TANGIPAHOA PARISH COURTHOUSE IN AMITE. JACKSON WAS SHOT BY HAMMOND POLICE OFFICER CRAIG DUNN OVER THE SUMMER WHILE SERVING A NO KNOCK WARRANT AT HIS HOME.

POLITICS 06:30 PM/02/15/2024 :15  
NOW TO GROWING CONCERN ABOUT A POTENTIAL NUCLEAR THREAT FROM RUSSIA IN SPACE. IT COMES AFTER A RARE STATEMENT FROM A TOP LAWMAKER ON CAPITOL HILL.

9PM 2/15/24 INFRASTRUCTURE  
TONS OF DEBRIS BEING REMOVED FROM DAWSON CREEK. A WATER-WAY THE CITY PLEDGED TO CLEAN UP. IT HAS BEEN DECADES SINCE THE WORK HAS BEEN DONE.

9PM 2/15/24 CRIME  
A FOURTH PERSON ARRESTED TODAY FOR KILLING AN 18-YEAR-OLD WHO ESCAPED THE E-B-R JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER LAST NOVEMBER. TREY-LEN WILLIAMS WAS ARRESTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER AND ARMED ROBBERY.

9PM 2/15/24 CRIME  
L-S-U FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK TREY HOLLY FACING ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES AFTER TURNING HIMSELF OVER TO AUTHORITIES TODAY IN NORTH LOUISIANA. UNION PARISH SHERIFF DUSTY GATES SAYS THE CHARGES STEM FROM A SHOOTING FEBRUARY NINTH. HOLLY IS ONE OF THREE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE SHOOTING...ONE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. HOLLY PLAYED A LIMITED ROLE FOR THE TIGERS IN 20-23 AFTER SETTING THE ALL-TIME LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RUSHING RECORD. HIS ATTORNEY TOLD OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE HIS CLIENT "EMPHATICALLY DENIES ALL CHARGES." L-S-U SUSPENDED HOLLY INDEFINITELY PENDING THE INVESTIGATION.

10PM 2/15/24 CRIME  
AN 18-YEAR-OLD IS IN JAIL ACCUSED OF KILLING DAVID ATKINS WHO ESCAPED FROM THE E-B-R JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER LAST NOVEMBER FOR THE SECOND TIME.

10PM 2/15/24 CRIME  
IN A DEADLY SHOOTING AT AN R-V PARK WEDNESDAY NIGHT. EAST BATON ROUGE DEPUTIES ARRESTED 19-YEAR-OLD KENTRELL BROTHERS FOR THE MURDER OF 20-YEAR-OLD SERGIO...(ES-TWO-"WARD"-DOE) (BOW-LEO)...COE--COOL.

10PM 2/15/24 CRIME  
L-S-U FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK TREY HOLLY FACING ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES AFTER TURNING HIMSELF IN TO AUTHORITIES TODAY IN NORTH LOUISIANA. UNION PARISH SHERIFF DUSTY GATES SAYS IT STEMS FROM A SHOOTING FEBRUARY NINTH. HOLLY IS ONE OF THREE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. TWO WERE INJURED IN THE SHOOTING...ONE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. HOLLY PLAYED A LIMITED ROLE FOR THE TIGERS IN 20-23 AFTER SETTING THE ALL-TIME LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RECORD FOR RUSHING. HIS ATTORNEY TOLD OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE HIS CLIENT "EMPHATICALLY DENIES ALL CHARGES." L-S-U SUSPENDED HOLLY INDEFINITELY PENDING THE INVESTIGATION.



CRIME 5AM 2/16/2024

AN L-S-U FOOTBALL PLAYER FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED MURDER. FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK TREY HOLLY TURNED HIMSELF IN TO AUTHORITIES IN UNION PARISH THURSDAY. ACCORDING TO UNION PARISH SHERIFF DUSTY GATES HOLLY IS ONE OF THREE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN A SHOOTING ON FEBRUARY 9-TH THAT INJURED TWO PEOPLE. HOLLY PLAYED FOR THE TIGERS IN 20-23 AFTER SETTING THE ALL-TIME LOUISIANA HIGH SCHOOL RECORD FOR RUSHING. HIS ATTORNEY TOLD OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE HIS CLIENT "EMPHATICALLY DENIES ALL CHARGES." L-S-U SUSPENDED HOLLY INDEFINITELY PENDING THE INVESTIGATION.

COMMUNITY 5AM 2/16/2024

COUNCILWOMAN CAROLYN COLEMAN AND MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME WILL BE HOSTING AN EXPUNGEMENT EVENT THIS SATURDAY. THE EASY EXPUNGEMENT SCREENING AND REGISTRATION EVENT STARTS SATURDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK...IT WILL END AT ONE. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE DR. LEO S. BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER ON LORRI BURGESS. SPOTS ARE LIMITED...YOU CAN REGISTER THROUGH THE WEBSITE ON YOUR SCREEN OR THROUGH WBRZ.COM. SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IS ALSO HOLDING AN EXPUNGEMENT INITIATIVE EVENT AT THEIR LAW CENTER SATURDAY FROM 8 A-M TO 3 P-M. TO APPLY EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH RESIDENTS NEED A DRIVER'S LICENSE, CERTIFIED COPY OF MINUTES, AND BILL OF INFORMATION AS WELL AS A BACKGROUND CHECK. THE APPLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT S-U-L-C DOT E-D-U SLASH EXPUNGEMENT.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/16/2024

NOW TO AN INITIATIVE THAT COULD HELP KEEP BATON ROUGE VETERANS FROM BEHIND BARS. ORGANIZED BY THE 19TH JUDICIAL COURT THE VETERANS TREATMENT COURT OFFERS A CHANCE AT REHABILITATION. THE PROGRAM FOCUSES ON TREATMENT AND TRAINING ASSISTING VETERANS IN REINTEGRATING INTO THE COMMUNITY. VETERANS ARRESTED FOR CERTAIN OFFENSE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. AS WELL AS RESOURCES FOR HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, AND EDUCATION. THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPHASIZES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COURT IS TO ADDRESS ISSUES ARISING FROM THE STRESS VETERANS ENDURE WHEN RETURNING HOME. THE PROGRAM HAS ALREADY STARTED ACCEPTING ELIGIBLE VETERANS. VETERANS WITH MURDER, SEX OFFENSE, OR A D-W-I THAT RESULTED IN SOMEONE'S DEATH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

Crime 2/16/24 12pm

AN L-S-U FOOTBALL PLAYER FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED MURDER. FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK TREY HOLLY TURNED HIMSELF IN TO AUTHORITIES IN UNION PARISH THURSDAY.

Sports 2/16/24 12pm

IT'S OPENING DAY AT THE BOX AND THE TIGERS ARE READY TO START THEIR 2024 SEASON. AND THEY'RE THE DEFENDING NATIONAL CHAMPS AND RANKED NUMBER TWO IN THE PRE-SEASON POLLS.

Business 2/16/24 12pm

BREC IS DEVELOPING A NEW TEN-YEAR MASTER PLAN BUT THEY NEED COMMUNITY BUY-IN TO GET THE BALL ROLLING. BOARD MEMBERS ARE CONSIDERING TO ADD TAX RENEWAL TO THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO HELP FINANCE THIS EFFORT.

CRIME

2-16-24/4PM

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A 16 YEAR-OLD IS UNDER ARREST, ACCUSED IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE LAST MONTH. POLICE FOUND 36 YEAR-OLD GEORGE JOHNSON DEAD INSIDE A HOME ON EVANGELINE STREET. THE TEEN HAS BEEN BOOKED INTO THE EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FOR SECOND-DEGREE MURDER. RIGHT NOW, POLICE DON'T

HAVE A MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING.

COMMUNITY 2-16-24/4PM :20  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND OVER A DOZEN OTHERS ARE DISPLACED AFTER A FIRE ON ALASKA STREET LATE THURSDAY NIGHT. IT HAPPENED AROUND ELEVEN-30 AT THE STADIUM APARTMENTS. CREWS KEPT THE FIRE CONTAINED TO TWO APARTMENTS BUT OTHERS SUSTAINED SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE. INVESTIGATORS CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE.

BUSINESS 2-16-24/4PM :20  
GAS PRICES ARE CLIMBING AGAIN. THE PRICE OF A GALLON OF GAS WENT UP 13 CENTS OVER THE PAST WEEK TO REACH A NATIONAL AVERAGE OF THREE DOLLARS AND 28 CENTS. MEANWHILE...PRICES AT THE PUMP HERE IN BATON ROUGE HAVE CLIMBED NEARLY TEN CENTS IN THE PAST SEVEN DAYS...NOW STANDING AT TWO-93 A GALLON.

Community 2/16/24 5 p.m. :32  
THE MID-CITY RE-DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE END OF CARNIVAL SEASON WITH BEAD RECYCLING. IT IS PART OF ITS MISSION TO BETTER THE MID-CITY AREA OF BATON ROUGE. ALL YEAR, THE NONPROFIT TAKES BEAD DONATIONS. LAST YEAR IT COLLECTED MORE THAN SIX FULL FOOD BARRELS. THOSE BEADS ARE THEN THROWN BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY DURING MID CITY GRAS. THE ALLIANCE IS TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN AN INITIATIVE FROM MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME TO MITIGATE BLIGHT IN THE CITY-PARISH. IT BELIEVES THAT MISSION CAN START WITH RECYCLING BEADS.

Environment 2/16/24 5 p.m. :45  
STEPPING OUTSIDE THE LAST COUPLE DAYS, YOU MAY NOTICE SOMETHING BUGGING YOU. MOSQUITOES! PARISH ABATEMENT AND RODENT CONTROL TELLING OUR KATIE EASTER THEY ARE GETTING HUNDREDS OF PHONE CALLS. MOSQUITOES ALL OVER THE PARISH. KATIE JOINS US WITH WHY. IT'S THE PERFECT STORM FOR MOSQUITOES: HEAVY RAINS, FOLLOWED BY HUMID TEMPERATURES. WITHIN JUST A COUPLE MINUTES OF BEING OUTSIDE AT THE PARK MOSQUITOES START SWARMING THE FEMALES BITING. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH ABATEMENT SAY THEY HAVE GOTTEN MORE THAN A HUNDRED REQUEST FOR SPRAYS. SINCE WE'VE SEEN COOLER NIGHTS, THEY CAN'T USE THE TRUCKS JUST YET, BUT CAN COME TO YOUR HOUSE. OVER AT ARROW TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL, THEY SAY THEY ARE PREPARING FOR THE BUSY SPRING SEASON.

Health 2/16/24 5 p.m. :29  
THE C-D-C IS EXPECTED TO EASE COVID-19 GUIDANCE THIS SPRING. ISOLATION MAY NO LONGER BE NECESSARY IF YOU HAVE BEEN FEVER-FREE FOR 24 HOURS WITH MILD OR IMPROVING SYMPTOMS. THE PLANNED SHIFT WAS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED IN A BRIEFING WITH STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS LAST WEEK. SINCE 20-21, THE AGENCY HAS SAID PEOPLE SHOULD ISOLATE FOR AT LEAST FIVE DAYS AFTER A POSITIVE TEST -- THEN CONTINUE TO MASK. THE UPDATED GUIDANCE WOULD BRING COVID-19 IN LINE WITH GUIDANCE FOR OTHER RESPIRATORY VIRUSES, SUCH AS THE FLU.

SPORTS 06:00 PM/02/16/2024 :20  
L-S-U BASEBALL JUST WRAPPING UP THEIR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON TONIGHT. AND JOSH SAYS BRING A JACKET IF YOU ARE HEADING OUT TO GAME TWO TOMORROW. BUT FIRST-- LET'S GET TO SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE...THE TIGERS WINNING THE 23RD CONSECUTIVE SEASON OPENER.

SPORTS 06:00 PM/02/16/2024 :10  
FANS CROWDED THE BOX FOR A FAN FEST TO CELEBRATE LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN TALKED TO FANS EXCITED THAT BASEBALL IS BACK IN ACTION.

COMMUNITY 06:00 PM/02/16/2024 :10

IF YOU HAVE NOTICED AN ABUNDANCE OF MOSQUITOES LATELY YOU ARE NOT ALONE. NEWS TWO'S KATIE EASTER ASKED PEST CONTROL EXPERTS WHY WERE SEEING SO MANY BEFORE SPRING.

SPORTS 06:30 PM/02/16/2024 :20  
LSU WINNING THEIR 23RD CONSECUTIVE SEASON OPENER. THE TIGERS GETTING THE WIN COMING OFF THE HEELS OF THEIR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WIN LAST SEASON.

SPORTS 06:30 PM/02/16/2024 :10  
JUST A REMINDER THAT ALL HOME GAMES IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ARE EARLY STARTS. TOMORROW'S FIRST PITCH IS SET FOR 2PM, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT 1PM, AND THEN A FOURTH GAME ON OPENING WEEKEND ON MONDAY AT 2PM AGAIN.

SPORTS 06:30 PM/02/16/2024 :15  
WELCOME IN TO THIS WEEK'S BEST BETS! THE N-F-L SEASON HAS OFFICIALLY WRAPPED, BUT YOU WENT OUT WITH A BANG! NEARLY EVERYTHING WE PUT MONEY ON HIT DURING THE SUPER BOWL SO LET'S LOOK BACK!

9pm 2/16/24 weather  
A CHILL DOWN REPLACING THIS WET WEATHER AS WE HEAD INTO THE WEEKEND. JOSH SAYS WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PUT THOSE JACKETS AWAY JUST YET.

9pm 2/16/24 community  
2 ON YOUR GOES INSIDE A HOUSE CRAWLING WITH MOLD. IT MIGHT NOT BE VISIBLE TO THE EYE BUT THE PERSON WHO LIVES HERE SAYS IT IS THERE. SHE TALKED TO BRITTANY WEISS ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE OF.

9pm 2/16/24 crime  
A 16 YEAR-OLD ARRESTED ACCUSED IN A DEADLY SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE LAST MONTH. POLICE FOUND 36 YEAR-OLD GEORGE JOHNSON DEAD INSIDE A HOME ON EVANGELINE STREET. THE TEEN HAS BEEN BOOKED INTO THE EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FOR SECOND-DEGREE MURDER. RIGHT NOW, POLICE DO NOT HAVE A MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING.

10pm 2/16/24 crime  
GONZALES POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR 43-YEAR-OLD RAQUEL SMITH, WHO THEY BELIEVE ABDUCTED HER GRANDDAUGHTER -- FOUR MONTH OLD RASHID AK-BAR. THESE ARE PICTURES OF BOTH OF THEM. THE PARENTS TOLD INVESTIGATORS THEY RETURNED HOME TO FIND THEIR DAUGHTER AND SMITH -- WHO WAS BABYSITTING MISSING. INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SMITH. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONTACT GONZALES P-D.

10pm 2/16/24 crime  
NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ABOUT AN INCIDENT OFF ONEAL LANE EARLIER THIS WEEK. EAST BATON ROUGE DEPUTIES ARRESTED TWO CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHER FOR THE BEATING DEATH OF A THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL. INVESTIGATORS TELL US WHEN PARAMEDICS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE THEY FOUND THE TODDLER WITH BRUISES AND SEVERE HEAD TRAUMA. THE CHILD WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL BUT DIED TWO DAYS LATER. THE TWO JUVENILES WERE BOOKED FOR SIMPLE BATTERY AND SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

10pm 2/16/24 politics  
AHEAD OF THE UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME GOVERNOR LANDRY SIGNED AN ORDER GIVING MORE RESOURCES TO SHERIFF'S OFFICES. ACCORDING TO THE LOUISIANA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, SHERIFF'S OFFICES ARE SHORT 18-HUNDRED DEPUTIES STATEWIDE. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARGNY SPOKE TO POLITICAL ANALYSTS AND LAWMAKERS ABOUT WHAT THIS SESSION MEANS FOR LOUISIANA.

Fire 9 AM 2/17/2024

A MASSIVE FIRE DESTROYED SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON GOODWOOD IN BATON ROUGE...THAT'S BEHIND THE POLICE STATION ON AIRLINE. NOW THAT THE SUN IS UP, FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE GETTING A BETTER IDEA OF HOW IT STARTED.

Justice 9 AM 2/17/2024

THERE ARE TWO EXPUNGMENT EVENTS IN THE CAPITAL CITY THIS MORNING. THOSE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD THEY WOULD LIKE EXPUNGED CAN GO TO THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, OR THE LEO S BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER TO DETERMINE IF THEIR RECORD IS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGMENT. THE EVENT AT SOUTHERN BEGAN AT EIGHT, AND WILL END AT THREE THIS AFTERNOON...THE ONE AT THE BUTLER COMMUNITY CENTER STARTS AT 10 AND ENDS AT ONE.

Government 9 AM 2/17/2024

FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS IS PUSHING FOR NEW LEGISLATION IN CONNECTION TO A LAW THAT HAS LED TO MANY BOOKS TAKEN FROM THE SHELVES OF THE STATE'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. DESANTIS HAS CALLED ON FLORIDA'S DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO LIMIT HOW OBJECTIONS TO BOOKS ARE MADE IN SCHOOLS.

COMMUNITY 06:00 PM/02/17/2024 :20

A DECADES OLD CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE DESTROYED AFTER A MASSIVE FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING. ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON GOODWOOD BOULEVARD CAUGHT FIRE JUST AFTER ONE A-M. NO ONE WAS HURT. BATON ROUGE FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THE CHURCH BUILDING IS A TOTAL LOSS. BUT AS DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS THE CONGREGATION IS STANDING STRONG.

CRIME 06:00 PM/02/17/2024 :15

GONZALES POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR AN INFANT WHO WAS KIDNAPPED BY HER GRANDMOTHER LAST NIGHT. OFFICERS SAY 43 YEAR OLD RAQUEL KATRINA SMITH TOOK FOUR MONTH OLD RASHID AKBAR WHILE SHE WAS BABYSITTING.

BREAKING 06:00 PM/02/17/2024 :15

THE MOTHER OF THE THREE YEAR OLD WHO WAS BEATEN TO DEATH HAS BEEN ARRESTED. DINESHA YATES FACES CHARGES OF PRINCIPLE TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND PRINCIPLE TO SIMPLE BATTERY. MORE INFO IS ON OUR WEBSITE.

CRIME 10:00 PM/02/17/2024 :20

THE MOTHER OF A THREE YEAR OLD WHO WAS BEATEN TO DEATH BY A GROUP OF JUVENILES MONDAY NIGHT IS NOW IN JAIL. DINESHIA YATES IS CHARGED WITH PRINCIPLE TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND PRINCIPLE TO BATTERY AFTER SHE LEFT HER DAUGHTER, BLESSING BUCKLES, AND SEVEN OTHER CHILDREN HOME ALONE PRIOR TO THE INCIDENT.

COMMUNITY 10:00 PM/02/17/2024 :20

THE CAPITAL REGION HAS SEEN 9 FREEZES THIS WINTER. AND AS BALIN JUST MENTIONED, ANOTHER COULD BE COMING TOMORROW NIGHT. BUT THAT IS NOT STOPPING PEOPLE FROM BUYING PLANTS AND FLOWERS FOR THEIR SPRING GARDEN.

COMMUNITY 10:00 PM/02/17/2024 :20

IT WAS A BUSY DAY AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER. PEOPLE WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS HAD THE CHANCE TO CLEAR THEIR RECORDS DURING AN EXPUNGEMENT EVENT AND GET A FRESH START.

Traffic 9 AM 2/18/24

TRAFFIC IS A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR BATON ROUGE. BUT WITH THE NEW GOVERNOR, CAME THE NEW SECRETARY FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND

DEVELOPMENT, JOE DONAHUE. WE SAT DOWN WITH THE NEW GUY ON THE JOB, TO ASK ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT. HE TOLD US SOME OF HIS MAIN GOALS: IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY, FIGURING OUT THE WASHINGTON EXIT, AND COMPLETING MAJOR INTERSTATE PROJECTS.

Politics 9 AM 2/18/24

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP HIT THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL ONE DAY AFTER BEING FINED 355 MILLION DOLLARS BY A NEW YORK JUDGE. NIKKI HALEY ALSO ON THE TRAIL IN HER HOME STATE WITH JUST ONE WEEK UNTIL THE SOUTH CAROLINA PRIMARY. MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT BIDEN IS CALLING ON CONGRESS TO PASS FUNDING FOR UKRAINE.

Economy 9 AM 2/18/24

A BOOM IN U-S PRODUCTIVITY MAY EXPLAIN HOW INFLATION SLOWED AMID A STRONG ECONOMY. DATA FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT SHOWS THAT PRODUCTIVITY INCREASED TWO-POINT-SEVEN PERCENT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER FROM A YEAR EARLIER. THAT IS ALSO ABOVE THE AVERAGE INCREASE OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES.

CRIME 5:30 PM/02/18/2024 :20

A MISSING INFANT HAS BEEN FOUND SAFE OUT OF STATE, TWO DAYS AFTER SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY HER GRANDMOTHER IN GONZALES. POLICE SAY FOUR MONTH OLD RASHID AKBAR WAS FOUND AT THE DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH 43 YEAR OLD RAQUEL KATRINA SMITH. SMITH WAS ARRESTED, AND FACES ONE COUNT OF SIMPLE KIDNAPPING. AKBAR IS NOW IN CUSTODY OF COLORADO CHILD SERVICES, AND WILL BE RETURNED TO HER MOTHER.

COMMUNITY 5:30 PM/02/18/2024 :20

CONGREGANTS OF ST LUKE'S EPISCOPAL HAD SERVICE THIS SUNDAY MORNING INSIDE THE SCHOOL'S GYM. ON SATURDAY MORNING A FIRE DESTROYED THE SANCTUARY THAT HAD STOOD ON GOODWOOD FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS. DESPITE THE VENUE CHANGE, SERVICE WAS PACKED AND THE SPIRIT WAS STRONG, BUT MANY, INCLUDING CHURCH LEADERS WERE STILL REELING FROM WHAT HAPPENED.

POLITICS 5:30 PM/02/18/2024 :20

THE LEGISLATURE IS SET TO BEGIN A SPECIAL SESSION FOCUSED ON CRIME TOMORROW AFTERNOON. SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS WILL INCLUDE JUVENILE JUSTICE, RESTRICTING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY AND EXPANDING THE DEATH PENALTY.

POLITICS 10:00 PM/02/18/2024 :25

THE STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHORTAGE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SPECIAL SESSION. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER THE ISSUE. THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SAYS IN TOTAL, SHERIFF OFFICES ARE SHORT 18-HUNDRED DEPUTIES. TODAY, KATIE EASTER SAT DOWN WITH ONE RURAL PARISH SHERIFF WHO TELLS US IT'S A NECESSARY STEP.

COMMUNITY 10:00 PM/02/18/2024 :25

THE LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES FOUNDATION WORKED WITH ARTISTS AROUND THE STATE TO BRING AWARENESS TO THEIR WHOOPING CRANE REINTRODUCTION PROGRAM. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

COMMUNITY 10:00 PM/02/18/2024 :10

JO AND DR. JOY BANNER HAVE SPENT YEARS WORKING TO PROTECT HENRY DEMAS' LEGACY BECAUSE IT'S DIRECTLY TIED TO THEIR OWN. ZUNEIN'S BRANDI B HARRIS EXPLAINS THEIR WORK ON THE DESCENDANTS PROJECT.

CRIME 5AM 2/19/2024

A MISSING INFANT HAS BEEN FOUND SAFE OUT OF STATE, TWO DAYS AFTER SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY HER GRANDMOTHER IN GONZALES. POLICE SAY FOUR MONTH OLD RASHID AKBAR WAS FOUND AT THE DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH 43 YEAR OLD RAQUEL KATRINA SMITH. SMITH WAS ARRESTED, AND FACES ONE COUNT OF SIMPLE KIDNAPPING. AKBAR IS NOW IN CUSTODY OF COLORADO CHILD SERVICES, AND WILL BE RETURNED TO HER MOTHER. IT'S UNCLEAR WHY SMITH WAS IN DENVER. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO GONZALES POLICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/19/2024

THE LEGISLATURE IS SET TO BEGIN A SPECIAL SESSION FOCUSED ON CRIME TODAY AT THE CAPITOL. LANDRY'S CALL FOR THE SESSION HIGHLIGHTED DOZENS OF ISSUES-- MANY OF WHICH WERE KEY PROMISES DURING HIS CAMPAIGN. SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS WILL INCLUDE JUVENILE JUSTICE, RESTRICTING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY, AND EXPANDING THE DEATH PENALTY. A HANDFUL OF BILLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FILED -- ONE OF WHICH WOULD ALLOW FOR ADDITIONAL EXECUTION METHODS INCLUDING NITROGEN POISONING AND ELECTROCUTION. WE'LL POST UPDATES FROM THE STATE CAPITOL THROUGHOUT THE WEEK ON OUR WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 2/19/2024

THE LSU TIGERS BACK IN ACTION LATER TODAY FOR GAME 4 OF 4 IN OPENING WEEKEND. SATURDAY THEY ONLY SCORED 2 RUNS AGAINST CENTRAL ARKANSAS, BUT SUNDAY THEY TURNED THINGS AROUND AGAINST V-M-I WITH A DOMINATING OFFENSE. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST INNING BRADY NEAL GETS A DOUBLE PUTTING POINTS ON THE BOARD. RIGHT AFTER JARED JONES WITH A TRIPLE PUTTING THE SCORE AT 5 TO 0. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD BASES ARE LOADED AND BRADY NEAL STEPS UP TO THE PLATE. THE OFFENSE ON FIRE...IT'S A GRAND SLAM FOR NEAL PUTTING THE TIGERS UP 12 AND 0 AFTER A 7 RUN INNING. THE ENDLESS SCORING CONTINUES WITH THE TIGERS PUTTING 3 ON THE BOARD IN THE 4-TH INNING AND ANOTHER 9 POINTS IN THE 5-TH. THE TIGERS TAKE THIS ONE WITH EASE AND A NEW PROGRAM RECORD. L-S-U DOMINATES AGAINST V-M-I. 27-5 IN 7 INNINGS IS YOUR FINAL SCORE FROM THE BOX. THEY SET A PROGRAM RECORD WITH 20 SINGLES, AND TIED A PROGRAM RECORD WITH 27 HITS.

Crime 2/19/24 12pm

THE OWNER OF THE FORMER BAUM'S BAKERY LOCATION ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD SAID HIS BUSINESS WAS BROKEN INTO OVERNIGHT.

Community 2/19/24 12pm

IF IT'S LENT, YOU CAN FILL HEARTS WITH HOPE AS YOU FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE NEEDY. WBRZ'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY IS UNDERWAY, AND WE'VE GOT A DELICIOUS DEAL FOR YOU. YOU SERVE THE POOR AND THE HOMELESS THROUGH A DONATION, AND WE'LL SERVE YOU A JAMBALAYA LUNCH WITH ALL THE FIXINS AT THE BATON ROUGE CLINIC, ON PERKINS ROAD.

Government 2/19/24 12pm

THE STATEWIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHORTAGE ALSO EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER THE ISSUE. THE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION SAYS IN TOTAL THEIR OFFICES HAVE 18-HUNDRED VACANCIES STATEWIDE.

POLITICS

2-19-24/4PM

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STATE LAWMAKERS RETURN TO THE CAPITOL TODAY, FOR THE START OF ANOTHER SPECIAL SESSION. THIS TIME...FOCUSING ON CRIME. SOME OF THE KEY TOPICS WILL INCLUDE JUVENILE JUSTICE, RESTRICTING PAROLE ELIGIBILITY, AND EXPANDING THE DEATH PENALTY. THE SPECIAL SESSION IS SET TO END MARCH SIXTH.

CRIME

2-19-24/4PM

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AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING INTO THE BREAK-IN OF THE FORMER BAUM'S BAKERY ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD IN BATON ROUGE. SOURCES SAY A CAR DROVE INTO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. THE OWNER SAYS THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED. THE BAKERY IS LISTED AS PERMANENTLY CLOSED. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY 2-19-24/4PM :20  
ARSON IS SUSPECTED IN FIRE LAST NIGHT AT THE WALMART ON BURBANK DRIVE IN BATON ROUGE. WHEN CREWS ARRIVED, THEY WERE ABLE TO PUT OUT THE FIRE QUICKLY. NO ONE WAS INJURED. INVESTIGATORS ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO IDENTIFY A SUSPECT. DUE TO THE DAMAGE, THE BUSINESS WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Political 2/19/24 5 p.m. :40  
THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE IS BACK FOR ITS SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR. THE SESSION IS FOCUSED ON CRIME WITH TOUGHER SENTENCING LAWS AND MUCH MORE. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY ADDRESSED LAWMAKERS THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT HIS PRIORITIES. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY IS COVERING IT ALL. SHE JOINS US LIVE FROM THE STATE CAPITOL. LANDRY'S CHECKLIST IS LONG -- WITH ABOUT 24 BILLIONS ON THE DOCKET FOR THIS SPECIAL SESSION. IN HIS SPEECH -- LANDRY TOUCHED ON EXPANDING CAPITAL PUNISHMENT AND LOWERING THE AGE SO THAT 17-YEAR -OLDS CAN BE TRIED AS ADULTS IN VIOLENT CRIMES. THE SESSION HAS JUST TWO WEEKS TO GET THROUGH THE BILLS - BUT LANDRY'S CRITICS ARE HOPING TO SQUASH SOME OF THEM.

Community 2/19/24 5 p.m. :48  
SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TRYING TO RECOVER FROM A WEEKEND FIRE. THAT FIRE BURNED THROUGH MOST OF THE CHURCH, BUT NOT ALL OF THE STRUCTURE WAS LOST. ONE PART REMAINS. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON HAS THE EXPLANATION. THE CHURCH WAS A TOTAL LOSS EXCEPT FOR ONE PART: THE COLUMBARIUM. IT HOUSES THE REMAINS OF LOVED ONES ON CHURCH GROUNDS, AND SAINT LUKE'S HOUSES OVER ONE HUNDRED LOVED ONE'S REMAINS. AMONG THE ASHES, THERE WAS HOPE EVEN AMID THE HARSH SMELLS OF THE FIRE. RESTORATION EFFORTS HAVE BEGUN, BUT THERE ARE STILL A LOT OF UNKNOWNNS INCLUDING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE COLUMBARIUM. MANY FAMILIES HAVE CALLED SAINT LUKE'S ABOUT THE STATE OF THEIR LOVED ONE'S REMAINS, SOME HAVE ASKED IF THEY COULD COME RETRIEVE THOSE ASHES. SAINT LUKE'S HAS HAD TO PAINFULLY TURN THOSE PEOPLE DOWN BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST STATE LAW TO RETRIEVE REMAINS.

Health 2/19/24 5 p.m. :28  
THERE IS A NEW MEDICATION AVAILABLE TO HELP PEOPLE WITH MULTIPLE FOOD ALLERGIES. THE F-D-A HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO XOLAIR (zoe-lair) AS A WAY TO LESSEN THE SEVERITY OF THOSE ALLERGIC REACTIONS. PATIENTS GET AN INJECTION OF ZOE-LAIR ONCE EVERY TWO OR FOUR WEEKS. THEN IF THEY ACCIDENTALLY INGEST SOMETHING THEY ARE ALLERGIC TO THE REACTION IS MILDER. ZOE-LAIR IS NOT MEANT FOR THE EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF ALLERGIC REACTIONS. THE DRUG WAS ORIGINALLY INVENTED TO TREAT ALLERGIC ASTHMA.

Crime 2-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:30  
LESS THAN TWO MONTHS INTO 2024, AND AT LEAST FOUR JUVENILE MURDER SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE ALREADY STRETCHED-TO-THE-LIMIT EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY. THAT INCLUDES A 10 AND 11 YEAR OLD CHARGED WITH BEATING A THREE YEAR OLD TO DEATH OVER THE WEEKEND. AT THE CAPITOL, LAW MAKERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO LOWER THE AGE THAT A TEEN CAN BE CHARGED AS AN ADULT FROM 18 TO 17. NOT EVERYONE IS ON BOARD. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

Politics 2-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING ON GOVENOR LANDRY'S WISH LIST FOR THIS SPECIAL SESSION. AMONG THE ITEMS ON HIS AGENDA: EXPAND METHODS FOR CARRYING OUT THE DEATH

PENALTY, LEGALIZE CARRYING CONCEALED GUNS WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND MAKE EARNING PAROLE TOUGHER. ALEXIS MARIGNY IS AT THE CAPITOL WITH MORE ON WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE CRIME SESSION.

Crime 2-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A FORMER BAKERY IN BATON ROUGE WAS SEVERELY DAMAGED THIS MORNING WHEN A TRUCK RAMMED INTO THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND DROVE OFF. THE OWNER SAYS HE WAS PLANNING TO TURN IT INTO A TIRE SHOP SOON BUT IS NOW SET BACK THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE STORY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US ABOUT ANOTHER INSTANCE OF VIOLENCE THAT HAPPENED AT A HOME OWNED BY THE SAME PERSON DAYS EARLIER.

Traffic 2-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

CONSTRUCTION ON A TORN UP STRETCH OF JEFFERSON HIGHWAY CAUSING TROUBLE FOR DRIVERS IN BATON ROUGE AS NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS, THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY PROJECT IS IN FULL SWING.

Business 2-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

JOB INTERVIEWS HAVE CHANGED OVER THE YEARS AS THE HIRING PROCESS HAS EVOLVED FROM IN-PERSON SIT DOWNS, TO ZOOM MEETINGS, AND EVEN "A-I" INTERVIEWS. BUT THE LATEST TREND DOESN'T HAVE TO DO WITH HOW THE INTERVIEW TAKES PLACE. IT'S WHAT YOU'RE REQUIRED TO DO OUTSIDE OF THE INTERVIEW ON YOUR OWN TIME.

International Politics 2-19-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

AFTER THE DEATH OF RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER ALEXEI NAVALNY, HIS WIFE IS ACCUSING RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN OF BEING INVOLVED IN HIS DEATH. SHE IS VOWING TO CARRY ON HIS WORK, AS RUSSIAN OFFICIALS REFUSE TO RELEASE HIS BODY.

CRIME 9pm/02/19/24 :20

AT THE CAPITOL TODAY STARTED THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR. THIS TIME THE FOCUS IS CRACKING DOWN ON CRIME. THERE ARE TWO DOZEN BILLS ON THE DOCKET. THOSE INCLUDE DEATH PENALTY EXPANSIONS -- WHICH COULD MEAN BRINGING BACK ELECTROCUTION AND TRYING A NEW METHOD.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/19/24 :20

THE WALMART ON BURBANK DRIVE NEAR BLUEBONNET WILL BE CLOSED INDEFINITELY AFTER A FIRE LAST NIGHT. INVESTIGATORS SAY IT WAS INTENTIONALLY SET. THE SAINT GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAID CREWS WERE CALLED OUT JUST BEFORE EIGHT O'CLOCK.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/19/24 :20

THE JEFFERSON HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IS UNDERWAY. CURRENTLY WORK IS GOING ON NEAR THE EYE-12 ON-RAMP TO BLUEBONNET BOULEVARD.

10pm 2/19/24 politics

THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR KICKED OFF WITH THE FOCUS FOR THESE NEXT TWO WEEKS ADDRESSING LOUISIANA'S CRIME STATS WITH SOLUTIONS. ONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S TOP PRIORITIES IS TO ADD NEW METHODS FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE WITH LAWMAKERS ABOUT THE CHANGES LANDRY WANTS.

10pm 2/19/24 crime

THE EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER IS STRETCHED TO ITS LIMITS AFTER A HANDFUL OF ARRESTS LAST WEEK -- INCLUDING A TEN AND ELEVEN YEAR-OLD WHO WERE ARRESTED FOR BEATING A TODDLER TO DEATH. BUT A PROPOSAL BY STATE LEGISLATORS COULD POTENTIALLY EASE OVER-CROWDING.

10pm 2/19/24 politics



LAWMAKERS MAY ALSO HAVE TO PREPARE FOR A NEW ELECTION FOR THE STATE LEGISLATURE. EARLIER THIS MONTH U-S DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SHELLY DICK RULED THE CURRENT HOUSE AND SENATE MAPS VIOLATE THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THE JUDGE RULED THE MAPS DRAWN IN 20-22 DID NOT CREATE ENOUGH BLACK-MAJORITY DISTRICTS, AND DILUTED BLACK VOTES. THE PLAINTIFFS FILED A MOTION FOR NEW ELECTIONS WITH RE-DRAWN DISTRICTS. SOME LEGISLATORS ARE PUSHING FOR THE CHANGES, BUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ARE APPEALING THE RULING.

#### CRIME 5AM 2/20/2024

NEW DETAILS IN THE FIRE AT A WALMART ON BURBANK DRIVE NEAR BLUEBONNET SUNDAY NIGHT. FIRE INVESTIGATORS SAY IT WAS INTENTIONALLY SET AND THE STORE IS CLOSED INDEFINITELY. THE SAINT GEORGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAID CREWS WERE CALLED OUT JUST BEFORE 8 O'CLOCK AFTER A FIRE WAS REPORTED INSIDE THE BUSINESS. WHEN THEY ARRIVED, THE BUILDING WAS ALREADY EVACUATED. THE COMBINATION OF FIRE, SMOKE, AND WATER FROM SPRINKLERS CAUSED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

#### GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/20/2024

THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR STARTED WITH SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS LOUISIANA HIGH CRIME RATE. ONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S TOP PRIORITIES IS TO ADD NEW METHODS FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. IF THIS BILL PASSES LOUISIANA WOULD ADD ELECTROCUTION AND DEATH BY NITROGEN GAS AS LEGAL POSSIBILITIES FOR THE DEATH PENALTY. LANDRY SAYS HE'S TIRED OF LOUISIANA BEING CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS STATES IN AMERICA. BUT SOME LAWMAKERS SAY WITH THE PROGRAMS THAT EXIST LOUISIANA IS ALREADY HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, EVEN SOME REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS DISAGREEING. THIS IS ONE OF TWO DOZEN BILLS PRESENTED DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION. THE SENATE WILL CONVENE TODAY AT THREE P-M AND THE HOUSE AT FIVE.

#### SPORTS 5AM 2/20/2024

FORMER L-S-U STAR AND CHIEFS RUNNING BACK CLYDE EDWARDS-HELAIRE IS BEING HONORED WITH A HEROISM REWARD FOR SHIELDING A FAN DURING A SHOOTING AT THE TEAMS' SUPER BOWL PARADE. EDWARDS-HELAIRE HELPED PROTECT A TEENAGER NAMED ZACH FROM NEARBY GUNFIRE WHEN THE SHOOTING ERUPTED. THE UVALDE FOUNDATION FOR KIDS FOUNDED IN THE WAKE OF A MASS SHOOTING AT AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT UVALDE ELEMENTARY CHOSE TO HONOR THE FORMER TIGER AS WELL AS TREY FILTER WHO TACKLED ONE OF THE SHOOTERS AT THE PARADE.

#### Crime 2/20/24 12pm

A PERSON WAS HIT AND KILLED NEAR SHERWOOD FOREST BOULEVARD THIS MORNING. VIDEO SHOWS A CITY-PARISH VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED.

#### Government 2/20/24 12pm

THE SECOND SPECIAL SESSION OF THE YEAR STARTED WITH SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS LOUISIANA HIGH CRIME RATE. ONE OF THE GOVERNOR'S TOP PRIORITIES IS TO ADD NEW METHODS FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

#### Community 2/20/24 12pm

TICKET SALES ARE UNDERWAY FOR THIS YEAR'S ST. JUDE DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY! AND THAT BRAND NEW CAR COULD BE YOURS.

#### COMMUNITY

2-20-24/4PM

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A PEDESTRIAN IS DEAD, FOLLOWING AN EARLY MORNING CRASH IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE SIX A-M ALONG SHERWOOD FOREST BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY THE PEDESTRIAN, IDENTIFIED AS 67 YEAR-OLD GERALD ESTRADE, WAS WALKING ON OR NEAR

SHERWOOD, WHEN HE WAS HIT AND KILLED. THE VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH BELONGED TO THE CITY-PARISH.

COMMUNITY 2-20-24/4PM :20  
AN EARLY MORNING FIRE HAS DESTROYED AN AUTO SHOP ON PLANK ROAD. OFFICIALS BELIEVE THE SHOP, AS WELL AS THE BUILDING NEXT DOOR WERE BOTH EMPTY AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE, AND NO ONE WAS INJURED. CARS PARKED THERE OVERNIGHT RECEIVED WATER DAMAGE. RIGHT NOW, INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING INTO HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

COMMUNITY 2-20-24/4PM :20  
ONE LUCKY CRUSTACEAN (CRUST-TAY-SHUN) HAS BEEN GRANTED A REPRIEVE. TODAY....LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR BILLY NUNGESSER...ALONG WITH THE LOUISIANA SEAFOOD PROMOTION AND MARKETING BOARD, WERE ON HAND TO PARDON "SHERBIN" THE CRAWFISH. "SHERBIN" WILL NOW LIVE AT LAKE FAUSSE POINT STATE PARK IN SAINT MARTINVILLE.

Crime 2/20/24 5 p.m. :32  
BULLET HOLES IN A BATON ROUGE CHURCH ON GUS YOUNG AVENUE. THEY WERE FOUND AFTER MORNING SERVICE SUNDAY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM MET WITH THE PASTOR TODAY. THERE ARE EIGHT BULLET HOLES IN GREATER SAINT MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH. PASTOR MELISSA DUNN IS UNAWARE OF WHEN THE SHOOTING TOOK PLACE OR WHO COMMITTED THE ACT. THIS IS THE SAME CHURCH THAT WAS DESTROYED WHEN A CAR RAN INTO IT BACK IN 20-18. ACCORDING TO DUNN THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS MEETING WITH CHURCH DEACONS WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION.

Political 2/20/24 5 p.m. :35  
AT THE CAPITOL...A BUSY FIRST FULL DAY OF THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME. SEVERAL BILLS MADE IT OUT OF COMMITTEE INCLUDING: SENATE BILL 4 WHICH REQUIRES ANYONE 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT CRIME TO SERVE 36 MONTHS. SENATE BILL 3 TO ALLOW 17 YEAR OLDS TO BE CONSIDERED AS ADULTS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. HOUSE BILL 7 INCREASES PENALTIES FOR CARJACKING. PLUS AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL TO PROVIDE THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO SEND THE LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD TO TEXAS FOR BORDER SECURITY PLUS 20 MILLION FOR STATE POLICE DEPLOYMENT TO NEW ORLEANS INCLUDING PAY RAISES AND EQUIPMENT.

Health 2/20/24 5 p.m. :31  
WOMEN MAY GET MORE OF A BENEFIT FROM EXERCISE THAN MEN. THAT IS WHAT A NEW STUDY FOUND AT LEAST WHEN IT COMES TO HEART DISEASE. WOMEN DID NOT HAVE TO WORK OUT AS HARD TO LOWER THEIR RISK BY THE SAME AMOUNT. TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY WOMEN LOWER THEIR HEART DISEASE RISK TWICE AS MUCH AT THE SAME LEVEL OF EXERCISE. RESEARCHERS ALSO SAY INTENSITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN AMOUNT OF TIME SPENT EXERCISING. SETTING GOALS AND TRACKING ACTIVITY DOES NOT APPEAR TO HELP PEOPLE STICK TO A PROGRAM. WORKING OUT WITH A FRIEND OR JOINING A GROUP DOES.

Community 2-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A DENHAM SPRINGS NEIGHBORHOOD IS REELING AFTER A FIRE KILLED AN ENTIRE FAMILY EARLY THIS MORNING --TWO CHILDREN AND THEIR FATHER. A MOBILE HOME WENT UP IN FLAMES JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON BURGESS ROAD OFF OF LOCKHART ROAD. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO NEIGHBORS WHO TRIED TO SAVE THE FAMILY. SHE JOINS US NOW.

Crime 2-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A BATON ROUGE CHURCH IS RIDDLED WITH BULLET HOLES AFTER A SHOOTING ON GUS YOUNG AVENUE. BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHEN SAINT MICHAEL BAPTIST CHURCH WAS

TARGETED. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM MET WITH THE PASTOR OF THAT CHURCH WHO HAS A MESSAGE FOR WHO EVER DID IT.

Community 2-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

WORK TO CLEAN OUT WATERWAYS IN THE BATON ROUGE AREA IS PICKING UP MOMENTUM. CREWS ARE CURRENTLY ON THE AMITE RIVER PULLING OUT DECADES OF DEBRIS THAT'S PILED UP. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS HAS AN UPDATE.

Environment 2-20-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A HIGH PROFILE VISIT TODAY AT THE WATER CAMPUS. IT'S A PARTNERHSIP BETWEEN THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND L-S-U WITH PART OF THE WORK TO BETTER LOUISIANA AND NATIONAL COASTLINES.

Government 2-20-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

WHILE THE DRIVE DOWN GOVERNMENT STREET HASN'T CHANGED MUCH SINCE THE ROAD DIET WAS COMPLETED A FEW YEARS AGO, A LOT HAS BEEN GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES. THAT INCLUDES A RATHER QUIET TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP FROM THE STATE TO THE CITY-PARISH AFTER A YEARS-LONG STALEMATE ABOUT LANDSCAPING. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN REPORTS.

Court 2-20-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

IN ALABAMA, THE STATE SUPREME COURT HAS RULED FROZEN EMBRYOS OUTSIDE OF THE WOMB ARE CHILDREN. IT COULD IMPACT THE FUTURE OF IN VITRO FERTILIZATION IN THE STATE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/02/20/24 :20

L-S-U GOT A HIGH LEVEL VISITOR TODAY FROM NO-AH...THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION. THE TWO HAVE BEEN PARTNERED FOR WELL OVER TEN YEARS, AND TACKLING A NUMBER OF ISSUES, INCLUDING COASTAL RESILIENCY WHICH IS THE ABILITY FOR AN AREA TO BOUNCE BACK FROM HURRICANES, COASTAL STORMS, AND FLOODING...INSTEAD OF JUST EMBRACING FOR THE IMPACT.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/20/24 :20

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT...A NEW FEDERAL LAWSUIT FILED TODAY ALLEGES A BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER STRIP-SEARCHED AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY AFTER THE STREET CRIMES UNIT AND S-R-T TEAM CONDUCTED AN EARLY-MORNING RAID ON A HOUSE LAST SUMMER.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/20/24 :20

IT WOULD ALLOW PERPETRATORS TO BE SENTENCED TO AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. IF THERE IS SERIOUS BODILY INJURY -- THE MINIMUM TIME INCREASES TO TWENTY YEARS. THE BILL'S AUTHOR -- LAURIE "SCHL-EGEL" SAYS THE HARSHER PENALTIES WILL DETER PEOPLE FROM COMMITTING THE CRIMES.

10pm 2/20/24 politics

LAWMAKERS ARE MOVING QUICKLY ... THROUGH THE NEARLY THIRTY BILLS FILED TO ADDRESS CRIME. ONE INCREASES SENTENCING PENALTIES FOR CARJACKERS. WHILE SOME SAY IT WILL HELP TO DETER CRIME...OTHERS BELIEVE IT DOES NOT GET TO THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY HERE WITH WHAT LAWMAKERS EXPECT FOR THIS BILL.

10pm 2/20/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- BATON ROUGE POLICE FACING A NEW FEDERAL LAWSUIT TIED TO THE BRAVE CAVE AND THE DIS-BANDED STREET CRIMES UNIT.

10pm 2/20/24 emergency

IN LIVINGSTON PARISH FIRE TORE THROUGH A HOME KILLING THREE PEOPLE --INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN. CREWS SAY THEY RESPONDED TO THE FIRE AT THE DENAHM PLACE MOBILE HOME PARK AROUND ONE A-M. WHILE EVACUATING NEARBY HOMES FIREFIGHTERS LEARNED PEOPLE MIGHT STILL BE INSIDE A MOBILE UNIT WHICH WAS FULLY ENGULFED IN FLAMES. THEY DISCOVERED THE BODIES OF TWO CHILDREN AND THEIR DAD. NEIGHBORS SAID THE VICTIMS WERE 10 AND 9 YEARS OLD.

#### 2UNE IN 2/21/24 CRIME

THE PARENTS OF LACEY FLETCHER HAVE SURRENDERED TO THE EAST FELICIANA PARISH JAIL. RECORDS SHOW THEY HAVE BEEN BOOKED AFTER PREVIOUSLY PLEADING NO CONTEST TO MANSLAUGHTER IN THEIR DAUGHTER'S DEATH. INVESTIGATORS SAY WHEN THEY FOUND LACEY SHE WAS COVERED IN HER OWN WASTE AND SUNKEN INTO A COUCH. THE CORONER'S OFFICE DETERMINED THAT STARVATION WAS A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN HER DEATH. SHE WEIGHED 96 POUNDS WHEN SHE WAS FOUND. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS ASKING FOR THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE OF 40 YEARS. THAT SENTENCING HEARING IS SET FOR MARCH 20TH.

#### 2UNE IN 2/21/24 COMMUNITY

TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR THIS YEAR'S SAINT JUDE DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY! THE NEW ST. JUDE DREAM HOME IS BEING BUILT IN OAK COLONY HERE IN BATON ROUGE. IT'S ABOUT THREE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET WITH 4 BEDROOMS AND 3 BATHROOMS. YOUR 100 HUNDRED DOLLAR TICKET WILL ALSO MAKE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A BRAND NEW GENESIS G-70, A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT CARD AND OTHER PRIZES. THE EARLIER YOU GET YOUR TICKET THE BETTER! PLUS YOUR TICKET GOES TO A GOOD CAUSE, HELPING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CANCER, MAKING SURE THEIR PARENTS DON'T PAY A DIME. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE THEY SELL OUT. YOU CAN CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN, CAPTURE THE Q-R CODE, OR HEAD TO DREAM HOME DOT ORG.

#### 2UNE IN 2/21/24 GOVERNMENT

SENATOR BILL CASSIDY TELLING US HE'S NOT IN FAVOR OF GOVERNOR LANDRY'S PLANS TO SPEND \$3-MILLION DOLLARS AND SEND LOUISIANA TROOPS TO THE BORDER WITH MEXICO. HE SAYS TEXAS HAS ENOUGH MONEY TO FIX THE PROBLEMS, AND THE LOUISIANA TROOPS WILL ONLY BE OBSERVERS AND NOT BE ABLE TO DETAIN OR ARREST IMMIGRANTS. YOU CAN SEE OUR FULL INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR CASSIDY ON OUR WEBSITE.

#### Crime 2/21/24 12pm

THE PARENTS OF LACEY FLETCHER HAVE SURRENDERED TO THE EAST FELICIANA PARISH JAIL.

#### Investigative 2/21/24 12pm

BATON ROUGE POLICE SAID WEDNESDAY THAT AN INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN OPENED CONCERNING THE NEW ALLEGATIONS THAT AN 11-YEAR-OLD WAS STRIP-SEARCHED AT THE BRAVE CAVE.

#### Community 2/21/24 12pm

IN EAST FELICIANA PARISH CREWS CAN BE SEEN WORKING ON THE AMITE RIVER. WITH A 27-MILLION-DOLLAR GRANT DECADES WORTH OF DEBRIS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE WATERWAY.

#### CRIME

2-21-24/4PM

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THE PARENTS OF LACEY FLETCHER HAVE SURRENDERED AND ARE BOOKED IN THE EAST FELICIANA PARISH JAIL, AFTER PREVIOUSLY PLEADING NO CONTEST TO MANSLAUGHTER IN THEIR DAUGHTER'S DEATH. INVESTIGATORS SAY WHEN THEY FOUND LACEY SHE WAS COVERED IN HER OWN WASTE AND SUNKEN INTO A COUCH. SENTENCING IS SET FOR MARCH 20TH.

COMMUNITY 2-21-24/4PM :20  
SOME AREAS OF THE CAPITAL CITY ARE GETTING SOME UPGRADES WITH LIGHTING. THOSE THREE AREAS ARE SAINT GERARD STREET, SCENIC HIGHWAY AND NORTH THIRD STREET. MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME HAS PUSHED FOR EXCHANGING TRADITIONAL BULBS FOR NEW L-E-D LIGHTS. SO FAR, ONE HUNDRED AND 24 LIGHTS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED SINCE LAST MONTH.

BUSINESS 2-21-24/4PM :20  
THE MAKER OF THE STANLEY CUP IS GETTING SUED. CUSTOMERS HAVE FILED MULTIPLE LAWSUITS. THEY CLAIM THE COMPANY FAILED TO DISCLOSE THEIR TUMBLERS CONTAINED LEAD. STANLEY SAYS IT'S IN SEALING MATERIAL USED TO SECURE INSULATION AROUND THE BASE.

Crime 2/21/24 5 p.m. :43  
NOW TO A W-B-RZ INVESTIGATIVE UNIT FOLLOW UP THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE STORY WE REVEALED YESTERDAY. A FEDERAL LAWSUIT ALLEGES A BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER STRIP-SEARCHED AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY AT THE SO-CALLED BRAVE CAME. THAT SEARCH ALLEGEDLY TOOK PLACE AFTER THE STREET CRIMES UNIT AND S-R-T TEAM CONDUCTED A RAID ON A HOUSE LAST SUMMER. FIVE JUVENILES WERE ARRESTED ON GUN CHARGES. A WOMAN CHARGED WITH FAILING TO SUPERVISE THOSE CHILDREN LATER HAD THE CHARGES DROPPED. THE DEPARTMENT SAYS A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE CHIEF PROMISING TO BE TRANSPARENT WITH THE FINDINGS. YOU CAN READ ALL THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE LAWSUIT ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Political 2/21/24 5 p.m. :23  
AT THE CAPITOL THE CRIME SPECIAL SESSION MOVING QUICKLY. A BILL TO ELIMINATE ALL PAROLE AS WE KNOW IT WAS APPROVED WITH A 9 TO 5 PARTY LINE VOTE. A BILL AUTHORIZING LETHAL INJECTION DRUGS FOR DEATH SENTENCES PASSED A SECOND HOUSE COMMITTEE. AND A BILL TO RELEASE JUVENILE COURT RECORDS ADVANCED. THE SENATE WILL HAVE FLOOR VOTES ON BILLS TOMORROW THAT HAVE RECEIVED COMMITTEE APPROVAL.

Health 2/21/24 5 p.m. :26  
GRANDPARENTS CAN BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF A MOTHER ESPECIALLY FOR SINGLE MOMS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY FROM FINLAND. RESEARCHERS FOUND MOTHERS WERE LESS LIKELY TO USE ANTI-DEPRESSANTS IF THEIR OWN PARENTS WERE YOUNGER THAN SEVENTY, WERE STILL WORKING, AND DID NOT HAVE THEIR OWN HEALTH PROBLEMS. BUT MOMS WITH OLDER PARENTS OR IN-LAWS IN POOR HEALTH OR LIVING FAR AWAY WERE MORE LIKELY TO TURN TO ANTI-DEPRESSANTS.

Investigation 2-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT WITH NEW INFORMATION ON WHAT LED TO THE RESIGNATION OF THE NEW ROADS POLICE CHIEF TWO WEEKS AGO. WHAT STARTED AS A CONSENSUAL SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHIEF AND A FEMALE OFFICER TOOK A DARK TURN. KATIE EASTER HERE WITH WHAT THAT OFFICER HAD TO SAY AFTER THE RELATIONSHIP ENDED.

Community 2-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
SINCE YESTERDAY MORNINGS, DEADLY FIRE IN DENHAM SPRINGS, WE'VE LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE FATHER AND CHILDREN THAT WERE KILLED. IT'S THE SECOND TRAGEDY TO IMPACT THE FAMILY IN JUST THREE YEAR. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH A FAMILY MEMBER ABOUT HOW THEY'RE COPING.

Community 2-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

FRUSTRATION OVER THE CITY'S 3-1-1 REPORTING SYSTEM HAS TWO ON YOUR SIDE ASKING WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE CHANGES. IT STARTED WITH ONE MAN'S CONCERN ABOUT AN ABANDONED PROPERTY TURNING INTO A DUMPING GROUND. HERE'S WHAT BRITTANY WEISS LEARNED ABOUT THE CITY'S PROCESS FOR CLOSING OUT SERVICE REQUESTS.

Traffic 2-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE GOVERNMENT STREET SAGA CONTINUES TODAY WITH MEDIANS THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY ARE WORTH. THEY ARE NOW THE CITY-PARISH'S PROBLEM. TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN TELLS US WHAT KIND OF CHANGES COULD BE COMING.

Community 2-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

SHORTLY AFTER THE FLOOD OF 20-16, FEMA GRANTED THE CITY-PARISH MORE THAN 12 MILLION DOLLARS. NOW-- THE CITY PARISH IS USING IT TO BUILD TWO NEW SAFE ROOMS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN EXPLAINS.

Business 2-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

PRESIDENT BIDEN LAUNCHING A NEW PLAN TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOANS. MORE THAN 150 THOUSAND BORROWERS GETTING DEBT RELIEF STARTING TODAY.

INVESTIGATIVE 9 PM/02/21/2024 :15

THE CITY OF NEW ROADS IS SEARCHING FOR THEIR POLICE CHIEF AFTER THE PREVIOUS CHIEF'S ABRUPT RESIGNATION LAST MONTH. TONIGHT THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT OBTAINED THE INTERNAL INTERVIEW THAT LED TO THAT RESIGNATION. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

POLITICS 9 PM/02/21/2024 :15

AT THE CAPITOL-- A NEW BILL MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE WOULD MAKE IT EASIER TO ACCESS THE CRIMINAL RECORDS OF JUVENILES. IT'S AIMED AT MAKING IT EASIER FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES COMMITTED BY A JUVENILE TO OBTAIN THINGS LIKE SENTENCING INFORMATION.

NATIONAL 9 PM/02/21/2024 :10

GROWING CONCERN TONIGHT OVER SAFETY IN THE SKIES, AFTER SEVERAL TENSE MOMENTS INVOLVING AIRPLANES THIS WEEK.

10pm 2/21/24 politics

JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS COULD SOON BECOME PUBLIC. LAWMAKERS SAY GIVING VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIMES TO ACCESS TO SENTENCING INFORMATION IS A STEP TOWARD TRANSPARENCY IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HEARD FROM FAMILIES OF VICTIMS WHO SAY THIS BILL IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENTING CRIME.

10pm 2/21/24 emergency

FIREFIGHTERS HAVE JUST GOTTEN A FIRE UNDER CONTROL AT A HOME ON MAGNOLIA DRIVE...THAT'S NEAR THE CORNER OF PERKINS ROAD AND BROUSSARD AT CITY PARK. THIS IS A LIVE LOOK WHERE YOU CAN SEE SEVERAL FIREFIGHTERS STARTING TO MOVE OUT SO THE INVESTIGATORS CAN MOVE IN TO FIGURE OUT HOW THIS STARTED. NO ONE WAS INJURED HERE. UPDATES OVERNIGHT AS WE GET THEM ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM AND ON 2UNE IN TOMORROW MORNING BEGINNING AT FIVE A-M RIGHT HERE ON W-B-R-Z.

10pm 2/21/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT - BATON ROUGE POLICE LAUNCHED A NEW INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION AMID NEW ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE BRAVE CAVE AND THE DEFUNCT STREET CRIMES UNIT.

CRIME 5AM 2/22/2024

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT...BATON ROUGE POLICE LAUNCHED A NEW INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION AMID NEW ALLEGATIONS INVOLVING THE BRAVE CAVE AND THE DEFUNCT STREET CRIMES UNIT. THE LAWSUIT, FILED TUESDAY, CLAIMS AN OFFICER STRIP-SEARCHED AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY. IN THE SUIT THE BOY'S PARENTS, LAKEISHA VARNADO AND TREDONOVAN RABY, SAY OFFICERS VIOLATED THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DURING A RAID ON VARNADO'S HOME LAST JUNE. THE SUIT GOES ON TO SAY VARNADO AND THE 11-YEAR-OLD WERE BROUGHT TO THE BRAVE CAVE, WHILE ANOTHER CHILD WAS HIT IN THE FACE WITH A TASER AND A THIRD CHILD WAS BEATEN. FIVE OFFICERS ... JOSEPH CARBONI, LORENZO COLEMAN, TAFARI BEARD, AND TWO OTHER UNKNOWN OFFICERS ARE NAMED IN THE SUIT. POLICE CHIEF T-J MORSE SAID B-R-P-D HAS POLICIES IN PLACE ON WHEN OFFICERS ARE TO USE STRIP SEARCHES, BUT DID NOT ELABORATE DUE TO THE PENDING LAWSUIT.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/22/2024

THE SENATE HAS A FULL DOCKET OF BILLS TO VOTE ON THIS MORNING. THE MOST NOTABLE INCLUDE: A BILL THAT LOWERS THE AGE TEENS CAN BE TRIED AS ADULTS TO 17. IF PASSED IT WOULD REPEAL THE "RAISE THE AGE" LAW PASSED IN 20-19. SENATORS WILL ALSO DECIDE IF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER BOARD WILL BE CONSOLIDATED INTO THE NEWLY FORMED OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, A POSITION UNDER THE GOVERNOR. AND AFTER MULTIPLE ATTEMPTS LEGISLATORS HOPE TO PASS A BILL TO ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY WITHOUT A PERMIT.

SPORTS 5AM 2/22/2024

L-S-U HOSTED 17-TH RANKED KENTUCKY IN THE P-MAC LAST NIGHT AND IT WAS AN EXCITING GAME. THE TIGERS COMING OFF OF A HUGE WIN OVER NUMBER 11 SOUTH CAROLINA ON SATURDAY SO THAT MOMENTUM NEEDED TO CARRY THE TIGERS THROUGH ANOTHER TOUGH MATCHUP. MOST OF THE WOMEN'S TEAM CAME OUT TO THE P-MAC TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT AS THE TIGERS CAME INTO THIS ONE READY TO PLAY. THEY STRUGGLE IN THE FIRST HALF AND GOING INTO THE SECOND THEY'RE BEHIND BY 9 POINTS. IN THE SECOND HALF L-S-U TRAILS BY AS MUCH AS 15 POINTS, BUT HANNIBAL LOBS IT TO HUNTER DEAN WHO FINISHES IT OFF AND LSU TAKES THE LEAD FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SECOND HALF. 20 SECONDS LEFT IN THE GAME AND KENTUCKY TAKES A ONE POINT LEAD BUT L-S-U STILL HAS TIME. AND HERE'S THE GAME WINNING PLAY...JORDAN WRIGHT PASSES TO TYRELL WARD FOR THE FINISH AND AT THE BUZZER L-S-U WINS IT. THEY TAKE DOWN KENTUCKY AND FANS STORM THE COURT. TIGERS GET IT DONE IN THE LAST SECOND. TWO TOP 25 WINS IN A ROW FOR MATT MCMAHON AND HIS SQUAD. THINGS ARE LOOKING UP FOR THE TIGER BEFORE THEY TAKE ON MISSISSIPPI STATE ON SATURDAY.

Technology 12 PM 2/22/2024

IN OUR AREA, SO FAR, ONLY THE CITY OF BAKER HAS TOLD US THEY WERE AFFECTED BY THE OUTAGE. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH E-M-S PUT OUT A STATEMENT EARLIER TODAY--IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, THEY ASKED PEOPLE TO CALL 9-1-1 FROM A LANDLINE, OVER A WI-FI CONNECTION, OR THROUGH TEXT. THEY ALSO ASKED RESIDENTS NOT TO TEST THE S-O-S FEATURE ON YOUR PHONE, AND ONLY CALL IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY.

Crime 12 PM 2/22/2024

ONE PERSON IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A SHOOTING OFF PLANK ROAD THIS MORNING. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS SAID IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER NINE A-M. THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SHOOTING.

Health 12 PM 2/22/2024

IT'S A WELLNESS TOOL THAT'S GAINED POPULARITY OVER THE YEARS -- JOURNALING IS A WAY TO LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF -- AND HELP YOU WORK THROUGH FEELINGS -- POTENTIALLY IMPROVING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IN THE PROCESS.

COMMUNITY 2-22-24/4PM :20  
A MAJOR OUTAGE HAS AFFECTED THOUSANDS OF A-T-AND-T MOBILE PHONE CUSTOMERS AROUND THE COUNTRY. SOME CITIES TELLING PEOPLE TO USE LANDLINES INSTEAD EVEN IF YOUR PHONE DOESN'T HAVE SERVICE -- YOU CAN IN MOST INSTANCES COMPLETE SOS CALLS AND TEXTS TO EMERGENCY SERVICES AS LONG AS YOUR PHONE CAN REACH "ANY" CARRIER'S CELL TOWER.

CRIME 2-22-24/4PM :20  
ONE PERSON IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A SHOOTING OFF PLANK ROAD THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER NINE A.M. RIGHT NOW...POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED A MOTIVE AND NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY 2-22-24/4PM :20  
AN OVERLOADED ELECTRICAL OUTLET IS TO BLAME FOR AN EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE IN BATON ROUGE. CREWS RESPONDED TO THE FIRE ON DOUGLAS AVENUE AROUND SEVEN A.M. OFFICIALS SAY THE PERSON WHO LIVED AT THE HOME WAS NOT THERE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. NO ONE WAS INJURED.

Political 2/22/24 5 p.m. :26  
AT THE CAPITOL TODAY A HANDFUL OF BILLS APPROVED ON THE SENATE FLOOR NOW HEADED TO THE HOUSE. SENATE BILL-ONE LOWERS THE AGE FROM 21 TO 18 TO CARRY A CONCEALED WEAPON WITHOUT A PERMIT. SENATE BILL-3 WOULD MOVE 17 YEAR OLDS INTO THE ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. SENATE BILL-SEVEN INCREASES D-W-I PENALTIES INCLUDING TOUGHER INTER-LOCK DEVICE REQUIREMENTS. AND SENATE BILL-EIGHT MOVES PUBLIC DEFENDERS INTO THE OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Education 2/22/24 5 p.m. :23  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOLS ARE MAKING SURE ITS STUDENTS WILL BE FED THIS SUMMER EVEN THE STATE IS NOT ACCEPTING THE U-S-D-A'S SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS PARTNERING WITH ONE ROUGE COALITION AND HEALTHY B-R TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE-THOUSAND STUDENTS IN E-B-R ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS. LAST SUMMER 85 SITES WERE SET UP AND THIS YEAR THEY WANT TO REACH EVEN MORE STUDENTS.

Health 2/22/24 5 p.m. :25  
A NEW STUDY FINDS 42-PERCENT OF U-S ADULTS KNOW AT LEAST ONE PERSON WHO DIED FROM A DRUG OVERDOSE. THE RAND CORPORATION SURVEYED MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND PEOPLE. AMONG THE 42-PERCENT WHO KNOW SOMEONE WHO OVERDOSED THEY KNEW AN AVERAGE OF TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED. EXPERTS SAY FENTANYL IS THE BIGGEST PROBLEM. IT DOES NOT TAKE MUCH OF THE DRUG TO KILL AND IT IS SHOWING UP IN OTHER DRUGS LIKE COCAINE. MANY PEOPLE TAKE IT WITHOUT KNOWING.

Crime 2-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
MORE CHARGES COULD BE FILED AFTER A CHILD IN SAINT HELENA THREATENED SOMEONE IN A VIDEO HE SHARED WITH OTHER CHILDREN. LAST NIGHT WE TOLD YOU ABOUT AN 11-YEAR-OLD WHO POSTED A VIDEO OF HIMSELF WITH A GUN IN A GROUP CHAT. HE IS FACING CYBER BULLY CHARGES. KATIE EASTER TAKES A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT OFFICIALS FEAR COULD HAVE HAPPENED.

Business 2-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS NOW HOPING TO GET THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON BOARD TO ASSIST WITH THE CRAWFISH CRISIS THE STATE IS FACING AFTER LAST SUMMER'S DROUGHT. IN A LETTER TO THE U-S SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, HE REQUESTED RELIEF ON BEHALF OF FARMERS AND FISHERMEN THAT HAVE HELPED BOLSTER OUR ECONOMY FOR CENTURIES. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW THE CURRENT LAW NEEDS TO CHANGE IN ORDER FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.



School 2-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:00

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOLS ARE MAKING SURE ITS STUDENTS WILL BE FED THIS SUMMER EVEN THOUGH THE STATE IS NOT ACCEPTING THE U-S-D-A'S SUMMER E-B-T PROGRAM. ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE-THOUSAND STUDENTS IN EBR ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE MEALS. LAST SUMMER 85 SITES WE'RE SET UP. THIS YEAR THEY WANT REACH EVEN MORE STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS PARTNERING WITH ONE ROUGE COALITION AND HEALTHY B-R TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Communication 2-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OUTAGE LEFT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WITHOUT PHONE SERVICE THIS MORNING. EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH'S 9-1-1 CALL CENTER WAS ALSO AFFECTED. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN EXPLAINS.

Education 2-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

WOMEN IN STEM IS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A PHRASE. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON REPORTS ON WHAT IT MEANS FOR A SPECIAL GROUP OF YOUNG LADIES.

Space 2-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE. JUST HOURS AGO A PRIVATE LUNAR LANDER SUCCESSFULLY LANDED ON THE MOON.

INVESTIGATIVE

9 PM/02/22/2024

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MORE CHARGES COULD BE FILED AFTER A CHILD IN SAINT HELENA THREATENED SOMEONE IN A VIDEO HE SHARED WITH OTHER CHILDREN. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

POLITICS

9 PM/02/22/2024

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AT THE CAPITOL...A BILL IMPLEMENTING HARSHER PENALTIES FOR A D-W-I OFFENSE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THROUGH THE SENATE. IT REQUIRES A PERSON CONVICTED OF D-W-I TO HAVE AN IGNITION LOCKING DEVICE ON THEIR CAR FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AFTER THEIR FIRST CONVICTION. RIGHT NOW THAT DECISION IS LEFT UP TO A JUDGE.

COMMUNITY

9 PM/02/22/2024

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IN THIS WEEK'S GET TWO MOVING LAUREN HAWKINS SITS DOWN WITH THE OWNERS OF A DECADES OLD DANCE STUDIO HERE IN BATON ROUGE TO LEARN ABOUT BALLROOM DANCING. HERE IS A SNEAK PEAK.

10pm 2/22/24 politics

THE STATE SENATE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A MEASURE INCREASING PENALTIES FOR DRUNK DRIVING. SENATOR RICK EDMONDS BILL REQUIRES THE USE OF AN INTERLOCK DEVICE AFTER A PERSON'S FIRST D-W-I. IF PASSED IT WOULD PUT LOUISIANA IN LINE WITH 31-OTHER STATES WHICH REQUIRE THE DEVICE. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO LAWMAKERS ABOUT HOW THEY ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS DRUNK DRIVING IN LOUISIANA.

10pm 2/22/24 crime

MORE CHARGES COULD BE FILED AFTER A CHILD IN SAINT HELENA THREATENED SOMEONE IN A VIDEO HE SHARED WITH OTHER CHILDREN. LAST NIGHT WE TOLD YOU ABOUT AN 11-YEAR-OLD WHO POSTED A VIDEO OF HIMSELF WITH A GUN IN A GROUP CHAT. HE IS FACING CYBER BULLY CHARGES. KATIE EASTER REPORTS.

10pm 2/22/24 agriculture

RELIEF MAY BE ON THE WAY FOR THE CRAWFISH INDUSTRY IN LOUISIANA. GOVERNOR LANDRY REQUESTED FEDERAL AID AFTER THE SUMMER DROUGHT KILLED A LARGE CHUNK OF THE CRAWFISH POPULATION.

ECONOMY TUNE IN 2/23/2024

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SPORTS TUNE IN 2/23/2024

PANDEMONIUM IN THE P-MAC WEDNESDAY NIGHT AS THE TIGERS KNOCKED OFF KENTUCKY AND STUDENTS STORMED THE COURT. BUT NOW THAT CELEBRATION WILL COST THE UNIVERSITY \$100-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE S-E-C SLAPPING L-S-U WITH A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE FOR FANS RUSHING THE COURT.

Crime 2/23/24 12pm

TO A CRIME ALERT...DEPUTIES ARRESTED A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AT GALVEZ PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR SIMPLE BATTERY AND CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE AFTER SHE ALLEGEDLY USED EXCESSIVE FORCE ON A CHILD.

Government 2/23/24 12pm

A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE HAS DENIED A REQUEST FOR A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER TO BLOCK STATE LAWMAKERS FROM CONSIDERING SEVERAL PIECES OF CRIME-RELATED LEGISLATION DURING THE ONGOING CRIME SPECIAL SESSION.

Community 2/23/24 12pm

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CRIME 2-23-24/4PM :20

A TEACHER IN ASCENSION PARISH IS UNDER ARREST THIS AFTERNOON. DEPUTIES SAY ADRIANNE COMBEL, WHO WAS A SUBSTITUTE AT GALVEZ PRIMARY, USED EXCESSIVE FORCE ON A STUDENT...WHILE RESPONDING TO A BEHAVIORAL INCIDENT. SHE HAS BEEN BOOKED INTO ASCENSION PARISH JAIL AND CHARGED WITH SIMPLE BATTERY AND CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE.

EDUCATION 2-23-24/4PM :20

THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED THEY ARE STARTING THE SEARCH FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. JOE MURPHY WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL AFTER SERVING SIX YEARS FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. MURPHY THANKED BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH HIS ADMINISTRATION.

COMMUNITY 2-23-24/4PM :20

HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND, 2-2-5 FESTIVAL WILL TAKE OVER DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE. THE FESTIVAL WHICH IS IN ITS SECOND YEAR IS PUT TOGETHER BY A LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR TO CELEBRATE THE CAPITAL CITY'S CULTURE. LAST YEAR, ABOUT 14 THOUSAND PEOPLE SHOWED UP. IT ALL HAPPENS SUNDAY ON NORTH FOURTH STREET FROM NOON UNTIL SIX.

Political 2/23/24 5 p.m. :31

AT THE CAPITOL...SEVERAL BILLS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME WERE PASSED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR TODAY. HOUSE BILL ONE WOULD MAKE JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS PUBLIC. HOUSE BILL SIX PAVES THE WAY FOR DEATH SENTENCES TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH

NEW DRUGS. SEVERAL BILLS WOULD GREATLY REDUCE PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASE PROBATION LENGTHS. PLUS A BILL TO REDRAW THE DISTRICTS FOR THE STATE SUPREME COURT AFTER THE LEGISLATURE FAILED TO DO SO IN THE PREVIOUS SPECIALS SESSION. THE SENATE DID NOT MEET TODAY...IT WILL RETURN SUNDAY.

Community 2/23/24 5 p.m. :32  
NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ABOUT THE JANUARY FREEZE ON THE L-S-U CAMPUS. THE DAMAGE IS EVEN MORE EXTENSIVE THAN PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. AT THE TIME, L-S-U SAID PATRICK F. TAYLOR HALL WAS THE ONLY BUILDING AFFECTED. A PRICE TAG OF FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WAS GIVEN TO FIX IT AFTER WATER POURED THROUGH THE CEILING NOW WE KNOW EIGHTEEN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS SUFFERED DAMAGE, PLUS THREE REMOTE FACILITIES. IT ADDS UP TO ONE-POINT-SIX MILLION DOLLARS FOR PIPES, DRYWALL, AND AIR CONDITIONING UNITS. ALEX BOX STADIUM HAD TO RECONFIGURE ITS FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM.

Health 2/23/24 5 p.m. :25  
MILLIONS OF AMERICANS HAVE EXPERIENCED LONG COVID, AND NEW RESEARCH MAY BE REVEALING ITS ORIGINS. INFECTION WITH THE COVID-19 VIRUS TRIGGERS THE PRODUCTION OF AN IMMUNE SYSTEM PROTEIN THAT'S LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH FATIGUE, MUSCLE ACHE, AND DEPRESSION. FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM LONG COVID, THIS PROTEIN OVERPRODUCTION DOES NOT STOP. RESEARCHERS DID FIND COVID VACCINATION APPEARS TO LOWER THE LEVELS OF THE PROTEIN IN QUESTION AND MAY REDUCE THE CHANCES OF LONG COVID.

CRIME 6 PM/02/23/2024 :15  
A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN ASCENSION PARISH IS WITHOUT A JOB, AND IN JAIL FOR SLAMMING A FOUR YEAR OLD TO THE GROUND. ADRIANNE COMBEL IS FACING SIMPLE BATTERY AND CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE CHARGES. KATIE EASTER IS JOINING US FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH WHAT HAPPENED.

SPORTS 6 PM/02/23/2024 :15  
GORGEOUS DAY FOR BASEBALL IN BATON ROUGE, BUT AN UGLY GAME FOR L-S-U. THE TIGERS GETTING THEIR FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON...FALLING TO STONY BROOK 5 TO 2. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE STANDING BY FOR HIGHLIGHTS.

INVESTIGATIVE 6 PM/02/23/2024 :15  
WE ARE LEARNING MORE TONIGHT ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE L-S-U SUSTAINED DURING THE JANUARY FREEZE. NICOLE MARINO AND THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT GOING IN-DEPTH WITH HOW MUCH THIS IS GOING TO COST THE UNIVERSITY.

SPORTS 6:30pm/02/23/24 :20  
FIFTEEN YEARS, TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND A BOAT LOAD OF MEMORIES LATER THE NEW ALEX BOX STADIUM COULD BE GETTING SOME MUCH WANTED RENOVATIONS. WITH THESE PLANS THEY WOULD BE EXPANDING FIELD LEVEL SEATS DOWN THE FIRST-BASE AND THIRD-BASE LINE.

SPORTS 6:30pm/02/23/24 :20  
I THOUGHT HE WAS IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF. LIKE IT DIDN'T TURN INTO A MASSIVE PROBLEM OF HIM WALKING PEOPLE...LIKE WE WALKED THE NINE HITTER ON A THREE-TWO COUNT. IT WAS A PRETTY CLOSE PITCH, LIKE IF HE HAD GOT RUNG UP, NOBODY WOULD HAVE SAID ANYTHING ON IT. AND THEN WE HAD THE BALK WHICH WAS IT A BALK? I DON'T KNOW.

SPORTS 6:30pm/ 02/23/24 :20  
WE WON THE GAME SATURDAY LARGELY BECAUSE OF HIS DEFENSE AND THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING THAT WE NEED HIM TO DO. I DON'T THINK HE HAS LED OUR TEAM IN

HITTING THE LAST THREE WEEKS, BUT HE WAS THIRD I THINK, SO WE'VE ALL SEEN HIM SUCCEED AND HE WILL SUCCEED. SO I JUST WANT HIM TO BE HIMSELF.

9pm 2/23/24

A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN ASCENSION PARISH IS WITHOUT A JOB, AND IN JAIL FOR SLAMMING A FOUR YEAR OLD TO THE GROUND. ADRIANNE COMBEL IS FACING SIMPLE BATTERY AND CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE CHARGES. KATIE EASTER HAS MORE ON WHAT HAPPENED.

9pm 2/23/24 politics

AT THE CAPITOL...SEVERAL BILLS IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME WERE PASSED ON THE HOUSE FLOOR TODAY. HOUSE BILL ONE WOULD MAKE JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS PUBLIC. HOUSE BILL SIX PAVES THE WAY FOR DEATH SENTENCES TO BE CARRIED OUT WITH NEW DRUGS. SEVERAL BILLS WOULD GREATLY REDUCE PAROLE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCREASE PROBATION LENGTHS. PLUS A BILL TO REDRAW THE DISTRICTS FOR THE STATE SUPREME COURT AFTER THE LEGISLATURE FAILED TO DO SO IN THE PREVIOUS SPECIALS SESSION. THE SENATE DID NOT MEET TODAY...IT WILL RETURN SUNDAY.

9pm 2/23/24 education

THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD HAS ANNOUNCED THEY'RE STARTING THE SEARCH FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT. JOE MURPHY WILL BE RETIRING AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL AFTER SERVING SIX YEARS FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. IN THE PAST, SOME QUESTIONED HOW HARD HE PUSHED TO GET LIVINGSTON TEACHERS A PAY RAISE AFTER VOTERS REJECTED THE ONE PERCENT TAX LAST YEAR. MURPHY THANKED BOARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH HIS ADMINISTRATION AND PLEDGED TO HELP THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT MOVE INTO THE POSITION SEAMLESSLY.

10pm 2/23/24 politics

THERE ARE JUST 12 DAYS LEFT IN THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME. DURING THIS WEEK LAWMAKERS ADDRESSED A HANDFUL OF ISSUES, FROM THE DEATH PENALTY TO ACCESS TO VIOLENT TEEN OFFENDERS' RECORDS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS FOLLOWED THESE BILLS ALL THE WAY FROM COMMITTEE...SHE HAS MORE ON WHERE THE SESSION STANDS.

10pm 2/23/24 crime

A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER IN ASCENSION PARISH IS OUT OF A JOB TONIGHT AFTER BEING ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY BODY-SLAMMING A STUDENT. DEPUTIES BOOKED 40-YEAR-OLD ADRIANNE COMBEL FOR SIMPLE BATTERY AND CRUELTY TO A JUVENILE.

10pm 2/23/24 community

A MAN LIVING IN THE WICKLAND TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD OF BATON ROUGE SAYS HE'S MISSING THREE DAYS WORTH OF MAIL. WHEN HE WENT TO NOTIFY THE POST OFFICE HE SAYS THERE WAS NO URGENCY IN GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF WHAT HAPPENED. HE CALLED 2 ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS.

Sports 9AM 2/24/2024

WE HAVE A FULL WEEKEND OF BASEBALL AHEAD OF US. IN ABOUT FOUR HOURS, THE TIGERS WILL RETURN TO BOX TO FACE NORTHERN ILLINOIS. L-S-U WON IT'S LAST MATCH AGAINST THE HUSKIES 10 TO THREE ON THURSDAY, BUT JUST YESTERDAY DROPPED THEIR FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST THE STONY BROOK SEA WOLVES WITH A FINAL SCORE OF TWO TO FIVE. WE'LL SEE IF YESTERDAY WAS JUST A FLUKE, OR IF L-S-U DOESN'T HAVE THE MAGIC FROM LAST SEASON. TODAY'S GAME STARTS AT ONE AT THE BOX. WE'LL HAVE THE HIGHLIGHTS TONIGHT.

Politics 9AM 2/24/2024

THE FALLOUT FROM AN ALABAMA SUPREME COURT RULING THAT FROZEN EMBRYOS ARE CHILDREN AND THOSE WHO DESTROY THEM CAN BE HELD LIABLE FOR WRONGFUL DEATH CONTINUES. THE STATE'S ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID HE HAD NO INTENTION OF PROSECUTING IVF FAMILIES OR PROVIDERS.

Health 9AM 2/24/2024

MEASLES CASES ARE ON THE RISE GLOBALLY. THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONFIRMED TWO CASES IN THE NEW ORLEANS AREA. IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN EXPOSED TO MEASLES, L-D-H SAYS YOU SHOULD LET YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER KNOW SO THEY CAN DETERMINE IF YOU'RE IMMUNE TO THE DISEASE. IF YOU GO IN PERSON, MAKE SURE TO LET YOUR PROVIDER KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN EXPOSED BEFORE YOU ARRIVE, SO THEY CAN MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SPREAD IT DURING A VISIT.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/02/24/2024 :10  
SAINT MARY PARISH SHERIFF BLAISE SMITH PASSED AWAY THIS AFTERNOON. A CAUSE OF DEATH WAS NOT REVEALED. THE VIETNAM VETERAN WAS FIRST ELECTED IN 20-18, BUT DECLINED TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION LAST YEAR DUE TO HEALTH CONCERNS.

CRIME 6 PM/02/24/2024 :15  
INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHO DESTROYED A RAPPER'S GRAVE IN BATON ROUGE. GARRETT BURTON, KNOWN AS "GEE MONEY", WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN 20-17. EARLIER THIS WEEK, HIS GRAVE WAS BUSTED INTO PIECES. KATIE EASTER SPOKE WITH HIS MOTHER, WHO WAS LEFT SHATTERED AGAIN.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/02/24/2024 :15  
TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER A CRASH IN PORT ALLEN THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED ON U-S 190 AT SOUTH WINTERVILLE ROAD AROUND FIVE THIRTY. POLICE TELL US 35 YEAR OLD DAVID RIDEAUX AND 34 YEAR OLD DWIGHT PELICAN WERE KILLED AFTER RIDEAUX'S CAR STRUCK THE BACK OF A CONCRETE TRUCK.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/24/2024 :10  
PREPARATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY FOR A SEVERAL FESTIVALS ACROSS THE STATE. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM SPOKE WITH ORGANIZERS FROM THE LOUISIANA ASSOCIATION OF FAIRS AND FESTIVALS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/24/2024 :10  
AFTER A FIRE LAST SUNDAY, THE WALMART OFF BURBANK DRIVE REOPENED PARTS OF THE STORE TODAY. ITS GROCERY SECTION WAS OPEN, AND CURBSIDE PICKUP WAS AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, THE REST OF THE STORE IS STILL CLOSED. A WALMART REP SAYS THE STORE WON'T FULLY REOPEN UNTIL AT LEAST MARCH SIXTH.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/24/2024 :15  
THE SECOND ANNUAL 225 FEST WILL TAKE PLACE DOWNTOWN TOMORROW. THE CELEBRATION KICKS OFF AT NOON ALONG NORTH FOURTH STREET. IT'S A SHOWCASE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES, ARTISTS, AND VENDORS THROUGHOUT THE BATON ROUGE AREA.

Fire 9 AM 2/25/2024

A BRUSH FIRE THAT STARTED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IS STILL SMOLDERING. FIRE FIGHTERS IN LIVINGSTON PARISH ARE WORKING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED 200 ACRES TO BURN.

Government 9 AM 2/25/2024

TONIGHT THE SENATE WILL CONVENE TO CONTINUE THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON CRIME. SOME OF THE NOTEWORTHY BILLS THEY'RE CONSIDERING INCLUDE: HOUSE BILL FIVE, WHICH WOULD CHANGE ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPONS INTO A CRIME OF VIOLENCE. BILL TWO WOULD GIVE IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY TO PEACE OFFICERS IF THE ACTIONS OF

THE OFFICER ARE PART OF THEIR DUTIES, THOUGH THAT WOULD NOT APPLY TO CRIMES, FRAUD, OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT COMMITTED BY THE PEACE OFFICER.

Politics 9 AM 2/25/2024

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WON A DECISIVE VICTORY IN SOUTH CAROLINA'S PRIMARY LAST NIGHT, BEATING CHALLENGER NIKKI HALEY IN HER OWN HOME STATE, BUT HALEY IS VOWING TO FIGHT ON.

COMMUNITY 5:30 PM/02/25/2024 :25  
FIRE OFFICIALS IN LIVINGSTON PARISH CAUTIONING RESIDENTS AGAINST OUTDOOR BURNING, AFTER A MASSIVE BRUSH FIRE YESTERDAY. THAT FIRE BURNING 200 ACRES NEAR THE ARBOR WALK NEIGHBORHOOD IN DENHAM SPRINGS. THE CAUSE OF THE BLAZE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TWO SAID ON SOCIAL MEDIA SMALL FIRES AROUND THE PARISH HAVE BEEN SPREADING RAPIDLY IN RECENT DAYS DUE TO THE WIND AND DRY CONDITIONS.

COMMUNITY 5:30 PM/02/25/2024 :20  
A CAR OUTSIDE ALEX BOX STADIUM CAUGHT FIRE DURING L-S-U'S REMATCH AGAINST STONY BROOK THIS AFTERNOON. FANS SAY THE SMOKE COULD BE SEEN FROM THE BOX. THE CAR WAS COMPLETELY CHARRED, WITH ITS DOOR HANDLES MELTED. BATON ROUGE FIREFIGHTERS TOLD US THE DRIVER WAS HAVING MECHANICAL PROBLEMS AND PULLED OVER JUST BEFORE THEIR CAR CAUGHT FIRE.

CRIME 5:30 PM/02/25/2024 :20  
AN INMATE AWAITING TRIAL AT THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DETENTION CENTER WAS FOUND DEAD INSIDE HIS CELL THIS MORNING. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS 52 YEAR OLD CLAY KENNISON WAS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE. DEPUTIES AND FIRST RESPONDERS ATTEMPTED TO REVIVE HIM BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

CRIME 10 PM/02/25/2024 :20  
ONE MAN IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING ALONG FLORIDA BOULEVARD THIS EVENING. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR: IT HAPPENED AROUND SIX P-M AT THE FLORIDA EAST PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER NEAR MARQUE ANN DRIVE. WITNESSES TOLD BATON ROUGE POLICE THE SHOOTING STEMMED FROM SOME SORT OF ARGUMENT IN THE PARKING LOT.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/25/2024 :25  
FROM HOLDING THE BAYOU CLASSIC RECORD TO BACK-TO-BACK SWAC BOWLING CHAMPIONS, SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HAS MANY RICH STORIES. BUT NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT THERE IS A 1975 SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE WHO HOLDS A VERY SPECIAL DISTINCTION IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL. 2UNE IN'S BRANDI B HARRIS TALK TO A LEGENDARY COACH TO TELL THE STORY OF THE ONLY TWO-TIME FIRST OVERALL DRAFT PICK IN MLB HISTORY.

POLITICS 10 PM/02/25/2024 :25  
SEVERAL KEY BILLS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISCUSSED DURING THE STATE LEGISLATURE'S SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME. THEY FOCUS ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS INCLUDING EXPANDING THE DEATH PENALTY, AND CHANGING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IN TONIGHT'S SUNDAY CONVERSATION NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SITS DOWN WITH TWO STATE LAWMAKERS TO GET THEIR THOUGHTS ON SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS.

CRIME 5AM 2/26/2024

IN JEFFERSON PARISH--THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR AN INMATE THAT ESCAPED FROM THE JEFFERSON PARISH CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN A DEPUTY'S PATROL CAR. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS LEON RUFFIN PEPPER-SPRAYED A DEPUTY AND MADE OFF WITH THEIR 20-14 FORD EXPLORER, BEFORE SHORTLY ABANDONING IT 10 MILES OUT OF TOWN. THE DEPUTY FIRED HER GUN BUT IT'S UNCLEAR IF RUFFIN IS INJURED. RUFFIN HAD BEEN

WEARING A BOOT ON HIS LEG FOR AN ALLEGED INJURY. HE HAD BEEN IN JAIL SINCE JULY ON CHARGES OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/26/2024

AT THE CAPITOL--STATE LAWMAKERS RETURN AS THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME CONTINUES. THE HOUSE WILL DISCUSS SEVERAL BILLS INCLUDING TWO MEASURES THAT WOULD LOOSEN RESTRICTIONS ON CONCEALED CARRY, A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR DRUNK DRIVING, AND A BILL REDUCING "GOOD TIME" THAT PRISONERS CAN EARN DURING THEIR SENTENCE. THE SENATE WILL ALSO DISCUSS A BILL TO REDRAW LOUISIANA'S SUPREME COURT MAP TO INCLUDE A SECOND MAJORITY BLACK DISTRICT.

COMMUNITY 5AM 2/26/2024

GET YOUR TICKET FOR THIS YEAR'S SAINT JUDE DREAM HOME GIVEAWAY! THE NEW HOME IS BEING BUILT IN OAK COLONY HERE IN BATON ROUGE. YOUR 100 HUNDRED DOLLAR TICKET WILL ALSO MAKE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A BRAND NEW GENESIS G-70, A TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT CARD AND MANY OTHER PRIZES. YOUR TICKET GOES TO A GOOD CAUSE, HELPING CHILDREN AFFECTED BY CANCER, MAKING SURE THEIR PARENTS DON'T PAY A DIME. GET YOUR TICKETS NOW BEFORE THEY SELL OUT. WE'VE ALREADY SOLD WELL OVER 2,000 AND WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED. YOU CAN CALL THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN, CAPTURE THE Q-R CODE, OR HEAD TO DREAM HOME DOT ORG.

Crime 2/26/24 12pm

IN JEFFERSON PARISH--THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR AN INMATE THAT ESCAPED FROM THE JEFFERSON PARISH CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN A DEPUTY'S PATROL CAR.

Community 2/26/24 12pm

FIRE OFFICIALS IN LIVINGSTON PARISH ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT CAUSED A MASSIVE FIRE THAT BURNED MORE THAN 200 ACRES OVER THE WEEKEND. THAT FIRE, FORCED SOME RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE DUE TO THE HEAVY SMOKE. IT COMES AS WASHINGTON PARISH ISSUES A BURN BAN FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS DUE TO DRY, WINDY CONDITIONS.

Business 2/26/24 12pm

AMAZON IS ROLLING OUT ITS LATEST VERSION OF SMART SHOPPING CARTS AT WHOLE FOODS STORES -- CREATING A WHOLE NEW HIGH TECH SHOPPING EXPERIENCE.

CRIME 2-26-24/4PM :20

POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING OUTSIDE A SHOPPING CENTER IN BATON ROUGE OVER THE WEEKEND. IT HAPPENED SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE FLORIDA EAST PLAZA OFF FLORIDA BOULEVARD. 21 YEAR-OLD CESAR AYALA-ORTIZ WAS SHOT AND KILLED. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

CRIME 2-26-24/4PM :20

AUTHORITIES ARE LOOKING FOR AN INMATE THAT ESCAPED FROM THE JEFFERSON PARISH CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN A DEPUTY'S PATROL CAR. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS LEON RUFFIN PEPPER-SPRAYED A DEPUTY AND MADE OFF WITH THEIR 20-14 FORD EXPLORER, BEFORE SHORTLY ABANDONING IT TEN MILES OUT OF TOWN. HE HAD BEEN IN JAIL SINCE JULY ON CHARGES OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER.

CRIME 2-26-24/4PM :20

AUTHORITIES IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP IN IDENTIFYING FOUR SUSPECTS, ACCUSED OF STEALING ALCOHOL FROM THE WALMART IN AMITE. THE FOUR SUBJECTS REPORTEDLY ENTERED THE WALMART, GRABBED ONE PIECE OF LUGGAGE EACH, PLACING THE LIQUOR INSIDE THE LUGGAGE...AND LEFT WITHOUT PAYING.

Community 2/26/24 5 p.m. :23

THE CAUSE OF A HOUSE FIRE IN BATON ROUGE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION TONIGHT. FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED AT THE SCENE BEFORE NOON TO FIND FLAMES COMING FROM BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND STORY OF THE HOME ON PIMPER-NEL AVENUE. NO ONE WAS INSIDE THE HOME AT THE TIME BUT THE CREW DID FIND A PUPPY IN ONE OF THE REAR BEDROOMS. THE PUPPY WAS BROUGHT OUT SAFELY. THE FIRE WAS UNDER CONTROL AFTER ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.

Transportation 2/26/24 5 p.m. :29  
IT'S BEEN A BUMPY RIDE FOR THE RESIDENTS IN WATSON WHO LIVE ON LA-10-19. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM WENT OUT THERE TODAY. SOME MOTORISTS ARE SAYING THE ROADWORK IS WORSE NOW THAN WHEN WE VISITED BACK IN EARLY JANUARY. PILOT CARS ARE BEING UTILIZED TO HELP CARS MANEUVER THEIR WAY AROUND THE ROAD. ONE RESIDENT TOLD ME IT IS NOT EVEN WORTH WASHING THEIR CAR ANYMORE DUE TO THE DUST. BUSINESS OWNER, JASON ANGLE, SAYS SINCE THE START OF THE PROJECT, HIS SALES HAVE DECLINED ALMOST 60 PERCENT.

Health 2/26/24 5 p.m. :31  
NEW RESEARCH IS LINKING AIR POLLUTION TO ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. ACCORDING TO THE STUDY, PEOPLE WHO INHALE HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS OF SMALL AIRBORNE PARTICLES, SUCH AS EXHAUST FROM VEHICLES, ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE SIGNS OF THE DISEASE IN THEIR BRAINS. THE RESEARCH ALSO FOUND A STRONG LINK BETWEEN POLLUTION AND SIGNS OF ALZHEIMER'S FOR PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT ALREADY GENETICALLY PREDISPOSED TO THE DISEASE. THE STUDY WAS DONE USING TISSUE FROM MORE THAN 200 DONORS WHO VOLUNTEERED TO DONATE THEIR BRAINS TO RESEARCH BEFORE THEIR DEATHS.

Business 2-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE LONG-ANTICIPATED SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE AT L-S-U MAY BE COMING SOON. BUT IT WILL COME AT A COST FOR THE RIVER CENTER. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

Business 2-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
AMID RISING PREMIUMS AND INSOLVENT INSURANCE COMPANIES LEAVING THE STATE, NEW INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TIM TEMPLE SAYS HIS PLANS WILL BRING THE COST OF LIVING IN LOUISIANA DOWN. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US WHAT HE'S PLANNING TO DO ABOUT THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING INSURANCE CRISIS POLICYHOLDERS ARE FACING.

Community 2-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE L-A 10-19 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN LIVINGSTON PARISH IS STILL UNDERWAY LEAVING RESIDENTS WITH A BUMPY RIDE AHEAD. THE WORK IS TAKING A TOLL ON DRIVERS AND BUSINESSES ALONG THE HIGHWAY. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM HERE WITH MORE ON HOW LONG PEOPLE WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE MESS IT'S CAUSING.

Environment 2-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN YOU CAN GET RID OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AROUND YOUR HOME. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON WITH MORE ON WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS WELL AS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

Business 2-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE LONG-ANTICIPATED SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT VENUE AT LSU MAY BE COMING SOON. BUT IT WILL COME AT A COST FOR THE RIVER CENTER. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

Sports 2-26-2024/ 6:30p.m. 2:00  
L-S-U WAS HIT WITH A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR FINE AFTER FANS STORMED THE COURT WITH THE TIGERS BEAT KENTUCKY. OVER THE WEEKEND A COLLEGE BASKETBALL STAR WAS INJURED WHEN FANS FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM STORMED THE COURT AFTER AN UPSET



WIN. NOW THE HEAD COACH OF DUKE UNIVERSITY AND OTHERS ARE CALLING FOR CHANGES.

COMMUNITY 9pm/02/26/24 :20  
SIX PEOPLE DISPLACED AFTER A COMMUNITY HOME IN BATON ROUGE CAUGHT FIRE THIS MORNING. IT HAPPENED AROUND ELEVEN ON ATKINSON STREET. THE FRONT PORCH WAS ON FIRE WHEN CREWS ARRIVE. THE THREE PEOPLE INSIDE MADE IT OUT SAFELY. RIGHT NOW, INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO DETERMINE A CAUSE.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/26/24 :20  
WE NOW KNOW THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON KILLED OUTSIDE A SHOPPING CENTER IN BATON ROUGE OVER THE WEEKEND. IT HAPPENED SUNDAY NIGHT AT THE FLORIDA EAST PLAZA OFF FLORIDA BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY 21-YEAR-OLD CESAR UH-YALA-OR-TIZ WAS SHOT AND KILLED. POLICE SAY IT STEMMED FROM AN ARGUMENT. SO FAR NO ARRESTS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/26/24 :20  
A PUPPY WAS SAVED FROM A DIFFERENT FIRE THIS AFTERNOON. THIS ONE HAPPENED AT A HOUSE ON "PIMPER-NEL" AVENUE. FIRE WAS COMING FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS WHEN CREWS GOT THERE. THE DOG WAS FOUND IN A BEDROOM. WE HAVE ASKED FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE CAUSE.

COMMUNITY 10pm/02/26/24 :20  
NEW INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TIM TEMPLE LAID OUT HIS PLAN TODAY. HE BELIEVES WILL HELP TO REDUCE THE HIGH PRICE LOUISIANA RESIDENTS PAY FOR COVERAGE. HE TOLD THE BATON ROUGE PRESS CLUB WHETHER IT'S HOMEOWNERS, AUTO, OR EVEN WORKERS' COMP, ALL POLICYHOLDERS IN THE STATE ARE SEEING ALARMING RATE SPIKES. TEMPLE SAID HIS PLAN INCLUDES PROVIDING MORE GUIDANCE TO CONSUMERS AND COMPANIES. AS FOR BRINGING INSURERS BACK INTO THE STATE HE SAYS HE IS REACHING OUT BUT IS NOT A FAN OF OFFERING TAXPAYER -FUNDED INCENTIVE PROGRAMS.

SPORTS 10pm/ 02/26/24 :20  
IN THAT NEW ARENA WE COULD ONE DAY SEE THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM PLAY. BUT RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE HEATING UP AND RISING IN THE POLLS BACK IN THE TOP TEN AS THEY NEAR THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON. THE NINTH RANKED TIGERS HAVE TWO GAMES LEFT ON THEIR SCHEDULE. AND RIDING A SIX-GAME WIN STREAK WITH THE HELP OF JUNIOR FORWARD ANGEL REESE. REESE WAS NAMED THE (NAY-SMITH) NAISMITH NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK AS SHE RECORDED 15 REBOUNDS IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES.

COMMUNITY 10pm/ 02/26/24 :20  
DORM LIFE DISRUPTED FOR A FEW DOZEN STUDENTS AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AFTER A WATER PIPE BURST IN SHADE HALL. IT FLOODED THE SECOND AND ROUND LEVEL FLOORS IN THE ALL FEMALE DOOR. OFFICIALS AT SOUTHERN TELL US APPROXIMATLEY 32 STUDENTS ARE AFFECTED AND WILL BE MOVED TO A DIFFERENT HOUSING LOCATION. TWO OF THE STUDENTS WE TALKED TO FINDING A LITTLE HUMOR IN THE SITUATION.

2UNE IN 2/27/24 CRIME  
BATON ROUGE POLICE INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE HOMICIDE AFTER TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. DETECTIVES SAY IT HAPPENED AT 12-30 ON NORTH 37TH STREET OFF NORTH ACADIAN THRUWAY. NO WORD ON ANY ARREST OR SUSPECTS.

2UNE IN 2/27/24 SPORTS  
THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM RISING IN THE A-P POLLS. THE TIGERS ARE BACK IN THE TOP TEN AS THEY NEAR THE END OF THE REGULAR SEASON. THE NINTH RANKED TEAM HAS TWO GAMES LEFT IN THEIR SCHEDULE, CURRENTLY KEEPING A SIX-GAME WIN STREAK. ANGEL REESE WAS ALSO NAMED THE (NAY-SMITH) NAISMITH NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK AS SHE RECORDED 15 REBOUNDS IN THREE STRAIGHT GAMES.

2UNE IN 2/27/24 GOVERNMENT

THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL BE LOOKING FOR A NEW CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER. THIS COMES AFTER DOCTOR JOSEPH KANTER ANNOUNCED HE'S STEPPING DOWN. HE HAS BEEN IN THE POSITION SINCE FALL OF 20-20. KANTER LED PEOPLE THROUGH THE COVID PANDEMIC. HE WAS IN ONE OF THE FIRST GROUPS TO BE VACCINATED IN THE STATE. L-D-H SAYS DOCTOR PETE CROUGH-AN THE CURRENT DEPUTY SECRETARY, IS SERVING AS INTERIM STATE HEALTH OFFICER.

Crime 2/27/24 12pm

POLICE TELL US TWO PEOPLE WERE SHOT AND KILLED AROUND 12:30 ON NORTH 37TH NEAR JONAH STREET.

Community 2/27/24 12pm

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING...BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN EVERYTHING GOES IN THE TRASH. THIS WEEKEND THE CITY-PARISH IS HOSTING A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL DROP-OFF EVENT.

Government 2/27/24 12pm

THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME CONTINUES. AND THE FOCUS NOW: STATE LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING TO GET RID OF PAROLE IN LOUISIANA. ONE BILL UP FOR DEBATE WOULD MAKE IT HARDER FOR CONVICTED CRIMINALS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE.

CRIME

2-27-24/4PM

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TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD FOLLOWING AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT ON NORTH 37TH STREET. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE VICTIMS DIED AT THE SCENE, WHILE THE OTHER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AND LATER DIED. RIGHT NOW, THERE'S NO MOTIVE AND NO ONE HAS BEEN ARRESTED.

COMMUNITY

2-27-24/4PM

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MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME HAS APPROVED FUNDS TO BUILD THE FIRST NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER IN EAST BATON ROUGE. THE SHELTER, WHICH WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF NORTH BOULEVARD AND BRICE AVENUE, WILL BE TWO-STORIES WITH 32 ROOMS, AND FOUR BEDS IN EACH ROOM. THE FACILITY WOULD ALSO BE THE FIRST 24-HOUR SHELTER IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. THE PROPOSED SHELTER WILL GO BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE.

COMMUNITY

2-27-24/4PM

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SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER IS HOSTING WELLNESS ON THE BLUFF. STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AND LEARN HOW TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED AND THRIVING LIFESTYLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION YOU CAN GO TO S-U-L-C...DOT...E-D-U.

Crime

2/27/24

5 p.m.

1:07

THE FAMILY OF A PORT ALLEN WOMAN WHO DIED LAST YEAR DUE TO AN OVERDOSE IS UPSET WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AFTER THE MAN WHO DUMPED HER BODY GOT THREE YEARS PROBATION. THE TWEET BY THE VICTIMS FAMILY MEMBER ABOUT THE SITUATION WENT VIRAL. PROSECUTORS SAY THE INFORMATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA ISN'T TOTALLY ACCURATE. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH IS LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH THE FACTS. IN FEBRUARY OF LAST YEAR, EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFFS DEPUTIES FOUND THE HALF-NAKED BODY OF 27 YEAR OLD MACY PEEBLES DUMPED BEHIND AN APARTMENT ON G-S-R-I. THE CORONER FOUND SHE DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE. THE INVESTIGATION LEAD TO DAMEON MATTHEWS, WHO ADMITTED TO BEING WITH HER THE NIGHT SHE DIED AND EVENTUALLY PLEADED GUILTY TO DUMPING HER BODY. THOUGH MATTHEWS HAS A LENGTHY CRIMINAL RECORD INCLUDING THREE FELONY CONVICTIONS, JUDGE LOUISE HINES AGREED TO THREE YEARS PROBATION SINCE HIS PAST CONVICTIONS WERE MORE THAN 10 YEARS OLD. PEEBLE'S FAMILY MEMBER POSTED ON THE SITE FORMERLY KNOWN AS

TWITTER THAT BATON ROUGE AUTHORITIES HAD LET A KILLER WALK. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE SAYS THERE SIMPLY WASN'T ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CHARGE HIM WITH ADDITIONAL CRIMES.

Community 2/27/24 5 p.m. :32  
A GARBAGE TRUCK CAUGHT FIRE THIS MORNING ON BLUEBONNET NEAR PERKINS ROAD. YOU CAN SEE THE TRUCK ENGULFED IN FLAMES HERE. SAINT GEORGE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED QUICKLY TO PUT OUT THE BLAZE. NO ONE WAS HURT. INVESTIGATORS WORKING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE. IT COMES A DAY AFTER OUR STORY ON THE UPCOMING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY IN BATON ROUGE. A BIG CONCERN OF THROWING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN THE REGULAR TRASH IS STARTING FIRES IN GARBAGE TRUCKS. YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT THAT STORY AND GET INFO ABOUT COLLECTION DAY ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Health 2/27/24 5 p.m. :26  
THERE HAS BEEN A DRAMATIC CHANGE IN HOW PEOPLE ARE GETTING NICOTINE. CIGARETTES' SHARE OF NICOTINE PRODUCT SALES FELL TO 60 PERCENT LAST YEAR. IT WAS 80 PERCENT FIVE YEARS AGO. THERE ARE A GROWING NUMBER OF NICOTINE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING ORAL POUCHES, AND DISPOSABLE VAPES. THOSE WERE THE FASTEST-GROWING NICOTINE PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR. HIGHER PRICES AND REDUCED SHELF SPACE IN STORES HAVE ALSO LED TO A DECLINE IN CIGARETTE SALES.

Court 2-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE RECENT DECISION BY A BATON ROUGE JUDGE TO GIVE PROBATION TO A MAN WHO ADMITTED TO DUMPING A WOMAN'S BODY LAST YEAR HAS CAUSED A STIR ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND WITH THE VICTIM'S FAMILY. PROSECUTORS SAY THE INFORMATION SOME MAY SEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT TOTALLY ACCURATE. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH GOT THE FACTS. SHE JOINS US NOW.

Community 2-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
BATON ROUGE IS POISED TO GET A BRAND NEW SHELTER FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE FORCED OUT ON THE STREETS. MONEY IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR A STATE OF THE ART ADDITION TO THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL'S EXISTING SHELTERS. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

Community 2-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
AFTER MONTHS OF INACTION A COUPLE OF NEIGHBORS CAME TO AN AGREEMENT AFTER A TREE CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO A DRIVEWAY. IT IS AN UPDATE TO A STORY FROM TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS.

Health 2-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
A NEW STUDY LABELED MORE THAN A QUARTER OF LOUISIANA HOSPITALS SERVING RURAL COMMUNITIES AS VULNERABLE. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON HAS DETAILS ON WHAT THAT MEANS FOR THE HOSPITALS AND THEIR PATIENTS.

Health 2-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE C-D-C RECOMMENDS KIDS SHOULD SPEND AT LEAST 60 MINUTES PARTICIPATING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EVERYDAY. BUT LESS THAN 24 PERCENT OF KIDS IN AMERICA ACTUALLY DO IT. MIA MONET HAS MORE ON HOW ONE METRO COUNCILMAN IS WORKING TO GET KIDS MOVING.

Community 2-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
A TEENAGER FROM STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK SET OUT TO FLY AWAY - BOTH LITERALLY - AND INTO THE RECORD BOOKS! AT 17 YEARS OLD, SHE'S PROVING TO ALL OF US THAT THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!

COMMUNITY 9pm/02/27/24 :20

A GARBAGE TRUCK CAUGHT FIRE THIS MORNING ON BLUEBONNET NEAR PERKINS ROAD. YOU CAN SEE THE TRUCK ENGULFED IN FLAMES. SAINT GEORGE FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED QUICKLY TO PUT OUT THE BLAZE. NO ONE WAS HURT. INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE. IT COMES A DAY AFTER OUR STORY ON THE UPCOMING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COLLECTION DAY IN BATON ROUGE. A BIG CONCERN OF THROWING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN THE REGULAR TRASH IS BECAUSE IT CAN START FIRES IN GARBAGE TRUCKS. YOU CAN READ OUR FULL STORY AND GET INFORMATION ON COLLECTION DAY ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/27/24 :20

TWO PEOPLE ARE DEAD AFTER AN EARLY MORNING SHOOTING ON NORTH 37th STREET. THIS HAPPENED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT. POLICE SAY ONE OF THE VICTIMS DIED AT THE SCENE. THE OTHER RAN ABOUT A BLOCK BEFORE BEING TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL WHERE HE DIED. RIGHT NOW...NO SUSPECTS OR VICTIMS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/27/24 :20

THE RECENT DECISION BY A BATON ROUGE JUDGE TO GIVE PROBATION TO A MAN WHO ADMITTED TO DUMPING A WOMAN'S BODY LAST YEAR HAS CAUSED A STIR ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND WITH THE VICTIM'S FAMILY. PROSECUTORS SAY THE INFORMATION SOME MAY SEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT COMPLETELY ACCURATE.

CRIME 10pm/02/27/24 :20

WE HAVE LEARNED MELANIE CURTIN WAS GIVEN PERMISSION BY A JUDGE TO LEAVE NORTH LOUISIANA TO LIVE WITH HER FIANCE IN SOUTH CAROLINA. CURTIN IS AWAITING A NEW TRIAL AFTER HER CONVICTION IN A HIGH-PROFILE RAPE CASE WAS OVERTURNED BY AN APPEALS COURT LAST OCTOBER. ON AUGUST 19TH A JUDGE WILL REVIEW AND DECIDE WHETHER TO EXTEND OR RESCIND CURTIN'S REQUEST TO STAY WITH HER FIANCE.

CRIME 10pm/ 02/27/24 :20

THE BODY OF MACY "PEE-BELS" WAS FOUND LAST FEBRUARY, PARTIALLY CLOTHED OUTSIDE OF AN APARTMENT ON G-S-R-I AVENUE. THE CORONER DETERMINED SHE DIED FROM AN OVERDOSE. THE INVESTIGATION LED TO DAMEON MATTHEWS WHO ADMITTED TO BEING WITH HER THE NIGHT SHE DIED AND EVENTUALLY PLEADED GUILTY TO DUMPING HER BODY. A POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY PEEBLE'S FAMILY WENT VIRAL STARING MATTHEWS DRUGGED PEEBLES AND DUMPED HER HALF-NAKED BODY LIKE TRASH.

COMMUNITY 10pm/ 02/27/24 :20

A NEW REPORT IDENTIFIED MORE THAN A QUARTER OF LOUISIANA'S RURAL HOSPITALS ARE VULNERABLE TO CLOSURE. THAT REPORT IS BASED ON DECREASING RE-IMBURSEMENTS, DECLINING OPERATING MARGINS, AND STAFFING SHORTAGES. RURAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES IS NOTHING NEW. BUT THE RATE OF HOSPITALS THAT FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY IS INCREASING.

CRIME 5AM 2/28/2024

BALDWIN POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A BATON ROUGE MAN FOR A SHOOTING ON MARDI GRAS. TRENT DARBY HAYWARD FACES SECOND-DEGREE MURDER CHARGES AND ILLEGAL DISCHARGING. POLICE SAY HAYWARD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS SHOULD CALL LAW ENFORCEMENT.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/28/2024

LATER TONIGHT THE METRO COUNCIL WILL MEET TO DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE CITY PARISH. ONE OF THOSE BEING A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARENA AT L-S-U. THE TIGER ATHLETICS FOUNDATION IS MOVING FORWARD AND PRESENTING THE PLAN SINCE THE RIVER CENTER AND P-MAC CAN'T ACCOMODATE LARGE SCALE EVENTS. BUT TO BUILD A NEW ARENA DEVELOPERS HAVE TO BE ASSURED THAT THEY WON'T BE COMPETING

WITH THE RIVER CENTER TO BOOK ACTS. SO, T-A-F HAS ASKED THE METRO COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD RESTRICT THE KIND OF EVENTS HELD THERE. THE ITEM WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER TONIGHT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE MARCH 13-TH METRO COUNCIL MEETING.

SPORTS 5AM 2/28/2024

THREE OF THE LAST FOUR L-S-U MEN'S BASKETBALL GAMES HAVE BEEN DECIDED BY TWO POINTS OR LESS. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WHEN L-S-U LOST TO GEORGIA IN ATHENS BY 1 POINT. SO, TUESDAY NIGHTS GAME WAS A BIG ONE WITH THE TIGERS HOPING TO WIN AGAINST EMMA-KATE'S GEORGIA BULLDAWGS. EARLY ON THE TIGERS MAKING YOU THINK IT WON'T BE A CLOSE GAME. MATT MCMAHON'S TEAM WITH SEVEN THREE'S IN THE FIRST HALF, COMING FROM 6 DIFFERENT PLAYERS. THE TIGERS GO INTO HALFTIME WITH A 40-27 LEAD. BUT THE STRONG LEAD DOESN'T LAST LONG. FIVE MINUTES LEFT AND GEORGIA' BACK WITHIN TWO POINT SCORE AND THE BULLDOGS LEAD 58 TO 57. NOW JUST OVER 2 LEFT, STILL A ONE POINT GEORGIA LEAD. FROM THEN ON IT'S BACK AND FORTH UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE WHEN L-S-U LEADS 67 TO 66. GEORGIA WON'T BE ABLE TO GET ANY MORE POINTS BEFORE THE BUZZER. L-S-U WINS 67 TO 66. L-S-U IS NOW 15-13 AND 7-8 IN S-E-C PLAY. AFTER SEEMINGLY LOSING EVERY CLOSE GAME UP UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO, THE TIGERS ARE NOT FLINCHING DOWN THE STRECTH.

Crime 2/28/24 12pm

A WOMAN IS DEAD AND TWO OTHER PEOPLE INJURED IN A TRIPLE SHOOTING EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Community 2/28/24 12pm

LOOKING AHEAD TO MARCH 15TH...GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! THE BIGGEST HIP HOP FESTIVAL TO HIT BATON ROUGE WILL HAPPEN AT THE SOUTHERN MINI DOME.

Environment 2/28/24 12pm

THE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT CENTER IS WORKING OVERTIME AS MOSQUITO SWARMS ARE MULTIPLYING. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO GET SOMEONE TO SPRAY YOUR HOME, YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL EARLY APRIL.

CRIME

2-28-24/4PM

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ONE WOMAN IS DEAD, AND TWO OTHERS ARE INJURED FOLLOWING A TRIPLE SHOOTING EARLY THIS MORNING IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED ON UNDERWOOD STREET OFF NORTH FOSTER DRIVE. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT REPORTEDLY KNEW ALL THREE OF THE VICTIMS AND WAS INVOLVED IN AN ARGUMENT BEFORE THE SHOOTING. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THIS CASE.

CRIME

2-28-24/4PM

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BATON ROUGE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED THREE JUVENILES IN CONNECTION WITH A DEADLY NEW YEAR'S DAY SHOOTING ON WEST BROOKSTOWN DRIVE. 15 YEAR-OLD RAMIDE COSEY...WHO WAS A FRESHMAN AT ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL, DIED...WHILE THREE OTHERS WERE INJURED. THE THREE WHO WERE ARRESTED WERE ALL BOOKED ON FIRST-DEGREE AND ATTEMPTED FIRST-DEGREE MURDER CHARGES.

COMMUNITY

2-28-24/4PM

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THE METRO COUNCIL IS DISCUSSING A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT ARENA AT L-S-U. THE TIGER ATHLETICS FOUNDATION WILL BE PRESENTING THE PLAN. TO BUILD A NEW ARENA DEVELOPERS HAVE TO BE ASSURED THAT THEY WON'T BE COMPETING WITH THE RIVER CENTER TO BOOK ACTS.

Crime

2/28/24

5 p.m.

:16

THE OTHER TRIPLE SHOOTING HAPPENED THIS AFTERNOON ON WEST ROOSEVELT. TWO MALES AND ONE FEMALE WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. BUT POLICE TELL US THEY WILL

SURVIVE THEIR WOUNDS. THE POLICE ARE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN PROVIDING MORE INFORMATION TO HELP SOLVE THESE CRIMES.

Political 2/28/24 5 p.m. :17

A PRAYER VIGIL HAPPENED AT THE CAPITOL TODAY ON THE DEATH PENALTY BILL. FAITH LEADERS FROM AROUND THE STATE GATHERED TO PRAY FOR VICTIMS WHO WERE KILLED AND FOR THE PEOPLE ON DEATH ROW. THE FAITH LEADERS HAVE BEEN URGING LEGISLATORS TO VOTE AGAINST HOUSE BILL SIX, AND THE RETURN OF EXECUTIONS.

Health 2/28/24 5 p.m. :26

A NEW STUDY SHOWS BARIATRIC SURGERY LEADS TO BETTER BLOOD SUGAR CONTROL IN PEOPLE WITH TYPE TWO DIABETES WHEN COMPARED TO NON-SURGICAL MANAGEMENT WITH MEDICATION. BARIATRIC WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY INVOLVES ALTERING THE DIGESTIVE TRACT USUALLY BY REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE STOMACH. MOST DOCTORS ONLY RECOMMEND WEIGHT LOSS SURGERY FOR TYPE TWO DIABETES IN PATIENTS WITH A BODY MASS INDEX OF 35 OR HIGHER. THE NEW STUDY MAY SUPPORT LOWERING THE B-M-I THRESHOLD. FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF SURGICALLY TREATED PARTICIPANTS HAD FULL REMISSION OF TYPE TWO DIABETES A YEAR LATER.

Community 2-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COULD GET A FRESH NEW LOOK IN BATON ROUGE. IT STARTS WITH A NEW ARENA FOR L-S-U AND THAT WILL HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON THE RIVER CENTER. ALEXIS MARIGNY LIVE AT THE METRO COUNCIL TONIGHT.

Police 2-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUES TO BE UNDERSTAFFED DESPITE LUCRATIVE INCENTIVE PACKAGES. THE NEW POLICE CHIEF SAYS GETTING AND RETAINING MORE OFFICERS IS ONE OF HIS TOP PRIORITIES. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH REPORTS ON HOW BAD THE DEFICIT IS AND HOW THEY PLAN TO FIX IT.

Education 2-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:00

AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPERINTENDENT JOE MURPHY ANNOUNCED HIS RETIREMENT LAST YEAR. WITH HIS TIME COMING TO A CLOSE THE SCHOOL BOARD DECIDED LAST WEEK IT'S TIME TO START LOOKING FOR HIS REPLACEMENT. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS MORE ON MURPHY'S TIME WITH THE SCHOOL SYSTEM AND WHAT MADE IT MEMORABLE.

Education 2-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A CELEBRATION TODAY OF SOME OF THE FIRST STUDENTS TO INTEGRATE DUFROCQ ELEMENTARY IN THE MID-SIXTIES. FIVE OF THE HISTORY-MAKING STUDENTS RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL THEY ATTENDED ALL THOSE YEARS AGO. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

Community 2-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

AFTER BEING TOSSED LIKE A FOOTBALL DURING MARDI GRAS IN NEW ORLEANS, A PIGLET WAS PARDONED BY LT GOVERNOR, BILLY NUNGESSOR TODAY. NUNGESSOR IS KNOWN FOR PARDONING A CRAWFISH EVER SEASON. TODAY THINGS WERE A LITTLE DIFFERENT. KATIE EASTER HAS THE STORY.

Money 2-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

WHAT STARTED WITH MANY OF US SHARING OUR THOUGHTS, DAILY ACTIVITIES AND MORE WITH OUR FRIENDS HAS NOW EVOLVED INTO SOME PEOPLE SHARING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING WITH THE ENTIRE WORLD. IT'S CALLED CREATING CONTENT AND A GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE ARE NOW TURNING IT INTO A CAREER.

COMMUNITY 9pm/02/28/24 :20

A CELEBRATION TODAY OF SOME OF THE FIRST STUDENTS TO INTEGRATE DUFROCQ ELEMENTARY IN BATON ROUGE. IN THE MID-SIXTIES. FIVE OF THE HISTORY-MAKING STUDENTS RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL THEY ATTENDED ALL THOSE YEARS AGO. DUFROCQ MADE THE DECISION TO INTEGRATE TEN YEARS AFTER THE HISTORIC BROWN VERSUS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING THAT RACIAL SEGREGATION IS UN-CONSTITUTIONAL.

CRIME 9pm/ 02/28/24 :20  
POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED 29-YEAR-OLD DESTINY BUCKLEY AS THE WOMAN KILLED THIS MORNING IN A SHOOTING OFF NORTH FOSTER DRIVE ON UNDERWOOD STREET. TWO OTHER WOMEN WERE INJURED. POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT KNEW ALL THREE OF THE VICTIMS AND WAS INVOLVED IN AN ARGUMENT BEFORE THE SHOOTING BUT FLED THE SCENE. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 02/28/24 :20  
NEW RESEARCH FROM INSIDE ONE OF THE LABS AT THE PENNINGTON BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER IN BATON ROUGE FOCUSED ON A CHEMICAL COMPOUND TO STRENGTHEN CELLS. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON SHOWS US HOW IT WORKS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/28/2024 :15  
THE METRO COUNCIL WEIGHING IN ON L-S-U'S PLAN FOR A 300 MILLION DOLLAR ENTERTAINMENT CENTER. ALMOST ALL MEMBERS SUPPORT IT BUT ONE COUNCIL WOMAN SAYS SHE HAS SOME CONCERNS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY JOINS US WITH MORE.

CRIME 10 PM/02/28/2024 :15  
ONE PERSON IN CRITICAL CONDITION TONIGHT AFTER A SHOOTING ON THE CORNER OF PLANK ROAD AND EVANGELINE STREET. IT HAPPENED AT A GAS STATION AROUND SEVEN THIRTY. WE HAVE REACHED OUT TO BATON ROUGE POLICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. WE UPDATE YOU AS WE GET NEW INFORMATION.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/28/2024 :20  
THE EAST BATON ROUGE MOSQUITO ABATEMENT CENTER IS OVERWHELMED WITH CALLS AND BOOKED WITH APPOINTMENTS FOR THE NEXT 5 WEEKS. WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS LAST NIGHT. NO WORRIES IF YOU CANNOT GET PROFESSIONAL HELP TO "FIGHT THE BITE". EXPERTS TALKED TO NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN ABOUT THE INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW.

CRIME 5AM 2/29/2024  
ONE PERSON IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER BEING SHOT AT A GAS STATION ON PLANK ROAD WEDNESDAY NIGHT. EMERGENCY OFFICIALS SAY IT HAPPENED AROUND 7-30 AT THE SAVE MORE GAS STATION AT THE CORNER OF PLANK ROAD AND EVANGELINE STREET. RIGHT NOW THERE IS NO INFORMATION ON A POSSIBLE MOTIVE OR SUSPECT IN THE SHOOTING.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 2/29/2024  
AT THE CAPITOL...A BILL LEGALIZING CONCEALED CARRY HANDGUNS WITHOUT A PERMIT HEADS TO GOVERNOR LANDRY'S DESK. ONCE SIGNED IT WILL TAKE EFFECT JULY FOURTH. LOUISIANA IS NOW THE 27-TH STATE TO IMPLEMENT THAT MEASURE. SEVERAL OTHER BILLS WERE APPROVED BY BOTH THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE. HOUSE BILL ONE MAKES JUVENILE CRIMINAL RECORDS PUBLIC. AND SENATE BILL THREE WOULD PUT 17 YEAR OLD OFFENDERS IN THE ADULT CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

SPORTS 5AM 2/29/2024  
L-S-U BASEBALL ON THEIR FIRST ROAD TEST OF THE SEASON THIS WEEK IN HOUSTON. THEY STARTED THE ACTION WEDNESDAY NIGHT AGAINST RICE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 20-17. AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THEY'VE PLAYED AT RECKLING PARK SINCE 20-02, AND THE TIGERS CAME READY TO PLAY. TOP OF THE SECOND. TIGERS UP 1-0. PAXTON KLING SENDS

A BALL INTO LEFT FIELD ALLOWING TWO PLAYERS TO SCORE. TIGERS GO UP 3-ZIP. AND WHAT A THIRD INNING FOR THE TIGERS. A 2-RUN HOMER EXTENDS THE TIGERS LEAD. LATER THAT SAME INNING TOMMY "TANKS" WHITE SINGLES-UP THE MIDDLE AND THAT SENDS HOME PAXTON KLING AND MICHAEL BRASWELL. THEY LEAD IT 9-0 AFTER THAT. AND THEY'D ADD ON A LOT MORE LATER TO TAKE THE WIN. THE TIGERS WITH A DOMINATING WIN OVER RICE AT RECKLING PARK. THE FINAL IS 16 TO 4.

Politics Noon 2/29/24

UNDER AN HOUR AGO, BATON ROUGE POLITICIAN TED JAMES ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO RUN FOR MAYOR AGAINST INCUMBENT SHARON WESTON-BROOME. JAMES HAS BEEN DANCING AROUND THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MONTHS SAYING IN JANUARY THAT AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD COME AFTER HE LEFT HIS POSITION AT THE U-S SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. NOW THAT THE DAY HAS ARRIVED, JAMES IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL.

Government Noon 2/29/24

DEFENSE SECRETARY LLOYD AUSTIN IS FACING QUESTIONS FROM LAWMAKERS ABOUT WHY HE DIDN'T NOTIFY THE WHITE HOUSE, CONGRESS, OR THE PUBLIC ABOUT HIS RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS. REPUBLICANS AND SOME DEMOCRATS CALLING IT A "SERIOUS BREAKDOWN" OF COMMUNICATION.

Business Noon 2/29/24

F-T-X CO-FOUNDER SAM BANKMAN-FRIED'S ATTORNEYS ARE PUSHING FOR A SIX-YEAR SENTENCE IN THEIR CLIENT'S MULTIBILLION-DOLLAR FRAUD CASE. IN A TUESDAY FILING, BANKMAN-FRIED'S LAWYERS CALLED THE 100-YEAR RECOMMENDED SENTENCE BARBARIC AND GROTESQUE. THEY ASKED THE JUDGE TO REJECT IT SAYING THEIR CLIENT DOESN'T DESERVE TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN PRISON. THE 31 YEAR OLD WAS CONVICTED IN NOVEMBER ON SEVEN COUNTS OF FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY IN THE COLLAPSE OF CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE F-T-X.

POLITICS

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STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE SENT A BILL TO THE GOVERNOR, THAT EXPANDS EXECUTION METHODS FOR INMATES ON DEATH ROW. THEY INCLUDE LETHAL INJECTIONS, THE ELECTRIC CHAIR AND POISONOUS GAS. THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE BILL SAY IT GIVES THE STATE MORE OPTIONS TO CARRY OUT EXECUTIONS. MEANWHILE, SEVERAL FAITH LEADERS HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST IT, CALLING THESE METHODS INHUMANE.

POLITICS

2-29-24/4PM

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BATON ROUGE MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME NOW HAS A CHALLENGER IN HER BID FOR RE-ELECTION. THIS MORNING...FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE TED JAMES ANNOUNCED HIS PLANS TO RUN FOR MAYOR. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AS JAMES LEAVES HIS POSITION WITH THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

COMMUNITY

2-29-24/4PM

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STARTING TODAY...HUNDREDS OF YOUNG EXHIBITORS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE 81ST ANNUAL SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AG CENTER LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY SHOW. THE LIVESTOCK SHOW IS BEING HELD AT THE MAURICE-A- EDMOND LIVESTOCK ARENA. AWARDS WILL BE ON MARCH SECOND.

Political

2/29/24

5 p.m.

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AT THE CAPITOL...THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME IS NOW OVER WITH A HANDFUL OF BILLS APPROVED ON THE FINAL DAY INCLUDING A 26 MILLION DOLLAR SPENDING BILL, WITH THREE MILLION TO SEND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO THE MEXICO BORDER IN TEXAS. A BILL TO EXPAND EXECUTION METHODS WHEN CARRYING OUT THE DEATH PENALTY. A PLAN TO OVERHAUL THE STATE'S PUBLIC DEFENSE SYSTEM. AND A BILL TO ELIMINATE DISCRETIONARY PAROLE.



Transportation 2/29/24 5 p.m. :32  
AND RIGHT UNDERNEATH I-10 AT PERKINS THE PARKING LOT IS BEING SMOOTHED OUT WHICH IS A MUCH-NEEDED UPGRADE IF YOU REMEMBER THE CRATERS THAT FILLED THE AREA RIGHT BY DUVICS, IVAR'S AND THE OVERPASS MERCHANT. THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE I-10 WIDENING PROJECT IS BEHIND THE IMPROVEMENT AND IS COMING OUT OF POCKET FOR IT. THEY'RE SAYING IT'S QUOTE "THE NEIGHBORLY THING TO DO" BEFORE THEY COME IN AND STAGE EQUIPMENT THERE FOR THE EYE TEN WIDENING PROJECT WHICH WILL HIT PERKINS AROUND LATE 2025 OR 2026. EVEN IF TEMPORARY, THE BUSINESSES IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN WELCOMING.

Health 2/29/24 5 p.m. :25  
THE C-D-C SAYS EVERYONE 65 AND OLDER SHOULD GET ANOTHER DOSE OF THE CURRENT COVID VACCINE. THE CURRENT VACCINE IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY EFFECTIVE BUT PROTECTION DOES FADE OVER TIME. IT FADES EVEN QUICKER IN OLDER PEOPLE. MOST COVID-19 DEATHS OCCUR IN PEOPLE OLDER THAN 65. THE NEW RECOMMENDATION IS FOR AN ADDITIONAL DOSE OF ANY UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINE AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS AFTER GETTING THE PREVIOUS DOSE OF THE NEWEST VACCINE.

Politics 2-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE RACE FOR MAYOR PRESIDENT IS TAKING SHAPE AS SOMEONE OTHER THAN SHARON WESTON BROOME HAS OFFICIALLY THROWN THEIR HAT IN THE RING. FORMER LAWMAKER TED JAMES ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO RUN THIS MORNING. AND WHILE IT'S LONG BEEN SPECULATED, HIS CHOICE TO CHALLENGE A FELLOW DEMOCRAT HAS SOME PERPLEXED. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SAT DOWN WITH JAMES AHEAD OF HIS ANNOUNCEMENT TO DISCUSS.

Community 2-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A POPULAR NOOK OF BUSINESSES UNDER EYE-TEN AT PERKINS IS RECEIVING A MUCH-NEEDED IMPROVEMENT IN THEIR PARKING LOT. THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE INTERSTATE WIDENING PROJECT IS FOOTING THE BILL SAYING IT'S "THE NEIGHBORLY THING TO DO" BEFORE THEY MOVE IN TO WIDEN THE OVERPASS. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW THE SURROUNDING BUSINESSES ARE RESPONDING.

Community 2-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE JOINED IN MOURNING THE LOSS OF SAINT MARY PARISH SHERIFF BLAISE SMITH. HE DIED SATURDAY AT THE AGE OF 75. KATIE EASTER SHARES HOW THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM, ARE REMEMBERING HIM.

Weather 2-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:10  
RAIN AND POTENTIALLY STORMY WEATHER IS HEADING OUR WAY. MALCOLM HERE WITH WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FOR THE MORNING COMMUTE.

Politics 2-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME WRAPPED UP THIS AFTERNOON. AMONG THE CHANGES COMING: A NEW CONCEALED CARRY BILL WILL BECOME LAW ON THE FOURTH OF JULY. THE BILL RECEIVED FINAL APPROVAL FROM THE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY AND IS NOW WAITING ON GOVERNOR LANDRY'S SIGNATURE NEXT WEEK. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

Community 2-29-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S A DAY THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN TOO OFTEN. LEAPLINGS ALL OVER HAVE LONG WAITED TO CELEBRATE THEIR BIRTHDAYS TODAY. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON WITH MORE FROM ONE VETERAN LEAPLING AND SOME NEW ONES.

THE RACE FOR MAYOR PRESIDENT IS TAKING SHAPE AS SOMEONE OTHER THAN SHARON WESTON BROOME HAS OFFICIALLY THROWN THEIR HAT IN THE RING. FORMER LAWMAKER TED JAMES ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO RUN THIS MORNING. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH REPORTS.

COMMUNITY 9 PM/02/29/2024 :15  
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE GATHERED TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF SAINT MARY PARISH SHERIFF BLAISE SMITH. HE DIED SATURDAY AT THE AGE OF 75. KATIE EASTER WITH HOW HE IS BEING REMEMBERED.

INTERNATIONAL 9 PM/02/29/2024 :10  
HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE KILLED IN GAZA. PLUS THE WHITE HOUSE LAUNCHING AN INVESTIGATION INTO SMART CAR PARTS. IN NEWS AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 SECONDS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/02/29/2024 :25  
NEW DETAILS IN A MASSIVE DRUG BUST IN BATON ROUGE. E-B-R-S-O AND BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED NINE PEOPLE IN A ROBBERY AND DRUGS INVESTIGATION TUESDAY. UNDER-COVER E-B-R-S-O AGENTS BOUGHT DRUGS FROM THE SUSPECTS. WHILE AT THE SAME TIME POLICE WERE INVESTIGATING AN A-T-M ARMED ROBBERY.

POLITICS 10 PM/02/29/2024 :25  
AT THE CAPITOL...THE STATE LEGISLATURE WRAPPED UP ITS SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME THIS AFTERNOON. SEVERAL BILLS WERE SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK INCLUDING ONE WHICH WOULD RESUME EXECUTIONS IN LOUISIANA AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE. THE MEASURE ALSO ALLOWS FOR NEW METHODS TO CARRY OUT THE DEATH PENALTY INCLUDING ELECTROCUTION AND NITROGEN GAS.

CRIME 10 PM/02/29/2024 :25  
A THREE YEAR OLD BOY IS DEAD AFTER HE WAS SHOT BY HIS OWN FATHER. FAMILY MEMBERS SAY THE SUSPECT HAD BEEN EMOTIONALLY DISTRAUGHT SINCE HIS 18 YEAR OLD SON WAS MURDERED EARLIER THIS MONTH.

CRIME 2UNE IN 3/1/24  
STARTING WITH A NEWS ALERT OUT OF IBERVILLE PARISH-A BODY WAS FOUND IN A CAR THAT CAUGHT FIRE THURSDAY NIGHT IN ST. GABRIEL. IBERVILLE FIREFIGHTERS WERE RESPONDING TO A VEHICLE FIRE OFF POINT CLAIR ROAD NEAR M-L-K PARKWAY. THE BODY WAS IN THE BACK OF THE TRUNK. THE MODEL OF THE CAR IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO POLICE FOR THE IDENTITY OF THE BODY, AND IF THIS COULD BE A HOMICIDE. WE'RE WAITING FOR AN ANSWER. WE'LL HAVE ANY UPDATES HERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE AT "W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM".

COMMUNITY 2UNE IN 3/1/24  
HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND...DROP OFF ANY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROPERLY, INSTEAD OF TOSSING THEM INTO THE TRASH. THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE IS COLLECTING ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, PESTICIDES, AND OTHER MATERIALS. THIS IS A LIST OF SOME MATERIALS THAT ARE BEING ACCEPTED. YOU CAN FIND THE FULL LIST ON OUR WEBSITE WBRZ.COM. YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR MATERIALS SATURDAY FROM 9 A-M TO 1 O'CLOCK, AT LSU TOUCHDOWN VILLAGE. STICK AROUND FOR THE 6 O'CLOCK HOUR. WE'LL BE SPEAKING WITH THE MAYOR ON WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HOST THESE COLLECTION DAY EVENTS.

GOVERNMENT 2UNE IN 3/1/24  
AT THE CAPITOL...THE STATE LEGISLATURE WRAPPED UP ITS SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME. SEVERAL BILLS WERE SENT TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK INCLUDING ONE THAT WOULD RESUME EXECUTIONS IN LOUISIANA AFTER MORE THAN A DECADE. THE MEASURE ALSO ALLOWS FOR NEW METHODS TO CARRY OUT THE DEATH PENALTY INCLUDING

ELECTROCUTION AND NITROGEN GAS. LAWMAKERS ALSO APPROVED A 26-MILLION-DOLLAR SPENDING BILL WHICH INCLUDES THREE MILLION- DOLLARS TO SEND NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS TO TEXAS. BILLS TO ELIMINATE PAROLE FOR ALL CRIMES COMMITTED AFTER AUGUST FIRST AND TO IMPLEMENT, TOUGHER PENALTIES FOR CARJACKING WERE APPROVED AS WELL. THE GOVERNOR SAID THE DOZENS OF NEW MEASURES WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY.

Crime 3/1/24 12pm

AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY AFTER A BODY WAS FOUND IN A CAR THAT CAUGHT FIRE IN SAINT GABRIEL, THURSDAY NIGHT.

Government 3/1/24 12pm

AFTER MONTHS OF SPECULATION, TED JAMES HAS ANNOUNCED HIS BID FOR EAST BATON ROUGE MAYOR-PRESIDENT. AS A FORMER STATE REP AND SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, JAMES SAYS HIS EXPERIENCE WILL GIVE HIM AN EDGE IN THE RACE.

Traffic 3/1/24 12pm

UNDERNEATH I-10 AT PERKINS, THE PARKING LOT IS GETTING A MUCH NEEDED UPGRADE. CREWS ARE SMOOTHING OUT THE LOT TO GET RID OF MASSIVE POTHOLES NEAR IVAR'S, DUVICS, AND THE OVERPASS MERCHANT.

COMMUNITY 3-1-24/4PM :20

TOMORROW YOU CAN DROP OFF ANY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS PROPERLY, INSTEAD OF TOSSING THEM INTO THE TRASH. THE CITY OF BATON ROUGE IS COLLECTING ELECTRONICS, CHEMICALS, PAINTS, PESTICIDES, AND OTHER MATERIALS. YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR MATERIALS SATURDAY FROM NINE A-M TO ONE P-M AT L-S-U'S TOUCHDOWN VILLAGE.

COMMUNITY 3-1-24/4PM :20

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPENS THIS WEEKEND. FAMILIES IN EAST BATON ROUGE CAN BEGIN REGISTERING FOR BREC SUMMER CAMPS ON SATURDAY. REGISTRATION BEGINS TOMORROW AT NINE-A-M FOR E-B-R RESIDENTS ONLY. OUT-OF PARISH RESIDENTS CAN BEGIN REGISTER ONLINE OR IN-PERSON TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH.

COMMUNITY 3-1-24/4PM :20

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEKEND HOW ABOUT READING A BOOK? TOMORROW IS NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY. THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION NAMED MARCH SECOND READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY IN 19-98. IT ALSO HAPPENS TO BE THE BIRTHDAY OF BELOVED CHILDREN'S AUTHOR DOCTOR SEUSS.

Crime 3/1/24 5 p.m. :24

A GRUESOME DISCOVERY AFTER A CAR FIRE IS PUT OUT. A MAN IN PRAIRIEVILLE WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE TRUNK OF HIS CAR. IT WAS ON FIRE WHEN AUTHORITIES ARRIVED AT THE SCENE. SAINT GABRIEL POLICE ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHO KILLED 28-YEAR-OLD JARROUS MITCHELL AND HOW. KATIE EASTER IS LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM WITH WHAT WE KNOW. THERE ARE MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS. WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR, IS THAT SAINT GABRIEL FIRE DEPARTMENT WENT TO PUT OUT A BURNING CAR LAST NIGHT, ON POINT CLAIR ROAD. AFTER IT WAS OUT, THEY FOUND MITCHELL DEAD IN THE TRUNK. THEY LATER LEARNED IT WAS HIS OWN CAR. CHARRED GRAVEL, AND BROKEN GLASS INDICATE WHERE HIS BUICK ONCE WAS. IT'S STILL UNCLEAR HOW HE DIED, OR HOW HE ENDED UP FAR AWAY FROM PRARIEVILLE.

Crime 3/1/24 5 p.m. :37

A STUDENT WAS ARRESTED AFTER A FIGHT AT HAMMOND HIGH. VIDEOS OF THE INCIDENT BEGAN POPPING UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA SHOWING A BLEEDING STUDENT. THE FIGHT

HAPPENED YESTERDAY AFTER AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN TWO STUDENTS ESCALATED. WORD SPREAD QUICKLY SAYING ONE STUDENT STABBED THE OTHER IN THE HEAD WITH A PENCIL BUT TANGIPAHOA PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. THEY SAY AFTER THE FIGHT ONE OF THEM HIT THEIR HEAD ON A BULLETIN BOARD, LACERATING THEIR FOREHEAD. DEPUTIES DON'T BELIEVE THE INJURY WAS INTENTIONAL. A 16-YEAR-OLD IS CHARGED WITH SECOND-DEGREE BATTERY, INCITING A RIOT AND DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL OPERATION.

Health 3/1/24 5 p.m. :32  
THE C-D-C SAYS DEATHS FROM EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL USE SPIKED DURING THE PANDEMIC. THE RESEARCHERS FOUND THERE WERE AN AVERAGE OF 488 DEATHS PER DAY. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE MORE ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS AMONG MEN -- THE INCREASE WAS EVEN LARGER FOR WOMEN. THE C-D-C LOOKED AT ALCOHOL POISONING CRASHES AND FALLS -- AND INDIRECT DEATHS -- LIKE CANCER, HEART DISEASE AND STROKE. THE NEW REPORT POINTS TO MORE PERMISSIVE ALCOHOL DELIVERIES AND CARRYOUT DRINKS DURING THE PANDEMIC. THAT IS IN ADDITION TO STRESS, LONELINESS, SOCIAL ISOLATION, AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

Crime 3-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
POLICE IN IBERVILLE PARISH ARE WORKING TO FIGURE OUT HOW A 28-YEAR-OLD PRARIEVILLE MAN WOUND UP DEAD IN THE TRUNK OF HIS BURNING CAR. INVESTIGATORS IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS JARROUS MITCHELL. HIS CAR WAS DUMPED AND SET ON FIRE IN A CANE FIELD IN SAINT GABRIEL. KATIE EASTER HERE WITH WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.

Crime 3-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A FIGHT BETWEEN STUDENTS AT HAMMOND HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL HAS GONE VIRAL. SEVERAL VIDEOS OF THE BRAWL CIRCULATED ON SOCIAL MEDIA. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS MORE ON WHAT HAPPENED.

Sports 3-1-2024/6:00 p.m. 4:00  
THE BATON ROUGE ZYDECO HAVE BEEN ON THE ROAD FOR QUITE AWHILE, THE LAST TIME THEY PLAYED IN THE CAPITAL CITY WAS AROUND CHRISTMAS. THIS IS A LIVE LOOK INSIDE THE RIVER CENTER WHERE THIS WEEKEND THE TEAM IS BACK AND WRAPPING UP THEIR INAUGURAL SEASON IN BATON ROUGE. NEWS TWO'S BRIE ANDRAS HAS A SPECIAL REPORT ON THE NEWEST ZYDECO SKATER WHOSE DAD ROAMED THE SAME ICE 20 YEARS BEFORE.

Community 3-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S DAY TWO OF SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S 81ST ANNUAL LIVESTOCK SHOW AND NEARLY ONE HUNDRED KIDS FROM ACROSS THE STATE ARE PARTICIPATING. MIA MONET TELLS US WHAT'S SPECIAL ABOUT THE SHOW THIS YEAR.

Community 3-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
IN THE WAKE OF WAR IN UKRAINE, A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER FOUND REFUGE AND HOPE RIGHT HERE IN BATON ROUGE. THEY'VE BEEN HERE NOW FOR TWO YEARS WORKING AT A BAKERY. NEWS TWO'S JORDAN PONZIO HAS THEIR STORY.

Court 3-1-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
THE TRIAL FOR HANNAH GUTTIEREZ -- THE ARMORER ON THE "RUST" MOVIE SET CONTINUED TODAY WITH TESTIMONY FROM PROP MASTER SARAH ZACH RY AND DIRECTOR JOEL SOUZA. SHE IS FACING INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHOOTING DEATH OF CINEMAPHOTOGRAPHER HALYNA HUTCHINS.

CRIME 9 PM/03/01/2024 :15  
AN ALTERCATION BETWEEN STUDENTS WAS RECORDED AND IS NOW SPREADING THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA. THAT FIGHT OCCURRED AT HAMMOND HIGH MAGNET SCHOOL. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

COMMUNITY 9 PM/03/01/2024 :15  
IN THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY CONVERSATION WE SIT DOWN WITH FORMER STATE REPRESENTATIVE TED JAMES, WHO IS RUNNING FOR BATON ROUGE MAYOR PRESIDENT. JAMES ADDRESSED A VARIETY OF ISSUES HE SAYS ARE AFFECTING THE CAPITAL CITY AND TOLD US WHY HE'S CHALLENGING SHARON WESTON BROOME.

SPORTS 9 PM/03/01/2024 :10  
THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF KEY MATCHUPS IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL THIS WEEKEND. HUNTER MCCANN HAS YOUR BEST BETS.

POLITICS 10 PM/03/01/2024 :30  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS IN LOUISIANA LONG STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY ARE AT RISK OF LOSING MILLIONS. LAST YEAR, LEGISLATORS BOOSTED SHELTER FUNDING BY 7-MILLION DOLLARS AFTER STATE AUDITORS DETERMINED THEY COULD NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORT SURVIVORS ON EXISTING BUDGETS. THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET ROLLS BACK WHAT ADVOCATES WERE TOLD WOULD BE RECURRING FUNDS. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO PEOPLE WORKING TO PROTECT THE ABUSED.

CRIME 10 PM/03/01/2024 :30  
TWO PEOPLE ARE IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER TWO SEPARATE SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE. THE FIRST ON SCENIC HIGHWAY. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US ONE PERSON WAS SHOT NEAR THE CADENCE APARTMENT COMPLEX. THAT SECOND SHOOTING ON NORTH STREET LEFT ANOTHER PERSON IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

CRIME 10 PM/03/01/2024 :30  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE CONNECTED TO A DEADLY SHOOTING ON SHELLY STREET LAST MONTH. 18 YEAR OLD MARVIN LIGGINS FACES CHARGES OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND ILLEGAL USE OF WEAPONS.

Government 9 AM 3/2/2024  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTERS IN LOUISIANA ARE AT RISK OF LOSING SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS. LAST YEAR, LEGISLATORS SET ASIDE THAT SEVEN-MILLION DOLLARS FOR SHELTERS ACROSS THE STATE AFTER STATE AUDITORS DETERMINED THEY COULD NOT ADEQUATELY SUPPORT SURVIVORS ON THE LIMITED BUDGETS. THIS YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET DOES NOT INCLUDE THOSE FUNDS. ADVOCATES SAY A CUT OF THIS MAGNITUDE WILL IMMEDIATELY CLOSE 200 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER BEDS FROM SHREVEPORT TO SLIDELL.

Education 9 AM 3/2/2024  
BREC'S SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN! PARENTS LOOKING TO KEEP THEIR CHILDREN BUSY AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR HAVE DOZENS OF CAMPS ALL OVER THE CAPITOL AREA. HERE TO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS IS SARAH (SOLE-TOE) SOLTAU, ONE OF BREC'S ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS.

Wildfire 9 AM 3/2/2024  
IN TEXAS, MULTIPLE LARGE WILDFIRES CONTINUE TO TEAR THROUGH THE PANHANDLE, INCLUDING THE LARGEST BLAZE IN THE STATE'S HISTORY. AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE HAVE DIED SO FAR, AND THE THREAT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THIS WEEKEND ONLY WORSENER BY THE FORECAST OF WINDS AND DRY CONDITIONS. TEXAS GOVERNOR, GREG ABBOTT, ASKING RESIDENTS TO STAY CAUTIOUS AND SAFE WHILE THE FIRES CONTINUE.

CRIME 6 PM/03/02/2024 :20  
A BATON ROUGE MAN IS DEAD, AFTER A SHOOTING OFF NORTH STREET LAST NIGHT. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR: BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US 56 YEAR OLD RODERICK ADAMS WAS SHOT IN THE PARKING LOT OF ERIC'S GROCERY STORE AROUND FIVE P-M YESTERDAY.

ADAMS DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. AS OF TONIGHT NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND NO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/02/2024 :20  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S 81-ST ANNUAL LIVESTOCK HAS WRAPPED UP WITH NUMEROUS YOUNG FARMERS TAKING HOME AWARDS. ONE GROUP OF NEW YOUNG FARMERS DIDN'T PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR BUT SAY, THEY ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO BEING THE NEXT GENERATION OF FARMERS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN TELLS US ABOUT THE CAPITAL CITY'S FUTURE OF FARMERS.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/02/2024 :20  
HUNDREDS OF ATHLETES ACROSS LOUISIANA ARE CELEBRATING AFTER COMPETING IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS LOUISIANA STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT. 400 ATHLETES CAME OUT AND GAVE IT THEIR ALL! KATIE EASTER SPOKE WITH A GOLD MEDALIST TO FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES!

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/02/2024 :10  
A LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM IS PLAYING IN THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT RECEIVED A SURPRISE FROM A SPECIAL GUEST EARLIER TODAY. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/02/2024 :10  
YOUNG RODEO FANS AND THE EAST ASCENSION COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE INDUCTION OF ONE E-A SPARTAN. TYLER WAGUESPACK WAS INDUCTED WHERE HE GOT HIS START AS AN ATHLETE. NEWS TWO'S PHOENIX PLUM REPORTS.

SPORTS 10 PM/03/02/2024 :10  
BUSY BUSY SATURDAY IN SPORTS FOR OUR AREA BUT DON'T WORRY, WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED WITH ALL OF THE ACTION. IT WAS A LOUISIANA BATTLE ON THE DIAMOND TODAY BUT IN HOUSTON. LSU TAKING ON UL-LAFAYETTE AT MINUTE MAID PARK. A BIT OF A LATE START TONIGHT BUT TIGERS MADE THIS SHOWDOWN A FUN ONE.

Education 9 AM 3/3/2024  
THE L-S-U MUSEUM IS HAVING A CELEBRITY READING ROOM EVENT THIS AFTERNOON. FROM ONE TO FOUR THE MUSEUM WILL BE HAVING IT'S ACCESS FOR ALL DAY...A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES FREE ADMISSION FEATURING PROMINENT LOCAL FIGURES FROM AROUND BATON ROUGE, INCLUDING THE MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME.

Politics 9 AM 3/3/2024  
FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP SECURED THREE MORE VICTORIES AHEAD OF SUPER TUESDAY. TRUMP WON THE MISSOURI, MICHIGAN, AND IDAHO CAUCUSES LAST NIGHT WHILE HIS LAST RIVAL FOR THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION, NIKKI HALEY, IS STILL LOOKING FOR HER FIRST VICTORY.

Sports 9 AM 3/3/2024  
A QUICK RECAP OF OUR HOW TEAMS FROM AROUND OUR VIEWING AREA DID LAST NIGHT IN MARSH MADNESS: WOODLAWN COULDN'T STICK WITH THE JOHN CURTIS PATRIOTS AND LOST 46 TO 60. MADISON PREP KEPT IT CLOSER AGAINST LAFAYETTE CHRISTIAN, BUT STILL LOST BY FIVE, WITH A FINAL SCORE OF 43 TO 38. WITH THAT PEP TALK, DENHAM AND THE LADY YELLOW JACKETS WERE ABLE TO GET OUT TO AN EARLY LEAD AGAINST PARKWAY, BUT COULDN'T GO THE DISTANCE, ENDING ALMOST 30 POINTS DOWN, WITH A SCORE OF 57 TO 29.

WEATHER 5:30 PM/03/03/2024 :10  
WE SAW LOTS OF DRY TIME THIS WEEKEND, BUT AS WE BEGIN THE WEEK RAIN CHANCES INCREASING. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO MALCOLM WITH THE LATEST.

COMMUNITY 5:30 PM/03/03/2024 :25  
VOLUNTEERS AT ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ARE GIVING BACK TO FIREFIGHTERS WHO RESPONDED TO A MASSIVE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THEIR CHURCH LAST MONTH. TODAY SEVERAL PARENTS AND STUDENTS DELIVERED MEALS AND APPRECIATION BASKETS TO 12 FIRE STATIONS AROUND THE CITY. THEY RAISED OVER FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE MEALS THROUGH A SCHOOL FUNDRAISER. VOLUNTEERS WE SPOKE TO SAY THEY FELT IT WAS THE LEAST THEY COULD DO.

POLITICS 5:30 PM/03/03/2024 :15  
STATE POLICE OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE ALREADY BEGUN DEPLOYING TROOPERS IN NEW ORLEANS. IT COMES AFTER GOVERNOR LANDRY CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT TROOP TO HELP N-O-P-D.

BREAKING 10 PM/03/03/2024 :20  
A WOMAN'S BODY HAS BEEN FOUND OUTSIDE OF A BATON ROUGE GAS STATION TONIGHT. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR: BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THE WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD BEHIND THE FAST LANE GAS STATION OFF FLORIDA BOULEVARD THIS EVENING. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING HER DEATH AS A HOMICIDE.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/03/2024 :10  
VOLUNTEERS FROM ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL SHOWED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR FIREFIGHTERS WHO RESPONDED TO A MASSIVE BLAZE THAT DESTROYED THEIR CHURCH LAST MONTH. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/03/2024 :15  
TO KICK OFF READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK, THE LOUISIANA ART AND SCIENCE MUSEUM HELD A "READING AND RHYTHM" EVENT TODAY. IT WAS HOSTED BY RANI WHITFIELD BETTER KNOWN AS THE "HIP HOP DOC," WHO RECENTLY WROTE A NEW CHILDREN'S BOOK HE SAYS PROMOTES POSITIVE BEHAVIOR AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS.

CRIME 5AM 3/4/2024  
BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AFTER A WOMAN WAS SHOT TO DEATH AT A FLORIDA BOULEVARD GAS STATION SUNDAY. IT HAPPENED NEAR MARQUE ANN DRIVE, JUST AFTER EIGHT-P-M. POLICE SAY THE WOMAN WAS FOUND BY A SHIPPING CONTAINER. SHE HAD BEEN SHOT IN THE HEAD. THE SHOOTING IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A HOMICIDE. POLICE STILL HAVE NOT DETERMINED WHEN SHE WAS SHOT. WHEN WE GET MORE INFORMATION, WE'LL HAVE THAT ON WBRZ.COM. NO SUSPECTS OR MOTIVE HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED YET. WE'VE REACHED OUT TO THE CORONER TO LEARN THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY. WE'LL HAVE THAT UPDATE WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE HERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE AT "W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM".

COMMUNITY 5AM 3/4/2024  
REGISTRATION FOR BREC SUMMER CAMPS IS OPEN. CAMPERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE RECREATIONAL GAMES, COMMUNITY FIELD TRIPS, SPORTS, AND SO MUCH MORE. CAMPS ARE ALL SUMMER LONG STARTING JUNE THIRD. SOME MAY GO THROUGH THE END OF JULY, WHILE OTHERS END IN AUGUST. CAMPS CAN RANGE FROM 70-DOLLARS TO 125-DOLLARS FOR EAST BATON ROUGE ATTENDEES. APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN NOT IN THE PARISH CAN START REGISTERING MARCH 12TH. IT CAN COST UP TO 155-DOLLARS FOR THOSE CAMPERS. YOU CAN SIGN YOUR CHILD UP BY GOING TO WBRZ.COM.

SPORTS 5AM 3/4/2024  
THE L-S-U BASEBALL ON THE ROAD THE LAST FEW DAYS TAKING ON MULTIPLE TEAMS IN THE LONE STAR STATE. THE TIGERS LOOK TO FINISH OFF A 4 AND 0 WEEK SUNDAY AT MINUTE MAID PARK AGAINST TEXAS STATE AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THEY DID. IT WAS A SCORELESS GAME UNTIL THE BOTTOM OF THE THIRD. L-S-U'S JOSH PEARSON HIT HIS THIRD HOME RUN OF THE SEASON GIVING THE TIGERS A 1 AND 0 LEAD. IT WOULD ONLY GET BETTER FROM

THERE. L-S-U PUTS UP FIVE POINTS THE FOURTH INNING. BUT IN THE TOP OF THE FIFTH, STARTER THATCHER HURD SURRENDERS 3 RUNS. BUT L-S-U CLOSES OUT A GREAT WEEK BEATING TEXAS STATE 10 TO 5. THE TIGER BATS ALSO PRETTY GOOD OVER THE WEEKEND AVERAGING SEVEN RUNS A MATCHUP. THE TIGERS END THEIR TIME IN HOUSTON WITH FOUR WINS IN FIVE DAYS. L-S-U BACK IN ACTION ON WEDNESDAY AGAINST SOUTHEASTERN.

Crime 3/4/24 12pm

A WOMAN IS DEAD AFTER BEING SHOT IN THE HEAD SUNDAY NIGHT. POLICE FOUND HER BODY AT A GAS STATION ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD NEAR MARQUE ANN DRIVE, JUST AFTER EIGHT-P-M.

Health 3/4/24 12pm

COLON CANCER: THE CANCER NOBODY LIKES TO TALK ABOUT. TODAY, WE MEET A WELL KNOWN EDUCATOR IN ST. JAMES PARISH WHO IS A CANCER SURVIVOR. SHE'S TEACHING LESSONS ABOUT EARLY DETECTION AND TREATMENT TO SAVE LIVES IN THE FACE OF THIS SILENT KILLER.

Community 3/4/24 12pm

IT'S TIME TO FILL HEARTS WITH HOPE AS YOU HELP US FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE NEEDY. OUR ANNUAL LENTEN CAMPAIGN IS UNDERWAY.

CRIME 3-4-24/4PM :20

POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING OUTSIDE A GAS STATION IN BATON ROUGE OVER THE WEEKEND. THEY FOUND THE BODY OF 21 YEAR-OLD ABBY BURT BY A SHIPPING CONTAINER NEAR THE CORNER MARQUE ANN DRIVE AND FLORIDA BOULEVARD, JUST AFTER EIGHT LAST NIGHT. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY 3-4-24/4PM :20

FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A BUSINESS FIRE IN BATON ROUGE EARLY THIS MORNING. CREWS SAY HEAVY SMOKE WAS SEEN COMING FROM THE BACK OF NEW NATURE THRIFT STORE NEAR ASTER STREET. THE STORE RECIEVED HEAVY DAMAGE ALONG WITH TWO OTHER SUITES NEABY. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED. THERE'S NO WORD ON HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

BUSINESS 3-4-24/4PM :20

IF YOU HAVE LEFT OVER MARDI GRAS BEADS, KRISPY KREME WILL TAKE THEM OFF YOUR HANDS. FOR EVERY 12 POUNDS OF BEADS, YOU CAN GET A COUPON GOOD FOR A DOZEN DONUTS. ONLY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK...BEADS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE KRISPY KREME SHOP OFF OF PLANK ROAD DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

Crime 3/4/24 5 p.m. :27

BATON ROUGE POLICE HAVE NOW IDENTIFIED THE WOMAN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH LAST NIGHT AT A GAS STATION ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD. THE BODY OF 21 YEAR OLD ABBY BURT WAS DISCOVERED ON THE SIDE OF THE STORE NEAR A SHIPPING CONTAINER. SHE HAD A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD. POLICE DO HAVE A SUSPECT FOR THE SHOOTING. THEY ARE WORKING TO TRACK THAT PERSON DOWN. WE ARE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUSPECT AND WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING. WE HAVE UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Community 3/4/24 5 p.m. :34

A FALSE ACTIVE SHOOTER REPORT PUT ISTROUMA HIGH ON LOCKDOWN THIS MORNING. A PARENT ENTERED THE SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM FOUND OUT HOW IT HAPPENED. LAKIETRA LEWIS SAYS HER DAUGHTER HAS BEEN BEATEN UP TWICE BY SENIORS IN THE LAST WEEK INCLUDING TODAY. LEWIS SAYS HER DAUGHTER CAME HOME LAST WEEK WITH A BLACK EYE, A BUSTED NOSE, AND BUSTED LIPS. SHE WENT TO ISTROUMA HIGH TODAY AFTER THE SECOND ATTACK TO SPEAK HER MIND. THE POLICE



WERE THEN CALLED TO THE SCHOOL. A FALSE 9-1-1 CALL WAS MADE INDICATING A PARENT WITH A GUN WAS ON CAMPUS.

Health 3/4/24 5 p.m. :48  
IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...SODIUM IS ADDED TO MANY PROCESSED FOODS WHILE RECIPES OFTEN CALL FOR SALT IN THE INGREDIENTS. MANY PEOPLE ADD TABLE SALT TO THEIR FOOD FOR FLAVOR. IT OFTEN LEADS TO DIETS WITH TOO MUCH SALT. NEW RESEARCH SHOWS IT CAN INCREASE YOUR RISK OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE. YOUR KIDNEYS BALANCE THE AMOUNT OF SODIUM IN YOUR BODY. IF YOU'RE GETTING TOO MUCH, IT BUILDS UP IN YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HEART WORKS HARDER TO PUMP AND INCREASES BLOOD PRESSURE, RAISING THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE, STROKE, AND KIDNEY DISEASE. MAYO CLINIC'S DR. IVAN PORTER SAYS SODIUM IS ADDED TO MOST PROCESSED FOODS. IT'S ALSO IN A LOT OF CONDIMENTS. THE RECOMMENDED DAILY LIMIT OF SODIUM IS 2,300 MILLIGRAMS, OR ABOUT 1 TEASPOON. DR. PORTER RECOMMENDS READING FOOD LABELS. AND CUT BACK ON THE SALT SHAKER BY USING SALT-FREE SEASONINGS.

Weather 3-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30  
RAIN AND STORMS, SOME OF THEM BRINGING DOWNPOURS AND GUSTY WIND, MAKING THEIR PRESENCE FELT ON THIS MONDAY. THE STORM STATION IS EXPECTING SEVERAL MORE HOURS OF ACTIVE WEATHER. CHIEF METEOROLOGIST DR. JOSH EACHUS LEADS US OFF WITH WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW HEADING INTO TOMORROW.

Crime 3-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
POLICE SWARMED ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL AND LOCKED DOWN THE CAMPUS AFTER A REPORT OF A PARENT WITH A GUN. THERE WAS NO GUN, BUT INSTEAD A PARENT FRUSTRATED BY WHAT SHE DESCRIBES AS REPEATED ATTACKS ON HER DAUGHTER. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THAT STORY.

Community 3-4-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IN DECEMBER TWO ON YOUR SIDE TOOK US TO DONALDSONVILLE. IT'S A COMMUNITY THAT'S BEEN RATTLED BY PILE-DRIVING. THAT PILE-DRIVING IS NECESSARY TO BUILD A NEW PUMP STATION THAT WILL BRING FRESH WATER TO SURROUNDING PARISHES. HOWEVER AS BRITTANY WEISS REPORTS, IT'S CAUSED A LOT OF DAMAGE TO HOMES AND BUSINESSES IN A HISTORIC COMMUNITY AND THEY FEAR MORE IS COMING.

Weather 3-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30  
AFTER A RAINY DAY WE ARE NOT DONE YET...UNSETTLED WEATHER WILL LAST INTO OUR TUESDAY. MALCOLM LEADS US OFF WITH YOUR 24 HOUR FORECAST.

Community 3-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
SOME EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOLS HAVE SHUT THEIR DOORS...NEVER TO OPEN AGAIN. THOSE PROPERTIES ARE VACANT AND UNSECURED. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON WITH MORE ON THE ABANDONED SCHOOLS.

Court 3-4-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP IS VOICING HIS SUPPORT OF THIS MORNING SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO KEEP HIM ON THE BALLOT. ALL NINE JUSTICES RULED IN FAVOR OF TRUMP -- A DAY AHEAD OF SUPER TUESDAY WHEN SIXTEEN STATES VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

COMMUNITY 9pm/03/04/24 :20  
AT THE CAPITOL -- A NEW BILL COMING TO THE LEGISLATURE COULD CUTBACK ON HOW SNAP BENEFITS ARE USED. THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM -- OR SNAP HELPS FAMILIES PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/04/24 :20

BATON ROUGE POLICE RELEASED THE IDENTITY OF THE WOMAN FOUND SHOT TO DEATH LAST NIGHT AT A GAS STATION ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/04/24 :20  
SINCE EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BATON ROUGE CLOSED ITS DOORS IN 20-21, IT HAS STOOD EMPTY AND PRONE TO TRESPASSERS. THAT IS RAISING SAFETY CONCERNS BY RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NEAR THE BLIGHTED PROPERTY.

10pm 3/4/24 politics  
A PROPOSED BILL COULD LIMIT WHAT LOW INCOME FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO BUY FROM THE GROCERY STORE. THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – SNAP – HELPS FAMILIES PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO THE BILL'S AUTHOR ABOUT WHY HE IS PUSHING FOR THE CHANGE.

10pm 3/4/24 politics  
REPRESENTATIVE GARRET GRAVES WILL RUN TO KEEP HIS SEAT IN THE NEWLY DRAWN SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. A RULING BY FEDERAL JUDGE SHELLY DICK FORCED THE LEGISLATURE TO RE-SHAPE THE STATE'S VOTING MAPS DURING THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT COMPLETELY ALTERED GRAVES' CURRENT ELECTORATE. THE GOAL TO CREATE A SECOND MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT TO MATCH LOUISIANA'S POPULATION DISTRICT. GRAVES ARGUED THE MAP IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND BELIEVES IT WILL LIKELY BE OVERTURNED. HE WILL LIKELY FACE DEMOCRAT STATE SENATOR CLEO FIELDS, WHO IS THE ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE TO DECLARE FOR THE RACE.

10pm 3/4/24 crime  
A FALSE REPORT OF AN ACTIVE SHOOTER AT ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL THIS MORNING, PROMPTED THE CAMPUS TO BE PLACED ON LOCKDOWN.

5AM 3/5/24 CRIME  
ISTROUMA HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPERATE AS NORMAL AFTER BEING PLACED ON LOCKDOWN MONDAY. THE LOCKDOWN WAS BECAUSE OF A FALSE REPORT OF A PARENT WITH A GUN. OFFICIALS TOLD W-B-R-Z THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE WAS BECAUSE OF A FRUSTRATED PARENT ENTERING THE SCHOOL WITHOUT PERMISSION. LA-KEITRA LEWIS SAYS HER DAUGHTER WAS PHYSICALLY ATTACKED TWICE IN THE LAST WEEK. LEWIS SAID SHE WENT TO THE SCHOOL MONDAY AS A CONCERNED PARENT DEMANDING CHANGE. HER MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE STUDENTS WHO ABUSE HER DAUGHTER ARE STILL IN SCHOOL DESPITE HER DAUGHTER BEING SENT HOME. SCHOOL SYSTEM OFFICIALS SAID THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY DETAILS ABOUT THE INCIDENT.

5AM 3/5/24 GOVERNMENT  
CONGRESSMAN GARRET GRAVES WILL RUN TO KEEP HIS SEAT IN THE NEWLY DRAWN SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. A RULING BY FEDERAL JUDGE SHELLY DICK FORCED THE LEGISLATURE TO RE-SHAPE THE STATE'S VOTING MAPS DURING THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION EARLIER THIS YEAR. IT COMPLETELY ALTERED GRAVES' CURRENT ELECTORATE. THE GOAL TO CREATE A SECOND MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT TO MATCH LOUISIANA'S POPULATION DISTRICT. GRAVES ARGUED THE MAP IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND BELIEVES IT WILL LIKELY BE OVERTURNED. HE WILL LIKELY FACE DEMOCRAT STATE SENATOR CLEO FIELDS, WHO IS THE ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE TO DECLARE FOR THE RACE.

5AM 3/5/24 EDUCATION  
EDUCATION LEADERS SAY KEEPING STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ISSUES FACING LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. BESE PRESIDENT RONNIE MORRIS TOLD THE BATON ROUGE PRESS CLUB, THE FOCUS NEEDS TO BE ON ACCOUNTABILITY. MORRIS SAYS PARENTS ARE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ATTEND SCHOOL. HE BELIEVES THE BURDEN IS ALSO ON POLICY MAKERS, SCHOOL BOARDS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ULTIMATELY TEACHERS.

Government 3/5/24 12pm

GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HELD A SIGNING CEREMONY TODAY. WHERE HE SIGNED THE CRIME BILLS FROM THE ONGOING SPECIAL SESSION.

Community 3/5/24 12pm

IN DECEMBER, TWO ON YOUR SIDE TOOK US TO DONALDSONVILLE. IT IS A COMMUNITY RATTLED BY PILE-DRIVING. THAT PILE-DRIVING IS NECESSARY TO BUILD A NEW PUMP STATION, WHICH WILL BRING FRESH WATER TO SURROUNDING PARISHES. HOWEVER, AS BRITTANY WEISS REPORTS, IT HAS CAUSED A LOT OF DAMAGE TO HOMES AND BUSINESS IN A HISTORIC COMMUNITY AND THEY FEAR MORE IS COMING.

Election 3/5/24 12pm

TODAY IS SUPER TUESDAY. VOTERS IN FIFTEEN STATES AND AMERICAN SAMOA HEAD TO THE POLLS TO CHOOSE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE. IT'S SET TO BE A CRUCIAL DAY IN THE RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE AS BOTH PRESIDENT BIDEN AND FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP LOOK TO EXTEND THEIR DELEGATE LEADS.

POLITICS

3-5-24/4PM

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GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY HAS SIGNED A NUMBER OF CRIME BILLS THAT WERE PASSED AT THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION. AMONG THEM IS ONE THAT WOULD ALLOW NEW EXECUTION METHODS FOR DEATH ROW INMATES INCLUDING ELECTROCUTION AND NITROGEN GAS. AND ONE THAT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO CONCEAL CARRY HANDGUNS WITHOUT A PERMIT.

COMMUNITY

3-5-24/4PM

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HUGE HONORS HANDED DOWN TODAY FOR A COUPLE MEMBERS OF THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM. ANGEL REESE HAS BEEN NAMED THE S-E-C PLAYER OF THE YEAR. SHE WAS ALSO CHOSEN FOR THE ALL-SEC FIRST TEAM AND THE ALL-DEFENSIVE TEAM. MIKAYLAH WILLIAMS WAS ALSO CHOSEN AS THE S-E-C FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR AND DRAFTER FOR THE ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM.

COMMUNITY

3-5-24/4PM

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THE ANGOLA PRISON RODEO RETURNS NEXT MONTH AND TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW! THE RODEO WILL BE HELD APRIL 20TH AND 21ST THIS YEAR. GATES WILL BE AT EIGHT A-M FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY HOBBY CRAFTS AND OTHER FESTIVITIES BUT THE SHOW BEGINS AT ONE P-M. TICKETS ARE 20 DOLLARS AND CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE.

Crime

3/5/24

5 p.m.

:17

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AFTER A WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN A CAR. IT HAPPENED EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON ON STAN AVENUE AT NORTH SHERWOOD. POLICE HAVE NOT CONFIRMED HOW SHE WAS KILLED, BUT DO SAY IT IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A HOMICIDE. HER NAME HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED.

Community

3/5/24

5 p.m.

:52

THE LIVINGSTON PARISH DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER SET TO BREAK GROUND THIS YEAR IS FACING A FUNDING PROBLEM. THE MONEY FROM THE STATE IS NOT THERE YET. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY. LIVINGSTON PARISH SHERIFF JASON ARD HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON DECEMBER 20TH ANNOUNCING A NEARLY 45 -MILLION DOLLAR DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER THAT WOULD BE USED TO HOUSE FIRST RESPONDERS AND CITIZENS DISPLACED FROM NATURAL DISASTERS, SUCH AS THE 20-16 FLOOD. THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD EVEN THOUGH TEN MILLION DOLLARS OF THE FUNDING WAS PUT INTO THE LOWEST PRIORITY OF THE STATE'S CAPITAL OUTLAY BUDGET. THAT MEANS THE MONEY IS NOT AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW AND WON'T BE UNLESS A CHANGE IS MADE. ONLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS IS SECURED FOR THE PROJECT...MORE THAN 43 MILLION IS STILL NEEDED. THE DECISION TO CHANGE PRIORITIES WAS VOTED ON BY THE INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>.

Health 3/5/24 5 p.m. :34  
PEOPLE LIVING NEAR MASSIVE WILDFIRES OFTEN NEED MORE HELP COPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. A NEW STUDY LOOKED AT MORE THAN SEVEN-MILLION CALIFORNIANS WHO LIVED CLOSE TO 25 LARGE WILDFIRES BETWEEN 20-11 AND 20-18. RESEARCHERS FOUND INCREASED ORDERS FOR ANTI-DEPRESSANTS, MOOD STABILIZING MEDICINES, AND MEDICINES TO REDUCE ANXIETY. THE INCREASES INCLUDED NEW PRESCRIPTIONS AND REFILLS. WOMEN AND OLDER ADULTS WERE MORE LIKELY TO GET MORE MEDICATION. PREVIOUS RESEARCH HAS SHOWN WILDFIRES CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND SLEEP PROBLEMS.

Community 3-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE L-S-U COMMUNITY IS IN MOURNING AFTER ONE EMPLOYEE WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER INJURED IN A CAR ACCIDENT. IT HAPPENED LAST MONTH WHEN THE TWO RECRUITERS WERE HEADED HOME FROM AN OUT-OF-STATE EVENT. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW THE UNIVERSITY PLANS TO HONOR THIS TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND SUPPORT THE OTHER WHO IS FIGHTING FOR THEIRS.

Investigation 3-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
WE'VE LEARNED OF A POTENTIAL ROAD BLOCK IN LIVINGSTON PARISH FOR A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. WORKERS WERE SUPPOSED TO BREAK GROUND ON AN EMERGENCY FACILITY BY THE SUMMER WHICH WOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO HOUSE HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN SITUATIONS LIKE THE FLOOD OF 2016. BUT NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM FOUND OUT ONLY A FRACTION OF THE MONEY NEEDED HAS BEEN SECURED.

Consumer 3-5-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A WOMAN'S ROOF HAS HOLES IN IT. AND AFTER GETTING NOWHERE WITH THE COMPANY THAT INSTALLED IT A COUPLE OF HER FRIENDS CONTACTED TWO ON YOU SIDE FOR HELP. BRITTANY WEISS VISITED WITH THEM THIS MORNING.

Community 3-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
WE RETURN TO A STORY THAT WE TOLD YOU ABOUT YESTERDAY. THE FORMER EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY HAS BEEN ABANDONED FOR THREE YEARS WITH NO OBVIOUS PLAN IN PLACE.

Politics 3-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
POLLS ARE BEGINNING TO CLOSE TONIGHT FOR SUPER TUESDAY. VOTERS IN FIFTEEN STATES AND AMERICAN SAMOA ARE CHOOSING WHO THEY WANT TO BE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE.

Consumer 3-5-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
CREDIT CARD RELIEF SOON FOR MILLIONS OF AMERICANS WITH THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION REDUCING CREDIT CARD LATE FEES. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN SO MANY FAMILIES ARE FACING CREDIT CARD DEBT STRUGGLING TO PAY OFF THEIR BALANCES.

COMMUNITY 9pm/03/05/24 :20  
THE MAYOR OF NEW ROADS HAS APPOINTED A NEW POLICE CHIEF. CEDRIC EPPS -- A 12-YEAR POINT COUPEE SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS CONFIRMED TODAY BY THE CITY COUNCIL. EPPS FILLS FORMER CHIEF DELANEY LEE'S SPOT ONE MONTH AFTER HE RESIGNED.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/05/24 :20  
A PAIR OF BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICERS ARE BEING SUED FOR THEIR ROLE IN A POLICE CHASE THAT ENDED IN A DEADLY CRASH LAST YEAR. THE CHASE STARTED WHEN OFFICERS JOSEPH CARBONI AND TYLER BENNETT TRIED TO STOP A DRIVER ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD FOR A BROKEN TAIL LIGHT.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/05/24 :20

TWO MONTHS ON THE JOB AND GOVERNOR LANDRY PUT HIS STAMP ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOUISIANA. LANDRY SIGNED 11 NEW GET-TOUGH-ON-CRIME BILLS INTO LAW TODAY. IT IS THE CULMINATION OF THE JUST-COMPLETED CRIME SPECIAL SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

10pm 3/5/24 community

ON THE LONG-DISCUSSED 'LSU ARENA'...INCLUDING POTENTIAL LOCATIONS AND COMPLETION DATES. WE TOLD YOU LAST WEEK THIS APPEARS TO BE CLOSER TO ACTUALLY HAPPENING. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH SAT DOWN WITH SOMEONE CLOSE TO THE PROJECT TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITIES AND THEIR OVERALL VISION.

10pm 3/5/24 politics

THE NEW ROADS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ITS NEW CHIEF. CEDRIC EPPS - WHO SERVED MORE THAN DECADE AS A DEPUTY WITH THE POINTE COUPEE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WAS BROUGHT ON BOARD AT THE MAYOR'S REQUEST AND COUNCIL'S APPROVAL. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY REPORTS ON THIS NEW CHAPTER FOR NEW ROADS.

10pm 3/5/24 crime

A PAIR OF BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICERS FACE A NEW LAWSUIT OVER A DEADLY CRASH LAST YEAR. THE SUIT ALLEGES OFFICERS JOSEPH CARBONI AND TYLER BENNETT TRIED TO STOP A DRIVER ON FLORIDA BOULEVARD FOR A BROKEN TAILLIGHT. THE DRIVER SPED OFF LEADING POLICE ON A CHASE BEFORE SLAMMING INTO A CAR DRIVEN BY 56 YEAR OLD VICTOR DUNCAN SENIOR. DUNCAN'S CHILDREN SAY THE OFFICERS BROKE DEPARTMENT POLICY BY DRIVING MORE THAN 25 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE SPEED LIMIT, DISREGARDING STOP SIGNS, AND DRIVING IN THE WRONG LANE OF TRAFFIC.

CRIME 5AM 3/6/2024

WE NOW KNOW THE NAME OF A WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN HER CAR OFF NORTH SHERWOOD FOREST DRIVE TUESDAY. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US 46-YEAR-OLD BRITTANY WILLIAMS WAS FOUND ON STAN AVENUE. POLICE SAY SHE WAS SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES AND SAID IT IS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A HOMICIDE. WE'LL CONTINUE TO BRING YOU THE VERY LATEST HERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

COMMUNITY 5AM 3/6/2024

DESPITE STILL NEEDING CRUCIAL APPROVAL FROM CITY LEADERS, THE STORIED L-S-U ARENA IS READY TO GO. THE POTENTIALLY \$400 MILLION ARENA WILL BE FUNDED BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. THEY WANT TO CREATE A VENUE LIKE THE MOODY CENTER IN AUSTIN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS. SINCE OPENING, THE PRIVATELY FUNDED CENTER HAS HOSTED BIG ACTS LIKE BRUCE SPRINGSTEIN, HARRY STYLES, AND TIM MCGRAW...AS WELL SERVING AS THE HOME COURT FOR U-T'S BASKETBALL TEAM. L-S-U'S PROJECT CAN ONLY MOVE FORWARD IF THE METRO COUNCIL AGREES TO RESTRICT THE TYPES OF EVENTS HOSTED BY THE RIVER CENTER. IF IT IS APPROVED THEY ARE READY TO START PRETTY MUCH IMMEDIATELY.

SPORTS 5AM 3/6/2024

TODAY THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GETTING READY FOR A BIG SEND OFF TO GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA AHEAD OF THE S-E-C TOURNAMENT. AND THEY NOW KNOW WHERE THEY STAND IN THE CONFERENCE. FIVE OF KIM MULKEY'S PLAYERS EARNING ALL-S-E-C HONORS. AND ANGEL REESE IS THE CONFERENCE'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR. SHE IS THE THIRD LSU TIGER TO EARN THE HONOR, SEIMONE AUGUSTUS AND SYLVIA FOWLES WERE THE OTHERS. REESE, IS AVERAGING 19 POINTS AND 13 REBOUNDS THIS SEASON. SHE WAS ASKED AFTER SUNDAY'S GAME WHAT SHE WANTED HER LEGACY TO BE AT L-S-U AND IT'S TO INSPIRE OTHER PLAYERS. MIKAYLAH WILLIAMS WAS NAMED FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR. ANNESAH MORROW LANDS ON THE ALL S-E-C FIRST TEAM. FLAU'JAE JOHNSON ON THE SECOND. AND ALIYAH DEL ROSARIO FINDS HERSELF ON THE ALL FRESHMAN TEAM. THE SEND-OFF PARTY FOR THE LADY TIGERS STARTS THIS AFTERNOON AT 12-45 AT THE P-MAC

PAD. THEY PLAY THEIR FIRST GAME AT 5 P-M ON FRIDAY AGAINST THE WINNER OF THE ARKANSAS AND AUBURN GAME SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY.

Crime Noon 3/6/2024

A MAN HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEADLY CRASH THAT KILLED WALKER HIGH STUDENT BLAKELEIGH WEEMS. SHAWN ROBERTSON WAS ARRESTED THIS MORNING AND CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, RECKLESS OPERATION, AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. DENHAM POLICE SAY ROBERTSON WAS DRIVING AT LEAST 25 OVER THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT WHEN HE CRASHED INTO WEEMS.

Sports Noon 3/6/2024

THE DARTMOUTH COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM MADE HISTORY ON TUESDAY. THEY BECAME THE FIRST COLLEGE ATHLETES TO VOTE TO JOIN A LABOR UNION. THE PLAYERS CHOSE TO UNIONIZE THANKS TO THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD RECOGNIZING THEM AS EMPLOYEES OF THE UNIVERSITY. THIS IS SOMETHING DARTMOUTH AND THE N-C-DOUBLE-A HAVE PUSHED BACK AGAINST.

Business Noon 3/6/2024

OSCAR MAYER IS RELEASING MEATLESS HOT DOGS AND SAUSAGES. THE KRAFT HEINZ-OWNED BRAND SAYS THE VEGAN "NOT HOT DOGS" AND "NOT SAUSAGE" HAVE A SMOKY AND SAVORY TASTE THAT MIRROR THE REGULAR VERSIONS. THEY WILL BE ROLLING OUT NATIONWIDE LATER THIS YEAR. KRAFT AMPED UP ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH "NOT CO" FOR THESE PLANT-BASED FOODS.

CRIME 3-6-24/4PM :20  
POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST INTO A DEADLY NEW YEAR'S DAY CRASH IN DENHAM SPRINGS THAT CLAIMED THE LIFE OF 17 YEAR-OLD BLAKELEIGH WEEMS. POLICE SAY SHAWN ROBERTSON WAS DRIVING AT LEAST 25 MILES PER HOUR OVER THE SPEED LIMIT, WHEN HE CRASHED INTO WEEMS. ROBERTSON NOW FACES MULTIPLE CHARGES, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE AND DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

COMMUNITY 3-6-24/4PM :20  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS WILL BE GATHERING ON L-S-U'S CAMPUS TO MOURN THE DEATH OF ASHLEY GRANT. GRANT WORKED AS A RECRUITER FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE. SHE WAS KILLED IN A CRASH LAST MONTH. A MEMORIAL CEREMONY FOR GRANT WILL BE HELD IN THE NELSON MEMORIAL BUILDING ON LSU'S CAMPUS. SERVICES START AT FIVE.

COMMUNITY 3-6-24/4PM :20  
INVESTIGATORS SAY PROBLEMS WITH AN H-VAC SYSTEM CAUSED A HAIR SALON TO CATCH FIRE OVERNIGHT. BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONDED TO THE SCENE ON AIRWAY DRIVE JUST OFF OF AIRLINE HIGHWAY AROUND TWO-30 THIS MORNING. CREWS WERE ABLE TO CONTAIN THE FIRE TO THE HAIR SALON.

Transportation 3/6/24 5 p.m. :31  
E-B-R LEADERS ARE CELEBRATING THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL MOVE E-B-R TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECTS. MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME SAYS IT WAS A PRIORITY TO HELP RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC STRESS CAUSED BY THE I-10 WIDENING CONSTRUCTION. THE SIGNAL PROJECTS INCLUDE: 176 MILES OF NEW FIBER OPTIC CABLE, NEW DETECTION DEVICES, SIGNAL CONTROLLERS, AND TRAFFIC CAMERAS, MORE THAN A HUNDRED UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE BATTERY BACKUP FOR KEY CORRIDORS, AND HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR THE ADVANCED TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT CENTER.

Political 3/6/24 5 p.m. :42  
NOW THAT GOVERNOR LANDRY HAS SIGNED A BILL TO EXPAND EXECUTIONS THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IS NEXT. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN TELLS US WHAT OPPONENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT THIS NEW LAW. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 58 PEOPLE ON

DEATH ROW IN LOUISIANA. YET THE STATE HAS NOT EXECUTED ANYONE SINCE 2010. LOUISIANA BEGAN SEEING FEWER DEATH PENALTY EXECUTIONS AS PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES THAT MAKE THE DRUGS USED IN THE LETHAL INJECTION COCKTAIL STOPPED ALLOWING THE DRUGS TO BE SOLD FOR THAT PURPOSE. CECILIA KAPPEL IS AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY. SHE BELIEVES CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS SHOULD AGREE THAT THE DEATH PENALTY IS A WASTE OF GOVERNMENT TIME AND MONEY, BECAUSE IT COSTS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR EACH PERSON ON DEATH ROW.

Health 3/6/24 5 p.m. :24  
AN F-D-A ADVISORY PANEL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CHANGE THE MAKE-UP OF THE FLU VACCINE. THE NEW VERSION WILL ONLY INCLUDE 'A STRAINS' OF THE VIRUS. PREVIOUS FLU SHOTS CONTAINED BOTH 'A' AND 'B' STRAINS. RESEARCHERS SAY THE 'B' STRAIN HAS NOT BEEN DETECTED IN TESTING SINCE MARCH 2020. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ISSUED A SIMILAR CONCLUSION LAST YEAR. IF GIVEN FINAL APPROVAL, THE NEW VACCINE WOULD BE FIRST AVAILABLE IN THE FALL.

Crime 3-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
POLICE MADE AN ARREST TODAY IN A CRASH THAT KILLED A WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NEW YEARS DAY. 17 YEAR OLD BLAKELIGH WEEMS HAD JUST EXITED INTERSTATE 12 ONTO RANGE AVENUE JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN SOMEONE SLAMMED INTO THE CAR SHE WAS DRIVING. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM HERE WITH THE CHARGES.

Crime 3-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE DEATH PENALTY HAS BEEN ON HOLD IN LOUISIANA SINCE 20-10 IN PART BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY GETTING THE DRUGS TO CARRY OUT LETHAL INJECTIONS. THAT WILL LIKELY CHANGE NOW THAT GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY SIGNED A BILL ADDING NEW EXECUTION OPTIONS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN IN THE NEWSROOM WITH MORE ON WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE CHANGES.

Community 3-6-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:00  
THERE'S A HOME IN DENHAM SPRINGS THAT'S BEING ELEVATED...A REQUIREMENT MADE BY FEMA. BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM -- AND NOW PART OF THE HOUSE IS LEANING ONTO THE PROPERTY NEXT DOOR. THAT WOMAN LIVING NEXT DOOR CALLED TWO ON YOUR SIDE AND TELLS BRITTANY WEISS SHE IS VERY UNHAPPY.

Community 3-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
L-S-U AND CITY LEADERS WORKING ON A STRING OF PROJECTS THEY HOPE WILL BRING BIG IMPROVEMENTS TO BATON ROUGE. WE'VE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES AROUND CAMPUS AND TO THE RIVER CENTER, BUT THERE'S MORE. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

Politics 3-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION IS MARCH 23-RD. EXPERTS SAY TURNOUT COULD BE AFFECTED BY A SHIFT IN VOTER REGISTRATION. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON EXPLAINS.

School 3-6-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
CONNECTICUT IS CONSIDERING A CELL PHONE BAN IN ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SOME MIDDLE SCHOOLS ALREADY IMPLEMENTING THE POLICY.

COMMUNITY 9pm/03/06/24 :20  
LAST YEAR THE STATE CREATED A NEW OVERSIGHT POSITION TO ENSURE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES RECEIVE PROPER SERVICES. KATHLEEN RICHEY-- A FORMER JUDGE IN EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE COURT -- BECAME D-C-F-S' FIRST OM-BUDS-MAN -- THE CHANGE PUT

LOUISIANA IN LINE WITH MOST OTHER STATES IN THE COUNTRY. STILL SHE'S RUNNING INTO ROADBLOCKS. RICHEY SAYS RIGHT NOW SHE CAN'T ACCESS CRUCIAL JUVENILE RECORDS.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/06/24 :20  
POLICE MADE AN ARREST TODAY IN A CRASH THAT KILLED A WALKER HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF NEW YEAR'S DAY. 17 YEAR OLD BLAKELIGH WEEMS HAD JUST EXITED INTERSTATE-12 ONTO RANGE AVENUE WHEN SOMEONE SLAMMED INTO THE CAR SHE WAS DRIVING.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/06/24 :20  
NICHOLSON DRIVE CONNECTS L-S-U TO DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE, AND DEVELOPERS HAVE BIG PLANS FOR IT. YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT SECTION OF LAND HAS BEEN CLEARED IN RECENT MONTHS. THE BATON ROUGE AREA FOUNDATION, T-A-F, AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE WORKING IN CONJUNCTION TO ELEVATE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT IN THE AREA FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH THE CREATION OF A NEW L-S-U ARENA.

10PM 3/6/24 POLITICS  
IN 47 STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY - A TEAM OF ADVOCATES HELP CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHO DEPEND ON THE GOVERNMENT FOR SERVICES. IN LOUISIANA THE TEAM IS JUST ONE PERSON. AND SHE IS RUNNING INTO ROADBLOCKS SHE HOPES THE LEGISLATURE CAN ADDRESS THIS UPCOMING SESSION. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY DETAILS ON WHAT RICHEY HOPES TO ACHIEVE.

10PM 3/6/24 CRIME  
BATON ROUGE POLICE RESPONDING TO A SHOOTING OFF COURSEY BOULEVARD NEAR THE SHERWOOD ACRES APARTMENT COMPLEX. THIS IS A LIVE LOOK AT THE SCENE. OFFICERS TELL US THEY WERE CALLED TO THE COMPLEX JUST ABOUT TWO HOUR AGO AROUND EIGHT OCLOCK. ONE PERSON WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH. DETECTIVES ARE WORKING TO DETERMINE A MOTIVE AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND PROVIDE UPDATES AS WE GET THEM ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM AND ON AIR.

10PM 3/6/24 INFRASTRUCTURE  
L-S-U AND CITY LEADERS ARE WORKING ON A STRING OF PROJECTS THEY SAY WILL BRING BIG IMPROVEMENTS TO BATON ROUGE. WE HAVE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGES AROUND CAMPUS AND TO THE RIVER CENTER, BUT THERE IS MORE. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE WITH BATON ROUGE AREA FOUNDATION PRESIDENT CHRIS MEYER ABOUT SOME OTHER EXCITING PLANS.

CRIME 5AM 3/7/2024  
WE'RE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION AFTER A PERSON WAS KILLED IN A SHOOTING AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OFF COURSEY BOULEVARD. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THEY WERE CALLED TO THE SHERWOOD ACRES APARTMENT COMPLEX AROUND 8. DETECTIVES ARE WORKING TO DETERMINE A MOTIVE AND POSSIBLE SUSPECTS. WE'LL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND PROVIDE UPDATES AS WE GET THEM ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM AND ON TUNE IN.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/7/2024  
WITH PRIMARY DAY ON MARCH 23-RD IT'S TIME TO HIT THE POLLS. EARLY VOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION STARTS ON SATURDAY. EARLY VOTING GOES THROUGH MARCH 16-TH WITH THE EXCLUSION OF MARCH 10-TH. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8-30 A-M TO 6 P-M. YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY LOCATION IN YOUR PARISH. LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 3/7/2024



THE REGULAR SEASON IS WINDING DOWN AND L-S-U MEN'S HOOPS IS ON THE ROAD FOR THE LAST TIME. THEY TOOK ON THE ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS WEDNESDAY NIGHT...A TEAM THEY BEAT IN BACK IN EARLY FEBRUARY. MATT MCMAHON LOOKING TO CLOSE OUT THE REGULAR SEASON ON A POSITIVE NOTE SO ANOTHER WIN OVER THE HOGS CAN HELP THAT EFFORT. FIRST HALF... THE TIGERS GET 35 POINTS ON THE BOARD BUT THE RAZORBACKS GET IT DONE SCORING 42 POINTS. GOING INTO THE SECOND HALF... TIGERS TRAIL BY 7 POINTS. TIGERS STILL TRAIL THOUGH AND NEED TO PLAY CATCH UP. THEY TRY TO MAKE A COMEBACK WITH 52 POINTS IN THE SECOND BUT IT WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH. THE TIGERS LOSE 94 TO 83. HERE'S THE FINAL FROM BUDD WALTON ARENA. THE TIGERS HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE TO END THE REGULAR SEASON ON THE RIGHT FOOT WHEN THEY HOST MISSOURI AT HOME ON SATURDAY.

Sports Noon 3/7/2024

MICHAEL THOMAS, ONE OF THE LAST SAINTS' PLAYERS FROM THE SEAN PAYTON ERA IS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED FROM THE TEAM. HE LEAVES BEHIND A COMPLICATED LEGACY WITH THE CLUB. THOMAS WAS DRAFTED IN 20-16 BY THE SAINTS AND HAS SET MULTIPLE RECEIVING RECORDS IN HIS TIME WITH THE TEAM.

Business Noon 3/7/2024

IF YOU'RE A FAN OF I-HOP AND APPLEBEE'S -- YOU COULD SOON GET YOUR PANCAKE STACK WITH BONELESS WINGS ON THE SIDE. THAT'S BECAUSE DINE BRANDS GLOBAL -- THE PARENT COMPANY OF BOTH RESTAURANTS -- IS THINKING ABOUT OPENING APPLEBEE'S AND IHOP COMBINATION RESTAURANTS. THE COMPANY SAID THE REVENUE FROM THE JOINT RESTAURANTS COULD DOUBLE THAT OF A STANDALONE RESTAURANT AND COST LESS TO BUILD.

Health Noon 3/7/2024

A NEW STUDY FINDS MICROPLASTICS ARE LINKED TO DOUBLE THE CHANCES FOR A HEART ATTACK -- STROKE ... AND EVEN DEATH. IT FOUND PEOPLE WITH MICRO OR NANOPLASTICS IN THEIR CAROTID {KUH-RO-TID} ARTERY TISSUES WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE -- FROM ANY CAUSE OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

COMMUNITY 3-7-24/4PM :20

B-R-P-D IS HAVING ANOTHER COMMUNITY WALK AND TALK THIS AFTERNOON. THIS ONE IS IN THE WELLER AVENUE AREA. THE GOAL OF COURSE IS TO REACH OUT TO NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS...AND HEAR ABOUT CONCERNS AND WAYS TO HELP CUT DOWN ON CRIME.

COMMUNITY 3-7-24/4PM :20

EARLY VOTING FOR THE LOUISIANA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON MARCH TWENTY-THIRD...BEGINS ON SATURDAY. IT RUNS THROUGH MARCH SIXTEENTH WITH THE EXCLUSION OF MARCH TENTH. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM EIGHT-30 A-M TO SIX P-M. LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

POLITICS 3-7-24/4PM :20

JOINING THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS TONIGHT...WILL BE LOUISIANA ACTIVIST, NANCY DAVIS. DAVIS IS AN ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS. SHE STARTED THE NANCY DAVIS FOUNDATION AFTER SHE WAS DENIED A MEDICAL PREGNANCY TERMINATION IN BATON ROUGE. SHE HAS ADVANCED STATE LEGISLATION TO LIST CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS FOR A MEDICAL ABORTION IN LOUISIANA.

Crime 3/7/24 5 p.m. :28

CENTRAL POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST IN A DEADLY ON HOOPER ROAD IN EARLY FEBRUARY. 31-YEAR-OLD BREANNE BEASLEY IS CHARGED WITH VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IN THE DEATH OF LUCILLE HOLWAGER. FOLLOWING THE CRASH, POLICE FOUND A LOADED SYRINGE IN BEASLEY'S CAR. TOXICOLOGY REPORTS HAVE NOW COME BACK SHOWING THE

PRESENCE OF METHAMPHETAMINES AND AMPHETAMINES IN HER SYSTEM AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. INVESTIGATORS SAY BEASLEY CROSSED THE CENTERLINE AND CRASHED HEAD ON INTO HOLWAGER'S CAR.

Political 3/7/24 5 p.m. :49  
GUN SAFETY HAS RECEIVED MORE ATTENTION SINCE THE PASSAGE OF NEW CONCEALED CARRY BILLS BY THE LEGISLATURE. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN WENT TO A SHOOTING COMPETITION FOR KIDS WHERE GUN SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY. TODAY ABOUT A HUNDRED AND 50 KIDS-- SOME AS YOUNG AS NINE YEARS OLD-- PUT THEIR SHARP SHOOTING SKILLS TO THE TEST WHILE ALSO FOCUSING ON GUN SAFETY. THE KIDS ABOUT A HUNDRED AND 50 KIDS-- SOME AS YOUNG AS NINE YEARS OLD-- COMPETED AGAINST OTHER FOUR-H CLUB MEMBERS FROM THE SOUTHERN LOUISIANA REGION. EACH CHILD IS REQUIRED TO HAVE HOURS OF TRAINING IN GUN SAFETY BEFORE MAKING IT TO THIS MATCH. GIVEN THE RECENT LEGISLATION SIGNED BY GOVERNOR LANDRY WHICH WILL ALLOW PEOPLE 18 AND OLDER TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM WITHOUT A PERMIT PARENTS SAY IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEND THEIR CHILD OUT INTO THE WORLD WITH A FIRM UNDERSTANDING OF HOW TO OPERATE A GUN.

Health 3/7/24 5 p.m. :19  
A COLOSSAL COLON ON DISPLAY TODAY AT BATON ROUGE GENERAL. IT IS PART OF COLLABORATION WITH MARY BIRD PERKINS CANCER CENTER'S PREVENTION ON THE GO. THE INFLATED MODEL SHOWS HOW THE COLON APPEARS FROM THE INSIDE, INCLUDING WHAT A POLYP AND CANCER LOOK LIKE. LOUISIANA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES FOR COLON CANCER IN THE COUNTRY.

WEATHER 6 PM/03/07/2024 :15  
THE STORM STATION TRACKING SOME ROUGHER WEATHER, AFTER TWO DAYS OF SUNSHINE. JOSH LEADS US OFF TRACKING A SYSTEM THAT COULD BRING RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND.

CRIME 6 PM/03/07/2024 :15  
THE RECENT MURDERS OF WOMEN IN OUR AREA HAVE PEOPLE CONCERNED AND SEARCHING FOR SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY HOWEVER, EACH CASE IS UNRELATED, BUT DOES HIGHLIGHT A CONCERNING PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO POLICE TO GET UPDATES ON EACH OF THESE RECENT HOMICIDES.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/07/2024 :15  
FROM DEADLY ACCIDENTS TO MASS MURDER THE DEBATE ABOUT GUNS IN THE HANDS OF JUVENILES SPREADS FAR AND WIDE. BUT ONE FRIENDLY COMPETITION HELD TODAY BY THE LOUISIANA 4-H CLUB MAKES GUN SAFETY THE NUMBER ONE TARGET. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW THESE CHILDREN ARE GAINING POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING EXPERIENCE WITH FIREARMS.

WEATHER 6:30 PM/03/07/2024 :10  
OUR STRETCH OF SPRING LIKE WEATHER SET TO END WITH A BANG. THUNDERSTORMS EXPECTED TO ROLL THROUGH. JOSH JOINS US WITH WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW.

CRIME 6:30 PM/03/07/2024 :10  
A MAN WANTED FOR A TRIPLE SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE LAST WEEK HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN OKLAHOMA CITY. DARIUS HOWARD FACES MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES.

NATIONAL 6:30 PM/03/07/2024 :10  
PRESIDENT BIDEN SET TO DELIVER IS STATE OF THE UNION TONIGHT TO PROMOTE HIS VISION FOR A SECOND TERM. BIDEN EXPECTED TO ADDRESS MULTIPLE ISSUES-- INCLUDING IMMIGRATION, THE WAR IN GAZA AND ABORTION.

#### 9PM 3/7/24 CRIME

RECENT MURDERS OF WOMEN IN OUR AREA HAVE PEOPLE CONCERNED AND SEARCHING FOR SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY EVEN THOUGH EACH CASE IS UNRELATED IT DOES HIGHLIGHT A CONCERNING PROBLEM OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO POLICE TO GET UPDATES ON EACH OF THESE RECENT HOMICIDES.

#### 9PM 3/7/24 COMMUNITY

AHEAD OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, THE UNITED WAY HOSTED AN EVENT TO ASSIST WOMEN IN THE CAPITAL CITY WITH JOB-READINESS SKILLS. ATTENDEES LEARNED JOB INTERVIEW TIPS AND TECHNIQUES, HOW TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS, RESUME BUILDING, AND COOKING CLASSES. ALL PARTICIPANTS WERE ALLOWED TO SHOP FROM THE EVENT'S BOUTIQUE FULL OF DONATED BLAZERS, WORK DRESSES, AND ATTIRE. WOMEN WALKED AWAY ENCOURAGED AND EQUIPPED FOR THE WORKFORCE.

#### 9PM 3/7/24 COMMUNITY

FROM DEADLY ACCIDENTS TO MASS MURDER THE DEBATE ABOUT GUNS IN THE HANDS OF JUVENILES SPREADS FAR AND WIDE. BUT ONE COMPETITION HELD TODAY BY THE LOUISIANA 4-H CLUB MAKES GUN SAFETY THE NUMBER ONE TARGET. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SHOWS US HOW CHILDREN ARE GAINING POTENTIALLY LIFE-SAVING EXPERIENCE WITH FIREARMS.

#### 10PM 3/7/24 POLITICS

YOU JUST SAW PRESIDENT BIDEN DELIVER HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. IN THE AUDIENCE NANCY DAVIS FROM BATON ROUGE. TWO YEARS AGO DAVIS FOUND OUT HER CHILD HAD FATAL ABNORMALITIES BUT SHE WAS UNABLE TO TERMINATE HER PREGNANCY IN STATE. ABORTION ACCESS JUST ONE OF THE TOPICS PRESIDENT BIDEN BROUGHT UP TONIGHT. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MALIGNY SPOKE TO DAVIS AHEAD OF TONIGHT'S ADDRESS.

#### 10PM 3/7/24 CRIME

WE ALSO HAVE NEW DETAILS IN A SHOOTING OFF COURSEY BOULEVARD. BATON ROUGE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 54-YEAR-OLD THOMAS SNEED. A SPOKESPERSON TELLS US AN E-B-R SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS FLAGGED DOWN JUST BEFORE NINE BY SOMEONE WHO FOUND SNEED SHOT TO DEATH. DETECTIVES STILL DO NOT HAVE A MOTIVE OR SUSPECT.

#### 10PM 3/7/24 CRIME

ABOUT THE MURDER OF A TEEN WHO ESCAPED FROM THE PARISH PRISON. A GRAND JURY INDICTED MARK "BURE-RIS AND JASON SHEPPARD -- THE TWO 17-YEAR-OLDS ARRESTED FOR FIRST DEGREE MURDER. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF KILLING DAVID ATKINS IN A HOME ON WASHINGTON AVENUE LAST MONTH.

#### CRIME 5AM 3/8/2024

WE NOW KNOW WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED ON COURSEY BOULEVARD WEDNESDAY NIGHT. BATON ROUGE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 54-YEAR-OLD THOMAS SNEED. A SPOKESPERSON TELLS US AN E-B-R SHERIFF'S DEPUTY WAS FLAGGED DOWN JUST BEFORE NINE BY SOMEONE WHO FOUND SNEED SHOT TO DEATH. DETECTIVES STILL DO NOT HAVE A MOTIVE OR SUSPECT.

#### GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/8/2024

LOOKING AHEAD TO PRIMARY ELECTIONS ON MARCH 23-RD YOU CAN BEAT THE CROWDS AND HIT THE POLLS FOR EARLY VOTING. EARLY VOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION STARTS ON SATURDAY AND GOES THROUGH MARCH 16-TH WITH THE EXCLUSION OF MARCH 10-TH. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 8-30 A-M TO 6 P-M. YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY LOCATION IN YOUR PARISH. LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 3/8/2024

THE SOUTHERN JAGS MENS AND WOMENS TEAM BRINGING BACK HUGE WINS AGAINST ALABAMA STATE. THE LADY JAGS BEAT THE HORNETS 61 TO 49. GENOVEA JOHNSON LED THE TEAM WITH 14 POINTS. THE SOUTHERN MEN'S TEAM ALSO GETTING A 65-57 VICTORY. LED BY BRANDON DAVIS WHO HAD A SEASON HIGH 31 POINTS. SOUTHERN WILL KEEP IT IN ALABAMA AND HEAD TO HUNTSVILLE FOR THEIR FINAL REGULAR SEASON GAME AGAINST ALABAMA A-AND- M ON SATURDAY.

Holiday Noon 3/8/2024

THE 33-RD CAJUN CLASSIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT IS UNDERWAY HERE IN BATON ROUGE. PLAY STARTED AT NINE THIS MORNING AT THE LAMAR TENNIS CENTER AT THE Y-M-C-A. IT'S ATTRACTED PLAYERS FROM 22 COUNTRIES AND 25 STATES-- YOU CAN SEE THEM PLAYING THERE ON YOUR SCREEN. WHEELCHAIR TENNIS ONLY CHANGES ONE RULE FROM REGULAR TENNIS-- THE BALL IS ALLOWED TO BOUNCE TWICE INSTEAD OF JUST ONCE. THE TOURNAMENT WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE WEEKEND.

Sports Noon 3/8/2024

ALSO TOMORROW-- IT'S THE BATON ROUGE HOLI FESTIVAL! IT'S A DAY OF FAMILY FUN AND BRIGHT COLORS-- YOU CAN SEE ON YOUR SCREEN, EVERYONE IS JUST COVERED IN BLUES, PINKS, GREENS-- JUST ABOUT EVERY COLOR UNDER THE SUN. LAST YEAR EVEN MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON-BROOME AND TODD GRAVES GOT IN ON THE FUN.

Crime Noon 3/8/2024

ON MONDAY -- EMBATTLED SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ WILL BE ARRAIGNED ON NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES STEMMING FROM A YEARS-LONG BRIBERY SCHEME INVOLVING THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND QATAR. THIS WEEK, A GRAND JURY INDICTED HIM ON TWELVE NEW COUNTS -- INCLUDING CONSPIRACY, OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE, BRIBERY, AND EXTORTION. MENENDEZ HAS NOT SAID IF HE WILL SEEK ANOTHER TERM -- BUT HE HAS REJECTED CALLS BY FELLOW DEMOCRATS TO RESIGN.

POLITICS

3-8-24/4PM

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EARLY VOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AND MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION STARTS ON SATURDAY AND GOES THROUGH MARCH SIXTEENTH WITH THE EXCLUSION OF MARCH TENTH. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM EIGHT-30 A-M TO SIX P-M. YOU CAN VOTE AT ANY LOCATION IN YOUR PARISH. LOCATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

COMMUNITY

3-8-24/4PM

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TOMORROW IS THE BATON ROUGE HOLI FESTIVAL! IT'S A DAY OF FAMILY FUN AND BRIGHT COLORS. KNOWN AS THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS OR THE FESTIVAL OF LOVE, HOLI IS A CELEBRATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING. IT STARTS TOMORROW AT REPENTANCE PARK BETWEEN THE RIVER CENTER AND THE OLD STATE CAPITOL AT TWO P-M, AND GOES UNTIL FIVE. THE BEST PART-- ADMISSION IS FREE.

COMMUNITY

3-8-24/4PM

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TODAY IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF WOMEN-- AND SUPPORT ACTION AGAINST GENDER INEQUALITY. IT'S INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY. YOU CAN MARK THE DAY BY TAKING PART IN A MARCH FOR WOMEN'S EQUAL RIGHTS, OR PARTICIPATE IN A RELATED FUNDRAISER, FESTIVAL, LECTURE OR SEMINAR.

Transportation

3/8/24

5 p.m.

:19

OFFICIALS BROKE GROUND TODAY ON A PROJECT TO ADD THREE ROUNDABOUTS TO HIGHWAY-30 IN GONZALES AT THE EYE TEN RAMPS AND BY TANGER MALL. THE ROUNDABOUTS WILL REPLACE THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN THE AREA AND AIM TO REDUCE CONGESTION AND ACCIDENTS BY KEEPING TRAFFIC FLOWING. SOME DRIVERS I SPOKE TO TODAY ARE EXCITED SOMETHING IS BEING DONE.

Community 3/8/24 5 p.m. :18  
MOST OF THE BEST WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PLAYERS IN THE WORLD ARE IN BATON ROUGE THIS WEEK FOR THE 20-24 CAJUN CLASSIC. THE TOURNAMENT GOT STARTED TUESDAY WITH MATCHES THROUGH SUNDAY AT THE MANSHIP Y-M-C-A LAMAR TENNIS CENTER. EIGHT OF THE TOP TEN MEN'S PLAYERS AND NINE OF THE TOP TEN WOMEN'S PLAYERS ARE COMPETING.

Health 3/8/24 5 p.m. :34  
THE FIRST OVER-THE-COUNTER CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITOR HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE F-D-A. STELO WORKS WITH A SMARTPHONE APP. THE DEVICE MAKER DEX-COM SAYS AN ESTIMATED 25-MILLION NON-INSULIN DEPENDENT DIABETICS COULD BENEFIT FROM CONTINUOUS GLUCOSE MONITORING. A SENSOR IS WORN ON THE BACK OF THE UPPER ARM REPLACING THE NEED FOR FINGER PRICKS. DEXCOM HAS ANOTHER GLUCOSE MONITOR ON THE MARKET CALLED THE G-7 BUT IT REQUIRES A PRESCRIPTION. STELO WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DRUG STORES IN THE SUMMER. A PRICE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED. THE PRESCRIPTION VERSION GOES FOR \$377 DOLLARS FOR 30 DAYS.

WEATHER 6 PM/03/08/2024 :10  
OUR SEVERE WEATHER THREAT. A TORNADO WATCH IN EFFECT UNTIL NINE P-M. MALCOLM IN FOR JOSH TONIGHT WITH THE LATEST.

SPORTS 6 PM/03/08/2024 :10  
THE WEATHER FORCING L-S-U BASEBALL TO CHANGE THEIR START TIME FOR TONIGHT'S GAME AT THE BOX AGAINST XAVIER TO EIGHT O'CLOCK. FIRST PITCH ORIGINALLY SET FOR 6:30.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/08/2024 :15  
ASCENSION PARISH OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO COVERING UP AN OLD BAUXITE SITE FOR GOOD. PARISH LEADERS MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THIS WEEK. 2 ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

SPORTS 6:30pm/03/08/24 :20  
WE ARE INCHING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE MEN'S MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT...WELCOME IN TO BEST BETS! IF YOU ARE KEEPING SCORE AT HOME, THAT IS NOW SIX WEEKS IN A ROW WE HAVE GONE 2-AND-ONE HERE ON BEST BETS FOR COLLEGE BASKETBALL. LET'S LOOK BACK AT LAST WEEK'S PICKS.

SPORTS 6:30pm/ 03/08/24 :20  
WHEN WE BET THIS MATCHUP LAST TIME, I TOLD YOU KANSAS AS HOME UNDERDOGS WAS CRAZY AND THEY UPSET THE COUGARS WINNING BY 13. THIS TIME AROUND, I AM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN. KANSAS WON THAT GAME BECAUSE THEY WERE SHOOTING LIGHTS OUT...THEY HAVE NOT BEEN AS EFFICIENT RECENTLY AND HOUSTON HAS THE BEST ADJUSTED DEFENSE IN THE COUNTRY...THEY KNOW HOW TO SHUTDOWN TEAMS, ESPECIALLY AY HOME.

SPORTS 6:30pm/ 03/08/24 :20  
A TOP TEN MATCHUP AND THE A-C-C REGULAR TITLE IS PARTIALLY UP FOR GRABS. U-N-C SECURED AT LEAST PART OF THE TITLE WITH THEIR 33 POINT WIN OVER NOTRE DAME THIS WEEK BUT IF DUKE GETS THE WIN THIS WEEKEND, THE TWO TEAMS WILL SPLIT THE TITLE. DUKE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH LEVEL OF INTENSITY ON DEFENSE. THEY HAVE RELIED HEAVILY ON THEIR STAR CENTER, KYLE FILIPOWSKI, BUT I THINK THE KEY WILL BE FRESHMAN GUARD JARED MCCAIN, WHO IS LETHAL FROM BEHIND THE ARC. HE IS OVER 40% FROM DOWNTOWN ON THE YEAR.

9pm 3/8/24 community

ASCENSION PARISH OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE ANOTHER STEP CLOSER TO COVERING UP AN OLD (BOX-ITE) BAUXITE SITE FOR GOOD. PARISH LEADERS MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THIS WEEK.

9pm 3/8/24 infrastructure

ALSO IN ASCENSION PARISH: OFFICIALS BROKE GROUND ON A PROJECT WHICH AIMS TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE HEADACHES FOR DRIVERS ON HIGHWAY 30. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN EXPLAINS HOW.

9pm 3/8/24 politics

EARLY VOTING FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES BEGINS TOMORROW. POLLS ARE OPEN FROM EIGHT-30 A-M TO SIX P-M. THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL LOCAL RACES ON THE BALLOT INCLUDING THE DISTRICT EIGHT SCHOOL BOARD SEAT AND BAKER CITY LEADERSHIP. TO CHECK YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTING LOCATION CHECK OUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

10pm 3/8/24 education

IN JANUARY THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD PLACED ADAM SMITH AS THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT. AT THE TIME OF SMITH'S APPOINTMENT, PARENTS AND TEACHERS RALLIED BEHIND THE E-B-R SCHOOL VETERAN. NOW THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD TO DECIDE ON A NEW LEADER. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY EXPLAINS THE BACK AND FORTH OF WHETHER TO BRING IN OUTSIDE HELP.

10pm 3/8/24 crime

FROM THE WBRZ INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- A TANGIPAHOA PARISH GRAND JURY CHOSE NOT TO INDICT A HAMMOND POLICE OFFICER FOR SHOOTING LIONELL JACKSON DURING AN EARLY MORNING RAID LAST SUMMER.

10pm 3/8/24 community

IT'S A STORY 2 ON YOUR SIDE HAS BEEN COVERING FOR YEARS. A CLOUD OF RED DUST HANGING OVER A NEIGHBORHOOD IN ASCENSION PARISH CAUSING ISSUES FOR HOMEOWNERS. NOW D-E-Q SAYS IT MAY HAVE A SOLUTION.

Health 9 AM 3/9/2024

BATON ROUGE IS RAISING AWARENESS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COLON CANCER WITH THE ANNUAL GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR WALK-RUN. THE COLON CANCER COALITION IS ONCE AGAIN RAISING FUNDS TO FIGHT COLO-RECTAL CANCER. 2UNEIN'S JOHN PASTOREK IS MC'ING THE EVENT. THE RACES WILL END IN ABOUT HALF AN HOUR WITH THE AWARDS CEREMONY. YOU CAN FIND A LINK TO DONATE TO THE COLON CANCER COALITION AND 'GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR' ON OUR WEBSITE.

Holiday 9 AM 3/9/2024

TODAY IS THE BATON ROUGE HOLI FESTIVAL! IT'S A DAY OF FAMILY FUN AND BRIGHT COLORS. KNOWN AS THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS OR THE FESTIVAL OF LOVE, HOLI IS A CELEBRATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF SPRING. THAT'S HAPPENING TODAY AT REPENTANCE PARK BETWEEN THE RIVER CENTER AND THE OLD STATE CAPITOL AT TWO P-M. IT GOES UNTIL FIVE. THE BEST PART-- IT IS TOTALLY FREE. MAKE SURE TO BRING A WHITE SHIRT-- OR SOMETHING YOU DON'T MIND GETTING POWDER ON.

Government 9 AM 3/9/2024

IF PASSED, A NEW BILL WOULD ALLOW STUDENT MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS IN LOUISIANA TO RECEIVE PUBLIC RECORDS FOR FREE. WBRZ'S NICOLE MARINO WENT TO THE STATE CAPITOL TO FIND OUT WHAT THE BILL IS ALL ABOUT.

A COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUFFERED FROM FOOD INSECURITY FOR DECADES HAS A NEW SOURCE FOR FRESH PRODUCE. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN WAS THERE FOR THE GRAND OPENING OF SCOTLANDVILLE BODEGA.

CRIME 6 PM/03/09/2024 :15  
A CRIME ALERT-- BATON ROUGE POLICE MADE AN ARREST CONNECTED TO AN ARMED ROBBERY OF AN A-T-M LAST YEAR. NEPTON HATFIELD JUNIOR IS ACCUSED OF ROBBING A REGIONS BANK A-T-M BACK IN DECEMBER. OFFICERS SAY THEY SEIZED 49 GRAMS OF FENTANYL, GANG MEMORABILIA, AND CLOTHES BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN BOUGHT WITH MONEY FROM THE A-T-M.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/09/2024 :10  
THERE WAS ONE EVENT THIS AFTERNOON THAT BROUGHT A WHOLE LOT OF COLOR TO THIS GLOOMY DAY. THE FOURTH ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE HAS JUST WRAPPED UP.

BREAKING 10 PM/03/09/2024 :15  
A SCARY END TO L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL'S S-E-C TOURNAMENT GAME AGAINST OLE MISS TONIGHT. JUNIOR GUARD LAST TEAR POA (POH-AH) CARTED OFF THE COURT IN A STRETCHER, JUST BEFORE THE TIGERS SECURED THE VICTORY. SPORTS TWO'S JACK SCHEMME JOINING US WITH THE LATEST.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/09/2024 :10  
THE FOURTH ANNUAL HOLI FESTIVAL HELPED BRING SOME COLOR TO THIS AFTERNOON'S GLOOMY WEATHER. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/09/2024 :15  
AND DON'T FORGET TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BEFORE YOU GO TO BED! TOMORROW IS THE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME-- MEANING WE WILL "SPRING FORWARD" AN HOUR. EVEN THOUGH WE WILL LOSE AN HOUR OF SLEEP TONIGHT-- WE WILL GAIN AN EXTRA HOUR OF SUNLIGHT.

Holiday 9 AM 3/10/2024  
THE FOURTH ANNUAL (HOLY) HOLI FESTIVAL HELPED BRING SOME COLOR TO YESTERDAY'S GLOOMY WEATHER. THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS, LOVE, AND SPRING... ALSO KNOWN AS HOLI FEST, WELCOMED SPRING TO DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE SATURDAY AFTERNOON. THE HINDU TRADITION IS KNOWN FOR ITS BRIGHT COLORS AND DANCING, AND THROWING COLORED POWDERS.

Business 9 AM 3/10/2024  
THAT WASN'T THE ONLY BIG EVENT IN BATON ROUGE YESTERDAY--A COMMUNITY THAT HAS SUFFERED FROM FOOD INSECURITY FOR DECADES CELEBRATED A BRAND NEW GROCERY STORE. SCOTLANDVILLE OPENED A BODEGA THAT'LL GIVE RESIDENTS ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS.

Israel 9 AM 3/10/2024  
THE UNITED STATES AIRDROPPED MORE HUMANITARIAN AID INTO GAZA ON SATURDAY ACCORDING TO U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND. THE AIRDROP INCLUDED MORE THAN 41-THOUSAND MEALS AND 23-THOUSAND BOTTLES OF WATER.

CRIME 5 PM/03/10/2024 :10  
A TEEN DRIVING A STOLEN CAR CRASHED INTO MULTIPLE HOMES, CAUSING A GAS LEAK AFTER A CHASE WITH BATON ROUGE POLICE THIS MORNING. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM JOINS US WITH THE LATEST.

BREAKING 5 PM/03/10/2024 :10

A NEWS ALERT-- A DRIVER REPORTED MISSING IN ASSUMPTION PARISH LAST SUNDAY HAS BEEN FOUND DEAD. GILBERT BUNCH JUNIOR'S BODY WAS FOUND IN BAYOU LAFOURCHE APPROXIMATELY 13 MILES SOUTH OF THE INITIAL CRASH LOCATION. STATE POLICE SAY HIS CAR SUNK INTO THE BAYOU AFTER A CRASH ALONG HIGHWAY 398 ON MARCH SECOND.

SPORTS 5 PM/03/10/2024 :10  
THE 33-RD ANNUAL CAJUN CLASSIC WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT WRAPPED UP TODAY IN BATON ROUGE. IT ATTRACTED DEDICATED PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

CRIME 10 PM/03/10/2024 :10  
A POLICE CHASE IN BATON ROUGE THIS MORNING, ENDED WITH A TEEN SUSPECT IN CUSTODY, TWO DAMAGED HOUSES AND A BRIEF GAS LEAK. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

CRIME 10 PM/03/10/2024 :15  
A STATE POLICE TROOPER IS IN JAIL TONIGHT-- ACCUSED OF DRIVING DRUNK IN HAMMOND THIS MORNING. 27 YEAR OLD ISAIAH GILBERT HIT A SIGN WITH HIS CAR WHILE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-55, NEAR THE I-12 INTERCHANGE WHILE OFF DUTY. HE FACES A D-W-I CHARGE, ALONG WITH CARELESS OPERATION. GILBERT HAS BEEN PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.

POLITICS 10 PM/03/10/2024 :10  
AT THE CAPITOL-- THE STATE LEGISLATURE WILL KICK OFF THE REGULAR SESSION TOMORROW. IT COMES JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME-- WHERE MULTIPLE NEW LAWS WERE PASSED INCLUDING AN EXPANSION TO THE DEATH PENALTY. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY SAYS HIS TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE SESSION ARE EDUCATION, ADDITIONAL MEASURES ON CRIME, AND THE ECONOMY.

#### 2UNE IN 3/11/24 COMMUNITY

EARLY VOTING FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS RESUMES TODAY. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM EIGHT THIRTY A-M TO SIX P-M. EARLY VOTING RUNS UNTIL SATURDAY. THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS A CLOSED PRIMARY, MEANING YOU CAN ONLY VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS A MEMBER OF YOUR REGISTERED PARTY. BUT THERE ARE SEVERAL LOCAL RACES THAT WILL APPEAR ON EVERYONE'S BALLOT. IN BAKER, VOTERS WILL CHOOSE THEIR NEXT MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS. AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH VOTERS WILL SELECT A NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR DISTRICT EIGHT. FOR YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTING LOCATION VISIT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE. WE HAVE THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR YOU ON "W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM".

#### 2UNE IN 3/11/24 CRIME

TO A CRIME ALERT... THIS MORNING, BATON ROUGE POLICE INVESTIGATING WHAT LED TO A DEADLY SUNDAY MORNING SHOOTING. POLICE SAY THEY RESPONDED TO SCENIC GARDENS AVENUE AND PEMBROKE STREET AROUND 1 A-M TO FIND 18-YEAR-OLD KEVON LONDON HAD BEEN SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES. HE DIED AT THE SCENE. TWO OTHER JUVENILES WERE SHOT, ONE IN THE FOOT AND THE OTHER IN THE SHOULDER. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE OKAY. POLICE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD CALL THE VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT AT THE NUMBER ON YOUR SCREEN.

#### 2UNE IN 3/11/24 SPORTS

AND WE'RE ALSO HOPING TO GET AN UPDATE ON L-S-U GUARD LAST-TEAR POA WHO WAS HOSPITALIZED AFTER SUFFERING A CONCUSSION SATURDAY. THE 22-YEAR-OLD FROM AUSTRALIA, HAD GOTTEN HURT IN THE 4-TH QUARTER AGAINST OLE MISS IN THE S-E-C SEMIFINALS. SHE WAS TAKEN OFF ON A STRETCHER AND TO A HOSPITAL IN GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA. WE'VE LEARNED SHE WAS RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND STAYED



AT A NEARBY HOTEL TO WATCH SUNDAY NIGHT'S GAME. HER CURRENT CONDITION IS UNCLEAR.

Crime 3/11/24 12pm

TO A CRIME ALERT... THIS MORNING, BATON ROUGE POLICE INVESTIGATING WHAT LED TO A DEADLY SUNDAY MORNING SHOOTING.

Government 3/11/24 12pm

AT THE CAPITOL...GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS SET TO ADDRESS STATE LAWMAKERS IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES AS THE REGULAR SESSION IS UNDERWAY. IT COMES JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER THE GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL SESSION ON CRIME WHERE MULTIPLE NEW LAWS WERE PASSED INCLUDING AN EXPANSION TO THE DEATH PENALTY.

Entertainment 3/11/24 12pm

THE STARS CAME OUT FOR HOLLYWOOD'S BIGGEST NIGHT... BUT WHICH ONES WENT HOME WITH TINSELTOWN'S BIGGEST PRIZE?

POLITICS

3-11-24/4PM

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STATE LAWMAKERS ARE GETTING BACK TO WORK TODAY...AS THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION BEGINS. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY SAYS HIS TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE SESSION ARE EDUCATION, ADDITIONAL MEASURES ON CRIME AND THE ECONOMY. LANDRY IS ALSO PUSHING FOR LAWMAKERS TO PASS REFORMS TO THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION. SESSION MUST END BY JUNE THIRD.

POLITICS

3-11-24/4PM

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EARLY VOTING FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS RESUMES TODAY. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM EIGHT THIRTY A-M TO SIX P-M. EARLY VOTING RUNS UNTIL SATURDAY. FOR YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTING LOCATION VISIT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

COMMUNITY

3-11-24/4PM

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INTERVIEWS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE THREE FINAL CANDIDATES FOR THE CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM C-E-O. CURRENT INTERIM C-E-O, THEO RICHARDS IS AMONG THE THREE... ALONG WITH IVAN MALDONADO AND MIKEL OGLESHEY. THE SEARCH FOR A PERMANENT C-E-O STARTED IN 20-22...AFTER BILL DEVILLE WAS OUSTED.

Political

3/11/24

5 p.m.

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AT THE CAPITOL...LAWMAKERS ARE BACK IN BATON ROUGE FOR THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS BEEN AT THE CAPITOL ALL DAY TALKING TO LEGISLATORS AND COVERING GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY'S OPENING REMARKS. IN GOVERNOR LANDRY'S OPENING ADDRESS TODAY, HE OUTLINED THE THINGS HE HOPES STATE LAWMAKERS ARE ABLE TO ADDRESS OVER THESE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. ON THE TOP OF THAT LIST WAS EDUCATION. HE SAYS LOUISIANA STUDENTS NEED TO GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITH A DEGREE THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO IMMEDIATELY ENTER THE WORKFORCE. HE ALSO SAYS THAT TEACHERS NEED MORE FREEDOM AND LESS RESTRICTION ON WHAT THEY'RE ALLOWED TO TEACH. NOW THERE'S ALREADY MORE THAN 11-HUNDRED BILLS PRE-FILED FOR THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION. THERE ARE OF COURSE MORE EXPECTED TO COME.

Transportation

3/11/24

5 p.m.

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THE BASIN BRIDGE IS GETTING NEW SIGNS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS A RESULT OF A LAW PASSED BY THE LEGISLATURE TWO YEARS AGO. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN EXPLAINS. PHASE TWO OF A PROJECT TO EVENTUALLY INSTALL SPEED LIMIT TRACKERS ON THE BASIN BRIDGE BEGINS NEXT MONDAY. DRIVERS WILL NOTICE NIGHTLY LANE CLOSURES ON THE BRIDGE AS CREWS INSTALL RADAR DETECTION DEVICES AND NEW SPEED LIMIT SIGNS MAKING THE STANDARD A FLAT-60 MILES-PER-HOUR FOR \*ALL\*\*

DRIVERS...WHEN TRUCKS USED TO BE LIMITED TO 55. A SPOKESPERSON FOR D-O-T-D SAID THE DIFFERENT SPEED LIMITS CAUSED DRIVERS TO WEAVE AROUND VEHICLES AND WAS A MAIN CAUSE FOR FATAL ACCIDENTS ALONG WITH SPEEDING, TAILGATING, AND DISTRACTIONS.

Health 3/11/24 5 p.m. :24  
WITH MANY PEOPLE ADJUSTING TO THE TIME CHANGE MELATONIN MAY BE PART OF THE SLEEP PLAN. ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO KEEP IT AWAY FROM KIDS. THE C-D-C AND U-S CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ESTIMATE BETWEEN 20-19 AND 20-22 NEARLY 11-THOUSAND CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN FIVE VISITED THE E-R AFTER INGESTING MELATONIN WITHOUT SUPERVISION. MORE THAN HALF OF ACCIDENTAL INGESTIONS INVOLVED CHILDREN BETWEEN 3 AND 5 YEARS OLD.

COMMUNITY 6pm/03/11/24 :20  
A HOUSE DEMOLITION GONE WRONG IN PORT ALLEN. A WOMAN'S FAMILY HOME...BUILT IN 19-59, WAS ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYED NEARLY A YEAR AGO. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM FOUND OUT NO ONE IS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISTAKE.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 03/11/24 :20  
AT THE CAPITOL...TODAY KICKED OFF THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION. IN GOVERNOR LANDRY'S OPENING REMARKS HE OUTLINED WHAT HE HOPES LAWMAKERS TACKLE. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPENT THE DAY AT THE CAPITOL HEARING FROM BOTH SIDES.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 03/11/24 :20  
A WEEK FROM NOW, DRIVERS WILL NOTICE NIGHTLY LANE CLOSURES ON THE BASIN BRIDGE AS D-O-T-D CREWS BEGIN TO INSTALL RADAR DEVICES AND NEW SPEED LIMIT SIGNS DESIGNED TO MAKE YOUR TRIP BETWEEN BATON ROUGE AND LAFAYETTE SAFER.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/03/11/24 :20  
AT THE CAPITOL...LAWMAKERS ARE BACK IN BATON ROUGE FOR THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. ONE OF THE EDUCATION BILLS WOULD PUT A MANDATE ON SCHOOL SYSTEMS AROUND THE STATE.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 03/11/24 :20  
THE CITY OF PORT ALLEN SCHEDULED THE DEMOLITION FOR A CONDEMNED PROPERTY LAST MAY. AND SAYS A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR TORE DOWN THE WRONG HOUSE. THIS HAPPENED ALMOST A YEAR AGO, BUT THE WOMAN WHO OWNS THE HOUSE HAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS AND WANTS TO KNOW WHO IS RESPONSIBLE.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 03/11/24 :20  
A WEEK FROM NOW DRIVERS WILL NOTICE NIGHTLY LANE CLOSURES ON THE BASIN BRIDGE AS D-O-T-D CREWS BEGIN TO INSTALL RADAR DEVICES AND NEW SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. IT'S A STEP CLOSER TO THE SPEED CAMERAS COMING LATE NEXT YEAR. TEAM 2 TRAFFIC'S FALON BROWN TAKES A LOOK BACK AT THE DEADLY HISTORY BEHIND THIS CHANGE AND WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD FOR COMMUTERS.

9pm 3/11/24 politics  
ONE OF THE EDUCATION BILLS IN THE REGULAR SESSION WOULD PUT A MANDATE ON SCHOOL SYSTEMS AROUND THE STATE. IT INVOLVES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON EXPLAINS THAT PIECE OF LEGISLATION.

9pm 3/11/24 infrastructure  
NIGHTLY LANE CLOSURES ARE COMING ON THE BASIN BRIDGE AS D-O-T-D CREWS BEGIN INSTALLING RADAR DEVICES AND NEW SPEED LIMIT SIGNS AS THEY MOVE CLOSER TO THE SPEED CAMERAS COMING NEXT YEAR. TEAM-2 TRAFFIC REPORTER FALON BROWN TAKES A

LOOK BACK AT THE DEADLY HISTORY BEHIND THIS CHANGE AND WHAT THE FUTURE MAY HOLD FOR COMMUTERS.

9pm 3/11/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- A GRAND JURY CHOSE NOT TO INDICT THE SON OF A FORMER N-F-L PLAYER FOR NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE...A DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN CRASH TWO YEARS AGO. HOWEVER, HE WAS INDICTED FOR HIT AND RUN.

10pm 3/11/24 politics

TODAY STARTS THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION. WITH ONLY THREE MONTHS TO MOVE THROUGH POLICY GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY IS PUSHING FOR BILLS TO REFORM EDUCATION, AS WELL AS A COMPLETE STATE CONSTITUTION OVERHAUL. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS MORE ON WHAT WE CAN EXPECT.

10pm 3/11/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- AN ATTORNEY FOR CASEN CARVER -- ONE OF THE FOUR MEN ARRESTED FOR THE RAPE OF L-S-U SOPHOMORE MADISON BROOKS -- FILED A MOTION CLAIMING A DIFFERENT MAN CAUSED THE INJURIES TO BROOKS CONSISTENT WITH SEXUAL ASSAULT.

10pm 3/11/24 crime

MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS TONIGHT FOLLOWING A GRAND JURY'S DECISION \*NOT\* TO INDICT A HAMMOND POLICE OFFICER WHO SHOT UNARMED MAN. LIONELL JACKSON WAS SHOT IN THE NECK IN HIS HOME BY OFFICER CRAIG DUNN DURING THE EXECUTION OF A NO-KNOCK WARRANT IN JULY. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO JACKSON'S ATTORNEY ABOUT WHAT IS NEXT IN THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE FOR HIS CLIENT.

CRIME 5AM 3/12/2024

ONE WOMAN IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING OUTSIDE A TIGERLAND APARTMENT COMPLEX. 40-YEAR-OLD SERENA FRANKLIN WAS SHOT AROUND NOON. SHE DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. WE ARE WAITING TO HEAR BACK FROM POLICE WITH ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AND DETAILS ON THE SHOOTER.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/12/2024

EARLY VOTING FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS CONTINUES TODAY FROM EIGHT THIRTY A-M TO SIX P-M. EARLY VOTING RUNS UNTIL SATURDAY. THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS A CLOSED PRIMARY, MEANING YOU CAN ONLY VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS A MEMBER OF YOUR REGISTERED PARTY. FOR YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTING LOCATION VISIT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 3/12/2024

AFTER A WEEKEND FILLED WITH INJURY, FIGHTS AND DRAMA, KIM MULKEY AND THE L-S-U TIGERS ARE STILL READY TO KEEP PLAYING, BUT THEY'LL HAVE TO WAIT. THE TIGERS HAVE NEARLY TWO WEEKS OFF BEFORE THE N-C-A-A TOURNAMENT AND THEY'RE RANKED NUMBER 8. THE TOURNAMENT SELECTION SHOW IS ON SUNDAY, AND THE FIRST ROUND STARTS FRIDAY MARCH 22-ND OR SATURDAY MARCH 23-RD. ANGEL REESE READY TO GET BACK IN THE GAME ESPECIALLY AFTER GOING UP AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED NUMBER 1 SOUTH CAROLINA WHILE SHORTHANDED.

Crime 3/12/24 12pm

ONE PERSON HAS BEEN ARRESTED FOR MURDERING A WOMAN OUTSIDE OF A TIGERLAND APARTMENT MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Government 3/12/24 12pm

JEFF LANDRY'S FIRST REGULAR SESSION AS GOVERNOR IS UNDERWAY. HE LAID OUT HIS GOALS FOR THE STATE AS LAWMAKERS START TO TACKLE MORE THAN ELEVEN-HUNDRED BILLS.

Traffic 3/12/24 12pm

STARTING NEXT MONDAY D-O-T-D WILL START PHASE TWO OF WORK ON THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN BRIDGE. NIGHTLY LANE CLOSURES WILL TAKE PLACE AS CREWS INSTALL RADAR DETECTION DEVICES AND NEW SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.

CRIME 3-12-24/4PM :20

THERE ARE NEW DETAILS THIS AFTERNOON INTO A COUPLE OF SHOOTINGS IN THE TIGERLAND AREA...ONE OF THEM BEING DEADLY. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED ANGELIQUE CHATMAN...ACCUSED IN A DEADLY SHOOTING OUTSIDE OF A TIGERLAND APARTMENT MONDAY AFTERNOON. THEY SAY CHATMAN SHOT SIRENA FRANKLIN AFTER THE TWO GOT INTO A FIGHT...KILLING FRANKLIN. CHATMAN NOW FACES A CHARGE OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER.

CRIME 3-12-24/4PM :20

ONE PERSON WAS INJURED THIS MORNING IN A SHOOTING AT THE BRIGHTSIDE MANOR APARTMENT COMPLEX. POLICE DON'T HAVE A MOTIVE OR A SUSPECT IN THAT SHOOTING.

CRIME 3-12-24/4PM :20

A PURSUIT ACROSS EYE-TEN IN PORT ALLEN THIS MORNING LANDS ONE MAN IN CUSTODY. DEPUTIES SAY 29 YEAR-OLD LEVI SAINT CYR WAS ARGUING WITH A CASHIER AT A GAS STATION ON LOBDELL. THAT'S WHEN AUTHORITIES ARRIVED, AND A CHASE STARTED WITH SAINT CYR BEING ARRESTED A SHORT TIME LATER. DEPUTIES SAY HE HAD AN ACTIVE WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST.

Crime 3/12/24 5 p.m. :36

A RUN FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LITERALLY ENDED WITH A SUSPECT RUNNING ACROSS EYE-TEN IN PORT ALLEN. DEPUTIES SAY LEVI SAINT CYR WAS ARGUING WITH A CASHIER AT A GAS STATION ON LOBDELL WHEN THEY ARRIVED. THAT'S WHEN SAINT CYR RAN OFF WITH DEPUTIES IN PURSUIT. THEY CAUGHT HIM SOON AFTER ON THE INTERSTATE, BUT NOT BEFORE HE TRIED TO GET INTO A VEHICLE. SAINT CYR HAD AN ACTIVE WARRANT FOR SKIPPING COURT AFTER AN ARREST ON AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A FIREARM CHARGES. HE NOW FACES ADDITIONAL CHARGES INCLUDING ATTEMPTED CARJACKING, RESISTING AN OFFICER, AND AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AGAINST THE STORE EMPLOYEE.

Transportation 3/12/24 5 p.m. :30

THE BATON ROUGE BUS SYSTEM BOARD IS INTERVIEWING ONE OF THE FINALISTS FOR ITS C-E-O POSITION (MY-KEL) MIKEL OGLE-SBY. THERE ARE TWO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE JOB INCLUDING THE INTERIM C-E-O THEO RICHARDS. CATS HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR A PERMANENT C-E-O SINCE 20-22 AFTER BILL DEVILLE WAS DEMOTED AND LATER FIRED. IT FOLLOWED A SERIES OF SCANDALS REVEALED BY THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT. A DECISION ON THE C-E-O COULD COME AT ANY TIME.

Health 3/12/24 5 p.m. :34

MARIJUANA USE IS BEING LINKED TO A HIGHER RISK OF HEART ATTACK AND STROKE IN A NEW STUDY. RESEARCHERS FOUND DAILY-USERS HAD A 42 PERCENT HIGHER RISK OF STROKE, AND A 25 PERCENT HIGHER RISK OF HEART ATTACK. NON-DAILY USERS ALSO HAD AN INCREASED RISK BUT IT WAS NOT AS HIGH. THE STUDY ANALYZED DATA ON 430-THOUSAND ADULTS. ABOUT 10 PERCENT REPORTED USING MARIJUANA. A MAJORITY SAID SMOKING WAS THEIR MOST COMMON FORM OF CONSUMPTION. THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION ADVISES PEOPLE NOT TO SMOKE OR VAPE ANY SUBSTANCE BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL HARM TO THE HEART, LUNGS, AND BLOOD VESSELS.

Politics 3-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

MAYOR PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME IS URGING THE METRO COUNCIL TO PASS AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL FORGE THE WAY AHEAD FOR A NEW \$300 MILLION ENTERTAINMENT VENUE FOR THE CAPITAL REGION. THE PROJECT HAS BROAD SUPPORT FROM CITY-PARISH LEADERS AS WELL AS SEVERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUPS. HOWEVER, NOT EVERYONE ON THE METRO COUNCIL IS ON BOARD. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE TO COUNCIL WOMAN CHAUNA BANKS WHO SAYS SHE WILL NOT SUPPORT IT AS IS.

Community 3-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A WORLD WAR TWO VETERAN IS RESTING PEACEFULLY UNDER A NEW ROOF TONIGHT. LAST WEEK -- 2 ON YOUR SIDE SHARED LILLIAN HOOVER'S STORY ... LEFT WITH HOLES IN HER ROOF. AFTER GETTING NO WHERE WITH THE COMPANY THAT INSTALLED IT, HER FRIENDS REACHED OUT TO BRITTANY WEISS AND THE COMMUNITY DELIVERED.

Community 3-12-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

IN JUST A FEW SHORT DAYS THE STREETS OF BATON ROUGE WILL BE COLORED GREEN AS SPECTATORS OF ALL AGES FLOCK TO THE PARADE ROUTE TO CATCH ALL OF THE FUN OF THE WEARIN' OF THE GREEN. FINISHING TOUCHES ARE GOING ON THE PARADE FLOATS ... INCLUDING THE GRAND MARSHAL FLOAT ... WHICH FORMER W-N-B-A LEGEND, SYMONE AUGUSTUS WILL BE RIDING ON! NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN GOT A SNEAK PEAK. SHE BREAKS DOWN ALL OF THE WORK THAT WENT INTO THIS STUNNING DISPLAY.

CRIME 6:30pm/03/12/24 :20

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED ANGELIQUE CHATMAN FOR MURDER. CHATMAN HAS A CRIMINAL RECORD DATING BACK TO 20-07 AND WAS IN PRISON IN 20-23 FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 03/12/24 :20

STATE POLICE INVESTIGATING AFTER A BODY WAS FOUND IN A DITCH IN PORT ALLEN. THE PERSON MAY HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A HIT AND RUN. YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION AND UPDATES ON THIS DEVELOPING STORY ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 03/12/24 :20

IN PORT ALLEN A RUN FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH LITERALLY ENDED WITH A SUSPECT RUNNING ACROSS EYE-TEN. DEPUTIES SAY LEVI SAINT CYR WAS ARGUING WITH A CASHIER AT A GAS STATION ON LOBDELL WHEN THEY ARRIVED. THAT IS WHEN SAINT CYR RAN OFF WITH DEPUTIES IN PURSUIT.

CRIME 9pm/03/12/24 :20

THE BATON ROUGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ASKED THE COURT TO SEAL A NEW MOTION FILED IN THE MADISON BROOKS DEATH INVESTIGATION. YESTERDAY THE LAWYER FOR ONE OF THE SUSPECTS ... CASEN CARVER ... ALLEGED AN UN-IDENTIFIED L-S-U STUDENT HAD SEX WITH BROOKS THE DAY BEFORE SHE DIED. IN THE MOTION, THE LAWYER SAID THAT IS WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE INJURIES WHICH WERE USED TO FILE RAPE RELATED CHARGES AGAINST CARVER AND THREE OTHER SUSPECTS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/12/24 :20

A MAN IS IN CUSTODY TONIGHT FOLLOWING A PURSUIT ON THE INTERSTATE. IT HAPPENED ON EYE-TEN IN PORT ALLEN. DEPUTIES SAY 29 YEAR-OLD LEVI SAINT CYR WAS ARGUING WITH A CASHIER AT A GAS STATION ON LOBDELL. WHEN DEPUTIES GOT THERE THE CHASE STARTED.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/12/24 :20

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE HAVE ARRESTED A MAN INVOLVED IN THE EYE-55 SUPER FOG EVENT FROM OCTOBER OF LAST YEAR. THEY SAY 61-YEAR-OLD RONALD BRITT WAS DRIVING

A BIG RIG TRUCK AT AN UNSAFE SPEED DURING THE LIMITED VISIBLY AND CRASHED INTO THE BACK OF A CADILLAC.

10pm 3/12/24 infrastructure

A NEW C-E-O HAS BEEN NAMED FOR THE CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM. THE SEARCH FIRST STARTED BACK IN 20-22 WHEN BILL DEVILLE WAS FIRED FROM CATS. THEN LAST AUGUST DWANA WILLIAMS RESIGNED. NOW THEO RICHARDS IS TAKING OVER FULL TIME AS THE C-E-O OF CATS. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO THE NEW LEADERSHIP ABOUT HIS PLANS FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

10pm 3/12/24 crime

STATE POLICE TELL US THEY HAVE A MAN IN CUSTODY AFTER A SERIES OF CRASHES SHUTDOWN I-55 DURING THE SUPERFOG EVENT LAST OCTOBER. TROOPERS BOOKED 61-YEAR-OLD RONALD BRITT -- WHO WAS DRIVING AN 18-WHEELED IN THE NORTHBOUND LANES -- FOR NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, NEGLIGENT INJURING, AND RECKLESS OPERATIONS. INVESTIGATORS SAYS BRITT FAILED TO STOP AND HIT THE BACK OF ANOTHER CAR, KILLING THE DRIVER AND INJURING THE PASSENGER. EIGHT PEOPLE IN TOTAL WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH. TROOPERS DETERMINED BRITT WAS DRIVING AT UNSAFE SPEEDS AT THE TIME.

10pm 3/12/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- BATON ROUGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE ASKED THE COURT TO SEAL A NEW MOTION FILED IN THE MADISON BROOKS DEATH INVESTIGATION. IT COMES AFTER THE ATTORNEY FOR CASEN CARVER -- ONE OF THE FOUR MEN CHARGED WITH RAPING BROOKS -- ALLEGED THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED L-S-U STUDENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEXUAL INJURIES ON BROOKS'S BODY. THEY CLAIM BROOKS HAD SEX WITH HIM THE DAY BEFORE THE INCIDENT. D-A MOORE ARGUES ANY MOTION DISCUSSING A VICTIM'S PAST SEXUAL BEHAVIOR SHOULD BE KEPT SEPARATE AND SEALED.

CRIME 5AM 3/13/2024

AN ARREST HAS BEEN MADE AFTER A WOMAN WAS HIT AND KILLED BY A CAR IN PORT ALLEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON. STATE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE DRIVER AS 30-YEAR-OLD AUSTIN KELLEY. TROOPERS DETERMINED KELLEY STRUCK A WOMAN WALKING ALONG LAFITON LANE, AND DROVE AWAY FROM THE SCENE. THE VICTIM, THERESA WEEMS, SUFFERED FATAL INJURIES AND DIED AT THE SCENE. KELLY WAS ARRESTED AND BOOKED FOR A FATAL HIT AND RUN.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/13/2024

EARLY VOTING FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS CONTINUES TODAY FROM EIGHT THIRTY A-M TO SIX P-M. EARLY VOTING RUNS UNTIL SATURDAY. THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IS A CLOSED PRIMARY, MEANING YOU CAN ONLY VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE WHO IS A MEMBER OF YOUR REGISTERED PARTY. FOR YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND VOTING LOCATION VISIT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

SPORTS 5AM 3/13/2024

THE LSU BASEBALL TEAM STILL NUMBER 2 IN THE NATION. AND THEY WERE BACK ON THE DIAMOND TUESDAY AFTER SUNDAY'S LOSS TO XAVIER. THE BISON OF NORTH DAKOTA STATE IN TOWN TO TAKE ON THE TIGERS. THE BISON TAKE A 1-0 LEAD AFTER ONE INNING. BUT IN THE SECOND HAYDEN TRAVINSKI WILL SCORE ON A SAC FLY AND THE TIGERS GET 2 RUNS IN THE SECOND. IN THE THIRD JARED JONES GETS HIS SIXTH HOMERUN OF THE SEASON GIVING THE TIGERS A 3 TO 1 LEAD. BUT IN THE TOP OF THE FOURTH L-S-U IN SOME TROUBLE. BASES LOADED TWO OUTS. JUSTIN LOER STEPS UP TO GET THE STRIKEOUT. L-S-U KEEPS THE 3-1 LEAD AND EVENTUALLY COASTS TO A VICTORY IN THIS ONE, DOWNING THE BISON 6-1. AFTER THE FIRST INNING L-S-U DOESN'T GIVE UP A RUN THE REST OF THE WAY. THE TIGERS PLAY THE BISON AGAIN THIS AFTERNOON AT 1.

Crime 3/13/24 12pm

AN ARREST HAS BEEN MADE AFTER A WOMAN WAS HIT AND KILLED BY A CAR IN PORT ALLEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Community 3/13/24 12pm

THE 39TH ANNUAL WEARIN OF THE GREEN PARADE IS JUST THREE DAYS AWAY. ONE KREWE IS SHOWING THEIR "FLAIR,"AS THEY GET READY TO RIDE. NEWS TWOS MIA MONET CAUGHT UP WITH THE "FLARIN OF THE GREEN," TO SEE HOW THEY'RE "WRESTLING" WITH IRISH TRADITION.

Government 3/13/24 12pm

LAWMAKERS ARE HEADING BACK TO THE CAPITOL FOR DAY THREE OF THE REGULAR SESSION. THE CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PASSED IN A SPECIAL SESSION BUT THE FIGHT CONTINUES OVER THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT REDISTRICTING.

CRIME 3-13-24/4PM :20  
STATE POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST IN THAT DEADLY PILEUP ON EYE-55 DURING THE SUPERFOG EVENT LAST OCTOBER. TROOPERS BOOKED 61-YEAR-OLD RONALD BRITT FOR NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, NEGLIGENT INJURING, AND RECKLESS OPERATIONS. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE WAS DRIVING AN 18-WHEELER IN THE NORTHBOUND LANES, FAILED TO STOP AND HIT THE BACK OF ANOTHER CAR. EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN THE CRASH...WITH MORE THAN A HUNDRED AND 60 CARS INVOLVED.

CRIME 3-13-24/4PM :20  
POLICE HAVE MADE AN ARREST IN A DEADLY HIT AND RUN IN PORT ALLEN. STATE TROOPERS SAY AUSTIN KELLEY HIT A WOMAN THAT WAS WALKING ALONG LAFITON LANE, AND DROVE AWAY. THE VICTIM, THERESA WEEMS, DIED AT THE SCENE. KELLY WAS ARRESTED AND BOOKED FOR A FATAL HIT AND RUN.

POLITICS 3-13-24/4PM :20  
THE HOUSE HAS PASSED A BILL TO BAN TIK TOK IN THE U-S, IF ITS CHINESE OWNER BYTE DANCE DOESN'T SELL. THE BILL STILL FACES AN UNCERTAIN PATH IN THE U-S SENATE. IF PASSED, IT WOULD LEAD TO A NATIONWIDE BAN OF THE VIDEO APP.

Community 3/13/24 5 p.m. :45  
NEW DETAILS TONIGHT ON THIS HOUSE TORN DOWN BY MISTAKE. IT IS A STORY WE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT MONDAY: THE DEMOLITION OF A HOME IN PORT ALLEN GONE WRONG. ACTION IS NOW BEING TAKEN BY THAT HOMEOWNER. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS ON THE NEXT STEP. THE HOME IN QUESTION WAS BUILT BY ERNESTINE SMITH'S FATHER IN 19-59. IT WAS DEMOLISHED LAST YEAR WHEN A NEARBY HOUSE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE. HER LAWYER HAS NOW SENT THE CONTRACTOR THAT TORE IT DOWN A LETTER ASKING FOR 130 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN COMPENSATION. IF THAT CONTRACTOR SHAWN JACKSON DOES NOT COME UP WITH THE MONEY, THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TAKING THE CASE TO CIVIL COURT. WE ALSO CHECKED WITH THE PORT ALLEN MAYOR. HE SAYS HE HAS NO INVOLVEMENT IN THE CASE. SMITH JUST WANTS HER HOUSE REBUILT.

Transportation 3/13/24 5 p.m. :27  
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION ON A FIERY THREE-VEHICLE CRASH LAST NIGHT IN BAKER. STATE POLICE SAY TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED. IT HAPPENED ON PLANK ROAD NORTH OF DYER ROAD. A CAR TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND HIT THE REAR OF A TRUCK THEN HIT ANOTHER VEHICLE HEAD ON BEFORE BURSTING INTO FLAMES. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE KILLED. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. THE DRIVERS OF THE OTHER TWO VEHICLES DID GO TO THE HOSPITAL WITH WHAT WERE DESCRIBED AS MINOR TO MODERATE INJURIES.

Health 3/13/24 5 p.m. :34  
A NEW REPORT SUGGESTS COMMON ACNE TREATMENTS CAN COME WITH THE RISK OF A CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, BENZENE CAN FORM AT

UNACCEPTABLY HIGH LEVELS IN BOTH PRESCRIPTION, AND OVER-THE-COUNTER BENZOYL PEROXIDE PRODUCTS. SOME COULD FORM MORE THAN 800 TIMES THE F-D-A CONCENTRATION LIMIT FOR BENZENE. THE REPORT IS FROM AN INDEPENDENT LABORATORY CALLED VALI-SURE. IT WANTS THE F-D-A TO QUOTE "REQUEST RECALLS AND A SUSPENSION OF SALES FOR PRODUCTS CONTAINING THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT BENZOYL PEROXIDE."

CRIME 6 PM/03/13/2024 :20  
IN THE E-B-R METRO COUNCIL CHAMBERS MEMBERS WILL INTRODUCE A MEASURE TO APPROVE SPENDING MORE MONEY ON SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY AS A WAY TO HELP PREVENT ANY FUTURE BREAK OUTS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS WHAT IT ENTAILS.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/13/2024 :20  
THE METRO COUNCIL ALSO DEBATING PLANS TO BUILD A MASSIVE NEW ENTERTAINMENT VENUE ON L-S-U'S CAMPUS. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY JOINS US FROM CITY HALL. ALEXIS-- WHAT ARE COUNCIL MEMBERS SAYING?

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/13/2024 :15  
DETAILS TONIGHT FROM PORT ALLEN AFTER A HOME WAS MISTAKENLY TORN DOWN. IT IS A STORY YOU SAW ONLY ON WBRZ MONDAY. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM FOUND OUT THE HOMEOWNER IS NOW TAKING LEGAL ACTION SHE HOPES WILL HOLD THE CONTRACTOR ACCOUNTABLE.

COMMUNITY 6:30 PM/03/13/2024 :20  
MULTIPLE SHUTTERED SCHOOLS IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH CONTINUE TO SIT ABANDONED, DESPITE SAFETY CONCERNS FROM RESIDENTS. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON IS LOOKING INTO WHAT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM "IS" DOING.

COMMUNITY 6:30 PM/03/13/2024 :20  
THE CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM LAUNCHED A NEW APP THEY BELIEVE WILL ENHANCE THE EXPERIENCE FOR PASSENGERS. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW THE APP WORKS AND WHAT OTHER UPGRADES THE BUSES HAVE RECEIVED RECENTLY.

NATIONAL 6:30 PM/03/13/2024 :10  
THE HOUSE PASSING A BILL THAT WOULD FORCE TIK TOK'S CHINESE PARENT COMPANY TO SELL THE APP OR FACE A BAN IN THE U-S.

COMMUNITY 9pm/03/13/24 :20  
THE GREATER BATON ROUGE FOOD BANK IS FACING CRITICALLY LOW FOOD INVENTORY DUE TO MONTHS OF INCREASED DEMAND FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE AND HIGHER COSTS FOR ACQUIRING FOOD AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/13/24 :20  
TONIGHT THE METRO COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE A MEASURE THAT WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR THE L-S-U ARENA. THE THREE-HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR ENTERTAINMENT STRUCTURE IS FUNDED ENTIRELY BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/13/24 :20  
WE HAVE NEW INFORMATION TODAY ON A FIERY THREE-VEHICLE CRASH LAST NIGHT IN BAKER. STATE POLICE SAY TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED. IT TOOK PLACE ON PLANK ROAD NORTH OF DYER ROAD. A CAR TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND HIT THE REAR OF A TRUCK THEN HIT ANOTHER VEHICLE HEAD ON BEFORE BURSTING INTO FLAMES.

10pm 3/13/24 infrastructure



THE PLANS FOR THE L-S-U ARENA ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH A POSITIVE VOTE FROM THE E-B-R METRO COUNCIL. THE PROJECT IS AN ESTIMATED 300-MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT. AND TONIGHT THOSE PLANS CROSSED ANOTHER MAJOR HURDLE. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARGNY IS HERE WITH WHAT HAPPENS NEXT.

10pm 3/13/24 community

A WHOLE FLEET OF ENTERGY TRUCKS IN PRAIRIEVILLE THIS MORNING MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO A NEIGHBORHOOD WHICH LOSES ELECTRICITY A LOT. TWO ON YOUR SIDE TOOK A CALL FROM SOME OF THESE NEIGHBORS IN FEBRUARY. BRITTANY WEISS THERE TODAY AS CHANGES WERE BEING MADE.

10pm 3/13/24 crime

A COUPLE FROM EAST FELICIANA PARISH FACING MURDER CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CHILD. DEPUTIES ARRESTED THE CHILD'S MOTHER AND STEPFATHER -- 30-YEAR-OLD KIRSTEN GAT-LING, AND 32-YEAR-OLD KELVIN SEABERRY -- AFTER THEIR SON DIED IN THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY. THE CHILD HAD BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SINCE NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> AFTER HE WAS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE IN HIS HOME IN JACKSON, LOUISIANA. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ALSO TOOK CUSTODY OF THE COUPLE'S OTHER CHILDREN.

CRIME 5AM 3/14/2024

A COUPLE FROM EAST FELICIANA PARISH IS FACING MURDER CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD CHILD. DEPUTIES ARRESTED THE CHILD'S MOTHER AND STEPFATHER, 30-YEAR-OLD KIRSTEN GAT-LING AND 32-YEAR-OLD KELVIN SEABERRY AFTER THEIR SON DIED IN THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY. THE CHILD HAD BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SINCE NOVEMBER 29-TH AFTER HE WAS FOUND UNRESPONSIVE IN HIS HOME IN JACKSON, LOUISIANA. D-C-F-S ALSO TOOK CUSTODY OF THE COUPLE'S OTHER CHILDREN.

GOVERNMENT 5AM /14/2024

NOW TO NEW DETAILS IN THE FIGHT TO BUILD A NEW ENTERTAINMENT ARENA FOR BATON ROUGE. ON WEDNESDAY, THE EAST BATON ROUGE METRO COUNCIL VOTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROJECT. THE 300-MILLION DOLLAR ARENA WILL BE FUNDED ENTIRELY BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION. IT'S EXPECTED TO HAVE MORE THAN 15-THOUSAND SEATS. ALSO PART OF THE PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW HOTEL ALONGSIDE THE RIVER CENTER. SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY IT'S GREAT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AREA, BUT OTHERS WERE NOT ON BOARD. DEVELOPERS SAY THE PROJECT IS STILL FOUR YEARS OUT.

SPORTS 5AM 3/14/2024

L-S-U GYMNASTICS HEAD COACH JAY CLARK IS HOPING TO KEEP THE TEAM COMPETING FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER MONTH, ALL THE WAY TO THE N-C-A-A CHAMPIONSHIPS IN FORT WORTH. AND FOR ONE GYM STAR IT'S HER LAST SEASON AND SHE'S HOPING TO MAKE IT ONE LIKE ANY OTHER. OLIVIA DUNNE'S COMMITMENT TO GETTING AND STAYING HEALTHY DURING THE OFFSEASON HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE THIS SEASON. SHE BALANCES THE SPORT AND HER MILLIONS OF FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN N-I-L DEALS. SHE SAYS OFF-SEASON IS WHERE IT STARTS FOR HER. THE TIGERS WRAP UP THE REGULAR SEASON ON FRIDAY NIGHT AT HOME AGAINST NORTH CAROLINA, THERE'S THE POTENTIAL FOR MANY SENIORS TO SAY GOODBYE THIS YEAR BUT THEY MIGHT ALSO COME BACK. THEY ARE THE LAST GROUP WHO QUALIFIES FOR AN EXTRA YEAR BECAUSE OF COVID. THEN NEXT WEEK IN NEW ORLEANS, THE S-E-C CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE BACK IN THE CRESCENT CITY, AFTER THAT IT'S N-C-A-A TIME.

Sports Noon 3/14/2024

THE SAVANNAH BANANAS ARE IN TOWN! THE FAMOUS BANANA BALL-PLAYERS ARE BRINGING THEIR UNIQUE A-PEAL TO ALEX BOX STADIUM FOR A SOLD-OUT THREE GAME SERIES

AGAINST THE PARTY ANIMALS THIS WEEKEND. THAT SERIES STARTS TONIGHT AT SEVEN-- WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE BANANAS AT THE BOX, TONIGHT.

Entertainment Noon 3/14/2024

IT'S A LONG WAY FROM WEST GARFIELD STREET IN SOUTH BATON ROUGE TO LEGENDARY STATUS IN THE MUSIC WORLD. IT'S A JOURNEY THAT'S TAKEN OUR NEXT GUEST, BACK HIS RED STICK ROOTS, WHERE HE'S HOSTING THE 5TH ANNUAL "BOOSIE BASH," THE BIGGEST HIP-HOP FESTIVAL TO HIT BATON ROUGE. AND JOINING US TODAY, WITH A SPECIAL INVITATION HERE HE IS THE PRIDE OF MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL THE ONE THE ONLY "BOOSIE."

Business Noon 3/14/2024

RECALLED CASHEWS SOLD AT WALMART COULD CAUSE LIFE-THREATENING REACTIONS IN SOME PEOPLE. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS RECALLING 8 AND A QUARTER OUNCE 'GREAT VALUE HONEY ROASTED CASHEWS' ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THAT'S BECAUSE SOME OF THEM CONTAIN UNDECLARED COCONUT AND MILK PRODUCTS, DUE TO INCORRECT LABELING. THAT COULD CAUSE SERIOUS OR LIFE-THREATENING ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN SOME PEOPLE. THE F-D-A SAYS PEOPLE CAN DISCARD THE CASHEWS OR RETURN THEM TO WALMART FOR A FULL REFUND.

CRIME 3-14-24/4PM :20

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN OVERNIGHT SHOOTING OFF FAIRFIELDS AVENUE. ONE PERSON WAS SHOT AND SENT TO THE HOSPITAL BEFORE TWO-30 THIS MORNING ON RHODES AVENUE. THEIR CURRENT CONDITION IS UNKNOWN. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY 3-14-24/4PM :20

B-R-P-D IS HAVING A COMMUNITY WALK AND TALK THIS AFTERNOON. THIS ONE STARTS AT FOUR IN THE SCENIC GARDEN AVENUE AREA. THE GOAL OF COURSE IS TO REACH OUT TO NEIGHBORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS...AND HEAR ABOUT CONCERNS AND WAYS TO HELP CUT DOWN ON CRIME.

COMMUNITY 3-14-24/4PM :20

A MULTI MILLION DOLLAR REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MID-CITY IS COMPLETE, AFTER ONE YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION. A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD THIS MORNING. ITS 31 PROPERTIES IN TOTAL, SPREAD OUT ACROSS AMERICAN STREET, BRICE, DELPHINE, JURA, CORK, AND LAVINIA STREET. ALL OF THEM ARE RENTAL PROPERTIES ON BOTH SIDES OF GOVERNMENT STREET. THE PROJECT COSTED A TOTAL OF EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS WITH RENOVATIONS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.

Transportation 3/14/24 5 p.m. :38

A GRANT UP TO 400 THOUSAND DOLLARS HAS BEEN AWARDED TO LOUISIANA'S SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION RAIL-READY PROJECT TO EXPAND PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE. THE MONEY COMES FROM THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AWARDED BY THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION. IT WILL BE USED ON ADMINISTRATION, PROMOTION OF INTER-CITY PASSENGER RAIL OPERATIONS, AND PREPARATION OF COMPETITIVE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS. THE SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON PASSENGER RAIL PROJECTS TO CONNECT BATON ROUGE AND NEW ORLEANS, NEW ORLEANS AND MOBILE, AND A LINE ALONG THE I-20 CORRIDOR BETWEEN DALLAS AND ATLANTA INCLUDING NORTH LOUISIANA.

Transportation 3/14/24 5 p.m. :20

A THIRTEEN MILLION DOLLAR GRANT FROM THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL HELP PAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THOMAS ROAD. IT IS A TWO MILE STRETCH FROM HIGHWAY 19 TO PLANK ROAD. THE MOVE E-B-R PROJECT WILL WIDEN THE SHOULDERS AND ADD A PATH FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES. THERE WILL BE NEW TURNING LANES AND STREET LIGHTING ALONG WITH BETTER DRAINAGE.

Health 3/14/24 5 p.m. :26  
A NEW SURVEY SHOWS AROUND 40 PERCENT OF TEENAGERS SAY THEY SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA. THE SAME PERCENTAGE SAY THEY NEED TO CUT BACK BUT FEEL ANXIOUS WITHOUT THEIR PHONES. JUST OVER HALF ARE GOOD WITH THEIR SCREEN TIME USAGE. ABOUT TWO THIRDS BELIEVE THE BENEFITS OUTWEIGH THE HARM WHEN IT COMES TO HAVING A SMARTPHONE. THERE HAS BEING GROWING CONCERN ABOUT SOCIAL MEDIA USE AMONG TEENS, AND THE EFFECT ON MENTAL HEALTH.

COMMUNITY 6pm/03/14/24 :20  
DEMOLITION IS UNDER WAY THIS WEEK AT SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. A FIRE OVERTOOK THE CHURCH ALMOST A MONTH AGO BUT THE CONGREGATION IS FINDING HOPE AMID THE RUBBLE.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 03/14/24 :20  
A FORMER L-S-U BASKETBALL PLAYER RETURNED TO BATON ROUGE TODAY IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE SUPPORT FOR AID TO HIS NATIVE COUNTRY OF UKRAINE. NEWS TWO'S JORDAN PON-Z-IO SAT DOWN WITH TIGERS LEGEND.

COMMUNITY 6pm/ 03/14/24 :20  
SOCIAL MEDIA SENSATION SAVANNAH BANANAS ARE TAKING OVER THE BOX WHILE THE TIGERS ARE OUT OF TOWN. THEY ARE SET TO PLAY "BANANA BALL" ALL WEEKEND AND MAY EVEN BRING OUT THE KILTS FOR SAINT PATRICK'S DAY. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN IS THERE LIVE AS FANS START TO FILL THE STANDS.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/03/14/24 :20  
WE WILL HAVE FULL COVERAGE OF THE PARADE STARTING AT NINE A-M SATURDAY. MIA MONET, ALEXIS MARIGNY, AND BRIE ANDRAS WILL BE LIVE TO GET YOU READY FOR THE FESTIVITIES. THE OPENING CEREMONY BEGINS AT NINE-30.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 03/14/24 :20  
BATON ROUGE FIREFIGHTERS COULD BE GETTING A PAY RAISE. THE METRO COUNCIL WILL VOTE NEXT MONTH ON A NEW PROPERTY TAX MILEAGE TO PAY FOR AN INCREASE IN FIREFIGHTER'S SALARIES. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH EXPLAINS.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 03/14/24 :20  
THE U-S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL AWARD LOUISIANA AN ADDITIONAL 400-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF GRANT MONEY FOR THE STATE'S PASSENGER RAIL INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS PART OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S PUSH TO CONNECT MULTIPLE SOUTHERN STATES AND CITIES VIA PASSENGER TRAINS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/03/14/24 :20  
THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION CADE BRUMLEY HIRED A SPECIAL MASTER TO OVERSEE THE E-B-R SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE STATE HAS TAKEN THIS STEP. ROX-ANN WEST -- A FORMER LOUISIANA EDUCATOR IS TAKING THE POSITION -- SHE HAS EXPERIENCE MENTORING SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/14/24 :20  
A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN MID-CITY IS COMPLETE AFTER ONE YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION. CITY LEADERS HELD A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY THIS MORNING. IT IS 31 RENTAL SPREAD OUT ACROSS BOTH SIDES OF GOVERNMENT STREET. THE PROJECT COST: A TOTAL OF EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

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10pm 3/14/24 education

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN LOUISIANA EDUCATION HISTORY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT HAS HIRED A SPECIAL MASTER TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH OVER THE E-B-R SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES. ADVOCATES TELL NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY THIS STEP IS A LONG TIME COMING.

10pm 3/14/24 sports

THEY WERE GOING BANANAS AT ALEC BOX STADIUM TONIGHT, AS THE SAVANNAH BANANAS BROUGHT THEIR A-PEEL-ING STYLE OF BASEBALL TO THE CAPITAL CITY. FANS LINED UP FOR HOURS TO GET AS CLOSE AS THEY COULD TO THE VIRAL SENSATIONS. THE BANANAS ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR WORLD TOUR AND RECENTLY SOLD OUT MINUTE MAID PARK IN HOUSTON. ORGANIZERS SAY NEARLY 140 THOUSAND FANS ENTERED THE TICKET LOTTERY FOR THIS WEEKEND'S SERIES. FOR FORMER SOUTHERN BASEBALL STAR AND PARTY ANIMALS' CATCHER TAJ PORTER BEING ABLE TO BRING BANANA BALL HOME TO BATON ROUGE IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE.

10pm 3/14/24 crime

A FEDERAL JUDGE DISMISSED TWO GUN-RELATED CHARGES AGAINST RAPPER AND BATON ROUGE NATIVE N-B-A YOUNGBOY. LAST MONTH ATTORNEYS FOR YOUNGBOY -- WHOSE REAL NAME IS KENT-TRELL GAULDEN -- ASKED TO HAVE THE ENTIRE INDICTMENT DROPPED, CLAIMING THE CHARGES VIOLATED THE SECOND AMENDMENT. DISTRICT JUDGE SHELLY DICK ELECTED TO DROP CHARGES RELATED TO GAULDEN'S GUN REGISTRATION. HIS TRIAL IS CURRENTLY BEING HELD UP AS THE SUPREME COURT DEBATES WHETHER PEOPLE SUBJECT TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE-RELATED RESTRAINING ORDERS CAN MAINTAIN THEIR SECOND AMENDMENT GUN RIGHTS. A DECISION IS EXPECTED IN JUNE.

Education 2une In 3/15/2024

THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, CADE BRUMLEY, IS TAKING ACTION IN THE EAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL SYSTEM -- HIRING THE FIRST SPECIAL MASTER OVER THE SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCES IN STATE HISTORY. ROXANE WATERS WAS BROUGHT ON AFTER A STATE AUDIT SHOWED THAT COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS WERE NEVER INVESTIGATED.

Crime 2une In 3/1/5/2024

A MANHATTAN JUDGE HAS DENIED ONE OF NEW JERSEY SENATOR BOB MENENDEZ'S MOTIONS -- TO DISMISS THE FEDERAL BRIBERY AND EXTORTION CHARGES AGAINST HIM. THE ATTORNEY FOR SENATOR MENENDEZ CLAIMS THE CHARGES VIOLATED HIS CLIENT'S CONSTITUTIONAL PROTECTIONS AND SHOULD BE DISMISSED ON THE BASIS OF THE SPEECH OR DEBATE CLAUSE.

Sports 2une In 3/1/5/2024

THE S-E-C TOURNAMENT IS ONLY GETTING STARTED FOR MEN'S BASKETBALL. BUT IT'S NOT STARTING OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT. THE LSU TIGERS ARE NOW OUT AFTER LOSING THE MISSISSIPPI STATE THURSDAY NIGHT. THE PURPLE AND GOLD WERE LEADING THIS ONE IN THE FIRST HALF. EIGHT TIGERS SCORING IN THE FIRST 20 MINUTES OF THE GAME.

Community 3/15/24 12pm

DOZENS OF FLOATS ARE READY TO ROLL THIS WEEKEND IN THE 39-TH ANNUAL WEARIN' OF THE GREEN PARADE INCLUDING A FEW NEW ONES!

Crime 3/15/24 12pm

TO A NEWS ALERT...WE'RE LEARNING OF A DEADLY OVERNIGHT SHOOTING ON BYRON AVENUE.

Health 3/15/24 12pm

LOCAL GOLFING LEGEND MR. JACK IS BACK IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION OF GET 2 MOVING. HE'S GIVING LAUREN A WORKOUT AROUND THE GREENS AND ON THE FAIRWAYS TO SEE HOW SHE SWINGS AND GETS TWO MOVING.

CRIME

3-15-24/4PM

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POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING THURSDAY NIGHT IN BATON ROUGE. IT HAPPENED JUST AFTER ELEVEN P-M ON BYRON AVENUE...THAT'S OFF EVANGELINE STREET. 46 YEAR-OLD REGINALD MILLICAN WAS FOUND SHOT MULTIPLE TIMES. RIGHT NOW...THERE'S NO WORD ON A MOTIVE OR SUSPECTS AT THIS TIME.

POLTICS

3-15-24/4PM

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EARLY VOTING FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT AT SIX. OTHER THAN THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, SOME LOCAL RACES ARE ON THE BALLOT-- INCLUDING THE DISTRICT EIGHT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AND BAKER CITY LEADERSHIP. YOU CAN FIND YOUR SAMPLE BALLOT AND FIND YOUR VOTING LOCATION ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE.

TRANSPORTATION

3-15-24/4PM

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BECAUSE OF RAINY WEATHER FORECASTED FOR THE WEEKEND, THE CLOSURE OF EYE 12 AT THE SPLIT- THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT- HAS BEEN MOVED BACK A WEEK. THE NEW TIME FOR THE CLOSURE WILL BE FROM 10 P-M MARCH 22-ND TO FIVE A-M MARCH 23-RD.

Crime

3/15/24

5 p.m.

:24

THREE PEOPLE SHOT...TWO OF THEM KILLED EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON. IT HAPPENED AT A HOME ON BLUEWATER DRIVE JUST OFF GEORGE O'NEAL ROAD IN THE SHENANDOAH AREA. THE VICTIMS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. WE ARE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUT THE SHOOTING DOES APPEAR TO BE DOMESTIC IN NATURE. WE WILL HAVE UPDATES ON W-B-R-Z-DOT-COM AND LATER NEWSCASTS.

Political

3/15/24

5 p.m.

:23

FIFTY LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS HAVE BEEN MOBILIZED TO TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION LONE STAR AT THE MEXICO BORDER. THE DEPLOYMENT WAS AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNOR LANDRY AND FUNDED BY THE LEGISLATURE. IT IS THE FIRST OF THREE ROTATIONS BY THE GUARD...EACH LASTING ABOUT 30 DAYS. THE MISSION WILL BE TO HELP THE TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD IN DETECTING AND PREVENTING ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSINGS.

Health

3/15/24

5 p.m.

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THE F-D-A HAS NOW APPROVED THE FIRST DRUG TO TREAT A COMMON FORM OF LIVER INFLAMMATION. THE NEW DRUG WILL BE MARKETED UNDER THE BRAND NAME "REZ-DIF-FRA" AND IS TAKEN ORALLY. IT TREATS A DISEASE WITH THE ACRONYM "NASH" WHICH OCCURS WHEN THE LIVER BECOMES INFLAMED BECAUSE OF EXCESS FAT CELLS. THE MEDICATION ACTIVATES A THYROID HORMONE RECEPTOR IN THE LIVER -- TO HELP REDUCE FAT ACCUMULATION. A POST APPROVAL STUDY WILL HELP VERIFY THE DRUG'S CLINICAL BENEFITS. THE F-D-A SAYS SIX TO EIGHT MILLION PEOPLE IN THE U-S ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE "NASH."

Weather 3-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:30

STRONG THUNDERSTORMS HAVE BEEN GUSTING THROUGH THE CAPITAL AREA TODAY. OUR CHIEF METEOROLOGIST, DR. JOSH EACHUS HAS BEEN TRACKING THE ACTION ALL DAY LONG. HERE NOW WITH A LOOK AT WHAT'S NEXT.

Business 3-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

TIME TO TAKE OUT YOUR FAVORITE GREEN OUTFIT. TOMORROW MORNING KICKS OFF THE 39TH ANNUAL WEARING OF THE GREEN PARADE. ALONG WITH THE PARADE ROUTE -- THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL JOIN TOGETHER IN THE CAPITAL CITY TO CELEBRATE. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO BUSINESS OWNERS WHO SAY TOMORROW WILL BE A TREMENDOUS MONEY MAKER.

Traffic 3-15-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A FULL CLOSURE OF EYE-12 THIS WEEKEND FOR WORK ON THE COLLEGE FLYOVER ... WILL HAVE TO WAIT. CREWS ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO SHUT DOWN THE INTERSTATE TO DO SOME MAJOR WORK. BUT THE FORECAST SHUT THE WORK DOWN INSTEAD. TEAM TWO TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN HAS MORE ON WHY THE WEATHER IS CAUSING A MAJOR DISRUPTION TO THE OVERALL PROGRESS.

Weather 3-15-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:30

ANOTHER STORMY FRIDAY WITH SOME STRONG THUNDERSTORMS EARLIER TODAY. STORM STATION METEOROLOGIST MALCOLM BYRON JOINS US NOW TO TAKE US INTO THE WEEKEND.

Business 3-15-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

IT'S TIME TO TAKE OFF YOUR FAVORITE GREEN OUTFIT. TOMORROW MORNING KICKS OFF THE 39TH ANNUAL WEARING OF THE GREEN PARADE HERE IN BATON ROUGE. ALONG WITH THE PARADE -- THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WILL JOIN TOGETHER IN THE CAPITAL CITY TO CELEBRATE -- NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO BUSINESS OWNERS WHO ADMIT TOMORROW WILL BE ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST MONEY MAKERS OF THE YEAR.

Court 3-15-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A MAJOR UPDATE IN TRUMP'S ELECTION INTERFERENCE CASE IN GEORGIA. PROSECUTOR NATHAN WADE HAS RESIGNED-- AFTER CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY FANI WILLIS.

WEATHER

9 PM/03/15/2024

:15

ANOTHER ROUND OF SHOWERS AND STORMS ROLLING INTO THE AREA TONIGHT. AND MORE IS EXPECTED THIS WEEKEND. MALCOLM IS IN FOR BALIN TONIGHT WITH THE LATEST.

BREAKING

9 PM/03/15/2024

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A WOMAN FROM CLINTON IS DEAD AFTER A FALLING TREE LED TO A CRASH IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH THIS AFTERNOON. STATE POLICE SAY 65 YEAR OLD VIVIAN JOHNSON WAS DRIVING NORTHBOUND ON L-A 37 AT LISA DRIVE WHEN A TREE FELL ON HER CAR. THE IMPACT CAUSED HER TO RUN OFF THE ROAD AND CRASH INTO ANOTHER TREE.

COMMUNITY

9 PM/03/15/2024

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THE LATEST DATA FROM THE U-S CENSUS BUREAU SHOWS LOUISIANA'S POPULATION HAS DECLINED FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW. IN 20-23 BOTH THE STATE AND EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH'S POPULATION DECREASED BY JUST UNDER TWO PERCENT. HOWEVER LIVINGSTON AND ASCENSION PARISHES GREW BY FOUR PERCENT. IT'S THE 5-TH YEAR BOTH PARISHES HAVE EXPERIENCED POPULATION GROWTH.

10pm 3/15/23 community

IN LESS THAN 12 HOURS THE 39TH ANNUAL WEARIN' OF THE GREEN PARADE WILL ROLL THROUGH THE STREETS OF BATON ROUGE. TENTS AND CAUTION TAPE ARE POPPING UP ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE AS PEOPLE STAKE THEIR TERRITORY AHEAD OF THE PARADE. THIS YEAR L-S-U LEGEND SEIMONE AUGUSTUS WILL SERVE AS GRAND MARSHAL.

10pm 3/15/23 crime

A MAN IN EAST FELICIANA PARISH FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE AFTER HE CLAIMED GAME WARDENS STEPPED ONTO HIS PROPERTY ILLEGALLY. HE SAID THIS IS A RESPONSIBILITY HE HAS TO TAKE ON FOR OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON PICKS UP THE STORY.

10pm 3/15/23 crime

DETECTIVES ARRESTED 19-YEAR-OLD DE-ON-TRAY SPURLOCK AFTER THEY SAY HE FORCED HIMSELF INTO A WOMAN'S HOME AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HER EARLIER THIS MONTH. POLICE WERE ABLE TO TRACK HIM DOWN TODAY. HE HAS BEEN BOOKED INTO THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH PRISON FOR FIRST DEGREE RAPE AND AGGRAVATED BURGLARY.

Entertainment 3-16-2024/9:00 a.m. 2:00

PERKINS AT TERRACE IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST SPOTS ALONG THE PARADE ROUTE. PEOPLE THERE PARTY JUST AS HARD AS THE CROWD AT THE OVERPASS ... AND THAT'S SAYING A LOT. BRIE ANDRES IS THERE GETTING READY FOR THE FUN.

Entertainment 3-16-2024/9:00 a.m. 2:00

DOZENS OF FLOATS ARE READY TO ROLL THIS MORNING INCLUDING A FEW THAT ARE NEW TO THE WEARING OF THE GREEN. AND AS NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN FOUND OUT SOME OF THEM ARE MUCH MORE THAN WHAT MEETS THE EYE.

Entertainment 3-16-2024/9:00 a.m. 2:00

WE'LL BE TELLING YOU ABOUT THE VARIOUS KREWES AS THEY ROLL BY. THERE'S ONE KREWE IN PARTICULAR TO LOOK OUT FOR. IF YOU ARE A FAN OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING YOU'LL LOVE THIS. THEY ARE BRINGING ALL THE "FLAIR".

COMMUNITY

6 PM/03/16/2024

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THE 39-TH ANNUAL WEARIN OF THE GREEN PARADE KICKING OFF SAINT PATRICK'S DAY WEEKEND IN THE CAPITAL CITY! A GREEN OVERLOAD IN BATON ROUGE TODAY AS THE PARADE STROLLED THROUGH THE CITY. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN ALEXIS MARGNY AND MYSELF OUT THERE THIS MORNING, CELEBRATING WITH THE COMMUNITY. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS A RECAP OF ALL THE FESTIVITIES THAT WENT ON TODAY.

CRIME

6 PM/03/16/2024

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NEW DETAILS TONIGHT IN AN ATTEMPTED MURDER-SUICIDE THAT LEFT TWO PEOPLE DEAD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ALONG BLUEWATER DRIVE. THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED THE SHOOTER AS 63 YEAR OLD BRENT DELOACH. DEPUTIES TELL US HE KILLED HIS DAUGHTER-- 30 YEAR OLD CHRISTIANA DELOACH AND HIS FATHER-- 84 YEAR OLD SIDNEY DELOACH BEFORE SHOOTING HIMSELF AROUND TWO P-M.

CRIME

6 PM/03/16/2024

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LOUISIANA STATE POLICE ARRESTED THREE PEOPLE RELATED TO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION. 24-YEAR-OLD JOHN ANTHONY CAMPANELLA THE THIRD, 36 YEAR OLD ROSS BRIGNAC, AND 41 YEAR OLD STUART STRINGER ALL FACE CHARGES OF COMPUTER AIDED SOLICITATION OF A MINOR AND INDECENT BEHAVIOR WITH JUVENILES. THE F-B-I AND MADISONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT WORKED WITH STATE POLICE DURING THE INVESTIGATION.

CRIME

10 PM/03/16/2024

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WE HAVE AN UPDATE ON A DOUBLE HOMICIDE AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE THAT HAPPENED IN A SHENANDOAH NEIGHBORHOOD YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY THE MAN ACCUSED OF KILLING HIS DAUGHTER AND FATHER TOLD THEM A FAKE STORY WHEN THEY ARRIVED ON SCENE. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

CRIME 10 PM/03/16/2024 :20  
AND A CRIME ALERT TONIGHT IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH. A 13 YEAR OLD GIRL IS IN THE HOSPITAL TONIGHT AFTER SHE WAS SHOT WHILE RIDING IN A CAR ON I-12 NEAR HAMMOND LAST NIGHT. TANGIPAHOA SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 9:30. AN UNKNOWN VEHICLE PULLED UP NEXT TO THE CAR, AND SHOT TWICE-- HITTING THE GIRL IN THE NECK AND LEG. HER CURRENT CONDITION IS UNKNOWN.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/16/2024 :15  
THE BOX ONCE AGAINST WENT BANANAS TONIGHT AS A VIRAL BASEBALL SENSATION WRAPPED UP ITS VISIT TO BATON ROUGE. THE SAVANNAH BANANAS PLAYED THEIR FINAL GAME TONIGHT. STARTING THINGS OFF WITH THE FIRST PITCH WAS NONE OTHER THAN COACH KIM MULKEY.

Fire 9 AM 3/17/2024  
BATON ROUGE FIREFIGHTERS ARE RESPONDING TO A HOUSE FIRE OFF BRIGHTSIDE DRIVE. OFFICIALS SAID THE HOUSE ON LAUREL LAKES AVENUE CAUGHT FIRE AROUND SEVEN THIS MORNING. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY, AND WE'RE WORKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SITUATION.

Justice 9 AM 3/17/2024  
THE TRIAL FOR DAVID CAUTHRON-- AN ADDIS POLICE OFFICER WHO STRUCK AND KILLED TWO TEENAGE GIRLS DURING A POLICE CHASE IN BATON ROUGE DECEMBER OF 2022-- BEGINS TOMORROW. CAUTHRON IS FACING TWO COUNTS OF NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE AND ONE COUNT OF NEGLIGENT INJURING, FOR HIS ROLE IN THE DEATHS OF MAGGIE DUNN AND CAROLINE GILL.

Holiday 9 AM 3/17/2024  
WE ARE TWO WEEKS AWAY FROM EASTER SUNDAY...TODAY, THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT CONTINUES AT MANY CHURCHES IN BATON ROUGE, INCLUDING ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST HISTORIC. WE VISITED ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN TO SEE WHY LENT IS SUCH A SPECIAL TIME OF GLORY, GRACE AND GUMBO.

CRIME 5:30 PM/03/17/2024 :10  
A MOM FOUND HER SON DEAD IN HIS CAR AFTER A SHOOTING NEAR FLORIDA BOULEVARD THIS AFTERNOON. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM JOINS US WITH THE LATEST.

CRIME 5:30 PM/03/17/2024 :20  
THE TRAIL OF DAVID CAUTHORN-- THE FORMER ADDIS POLICE OFFICER ACCUSED OF KILLING TWO TEENAGE GIRLS IN A CRASH ON NEW YEARS EVE OF 20-22-- IS SET TO START TOMORROW. CAUTHRON IS FACING TWO COUNTS OF NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE AND ONE COUNT OF NEGLIGENT INJURING, FOR HIS ROLE IN THE DEATHS OF MAGGIE DUNN AND CAROLINE GILL.

COMMUNITY 5:30 PM/03/17/2024 :20  
EVEN THOUGH TODAY IS SAINT PATRICK'S DAY-- OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE PARTICIPATED IN A CENTURIES OLD TRADITION TO HONOR ANOTHER SAINT. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

CRIME 10 PM/03/17/2024 :20  
NEW DETAILS IN A DEADLY SHOOTING ALONG TAMS DRIVE THIS AFTERNOON. BATON ROUGE POLICE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 20 YEAR OLD JARVION JOHNSON. OFFICERS SAY HIS MOTHER FOUND HIM DEAD IN HIS CAR SHORTLY AFTER 1 PM. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM HAS THE STORY.

CRIME 10 PM/03/17/2024 :25



BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A WOMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS BY FORGING A SIGNATURE ON A BANK WITHDRAWAL SLIP. ACCORDING TO ARREST DOCUMENTS-- 28 YEAR OLD TRENZIA GRAY WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA FORGING THE SIGNATURE AND MAKING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHASE BANK ON CORPORATE BOULEVARD. SHE FACES CHARGES OF THEFT, BANK FRAUD, IDENTITY THEFT AND ILLEGAL TRANSMISSION OF MONETARY FUNDS.

COMMUNITY

10 PM/03/17/2024

:25

WITH JUST TWO WEEKS TO GO UNTIL EASTER-- THE CHOIRS OF SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL AND FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES IN BATON ROUGE CAME TOGETHER FOR A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF JOHN STAINER'S "THE CRUCIFIXION." THE MUSICAL WORK FIRST PERFORMED IN 18-87-- TELLS US THE STORY OF JESUS'S LIFE AS TOLD IN THE GOSPELS. IT FEATURED SEVERAL CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS, AS WELL AS A FEW SOLO PERFORMANCES.

2UNE IN 3/18/24 CRIME

EAST BATON ROUGE DEPUTIES INVESTIGATING A DOUBLE SHOOTING AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDE IN SHENANDOAH OVER THE WEEKEND. IT HAPPENED FRIDAY ON BLUEWATER DRIVE. THE SHOOTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS 63-YEAR-OLD BRENT DELOACH. INVESTIGATORS SAY HE CLAIMED SOMEONE HAD ENTERED HIS HOME SHOOTING HIM, HIS FATHER AND DAUGHTER. HOWEVER, SURVEILLANCE VIDEO SHOWED DELOACH FIGHTING WITH HIS 30-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER AND FATHER BEFORE ALLEGEDLY SHOOTING AND KILLING THEM BOTH, AND THEN SHOOTING HIMSELF. HE IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER AND WILL BE CHARGED WITH TWO COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

2UNE IN 3/18/24 WEATHER

AFTER A STORMY WEEKEND SOME FAMILIES ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW PLACE TO STAY. SUNDAY MORNING A HOUSE WAS DESTROYED AFTER A LIGHTNING STRIKE CAUSED A FIRE ON LAUREL LAKES AVENUE. RESIDENTS SAY THEY HEARD THUNDER, FOLLOWED BY SMOKE ALARMS. ALL FOUR OCCUPANTS WERE UNHARMED, BUT THEIR HOME WAS RULED A TOTAL LOSS. ABOUT \$700-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DAMAGES.

2UNE IN 3/18/24 SPORTS

MARCH MADNESS IS HERE AND THE LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM IS GOING DANCING, AS A NUMBER THREE SEED...FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR. THEY'LL TAKE ON NUMBER 14 RICE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE N-C-DOUBLE-A MARCH MADNESS TOURNAMENT THIS FRIDAY IN THE P-MAC ON E-S-P-N. L-S-U HAS WON 10 OUT OF THEIR LAST 11 GAMES. THE TIGERS LOST TO NUMBER ONE SEED SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE S-E-C CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. DURING THE CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT, LSU'S LAST-TEAR POA GOT A CONCUSSION, ANGEL REESE PLAYED THROUGH AN ANKLE INJURY AND FLAU'JAE JOHNSON WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCUFFLE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA'S KAMILA CARDOSO — WHO WILL BE MISSING THE FIRST GAME OF THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO AN EJECTION IN THAT GAME. BUT BOTH TEAMS ARE ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE BRACKET, SO IF ANOTHER RE-MATCH HAPPENS IT WOULD BE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME. IN ORDER TO GET TO THAT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, LSU WILL LIKELY HAVE TO TAKE DOWN NUMBER ONE SEED IOWA — WHO L-S-U BEAT IN THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN 2023.

Breaking news 3/18/24 12pm

FORMER ADDIS POLICE OFFICER DAVID CAUTHRON HAS PLED GUILTY TO 2 COUNTS OF MANSLAUGHTER AND 1 COUNT OF NEGLIGENT INJURING FOR THE DEATH OF TWO BRUSLY CHEERLEADERS -- MAGGIE DUNN AND CAROLINE GILL.

Crime 3/18/24 12pm

BATON ROUGE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR SUSPECTS IN WHAT THEY BELIEVE WAS A TARGETED SHOOTING. 20-YEAR-OLD JARVION JOHNSON WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH ON TAMS DRIVE SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Community 3/18/24 12pm

TWO WEEKS TO GO IN LENT...AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO FILL HEARTS WITH HOPE, AS WE FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR THE NEEDY. WBRZ'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY IS UNDERWAY, AND WE'VE GOT A DELICIOUS DEAL FOR YOU.

CRIME 3-18-24/4PM :20

A FORMER ADDIS POLICE OFFICER ON TRIAL FOR THE DEATHS OF TWO BRUSLY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS...MADE HIS PLEA IN COURT TODAY. DAVID CAUTHRON PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS OF MANSLAUGHTER. CAUTHRON WAS IN A HIGH-SPEED CHASE, RAN A RED LIGHT, HITTING THE CAR WITH MAGGIE DUNN AND CAROLINE GILL INSIDE...KILLING THEM.

HEALTH 3-18-24/4PM :20

ONLINE SALES BEGAN TODAY FOR THE FIRST OVER-THE-COUNTER BIRTH CONTROL PILL APPROVED IN THE U-S. O-PILL CAN BE BOUGHT DIRECTLY FROM ITS OWN WEBSITE -- O-PILL-DOT-COM -- AND AMAZON. SOME MAJOR RETAIL PHARMACIES -- LIKE C-V-S AND WALGREENS -- HAVE SAID THEY WILL OFFER O-PILL ONCE THEY RECEIVE THEIR SHIPMENTS.

BUSINESS 3-18-24/4PM :20

THERE'S A NEW BLUE BELL ICE CREAM FLAVOR FOR YOU TO TRY. IT'S 'GOOEY BUTTER CAKE ICE CREAM.' IT'S CAKE BATTER ICE CREAM WITH CREAM CHEESE SWIRL AND BUTTER CAKE PIECES. THE TEXAS-BASED COMPANY SAYS IT'S A NOD TO SAINT LOUIS, WHICH MADE 'GOOEY BUTTER CAKE' FAMOUS. THE NEW FLAVOR IS AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME.

Political 3/18/24 5 p.m. :49

TWO YEAR OLD MITCHELL ROBINSON THE THIRD DIED OF A FENTANYL OVERDOSE IN 20-22. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO HIS DEATH. KAIT HARMON WITH MORE ON WHAT WAS FOUND. THAT REPORT WAS RELEASED JUST THIS MORNING. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL INVESTIGATED THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND ITS INABILITY TO CARE FOR FOSTER CHILDREN LIKE ROBINSON. ITS FINDINGS ECHOED MANY OF THE PROBLEMS REPORTED BY THE W-B-R-Z INVESTIGATIVE UNIT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. ROBINSON OVERDOSED TWO TIMES PRIOR TO HIS DEATH. D-C-F-S WAS ALERTED AND DID NOT REMOVE THE CHILD FROM HIS HOME. THE REPORT FOUND THAT D-C-F-S WAS OVERLOADED, HAD A LACK OF TRAINING AND DID NOT HAVE A SAFETY NET. THE REPORT ALSO FOUND THAT D-C-F-S WAS NOT NOTIFIED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOLLOWING ARRESTS OF ROBINSON'S PARENTS AND THAT HIS DEATH COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. THE NEWLY APPOINTED SECRETARY OF D-C-F-S RESPONDED TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IN A LETTER IN EARLY MARCH, NOTING HOW OVERWORKED D-C-F-S WAS AND STILL IS DESPITE EFFORTS TO HIRE MORE PEOPLE.

Crime 3/18/24 5 p.m. :37

U-S MARSHALS HELPED TRACK DOWN A FUGITIVE SEX OFFENDER HIDING OUT AT THIS SMALL ENCAMPMENT IN A REMOTE PART OF THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN. BRIAN SCHALLER WAS WANTED FOR A 20-15 INDICTMENT FOR CHILD PORN DISTRIBUTION...A WARRANT FROM EAST BATON ROUGE FOR VIOLATING TERMS OF THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND BY THE TANGIPAOA SHERIFF'S OFFICE ON SEXUAL BATTERY CHARGES. THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES MARITIME SECURITY RESPONSE TEAM HELPED IN THE CAPTURE OF SCHALLER. A STRUCTURE IN THE ENCAMPMENT WAS CONSTRUCTED FROM TREE LIMBS, TARP, AND PARACHUTE CORD. THERE WERE ALSO NEARBY TRAPS FOR SMALL GAME IN THE SURROUNDING TRAILS.

Health 3/18/24 5 p.m. :30

THE INCREASE OF MEASLES CASES WORLDWIDE HAS THE C-D-C ISSUING NEW GUIDANCE AHEAD OF THE BUSY SUMMER TRAVEL SEASON. THE RECOMMENDATION IS THAT AMERICANS SET TO FLY TO OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD CONSULT THEIR DOCTORS AT LEAST SIX WEEKS BEFORE THEY LEAVE IF THEY ARE NOT SURE ABOUT WHETHER THEY ARE UP-TO-

DATE ON THEIR MEASLES VACCINES. THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL TWO WEEKS FROM THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE C-D-C IN NOVEMBER. ALSO, RUSSIA AND MALAYSIA HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE C-D-C MAP OF 46 COUNTRIES WITH SIGNIFICANT MEASLES OUTBREAKS.

Investigation 3-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 3:00

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES WAS SINGLED OUT IN A SCATHING REPORT ON THE OVERDOSE DEATH OF TWO YEAR OLD MITCHELL ROBINSON. THE NEWS TWO INVESTIGATIVE UNIT REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON THE FAILURES THAT LED TO THE TODDLERS DEATH. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON HERE WITH THE FINDINGS BY THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL.

Court 3-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A FORMER ADDIS POLICE OFFICER WILL SPEND THE NEXT TEN YEARS IN PRISON FOLLOWING A CRASH THAT KILLED TWO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS. DAVID CAUTHRON WAS CHASING A SUSPECT WHO STOLE A CAR WHEN HE RAN A RED-LIGHT AND CRASHED INTO THE TEEN'S CAR. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM WITH REACTION FROM FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE VICTIMS.

Weather 3-18-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:10

OLD MAN WINTER BREATHING A LAST CHILLY GASP. JOSH IS OUTSIDE. DO WE NEED TO THINK LAYERS JOSH?

Community 3-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

LAST YEAR THE CITY'S METRO COUNCIL PREVENTED A FORENSIC BEHAVIORAL HOSPITAL FROM COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD IN BATON ROUGE. BUT THAT SAME NEIGHBORHOOD ASKED FOR EVEN MORE PROTECTION. TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US WHAT OTHER MEASURES ARE IN THE WORKS.

Court 3-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

TODAY, THE U-S SUPREME COURT APPEARED CRITICAL OF CLAIMS THAT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION COERCED SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS INTO REMOVING INACCURATE OR POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS CONTENT. REPUBLICAN ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN LOUISIANA, MISSOURI, AND OTHER PARTIES ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT OF GOING TOO FAR.

Crime 3-18-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

SPRING BREAK FUN SHATTERED BY VIOLENCE IN FLORIDA...AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATING THREE SEPARATE SHOOTINGS IN JACKSONVILLE. THIS COMES AFTER POLICE ARRESTED A TEENAGER FOLLOWING AN ARMED STANDOFF AT A DIFFERENT BEACH.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 9pm/03/18/24 :20

AFTER A SERIES OF SHOOTINGS IN MARCH THAT B-R-P-D ALLEGES ARE CONNECTED -- CITY LEADERS ARE BANNING TOGETHER WITH THE GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY -- DIGGING FOR SOLUTIONS. TONIGHT IN SCOTLANDVILLE POLICE CHIEF T-J MORSE JUNIOR SAID FIGHTING CRIME CAN NOT FALL ON POLICE ALONE -- AND IT TAKES THE COMMUNITY STEPPING UP.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/18/24 :20

IN A FIRST AMENDMENT FREE SPEECH CASE, THE U-S SUPREME COURT IS CONSIDERING HOW FAR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CAN GO TO COMBAT MISINFORMATION OR MISLEADING AND DANGEROUS INFORMATION ONLINE. JUSTICES APPEARED SKEPTICAL OF LOUISIANA SOLICITOR GENERAL BENJAMIN "AGAIN-NUH-GUH'S" ACCUSATIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COERCED SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES INTO MODERATING OR TAKING DOWN POSTS.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/18/24 :20

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10pm 3/18/24 crime

AFTER A SERIES OF SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE DURING THE PAST MONTH -- CITY LEADERS SAY THEY WANT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS. IN SCOTLANDVILLE - CITY LEADERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS MET AT J-K HAYNES ELEMENTARY -- FOR AN HONEST CONVERSATION ABOUT CRIME. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIIGNY SPOKE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS ABOUT HOW THEY ARE MAKING CHANGE.

10pm 3/18/24 weather

AROUND THE STATE -- FARMERS IN TANGIPAOHA PARISH PREPARED THE STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOR THOSE NEAR FREEZING TEMPERATURES OVERNIGHT. THEY AREN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES WITH BERRIES NOW IN FULL PRODUCTION. PAUL MURPHY REPORTS FROM CARONA FARMS IN INDEPENDENCE.

10pm 3/18/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- A SCATHING REPORT FROM THE LOUISIANA INSPECTOR GENERAL FOUND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES "TOOK NO ACTION WHATSOEVER" TO PREVENT THE 2-YEAR-OLD'S FENTANYL OVERDOSE DEATH IN 20-22.

CRIME 5AM 3/19/2024

ONE PERSON IS RECOVERING AFTER A SHOOTOUT MONDAY AFTERNOON IN PARKING LOT OF SKATE GALAXY. THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS TWO VEHICLES WERE PARKED OUTSIDE AROUND SIX THIRTY. DEPUTIES SAY THE PEOPLE INSIDE THE CARS STARTED SHOOTING AT ONE ANOTHER AND THEN RAN AWAY. THE VICTIM WAS FOUND AT A NEARBY GAS STATION AND IS REPORTEDLY IN SERIOUS BUT STABLE CONDITION. WE'RE ALSO LEARNING ANOTHER PERSON MAY HAVE BEEN SHOT BUT THEY ALSO LEFT THE AREA. DEPUTIES DO NOT KNOW WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/19/2024

EARLY VOTING WAS A SUCCESS IN LOUISIANA. THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE SHOWS THAT EARLY VOTING WAS UP 60-PERCENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS YEAR'S VOTERS TOTALED MORE THAN 160-THOUSAND PEOPLE. 39 PARISHES HAVE THE ALREADY DECIDED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ON THE BALLOT, ALONG WITH RACES FOR STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES. IN ADDITION TO THE PARTY RACES, THERE'S A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR SOUTHEAST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BOARD SEAT AND MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BAKER. ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY.

SPORTS 5AM 3/19/2024

THE L-S-U BASEBALL TEAM WILL PLAY 56 GAMES THIS SEASON. AND AFTER LOSING THE SERIES AGAINST MISSISSIPPI STATE OVER THE WEEKEND, COACH JAY JOHNSON HOPES HIS TEAM LOOKS FORWARD AND IMPROVES. THE 17-4 TIGERS DROPPED THREE SPOTS TO NUMBER FIVE IN THIS WEEK'S BASEBALL AMERICA POLL. L-S-U GAVE UP 33 RUNS IN THREE GAMES AND COACH JOHNSON WAS NOT TOO IMPRESSED WITH THE PERFORMANCE ON THE MOUND AND IN THE FIELD. BUT AFTER SUCH A GREAT FIRST 18 GAMES OF THE SEASON FROM L-S-U, COACH BELIEVES MISSISSIPPI STATE WAS MORE OF AN OUTLIER. L-S-U PLAYS ALL FOUR GAMES AT ALEC BOX STADIUM THIS WEEK. THE TIGERS HOST LOUISIANA TECH TONIGHT AT 6:30 BEFORE WELCOMING FLORIDA TO TOWN FOR A WEEKEND SERIES IN A REMATCH OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.

Crime 3/19/24 12pm

A WANTED SEX OFFENDER REPORTEDLY LIVING "OFF THE GRID" IN THE ATCHAFALAYA BASIN WAS CAPTURED BY U-S MARSHALS MONDAY. 51-YEAR-OLD BRIAN SCHALLER WAS ARRESTED AFTER AGENTS FOUND HIM LIVING IN A HUT DEEP IN THE BASIN NEAR THE "SHER-BURNE" WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Community 3/19/24 12pm

CHURCHES ACROSS THE CAPITAL AREA ARE TAKING PART IN A CENTURIES OLD TRADITION, THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH. MANY CREATING ALTARS ADORNED WITH FOOD AND RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS TO HONOR THE DAY.

Government 3/19/24 12pm

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN CAMPAIGNING IN THE SWING STATE OF NEVADA TODAY AS FIVE STATES HOLD THEIR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONTESTS. THIS AS DONALD TRUMP FACES WHAT HIS LAWYERS CALL "INSURMOUNTABLE DIFFICULTIES" RAISING THE NEARLY HALF A BILLION DOLLARS HE NEEDS TO COVER THE AMOUNT OWED AFTER HE WAS FOUND LIABLE FOR FRAUD.

COMMUNITY

3-19-24/4PM

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THE E-B-R JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND JAIL TASK FORCE ARE HOSTING THEIR FIRST PUBLIC MEETING THIS EVENING. THE MEETING WILL FORM COMMITTEES WITH THE GOAL TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR A NEW FACILITY. THE TASK FORCE WAS CREATED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO REPLACE CURRENT FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DETERIORATING.

COMMUNITY

3-19-24/4PM

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THE EAST BATON ROUGE METRO COUNCIL IS TAKING ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE THAT WOULD CREATE A THOUSAND-FOOT BUFFER BETWEEN A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY AND A COMMUNITY...LIKE A SCHOOL, PARK, OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THIS COMES ABOUT A YEAR AFTER THE COUNCIL PUT A STOP TO A FORENSIC PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN GLEN OAKS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST FEET AWAY FROM A SCHOOL.

COMMUNITY

3-19-24/4PM

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THE BATON ROUGE ZOO HAS REGAINED ITS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION. THIS COMES SIX YEARS AFTER A NUMBER OF OUTDATED EXHIBITS AND OTHER ISSUES COST IT ITS RECOGNITION. IT IS NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF A 50 MILLION DOLLAR IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

Political

3/19/24

5 p.m.

:31

AN ON-GOING THREE YEAR RENOVATION HAS ENABLED THE BATON ROUGE BREC ZOO TO RE-GAIN ITS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION. THAT STATUS WAS LOST IN 20-18. BREC SUPERINTENDENT COREY WILSON SAYS A LOT OF HARDWORK BY BREC AND ZOO STAFF HAS PAID OFF. THEY'VE UNDERGONE A COMPLETE OVERHAUL INCLUDING A BRAND NEW ENTRANCE, NEW HIPPO EXHIBIT, AND NEW GIRAFFE FEEDING STATION. WILSON SAYS ACCREDITATION IS JUST ONE OF THE GOALS BREC HAS FOR THE YEAR AND THAT THE BIGGEST ONE IS FOR VOTERS TO RENEW AN EXISTING TAX TO KEEP FUNDING FUTURE PROJECTS.

Community

3/19/24

5 p.m.

:21

FROM TWO ON YOUR SIDE...A WOMAN IS HAVING A TOUGH TIME PAYING A BILL THAT BELONGED TO HER DAUGHTER WHO DIED LAST YEAR. SHE TELLS 2 ON YOUR SIDE THAT SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO PAY OFF THE BALANCE WITH CONN'S HOME PLUS SINCE SEPTEMBER AND THEY WON'T TAKE HER MONEY! ALL SHE WANTS TO DO IS TO TAKE CARE OF HER DAUGHTER'S OUTSTANDING DEBT. BRITTANY WEISS HAS THE ENTIRE STORY AT SIX.

Health

3/19/24

5 p.m.

:28

SOME HEALTH PROVIDERS ARE WORKING TO STREAMLINE NOTIFICATIONS SO PATIENTS DON'T MISS APPOINTMENTS BUT ARE NOT GETTING OVERWHELMED WITH REMINDERS. YOU MAY GET PHONE CALLS, TEXTS, AND E-MAILS ABOUT YOUR UPCOMING APPOINTMENT. SOMETIMES A BUNCH OF THEM. THAT IS BECAUSE THERE CAN BE MULTIPLE SYSTEMS IN PLACE. ONE FOR MEDICAL RECORDS, ANOTHER FOR PRESCRIPTIONS, MAYBE EVEN ONE FOR MARKETING. PHYSICIANS WANT TO MINIMIZE MISSED APPOINTMENTS BECAUSE THEY COST THE PRACTICE MONEY.

Community 3-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

SHAPING A NEW FUTURE FOR JUVENILE DETENTION IN BATON ROUGE IS BEGINNING NOW. THE CURRENT FACILITY IS DILAPIDATED AND HAS BEEN PLAGUED WITH ESCAPES. THE PUBLIC HEARING WHAT A TASK FORCE HAS COME UP WITH AND ADDING THEIR OWN THOUGHTS TO WHAT A NEW FACILITY SHOULD LOOK LIKE. ALEXIS MARIGNY LIVE WITH THE INPUT.

Crime 3-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:15

A CHURCH PARKING LOT WAS ROPED OFF AFTER A DEADLY SHOOTING. THIS HAPPENED ABOUT THREE HOURS AGO ON SOUTH 18th STREET AT AMERICA. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH WAS THERE AS FIRST RESPONDERS TRIED TO REVIVE THE VICTIM.

Consumer 3-19-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A MOM IS TRYING TO SETTLE THE DEBT OF HER DAUGHTER WHO DIED LAST YEAR. THERE IS ONE BILL FROM A FURNITURE COMPANY THAT JUST WILL NOT GO AWAY. SHE CALLED 2 ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS FOR HELP.

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/03/19/24 :20

THE E-B-R JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER AND JAIL TASK FORCE IS HOSTING ITS FIRST PUBLIC MEETING. THE GOAL OF THE MEETING IS TO FORM COMMITTEES TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR A NEW FACILITY. THE TASK FORCE WAS CREATED TO COME UP WITH A PLAN TO REPLACE CURRENT FACILITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN DETERIORATING. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY WILL HAVE MORE FROM THE MEETING TONIGHT ON NEWS TWO AT TEN!

COMMUNITY 6:30pm/ 03/19/24 :20

FOLLOWING A MONTH-LONG INVESTIGATION...OFFICIALS SAY FOUL PLAY IS NOT SUSPECTED IN A MASSIVE FIRE AT SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN BATON ROUGE...AND IT WAS NOT INTENTIONALLY SET. THE FIRE, WHICH HAPPENED ON FEBRUARY 17TH, DESTROYED THE SANCTUARY AT THE CHURCH. THERE'S STILL NO WORD ON EXACTLY HOW THE FIRE STARTED.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 03/19/24 :20

A CRIME ALERT THIS EVENING...A DEADLY SHOOTING EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON IN BATON ROUGE. ONE PERSON WAS KILLED ON SOUTH 18TH STREET NEAR AMERICA STREET JUST SOUTH OF NORTH BOULEVARD. WE ARE WORKING TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM POLICE AND WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON W-B-R-Z DOT COM AND LATER NEWSCASTS.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 9pm/03/19/24 :20

THE GOAL: FORM COMMITTEES TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOR A NEW FACILITY. OFFICIALS SAY THE CURRENT FACILITY IS CRUMBLING. DURING THE MEETNG, VIDEO WAS SHOWN OF RUSTED PIPES, HOLES IN CEILINGS, BROKEN WINDOWS, EXPOSED WIRES, MOLD...AND THE LIST GOES ON.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/19/24 :20

ARSON HAS BEEN RULED OUT AS THE CAUSE OF THAT FIRE WHICH DESTROYED SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH LAST MONTH. THE BATON ROUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAY ITS INVESTIGATION HAS NOT TURNED UP ANY EVIDENCE THE FIRE WAS INTENTIONALLY SET.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/19/24 :20

THE MOTHER OF A TWO YEAR OLD WHO DIED AFTER HIS THIRD FENTANYL OVERDOSE MAY CUT A PLEA DEAL RATHER THAN STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER. LAWYERS FOR WHITNEY ARD TOLD THE ADVOCATE THAT SHE IS IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A REDUCED CHARGE OF MANSLAUGHTER.

10PM 3/19/24 INFRASTRUCTURE

CRUMBLING FACILITIES ARE BLAMED FOR WHY TEENAGERS ARE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE EAST BATON ROUGE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER. LAST YEAR 17-YEAR-OLD DAVID ATKINS ESCAPED TWICE IN A MATTER OF WEEKS. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY SPOKE TO CITY-PARISH LEADERS ABOUT HOW NEW FACILITIES COULD IMPACT BATON ROUGE.

10PM 3/19/24 POLITICS

AT THE CAPITOL -- A BILL SET TO BE DEBATED IN THE SENATE WANTS TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE MORE ACCOUNTABLE WHEN TEENS BREAK OUT OF DETENTION CENTERS. THE MOVE COMES AFTER SEVERAL ESCAPES IN 20-23 INCLUDING A TEEN WHO WALKED OUT OF A CENTER IN NEW ORLEANS.

10PM 3/19/24 CRIME

ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A SHOOTING NEAR SOUTH 18TH STREET. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE FOUR THIS AFTERNOON JUST AS KIDS WERE BEING DROPPED OFF FROM SCHOOL. PARAMEDICS TRIED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES TO SAVE THE VICTIM BUT HE ULTIMATELY DIED FROM HIS INJURIES. POLICE FOUND MULTIPLE SHELL CASINGS NEAR THE SCENE. WE ARE WORKING TO GET DETAILS ABOUT THE VICTIM AND MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING. WE WILL POST UPDATES AT WBRZ.COM.

CRIME 5AM 3/20/2024

WE NOW KNOW THE IDENTITY OF A MAN WHO WAS SHOT AND KILLED TUESDAY AFTERNOON ALONG SOUTH 18-TH STREET. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THEY FOUND 61-YEAR-OLD DWAIN FLEMING AROUND THREE, AND PARAMEDICS EVEN TRIED TO SAVE HIM FOR SEVERAL MINUTES. POLICE SAY THEY FOUND MULTIPLE SHELL CASINGS, BUT AREN'T SURE HOW MANY TIMES HE WAS SHOT. POLICE DON'T KNOW WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD CALL THE VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/20/2024

A THIRD CANDIDATE IS NOW IN THE RACE FOR LOUISIANA'S REDRAWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT. QUENTIN ANTHONY ANDERSON ANNOUNCING HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE NEW MAJORITY-MINORITY DISTRICT SIX. THE BATON ROUGE NATIVE HAS WORKED AS A SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMUNITY. ANDERSON GRADUATED FROM MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL, WENT TO LOUISIANA TECH AND THEN GOT HIS LAW DEGREE FROM L-S-U, BEFORE WORKING ON OBAMA'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN 2007. HE IS SET TO FACE OFF AGAINST INCUMBENT GARRETT GRAVES AND STATE SENATOR CLEO FIELDS IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. GRAVES IS CURRENTLY THE DISTRICT 6 CONGRESSMAN, BUT BY THE TIME ELECTION COMES AROUND THE DISTRICT'S LINES WILL BE CHANGED.

SPORTS 5AM 3/20/2024

THE LSU MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HOSTING A POSTSEASON GAME TUESDAY NIGHT AGAINST NORTH TEXAS. IT'S THE FIRST ROUND OF THE N-I-T AND MATT MCMAHON'S TEAM WANTING TO MAKE AN OVERALL SUCCESSFUL SEASON EVEN BETTER. EARLY ON IN THIS ONE, TIGERS LOOKING GOOD. THEY ARE UP 5 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FIRST HALF BUT THE MEAN GREEN WERE PHYSICAL ALL NIGHT AND WOULD END THE FIRST HALF UP BY 7 POINTS. THEY LEAD 38 TO 31 AT THE BREAK. IN THE SECOND HALF L-S-U SCORING TO GET DOWN BY JUST 4. BUT NORTH TEXAS PROCEED TO GO ON A 15 TO 2 RUN AND THEY NOW HAVE A 17 POINT LEAD. L-S-U DOESN'T GIVE UP TIGERS GET IT WITHIN 5 WITH UNDER A MINUTE LEFT BUT THEY'LL END THE SEASON WITH A LOSS IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE N-I-T. HERE'S THE FINAL FROM THE P-MAC. THE MEAN GREEN WIN 84 TO 77. FOR L-S-U, JORDAN WRIGHT SCORED 25 POINTS AND TREY HANNIBAL WITH 15 POINTS.

Crime 3/20/24 12pm

BATON ROUGE POLICE RESPONDED TO REPORTS OF A 4-YEAR-OLD BEING SHOT JUST A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO ON 69TH AVENUE.

Community 3/20/24 12pm

CHILDREN OF ALL ABILITIES ARE NOW ABLE TO PLAY TOGETHER ON EAST BATON ROUGE'S FIRST INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND. IT IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN OUR AREA.

Government 3/20/24 12pm

NEW PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS COMING IN FROM FIVE STATES. AND IN OHIO'S CLOSELY WATCHED RACE..THE CANDIDATE FOR SENATE ENDORSED BY DONALD TRUMP CAME OUT ON TOP. IT COMES AFTER TRUMP VISITED OHIO OVER THE WEEKEND WARNING OF AN ECONOMIC BLOODBATH IF HE DOESN'T GET RE-ELECTED IN NOVEMBER.

COMMUNITY 3-20-24/4PM :20

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS HOSTING A JOB FAIR FOCUSED ON RECRUITING FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS WITHIN THE FACILITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS ON CAMPUS. IT STARTS AT FIVE AT B-R-C-C'S MID CITY CAMPUS.

COMMUNITY 3-20-24/4PM :20

MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED AND 50 STUDENTS SHOWED UP AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION FOR THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. CHILDREN FROM EAST BATON ROUGE HEAD START PROGRAMS WERE THERE TO HUNT FOR MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND EGGS. THERE WAS ALSO A PETTING ZOO, FACE PAINTING AND A VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY.

COMMUNITY 3-20-24/4PM :20

THIS WEEK IS THE DEADLINE FOR A TEN-THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT CARD FOR THE SAINT JUDE DREAM HOME. IF YOU BUY YOUR TICKET NOW, YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EARLY BIRD PRIZE. TICKETS ARE ON SALE RIGHT NOW. CALL ONE-EIGHT-HUNDRED-7-2-6-6-4-0-9. DEADLINE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GIFT CARD IS MARCH 22ND.

Crime 3/20/24 5 p.m. :20

AN ARREST HAS BEEN MADE IN THIS HOUSE FIRE LAST MONTH ON PIMPERNEL AVENUE IN BATON ROUGE. INVESTIGATORS SAY TYRIE BURTON INTENTIONALLY SET HIS HOME ON FIRE BY IGNITING A PILE OF TRASH UNDERNEATH THE HOUSE. A PUPPY WAS RESCUED FROM THE HOME AND A FIREFIGHTER WAS INJURED. VIDEO FOOTAGE HELPED LEAD TO THE ARREST. BURTON IS CHARGED WITH SIMPLE ARSON.

Community 3/20/24 5 p.m. :19

A PARTY TODAY AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WITH THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. GOVERNOR JEFF LANDRY AND FIRST LADY SHARON LANDRY HOSTED MORE THAN 250 KIDS FROM THE EAST BATON ROUGE HEAD START PROGRAM. THE EASTER BUNNY ALSO MADE AN APPEARANCE. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A PETTING ZOO, A BOUNCY HOUSE, FACE PAINTING, AND LITTLE TRAIN RIDE.

Health 3/20/24 5 p.m. :29

A NEW REPORT FINDS COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE FOR SEVERE FOOD REACTIONS DUE TO INCREASED RISK-TAKING BEHAVIOR AND A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE DANGER. SOME WAYS TO AVOID PROBLEMS INCLUDE: TALKING TO AN ALLERGIST TO CLARIFY YOUR FOOD ALLERGY STATUS. HAVING AN EMERGENCY KIT AND CARE PLAN INCLUDING AN EPIPEN. MEETING WITH ON-CAMPUS HEALTH AND DINING SERVICES AT THE START OF THE SEMESTER. AND DISCUSSING EMERGENCY PLANS WITH ROOMMATES AND RESIDENTIAL HOUSING ASSISTANTS.

Crime 3-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A FOUR YEAR OLD BOY IS HOSPITALIZED IN WHAT POLICE SAY IS "VERY VERY SERIOUS" CONDITION AFTER AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING. THE CHILD WAS UNSUPERVISED PLAYING WITH A LOADED GUN THIS MORNING WHEN IT WENT OFF. THIS STORY IS STILL DEVELOPING. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HERE WITH WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.



Court 3-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE PARENTS OF A WOMAN WHO DIED FROM SEVERE NEGLECT IN EAST FELICIANA PARISH WILL SPEND THE NEXT 20 YEARS IN PRISON. LACEY FLETCHER WAS FOUND TWO YEARS AGO MELTED INTO THE SOFA WHERE SHE SAT IN HER OWN FILTH FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. ALEXIS MARIGNY WAS IN THE COURTROOM AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PUSHED FOR THE MAXIMUM PUNISHMENT.

Business 3-20-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

L-S-U MAY HAVE DISCOVERED A CURE FOR THE DYING CALVES IN THE U-S CATTLE INDUSTRY. A RESEARCHER AT THE L-S-U VET SCHOOL HAS DEVELOPED A POTENTIALLY-LIFE-SAVING VACCINE THAT COULD SAVE THE INDUSTRY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON REPORTING ON THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THAT VACCINE.

CRIME 6:30 PM/03/20/2024 :20

A FOUR YEAR OLD IN SERIOUS CONDITION TONIGHT, AFTER HE SHOT HIMSELF ON 69-TH AVENUE THIS MORNING. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US THE BOY SOMEHOW GOT ONE OF HIS PARENT'S GUNS BEFORE ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTING HIMSELF WITH IT. NOT ONLY WAS THE GUN UNSECURED, IT WAS ALSO ILLEGALLY MODIFIED WITH A GLOCK SWITCH...ESSENTIALLY TURNING IT INTO AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON.

CRIME 6:30 PM/03/20/2024 :15

THE PARENTS OF LACEY FLETCHER – A WOMAN WHOSE BODY WAS FOUND MELTED INTO A SOFA AFTER SEVERE NEGLECT – WERE SENTENCED TO 40 YEARS IN PRISON WITH 20 YEARS OF THE SENTENCE SUSPENDED. CLAY AND SHEILA FLETCHER WERE CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER HER DEATH.

NATIONAL 6:30 PM/03/20/2024 :10

THE BATTLE OVER A CONTROVERSIAL TEXAS BORDER BILL BACK IN COURT TODAY. A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT AGAIN HALTING THE LAW.

CRIME 9 PM/03/20/2024 :20

THE PARENTS OF THE WOMAN FOUND DEAD AND DECAYING ON A COUCH WERE SENTENCED TO FORTY YEARS IN PRISON. SHEILA AND CLAY FLETCHER WILL SERVE ONLY HALF OF THAT TIME BEHIND BARS. SENTENCING FOR THE PARENTS FLETCHER TOOK MORE THAN SIX HOURS. THE DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION BOTH AGREED THAT LACEY'S LIFE COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF THE FLETCHERS HAD ASKED FOR HELP.

CRIME 9 PM/03/20/2024 :15

THE MOTHER WHO WAS ARRESTED AFTER HER UNSUPERVISED TODDLER WAS BEATEN TO DEATH LAST MONTH IN BATON ROUGE IS NOW FACING NEW CHARGES. DINESHIA YATES IS ACCUSED OF STEALING MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM A MAN SHE MET AT THE CASINO LAST YEAR.

INTERNATIONAL 9 PM/03/20/2024 :10

IRELAND'S PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION TODAY. LEO VARADKAR CITED PERSONAL REASONS FOR GIVING UP THE ROLE SAYING HE NO LONGER BELIEVES HE'S THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB.

10pm 3/20/24 crime

A FOUR YEAR OLD IS FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE TONIGHT AFTER BEING SHOT THIS MORNING. IN THE LAST THIRTY MINUTES WE LEARNED HIS MOTHER WAS ARRESTED. POLICE CHARGED ARIANA SCOTT WITH IMPROPER SUPERVISION, POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON, AND POSSESSION OF A MACHINE GUN.

10pm 3/20/24 crime

PARENTS FROM EAST FELICIANA PARISH WHO LET THEIR DAUGHTER DECAY AND DIE ON A COUCH -- WERE EACH SENTENCED TO FORTY YEARS, WITH TWENTY OF THOSE YEARS SUSPENDED. NEWS TWOS ALEXIS MARIGNY WAS AT THE COURT HOUSE -- AND HAS FOLLOWED THIS CASE SINCE THE TRIAL. SHE'S HERE WITH THE LATEST ON THIS STORY.

10pm 3/20/24 CRIME

BATON ROUGE POLICE RESPONDING TO A SHOOTING OFF NORTH 38TH STREET NEAR ADAMS STREET. EMERGENCY CREWS TELL US THEY GOT THE CALL JUST AFTER 8:30 THIS EVENING. AT LEAST ONE PERSON WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL. WE HAVE ASKED FOR DETAILS ON INJURIES. WE WILL REPORT UPDATES AS WE GET THEM ON 2UNE-IN STARTING AT FIVE A-M AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

CRIME 5AM 3/21/2024

A BATON ROUGE MAN IS IN JAIL AFTER FIREFIGHTERS IN SAINT GABRIEL FOUND A BODY IN A TRUNK WHILE PUTTING OUT A VEHICLE FIRE LAST MONTH. DETECTIVES ARRESTED 58-YEAR-OLD CARLOS FERNEL BURGOS FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER, ARSON, AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. THEY IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 28 YEAR-OLD JARROUS MITCHELL OF PRAIRIEVILLE. HE WAS FOUND IN THE CAR TRUNK IN A SUGARCANE FIELD ON POINT CLAIRE ROAD IN CARVILLE. POLICE SAY MORE ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED.

COMMUNITY 5AM 3/21/2024

EASTER SUNDAY IS COMING UP AND YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE EASTER BUNNY IN THE RED STICK. MULTIPLE EVENTS WILL BE HAPPENING ACROSS THE CAPITAL AREA THIS WEEKEND. HERE'S A LOOK AT JUST SOME OF THE FESTIVITIES. ON SATURDAY, YOU CAN GO TO INDEPENDENCE PARK FOR THE BREC EGG-STRAVAGANZA. THAT'S AT ONE. THEN ON SUNDAY, THE CITY OF WALKER HOSTING EASTER IN THE PARK! THERE WILL BE FOOD TRUCKS AND THE FARMERS AND ART MARKET TO CHECK OUT. THAT STARTS AT NOON. FOLLOWING THAT, THE COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE C-B PENNINGTON JUNIOR Y-M-C-A STARTS AT TWO P-M. AND DON'T FORGET TO GET PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY AT THE MALL OF LOUISIANA. YOU HAVE UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. THAT'S ONLY A FEW EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND. YOU'LL WANT TO GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO LOOK AT THE FULL LIST OF EVENTS AT WBRZ.COM.

SPORTS 5AM 3/21/2024

THE MADNESS IS ALREADY HAPPENING. THE 16-SEED GRAMBLING TIGERS ARE GOING TO THE BIG DANCE AFTER A BIG RALLY AT THE FIRST FOUR, WEDNESDAY NIGHT. THIS MARKS THEIR FIRST N-C-DOUBLE-A TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE IN PROGRAM HISTORY. GRAMBLING STATE BEAT MONTANA STATE 88-81 IN OVERTIME IN A FIRST FOUR MATCHUP. THE TIGERS ERASED A 14-POINT DEFICIT IN THE SECOND HALF TO TAKE THE LEAD OVER THE BOBCATS BEFORE THE GAME EVENTUALLY WENT INTO OVERTIME. AFTER WEDNESDAY'S RALLY, THEY WILL NOW GO UP AGAINST THE BOILERMAKERS OF PURDUE. IF GRAMBLING CAN TAKE OUT THE ONE-SEED IN THE FIRST ROUND, THAT WILL BE A HUGE UPSET. REMINDER, THE BOILERMAKERS LOST TO A 16-SEED TEAM LAST YEAR IN THE FIRST ROUND. THE TIGERS TAKE THE COURT FRIDAY NIGHT AT 6:25. IF THEY WIN, THEY'LL THEN GO UP AGAINST EITHER UTAH STATE OR T-C-U.

Breaking News 3/21/24 12pm

DUTCHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL WAS "PARTIALLY EVACUATED" AND THEN DISMISSED EARLY, AFTER A BOMB THREAT WAS POSTED TO SOCIAL MEDIA MENTIONING A SPECIFIC PART OF CAMPUS.

Crime 3/21/24 12pm

A BATON ROUGE MAN IS IN JAIL AFTER FIREFIGHTERS IN SAINT GABRIEL FOUND A BODY IN A TRUNK WHILE PUTTING OUT A VEHICLE FIRE LAST MONTH.

Community 3/21/24 12pm

IT'S ART OF A DIFFERENT KIND. IT'S ALSO A TYPE OF THERAPY THAT CAN LEAD TO REDEMPTION...EVEN FREEDOM. IT'S INMATE ART AND YOU CAN SEE SOME OF THE MOST CREATIVE IN THE SOUTH, AT THE DIXON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE'S SPRING ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW, COMING UP THIS SATURDAY IN JACKSON, LOUISIANA.

CRIME 3-21-24/4PM :20  
A BATON ROUGE MAN IS UNDER ARREST, AFTER SAINT GABRIEL FIREFIGHTERS FOUND A BODY IN A BURNED CAR LAST MONTH. 58 YEAR-OLD CARLOS BURGOS IS FACING MULTIPLE CHARGES, INCLUDING SECOND-DEGREE MURDER AND ARSON. AUTHORITIES IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM AS 28 YEAR-OLD JARROUS MITCHELL OF PRAIRIEVILLE. HE WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE CAR IN A SUGARCANE FIELD ON POINT CLAIRE ROAD IN CARVILLE. POLICE SAY MORE ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED.

TRANSPORTATION 3-21-24/4PM :20  
STARTING FRIDAY NIGHT, TRAFFIC ON EYE-TEN HEADING FOR EYE-12 WILL HAVE TO GET OFF AT ESSEN LANE TO GET ON EYE-12. D-O-T-D WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN THE INTERSTATE TO WORK ON A NEW BRIDGE DECK FOR THE COLLEGE DRIVE FLYOVER. THAT CLOSURE WILL START FRIDAY NIGHT AT TEN...AND WILL LAST UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING AT FIVE.

COMMUNITY 3-21-24/4PM :20  
TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE FOR A TEN-THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT CARD FOR THE SAINT JUDE DREAM HOME. IF YOU BUY YOUR TICKET NOW, YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE EARLY BIRD PRIZE. CALL ONE-800-7-2-6-6-4-ZERO-9 TO PURCHASE A TICKET.

Education 3/21/24 5 p.m. :56  
ALL CLEAR AT DUTCHTOWN HIGH AFTER A BOMB SCARE IN THE MORNING. THAT ALL CLEAR WAS GIVEN AROUND 12-30 AFTER STUDENTS WERE FIRST MOVED FROM THE PORTION OF SCHOOL WHERE THE THREAT WAS MADE THEN ALLOWED TO GO HOME. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN AT THAT SCHOOL THIS MORNING AND HAS MORE ON ALL OF TODAY'S CHAOS. IT WAS VERY VERY ORGANIZED CHAOS ON DUTCHTOWN'S CAMPUS THIS MORNING WITH IT BEING ONE OF THE LARGEST SCHOOLS IN THE STATE. IT'S NOT EASY TO DISMISS 2400 STUDENTS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. IT ALL BEGAN THIS MORNING AROUND 9-15 WHEN SOMEONE POSTED A BOMB THREAT TO INSTAGRAM CLAIMING THEY WERE PLANNING TO BLOW UP THE BAND ROOM AFTER NOON TODAY. THE THREAT WAS TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND STUDENTS ON THAT SIDE OF CAMPUS WERE FIRST PARTIALLY EVACUATED AND THEN THE WHOLE BUILDING DISMISSED. A THOROUGH SWEEP WAS CONDUCTED WITH K-9 UNITS AND BOMB EXPERTS AND NO THREAT WAS FOUND. STUDENTS STILL A LITTLE SHAKEN UP AFTER THE HECTIC DAY.

Political 3/21/24 5 p.m. :36  
A POTENTIAL TIKTOK BAN COULD HAVE LOTS OF IMPLICATIONS. THE BILL TO BAN OR FORCE A SALE HAS ALREADY BEEN APPROVED IN THE U-S HOUSE. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH IS LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH WHERE THINGS STAND. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED THAT MEASURE LAST WEEK. LAWMAKERS HAVE ISSUES WITH THE APP'S PARENT COMPANY AND IT'S TIES TO THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. THE BILL STILL HAS TO BE APPROVED BY THE SENATE TO GO IN TO EFFECT, AND THAT COULD TAKE A WHILE. LOUISIANA'S SENATORS MAY BE SPLIT ON HOW THEY WILL VOTE. SENATOR JOHN KENNEDY SAYS HE HASN'T MADE A DECISION, WHILE SENATOR BILL CASSIDY SUPPORTS THE SALE.

Health 3/21/24 5 p.m. :34  
THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION HAS RELEASED A NEW REPORT CALLED "MAPPING A BETTER FUTURE FOR DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION." SEVENTY-PERCENT OF CAREGIVERS SURVEYED SAY COORDINATING TREATMENT FOR THEIR LOVED ONES IS STRESSFUL. HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AGREE. SIXTY-PERCENT BELIEVE CAREGIVERS ARE NOT GETTING ALL THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEED. THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION IS PUSHING FOR EARLIER DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. THE REPORT SAYS THE COST OF CARE FOR

ALZHEIMER'S PATIENTS IS EXPECTED TO REACH 360-BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. THAT IS 15 BILLION DOLLARS MORE THAN 20-23.

Crime 3-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE ALL CLEAR HAS BEEN GIVEN AND STUDENTS WILL BE BACK ON CLASS AT DUTCHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL TOMORROW. THAT AFTER A CHAOTIC DAY ON CAMPUS WHERE STUDENTS WERE FIRST EVACUATED THEN SENT HOME FOR THE DAY. FALON BROWN WITH DETAILS ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA THREAT THE UP-ENDED THE DAY.

Weather 3-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 0:00

RAIN IS MOVING INTO THE CAPITAL AREA ON THIS THURSDAY EVENING, WE COULD HAVE A COUPLE OF ROUNDS TO DEAL WITH BEFORE THE WEEKEND. JOSH AND THE STORM STATION IS TRACKING IT, LET'S GET TO HIM FOR MORE.

Community 3-21-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A GUARDRAIL PROTECTING A BATON ROUGE HOME WAS KNOCKED DOWN BY A CAR LAST DECEMBER. FOR MONTHS IT HAS BEEN SITTING IN ONE WOMAN'S YARD AND SHE WANTS IT PUT BACK WHERE IT BELONGS. SHE CALLED TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS.

Business 3-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

HELP IS BEING OFFERED FOR CRAWFISH FARMERS THANKS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. IT IS NEEDED AFTER LAST YEAR'S DROUGHT MADE THINGS TOUGH FOR THE INDUSTRY. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN EXPLAINS.

Environment 3-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A PROPERTY OWNER IS FRUSTRATED AND SPEAKING OUT AFTER TIRES WERE ILLEGALLY DUMPED ON HIS LAND. VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAPTURED THE ACTIVITY, BUT THE BUSINESS OWNER FEELS NOTHING IS BEING DONE. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON REPORTS.

Health 3-21-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

TO WHAT EXPERTS ARE CALLING A MAJOR MEDICAL MILESTONE IN MASSACHUSETTS. DOCTORS SAY THEY SUCCESSFULLY TRANSPLANTED A GENETICALLY EDITED PIG KIDNEY INTO A LIVING HUMAN.

CRIME 9 PM/03/21/2024 :20

WE'RE LEARNING NEW DETAILS IN THE ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING OF A FOUR YEAR OLD BOY YESTERDAY MORNING IN BATON ROUGE. THE BOY'S MOTHER-- 22 YEAR OLD ARIEANA SCOTT-- TOLD POLICE SHE HEARD THE GUNSHOT, BUT WENT BACK TO SLEEP INSTEAD OF CHECKING ON HER CHILD.

CRIME 9 PM/03/21/2024 :15

A BATON ROUGE MAN WAS ARRESTED IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR A DEADLY SHOOTING IN DECEMBER. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY 27 YEAR OLD TRAVELL WINFREY WAS CAPTURED BY THE U-S MARSHALS FUGITIVE TASK FORCE, AND IS NOW BACK IN LOUISIANA.

COMMUNITY 9 PM/03/21/2024 :15

IN THIS WEEK'S GET TWO MOVING LAUREN HAWKINS TELLS US ABOUT A NUTRITION SHOP IN OUR AREA WHICH PROVIDES PRODUCTS FOR ALL L-S-U TEAMS. HERE'S A PREVIEW.

10PM 3/21/24 POLITICS

FAMILIES IN LOUISIANA MAY SOON BE ABLE TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH TAXPAYER MONEY. BUT SCHOOL BOARDS ACROSS THE STATE ARE COMING OUT AGAINST THE LEGISLATION, CONCERNED IT WILL JEOPARDIZE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARGNY SPOKE TO LAWMAKERS PUSHING THE LEGISLATION FORWARD.

10PM 3/21/24 CRIME

BATON ROUGE POLICE RESPONDING TO A SHOOTING ON LIVE OAK BOULEVARD NEAR NORTH STREET PARK. WE ARE TOLD TWO PEOPLE WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL IN SERIOUS CONDITION. WE ARE WORKING TO GET DETAILS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. THIS IS A DEVELOPING STORY. WE WILL POST UPDATES ON OUR WEBSITE, W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

10PM 3/21/24 CRIME

A SECOND PERSON IS IN CUSTODY TONIGHT IN CONNECTION TO A BODY FOUND IN A BURNED CAR LAST MONTH. SAINT GABRIEL FIREFIGHTERS MADE THE DISCOVERY. IN THE LAST HALF HOUR DEPUTIES ARRESTED 28-YEAR-OLD "NA-HOON" (CON-TRAY-US) CONTRERAS.

CRIME 5AM 3/22/2024

TWO PEOPLE ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION AFTER BEING SHOT NEAR NORTH STREET PARK THURSDAY NIGHT. BATON ROUGE POLICE RESPONDING TO THE SHOOTING ON LIVE OAK BOULEVARD. NO INFORMATION ON WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING OR POSSIBLE SUSPECT IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/22/2024

ELECTION DAY IS SATURDAY...ACROSS LOUISIANA, 39 PARISHES HAVE ONLY THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES ON THE BALLOT, ALONG WITH RACES FOR STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES. IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, REPUBLICAN EMILY SOULÉ AND NONPARTISAN STEVE CRUMP ARE RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT 8 SCHOOL BOARD SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY KATIE KENNISON AND CONNIE BERNARD. IN IBERVILLE PARISH VOTERS WILL ELECTING A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AND IN ST. GABRIEL, VOTERS WILL ELECT A NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBER. THERE ARE ALSO LOCAL ELECTIONS IN BOTH TANGIPAHOA AND EAST FELICIANA PARISHES. YOU CAN HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z FOR MORE INFORMATION AND LINKS TO POLLING LOCATIONS.

COMMUNITY 5AM 3/22/2024

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Justice Noon 3/22/2024

WHILE A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE BRAVE CAVE IS UNDERWAY, A JUDGE IS GIVING ATTORNEYS AND DEFENDANTS THE RIGHT TO TOUR THE FACILITY THIS MORNING. THIS COMES AFTER MULTIPLE W-B-R-Z REPORTS OF ALLEGED ABUSE AND WRONGDOINGS COMMITTED BY B-R-P-D OFFICERS IN THE NOW DISBANDED STREET CRIMES UNIT.

Crime Noon 3/22/2024

THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTED 20 YEAR OLD GARETH LEBLANC OF BATON ROUGE FOR HIS ROLE IN THE BOMB THREAT AT DUTCHTOWN HIGH SCHOOL THURSDAY MORNING. AUTHORITIES SAID LEBLANC, A FORMER DUTCHTOWN STUDENT, OWNED THE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT THAT POSTED THE THREAT. HE'S BEEN CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF TERRORIZING.

Israel Noon 3/22/2024

NOW TO ISRAEL WHERE SECRETARY OF STATE ANTONY BLINKEN MET WITH PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU. IT COMES AMID RISING TENSIONS OVER THE WAR IN GAZA AND THE WORSENING HUMANITARIAN CRISIS.

Crime 3/22/24 4pm

ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING SEVERAL OF THE ALLEGED VICTIMS OF B-R-P-D'S "BRAVE CAVE" WERE ABLE TO STEP INSIDE THE FACILITY TODAY TO SEE THINGS FOR THEMSELVES.

Community 3/22/24 4pm

A BUILDING THAT HAS BEEN VACANT FOR YEARS IS STARTING TO GET SOME ATTENTION. DANIEL MCCLAIN TELLS US ABOUT THE GROUND BREAKING EVENT AT THE LINCOLN THEATRE.

Government 3/22/24 4pm

CONGRESS IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO AVERTING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN. THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED A 1-POINT-2 TRILLION-DOLLAR GOVERNMENT FUNDING PACKAGE. BUT A MOTION FILED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THREATENS TO THROW CONGRESS INTO CHAOS YET AGAIN.

Education

3/22/24

5 p.m.

:26

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S BATON ROUGE CAMPUS HAS A NEW CHANCELLOR. IT IS A FAMILIAR FACE...CURRENT LAW SCHOOL CHANCELLOR JOHN PIERRE. HE HAS BEEN AT SOUTHERN SINCE 19-90 AND HAS LED THE LAW SCHOOL SINCE 20-16. DENNIS SHIELDS HAS BEEN SERVING AS THE CHANCELLOR AND SYSTEM PRESIDENT SINCE 20-22 WHEN RAY BELTON RETIRED. SOUTHERN DECIDED TO SPLIT THE TWO POSITIONS LAST YEAR AND CHOOSE A NEW CHANCELLOR. SHIELDS CONTINUES IN HIS JOB AS SYSTEM PRESIDENT.

Political

3/22/24

5 p.m.

:57

A NEW LIFE FOR THE HISTORIC LINCOLN THEATER IN BATON ROUGE. THE LINCOLN THEATER WAS FOUNDED IN 19-49. IT WAS A BEACON OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY HOSTING EVENTS RANGING FROM MUSICAL PERFORMANCES TO CIVIL RIGHTS MEETINGS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLANE TELLS US HOW LIFE IS BEING RESTORED TO THE VACANT BUILDING. TODAY WAS THE GROUNDBREAKING TO TURN THE LINCOLN THEATER INTO THE LOUISIANA BLACK HISTORY HALL OF FAME MUSEUM AND CULTURAL CENTER. THE LINCOLN THEATER BECAME A SAFE HAVEN FOR THE BLACK COMMUNITY AS IT WAS ONLY ONE OF FEW THEATERS THAT THEY WERE ALLOWED TO GO INTO. LOUIS ARMSTRONG, JAMES BROWN, AND LIONEL HAMPTON WERE AMONG MANY ARTISTS THAT PERFORMED AT THE THEATER. IT WAS ALSO WELL KNOWN FOR OPENING VARIOUS SHOPS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SUCH AS A DELI, PHARMACY, AND A BARBERSHOP. THE BUILDING HAS NOW BEEN VACANT FOR YEARS, BUT THIS RECONSTRUCTION IS MEANT TO BRING LIFE BACK INTO SUCH AN IMPORTANT MONUMENT OF THE BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY.

Health

3/22/24

5 p.m.

:30

MEDICARE MAY SOON BEGIN COVERING THE WEIGHT LOSS DRUG WEGOVY. THE F-D-A HAS APPROVED DRUGMAKER'S APPLICATION TO ADD CARDIOVASCULAR BENEFITS TO THE MEDICINE'S LABEL. INSURERS THAT PROVIDE MEDICARE PART-D DRUG PLANS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY COULD COVER WE-GOVY. BY LAW, MEDICARE IS NOT ALLOWED TO COVER DRUGS FOR CHRONIC WEIGHT MANAGEMENT. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGE IS POSSIBLE IF THE SAME MEDICATION ALSO RECEIVES F-D-A APPROVAL TO REDUCE THE RISK OF HEART ATTACKS, STROKES, AND OTHER MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS.

Sports 3-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THE L-S-U WOMEN CELEBRATING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE BIG DANCE WITH A VICTORY DANCE. SHAKING OFF SOME RUST EARLY THEN HOLDING OFF A PESKY RICE. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE LIVE AT THE P-MAC.

Sports 3-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

THANKS CAUBLE, HERE AT ALEC BOX STADIUM, WE HAVE QUITE THE MATCHUP IN JUST ABOUT AN HOUR. LSU WILL PLAY THEIR FIRST SEC HOME GAME OF THE SEASON AGAINST

FLORIDA. I'M SURE MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS MATCHUP. IT'S A REMATCH OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES, WHICH OF COURSE THE TIGERS WON.

Police 3-22-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

WE HAVE AN UPDATE TONIGHT ON THE BRAVE CAVE INVESTIGATION. AS OUR INVESTIGATIVE TEAM HAS REPORTED A FEDERAL PROBE IS NOW UNDERWAY AFTER REPORTS OF ALLEGED ABUSE AND WRONGDOINGS BY BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE NOW DIS-BANDED STREET CRIMES UNIT. AS FALON BROWN REPORTS THOSE CLOSEST TO THE CASE WERE GIVEN AN UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL VIEW OF THE SHUTTERED FACILITY.

Sports 3-22-2024/6:30 p.m. 20:00

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9PM 3/22/24 CRIME

WHAT STARTED AS A TRIP FOR A GROUP OF L-S-U GRADUATE STUDENTS ENDED WITH TWO PEOPLE HOSPITALIZED IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. THE TIGHT KNIT GROUP SAFE TONIGHT BUT FOREVER CHANGED BY THEIR EXPERIENCE. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON SPOKE WITH THEM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.

9PM 3/22/24 CRIME

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- LAWYERS REPRESENTING ALLEGED VICTIMS OF THE B-R-P-D 'BRAVE CAVE' SET FOOT INSIDE THE FACILITY FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT WENT ON THERE.

9PM 3/22/24 CRIME

ASCENSION PARISH DEPUTIES ARRESTED A FORMER STUDENT FOR THE BOMB THREAT THAT CAUSED A CAMPUS-WIDE EVACUATION THURSDAY MORNING. 20 YEAR OLD GAIR-RETH LEBLANC WAS BOOKED IN PARISH JAIL FOR TERRORIZING.

10PM 3/22/24 CRIME

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10PM 3/22/24 COMMUNITY

A HOMEOWNER SAYS WITH A NAGGING FLOODING PROBLEM SAYS SHE DID NOT KNOW WHO ELSE TO CALL SO SHE CALLED 2 ON YOUR SIDE. BRITTANY WEISS TELLS US WHAT SHE LEARNED DURING HER INVESTIGATION.

10PM 3/22/24 EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW CHANCELLOR AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S BATON ROUGE CAMPUS. IT IS A FAMILIAR FACE...CURRENT LAW SCHOOL CHANCELLOR JOHN PIERRE. HE HAS BEEN AT SOUTHERN SINCE 19-90 AND HAS LED THE LAW SCHOOL SINCE 20-16. DENNIS SHIELDS HAS BEEN SERVING AS THE CHANCELLOR AND SYSTEM PRESIDENT SINCE 20-22, WHEN RAY BELTON RETIRED. SOUTHERN DECIDED TO SPLIT THE TWO POSITIONS LAST YEAR AND CHOOSE A NEW CHANCELLOR. SHIELDS CONTINUES IN HIS JOB AS SYSTEM PRESIDENT.

Education 9 AM 3/23/2024

BATON ROUGE YOUTH COALITION WAS AWARDED TWO MILLION DOLLARS BY BILLIONAIRE MACKENZIE SCOTT'S CHARITY. W-B-R-Z'S NICOLE MARINO MET WITH THE DIRECTOR OF BRYC (BRICK) ALONG WITH SEVERAL STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE ORGANIZATION TO SEE THE OVERALL IMPACT.

Community 9 AM 3/23/2024

AT 10 THIS MORNING, THERE WILL BE A FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD. THEY'RE COMMEMORATING THE FIREFIGHTERS THAT LOST THEIR LIVES THIS YEAR INCLUDING TWO BATON ROUGE FIREFIGHTERS: PHILLIP PATERNOSTRO, AND WILLIAM 'C-J' SANDERS. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Health 9 AM 3/23/2024

THE NUMBER OF CASES OF MEASLES IN THE UNITED STATES HAS GROWN TO 64 ACCORDING TO THE C-D-C. CASES HAVE NOW BEEN REPORTED IN 17 STATES ACROSS THE U-S. FOR PERSPECTIVE, LAST YEAR THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 58 MEASLES CASES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. 20-19 HAD THE MOST CASES SINCE 19-92 WITH ONE-THOUSAND-274 IN 31 STATES. THERE COULD BE A NUMBER OF FACTORS BEHIND THE SPREAD OF MEASLES IN THE U-S THIS YEAR. THE C-D-C NOTES MANY REPORTED CASES ARE LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. ALSO, THE EFFECT OF FEWER ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS WHEN THE PANDEMIC BEGAN.

COMMUNITY 6 PM/03/23/2024 :15  
A FIERY MOMENT DURING TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WITH KIM MULKEY. MULKEY ADDRESSING AN ARTICLE RUMORED TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE WASHINGTON POST NEXT WEEK. SPORTS TWO'S JACK SCHEMMELE JOINS US IN STUDIO WITH MORE.

POLITICS 6 PM/03/23/2024 :15  
POLLS SET TO CLOSE IN JUST UNDER TWO HOURS FOR LOUISIANA'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES. PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP BOTH EXPECTED TO EASILY SECURE VICTORY TONIGHT. BUT THERE ARE ALSO SEVERAL KEY LOCAL RACES VOTERS WILL DECIDE TONIGHT.

BREAKING 6 PM/03/23/2024 :10  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AFTER A CRASH NEAR MEMORIAL STADIUM THIS AFTERNOON. IT HAPPENED ON SCENIC HIGHWAY AND FUQUA STREET AROUND THREE P-M. IT'S NOT KNOWN WHAT CAUSED THAT CRASH.

POLITICS 10 PM/03/23/2024 :10  
VOTES ARE NOW BEING COUNTED ACROSS LOUISIANA AS POLLS CLOSE FOR THE STATE'S PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

SPORTS 10 PM/03/23/2024 :10  
KIM MULKEY BEGINNING TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WITH A FIERY STATEMENT ADDRESSING A RUMORED WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE. SPORTS ILLUSTRATED WRITER PAT FORDE POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AFTER L-S-U'S GAME WITH RICE THAT A REPORTER THERE WAS WORKING ON A PIECE FEATURING FORMER PLAYERS AND COACHES WHO WORKED WITH MULKEY. MULKEY VOWING TO DEFEND HERSELF IF THE STORY IS PUBLISHED.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/23/2024 :20  
A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN HONORED SOME WELL KNOWN DIFFERENCE MAKERS IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY INCLUDING OUR VERY OWN SYLVIA WEATHERSPOON. 14 WOMEN WERE RECOGNIZED IN BATON ROUGE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP. ALONG WITH THEIR AWARD, EACH HONOREE RECEIVED A BEAUTIFUL RED ROSE. "THIS IS THE 8TH YEAR FOR THE EVENT FOUNDED BY GISELE HARALSON. SYLVIA FEATURED HER STORY THIS MONTH ON 2 MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Crime 9 AM 3/24/2024

BATON ROUGE FIRE INVESTIGATORS ARE LOOKING FOR A FIRE BUG THIS MORNING. THEY SAY AN ARSONIST BURNED DOWN A VACANT HOME LAST NIGHT, OFF NORTH ACADIAN THRUWAY. FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO THE SCENE AROUND 10:30, WHERE THEY FOUND



A CHAIR ON FIRE IN THE LIVING ROOM. THAT FIRE SPREAD TO THE ROOF, BUT FIREFIGHTERS PUT IT OUT, BEFORE IT COULD SPREAD TO NEIGHBORING HOUSES.

Election 9 AM 3/24/2024

ELECTION DAY IS OVER! AS EXPECTED, PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN AND FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP WON THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATIONS IN THE LOUISIANA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. IN BATON ROUGE, REPUBLICAN EMILY SOULE WON THE VACANT DISTRICT EIGHT SCHOOL BOARD SEAT. COMPLETE, BUT UNOFFICIAL RETURNS SHOW, SOULE GOT 54 PERCENT OF THE VOTE, BEATING NON-PARTISAN STEVE CRUMP.

Community 9 AM 3/24/2024

HURRICANE SEASON IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND IT'S TIME TO GET A GAMEPLAN...GET PREPARED. BECAUSE THE BEST WAY TO GET THROUGH A DANGEROUS STORM IS THROUGH PREPARATION. THAT'S WHY THE RED CROSS TOOK THIS WEEKEND TO TRAIN VOLUNTEERS AT L-S-U TO GET READY FOR WHEN THE WORST HAPPENS. THEY TAUGHT EVERYTHING FROM FIRST AID, TO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, AND EMERGENCY SHELTER SET-UP.

SPORTS 5:30 PM/03/24/2024 :10

KIM MULKEY AND THE TIGERS MOVING ON TO THE SWEET SIXTEEN AFTER DEFEATING MIDDLE TENNESSEE TODAY. SPORTS TWO'S JACK SCHEMMELE JOINS US IN STUDIO WITH MORE.

ALERT 5:30 PM/03/24/2024 :15

THREE PEOPLE WERE SHOT AFTER TWO SEPARATE SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE TODAY. THE FIRST HAPPENED NEAR THE SAVE MORE MARKET ON NICOLSON DRIVE. ONE PERSON WAS HURT, AND IS NOW IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

WEATHER 5:30 PM/03/24/2024 :15

WITH HURRICANE SEASON JUST A FEW MONTHS AWAY THE LOUISIANA RED CROSS WRAPPED UP AN INTENSIVE TRAINING CAMP IN BATON ROUGE TODAY THAT AIMS TO TEACH DISASTER RESPONSE SKILLS. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN REPORTS.

WEATHER 10 PM/03/24/2024 :15

THE CAPITAL AREA FACES A RISK OF SEVERE WEATHER TOMORROW. STORMS COULD ARRIVE AS SOON AS THE AFTERNOON. BUT THE BIGGEST THREAT IS AFTER DARK. LET'S GET STRAIGHT TO MALCOLM WITH THE LATEST.

CRIME 10 PM/03/24/2024 :15

TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND THREE WERE HURT AFTER FOUR SEPARATE SHOOTINGS IN BATON ROUGE SINCE FRIDAY. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM TALKED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE ABOUT THE VIOLENT WEEKEND.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/24/2024 :15

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE OBSERVED PALM SUNDAY THIS MORNING. THE DAY MARKS THE START OF HOLY WEEK FOR CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD...THE MOST SACRED WEEK OF THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR.

CRIME 5AM 3/25/2024

A SUSPECT IN A DEADLY SHOOTING ALONG WEST BROOKSTOWN DRIVE LAST MAY IS NOW IN JAIL, AFTER BEING ARRESTED OUT OF STATE. 34-YEAR-OLD KEITH WILLIAMS WAS ARRESTED IN GEORGIA BY THE U-S MARSHALS TASK FORCE. HE'S NOW BACK IN BATON ROUGE FACING CHARGES FOR THE DEATH OF ROBERT LEE LEVALLIAS JUNIOR ON MAY 27-TH. HE'S BEEN BOOKED FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND ILLEGAL USE OF A WEAPON.

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/25/2024

LOUISIANA DECIDED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND SOME KEY LOCAL RACES OVER THE WEEKEND. PRESIDENT BIDEN AND FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP WON THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATIONS IN THE LOUISIANA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY. IN BATON ROUGE, REPUBLICAN EMILY SOULE WON THE VACANT DISTRICT EIGHT SCHOOL BOARD SEAT BEATING NON-PARTISAN STEVE CRUMP. COMPLETE, BUT UNOFFICIAL RETURNS SHOW, SOULE GOT 54 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. IN BAKER, POLICE CHIEF CARL DUNN DEFEATED WILLIE BROOKE THE THIRD. DUNN GOT 65 PERCENT OF THE VOTE. BAKER'S MAYOR ALSO GETS ANOTHER TERM. INCUMBENT DARNELL WAITES WON REELECTION BEATING OUT BRENDA JACKSON. WAITES PICKED UP 54 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.

SPORTS 5AM 3/25/2024

KIM MULKEY AND THE TIGERS ADVANCING TO THE SWEET SIXTEEN, LSU'S SIXTEENTH TIME, AFTER DEFEATING MIDDLE TENNESSEE SUNDAY. BUT IT WASN'T AN EASY WIN. MIDDLE TENNESSEE LEAD AT HALF...36 TO 32. TIGERS TRAILED BY AS MUCH AS NINE IN THE THIRD QUARTER BUT THEY WOULD GET THEIR GROOVE BACK. THEY END UP WINNING THIS ONE 83 TO 56. L-S-U WILL PLAY THE WINNER OF THE CREIGHTON U-C-LA GAMES ON SATURDAY IN ALBANY, NEW YORK. THOSE TEAMS PLAY TONIGHT AT 7-30. WE WILL HAVE MUCH MORE FROM THE TIGERS WIN COMING UP IN THE NEXT HALF HOUR INCLUDING HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE GAME SO STAYED TUNED.

Crime 3/25/24 12pm

A MAN IS DEAD AFTER A FIGHT TOOK PLACE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING AT FRED'S IN TIGERLAND. THIS MORNING...FAMILY MEMBERS OF DEVIN REPATH, SAID HE DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.

Community 3/25/24 12pm

HOLY WEEK IS UNDERWAY. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST SACRED TIMES OF YEAR AND IS MEANT TO COMMEMORATE THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

Government 3/25/24 12pm

LOUISIANA DECIDED PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES AND SOME KEY LOCAL RACES OVER THE WEEKEND. PRESIDENT BIDEN AND FORMER PRESIDENT TRUMP WON THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATIONS IN THE LOUISIANA PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY.

CRIME 4pm/03/25/24 :20

FAMILY OF DEVIN REPATH ANNOUNCED HE WAS TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT ON SATURDAY. HE IS AN ORGAN DONOR. ACCORDING TO B-R-P-D, REPATH AND HIS FRIEND WERE AT FRED'S BAR WHEN SOME SORT OF FIGHT BROKE OUT. WITNESSES SAY REPATH WAS HIT AND FELL TO THE GROUND WHERE HE HIT HIS HEAD.

COMMUNITY 4pm/03/25/24 :20

AN UPDATE FROM TWO ON YOUR SIDE...AFTER OUR REPORT LAST WEEK OF A HEAVY DUTY GUARDRAIL ON COLLEGE DRIVE THAT WAS KNOCKED OUT OF PLACE BY A CAR LAST DECEMBER, THE CITY HAS MADE REPAIRS. I SPOKE WITH MELODY RUSSELL AS SHE FEARED WITHOUT THE GUARDRAIL PROPERLY IN PLACE, A CAR WOULD SLAM INTO HER HOME AT THE FORK ON COLLEGE DRIVE.

COMMUNITY 4pm/03/25/24 :20

THIS AFTERNOON, THE EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL HOST A COMMUNITY MEETING TO COME UP WITH A PLAN FOR THE ABDANDONED EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THEY'LL DISCUSS THE CURRENT STATE OF THE SCHOOL AND HOW TO REPURPOSE IT. W-B-R-Z HAS SHOWN YOU THE SCHOOL LEFT ABANDONED FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

Crime

3/25/24

5 p.m.

:44

A NEW ORLEANS MAN WHO WAS CRITICALLY INJURED DURING A FIGHT IN TIGERLAND FRIDAY NIGHT HAS DIED ACCORDING TO HIS FAMILY. THE FAMILY OF DEVIN RE-PATH ANNOUNCED HE WAS TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT SATURDAY. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH IS LIVE FROM THE NEWSROOM WITH DETAILS ON THE INVESTIGATION. ACCORDING TO BRPD, REPATH AND HIS FRIEND WERE AT FRED'S BAR AROUND 1 AM SATURDAY WHEN SOME SORT OF FIGHT BROKE OUT. WITNESSES SAY REPATH WAS HIT AND FELL TO THE GROUND WHERE HE HIT HIS HEAD. HE WENT TO THE HOSPITAL UNCONSCIOUS AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION. HIS FAMILY MADE THE DECISION TO REMOVE THE 26 YEAR OLD FROM LIFE SUPPORT YESTERDAY. HE IS AN ORGAN DONOR. POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED. THE CORONER HAS NOT YET COMPLETED AN AUTOPSY.

Crime 3/25/24 5 p.m. :40

A NUMBER OF SHOOTINGS IN AND AROUND BATON ROUGE THIS WEEKEND INCLUDING A DEADLY ROAD RAGE INCIDENT. WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED THERE. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN HAS THE UPDATE. BATON ROUGE POLICE SAY TWO CARS WERE WEAVING THROUGH TRAFFIC SATURDAY AFTERNOON ON I-10 NEAR DALRYMPLE. AS THE VEHICLES APPROACHED EYE-ONE-TEN NORTH NEAR FUQUA STREET, POLICE SAY MULTIPLE SHOTS WERE FIRED. 18-YEAR-OLD JAYRICK WASHINGTON CRASHED ON EXIT RAMP AND WAS LATER PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE. THE OTHER CAR FLED THE SCENE. THE BATON ROUGE POLICE CHIEF SAID THIS WEEKEND'S SHOOTINGS WERE LARGELY COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO KNEW EACH OTHER BUT DIDN'T SPECIFY IF HE MEANT THIS PARTICULAR INCIDENT.

Health 3/25/24 5 p.m. :33

IN TWO YOUR HEALTH...WHEN THE AFTERNOON CUP OF COFFEE DOES NOT DO THE TRICK, A POWER NAP MAY BE VERY TEMPTING. EXPERTS SAY A NAP CAN BE A GOOD OPTION IN THE RIGHT CIRCUMSTANCES. IF YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE A NAP, EXPERTS RECOMMEND KEEPING IT TO 30 MINUTES OR LESS. LONGER NAPS CAN LEAVE YOU FEELING GROGGY WHEN YOU WAKE UP. THAT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVE A HIGHER CHANCE OF INTERRUPTING A DEEPER SLEEP WITH A NAP THAT'S AN HOUR OR LONGER. IT IS ALSO BETTER TO NAP EARLIER IN THE AFTERNOON VERSUS AT NIGHT. DOZING OFF FOR 10 TO 20 MINUTES TOO CLOSE TO YOUR BEDTIME CAN MAKE IT HARDER TO FALL ASLEEP AGAIN.

Weather 3-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 1:45

THE STORM STATION WITH EYES ON A POTENTIAL FOR SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS INTO THE OVERNIGHT HOURS. ACTIVE WEATHER JUST TO OUR WEST...JOSH IS TRACKING IT FOR US.

Crime 3-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

AFTER A VIOLENT WEEKEND IN THE CAPITOL AREA, THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS TAKING PRO-ACTIVE MEASURES TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US HOW LAW ENFORCEMENT SAYS THEY'RE STAYING ON TOP OF THE SITUATION.

Community 3-25-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00

A BATON ROUGE WOMAN'S HOME WAS HIT BY A TEEN DRIVING A STOLEN CAR AT THE END OF A POLICE PURSUIT. IT IS NOW PROPPED UP BY JACKS AND DOES NOT HAVE A GAS METER. A CONCERNED NEIGHBOR CONTACTED TWO ON YOUR SIDE AND BRITTANY WEISS FOR HELP.

Weather 3-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 1:45

STRONG TO SEVERE THUNDERSTORMS COULD BE AN ISSUE LATER THIS EVENING. THE STORM STATION AND METEOROLOGIST MALCOLM BYRON FOLLOWING THIS ACTION AND HERE WITH THE VERY LATEST.

School 3-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

CONFUSION FOR A LIVINGSTON PARISH MOM WHO IS BEING TOLD SHE CANNOT SEND HER KIDS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THEY HAVE ALWAYS CALLED HOME. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON WITH THE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHICH PARISH THEY ARE REALLY IN.

Court 3-25-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP IN COURT TODAY IN NEW YORK FOR A HEARING IN THE HUSH MONEY PAYMENT CASE INVOLVING ADULT ACTRESS STORMY DANIELS. AND AT THE SAME TIME, AN APPEALS COURT SIGNIFICANTLY LOWERING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDS TO POST IN HIS 464 MILLION CIVIL FRAUD CASE.

9PM 3/25/24 CRIME

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED EXTRA FUNDING TO BATON ROUGE POLICE FOR "PROACTIVE POLICING" FOLLOWING A WAVE OF VIOLENT CRIME IN THE CAPITOL CITY OVER THE WEEKEND.

9PM 3/25/24 CRIME

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DEVIN MICHAEL RE-PATH ARE DEVASTATED TONIGHT, FOLLOWING HIS FIGHT-RELATED DEATH. RE-PATH RECEIVED A SERIOUS HEAD INJURY OUTSIDE A BAR IN TIGER LAND SATURDAY MORNING AND WAS TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT YESTERDAY. NEWS TWO'S BESS CASSERLEIGH SPOKE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS.

9PM 3/25/24 COMMUNITY

A BATON ROUGE WOMAN'S HOME WAS HIT BY A TEEN DRIVING A STOLEN CAR AT THE END OF A POLICE PURSUIT. IT IS NOW PROPPED UP BY JACKS AND DOES NOT HAVE A GAS METER. A CONCERNED NEIGHBOR CONTACTED TWO ON YOUR SIDE AND BRITTANY WEISS FOR HELP.

10PM 3/25/24 CRIME

A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER ON TRIAL ACCUSED OF LURING A COLLEGE STUDENT TO AN ABANDONED WAREHOUSE AND ALLEGEDLY GROPING HER. FORMER OFFICER DONALD STEELE FACING SECOND-DEGREE KIDNAPPING, AND MALFEASANCE. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY IN THE COURTROOM TODAY AND HERE TONIGHT WITH REACTION.

10PM 3/25/24 CRIME

THE FAMILY OF DEVIN RE-PATH - THE MAN CRITICALLY INJURED DURING A FIGHT IN TIGERLAND FRIDAY NIGHT - ANNOUNCED HE WILL BE TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO B-R-P-D, REPATH AND HIS FRIEND WERE HANGING OUT AT FRED'S BAR AROUND 1 AM SATURDAY WHEN A FIGHT BROKE OUT. WITNESSES SAY RE-PATH WAS HIT, FELL TO THE GROUND AND HIT HIS HEAD. HE WAS TAKEN TO A HOSPITAL UNCONSCIOUS AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE DETAILS OF WHAT HAPPENED.

10PM 3/25/24 COMMUNITY

DISTRICT LEADERS MET WITH NEIGHBORS LIVING NEAR EDEN PARK ELEMENTARY. THE SCHOOL HAS SAT VACANT SINCE 20-21...A CLOSURE WHICH STATE REPRESENTATIVE C-DENISE MARCELLE CALLED "POORLY HANDLED." WBRZ HAS REPORTED ON NEIGHBORS CONCERNS OVER THE STATE OF A HANDFUL OF ABANDONED SCHOOLS IN E-B-R. THOSE EMPTY BUILDINGS OFTEN ATTRACT VANDALS WHICH IS WHY TONIGHT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF REPURPOSING EDEN PARK.

CRIME 5AM 3/26/2024

TWO WEST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS. 23-YEAR-OLD BRENDAN DUNBAR WAS ARRESTED AFTER HE ILLEGALLY USED PEPPER SPRAY ON AN INMATE AND LIED DURING HIS STATEMENT ON THE INCIDENT. DUNBAR WAS FIRED. 43-YEAR-OLD DECOE GILLETTE WAS ARRESTED FOR BRINGING NARCOTICS AND TOBACCO INTO THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. FOLLOWING THE INVESTIGATION, GILLETTE WAS FIRED. WE ARE REACHING OUT TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION, INCLUDING DUNBAR AND GILLETTE'S CHARGES.

INFRASTRUCTURE 5AM 3/26/2024

IN SCOTLANDVILLE, COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED RAILROAD CROSSINGS. D-O-T-D IS PLANNING TO UPGRADE WARNING SIGNALS FOR CROSSINGS AT BLOUNT ROAD, ELMER AVENUE, MILLS, AND SWAN AVENUE. AS WELL AS REMOVING THE CROSSING AT SCAUP STREET. D-O-T-D OFFICIALS WILL PROVIDE MAPS AND RENDERINGS TO THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE BETTER FEEDBACK ON THE PROJECT. THAT MEETING WILL BE TODAY AT THE SCOTLANDVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY ON SCENIC HIGHWAY. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND FROM FOUR-30 TONIGHT TO SEVEN-30.

SPORTS 5AM 3/26/2024

WE NOW KNOW L-S-U WILL PLAY U-C-L-A IN THE SWEET 16 SATURDAY IN ALBANY, NEW YORK. WE ARE STILL WAITING ON A TIME. COACH KIM MULKEY IS EXCITED ABOUT MOVING ON TO THE NEXT GAME. THIS IS HER SECOND TIME GOING TO THE SWEET 16 WITH L-S-U. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON WHAT TIME THE GAME STARTS HERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

National 3/26/24 12pm

A MAJOR SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSION IS STILL UNDERWAY IN BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. MARYLAND OFFICIALS SAY 6 PEOPLE ARE STILL UNACCOUNTED, BUT TWO PEOPLE WERE RESCUED FROM THE WATER. THAT OPERATION HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR NEARLY 12 HOURS.

Crime 3/26/24 12pm

AFTER A VIOLENT WEEKEND IN THE CAPITOL AREA, THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYS IT IS TAKING PROACTIVE MEASURES TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY SAFE. TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED THREE OTHERS INJURED, INCLUDING AN INNOCENT BYSTANDER INSIDE OF THEIR HOME AFTER FOUR SEPARATE SHOOTINGS.

Community 3/26/24 12pm

A BATON ROUGE WOMAN'S HOME WAS HIT BY A TEEN DRIVING A STOLEN CAR AT THE END OF A POLICE PURSUIT. IT IS NOW PROPPED UP BY JACKS AND DOES NOT HAVE A GAS METER. A CONCERNED NEIGHBOR CONTACTED TWO ON YOUR SIDE AND BRITTANY WEISS FOR HELP.

TRANSPORTATION

3-26-24/4PM

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AN URGENT SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR SURVIVORS AFTER A SHIP HIT A BRIDGE IN BALTIMORE CAUSING IT TO COLLAPSE. A CONSTRUCTION CREW AND SEVERAL VEHICLES FELL INTO THE RIVER BELOW, FOLLOWING THE COLLAPSE. MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR SAYS THE CARGO SHIP LOST POWER AND ISSUED MAYDAY BEFORE HITTING THE BRIDGE.

TRANSPORTATION

3-26-24/4PM

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SCOTLANDVILLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON PROPOSED RAILROAD CROSSINGS. D-O-T-D IS PLANNING TO UPGRADE WARNING SIGNALS FOR CROSSINGS AT BLOUNT ROAD, ELMER AVENUE, MILLS, AND SWAN AVENUE AS WELL AS REMOVING THE CROSSING AT SCAUP STREET. THAT MEETING WILL BE AT THE SCOTLANDVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY ON SCENIC HIGHWAY FROM FOUR-30 TO SEVEN-30.

TRANSPORTATION

3-26-24/4PM

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A TRAIN HIT A TREE THAT FELL OVER THE TRACKS IN ERWINVILLE FOLLOWING SEVERE WEATHER OVERNIGHT. WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES SAY IT HAPPENED ON AN ISOLATED PART OF THE TRACKS THAT DID NOT CROSS ANY MAJOR ROADWAYS. NO ONE WAS HURT.

Transportation

3/26/24

5 p.m.

:44

ANYTIME WE SEE A TRAGEDY LIKE THIS, IT RAISES QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR OWN INFRASTRUCTURE. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF LOUISIANA

BRIDGES. THERE ARE OVER 13 THOUSAND BRIDGES IN LOUISIANA. STATE TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS ARE SAYING LOUISIANA BRIDGES ARE INDEED SAFE. MORE THAN ELEVEN MILLION PEOPLE CROSS THE BALTIMORE BRIDGE EACH YEAR, COMPARED TO 53 MILLION FOR THE I-10 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE IN BATON ROUGE. IN TOTAL, ELEVEN MAJOR BRIDGES CROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. IN 20-19, YOU MAY REMEMBER THE SUNSHINE BRIDGE ACCIDENT WHEN A TANKER SHIP RAMMED INTO ITS SIDE, CAUSING SAFETY CONCERNS. D-O-T-D OFFICIALS WANT TO ASSURE PEOPLE THAT THE PORT OF BATON ROUGE AND THE BRIDGE ABOVE IT ARE WELL-CONSTRUCTED AND SAFE.

Crime 3/26/24 5 p.m. :37  
GUILTY OF MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE NOT GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING THE VERDICT FOR FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER DONALD STEELE. HE WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO COERCE AN L-S-U STUDENT INTO HAVING SEX TO GET OUT OF A TICKET. THE BENCH TRIAL BEGAN YESTERDAY, AND QUICKLY WRAPPED UP TODAY. THE JUDGE REACHED HER VERDICT AN HOUR AFTER CLOSING ARGUMENTS. THE WOMAN SAID SHE WAS PULLED OVER BY STEELE NEAR LSU'S CAMPUS IN 2021 WHEN SHE WAS 19 YEARS OLD. SHE TESTIFIED STEELE FLASHED BLUE LIGHTS IN HIS POLICE UNIT AND TOLD HER SHE WAS PULLED OVER FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. INSTEAD OF ASKING FOR HER LICENSE AND REGISTRATION, STEELE TOOK HER PHONE AND SENT MESSAGES TO HIMSELF. THERE IS A SEPARATE CIVIL TRIAL AGAINST STEELE. IN THE COURTROOM, THE DEFENSE REPEATEDLY CALLED THE VICTIM A LIAR...THE PROSECUTION SHARED THEIR THOUGHTS ON THE TRIAL AFTERWARDS.

Crime 3/26/24 5 p.m. :23  
A PRELIMINARY AUTOPSY IS RULING THE DEATH OF DEVIN RE-PATH A HOMICIDE FROM BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD. REPATH GOT INTO A FIGHT OUTSIDE FRED'S BAR LATE FRIDAY NIGHT. POLICE SAY HE WAS KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AND LATER DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. FAMILY TELL US HE WAS TAKEN OFF LIFE SUPPORT SATURDAY. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING. SO FAR, NO ONE HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH A CRIME. POLICE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED ANY SUSPECTS.

Crime 3-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
SOME B-R-P-D OFFICERS HAVE BEEN WORKING OVERTIME IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS TO HELP CURB THE VIOLENT CRIME SPIKE. THE MAYOR SIGNING OFF OF MONEY FOR THAT OVERTIME. BUT WITH SO MANY SHOOTINGS IN THE PAST WEEK SOME WORRY THE PROBLEM MAY BE TOO WIDE SPREAD TO GET A GRIP ON IT. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH GOT MORE DETAILS ON THE NEW PROACTIVE PATROLS.

Court 3-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER ... CONVICTED MINUTES AFTER TESTIMONY WRAPPED UP IN FEDERAL COURT TODAY. DONALD STEELE WAS CHARGED WITH KIDNAPPING AND MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE FOR LURING A 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO A SECLUDED LOCATION AND THREATENED TO ARREST HER IF SHE DIDN'T SUBMIT TO HIS SEXUAL ADVANCES. NEWS TWO'S ABIGAIL WHITAM WAS IN COURT FOR THE VERDICT.

Infrastructure 3-26-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
NEW QUESTIONS ARE BEING RAISED ABOUT BRIDGES IN LOUISIANA AFTER THE COLLAPSE IN BALTIMORE EARLY THIS MORNING. ACCORDING TO THE 20-23 AMERICAN ROAD AND TRANSPORTATION BUILDERS ASSOCIATION REPORT ... OF MORE THAN 12-THOUSAND BRIDGES IN THE STATE ... A LITTLE MORE THAN 15-HUNDRED ARE CLASSIFIED AS STRUCTURALLY DEFICIENT ... MEANING A KEY ELEMENT OF THE BRIDGE IS IN POOR CONDITION. THAT'S DOWN FROM 17-HUNDRED IN 20-19. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON CHECKED IN WITH D-O-T-D FOR STATUS UPDATES OF THE STATE'S BRIDGES.

School 3-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

BAND STUDENTS AT SAINT AMANT HIGH SCHOOL ARE PREPARING FOR A BIG GIG. THE WIND SYMPHONY BAND COMPRISED OF THE SCHOOL'S MOST TALENTED STUDENTS HAVE EARNED A SPOT TO PLAY IN CARNEGIE HALL! NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US ABOUT THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GATORS.

Court 3-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE SUPREME COURT HEARING ARGUMENTS THAT COULD HAVE WIDE-RANGING AFFECTS ON ACCESS TO THE ABORTION PILL "MIFEPRISTONE." IT'S ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY USED ABORTION PILLS IN THE U-S. TODAY, JUSTICES QUESIONTING THE LEGAL STANDING OF THE CASE, AS PERRY (RUSS-um) RUSSOM REPORTS.

Health 3-26-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

LYING IN BED WITH YOUR EYES GLUED TO YOUR PHONE EACH NIGHT MIGHT BE HINDERING YOUR ABILITY TO GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP. BUT THERE ARE FEATURES ON SMARTPHONES THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY HELP YOU REST BETTER.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 9pm/03/26/24 :20

A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER ... CONVICTED MINUTES AFTER TESTIMONY WRAPPED UP IN DISTRICT COURT TODAY. DONALD STEELE WAS CONVICTED FOR MALFESANCE...BUT NOT GUILTY ON THE KIDNAPPING CHARGE FOR LURING A 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO A SECLUDED LOCATION AND THREATENED TO ARREST HER IF SHE DID NOT SUBMIT TO HIS SEXUAL ADVANCES.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/26/24 :20

THE CORONER'S OFFICE CONFIRMED TODAY A BLOW TO THE HEAD KILLED A 26 YEAR OLD MAN OUTSIDE A BAR IN TIGERLAND OVER THE WEEKEND. DEVIN RE-PATH WAS CRITICALLY INJURED IN A FIGHT OUTSIDE OF FRED'S BAR LAST SATURDAY NIGHT AND LATER DIED. SOURCES TOLD W-B-R-Z RE-PATH AND HIS FRIENDS ATTENDED AN L-S-U BASEBALL GAME THAT NIGHT AND WENT TO FRED'S TO SEE A CONCERT.

CRIME 9pm/ 03/26/24 :20

ONE PERSON WAS ALSO KILLED IN THE SHOOTING OFF WOODDALE BOULEVARD. OFFICIALS SAY IT HAPPENED NEAR 4-30 AT THE COLONIAL TERRACE APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE YOUNG GIRL WAS TAKEN TO THE HOPSITAL AND IS UNDERGOING SURGERY. B-R-P-D SAYS THEY ARE INVESTIGATING THE SHOOTING FOR A MOTIVE AND SUSPECT.

10PM 3/26/24 CRIME

A MAN IS DEAD, AND A CHILD IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER THE LATEST SHOOTING IN BATON ROUGE.

10PM 3/26/24 POLITICS

AT THE CAPITOL -- A STATE REQUIREMENT FOR CAR SAFETY COULD SOON FLY OUT THE WINDOW. A NEW BILL AIMS TO SAVE THE PUBLIC TIME AND MONEY. BUT NOT EVERYONE IS ON BOARD -- NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY HAS DETAILS ON A BILL ONE LAW MAKER HOPES WILL STICK.

10PM 3/26/24 CRIME

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER DONALD STEELE CONVICTED TODAY BY A JUDGE OF MALFEASANCE AFTER LURING A 19-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO A SECLUDED LOCATION AND THREATENING TO ARREST HER IF SHE DID NOT SUBMIT TO HIS SEXUAL ADVANCES. THE JUDGE FOUND STEELE NOT GUILTY OF THE KIDNAPPING CHARGE.

CRIME 5AM 3/27/2024

A MAN IS DEAD AND A CHILD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER A SHOOTING ON WOODDALE BOULEVARD TUESDAY AFTERNOON. ACCORDING TO BATON ROUGE POLICE, THE SHOOTING HAPPENED JUST AFTER 4-30 AT THE COLONIAL TERRACE APARTMENT COMPLEX. CHIEF T-J

MORSE SAYS THE MAN WAS FOUND DEAD AND THE CHILD WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR EMERGENCY SURGERY. THE CHILD WAS IDENTIFIED AS A FEMALE, BUT HER EXACT AGE HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN 39 HOMICIDES IN THE CAPITAL CITY. THIS IS THE THIRD DEADLY SHOOTING IN JUST FOUR DAYS. IN A STATEMENT, MAYOR SHARON WESTON BROOME SAID IN PART "ON A DAY IN WHICH WE SAW A YOUNG CHILD SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HERE IN OUR CITY, I AM DEEPLY MINDFUL OF THE IRREVERSIBLE IMPACT THAT VIOLENT ACTS HAVE ON OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN THROUGH NO FAULT OF THEIR OWN." SHE GOES ON TO SAY "WE ARE NOT GOING TO STOP IN OUR EFFORTS TO HALT THESE ACTS, AND YOU HAVE MY WORD THAT TOGETHER, WE WILL MARSHAL EVERY RESOURCE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OUR POLICE IN THIS ONGOING EFFORT."

GOVERNMENT 5AM 3/27/2024

MEMBERS OF THE METRO COUNCIL ARE MEETING LATER TONIGHT TO DISCUSS THEIR AGENDA INCLUDING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LIKE HEAD START. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO SET TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ON UPDATED GARBAGE CONTRACTS. THAT MEETING STARTS AT FOUR-P-M IN CITY HALL. THE PUBLIC IS ALLOWED TO ATTEND. YOU CAN ALSO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM ON B-R-L-A-DOT-GOV.

SPORTS 5AM 3/27/2024

AFTER LOSING TO FLORIDA OVER THE WEEKEND, L-S-U BASEBALL LOOKING TO GET BACK ON THE DIAMOND. TUESDAY, THE TIGERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET BACK ON TRACK AGAINST SOUTHEASTERN. LET'S HEAD TO THE TOP OF THE SECOND. THE TIGERS AND LIONS ARE TIED ONE TO ONE. SOUTHEASTERN HAS RUNNERS ON SECOND AND THIRD AND THEY'LL GET ONE PLAYER HOME. IT'S NOW TWO TO ONE, BUT THE LEAD VERY SHORT LIVED. IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SECOND THE TIGERS WILL BRING THREE RUNNERS HOME TO GET A FIVE TO TWO LEAD. AND L-S-U, BACK ON TRACK, GETTING THE WIN OVER SOUTHEASTERN. EIGHT TO FOUR IS YOUR FINAL SCORE. MAC BINGHAM AND HAYDEN TRAVINSKI ADDED HOME RUNS FOR THE TIGERS. THEY START THEIR SERIES AT NUMBER ONE ARKANSAS ON THURSDAY.

Crime 3/27/24 12pm

WE KNOW THE NAME OF THE MAN KILLED IN A SHOOTING ON WOODDALE BOULEVARD TUESDAY AFTERNOON. BATON ROUGE POLICE TELL US 23-YEAR-OLD JASHAWN NEAL WAS KILLED AND A ONE-YEAR-OLD CHILD IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

National 3/27/24 12pm

INVESTIGATORS ARE IN BALTIMORE TODAY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT CAUSED THE POWER LOSS WHAT WENT WRONG ABOARD THAT MASSIVE CONTAINER SHIP THAT CRASHED INTO THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE EARLY TUESDAY MORNING. SEARCH CREWS ARE ALSO BACK IN THE HARBOR, AS THEIR EFFORTS ENTER A NEW PHASE.

Community 3/27/24 12pm

EASTER SUNDAY IS THREE DAYS AWAY AND THAT MEANS MANY PEOPLE WILL BE LOOKING FOR A GOOD MEAL. FROM BASKETS OF HOPE...TO EASTER DINNER WITH ALL THE FIXINS'...ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WILL BE SERVING MANY FAMILIES THIS COMING WEEKEND.

CRIME

3-27-24/4PM

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POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED THE VICTIM OF A DEADLY SHOOTING AT THE COLONIAL TERRACE APARTMENTS ON WOODDALE BOULEVARD. POLICE SAY 23 YEAR-OLD JASHAWN NEAL WAS KILLED, WHILE A ONE YEAR-OLD GIRL WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL, WHERE SHE IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

COMMUNITY

3-27-24/4PM

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THREE STUDENTS RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES, AFTER A WEST BATON ROUGE SCHOOL BUS AND AN AMBULANCE WERE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT IN PORT ALLEN THIS MORNING. 40



STUDENTS FROM COHN (KAHN) ELEMENTARY WERE ON THE BUS AT THE TIME. THE THREE STUDENTS WHO WERE INJURED, WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION.

COMMUNITY 3-27-24/4PM :20  
MEMBERS OF THE METRO COUNCIL ARE MEETING TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LIKE HEAD START. THE COUNCIL IS ALSO SET TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ON UPDATED GARBAGE CONTRACTS. YOU CAN VIEW THE LIVESTREAM ON B-R-L-A-DOT-GOV.

Crime 3/27/24 5 p.m. :44  
THE CONVICTION OF A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER NOW IN LIMBO. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON JUDGE EBONI JOHNSON ROSE FOUND DONALD STEELE GUILTY OF MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE, BUT NOT GUILTY OF KIDNAPPING. STEELE WAS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO SEXUALLY COERCE A 19-YEAR OLD L-S-U STUDENT HE PULLED OVER...HAVING HER GO WITH HIM TO A SECLUDED LOCATION. NOW, THE JUDGE IS NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE MALFEASANCE CONVICTION BECAUSE PROSECUTORS ADDED LANGUAGE TO THE CHARGE ABOUT A SEXUAL ASSAULT. THERE WAS A MEETING THIS MORNING BETWEEN JUDGE JOHNSON ROSE AND LAWYERS FOR BOTH SIDES. SHE HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM BOTH TO HELP HER CLARIFY HER GUILTY VERDICT. THOSE LEGAL MEMOS HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY APRIL FIFTH. THERE WILL BE A HEARING APRIL 18TH.

Community 3/27/24 5 p.m. :30  
MORE THAN ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR TWO YOUTH CENTERS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY MAYOR-PRESIDENT SHARON WESTON BROOME. COMMUNITY PARTNERS WILL INCLUDE THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT, BIG BUDDY, AND FRONT YARD BIKES. THE MONEY WILL SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF THE INSPIRATION CENTER AT BREC'S HOWELL PARK IN NORTH BATON ROUGE AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE YOUTH CITY LAB ON GOVERNMENT STREET IN MID CITY. BOTH LOCATIONS ARE IN METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT SEVEN REPRESENTED BY LAMONT COLE.

Politics 3/27/24 5 p.m. :33  
AT THE CAPITOL...A BILL TO MAKE PANHANDLING OR GIVING ANYTHING OF VALUE TO PANHANDLERS A STATE CRIME IS ADVANCING. HOUSE BILL 97 WAS APPROVED IN COMMITTEE AND WILL NOW GET A VOTE IN THE FULL HOUSE. PANHANDLING ON THE INTERSTATES HAS BEEN ILLEGAL SINCE 19-97. THIS BILL TAKES THINGS EVEN FURTHER. IT IS A PARTICULAR PROBLEM IN BATON ROUGE WHERE THE CITY-PARISH PUT UP SIGNS THAT READ "PLEASE DON'T GIVE TO PERSONS IN THE ROADWAY" NEAR INTERSTATE OFF-RAMPS AND ON-RAMPS. PROPONENTS OF THE BILL SAY IT IS A SAFETY ISSUE. OPPONENTS ARGUE IT HARMS PEOPLE WHO HAVE VERY FEW OPTIONS.

Crime 3-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
A CAR THEFT RING ... BUSTED IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH. A YEAR'S LONG, CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL INVESTIGATION, CALLED "OPERATION HELLCAT" RESULTED IN SIX ARRESTS AND THE RECOVERY OF OVER A MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF POTENTIALLY STOLEN CARS. NEWS TWOS BESS CASSERLEIGH HAS THE DETAILS ON HOW THE THIEVES DID IT.

Crime 3-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
EMPLOYEES OF A BUSINESS ON BLUEBONNET BOULEVARD WERE FACED WITH A HORRIFIC DISCOVERY WHEN THEY ARRIVED ON MONDAY MORNING. NEAR THEIR DUMPSTER, THEY FOUND A DEAD DOG LOCKED UP IN A KENNEL. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM SPOKE WITH THAT BUSINESS TODAY ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW.

Community 3-27-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S A PROBLEM TWO ON YOUR SIDE HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO FOR SEVERAL YEARS. ONE WOMAN'S FIGHT WITH THE BLIGHT NEAR HER PROPERTY. THE PROPERTIES IN QUESTION

ARE ON CHARLIE BROWN ROAD OFF OF LA-933, NEAR JOE SEVARIO ROAD IN PRAIRIEVILLE. BRITTANY WEISS MET WITH HER AND HAS MORE ON HER CONCERNS.

Politics 3-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

ONE BILL THAT IS MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WOULD CRIMINALIZE GIVING TO PANHANDLERS ON ALL PUBLIC STREETS. KAIT HARMON HAS MORE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE.

Traffic 3-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

A PROJECT DESIGNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW NOW HAS DRIVERS CUTTING CORNERS. TEAM 2 TRAFFIC SPECIALIST FALON BROWN TELLS US WHY THE PROJECT TO RE-ROUTE THE EXIT RAMP OFF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE TO OKLAHOMA STREET HAS CAUSED A LOCAL REPAIR SHOP SOME TROUBLE.

Consumer 3-27-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

AFTER A HISTORIC AGREEMENT-- PAYING WITH A CREDIT CARD COULD SOON GET CHEAPER. VISA AND MASTERCARD AGREEING TO LOWER SO-CALLED "SWIPE FEES" FOR MERCHANTS.

CRIME 9 PM/03/27/2024 :20

BATON ROUGE POLICE NOW LOOKING FOR A SUSPECT IN ANOTHER ASSAULT OUTSIDE TIGERLAND. POLICE ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN IDENTIFYING A MAN AT MIKE'S IN TIGERLAND ON JANUARY 27TH. THEY SAY HE HIT SOMEONE IN THE FACE WHILE IN THE PARKING LOT THEN TOOK OFF IN A DARK COLORED TRUCK.

COMMUNITY 9 PM/03/27/2024 :10

IN THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF LOVE 2-2-5 WE'VE GOT SOMETHING SWEET, PLACES TO EAT, AND A FUN WAY TO RAISE AWARENESS WITH THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY. BRANDI B HARRIS TELLS US MORE.

NATIONAL 9 PM/03/27/2024 :10

FORMER CONNECTICUT SENATOR AND VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOE LIEBERMAN HAS DIED. HIS FAMILY SAYS HE DIED DUE TO COMPLICATIONS FROM A FALL. HE WAS AL GORE'S RUNNING MATE IN THE 2000 ELECTION.

10pm 3/27/24 crime

WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT A FIGHT AND ASSAULT THAT HAPPENED AT TIGERLAND IN JANUARY. INVESTIGATORS FOUND OUT ABOUT IT AFTER INVESTIGATING THIS WEEKEND'S FIGHT. NEWS TWO'S ALEXIS MARIGNY TALKED TO INVESTIGATORS ABOUT WHAT THEY KNOW SO FAR.

10pm 3/27/24 crime

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT -- A CONVICTION HANDED 24 HOURS AGO FOR A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER IS IN NOW IN LIMBO TONIGHT.

10pm 3/27/24 crime

THE WEST BATON ROUGE SHERIFFS OFFICE...IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ELEVEN OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES...SEARCHING FOR A MAN CONNECTED TO A HIGH-END CAR THEFT RING.

CRIME 5AM 3/28/2024

FROM THE INVESTIGATIVE UNIT...A FORMER BATON ROUGE POLICE OFFICER'S CONVICTION OF MALFEASANCE IS NOW IN LIMBO LESS THAN 48 HOURS AFTER IT WAS GIVEN. DONALD STEELE WAS FOUND GUILTY DURING A BENCH TRIAL TUESDAY, AFTER HE PULLED OVER A 19 YEAR OLD STUDENT, COERCED HER INTO FOLLOWING HIM TO A SECLUDED LOCATION THEN MADE SEXUAL ADVANCES. HE WAS ACQUITTED OF KIDNAPPING. WEDNESDAY, THE JUDGE QUESTIONED THE MALFEASANCE CONVICTION BECAUSE PROSECUTORS ADDED LANGUAGE

TO THE CHARGE ABOUT A SEXUAL BATTERY. SHE REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THEM TO HELP CLARIFY THE GUILTY VERDICT. THE NEW LEGAL BRIEFS HAVE TO BE TURNED IN BY APRIL FIFTH.

#### COMMUNITY 5AM 3/28/2024

HOLY WEEK CONTINUES TODAY WITH HOLY THURSDAY SERVICES AND THE WASHING OF THE FEET. IT'S ONE OF THE MOST SACRED TIMES OF YEAR FOR CHRISTIANS AHEAD OF EASTER SUNDAY. TODAY, THE WASHING OF THE FEET WILL COMMEMORATE THE LAST SUPPER. AND ON FRIDAY-- THE FAITHFUL WILL WALK THROUGH THE STREETS OF DOWNTOWN FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY. HERE'S SOME SERVICES YOU CAN ATTEND TO VIEW THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. SAINT JAMES WILL HAVE THEIR SERVICE AT ONE-30 AND SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL WILL HAVE ONE AT 11-30. AND THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE WILL HOLD VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT THREE P-M.

#### SPORTS 5AM 3/28/2024

JAYDEN DANIELS HAS SHOWCASED ALL THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF IN HIS PRO DAY PERFORMANCE. BUT THE FOCUS NOW SHIFTS TO THE FUTURE OF THIS PROGRAM AND HOW KELLY CAN RETAIN TALENT AT L-S-U. N-I-L AND ITS INFLUENCE HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY ON MANY ATHLETES DECISIONS ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE THEIR COLLEGIATE CAREERS OR LEAVE EARLY TO GO PRO. BRIAN KELLY BELIEVES IT DOESN'T EFFECT THE STAR ATHLETES LIKE DANIELS, MALIK NABERS OR BRIAN THOMAS, BUT CAN BE A FACTOR FOR A LOT OF OTHER PLAYMAKERS ON HIS TEAM.

#### Disaster Noon 3/28/2024

NOW, TO THE LATEST FROM BALTIMORE. CREWS ARE STARTING TO REMOVE THE WRECKAGE AT THE SITE OF TUESDAY'S COLLAPSE OF THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE. WE'RE ALSO LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE 6 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS CAUGHT IN THE COLLAPSE - TWO OF THE VICTIMS' BODIES RECOVERED YESTERDAY AND 4 OTHERS PRESUMED DEAD.

#### Business Noon 3/28/2024

SUBARU IS RECALLING NEARLY 120-THOUSAND OUTBACK AND LEGACY VEHICLES OVER POTENTIALLY FAULTY AIR BAG SENSORS. THE RECALL INVOLVES THE 20-20 THROUGH 20-22 MODEL YEARS. A CAPACITOR IN THE OCCUPANT DETECTION SYSTEM SENSORS MAY CRACK AND SHORT-CIRCUIT. THAT COULD PREVENT THE FRONT PASSENGER AIR BAG FROM DEPLOYING DURING A CRASH. DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SENSORS FOR FREE.

#### Entertainment Noon 3/28/2024

IF YOU'RE A DIE-HARD FAN OF MARILYN MONROE, THERE'S AN AUCTION YOU MAY WANT TO KEEP AN EYE ON THIS WEEKEND. THEY'RE SELLING A CRYPT NEAR THE ACTRESS' FINAL RESTING PLACE. IF YOU ARE THE LUCKY BIDDER -- YOU ALSO GET TO REST NEXT TO FORMER PLAYBOY OWNER HUGH HEFNER. THE BIDDING FOR THIS BURIAL SPOT STARTS AT 50 THOUSAND --- BUT IS EXPECTED TO GO AS HIGH AS FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

CRIME 4 PM/03/28/2024 :10

HAMMOND POLICE RAMPING UP EFFORTS TO FIGHT FENTANYL, AFTER INVESTIGATING A NON-FATAL FENTANYL OVERDOSE OF A SOUTHEASTERN STUDENT IN JANUARY.

HEALTH 4 PM/03/28/2024 :10

ADVOCATES GATHERED ON THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL THIS AFTERNOON IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF COLON CANCER...AS CASES SPIKE AROUND THE STATE. JORDAN PONZIO REPORTS.

SPORTS 4 PM/03/28/2024 :10

THE TIGER FAITHFUL GATHERED OUTSIDE THE P MAC THIS AFTERNOON TO CHEER ON THE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AS THEY HEAD TO ALBANY TO FACE U-C-L-A IN THE SWEET SIXTEEN THIS WEEKEND.

Education 3/28/24 5 p.m. :44  
A NEW REPORT FINDS LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOLS ARE UNDERSTAFFED AND UNDERPAID. NEWS 2'S KAIT HARMON WITH THE RESPONSE FROM SCHOOL BOARD AND THE PLAN MOVING FORWARD. THAT REPORT HAS ALMOST 400 SLIDES OF DATA SHOWING HOW LIVINGSTON PARISH SCHOOLS COMPARE TO OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. IN 2023, THE SCHOOL FAILED TO PASS A 1% SALES TAX THAT WOULD HAVE RAISED ALL EMPLOYEE SALARIES BY 25-HUNDRED DOLLARS. ONE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER BELIEVES THE SALES TAX DID NOT PASS BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC'S DISTRUST IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. AFTER THAT, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM HIRED A THIRD PARTY CONSULTING FIRM, NAMED LEAN FROG, TO PERFORM A SIX-MONTH AUDIT. ONE OF THE LARGEST FINDINGS OF THE REPORT IS THAT TEACHER PAY IS AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE AREA.

Community 3/28/24 5 p.m. :20  
A BIG SEND OFF TODAY AT THE P-MAC FOR THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HEADED TO ALBANY, NEW YORK TO PLAY IN THE SWEET SIXTEEN. THE TIGERS TAKE ON U-C-L-A AT NOON SATURDAY RIGHT HERE ON W-B-R-Z. L-S-U IS THE THREE SEED IN THE REGIONAL, U-C-L-A IS NUMBER TWO. AN L-S-U WIN WILL HAVE THEM FACING THE WINNER OF IOWA AND COLORADO. THAT GAME FOLLOWS THE L-S-U GAME ALSO HERE ON W-B-R-Z.

Community 3/28/24 5 p.m. :39  
CRAWFISH PRICES ARE STARTING TO COME DOWN JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER. WE HAVE BEEN TRACKING THE PRICES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF LENT. NOT ONLY ARE THE PRICES MORE REASONABLE, THE CRAWFISH ARE ALSO MORE PLENTIFUL, IT IS STILL NOWHERE CLOSE TO NORMAL. THEY WERE BUSY AT TONY'S SEAFOOD TODAY. THEY TELL US THE MUDBUGS ARE MORE THAN FOUR DOLLARS CHEAPER THAN FEBRUARY, BUT ABOUT TWO DOLLARS MORE THAN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. THEY USUALLY DO ABOUT 100 THOUSAND POUNDS AROUND EASTER...THIS YEAR THEY ARE AROUND HALF THAT. ACCORDING TO OUR WEEKLY CRAWFISH INDEX, THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR BOILED CRAWFISH IS 7-56 A POUND. YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE ALL THE PRICES IN OUR TRACKER AT W-B-R-Z DOT COM.

Community 3-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
IT'S TIME TO PAY UP FOR STREET PARKING IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE. THE NEW KIOSKS FOR PAYMENT ARE IN PLACE. AND NOW TWO ON YOUR SIDE'S BRITTANY WEISS REPORTS THAT DOWNTOWN PARKING ENFORCEMENT HAS AN OFFICIAL START DATE.

Crime 3-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE NEW HAMMOND POLICE FENTANYL RESPONSE TEAM ... CLAIMING IT'S FIRST VICTORY AFTER A SOUTHEASTERN STUDENT OVERDOSED ON THE DRUG SOMETIME IN JANUARY. THREE PEOPLE HAVE SINCE BEEN ARRESTED FOR DEALING THE DRUGS THAT LED TO THE OVERDOSE. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN ... IN HAMMOND WITH THEIR NEW APPROACH TO ATTACKING THE DRUG TRADE.

School 3-28-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
LIVINGSTON SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS ARE PRESENTING NEW DATA THEY SAY SHOWS THEIR EMPLOYEES ARE PAID THE LOWEST COMPARED TO THE SURROUNDING AREAS. YOU'LL RECALL VOTERS THERE REJECTED A SALES TAX LAST YEAR THAT WOULD HAVE GIVEN TEACHERS A RAISE. NEWS TWO'S KAIT HARMON JOINS US NOW WITH REACTION FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD.

Politics 3-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00  
A BILL IN THE REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION AIMS TO LESSEN THE LOAD ON TEACHERS. BUT SOME WORRY ABOUT THE IMPACT IT MIGHT HAVE ON SCHOOL CURRICULUM. NEWS

TWO'S FALON BROWN TELLS US WHY LAWMAKERS ARE PUSHING TO REVERSE STATE MANDATES TO TEACH LIFE SKILLS IN THE CLASSROOM.

Health 3-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

AT THE STATE CAPITOL...ADVOCATES GATHERED ON THE STEPS THIS AFTERNOON IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF COLON CANCER. CASES AROUND THE STATE ARE SPIKING AS NEWS TWO'S JORDAN PONZIO REPORTS.

Court 3-28-2024/6:30 p.m. 2:00

THE FORMER KING OF CRYPTO SAM BANKMAN-FRIED SENTENCED TO 25 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MASTERMINDING A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR FRAUD SCHEME. VICTIMS SPOKE IN COURT AS WELL AS BANKMAN-FRIED EARLIER TODAY.

CRIME 9pm/03/28/24 :20

A WOMAN IN DONALDSONVILLE WHO TRIED TO KILL THE MOTHER OF HER EX-FIANCÉ'S CHILD WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON THIS MORNING. 44 YEAR OLD PEGGY VALENTINE WAS CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER FOR BREAKING INTO THE HOME OF 56 YEAR OLD JESSICA FRAZIER WITH A BOX CUTTER IN 20-22.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/28/24 :20

AT THE CAPITOL -- A BILL IS ADVANCING WHICH WOULD REPEAL CURRENT LAW THAT MANDATES CERTAIN LIFE SKILLS TO BE TAUGHT IN LOUISIANA PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THIS INCLUDES C-P-R TRAINING, EDUCATION ABOUT BULLYING, EATING DISORDERS, AND MENTAL HEALTH.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/28/24 :20

TWENTY-FIVE-HUNDRED BLUE FLAGS WERE PLANTED IN FRONT OF THE STEPS OF THE STATE CAPITOL TODAY. EACH ONE FOR A DIAGNOSED CASE OF COLO-RECTAL CANCER HERE IN LOUISIANA THIS YEAR. COLON CANCER IS THE FOURTH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE STATE...AND A FRIGHTENING TREND...THE NUMBER OF CASES AMONG YOUNGER ADULTS IS RISING. EXPERTS ARE NOT SURE WHY.

CRIME 10pm/03/28/24 :20

A TEENAGER IS IN CUSTODY FOR A DEADLY SHOOTING AT AN APARTMENT COMPLEX OFF WOODDALE BOULEVARD. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED A 17-YEAR-OLD THEY SAY KILLED 23-YEAR-OLD JA-SHAWN NEAL AND INJURED A ONE YEAR OLD. NEAL WAS FOUND DEAD AT THE COLONIAL TERRACE APARTMENT COMPLEX. THE TODDLER WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION.

COMMUNITY/CRIME 10pm/ 03/28/24 :20

IN HAMMOND, A NEW RESPONSE TEAM -- DEDICATED TO KEEPING FENTANYL OFF THE STREETS -- ANNOUNCED ITS FIRST THREE ARRESTS CONNECTED TO THE OVERDOSE OF A STUDENT AT SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY.

COMMUNITY 10pm/ 03/28/24 :20

THE LIVINGSTON PARISH ORDINANCE ACCEPTED A SETTLEMENT TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE OVER A ROAD IN FRENCH SETTLEMENT. THE ISSUE FIRST CAME UP AFTER WADE HOLDEN -- A PROPERTY OWNER -- INSTALLED A GATE ALONG LOUISIANA TRACE ROAD. IT BLOCKED ACCESS TO MORE THAN A DOZEN PROPERTIES. HOLDEN CLAIMED THE ROAD IS PRIVATE AND CLAIMED HE DID IT TO PREVENT CRIME. OTHER PROPERTY OWNERS ARGUE IT PREVENTS ACCESS TO PEOPLE'S HOMES.

Crime 5 AM 3/29/2024

OUR NEWSROOM IS JUST LEARNING THAT A BODY WAS FOUND WITH GUNSHOT WOUNDS IN A CAR IN PRAIRIEVILLE. STATE POLICE FOUND A MAN DEAD ALONG I-10 EASTBOUND IN

PRAIRIEVILLE. THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE LEADING THE INVESTIGATION, THEY ARE WORKING TO IDENTIFY THE MAN.

Religion 5 AM 3/29/2024

TODAY THE FAITHFUL ALL ACROSS SOUTH LOUISIANA OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY. IT'S A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING, AS CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD REMEMBER AND REFLECT ON THE PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST. THERE ARE MANY SPECIAL SERVICES TODAY INCLUDING AN OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AS HUNDREDS WILL WALK THROUGH DOWNTOWN FOLLOWING A CROSS, PRAYING, AND OBSERVING MOMENTS OF SILENCE TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS'S DEATH OF GOOD FRIDAY.

Business 5 AM 3/29/2024

WINE BOTTLES ARE ABOUT TO GET A LOT BIGGER IN FLORIDA. ON THURSDAY, GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SIGNED A BILL THAT ALLOWS LARGER WINE CONTAINERS TO BE SOLD IN THE SUNSHINE STATE. THIS WILL ALLOW WINE TO BE SOLD IN GLASS BOTTLES FROM FOUR-AND-A-HALF UP TO 15-LITER SIZES. DESANTIS SAYS THE FORMER LAW WAS "ANACHRONISTIC" AND WASN'T GOOD FOR BUSINESSES OR CONSUMERS. THE NEW LAW GOES INTO EFFECT ON JULY FIRST.

Crime 3/29/24 12pm

A PARENT'S WORST NIGHTMARE ALMOST BECAME A REALITY. BATON ROUGE POLICE ARRESTED A WOMAN FOR ATTEMPTING TO KIDNAP AN INFANT FROM OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Community 3/29/24 12pm

THEY'LL CARRY ON AN EASTER SUNDAY TRADITION IN WEST FELICIANA PARISH...WE'LL TAKE YOU TO BEAUTIFUL HEMINGBOUGH WHERE THEY'LL CELEBRATE EASTER WITH FAITH, FLOWERS, AND PEACOCKS...AND YOU'RE INVITED.

Sports 3/29/24 12pm

THIS WEEKEND THE MADNESS CONTINUES. ON SATURDAY, THE TIGERS ARE GOING DANCING IN ALBANY, NEW YORK AS THEY PLAY IN THE SWEET 16 FOR MARCH MADNESS. AND THAT GAME WILL BE RIGHT HERE ON W-B-R-Z!

CRIME

4 PM/03/29/2024

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NEW SAFETY CONCERNS AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, AFTER A WOMAN WAS ARRESTED FOR BREACHING SECURITY MORE THAN ONCE IN AN EFFORT TO KIDNAP A BABY.

CRIME

4 PM/03/29/2024

:15

THE ASCENSION PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARE INVESTIGATING AFTER A MAN WAS FOUND SHOT TO DEATH IN HIS CAR ALONG EYE TEN EAST NEAR PRAIRIEVILLE. 20 YEAR OLD CHAKERUS HAMILTON JUNIOR WAS FOUND BY STATE POLICE AROUND THREE A-M.

COMMUNITY

4 PM/03/29/2024

:15

THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE HELD THEIR ANNUAL OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS DOWNTOWN TO OBSERVE GOOD FRIDAY. THE FAITHFUL REFLECTED ON THE 14 STATIONS OF THE CROSS WHILE WALKING FROM SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL TO THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS.

Religion

3/29/24

5 p.m.

:19

ON THIS GOOD FRIDAY THE ANNUAL OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS HELD IN DOWNTOWN BATON ROUGE TRACING THE 14 "STATIONS" OF CHRIST FROM SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL TO THE STATE CAPITOL AND BACK. THE PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS CHRIST'S SUFFERING IN THE WORLD TODAY THROUGH THE PLIGHT OF THE POOR, ABANDONED, ABUSED, IMPRISONED, ILL AND DISABLED.

Community 3/29/24 5 p.m. :54  
A MICHAEL B JORDAN MOVIE IS FILMING IN DONALDSONVILLE NEXT MONTH. DANIEL MCCLAIN PAID A VISIT TO THE CITY AS IT PREPARES FOR ITS NEXT STARRING ROLE. DONALDSONVILLE'S BRAND 'HISTORY LIVES HERE' IS ESSENTIAL TO ITS STORY BECAUSE MANY HISTORICAL EVENTS AND LANDMARKS STILL EXIST TODAY. THAT'S WHY THE CITY IS PERFECT FOR FILMING MOVIES BASED IN THE PAST. THE MOST RECENT FILMING WAS THE MOVIE 'WE HAVE A GHOST', STARRING ANTHONY MACKAY IN 20-22. NOW THE SMALL TOWN IS SEEING MORE HOLLYWOOD STARS IN THEIR COMMUNITY. BEST KNOWN FOR BLACK PANTHER AND THE CREED TRILOGY, BOTH MICHAEL B. JORDAN AND RYAN COOGLER WILL BE COMING TO VISIT THE CITY FOR THREE DAYS IN LATE APRIL, TO FILM PART OF THEIR NEW MOVIE 'GRILLED CHEESE', A MOVIE THAT WILL BE BASED IN THE 19-30'S. AFTER HEARING BIG TIME MOVIE STARS WILL BE IN THE CITY-- RESIDENTS OF DONALDSONVILLE HAVE A NEW SENSE OF HOPE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY. ONE THAT HAS SEEN ITS FAIR SHARE OF STRUGGLE.

Health 3/29/24 5 p.m. :32  
THE NUMBER OF MEASLES CASES IN THE UNITED STATES HAS JUMPED TO 64 FOR THE YEAR. THAT IS MORE THAN ALL OF LAST YEAR WHEN THE TOTAL WAS 58. THE C-D-C SAYS THERE HAVE BEEN CASES IN 17 STATES INCLUDING LOUISIANA. THERE COULD BE A NUMBER OF FACTORS BEHIND THE SPREAD OF MEASLES IN THE U-S THIS YEAR. THE C-D-C NOTES MANY REPORTED CASES ARE LINKED TO INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. ALSO, THE EFFECT OF FEWER ROUTINE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC. STILL, THERE WERE MORE CASES BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, INCLUDING MORE THAN 12 HUNDRED CASES IN 20-19. THAT MOST THE MOST SINCE 19-82.

Crime 3-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
OFFICIALS AT OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAVE STAYED TIGHT-LIPPED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THEIR FACILITY FOLLOWING A WOMAN'S ARREST LAST NIGHT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING. POLICE SAY SHE REPEATEDLY GAINED ACCESS TO RESTRICTED AREAS AND OBTAINED CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION ON A 9-MONTH-OLD BABY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SPOKE WITH THE PARENT OF ANOTHER PATIENT WHO HAD SAFETY CONCERNS OF HER OWN DURING THEIR 2-WEEK STAY.

Sports 3-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
THE L-S-U WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM GOING INTO THE SWEET 16 PLAYING THE ROLE OF UNDERDOG TO U-C-L-A. THE TIGERS TRYING TO STAY FOCUSED EVEN AS OFF-COURT QUESTIONS SWIRL AROUND COACH KIM MULKEY. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE LIVE IN ALBANY NEW YORK.

Community 3-29-2024/6:00 p.m. 2:00  
TRADITIONALLY PEOPLE SPEND THE LAST FRIDAY OF THE LENT SEASON BOILING CRAWFISH OR FRYING FISH. TWO ELECTED OFFICIALS DECIDED TO SPEND THEIR DAY FRYING FISH AND SERVING IT TO SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE COMMUNITY. NEWS TWOS MIA MONET HAS THE STORY.

CRIME 6:30pm/03/29/24 :20  
ACCORDING TO BATON ROUGE POLICE SHE WAS ABLE GET HER HANDS ON A PARENT AND CAREGIVER'S BADGE AND WAS ABLE TO GET INTO A ROOM WITH A NINE MONTH OLD IN INTENSIVE CARE. TODAY WE SPOKE TO A PARENT OF A CHILD THAT WAS RECENTLY A PATIENT THERE. SHE TOLD US SHE FELT SECURITY WAS LACKLUSTER DURING HER CHILD'S STAY.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 03/29/24 :20  
A 17 YEAR OLD THAT WAS CHARGED WITH MURDERING A MAN EARLIER THIS WEEK, COULD BE TRIED AS AN ADULT. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE TOLD THE ADVOCATE THAT IT'S

"HIGHLY LIKELY AND PROBABLE". 23 YEAR OLD JASHAWN NEAL WAS SHOT OUTSIDE AN APARTMENT COMPLEX ON WOODDALE BOULEVARD TUESDAY.

CRIME 6:30pm/ 03/29/24 :20  
ZACHARY POLICE ARE ASKING FOR HELP IDENTIFYING THESE TWO MEN ACCUSED OF STEALING ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF MERCHANDISE FROM A HOME DEPOT. THEY WERE LAST SEEN LEAVING THE STORE IN A RED S-U-V. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION IS URGED TO CALL POLICE.

CRIME 9pm/03/29/24 :20  
FOLLOWING A WOMAN'S ARREST LAST NIGHT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING. POLICE SAY SHE REPEATEDLY GAINED ACCESS TO RESTRICTED AREAS AND OBTAINED CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION ON A 9-MONTH-OLD BABY. NEWS TWO'S FALON BROWN SPOKE WITH THE PARENT OF ANOTHER PATIENT WHO HAD SAFETY CONCERNS OF HER OWN DURING THEIR TWO-WEEK STAY.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/29/24 :20  
A GROUP OF TALENTED STEM STUDENTS AT DENHAM SPRINGS HIGH ARE MAKING THE FINAL PREPARATIONS, BEFORE HEADING TO THEIR FIRST ROBOTICS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN HOUSTON NEXT MONTH. NEWS TWO'S PHOENIX PLUM SPOKE TO DENHAM VENOM ROBOTICS TEAM, ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOL ON THE WORLD STAGE.

COMMUNITY 9pm/ 03/29/24 :20  
MARYLAND IS RUSHING TO CLEAN UP THE WRECKAGE OF A BRIDGE THAT COLLAPSED AFTER IT WAS STRUCK BY A CONTAINER SHIP IN BALTIMORE HARBOR, LEAVING SIX PEOPLE DEAD. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED IT WAS GIVING THE STATE 60 MILLION DOLLARS TO COVER THE FIRST STEPS OF THE CLEANUP.

10pm 3/29/24 crime  
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL DISPUTING PART OF THE REPORTS FROM POLICE ABOUT HOW A WOMAN MANAGED TO GAIN ACCESS TO RESTRICTED PARTS OF THE HOSPITAL. 21-YEAR-OLD DINESTY SELMON WAS ARRESTED FOR SEVEN COUNTS OF UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY OF A PLACE OF BUSINESS AND ONE COUNT ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING.

10pm 3/29/24 community  
NEIGHBORS IN LIVINGSTON PARISH HAVE BEEN BATTLING OVER A ROAD NEAR FRENCH SETTLEMENT FOR YEARS. TWO ON YOUR SIDE FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT THE DISPUTE OVER LOUISIANA TRACE ROAD ALONG THE AMITE RIVER BACK IN 20-21. PROPERTY OWNER WADE HOLDEN INSTALLED A GATE BLOCKING ACCESS. HE CLAIMED THE ROAD IS PRIVATE AND HE WAS TRYING TO KEEP CRIMINALS OUT.

10pm 3/29/24 crime  
NEW DETAILS TONIGHT IN THE DEADLY SHOOTING TUESDAY AFTERNOON OFF WOODDALE BOULEVARD. DISTRICT ATTORNEY HILLAR MOORE TELLS OUR PARTNERS AT THE ADVOCATE THE 1-YEAR-OLD INJURED IN THE SHOOTING IS GOING TO SURVIVE, BUT LOST AN EYE IN THE INCIDENT. A 17-YEAR-OLD IS IN CUSTODY, ACCUSED OF INJURING THE CHILD AND KILLING 23-YEAR-OLD JASHAWN NEAL. INVESTIGATORS SAY NEAL WAS HOLDING THE TODDLER WHEN HE WAS SHOT. THE TEEN IS EXPECTED TO BE TRIED AS AN ADULT.

Fire 9 AM 3/30/2024  
ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND ANOTHER IN CRITICAL CONDITION AFTER AN EARLY MORNING HOUSE FIRE IN ST AMANT. OFFICIALS TELL US THAT IT HAPPENED ON KELLI DRIVE, NEAR ST AMANT MIDDLE. FIREFIGHTERS GOT THERE AROUND TWO THIS MORNING, AND WERE ABLE TO GET TWO OF THE RESIDENTS OUT OF THE HOUSE.

Sports 9 AM 3/30/2024



THIS MORNING, THE L-S-U WOMENS BASKETBALL TEAM IS IN ALBANY GETTING READY TO FACE U-C-L-A THIS AFTERNOON. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE TRAVELED WITH THE TEAM, AND SAYS THE TIGER'S EXPERIENCE FROM LAST YEAR COULD GIVE THEM THE EDGE THEY NEED TO COME OUT ON TOP.

Business 9 AM 3/30/2024

MANY U-P-S PACKAGE SORTERS COULD SOON BE OUT OF A JOB. THE PARCEL CARRIER PLANS TO CLOSE TWO HUNDRED SORTING CENTERS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. IT'S EXPECTED TO SAVE U-P-S THREE BILLION DOLLARS, PER YEAR BY 20-28. IT COMES AS THE COMPANY IS FORECASTING DOUBLE DIGIT PROFIT MARGIN GROWTH BY 20-26. THAT PREDICTION COMES JUST A FEW MONTHS AFTER TEAMSTERS WON MASSIVE RAISES DURING HIGH-PROFILE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS LAST SUMMER.

SPORTS 6 PM/03/30/2024 :15  
THE TIGERS ADVANCING TO THE ELITE EIGHT AFTER A THRILLING BACK AND FORTH MATCH WITH U-C-L-A IN ALBANY. AND ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE THE GAME THE WASHINGTON POST DROPPED ITS ARTICLE ON KIM MULKEY. SPORTS TWO'S BRIE ANDRAS JOINING US IN STUDIO WITH MORE ON THE GAME AND THE TEAM'S REACTION TO THE ARTICLE.

DEVELOPING 6 PM/03/30/2024 :15  
A 72 YEAR OLD WOMAN FROM ASCENSION PARISH IS DEAD AND ANOTHER WAS SERIOUSLY HURT AFTER HER FAMILY'S HOME IN ST. AMANT CAUGHT ON FIRE THIS MORNING. NEWS TWO'S DANIEL MCCLAIN HAS THE LATEST.

WEATHER 6 PM/03/30/2024 :15  
A CALM AND WARM START TO OUR EASTER WEEKEND BUT CLOUDS AND HUMIDITY ARE IN THE FORECAST FOR TOMORROW. LET'S GET TO BALIN WITH YOUR EASTER SUNDAY FORECAST.

SPORTS 10 PM/03/30/2024 :15  
THE TIGERS NOW PREPARING FOR THE ELITE EIGHT AFTER A THRILLING VICTORY AGAINST U-C-L-A. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE JOINING US FROM ALBANY WITH A BREAKDOWN OF TODAY'S GAME.

COMMUNITY 10 PM/03/30/2024 :15  
AND THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT FOR THE 15-TH ANNUAL EASTER GIVEAWAY THIS AFTERNOON. FREE EASTER BASKETS WERE GIVEN OUT TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE WAS ALSO PLENTY FOR THE KIDS INCLUDING A SLIDE AND OUTDOOR GAMES.

BUSINESS 10 PM/03/30/2024 :10  
A NEW APP DEVELOPED RIGHT HERE IN BATON ROUGE BRINGS TOGETHER DOZENS OF BEAUTY SALONS ALL OVER THE REGION. NEWS TWOS ABIGAIL WHITAM REPORTS.

COMMUNITY 9AM 3/31/2024

THIS MORNING, MANY CHURCHES AROUND OUR AREA WILL CELEBRATE EASTER SUNDAY WITH SOME SERVICES ALREADY UNDERWAY. ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL AND ISTROUMA BAPTIST CHURCH ARE HOLDIN EASTER SERVICES AT 10:30. AND HEALING PLACE CHURCH WILL HAVE A SERVICE AT 11:30 AT BOTH THEIR BATON ROUGE AND DENHAM SPRINGS CAMPUSES.

COMMUNITY 9AM 3/31/2024

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL IS GETTING READY FOR A VERY BUSY EASTER SUNDAY. THERE WILL BE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS PASSING OUT HOT MEALS AND EASTER BASKETS TO THOSE IN NEED. CHILDREN DO NEED TO BE PRESENT TO BE ABLE TO GET A BASKET. IT ALL STARTS AT 11-30 A-M IN THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DINING ROOM.

SPORTS 9AM 3/31/2024

COACH KIM MULKEY CRITICIZED A COLUMN BY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES AFTER L-S-U'S WIN AGAINST U-C-L-A SATURDAY. THE COLUMN, TITLED "COMMENTARY: UCLA-LSU IS AMERICA'S SWEETHEARTS VS. ITS BASKETBALL VILLAINS," DESCRIBES L-S-U AS "AMERICA'S DEBUTANTES," "LOUISIANA HOT SAUCE" AND THE TEAM WANTING TO DIVIDE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL. BUT U-C-L-A IS DESCRIBED AS "AMERICA'S SWEETHEART," "MILK AND COOKIES" AND "THE TEAM THAT WANTS TO GROW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL." MULKEY CRITICIZED THE ARTICLE FOR PITTING THEIR MATCHUP AS GOOD VERSUS EVIL AND CLAIMED IT WAS SEXIST TO REFER TO THE BRUINS AS "MILK AND COOKIES." SHE SAID THAT SHE TOOK ISSUE WITH THE ARTICLE AS A MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, AND AS A LEADER OF PEOPLE. AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE, L-S-U'S ANGEL REESE POSTED A PHOTO TO SOCIAL MEDIA OF THEIR POST-GAME SNACKS: MILK, COOKIES AND LOUISIANA HOT SAUCE.

CRIME

5:30 PM/03/31/2024

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A TERRIFYING START TO EASTER SUNDAY FOR ONE BATON ROUGE FAMILY. A GIRL WAS STUCK BY A BULLET WHILE LYING IN HER BED EARLY THIS MORNING. HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW SO FAR.

SPORTS

5:30 PM/03/31/2024

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THE TIGERS SPENDING THEIR EASTER SUNDAY PREPARING TO TAKE ON IOWA IN THE ELITE EIGHT. L-S-U EXPECTING A TENSE MATCHUP WITH THE HAWKEYES TOMORROW NIGHT. SPORTS DIRECTOR MICHAEL CAUBLE JOINS US IN ALBANY WITH THE LATEST.

SPORTS

5:30 PM/03/31/2024

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DEPUTIES IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH HAVE LOCATED TWO RUNAWAY HORSES WHO ESCAPED SATURDAY MORNING. THEY POSTED ON SOCIAL MEDIA THAT THE TWO HORSES ARE NOW BACK HOME IN ROBERT ENJOYING EASTER SUNDAY WITH THEIR OWNERS.

CRIME

10 PM/03/31/2024

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ONE PERSON IS DEAD AND TWO PEOPLE ARE HURT AFTER A VIOLENT EASTER SUNDAY IN BATON ROUGE. THERE WERE THREE SHOOTINGS TODAY IN THE CAPITAL CITY...THE MOST RECENT HAPPENING JUST AN HOUR AGO.

COMMUNITY

10 PM/03/31/2024

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OVER 5-HUNDRED PEOPLE IN NEED WERE SERVED EASTER LUNCH AT ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THIS AFTERNOON. MICHAEL ACALDO, DIRECTOR OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL, STOPPED BY EARLIER TODAY TO TALK ABOUT TODAY'S EVENT AND HOW HIS ORGANIZATION IS WORKING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPORTS

10 PM/03/31/2024

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LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL IS LESS THAN 24 HOURS AWAY FROM THEIR ELITE 8 GAME WITH IOWA, A REMATCH OF LAST YEAR'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. SPORTS 2'S MICHAEL CAUBLE IS IN ALBANY, NEW YORK WITH MORE ON HOW LSU IS PREPARING TO SLOW A HAWKEYE ATTACK LED BY CLARK'S NEARLY 32 POINTS A GAME.

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**FIRST QUARTER 2024**  
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<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>AIRTIME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>
Politics	01-07-2024	5:30 AM	Gubernatorial Inauguration 2024	Guest: Bud Courson	30 minutes
Politics	01-14-2024	5:30 AM	A New Louisiana Dawn	Guest: Bernie Pinsonat	30 minutes
History	01-21-2024	5:30 AM	Echoes of MLK	Guest: Lori Martin	30 minutes
Music	01-28-2024	5:30 AM	Jamboree Reunion	Guest: Carlton Jones	30 minutes
Education	02-04-2024	5:30 AM	Catholic Schools Week	Guest: Julie Vosbein	30 minutes
Sports	02-11-2024	5:30 AM	Play Ball at the Box	Guest: Jay Johnson	30 minutes
Religion	02-18-2024	5:30 AM	The Message of Lent	Guest: Fr. Josh Johnson	30 minutes
Health	02-25-2024	5:30 AM	Colon Cancer	Guest: Dr. Kelly Finan	30 minutes
Health	03-03-2024	5:30 AM	Get Your Rear in Gear	Guest: Dr. Kelly Finan	30 minutes
Community	03-10-2024	5:30 AM	Hope: 24 Hours A Day	Guest: Michael Acaldo	30 minutes
Religion	03-17-2024	5:30 AM	Lent at St. James	Guest: Fr. Chris Duncan	30 minutes
Holiday	03-24-2024	5:30 AM	Celebrate Easter at Hemingbough	Guest: Arlin Dease	30 minutes
Holiday	03-31-2024	5:30 AM	An Easter Dream for St. Jude	Guest: Carlos Alvarez	30 minutes

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01-18-2024	7:00 PM	Victory Nutrition; "The Diminishing Value of Love"; Origin Hotel	Guest: Leon East; C-Bazz the Comedian; Braylon Hyde	30 minutes
02-01-2024	7:00 PM	Visually Impaired Community; 225 Fest; Author of "Wander in the Dark"	Guest: Rossy; Myra Richardson; Jamata Emill	30 minutes
02-15-2024	7:00 PM	New Prime Video Film "The Diminishing Value of Love"; Disney murals; House of Colours	Guest: Malaika Favorite; Jan Rivers	30 minutes
02-29-2024	7:00 PM	MLB History Number One Draft Pick; Color and Culture; The Hip Hop Doc; "R.J. Did It"	Guest: Dana Chapital; Dr. Rani Whitfield; R.J.	30 minutes
03-14-2024	7:00 PM	Women's History Month; Color and Culture; Boosie Bash; R&B Singer	Guest: Jo Banner; Dana Chapital; Rapper Boosie; Lady Vee	30 minutes
03-28-2024	7:00 PM	Local Influencer; Joe's Bakery; FORK Cancer; R&B Singer	Guest: Jordan Basham; Mother-daughter bakers; Shawn Zeringue, Katelyn Cockerham; Lady Vee, Jermaine Cesar	30 minutes

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**St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway**

WBRZ proudly teamed up with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help promote the annual Dream Home Giveaway, which helps raise money for children with cancer. The promotion began with a mini-telethon during our newscasts on March 1, 2024. There will be 12,500 tickets sold this year raising over one million dollars for St. Jude. The house and car will be given away on June 7, 2024.

**Fill a Prescription for the Needy**

WBRZ, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Baton Rouge Clinic teamed up to help fill prescriptions for those in need. Starting Ash Wednesday, viewers could visit their local pharmacy and place a donation in a pill bottle, which was then placed in a larger secure container. 100% of the proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul's community pharmacy to fill prescriptions for the needy. This campaign will run until Easter.

**Get Your Rear In Gear Walk Run**

To help raise awareness for Colon Cancer WBRZ supported the Get Your Rear in Gear 5k walk run on March 9, 2024. Money raised at the event stays local to help remove barriers to screening for under and uninsured people, educate the public about early detection and screening, reduce financial burdens for patients, and fund research to help fight and end colon cancer. WBRZ also ran Colon Cancer screening segments on 2une In Morning News and Sunday Journal leading up to the event. This year the event raised \$41,000.

**Wearin' of the Green St. Patrick's Day Parade**

WBRZ participated in and broadcasted the family-friendly "Wearin of the Green" Saint Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16, 2024. It's more than a parade, it's the recognition of the Patron Saint of Ireland and the relationship of our City and our State with the country of Ireland. Seven of our Grand Marshals from Killarney, Ireland have enjoyed this parade, and the reason I selected the title: 'The wearin' of the Green' to further identify that commitment from 1916 and today. We begin our parade at the heart of the Diocese of Baton Rouge - The Catholic Life Center and this is where it concludes. For thousands on the parade route from South Acadian to Hundred Oaks to South Eugene to Terrace to Perkins Road folks gather for reunions, family gatherings, and even weddings for the Wearin' of the Green.

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01-19-2024	Brandi Harris	Baton Rouge	Presented the Book Vending Machine at Woodlawn Elementary
01-30-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Spoke to staff for Catholic Schools Week
01-31-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Speaker at monthly meeting of Louisiana USA Federal Credit Union
02-07-2024	Mia Monet	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at Madison Prep
02-07-2024	Keisha Wilson	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at Madison Prep
02-07-2024	Leah Marchand	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at LSU
02-07-2024	Keisha Wilson	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at LSU
02-09-2024	Josh Eachus	Baton Rouge	Hosted students from St. Joseph's Academy for job shadowing experience
02-17-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Scripture reader for First Sunday in Lent at Our Lady of Mercy
02-17-2024	Keisha Wilson	Grambling	Attended Career Fair at Grambling State University
02-21-2024	Brandi Harris	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at Southern University
02-21-2024	Keisha Wilson	Baton Rouge	Attended Career Fair at Southern University
02-26-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Career Day at St. James High School to discuss broadcasting
02-27-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Spoke with organizers for Lenten gumbo at St. James Episcopal
02-28-2024	Kelly Kissel	Baton Rouge	Presentation to beginning newswriting classes at LSU's Manship School
02-28-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Met with doctors, patients, and organizers to discuss Colon Cancer Awareness

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03-01-2024	Brandi Harris	Baton Rouge	Read to students at McKinley Elementary for Read Across America Day
03-05-2024	Leah Marchand	Baton Rouge	Attended Job Fair at LSU
03-05-2024	Keisha Wilson	Baton Rouge	Attended Job Fair at LSU
03-06-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-06-2024	Balin Rogers	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-06-2024	Malcolm Byron	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-07-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-07-2024	Balin Rogers	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-07-2024	Malcolm Byron	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Raising Arrows Homeschoolers
03-08-2024	Mia Monet	New Orleans	Attended Career Fair at UNO
03-08-2024	Keisha Wilson	New Orleans	Attended Career Fair at UNO
03-09-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	Baton Rouge	Meteorology presentation to Mu Sigma Youth Symposium
03-09-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	MC for 17 <sup>th</sup> Annual Get Your Rear in Gear Run/Walk at Pennington Biomedical
03-11-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Cedarwood Homeschoolers
03-11-2024	Balin Rogers	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Cedarwood Homeschoolers
03-11-2024	Malcolm Byron	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Cedarwood Homeschoolers
03-14-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Cedarwood Homeschoolers

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03-14-2024	Malcolm Byron	WBRZ	Storm Station presentation to Cedarwood Homeschoolers
03-15-2024	Josh Eachus	Gonzales	Meteorology presentation at Career Day at Duplessis Primary
03-15-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Emcee for 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Count Your Blessings Supper for Society of St. Vincent de Paul
03-20-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	Baton Rouge	Discussed Hurricane Season Safety at Ethos Energy
03-20-2024	Josh Eachus	Baton Rouge	Discussed Hurricane Season Safety at Ethos Energy
03-21-2024	Emma Kate Cowan	Baton Rouge	Meteorology presentation to homeschool visitors at WBRZ
03-23-2024	Sylvia Weatherspoon	Baton Rouge	Honoree at A Celebration of Women at the Queen of Baton Rouge
03-24-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Narrator for The Passion of Christ for Palm Sunday at Our Lady of Mercy
03-25-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Emcee for Louisiana USA Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting
03-25-2024	Balin Rogers	Walker	Meteorology presentation at South Fork Elementary
03-26-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Spoke to St. Jude Dream Home organizers and builders to tour home in Oak Colony area
03-26-2024	Keisha Wilson	Baton Rouge	Attended Aspire Career Fair at Southern University
03-28-2024	Sylvia Weatherspoon	Baton Rouge	Panelist and Guest Speaker at Walmart Women's Empowerment Summit
03-31-2024	John Pastorek	Baton Rouge	Participated in Easter Sunday Procession and Mass at Our Lady of Mercy