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John Pruitt

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Parents Voice Concerns Over Fayette Schools Budget CutsDate: **02/23/09 22:37:57**

duration 1:23

Justin Farmer

[1]"I could live in a lot of places, and have a cheaper home and teach in a lot of places and make more money, but I chose Fayette County for my children." Andrea Mueller was part of the packed audience watching Fayette County's school board discuss the budget. The kindergarten teacher and mother of four is worried about her future, and her children's education. "I believe in this system and I cannot believe you would cut staff of the people that interact with children." But the district is facing a \$14.5 million dollar shortfall, and plans to make up more than half of that by eliminating 157 teacher and staff positions districtwide. "That means next year we already will be teaching larger classes, grading more papers and we understand that, that's not a problem." The real problem, according to history teacher Joseph Jarrell, is a three option proposal to eliminate teacher and staff benefits, and cut their salaries. The teachers and bus drivers and other staff say none of those will work in this economy. "You would be cutting the heart and soul of what makes our schools great." They worry the already underpaid district would not be able to recruit or retain good teachers. The board blamed the state for unfunded mandates and repeated budget cuts. The teachers suggested looking at Fayette's \$20 million dollar operating budget instead. "We are there in the front lines with kids everyday, there's go to be somewhere else besides taking away what means the most to the children."

Private School Enrollment on the RiseDate: **02/25/09 18:52:49**

duration :37

John Pruitt

Some parents are now asking themselves whether they can afford to continue to pay thousands of dollars for their children's private school education. Educators in area public schools say they are meeting more and more with prospective parents considering transferring their children. They are weighing the costs of private school when they have a great public school right around the corner. Audrey Sofiano, Sutton Middle School Principal: "We're definitely seeing those numbers up ...in every tour we've had. At least one parent who's children are attending private school." Starting in May, public school administrators say they'll be watching to see how registration numbers change.

DeKalb Parents to be Prosecuted for Truant StudentsDate: **02/09/09 17:00:34**

duration 1:25

Tom Jones

I was right there as DeKalb County authorities placed Tiffini Green and her husband, Kelvin Lovett, under

arrest. Authorities say Green withdrew her 11-year-old daughter in 2007, and never re-enrolled her. The would-be 6th grader cried in a back room as the arrests unfolded. Investigator: "Don't cry. We're here to make sure that you get back to school where you belong, alright?" The parents now face hundreds of counts of educational neglect. The Solicitor General has made pursuing parents who don't send their children to school a top priority. Tom Jones (reporter): "So you don't apologize for arresting these parents.?" James (solicitor): "No absolutely not. I do not. This is not about the parents. This is about the child." Robert James says the arrests are about intervening in a child's life and keeping them from becoming a statistic. Eighty-eight percent of Georgia's inmates are dropouts. Jones: "Why did you take her out?" Green: "I didn't take her.. I had to take my daughter out cause I was out on the streets." Green first said she withdrew her daughter because *she* was homeless, then said her daughter was home schooled. Investigator: "Mom never filed any intent to home school." Authorities tried to reassure the little girl. Investigator: "Aren't you tired of sitting at home every day?" Girl: "Yes" Investigator: "Okay. Well, we're gonna make sure you get in school so you can get an education."

Clarke County Expands Sex Ed Curriculum

Date: **02/13/09 12:46:48** duration :21 Carol Sbarge

The Clarke County school board has approved two new sex education programs. The district has a long-standing practice of "abstinence only" education. But starting next year, students will be exposed to age-specific information. In middle school, the curriculum will include information about contraceptives. Parents can still choose *not* to enroll their children in the classes.

Lawmakers to Decide on Reinstating School Nurse Program

Date: **03/10/09 07:07:23** duration :34 Carol Sbarge

This week we may find out if Georgia lawmakers will reinstate the \$30 million dollar school nurse program. Governor Perdue has proposed cutting it because of a budget shortfall. Many of the nurses who testified Monday say they're not pleased the governor is only using \$319 million dollars of federal stimulus money for education. The governor wants to use some of it for public safety instead. Jeannie: "They were saying public safety. Maybe we could stretch some of that out too and say school nurses are all about the safety of the children." If the state cuts the program, local school systems will have to pay for school nurses.

Cobb County Parents Upset Over Budget Cuts

Date: **03/04/09 18:53:02** duration :32 Monica Pearson

More Cobb County parents are expressing concern about school cuts. We received a flood of emails after we reported on supply cuts at Vaughn Elementary school. Parents and even teachers have been letting us know that cuts are affecting everything from paper to buses for special events. Parent Linda Cappadona: "Let's hire somebody who's trained in how to cut costs -- how to bring those numbers down - so we can use them in hiring teachers which is ultimately what we really need to do." County leaders tell us they've asked principals to conserve, but say the cuts should not affect student's work.

Date: **03/18/09 07:05:34** duration :34 Fred Blankenship

Major changes for schools in Marietta. Last night teachers learned administrators are eliminating nearly 60 teaching positions. They're also cutting pay increases for next school year. Teachers tell us contracts state they could be furloughed up to two days when school starts in the fall. Parents packed the meeting. Parent Salleigh Grubbs: "It's affecting teacher morale. teachers, they don't know where to turn. They're not really able to voice concerns and it's up to the parents to stand up and say something." Also a concern, classroom sizes are expected to increase by at least one student.

Alternative School in Cobb to Close

Date: **02/13/09 12:46:37** duration :34 Carol Sbarge

Concern and outrage this afternoon from some parents over the closing of a local alternative school. The "Crossroads Program" operates at Woods-Wilkens school in Marietta. It's designed to help troubled students get back on the right track. But the school does not have enough math courses to meet state requirements. And it cannot afford them. Anthony Walker: "It's an outrage. i believe there are other things that could have been cut. the school is involved in the community, and it's helping kids learn and it's helping the kids figure out about themselves." A program called "ombudsman" will replace the school It's privately run.

Fayette Cuts Staff

Date: **02/24/09 06:06:29** duration :40 Justin Farmer

The Fayette County school board just cut more than 150 teacher and staff positions to save money. But that is not the reason their meeting went to nearly midnight. It was standing room only because teachers and parents wanted to voice their concern for another plan – to cut employee's salaries and benefits. The district is facing a 14.5 million dollar shortfall for next year, and teachers say they should look to the operating budget for cuts ... instead of employees. [8](#)"We are there in the front lines with kids everyday, there's got to be somewhere else besides taking away what means the most to the children." The board will hold public hearings tomorrow and Thursday before making a final vote this week.

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WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest:

Healthcare

Experts Suggest Close Review of Healthcare Costs

Date: **03/24/09 07:16:07** duration :32 Carol Sbarge

The tough economy is leading many people to look for ways to budget their health care without risking their health. Financial experts say going to an urgent care center instead of an emergency room can save hundreds of dollars. Examining your bill can also keep sickness from leaving a scar on your finances. Melody Hobson: "Eight percent of the time a bill is wrong from the hospital, that means only 20 percent of

the time it's right, and typically the expense is 25 percent more than you would have paid so this is a big deal." Experts say you can also ask your doctor about generic brand drugs.

Healthcare Providers Urge Tobacco Tax

Date: **02/05/09 17:32:13** duration :23 Jovita Moore

Today many Georgia health care providers are urging state lawmakers to "pass the buck." A group gathered today to urge passage of a \$1.00 tax increase on cigarettes. Dr. Howard McMahan: "Does tobacco tax work? We know that it does. The CDC has data that for every 10% increase in cost of products, there is a 5% decrease in utilization." This coalition says cutting tobacco use would also save the state money in health care.

Governor Cuts Medicaid

Date: **03/03/09 16:53:51** duration :53 Lori Geary

Governor Sonney Perdue calls another press conference with more grim economic news for the state of Georgia. Perdue: "Although the revenue numbers are not officially in, they will be weaker." Governor Perdue has proposed cuts of 1.6 billion dollars for the 2010 budget which starts July 1. He's slashing Medicaid money to hospitals and the state's cash-starved trauma care network. He's proposing that state employees pay 5% more for their health insurance saving the state almost \$100 million dollars. To try and soften the blow ... the governor says he's using \$1.1 billion dollars in federal stimulus money -- \$527 million for Medicaid, \$427 million for education, and \$7 million for foster care funding. Perdue: "We will use these funds as they are intended to stave off deep cuts in health care, public safety and education.

Grady Lays Off Employees

Date: **03/11/09 16:38:01** duration 1:11 Tom Regan

Laid off worker LaRoyace Woods: "I always knew it could happen to anybody, but when it happens to you, it's shock." LaRoyace Woods learned this morning that this would be her last day at Grady Medical Center. A Grady executive told her while she'd been an outstanding employee for the last three and half years, her medical secretary position was being eliminated. At least two others in the teen reproductive health department where she worked, also lost their jobs. The atmosphere has been described as somber, even among those who have *not* been laid off. In a written statement, the hospital said "the reduction does not include any key medical or patient care positions and includes positions at all levels of the organization. It is a difficult personal decision for the Grady team." Woods: "People are sad to see their co-workers and colleagues go." It's especially tough on LaRoyace. She has a ten month old baby and her husband lost his job in January. But there's other jobs in the Grady Health Care System she can apply for, and she is determined not to get too discouraged. Woods: "...just get out there and just hustle, get busy, stay positive and keep moving."

Mental Health Group Give Georgia Grade "D"

Date: **03/13/09 08:19:57** duration :23 Carol Sbarge

The National Alliance on Mental Illness has issued its report on public mental health care system's across the nation, and the organization gave Georgia a "D" The state saw no progress from the last report card in 2006. Officials with the local chapter of NAMI say state budget cuts threaten recovery. The report is based on 65 criteria – including access to medication, housing, and family education.

Alternative Medicine Practitioner to be Sentenced

Date: **04/08/09 18:08:20** duration :21 Monica Pearson

This afternoon, an alternative medicine specialist is facing up to 10 years in prison and a quarter of a million dollar fine. Forty-six year old Chaunsay Beckwith of Tucker pleaded guilty to health care fraud yesterday. Beckwith admitted to improperly billing for hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatments ... worth more than \$1 million dollars. Bechwith will be sentenced on June 18.

Health Officials Warn of Severe Flu Outbreak

Date: **02/17/09 18:45:23** duration :35 John Pruitt

Metro Atlanta health officials are urging people to protect themselves against the flu. The peak flu season in Georgia is still about a week away. Experts tell us Georgia is seeing more confirmed cases so far this year compared to a year ago. They say six adults and 13 children are hospitalized right now with the flu. Dr. Elizabeth Ford: "When we have any increase in hospitalizations of course any deaths would certainly alarm us and as you said increased absences in work, school, when we start seeing the work force shut down we know we're in big trouble." Dr. Ford also says there is plenty of flu vaccine available this year in the state.

Vigil for the Uninsured

Date: **03/26/09 22:41:43** duration :40 Monica Pearson

With the issue of healthcare coming front and center in the nation's capitol, tonight current and budding health professionals gathered at Grady Memorial Hospital to focus on Georgia's uninsured. They held the eighth annual vigil for the 1.7 million Georgians without health insurance. The group, "Health Students Taking Action Together" or Health-Stat organized the event. Karen Lathrop, HealthStat: "I think there are a lot of problems, one of them is the uninsured without access to healthcare and as we gather here tonight we come together to say it doesn't have to be this way." Organizers say more than 300,000 uninsured people in Georgia are children and the number is growing with rising unemployment.

Salmonella Detection Measures Improving

Date: **01/27/09 16:21:36** duration 1:14 Carol Sbarge

The latest salmonella scare has consumers wondering how safe is our food. Michael Doyle: "We don't necessarily have an increase in the number of cases, it's just that CDC and the state health departments continue to get better at detecting." The director of UGA's Center for Food Safety says the exact cause of the latest deadly outbreak is still being investigated. Dr. Michael Doyle says the salmonella outbreak in peanut butter two years ago at a south Georgia plant was linked to water leaks at the manufacturer. For the past year and a half they've been doing testing here to see if there's some way to kill salmonella in peanut butter once that peanut butter is made. So far what we've learned is you have to heat at a very high temperature to kill salmonella in peanut butter. It's probably not realistic to do that because the quality of the peanut butter would not be a very good quality peanut butter or peanut paste if you were to heat it at that high of a temperature. Doyle says peanut butter has been a food considered safe. Salmonella is usually killed during the roasting process. The challenge is finding a way to stop the salmonella if it gets into the peanut butter at a plant after roasting.

Peanut Butter Salmonella Outbreak

Date: 01/31/09 12:04:13 duration :47 Anissa Centers

We're staying on top of the developing salmonella investigation. The FDA is now launching an investigation into possible criminal violations. The number of confirmed cases is well over 500, but health investigators say the total number of illnesses *could* exceed 15,000! Channel Two learned this week that peanuts from the Georgia plant in question were rejected by Canadian officials last year. They found pieces of metal in the product. And Peanut Corporation of America also shipped recalled peanut butter products to schools in three states. Dr. Stephen: "Just like in any criminal case, there is a lot of work that has to be done before and if we are going to proceed with criminal charges ... but that is certainly a possibility." Health officials also warned consumers to be cautious about "boutique" brands of peanut butter.

Date: 01/29/09 6am duration :15 Anissa Centers

The peanut butter controversy has reached a point where some members of congress are calling for a federal probe to see if anyone at the Georgia plant that produced the suspect product should face criminal charges.

WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest:

Economy

Car Dealer's Allies Rally in Court

Date: **03/06/09 17:44:23** duration 1:25 Jim Strickland

A parade of laid off employees and customers packed the courtroom to support dealership owner Sam Kazran in his battle with Bank of America. They decided they no longer wanted to be in business with domestic auto dealerships. Kazran says Bank of America froze his dealership accounts, so he couldn't make a half-million dollar loan payment he planned to make. Instead he says they forced the stores into liquidation for non-payment. They bounced checks on our employees, our health coverage and also the customer lien payoffs. Renee Gearing is one of the customers caught in the middle. She'd bought a new PT Cruiser like this one only days before the October shutdown at Premier in Decatur. Gearing: "I was advised not to make a payment until the paperwork was done. Now it's on our credit. It's all a big mess." Gearing paid \$4,000 dollars down and never got a tag. Her new car was repossessed on Christmas Eve. Bank of America's appointed receiver Keith Northern refused to comment. But dealers are lining up. Rick Ezell was a partner at Justin Dodge in Calhoun. They've done their best to close the doors permanently. It's almost a personal situation – not a business move.

Georgia's Job Growth Prospects

Date: **03/19/09 16:59:56** duration 1:28 Amanda Rosseter

This could be the future of job growth in Georgia. These are testing labs at "Cardiomems" – a medical device company based here in Atlanta – and just one of many bio-tech and life sciences companies moving here – adding to the area's reputation as the public health capital of the country. Hans Grant, Metro Chamber of Commerce: "The ball is rolling. In spite of bad news, companies are still coming to metro Atlanta." Dr. Jay Yadav says Atlanta is the trifecta. When it comes to growing this industry here – great universities, hospitals and transportation." IN fact he decided against Boston and Cleveland for his headquarters. Yadav: "I decided to put it in Atlanta because of the pro-business climate, Georgia State and Emory." Cardiomems makes a wireless chip that's implanted in a heart and allows doctors to monitor the patient remotely, which allows the patient to leave the hospital. That cuts down on health care costs – another reason this industry is booming. Adding companies like this adds great jobs that run the gamut from research and development to manufacturing to sales – not just laboratory testing positions. And the pay? The median salary for bio-sciences is \$61,000.

Economy Effects Healthcare

Date: **01/22/09 20:37:00** duration :43 Kimberley Kennedy (Hot Topics)

A scary new study that shows just how bad the economic downturn is affecting people. It found that a third of Americans are sacrificing their health to save money. Thirty-six percent say they've put off getting the care they need. Thirty-one percent admit to skipping a recommended test or treatment. And a quarter of Americans chose not to fill a prescription in the last year, while others cut pills or even skipped doses to save money. Which is why a lot of walk-in clinics say their business is booming. "I think we're seeing a lot of patients come in who don't have a family physician because they've lost their benefits or they've lost their job." This doctor in Orlando says he and his colleagues are reporting a staggering drop-off in appointments because patients say money is tight.

Demonstration for Georgia's Needy

Date: **02/12/09 18:46:39** duration :34 John Pruitt

A huge demonstration outside the gold dome today pushed for more services for the state's needy. Dozens of organizations caravans to the state capitol in the 29th annual "Poor People's Day." The rallied at lunchtime on behalf of lower income families. Protesters waved flags, hoisted signs and chanted along Courtland Street. Organizer Sandra Robertson: "This is an important day--people have come hundreds of people have come from all over Georgia we're here to present our version of the stimulus package for Georgia." Their version includes legislators doing much more to help with jobs, housing and health care for Georgia's poor.

Kennesaw Employees Benefits Costs

Date: **02/16/09 23:25:15** duration :25 MONica Pearson

Tonight, the Kennesaw city council approved *higher* insurance rates for some employees. The proposal *doubles* the employee share of health insurance from \$25 to \$50 dollars per pay period if they don't take part in a city-sponsored wellness program. Officials say smokers, or those who are obese, will pay the higher premium. Supporters say those employees are at greater risk for complications that require costly care. It takes effect in three months.

Judge Allows Company to Cut Healthcare Payments to Retirees

Date: **02/26/09 07:28:14** duration :22 Carol Sbarge

A setback for some local retirees who begged a judge *not* to let their company cut off the benefits they count on. A bankruptcy judge has ruled that Delphi Corporation can stop paying for health care and insurance for retired salaried workers. Delphi has a plant in Athens. But, the judge also says the retirees can form a committee to investigate if they have the right to negotiate with the company.

Governor Proposes Tough New Budget

Date: **03/03/09 17:57:52** duration 1:20 Lori Geary

Governor Perdue: "This revised budget proposal is austere and it's tough." Governor Sonny Perdue announces mor grim news about the state of Georgia's economy. State tax collections continue on the decline so he's proposing cuts of \$1.6 billion dollars to the 2010 budget which begins July 1. Perdue: "This weakness in sales and income tax may continue through the end of this fiscal year." To soften the

blow, the governor says he'll use more than \$1.1 billion dollars in federal stimulus money. More than \$500 million for Medicaid, more than \$400 million for education, and \$7 million in foster care funding. Perdue: "We don't believe this is free money, somebody is going to have to pay it back at some time." The governor has decided changing state unemployment laws to collect more than \$150 million dollars for the state's unemployment trust fund is worth it ... and says it will cost the state about a million dollars a year in the long run. Perdue proposes cutting state agencies by \$69 million dollars. He says in order to avoid massive furloughs and layoffs for state employees, they'll all pay 5% more for their health insurance saving the state close to \$100 million dollars. Democratic leaders say they're concerned the federal stimulus money is being used to plug budget holes rather than create jobs that will help Georgians. Brown: "We need to take the stimulus money and decide what is the best investment for that money, how can we best target that money to Georgians in a way that allows Georgians to recover."

Grady Layoffs

Date: **03/11/09 23:08:32** duration :32 MONica Pearson

Meanwhile, 150 employees won't be going to work at Grady Memorial Hospital tomorrow. They were laid off today in an effort to help keep its doors open. A medical secretary, whose position is being eliminated told us the atmosphere there was somber. Laid-off workers can apply for other jobs in the Grady Health Care system. The hospital released a written statement. It said "the reduction does *not* include any key medical or patient care positions and includes positions at all levels of the organization. It is a difficult personal decision for the Grady team.

Investigation into Medicaid Fraud

Date: **03/12/09 20:03:44** duration 1:37 Mark Winne

Carter Brank: "We received a referral from the Department of Community Health which is the state agency that administers Medicaid and the referral had to do with improper Medicaid billing." We're told the idea is to diagnose what the doctor was up to, if anything illegal, that the Georgia Medicaid fraud unit plans to pore over paper records and computer files. Carter Brank: "We ended up doing a search warrant here today. A search warrant of Dr. Nathaniel Johnson's office? Yes sir. He's not charged with any criminal wrongdoing at this point? No, the investigation is continuing and the purpose of the search warrant is to gather more information." Carter Brank, agent in charge of the unit's investigative division, says investigators and auditors want to know if Dr. Nathaniel Johnson III fraudulently billed Medicaid. Brank: "There are no allegations of patient care issues, it's whether he got tax money he wasn't entitled to." Brank indicated the central issue is whether Dr. Johnson billed Medicaid for doctor services when the services in question were actually performed by a non-doctor. Winne: "So this search is to find out if there is fraud? Brank: "That's right. We're here to get records that will help us in determining the exact amount of money that may have been defrauded from the Medicaid program." GBI Agent Joseph Nixon Jr indicated he was office manager and seemed to suggest Dr. Johnson had done nothing illegal.

DeKalb Vies for Federal Stimulus Money

Date: **03/18/09 22:42:06** duration :34 John Pruitt

DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis is back home from Washington tonight. He and other state and local leaders met with Vice President Joe Biden at the White House about federal stimulus money. He says the face-to-face meeting was important. Ellis: "If we're not at the table shaping the agenda making sure the formulas are correct getting out grant applications in on time and being engaged in the then we run the risk of being left out of the process." Ellis says his focus is on getting transportation and health care funding. He says Biden warned them to be totally transparent in how they make use of the funds.

Grady to Raise Fees for Non City Residents

Date: **04/03/09 17:50:38** duration :25 John Pruitt

Patients at Grady Hospital who do not live in Fulton or DeKalb counties are now paying a little more for health care. The hospital started charging the extra fee Wednesday. It is applied on a sliding scale, but a visit that once cost \$3.00 now will cost about \$75.00. Grady officials say about 37,000 non-emergency patients a year come from outside Fulton and DeKalb. Taxpayers in both counties pay much of the cost of operating Grady.

Contractor Scams Homeowners

Date: 01/30/09 11pm duration :39 John Pruitt

He's accused of running off with money from homeowners all over the metro area. Today, the owner of a Texas roofing company had to answer to a judge here in Atlanta. Lawyers say Hugh Simpson took off with more than \$100,000 dollars from homeowners who paid for new roofs after a tornado. Simpson never paid subcontractors. The homeowners were left holding the bag. Today a Fulton County judge ordered Simpson to pay up. But those homeowners may never get their money back. Copeland Boyd, homeowner: "It's fraud and I feel like what goes around come around and eventually he'll be run out of business." Lawyers say Simpson cheated more than 30 metro homeowners. He's suspected of similar fraud across the country.

Stem Cell Legislation Could Impact Georgia Economy

Date: **03/13/09 18:41:04** duration 1:30 Lori Geary

Sam Williams: "We need to get our values and economy in sync or we're gonna get left behind." Georgia's business community is weighing in on the debate over stem cell research. Some say this Senate vote will not only have political, but also economic ramifications. Nan Orrock: "We have put a sector of our economy at risk in passage of this bill and sent the wrong message that Georgia's gone backwards." Some of the opponents said this would hurt some of the economic development opportunities in Georgia. How do you respond to that? I wouldn't agree with that." Governor Sonny Perdue sides with supporters of the measure that bans the creation of fertilized embryos in Georgia for research purposes. Chip Rogers: "This is virtually very similar to what has been in law since 1986 in Louisiana. They've had no issues with it." But if the measure becomes law, it could impact two upcoming conventions at the Georgia World Congress Center. In May, Georgia will host the Bio-International Convention, which is expected to attract thousands of scientists from all over the world. In October, the American Association of Reproductive Medicine is expected to attract more than 6000 people – with an economic impact of \$7.5 million dollars. Perdue: "Georgia in its response to economic development and Bio-Life science interests is a progressive state that looks for new ideas and creative bioscience solutions to helping people live longer. Sam Williams: "Here we are hosting them but at the same time we're saying to them we really don't have a political value that supports what we're telling you what we want to do economically."

Change in Grocery Tax System Proposed

Date: **03/10/09 16:45:12** duration 1:24 Lori Geary

Darlene Sims: "I think that's crazy. Food's high enough as it is ... milk is almost \$5.00 a gallon. We're not getting any relief!" Kathy Dangler: "We have to spark the economy somehow, right? I'll pay 4%, that's not bad." The return of the 4% state sales tax on groceries is a possibility for anyone who doesn't file a Georgia tax return. Under House Bill 67, Georgia residents would get a food tax credit on their income tax returns. It's an idea some Republicans are pushing and could be decided on the floor of the house Thursday. Burkhalter: "Every penny you spend you can get deducted from your income in Georgia." Dubose Porter: "Things are still tight. This is a tax increase – there's no other way to put it." Democrats

balked at the idea of calling it a tax on families and a burden for taxpayers who would get a credit, not a refund, for the taxes they pay. Burkhalter: "Why are Republicans talking about a tax increase? There again, it's not a tax increase. It's a different way of collecting an existing tax. We feel that people out of state and illegal immigrants are cheating the system and it's costing taxpayers – Georgia taxpayers – money." Supporters say it could raise hundreds of millions of dollars to help the state's financial crisis. Georgia residents could keep their receipts and file claims for the amount they paid or get a credit based on the numbers of dependents they have. Randy Gaecler: I don't think with the economic conditions right now we need any more taxes on essentials like food." Sims: "I could see a 4% tax for something like expanding the FDS, making sure our food supply is safer but not just an overall 4% because the economy is bad."

Georgia's Job Losses

Date: **01/04/09 07:33:48** duration 1:30 Fred Blankenship

Jozannah Khazan spent his final day of 2008 at the last place he expected – the labor department – researching unemployment benefits. Recently laid off from an account executive position at AT&T, he is hopeful for better days ahead in '09. Khazan: "but it is pretty much the sign of the times and the state of affairs that is going on due to the economy." An economy frankly in the tank, and according to Georgia Dept. of Labor – job losses are set to skyrocket in the new year. "Clearly, the first six months of 2009 will be much more difficult than what we have faced already." Georgia Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond says he is seeing mass layoffs at rate of two to three times a day. Unemployment in Georgia is now 7.5%, roughly 350,000 people out of work. The 2009 projections ... simply depressing. "We will have double digit unemployment in Georgia. The unemployment rate could reach 10%." Jobs in the retail industry may be first on the chopping block. Holiday shopping numbers are dismal. Dorian Usherwood was downsized just a few weeks ago. He's not worried but he fears others aren't so fortunate. "Why do you want people to go into the holiday and spend all of this money and then after the holidays have all these bills?"

Macy's to Layoff Hundreds of Atlanta Employees

Date: **02/02/09 22:23:17** duration 1:20 Jim Strickland

Lee Ann Essenburg was an executive in the credit department – spent 27 years with Macy's – working her way up to the regional office from the store floor. Monday night the central region office is dark, and soon will be permanently. Macy's is closing the office – cutting 850 Atlanta jobs as part of an effort to cut \$250 million dollars in costs this year. Sales are expected to be down 6-8% this year – the main reason for the reductions. "So many layoffs in last week... it's off the charts." It's been a bad seven days for Atlanta jobs. Rajeev Dhawan runs Georgia State's economic forecast center. He's following the Macy's and Home Depot layoffs like everyone else. "If you look at number of layoffs by other companies all over in the last two weeks, it's like an avalanche." In fact, he says it's unprecedented. And Professor Dhawan says the state's economy is getting worse. He says Georgia may lose more jobs this year than even last year. In November he predicted Georgia would lose as many as 80,000 jobs this year, but half of them are already gone, and it's February. Dhawah: "I will have to up my job loss estimates, because the economy just went off the cliff sometime in November, December."

Major Convention Cancelled

Date: **02/08/09 09:15:43** duration :20 Amanda Rosseter

Organizers canceled a major convention that would have pumped millions into Atlanta's economy. The Primerica Financial Services Convention *was* projected to bring about \$57 million dollars into the Georgia economy. Primerica is based in Duluth. Company officials say they had booked the entire Georgia World Congress Center and the Georgia Dome. An estimated 55,000 people were expected to attend the convention in June.

5PP LOST JOB ATL PKG

Date: **01/15/09 16:24:34** duration 1:27 Monica Pearson

It's a busy day again at the unemployment office. Aaron just lost his job as a cabinet maker. "I like what I do. That was the worst part about losing my job was I really, really, really liked it." If you are facing a possible layoff, there are three things I want you to do. First, if you think you might get laid off, gather together the email addresses and phone numbers of all your contacts. If they're on a work computer, print them off! The last thing you're probably thinking about when you get a pink slip is the first thing I want you to do. While your immediate supervisor, who may have been your friend or buddy for years is having to give you the bad news, ask him or her right then and there for a letter of reference. Because once you're gone, you're not going to be able to get one. And last, if you do get laid off, file for unemployment right away! Don't be embarrassed. Vivian: "If you work then an employer has paid taxes on our wages, then it's something similar to an insurance policy and it's just like if you have an auto accident...you would file an auto insurance claim, if you become unemployed, you'd file for unemployment insurance." The Georgia Department of Labor is actually doing a good job assisting people under impossible circumstances. And here's good news the average Georgian gets a new job after about 12 weeks. The national average – a whole month longer. So, Georgia's economy has remained vital enough, even in tough times to make it easier to find new work.

6P LOTTERY HEARING GA PKG

Date: **02/05/09 17:48:16** duration 1:42 Lori Geary

Paige Brannon: "Both of my parents are state employees and they work really hard." Walk the campuses of any public college in Georgia ... you'll find students who are there because of the popular Hope Scholarship funded by the Georgia Lottery. Chris Gregory: "That has been my main motivation is to keep the Hope Scholarship by keeping my grades up." Brannon: "Please don't cut the Hope Scholarship." State lawmakers are hearing that message. With this vote, house members agreed not to cut any hope funding unless lottery reserves dip way down. Ben Harbin: "Today if it only goes down by as little as a dollar, we have to start cutting book allowances and student fees and that's not a true indicator of whether we're trending downward. " Under this new plan, if the \$960 million dollars in lottery reserves dips anywhere from 8-25% in the next three years – Hope money for books and student fees gets cut. Harbin: "We need to take that action to protect the ultimate goal which is the Hope Scholarship." Some state

lawmakers say they're also concerned about the management of the lottery corporation even though it had record sales again last year. They grilled the CEO who makes almost \$300,000 dollars a year about her \$150,000 dollar bonus. Hembree: "So I guess in 2009, if there is success, are you going to again come before the board and say I deserve every penny I make, and then some." Hembree: "I don't think she's getting what is reality and the fact is it's a difficult economy out there and people are losing their jobs and we need a different perspective and giving yourself a bonus like that is certainly not the right way to go."

11V CONVENTION CANCEL ATL VO

Date: **02/08/09 23:50:30** duration :37 Amanda Rosseter

Convention planners from across the country are in Atlanta this week and business leaders hope to sell the city as *the* place for meetings. Officials at the Georgia World Congress Center are showcasing what Atlanta has to offer. Convention officials say the hospitality industry is worth \$11 billion dollars to the Georgia economy. They say it's a tough fight to hold on to business these days. William Pate: "One of the challenges that we are finding in this economic environment is we need to make sure we get all the attendees to the city." Friday, Primerica Financial Services canceled its convention in Atlanta. That cost the city an estimated \$57 million dollars in revenue.

6P STIMULUS MONEY GA PKG

Date: **02/13/09 17:53:14** duration 1:28 Lori Geary

Michael Thurmond: "We are in a crisis here in our state and across this nation." The signs of crisis may be in your own neighborhood or down the street at the busy unemployment offices. As Washington lawmakers tackle the \$787 billion dollar bail-out plan, Senate Democrats in Georgia re already talking about he money that could come south. Senator Robert Brown: "We want to be smart with this recovery money. We don't want to come here and plug holes." It could be needed most at the Department of Labor because Georgia is on track to have an unemployment rate of more than 10%. Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond testified that as much as \$220 million dollars could be pumped into Georgia's unemployment trust fund. Thurmond: "I support the stimulus plan. We need to move as quickly as possible to get the money into our state, to help states like Georgia finance uninsurance benefits, but more importantly get people trained to go back to work." An InsiderAdvantage poll just released shows only 37% of registered voters in Georgia approve of the stimulus package ... 51% oppose it. Matt Towery: "If anyone thinks that Georgia is going to have massive amounts of money in this state in a matter of three or four months, they don't know how Washington works." InsiderAdvantage CEO Matt Towery says if the stimulus bill gets the final OK, son't expect to see huge benefits in Geogegia until 2010. Towery: "Georgia will be rescued by the economy recovering and it will recover on its own, irrespective of this stimulus package."

6P GOVERNOR REACTION ATL PKG

Date: **02/17/09 17:32:03** duration 1:25 Lori Geary

Gov Perdue: "Some people around the coutry and in other states want to act like this stimulus money is free money ... in Georgia I don't believe that." But even Georgia's Republican Governor admits, the stimulus money from Washington couldn't come at a better time. It allowed him to reluctantly sign House Bill #143 into law today, giving Georgia homeowners

\$428 million dollars in tax relief for this year. Perdue called the program ineffective in lowering property taxes. But now local governments will not be forced to send out another tax bill in the next few months. Lt Gov Casey Cagle: "It means that all 3.1 million homeowners are going to receive the \$200-300 dollars in tax relief." But the federal dollars headed to Georgia won't prevent the inevitable. State tax collections tell the true story of what's happening to Georgia's economy. A 14% drop in January revenue numbers has forced Gov Perdue to order more cuts. Perdue: "Lowering the revenue estimate by \$450 million dollars during this time of the session is unprecedented." In order to make up that money and the \$428 million in tax relief. The Governor has called on state agencies to cut another \$131 million dollars on top of the \$2 billion in cuts he already ordered. \$456 million in federal stimulus money for Medicaid will also help free up some state funding. Perdue: "We're in unprecedented economic times and this money will be well used and well spent for the benefit of Georgians."

5PP GOVERNOR MEETING DC PKG

Date: **02/23/09 17:15:32** duration 1:15 Scott McFarlane

Gov Perdue: "For the most part, most of this money is useable and we're going to use it for the benefit of Georgians, but I want to be able to look my grandchildren in the eye 20 years from now and tell them what they got when they're paying the bill." The Governor didn't rule out accepting all of the stimulus money, but said he might *not* accept federal money to pay for expanded unemployment benefits. He said doing so could require Georgia to change some of its unemployment rules. And could squeeze the state's already shrinking unemployment fund down the road. Perdue: "There is a good portion of it we can use in unemployment insurance, but some that require us to have obligation past the time this money runs out that may be impacted by higher taxes on our businesses in Georgia." We learned today that Medicaid money will be the first pot of cash distributed to the states. With so many state health systems strapped for cash. A handful of the Republican Governors share Perdue's concern about the unemployment money. While others have become loud champions of the President's stimulus plan. Florida Governor Charles Crist: "When you invest in teachers and when you invest in children, that can only help the economy going forward. When you invest in road infrastructure, every billion dollars produces 23,000 jobs and that's a significant impact for Florida."

6P P2R STIMULUS ATL VO

Date: **03/04/09 18:53:31** duration :38 John Pruitt

With Georgia accepting the stimulus dollars from the federal government, there are new benefits for Georgia's 400,000 unemployed. For the first time, those who lost a part time job can get unemployment pay, even if they are only looking for another part time job. Georgia's labor commissioner says it's important for the unemployed to use this time to get more attractive. Michael Thurmond: "Go back to school, go back to training so when the economy comes back, you'll have more marketable skills to take advantage of opportunities." Also new, anyone who loses a job, regardless of income, can now qualify for Medicaid help so their family doesn't go without health insurance.

5AP JOBLESS RATE GA PKG

Date: **03/05/09 15:00:38** duration :54 Ashley Hayes

The new overnight unemployment numbers for the state of Georgia don't bring encouraging

news. Damien Scott didn't seem to be surprised when I told him this morning. Scott: "It's unfortunate man. it's a lot of good people losing their jobs and having to find other sources of income. it's just sad. i hope it gets better but we need to give the administration we have in right now a chance to try to do better." Georgia's Labor Commissioner doesn't want Georgians to lose hope. Michael Thurmond says there are benefits in place to help you through this time. And people who lose part-time jobs will be eligible for unemployment benefits, even if they are only looking for new part-time jobs. That's a first too. Thurmond has some long-term advice. "Go back to school, go back to training so when the economy comes back, you'll have more marketable skills to take advantage of opportunities."

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5AV DROUGHT UPDATE ATL VO

Date: **02/06/09 05:20:58** duration :35 Carol Sbarga

As Georgia's water crisis continues, so does the water war. The head of Georgia's environmental protection division this week gave lawmakers an update on the water war. We were there Thursday as Dr. Carol Couch answered questions from the House Natural Resources and Environment Committee. She says the legal battle over water between Georgia, Florida and Alabama is divided into two phases. Dr. Couch: "That's the central issue, is there federal authority to operate Lake Lanier for water supply." A judge has set a May 8th hearing in Jacksonville, Florida on Phase One. The second phase centers on the Endangered Species Act.

5PV GOLF COURSE FINE ATL VO

Date: **03/25/09 18:01:51** duration :22 Monica Pearson

The state has *fined* a local golf course big bucks for breaking pollution rules. The Capital City Club must pay \$150,000 dollars. Authorities say too much mud poured off the club's 115 acre construction site in Brookhaven. The city of Atlanta also fined the club \$3,000 dollars. Environmentalists say mud is a bigger threat in streams than sewage because of the long-term impact.

6Ap GOING GREEN GA PKG

Date: **02/28/09 07:52:34** duration 1:46 Brad Nitz

Danielle Smith, Zoo Atlanta: "We do generate a lot of waste as an organization because of what we do, so we also felt a responsibility to deal with that waste in a most environmentally friendly way and also send a message of reuse." The development of "Pachy Poo" earned Zoo Atlanta the 2008 Keep Georgia Beautiful award for waste reduction and recycling. Danielle: "Pachy Poo is a product that we produce here, we have our African elephants in constant supply of manure so we figured there was obviously a better way than putting it in a landfill so we found a partner in western part of Georgia who takes that material every week and turns it into compost." Along with taking responsibility for its own waste, Zoo Atlanta has also hosted events encouraging the

public to recycle plastics, old electronics, and cell phones for the good of the earth and the animals. Danielle: “We get the revenue from those cell phones and 100% of that revenue goes to Diane Fossey Gorilla fund international. The tie seems kind of strange but there are minerals used in cell phones that are mined in areas where the gorillas live and so by recycling the cell phone you can reduce the need for new cell phones to be produced, therefore reducing the need for mining in the areas where gorillas live and that's less disruptive to their habitat.” Zoo Atlanta's Green Team created a successful community-based environmental awareness program responsible for recycling thousands of pounds of paper products, plastics, and water. Danielle: “Most people that come to the zoo expect to see animals <CUT> but they don't expect to hear necessarily recycling messages or resource conservation messages so I feel like in some way, the green team has added a whole new dimension to the zoo and its guests and offers a service that was available before but wasn't necessarily as visible before.”

5PP ELECTRIC BILLS ATL PKG

Date: **01/13/09 16:29:34** duration 3:15 Justin Farmer

The Atlanta skyline lit up at night is postcard perfect. But do all those energy-draining lights really need to be on, all the time – especially the ones that cost taxpayers? Have a look at the Federal Reserve building on Peachtree Street in midtown Atlanta. We shot this video on a Sunday night around 10:00pm. We went back again last week, but later – in the middle of the night. It's wasted electricity, bad for the environment and your federal tax dollars paying the huge monthly electrical bill. We learned the Federal Reserve here spends nearly \$118,000 dollars every month on its electric bill. We showed those bills to a government waste watchdog. Jared: “I don't think there's any need to keep the thing, you know, glowing from where you can see it from the moon, doesn't make a lot of sense and we need to remember who's paying for it.” We asked, and the Federal Reserve told us it needs the lights for security and for 24-hour operations, like cash and check processing. But as a result of our inquiry, they say they are examining their requirements in an effort to reduce the costs of lighting. It's not just the feds being wasteful, this is the Atlanta Public School's Administration Building. Schools may be strapped for cash; teachers need raises, but you'll find these lights burning all night long. The APS response? Their officials say their lights turn on with motion sensors and they say our video must have captured the lights on because people were working inside. We take you back to this Sunday night video; or how about a video on a Thursday at 2:00am? APS told us no one is working past midnight. Assessing the actual cost to taxpayers for this one building is tough. The district's electric bills appear to lump properties together, including 95 schools and centers. However, in total, taxpayers spent more than \$12 million dollars on electricity last year. Again, as a result of this inquiry, school officials say in the last three days they have been examining their lighting system to see if it can be altered. You've heard so much about the city of Atlanta's budget shortfall. Well, the city is getting it right when it comes to light. City Hall is going green by going dark. Atlanta's conservation program has been in place for one year, and is already saving \$150,000 dollars at city hall ... and a projected \$500,000 dollars for all city buildings. But it's not perfect. Middle of the night, we found lights on at the Atlanta Municipal Court Building. And why light a flagpole, with no flag flying? We found some state buildings to be among the darkest. State officials say it's part of a new conservation measure demanded by the governor. Melvin: “Naturally, the economic downturn caused us to take a look, line by line at our budget to see how we could save tax dollars and conserve. but it's also about being a good citizen and conserving

georgia's resources." Right now, taxpayers are paying around \$400,000 dollars a year for power at the capitol. But the state is moving in the right direction in examining their power bill, we found the state is using less power at the capitol ... 136,000 fewer kilowatts in the last year.

5PP ENERGY LOSS ATL PKG

Date: 03/23/09 16:55:14 duration 2:52 Amanda Rosseter

While Georgia educators try to hold onto teacher jobs, resources and basic operating budgets during this recession, they may actually be throwing money out the window. Jerry Wilkinson: "You can see the actual heat radiating out of the structure itself." Over several cold February nights, we visited schools in the metro area with a licensed themographer. Using his thermal imaging camera, we found buildings simply bleeding energy from single-paned windows and uninsulated brick walls. "Here's how it works: the thermal imaging camera picks up the heat coming off my cup and shows up as red on the scan -- same thing applies to a building thats leaking heat..it glows." That red glow on a building translates into huge energy bills. Our expert reviewed

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<p>[0]nats school bell rings tc 1:41 45 1:41:48 TC 1:00:30-1:00:42 >>THAT RED GLOW ON A BUILDING TRANSLATES INTO HUGE ENERGY BILLS. OUR EXPERT REVIEWED THE SCHOOLS WE VISITED AND SAID IT APPEARS MANY SCHOOLS JUST AREN'T AWARE OF THE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS THEY ARE WASTING EVERY MONTH. SOT 54:46 Jerry tc 54:46 - 54:54 "If this was your home or your business, this is not what you'd want to see -- it woud be costing you a lot to heat it or air condition it." [map here and highlight each county as I read it.] >>WE COVERED COBB, GWINNETT, FULTON AND DEKALB COUNTIES -- VISITING SEVERAL SCHOOLS IN EACH. ON THE WHOLE, NEWER SCHOOL BUILDINGS DID WELL --(TC 1:42:54/1:38:53) SUCH AS KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL IN COBB COUNTY -- IT SHOWS WITH BLUES AND PURPLES WHICH INDICATE *NO* HEAT LOSS FROM THE BUILDING. AND FULTON COUNTY'S BURGESS-PETERSON ELEMENTARY AND NEARBY ALONZO-CRIM HIGH SCHOOL. BOTH NEWER -- BOTH GOOD</p>	02:52	AR*		

EXAMPLES.

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THEN COMPARE THOSE - TO THESE
ROCKBRIDGE ELEMENTARY IN GWINNETT
COUNTY -- MORE THAN 40 YEARS OLD AND
GLOWING RED WITH HEAT LOSS.

AND LASSITER HIGH IN COBB COUNTY -- OLDER
AND IN NEED OF UPDATES.

BUT IT WAS DEKALB COUNTY WITH THE WORST
OFFENDERS:

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL -- STONE MILL
ELEMENTARY -- BROCKETT ELEMENTARY --
RAINBOW ELEMENTARY -- MONTGOMERY
ELEMENTARY -- ALL OLDER BUILDINGS -- ALL
SHOWING SIGNIFICANT ENERGY LOSS FROM
SINGLE-PANED WINDOWS AND OUTDATED,
UNINSULATED BRICK WALLS.

ENERGY EXPERTS SAY IT'S A MASSIVE INCREASE
ON EACH UTILITY BILL.

SOT John Bracey/Southface

tc 1:07:19 "You're losing prob 30-40 percent -- is the extra
cost of having to maintain that temp inside when you have
poor insulation."

[butt and cover with rd glowing vids]

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"It is wasteful -- its a matter of where does the money go
and who's yelling the loudest for it."

>>IT APPEARS FROM ITS BUILDINGS, DEKALB
MAY NEED TO YELL LOUDER FOR FUNDING HELP
-- DESPITE IT'S INITIATIVE TO MAKE EVERY
SCHOOL "GREEN" THROUGH RECYCLING AND
OTHER UPDATES. WE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO
TALK WITH DEKALB SCHOOL LEADERS ABOUT
IT, BUT THEY WERE NEVER AVAILABLE FOR AN
INTERVIEW.

SPT Bracey

tc 1:12:46-1:12:50

"I think schools have much better things to do with their
money than to send it to the power and the gas company."

>>EXPERTS SAY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
SCHOOLS WOULD PAY FOR THEMSELVES IN JUST
A FEW YEARS..

AND SLOW-GROWTH COUNTIES SUCH AS
DEKALB COULD STAND TO SAVE THAT MONEY:
DEKALB RECEIVED THE LEAST AMOUNT OF
CONSTRUCTION FUNDING

IN THE GOVERNOR'S NEW FISCAL BUDGET: 1-POINT-TWO MILLION -- COMPARED TO COBB AND GWINNETT'S MORE THAN 40-MILLION EACH.
 [graphic here] Cherokee \$7,983,293 DeKalb County \$1,203,680 Cobb \$41,797,726 Fulton (includes APS) \$22,522,568 Gwinnett \$42,431,993
 SOT John Bracey (start with him and then cover)
 tc 1:12:57-1:13:06
 "The building is not the priority -- the kids are the priority -- so I think it makes a lot of sense to make a concerted effort to take a look at where your money is going inside your building and fix them."

6P WATER PROTEST ATL VO

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[0] (JOHN)
 >> PROTESTORS CALL METRO ATLANTA'S PLANS FOR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY "SHOCKINGLY IRRESPONSIBLE".
 (VO) [1] [2]
 THE PROTESTORS GATHERED THIS AFTERNOON OUTSIDE A METRO WATER DISTRICT MEETING . THEY SAY THE PLANS DON'T PUT ENOUGH EMPHASIS ON CONSERVING WATER.
 [3] (SOT UP FULL-SALLY BETHEA)

[4] [5] >> WE HAVE CONSERVED TWENTY PERCENT BUT ITS ONLY TEMPORARY EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS THAT COULD BE LIFTED ANY TIME. WHAT WE NEED ARE YEAR ROUND CONSERVATION MEASURES THAT WILL DELIVER THE RESULTS WE'VE SEEN IN OTHER CITIES.
 (VO TAG)
 [6] THE WATER DISTRICT SAYS ITS MASTER PLAN BALANCES CONSERVATION WITH THE NEED FOR NEW RESERVOIRS.

S6Ap WATER PROTEST ATL PKG

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<p>[0](NAT UP) >>> HEY HEY HEY HEY, HOW MANY GALLONS YOU WASTE TODAY?. (DIANA) >> CARRYING UMBRELLAS THE PROTESTORS OUTSIDE THE METRO WATER DISTRICT MEETING DOWNTOWN SAY THE AGENCY'S LONG TERM WATER PLAN ISN'T AGGRESSIVE ENOUGH. [1](SALLY BETHEA)>> METRO ATLANTA'S WATER PLANS HAVE GOT TO BE BASED ON MORE THAN WISHING AND HOPING FOR MORE RAIN. ([2]DIANA) >> THE RIVER KEEPERS CLAIM THE DISTRICT'S PLAN RELIES TOO MUCH ON LAKE LANIER...THE CENTER OF ON GOING LEGAL BATTLES WITH ALABAMA AND FLORIDA. (SALLY BEHTEA) [3]<>> THERE IS NO PLAN B (JOE COOK) [4]>> THE METRO ATLANTA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT HAS TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT CONSERVATION. (DIANA) > THE DISTRICT SAYS IT IS SERIOUS.. (PAT STEVENS) [5]>> WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB. WE'RE USING LESS WATER WE'RE USING LESS WATER. WE'VE LEARNED AS WE GO. THIS PLAN HAD MORE CONSERVATION IN IT THAN THE LAST PLAN WE DID. (DIANA) >> THE DISTRICT SAYS IT NEEDS A BALANCE BETWEEN CONSERVATION AND NEW INFRASTRUCTURE. [6]IT PROPOSES CONSTRUCTION OF SIX NEW RESERVOIRS AROUND THE DISTRICT. (PAT STEVENS) [7]>> WE HAVE TO HAVE BOTH/ WE NEED TO CONSERVE THE WATER THAT WE HAVE, BUT IN GROWING AREAS WHERE PEOPLE ARE MOVING IN AND YOU DON'T HAVE ANY WATER SUPPLY YOU NEED TO PROVIDE WATER. (SALLY BETHEA) [8]WE MAY NEED RESERVOIRS IN THE FUTURE BUT WE NEED TO DO WHAT'S EASIER, CHEAPEST AND BEST FOR OUR POCKET BOOK AND ENVIRONMENT FIRST. (DIANA)</p>				

> [\[9\]](#)> THE PUBLIC HAS UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH TO COMMENT ON THE PLAN. DOWNTOWN ATLANTA DIANA DVIS CHANNEL TWO ACTION NEWS.

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5AV VOGEL HEARING ATL VO

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[\[0\]](#) [\[1\]](#) (FRED)

>>> OPPONENTS OF A PROPOSAL TO BUILD *TWO* NUCLEAR REACTORS ARE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO ATTEND HEARINGS TODAY IN AUGUSTA.

[\[2\]](#)(TAKE VO-FILE NO FONT) [\[3\]](#)

GEORGIA'S UTILITIES ARE TRYING TO GET FEDERAL APPROVAL TO BUILD THE REACTORS AT PLANT VOGTLE ALONG THE SAVANNAH RIVER.

OPPONENTS OF THE PLAN ARE CITING VAST ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.

THE 4 DAYS OF HEARINGS START TODAY AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL IN AUGUSTA.

6P NUCLEAR FACILITY GA PKG

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[\[0\]](#)carey conor: I THINK GEORGIA POWER HAS DEEP ENOUGH POCKETS AS IT IS WITHOUT ME HAVING TO FUND ANYTHING FOR THEM.

LORI GEARY REPORTING: AS A GEORGIA POWER CUSTOMER.. CAREY CONOR SAYS HE'S SKEPTICAL OF A PLAN THE COMPANY IS [\[1\]](#)PUSHING TO HELP FUND TWO NEW NUCLEAR POWER FACILITIES AT PLANT VOGTLE NEAR AUGUSTA.

[\[2\]](#) LORI GEARY REPORTING STAND-UP: RATHER THAN GOING THE USUAL ROUTE THROUGH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION... GEORGIA POWER HAS COME HERE TO THE LEGISLATURE. SENATE BILL 31 WOULD ALLOW THE UTILITY

TO GET HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS UPFRONT FROM CUSTOMERS.. RATHER THAN WAIT FOR THEM TO BE UP AND RUNNING.

[3]ALLISON: DEATHS BY 1000 CUTS LEADING UP TO A KICK IN THE GUT... THAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE WITH THIS BILL. GEORGIA POWER WANTS ITS RATE PAYERS TO GIVE THEM A BLANK CHECK FOR THE FINANCING OF THIS PLANT BEFORE IT'S EVER BUILT.

[4]JEFF WILSON/GEORGIA POWER: THIS WOULD PROTECT CUSTOMERS BY PROTECTING THE CREDIT RATING WHICH WOULD MEAN LOWER COSTS FOR CUSTOMERS.

[5] LORI GEARY REPORTING: GEORGIA POWER SAYS THE NEW BILL WOULD PREVENT STICKER SHOCK DOWN THE ROAD. [6]

CUSTOMERS WOULD START TO PAY ABOUT A 1.30 A MONTH MORE STARTING IN 2011... THE FEE WOULD ADD UP OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS TO NINE DOLLARS A MONTH.. OR 108 DOLLARS MORE A YEAR.

OTHERWISE RATES WOULDN'T GO UP UNTIL 2016 WHEN THE PLANTS GO ON-LINE... CUSTOMERS ON AVERAGE WOULD PAY AN EXTRA 12 DOLLARS A MONTH FOR TWO YEARS... A TOTAL OF 288 DOLLARS.

[7]JEFF WILSON: OTHER STATES HAVE REALIZED THE BENEFITS THAT THIS HAS FOR CUSTOMERS AND THEY'VE ENACTED THIS INTO LAW.

[8]ALLISON WALL: THE BILL WOULD FORCE CUSTOMERS TO PAY DOWN GEORGIA POWERS DEBT INSTEAD OF PAYING DOWN OUR OWN CREDIT CARD DEBT.

[9]CONOR: BASICALLY, YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH CHOICE UNLESS YOU GET YOUR OWN WIND MACHINE IN THE BACK YARD.

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WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest:

Economy

11V OBAMA REQUESTS GA VO

Date: 01/08/09 22:44:05

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Monica Pearson

Georgia aggressively is going after federal money for infrastructure projects that will help jump-start the economy. Georgia's Department of Transportation wants at least \$1 billion dollars. Atlanta is asking for \$750 million dollars. Marta wants \$100 million, and several towns also will request tens of millions of dollars.

11 ADULT NOVELTY ORDINANCE COW INTRO

Date: 01/29/09 11pm duration :20 Richard Elliot

A local county's new ordinances aimed at stopping the opening of an adult novelty shop are causing confusion and outrage in the community. Some worry the laws could keep residents from buying certain contraceptives.

12v SOLID WASTE GWIN VO

Date: 01/02/09 12pm duration :32 Fred Blankenship

We need to clarify a story we brought you earlier in the newscast. Gwinnett County's controversial new garbage plan is not beginning today. The county had hired two companies to provide all service for unincorporated Gwinnett. Some residents criticized the plan, saying they were unfairly billed to end service with their previous trash hauler. And two haulers *sued* saying the bidding process was unfair. A court decided not to go ahead with the move after all the controversy. That means people in Gwinnett County are sticking with their previous service providers.

12 WATER BILLING ATL CFOB

Date: 01/09/09 12pm duration :25 Fred Blankenship

Some outrage this afternoon in Buckhead over delinquent water bills. Residents say it's hard to pay a bill they don't know about. When the city raised rates more than 27% in June, it was not immediately added to the bills. Now the Department of Watershed Management is back-billing. Residents say fees just started showing up on their December bills. Still, officials shut off the water in some homes claiming the bills weren't being paid.

5AV DANCE TEAM CLAY VO

Date: 01/29/09 6am duration :31 Fred Blankenship

A Clayton County school dance team is disbanded after a controversial routine. The Jonesboro High school dance team performed this dance at a recent basketball game. Some parents say it was too provocative. School officials agreed and cancelled the teams' routines

for the rest of the year. Dancer Shakryda Brown: “The only thing I think was wrong with it was pulling the boys out of the audience. I don’t think we shouldn’t have did that.” School officialssay the girls added the most provocative part at the last minute. Still, they removed the advisor from the position.

6P GRAVES MOVED CLAY VO

Date: 01/06/09 5pm duration :25 John Pruitt

Just minutes from now the NAACP will renew its protest over a decision to move some civil war era graves. The Clayton County Commission has approved a recycling company’s request to relocate the Union Bethel cemetery. The company wants the site for an expansion. Civil rights leaders are holding a news conference before tonight’s commission meeting. They believe some of the graves were illegally moved *before* the county approved the project.

5PV RELOCATING GRAVES CLAYTON VO

Date: 01/08/09 6pm duration :21 John Pruitt

Today, a recycling company says it will move forward with plans to relocate hundreds of graves of former slaves. The Clayton County Commission has decided *not* to reverse its earlier approval. Civil rights leaders have repeatedly asked them to reconsider moving the Union Bethel A.M.E. cemetery. The company will move them to a Riverdale cemetery so it can expand at the site.

5AV RELOCATING GRAVES CLAYTON VO

Date: 01/09/09 5am duration :21 Carol Sbarge

The Clayton County Commission will not reverse a decision to allow a recycling company to relocate hundreds of graves. The graves at the historic Union Bethel AME Church are believed to contain the bodies of former slaves. The recycling company will move the graves to a cemetery on Upper Riverdale Road. On Tuesday, commissioners approved the company’s permit request.

5A RICK WARREN PROTEST ATL TOSS

Date: 01/12/09 6am duration :19 Fred Blankenship

A controversy is brewing this morning over plans for a prominent pastor to speak at the King Center next week. Pastor Rick Warren is to deliver the keynote address at the annual Martin Luther King, Jr commemorative service Monday. That has at least one group upset.

5AV PORN BATTLE COWETA VO

Date: 01/21/09 6am duration :38 Richard Elliott

A controversial adult novelty shop will not be able to open for business in one metro Atlnta county. The Coweta Conty Commission announced last night that the Starship adult Gift Shop will not get a business license to operate at its Highway 34 location in the Thomas Crossroads community. More than a hundred angry residents crowded into the commission meeting to voice their concerns, but expressed happiness instead when they heard the news. Resident Billy Ball: "...and I commend this commission tonight for doing the rightest thing possible, and I just praise the lord for the decision tonight. What a blessing. What a wonderful day. Amen." The owners of Starship were not available for comment.

11V DANCE TEAM CLAY VO

Date: 01/28/09 11pm duration :33 Monica Pearson

Members of a Clayton Coutny school dance team are defending their controversial routine. Some parents complained that this routine by the Jonesboro High School dance team was too provocative as performed at a recent basketball game. School officials have cancelled the team's routines for the rest of the year. Student Aiyona Banks: "It's not like we went out and performed without permission. We got approval from administrators. They seen it." School officials say the girls added the most provocative part at the last minute. The school's step team will perform during half time for the rest of the season.

5A PUBLIC WORKS CHANGES CFOB

Date: 01/02/09 6am duration :20 Fred Blankenship

Furloughs to deal with budget troubles are forcing the city of Atlnta to change trash services. Effective Monday, weekly garbage collection will move to a four day schedule. The city is sending notices to customers who receive Friday pick up services letting them know their new day. Recycling and yard waste collection will go from every week to every other week.

5P SEARS CLOTHING ATL TOSS

Date: 01/06/09 6pm duration :16 Tom Regan

Military veterans here are taking aim at one of America's oldest and largest retail chains. They're calling on Sears to stop selling army-style apparel, which they say is an insult to one of the nations greatest fighting divisions.

6P INSURANCE CHANGES ATL INT

Date: 01/06/09 6pm duration :20 Lori Geary

A brand new insurance law that affects every Georgia driver is causing some confusion and

a lot of controversy. **Bottom line: unless you respond in writing, your premiums are going up.**

6P INSURANCE CHANGES ATL PKG

Date: **01/07/09 6pm**

duration **1:46**

Lori Geary

The new year brings a new state law that will affect every Georgia driver! When your car insurance policy comes up for renewal, expect a letter just like this from your insurance company. David Colman – Georgia Insurance Information Service: “It’s rather complicated but the idea is to give you more financial protection if you’re hit by an underinsured motorist.” Even the spokesman for Georgia’s insurance industry admits the letters are confusing. Colman: “That means a lawyer wrote them.” The problem for some is that if you don’t want the extra coverage, but don’t reply in writing, your insurance company automatically adds it. And you’ll pay the price. Insurance Commissioner John Oxendine: “You not only have to go the extra effort of opting out, you’ve got to opt out properly.” Colman: “If they don’t want it then they need to say ‘no I don’t want it’ and opt out of it. But that obviously benefits the insurance companies. But when you understand the amount of money involved, it doesn’t really.” Oxendine: “The more insurance coverage you buy, the bigger profit they make!” Here’s a breakdown of what the new law does for a driver with a \$100,000 policy limit hit by another driver who has \$25,000 in coverage. Under the old law, your own insurance company would only pay out \$75,000 – adding the other driver’s \$25,000 for a total of \$100,000. The new law “combines” the amounts for a total of \$125,000. Oxendine says it may be a good product, but the burden should not be placed on the customer – especially with a letter. That’s too complicated to understand for most drivers. Oxendine: “Making the consumer jump through loopholes to avoid a rate increase, I believe, that is philosophically wrong.” Colman: “You’re dealing with an insurance contract, and that’s why it looks complicated. You have to be an informed consumer.

5AV RICK WARREN PROTEST ATL VO

Date: **01/12/09 6am**

duration **:45**

Darren Moore

Members of Atlanta’s black gay community are holding a news conference at noon on the steps of the state capitol. They’re bringing attention to their opposition over Reverend Rick Warren as the keynote speaker at the annual King Day service. Reverend Warren is known for his unpopular views towards the gay community. A spokesperson for the gay coalition says Warren doesn’t represent the teaching and views Dr. King embodied. Craig Washington, Atlanta Black Coalition: “We feel that Reverend Rick Warren’s statements speak to the contrary of that vision.” The group also plans to hold a rally outside Ebenezer Baptist Church during services on January 19.

6P PROF SETTLEMENT ATL PKG

Date: **01/21/09 5pm**

duration **1:12**

Richard Belcher

Professor Jeffrey Sonnenfeld, who's now working at Yale University, quietly settled his suit against Georgia Tech and the State Board of Regents in October – nearly six years after it was filed; eleven years after his departure from Emory University in a nasty controversy. Emory accused the acclaimed management expert of intentionally damaging the interior of an Emory office. In response, Georgia Tech told Sonnenfeld it no longer wanted to hire him as Dean of Tech's College of Management. In effect, the Emory dispute cost him his new job at Tech, so Sonnenfeld sued Emory and reached an undisclosed settlement in 2000. Keeping secret a legal settlement involving taxpayer's money is a different matter. But until now, no one outside a handful of lawyers, state officials, a Fulton county judge, and of course "John Doe" – had seen this settlement. The deal was finalized in October. We knew the cost to the taxpayers was \$1.2 million dollars. But until we saw the actual document, we didn't know that the money would be paid in two increments of \$600,000 dollars each. And despite the secrecy, Professor Sonnenfeld signed his own name at the bottom of the 7 page document.

5AV FIRE TAPES ATL VO

Date: **01/28/09 6am** duration :**47** **Fred Blankenship**

In just a few hours the city of Atlanta will release the 9-1-1 calls at the center of a response time controversy. Atlanta's Public Safety officials are busy trying to explain why it took crews nearly 20 minutes to get to a man's burning house in southeast Atlanta. Crews went to the wrong address Saturday night. It seems a caller gave the dispatcher misinformation and then crews had to scramble to figure out where they really should have gone. First though, they had to confirm that there was no emergency at the initial address before they moved on to the correct one. In the meantime, Wilford Reed's home burned for 17 minutes. Reed: "I was sitting at my desk .. hang up and dial again." Officials say there were several factors that led to the mix up, including high call volumes and low 9-1-1 center staffing.

5AV DANCE TEAM CLAY VO

Date: **01/29/09 6am** duration :**31** **Fred Blankenship**

A Clayton County school dance team is disbanded after a controversial routine. The Jonesboro High School dance team performed this dance at a recent basketball game. Some parents say it was too provocative. School officials agreed and cancelled the team's routines for the rest of the year. Shakrysa Brown: "The only thing I think was wrong with it was pulling the boys out of the audience. I don't think we shouldn't have did that." School officials say the girls added the most provocative part at the last minute. Still, they removed the advisor from the position.

11V GRAVE PROTEST CLAY VO

Date: 02/03/09 11pm

duration :20

Monica Pearson

We've learned dozens of civil rights activists will march through Jonesboro tomorrow in protest. They'll be demonstrating against the vote by the Clayton County Commissioners. It allows a recycling company to dig up historic graves. In December, the commission agreed to let the College Park company move the 311 graves to a Riverdale cemetery.

5PV CHURCH VOTE GWIN VO

Date: 02/03/09 6pm

duration :38

Jovita Moore

This afternoon, a Gwinnett County church lost part of its battle against a proposed waste transfer station. Members of the Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church raised orange signs asking commissioners to vote "no." It would be built on property next to their church in Norcross. But in a 3 – 2 vote the board approved the project. *Rachel Tran:* "I think it's because we're Catholic and we're Asian ... If you listen to his speech ... I feel extremely hurt and I'm a US citizen." But commissioners who voted yes say the station will not be harmful to the congregation's health or the environment – and is necessary for the county. The church's pastor vowed legal action.

5AV SUSPENDED LICENSE COBB VO

Date: 02/03/09 5am

duration :35

Carol Sbarge

A Cobb County woman is upset police threw her in jail for a situation she knew nothing about. Hillary Dunson was in a fender bender last week. Officers who showed up at the scene told her she was driving on a suspended license. Turns out Dunson did pay a ticket last year, but she did not go to court. That "failure to appear" meant automatic suspension. Dunson told us she had no idea. Dunson: "If they told me that I would take care of that I'm not gonna sit around and drive with a suspended license. I would never do that." If you want to check on your license status, contact the Georgia Department of Driver Services.

11V GRAVE PROTEST CLAY VO

Date: 02/03/09 11pm

duration :40

Richard Elliot

New developments in the controversy involving a Clayton County graveyard. Angry protesters hit the streets of Jonesboro tonight. They demanded the county stop its plan to allow the removal of slave graves. Those protesters marched to the Clayton County Commission meeting this evening. The county voted to allow a recycling company to remove the graves and rebury them at a Riverdale cemetery. One family member says she hopes the march will change some minds. Clayton County has said it will not reverse its decision. Family members filed a court appeal in December.

5AV PORN BATTLE COWETA VO

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duration :38

Fred Blankenship

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6P ROSEMARY CLOUD E PT PKG

Date: 01/16/09 6pm

duration 1:33

Mark Winne

Chief Rosemary Cloud: “I have been vindicated of the very serious charges that were levied against me.” Attorney: “The hearing officer heard it and said that there was no facts or basis for her to be suspended.” Chief Cloud: “I forgive because I ask to be forgiven on a nightly basis. I’m prepared to move forward” East Point Fire Chief Rosemary Cloud says she wants to extinguish the flames of controversy concerning her ordeal in recent months. And she suggested a ruling from a citizen review board overturning a three day suspension she already served. Attorney: “She will be reimbursed for her three days.” Cloud: “It’s been very difficult for the last few months because I felt that the very core of what I was representing was being attacked.” A copy of the ruling supplied by the chief’s lawyer indicates a hearing officer found no evidence in the record to support one charge involving a press interview. And no evidence to support another charge which involved the use of fire trucks rather than rescue trucks after the closing of two stations. It says a written reprimand is warranted. That’s apparently for a third charge. Attorney: “She’s done nothing to have a written reprimand.” The chief says she doesn’t agree with an allegation of favoritism toward three friends which played a role in the reprimand. As did other issues including how to cost-effectively deploy trucks. But says she doesn’t want to dwell on it. Just move on. She said she got support from her family, clergy and citizens – even strangers. Cloud: “People would just stop and let me know they’ve been praying for me. They recognized me. It just reminded me that all is well, God is good, and I’m very grateful for the support.”

5PV PORN BATTLE COWETA VO

Date: 01/21/09 18:09:22

duration :33

John Pruitt

A controversial adult novelty shop will not open for business in one metro Atlanta county. The Coweta County commission says it will not grant a business license to the Starship adult novelty and gift shop. The decision came just after more than a hundred angry residents crowded into the commission meeting to voice their concerns. Resident Sammy Byrd: “...and to be able to close

that door, it's a marvelous thing, it brings me to tears just thinking about it." The county determined Starship's sales would be made up of more than 25% sexually oriented material, and it says this property is not zoned for that.

5AV FIRE TAPES ATL VO

Date: **01/28/09 07:06:43** duration :47 Fred Blankenship

In just a few hours the city of Atlanta will release the 911 calls at the center of a response-time controversy. Atlanta's public safety officials are busy trying to explain why it took crews nearly 20 minutes to get to a man's burning house in southeast Atlanta. Crews went to the wrong address Saturday night. It seems a caller gave the dispatcher misinformation and then crews had to scramble to figure out where they really should have gone. First though, they had to confirm that there was no emergency at the initial address before they moved on to the correct one. In the meantime Wilford Reed's home burned for 17 minutes. Officials say there were several factors that led to the mix-up including high call volumes and low 911 center staffing.

11V CHURCH VOTE GWIN VO

Date: **02/03/09 23:28:32** duration :33 Monica Pearson

A Gwinnett County church is planning to take legal action, after commissioners voted today to allow a waste transfer facility to move next door. Members of the Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Catholic Church held up orange signs, asking the commission to vote "no." But commissioners approved it three to two. Rachel Tran: "I think it's because we're Catholic and we're Asian ... If you listen to his speech ... I feel extremely hurt and I'm a US citizen." Commissioners who voted yes say the station will not be harmful to the congregation's health or the environment – and is necessary for the county.

6P POLICE CHIEF DEK PKG

Date: **02/05/09 18:02:17** duration 1:46 Mark Winne

We're told a meeting was called of all DeKalb police brass, Captain and above – except the chief, who's on leave – and the county's top brass showed up. DeKalb CEO Burrell Ellis: "I'm here for a meeting with county staff. I had some concerns about information that was coming to me about inappropriate transfers and reassignment" Days earlier he ordered all proposed police, fire, rescue, and medical examiner's office transfers – promotions and the like – must be okayed by him or somebody he designates. Some of the transfers that seem the source of controversy. A source says Capt. Annette Lane-Woodard ... was commander of the narcotics unit... when she hugged sheriff Tom Brown after a highly publicized dispute between Chief Terrell Bolton and Brown and was quickly transferred to the overnight shift in communications... considered dramatically less desirable ... though she's now on days. We're told Capt. W.D. Jagoe, a former officer of the year, was acting South precinct commander... when he attended a fund-raiser on his own time for a DeKalb CEO candidate... not prohibited by police regs... and about two weeks

after the event Jagoe was transferred to Animal Control, a position not previously staffed by a captain and considered undesirable... and he has since been moved to communications. We're told Capt. T.D. Williams, formerly a popular assistant commander at the South Precinct, turned down a optional trip to Houston for a training program considered a favorite project of Chief Bolton's... and spoke up against Jagoe's transfer. A source says Williams was assigned to the school crossing guard unit-- not as a crossing guard-- but in a position not previously filled by a captain. Bolton says all decisions made were consistent with policy... he says the communications, animal control and the crossing guard unit all needed a higher level of supervision... none of the captains lost pay or take-home cars.

5AV TRASH MTG GWIN VO

Date: **02/06/09 07:33:37** duration :33 Richard Elliot

Gwinnett County residents are looking for answers for their continuing trash pickup controversy. A judge issued an injunction against the county's new solid waste plan back in December. Since then, it's been relying on it's old plan. But some commissioners say Gwinnett needs something else. Last night a recommendation committee got an earful from residents who say they want a choice. Willis Bennett: "I should have the right to select whom I want for the service that I want for the dollar that I'm going to pay." The committee hopes to make it's solid wast plan recommendation to the commission by March.