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**Clayton School Administrators Sanctioned**

Date: 10/01/09 6pm      duration :24      Richard Belcher

Channel 2 Action News broke the story when the state sanctioned two Clayton County school administrators. It was because of their mishandling of an incident involving a student sex video. A closer look at the evidence shows that veteran principal Priscilla Adams testified – under oath – the \*previous\* principal at her school did \*the same thing.

**Clayton Elementary School faces Closure**

Date: 10/01/09 6pm      duration :22      Jovita Moore

Clayton County school officials could be closing an elementary school because of safety concerns. East Clayton elementary is on Ellenwood Road in Ellenwood. It sits near a roadway and truck stop – both built after the school. The school district needs \$20 million dollars to replace the building. The other option is to close the school next year – and send students to five neighboring schools.

**Swine Flu Epidemic**

Date: 10/14/09 5pm      duration :20      Jovita Moore

A 10-year-old girl is the latest swine flu victim in Georgia. State health officials are confirming that Summer Rockefeller of Harlem, in east Georgia, died Saturday. Rockefeller is the second Georgia child who died from swine flu without having an underlying health condition. Swine flu has killed 27 people in Georgia and hospitalized more than 500 others.

**Georgians can view Federal Healthcare Reform proposal**

Date: 11/02/09 6am      duration :36      Fred Blankenship

This morning Georgia residents can see for themselves a copy of the latest democratic health bill. Georgia Congressman Tom Price dropped off a copy at the Rowell library. The Republican representative tells us he wants to give Georgians a chance to read the bill that will be voted on this week. Price: ""What I hope happens over the next six months is a sober reflection by the American people of what this is and them speaking loudly as I know they would like to do that say look this isn't what we want." White House senior advisor Valerie Jarrett says the administration is optimistic the President will sign a health care reform bill this year.

## **Georgia's Pandemic Preparedness**

Date: 11/16/09 11pm

duration :36

Jovita Moore

Today, state lawmakers heard from a key player in Georgia's fight against swine flu. The public hearing was designed to gauge Georgia's readiness for another pandemic or state-wide emergency. The state's Chief of Emergency Preparedness admitted communications during the pandemic has been poor at times. He says the lessons learned can help in the future. Dr. Patrick O'Neal: "There are many many things about being prepared for a pandemic that can be transitioned to being prepared for floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, evacuations, wildfires, even terrorists" Today's consensus – all state agencies must be involved in pandemic and emergency planning – not just public health.

## **Gov Perdue Speaks Out Against Healthcare Reform**

Date: 12/23/09 5pm

duration 1:15 Lori Geary

Senator Isakson: "One of the reasons this vote was pushed til Christmas Eve was because Harry Reid and the leadership realized the public would be focusing on Christmas." But several Governors, including Georgia's Sonny Perdue, are paying attention to the deals being cut in order to pass the Federal Healthcare Reform Bill. Perdue is calling on Georgia Attorney General Thurbert Baker to join seven of his colleagues and probe the constitutionality of special exemptions in the health care bill. Perdue's spokesman says it all comes down to a question of fairness. Brantley: "Should these states be treated special and get more federal tax dollars only because their senator held out to the very end and needed some kind of deal cut? Perdue specifically mentioned the so-called Nebraska compromise in his letter to Baker. Under the plan, Nebraska is permanently exempt from paying for its own additional Medicaid patients. That deal helped to win Senator Ben Nelson's approval of the plan. Perdue's office says the leaves states like Georgia picking up the bill for Nebraska's Medicaid patients. Late this afternoon, Sam Olens – who is running for Georgia Attorney General – was clear in his statement, saying "It is a felony to buy votes in this country. That same prohibition must apply to our legislators. Georgians cannot afford the many new taxes associated with this bill, let alone a special provision that lets us pay for citizens of another state" Brantley: "We'll either have to raise state taxes or have to make massive cuts to education and public safety."

## **CDC Receives Grant Money for Cancer Research**

Date: 10/12/09 6pm

duration :22

Monica Pearson

A grant from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will help fund cancer research at Emory University. The grant is for \$6.2 million dollars. Emory plans to use the money here in Georgia. Researchers will try to reduce health disparities among residents in southwest Georgia. Trained coaches will go into homes and assess families' eating and exercise habits.

**WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest:**

**Traffic / Transportation**

## **TRAFFIC CHANGES DUNWOODY**

Date: 11/26/09 6pm

duration :26

Justin Farmer

The city of Dunwoody is looking at ways to reduce traffic tie-ups, air pollution and crowded parking lots. Dunwoody leaders are working on a master transportation plan. The city will look at Peachtree City's use of golf carts. Dunwoody also will consider restriping roads to make them more bike friendly. Meredith Calo: "I would love to see the city more bike friendly, that would be just wonderful." The city expects to finish its master transportation plan next year.

## **CLICK IT OR TICKET Georgia**

Date: 11/15/09 11pm

duration :23

John Pruitt

Tomorrow, state troopers will launch their annual holiday "Click It or Ticket" campaign. They have already started public service announcements, hoping people buckle up and reduce traffic deaths over the thanks giving holiday period. The state patrol will also conduct seat belt road checks at night. The "click it or ticket" program will run in conjunction with a new crackdown on seatbelt violators on rural roads.

## **Speed Traps Cobb County**

Date: 11/10/09 5pm

duration 1:48 John Bachman

On Old Canton Road in Cobb county, neighbors complain about the traffic. And they're right; cars are cruising down this hill. Mike Kerrigan: "It's almost impossible not to get them for speeding right here." Kerrigan lives up the hill. He says for years, Cobb county police ran radar here, catching a lot of drivers at the bottom of the hill, including him – this is his \$111.00 dollar ticket. He paid it, but watched others get caught. Kerrigan: "I have a couple friends who got tickets, and i just felt that it wasn't right." So he did some research and found this Georgia law, which states officers cannot do speed enforcement that's on a hill that's steeper than a 7% grade. This hill on Old Canton Road, where Kerrigan got his ticket is more than 11%. "It's a money maker, I understand, but that's not why we have those laws." So Kerrigan called his county commissioner's office and got this voicemail back. "Somehow or another, when the state reviews all these, because they review them every year, evidently this road has fallen through the cracks." Turns out Cobb County gets permitted for speed enforcement through the Georgia State Patrol for each road, and they are supposed to check the slopes. So Cobb County has stopped running radar on Old Canton Road,. But police spokesman Joe Hernandez says officers were not aiming at the hill, and would've proven that had Kerrigan gone to court. Hernandez: "We do not shoot at the grade. It's been at the bottom of the grade." Bachman: "Why stop it then?" Hernandez: "just to prevent any further – I don't know if you want to say – controversy." And Hernandez stresses that Cobb officers are not out to punish drivers. They're trying to protect them, and driving on a hill is not an excuse. Hernandez: "If you need to brake to keep at or under the posted speed limit, that's a responsibility of the driver." Where officers saw speed enforcement, Kerrigan saw a speed trap. "They knew it was wrong, but they're still looking for the revenue."

## **Golf Carts to Return to Jonesboro?**

Date: 11/06/09 6pm

duration :19

Tom Jones

Golf carts may be going back to the golf course in Jonesboro and not everybody is happy. The city council will consider whether to repeal an ordinance that allows golf carts to be driven on some city streets. People who drive the carts say they save gas and ease traffic congestion. The council could vote on this issue at its meeting Monday.

**WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest: Law Enforcement / Criminal Justice**

**Gay Community Members Meet with Police Over Bar Raid**

Date: 10/06/09 5pm      duration :42      John Pruitt

Members of the gay community voiced their concerns tonight to Atlanta Police about a controversial bar raid less than a month ago. People in the crowd asked Atlanta Police about sensitivity training for officers. Witnesses say the Red Dog Unit used anti-gay slurs and roughed up customers at the Atlanta Eagle in midtown. Tonight, one man wanted to know who's policing the red dog unit? "If you look at those guys, they're huge. They look like pro wrestlers; they're very intimidating. It appears they need some drug testing themselves." Carlos Banda, APD: "If the Red Dog officers did something wrong, they need to be punished. That's the bottom line." Police could not answer some questions tonight because the investigation is still ongoing.

**WSB-TV Local News of Public Interest: Politics / Government**

**Fulton Tax Bill Controversy**

Date: 10/03/09 7am      duration :37      Linda Stouffer

More details on the tax bill controversy. The tax commissioner addressed allegations he was \*withholding\* the bills as leverage – in an effort to convince county leaders to give him and top staffers more than \$200,000 dollars in raises. Arthur Ferdinand admitted he brought up the issue of raises while he and the county manager were talking about the late bills. But Ferdinand says it's common for them to discuss more than one issue at a time. He says he never tried to link the two issues. The tax commissioner says the county has agreed to pay him a higher salary, but only because it's dictated by state law. His staffers have \*not\* received raises.

**Deal Comment Sparks Concern**

Date: 10/05/09 5pm      duration 1:35      Lori Geary



Controversy this evening over the future of a Snellville library. Gwinnett County wants to convert the library on Lenora Church Rd. into a computer lab. The city deeded the property and building to the county, on the condition that it be used as a library. A group opposed to the change may push Snellville to take back the building if the county makes the change.

### **Deplorable Conditions in SE Condominiums**

Date: 10/15/09 5pm                      duration :35                      Jovita Moore

The owners of run down condos in southeast Atlanta are blaming the county and the courts for the mess. We got an up-close look at the deplorable conditions of some of the units on Macon Drive. Nearly two dozen owners appeared in court this morning on code violations. The owners are claiming legal issues with Fulton County are to blame. Faye Coffield: "The root of the problem is over at how the court failed to maintain supervision of the receivers that they sent out there." City Council member Joyce Shepherd is trying to help residents find new places to live. Meanwhile, the judge rescheduled the hearing on code violations for next month.

### **Proposed Lilburn Mosque Sparks Traffic Concerns**

Date: 10/13/09 11pm                      duration :35                      Monica Pearson

Some Gwinnett County neighbors are trying to stop a mosque from going up nearby. It's not about religion, but location. Muslim community members want to build the mosque on Lawrenceville Highway near Hood Road in Lilburn. They put in an application to re-zone the area to make it happen. But neighbors are afraid it will mean more traffic and take away from the area's residential feel. Jane Hood: "We don't have any problem with the mosque per se, it's just bringing it all the way down across from our houses, the traffic, people in and out." The next meeting on this issue is at the Lilburn planning commission on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Homeowners Association to Address Code Violations**

Date: 10/15/09 5am                      duration :41                      Fred Blankenship

A southeast Atlanta homeowners association is due in court today to answer to dozens of code violations. It comes hours after tempers flared among residents during a heated meeting. "You just as wrong as two left shoes." Several residents blamed councilwoman Joyce Shepherd for calling code enforcement. Others blamed absentee landlords. But burned buildings, broken windows and abandoned units are creating hazards. Shepherd says she just wants property owners to comply. Shepherd: "People were saying things and making accusations that wasn't true, but I always get that in community meetings. I feel in terms of democracy sometimes..it's not always going to be pretty." Sheperd says she believes the hearing will be delayed.

## **Resident fear Effect of Midtown Nightclub**

Date: 10/08/09 12pm

duration :36

Carol Sbarge

Atlanta's Mayor has two months to decide on a midtown club's liquor license. A committee approved the request for the new "Spy Club," formerly known as "Visions." The location is Peachtree and 11<sup>th</sup>. Many midtown residents and business owners have publicly voiced concerns about safety and traffic. But the lawyer for the club says those \*are\* being addressed. Dewayne Martin: "On our peak nights, 14 off-duty police officers' primary responsibilities will be to direct traffic and enforce laws: cruising, noise, etc. Private security personnel, who act as guides, ushers – those types of things – on site." The committee approved the liquor license by a 3-2 vote.

## **Sandy Springs Scientology Center Sparks Traffic Concerns**

Date: 10/19/09 6am

duration :22

Carol Sbarge

A controversial zoning issue will come before the Sandy Springs city council tomorrow. Some neighbors oppose a plan to allow the Church of Scientology at Roswell and Glenridge Roads to expand. Opponents say it has nothing to do with the religion. They fear the zoning change would increase traffic and reduce parking. The city's planning commission has recommended the council deny the request.