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WMBC NEWS AND WMBC HOMETOWN, DAILY AND WEEKLY SHOWS, COVER MANY ISSUES ON A REGULAR BASIS PERTAINING TO CHILDREN. THE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO BE CHILD FRIENDLY, NONVIOLENT, WHOLESOME AND INFORMATIVE. DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2019, WMBC NEWS PRODUCED AND AIRED SUCH REPORTS AS THE FOLLOWING: MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS FROM MORE THAN ONE DOZEN SCHOOLS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL ESSEX COUNTY STUDENT ARTISTS EXHIBIT. SIX STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SUED THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SAYING IT WEAKENED NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS IN SCHOOL BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHEES WHEN IT RELAXED THE REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING SALT AND REFINED GRAINS LAST YEAR. A STOMACH BUG OUTBREAK SPURRED A CENTRAL NEW JERSEY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CANCEL CLASSES TODAY. SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ARE EXPECTED TO REOPEN TOMORROW AFTER BEING CLOSED TODAY DUE TO A LARGE WATER MAIN BREAK. TODAY MARKS THE BEGINNING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK IN NEW JERSEY. IN THE BOROUGH OF CALDWELL, THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN TONIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GOVERNMENT WORK IN ACTION. POLICE SAY A THIRD JUVENILE HAS BEEN CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH A FIRE IN JANUARY THAT DESTROYED A LONG CLOSED CONNECTICUT THEATER WHERE KATHARINE HEPBURN, CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER, JAMES EARL JONES AND OTHER STARS PERFORMED. A SPECIAL RECEPTION WILL BE HELD FOR STUDENT ARTISTS THIS EVENING AT 6:30 AT THE CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY ON BLOOMFIELD AVENUE IN NEW JERSEY. VISITORS ARE INVITED TO VIEW THE ARTWORK DISPLAY. A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CHARGED IN A CRASH THAT KILLED A STUDENT AND A TEACHER LAST YEAR IS NOW FACING SEVERAL MORE CHARGES. CONSTRUCTION MAY NOT BE COMPLETE IN TIME FOR THIS SUMMER, BUT THE NEWTON TOWN POOL WILL BE OPEN IN 2020. MAYOR BILL DE BLASIO PLEDGED THAT BY 2022 ALL OF NEW YORK CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD BE OUTFITTED WITH AIR CONDITIONING; BUT NOW SOME ARE WONDERING IF THE CITY WILL MEET ITS GOAL. AUTHORITIES SAY A SCHOOL BUS CAUGHT FIRE AT A NEW JERSEY HIGH SCHOOL JUST MOMENTS AFTER SEVERAL STUDENTS HAD EXITED THE VEHICLE. REFERRED TO BY SOME AS ONE OF THE JEWELS OF ESSEX COUNTY, TURTLE BACK ZOO RECENTLY UNVEILED A NEW LOOK THAT MODERNIZES THE LANDMARK'S PUBLIC ENTRANCE AND PROVIDES A NEW TRAIN MAINTENANCE BUILDING. BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS ARE ONGOING IN NEW JERSEY AND GOVERNOR MURPHY IS PROPOSING MILLIONS MORE IN SPENDING FOR PRESCHOOL. A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION TONIGHT. THE NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM IS AN AWARD WINNING GROUP THAT HAS BEEN AROUND SINCE 2009, AND THE STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12 PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION TEAM, "APERTURE." AUTHORITIES SAY A NEW JERSEY POLICE OFFICER WHO THOUGHT HE WAS COMMUNICATING ONLINE WITH A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL SET UP A MEETING SO THEY COULD HAVE SEX. WEST ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL'S WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY WILL BE HOLDING THEIR INDUCTION CEREMONY TONIGHT. A NEW EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE CHILDREN FROM SMOKING FLAVORED TOBACCO HAS BEGUN IN NEW YORK CITY. IN NEWTON NJ, NEIGHBORS WILL BE HELPING NEIGHBORS WHEN THEY GATHER TO CLEAN UP LOCAL PARKS, SCHOOLS, STREETS, AND PARKING LOTS FROM LITTER, AS WELL AS HELPING NEIGHBORS WHO MAY NEED ASSISTANCE CLEANING UP THEIR PROPERTIES. THREE TEENAGERS CHARGED WITH SETTING THE FIRE THAT DESTROYED THE HISTORIC AMERICAN SHAKESPEARE THEATRE IN CONNECTICUT HAVE PLEADED NOT GUILTY. POLICE IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY NEED YOUR HELP AFTER AN ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION. MORE THAN FIFTEEN ALLEGED CHILD PREDATORS ARE BEHIND BARS THIS AFTERNOON AFTER A NEARLY WEEK LONG INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT THROUGHOUT NEW JERSEY. THE WAYNE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS APPROVED A PROJECT TO REPLACE THE DISTRICT'S SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS. IF YOU NOTICED SOME CHILDREN IN YOUR OFFICE TODAY THAT'S BECAUSE TODAY IS NATIONAL TAKE OUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS TO WORK DAY. STUDENTS ACROSS NEW JERSEY ARE TAKING A NEW STANDARDIZED TEST THIS YEAR, ONE THAT REPLACES THE CONTROVERSIAL PARCC EXAM, AND ONE SCHOOL IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE HAS A UNIQUE WAY OF HELPING TO GET THEIR STUDENTS READY FOR THE TEST. THE WEST CALDWELL LIBRARY IS HIRING BUT YOU BETTER

HURRY, BECAUSE TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE LIBRARY'S PAID INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS AND INCOMING FRESHMAN COLLEGE STUDENTS. THE SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CHARGED IN A CRASH THAT KILLED A STUDENT AND A TEACHER LAST YEAR WILL STAND TRIAL IN THE FALL. A NEW JERSEY MAN WHO SAYS HE WAS ABUSED BY A BOY SCOUTS TROOP LEADER IS FILING SUIT AGAINST THE ORGANIZATION. THE MILLBURN HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS TEAM IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE TEAM WON THE VEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY IN A BEST OF THREE MATCH AGAINST A TEAM FROM CHINA. IN HONOR OF THIS YEAR BEING THE 50TH YEAR SINCE SESAME STREET HIT THE AIRWAVES, NEW YORK CITY HAS RENAMED A PORTION OF ROADWAY AT BROADWAY AND WEST 63RD STREET, SESAME STREET. THREE TEENAGERS ON LONG ISLAND HAVE BEEN ARRESTED ON CHARGES THEY PLOTTED TO BUILD AND DETONATE A BOMB AT THEIR SCHOOL. TOMORROW IS THE 145TH RUNNING OF THE KENTUCKY DERBY AND RESIDENTS OF CALDWELL ARE INVITED TO GROVER CLEVELAND PARK FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL DERBY DAY & FUNDRAISER. FESTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 4 TO 7PM IN THE POND HOUSE FIELD AT GROVER CLEVELAND PARK. THE NEWTON BRAVES HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND IS HOLDING A GENTLY USED CLOTHING DRIVING AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE MARCHING BAND. NEW YORK GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO SAYS TOP LAWMAKERS HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE DETAILS OF LEGISLATION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES TO CATCH DRIVERS WHO PASS THEM ILLEGALLY. THERE'S A LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE IN NEW JERSEY THAT IS AMONG THE MOST CRITICAL WHEN IT COMES TO KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE. IN WEST CALDWELL, TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT FOR THE GROVER CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND SPECTACULAR. SO WHAT DOES A FIVE-MILLION-DOLLAR RENOVATION GET YOU AT THE FUNPLEX IN EAST HANOVER? MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR THE UPGRADED ENTERTAINMENT SPACE TODAY. CHILDCARE COSTS HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES; THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER, AND A NEW JERSEY SENATOR IS WORKING TO HELP LOWER THESE COSTS. THE NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING ARE GRIEF STRUCK AFTER AUTHORITIES SAY A SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH KILLED A TEENAGE GIRL AND LEFT THREE OTHER TEENS HOSPITALIZED. SOLAR POWER WAS THE NAME OF THE GAME TODAY IN NEWTON, NJ WHERE STUDENTS SHOWED OFF THEIR LATEST DESIGNS IN MODEL RACE CARS POWERED BY LIGHT. FRIDAY MARKS ONE YEAR SINCE THE FATAL SCHOOL BUS CRASH ON ROUTE 80 IN MOUNT OLIVE. THE CRASH CLAIMED THE LIVES ON TEN-YEAR-OLD MIRANDA VARGAS AND TEACHER JENNIFER WILLIAMSON. MANY ARE SAYING MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PROTECT CHILDREN ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE TOPIC OF KEEPING OUR SCHOOLS SAFE TOOK CENTER STAGE TODAY IN MORRISTOWN WHERE OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED NEW LEGISLATION TO ROLL OUT A PLAN TO ADDRESS THE ALL TOO OFTEN INCIDENCES OF SCHOOL LOCKDOWNS AND VIOLENCE. IN FAIRFIELD, TONIGHT IS THE SECOND NIGHT OF THE SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH CARNIVAL. THE ANNUAL PARISH CARNIVAL FEATURES RIDES, GAME BOOTHS, FOOD TRUCKS AND A CAFÉ LOUNGE. ALMOST TWO HUNDRED LIQUOR STORES HAVE BEEN CHARGED FOLLOWING AN UNDERAGE DRINKING CRACKDOWN. TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT TO ENJOY SOME MUSIC. THE JAMES CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT BEGINS AT 7:30 THIS EVENING AND IS EXPECTED TO LAST UNTIL 9:30. KEEPING STUDENTS IN NEW JERSEY'S LARGEST CITY SAFE IS THE GOAL OF ORGANIZERS OF A PROGRAM AT WEST SIDE HIGH SCHOOL THAT SOME SAY SHOULD BE A MODEL FOR OTHER SCHOOLS. THE NYPD IS ASKING FOR THE PUBLIC'S HELP IN FINDING THREE BOYS AND THREE GIRLS THAT ARE BELIEVED TO BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 17. TOMORROW IS NEWTON STRONG DAY, AND THIS YEAR THE TOWN ENCOURAGES ALL TO WEAR WHITE IN HONOR OF NEWTON STUDENT LEXI FAYE WHO DIED TRAGICALLY IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON MAY 11TH. THE CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE HOLDING A GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM ON SATURDAY JUNE 1ST. A TEENAGE DRIVER HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH AGGRAVATED MANSLAUGHTER IN CONNECTION WITH A CRASH THAT KILLED A 17 YEAR OLD GIRL AND INJURED TWO OTHER PASSENGERS. ON A MUSICAL NOTE, WEST ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR WILL BE HOLDING THEIR SPRING CONCERT TONIGHT AT 7PM IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. MUSIC IS IN THE AIR TONIGHT IN WEST CALDWELL AT THE CALDWELL HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, WHEN THE GROVER CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUSES AND ORCHESTRAS PERFORM THEIR SPRING CONCERT AT 7PM. IN AN EFFORT TO HELP SAVE LIVES, NEW YORK CITY IS EXPANDING ITS SPEED CAMERA PROGRAM IN SCHOOL ZONES. THE CALDWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY IS SCHEDULE TO HOLD A GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE CHILDREN'S ROOM THIS SATURDAY, JUNE 1, WITH A RIBBON-CUTTING SET FOR 10AM. IN NEW JERSEY'S LARGEST CITY, THOUSANDS OF ADULTS LACK BASIC LITERACY SKILLS; AND TO HELP REVERSE THIS TREND, CITY OFFICIALS ARE LAUNCHING NEW PROGRAMS AIMED AT HELPING THE CITY'S YOUTH. NEW

JERSEY'S GOVERNOR HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR TAX FAIRNESS TO FUND CRITICAL MIDDLE CLASS INVESTMENTS INCLUDING PRE-K. PARENTS IN CALDWELL AND WEST CALDWELL ARE INVITED TO A SPECIAL OPEN AGENDA MEETING THIS EVENING TO DISCUSS THE NEW FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. TEACHERS IN FRANKLIN LAKES ARE BACK IN SCHOOL TODAY AFTER ENDING A ONE-DAY STRIKE OVERNIGHT. CONSTRUCTION ON THE ESSEX COUNTY WEST CALDWELL SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY WILL BEGIN AFTER SCHOOL LETS OUT FOR THE SUMMER AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY JANUARY OF 2021. STARTING THIS SEPTEMBER, STUDENTS FROM SAINT BRENDAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN CLIFTON WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND THE ACADEMY OF SAINT JAMES IN TOTOWA. WEST CALDWELL POLICE DETECTIVE PAUL MAZZEO WAS HONORED BY MAYOR JOE TEMPESTA THIS WEEK FOR HIS QUICK ACTION AT EPCOT IN DISNEY WORLD IN APRIL. DETECTIVE MAZZEO RESPONDED TO A WOMAN SCREAMING AND HELPED A CHOKING BABY DISLODGE A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE CAP. THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHUT DOWN TWO MORE SCHOOLS IN BROOKLYN FOR VIOLATING AN ORDER GIVEN BY THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER. EMPOWERING GIRLS TO BECOME THE NEXT LEADERS IN CYBER SECURITY AND HELP PROTECT THE WEB. THAT'S THE GOAL BEHIND A NATIONAL COMPETITION FOR RAISING THE BAR IN A DIGITAL WORLD, AND NOW 13 NEW JERSEY TEAMS ARE HEADED TO THE FINALS. VACCINATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE MANDATORY THIS SUMMER FOR CAMPERS AND STAFF IN SEVERAL COUNTIES NORTH OF NEW YORK CITY THAT ANNUALLY FILL UP WITH KIDS FROM THE ORTHODOX JEWISH COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HIT HARDEST BY MEASLES. A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS GETTING A BOOST IN FUNDING NEXT YEAR AS OFFICIALS FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ARE MEETING WITH SENATORS STEVE SWEENEY TO DISCUSS HOW FUNDS WILL BE USED.

WMBC-TV'S MOUNTAIN VIEWS PROGRAM, WHICH AIRS ON SATURDAYS, PROVIDES INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS AS WELL AS OTHER UPLIFTING AND ENCOURAGING ACTIVITIES. THE STATION ALSO AIRED NUMEROUS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT ENCOURAGE THE WELL BEING OF CHILDREN. ADDITIONALLY, THE STATION PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL STUDIO TOURS TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS IN THE AREA.

FINALLY IN THE PAST QUARTER, WMBC-TV CONTINUED ITS DECADES LONG TRADITION OF PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATING COLLEGE-BOUND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE NJ AREA, INCLUDING THOSE FROM THE NJ COUNTIES OF SUSSEX, ESSEX, PASSAIC, BERGEN AND OTHERS. THE SCHOLARSHIPS EACH CONSIST OF \$1,000 CASH PLUS AN INDIVIDUALIZED AWARD PLAQUE, AND ARE GIVEN TO STUDENTS WHOM THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIONS SELECT AS HAVING DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING ACHIEVMENTS IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.