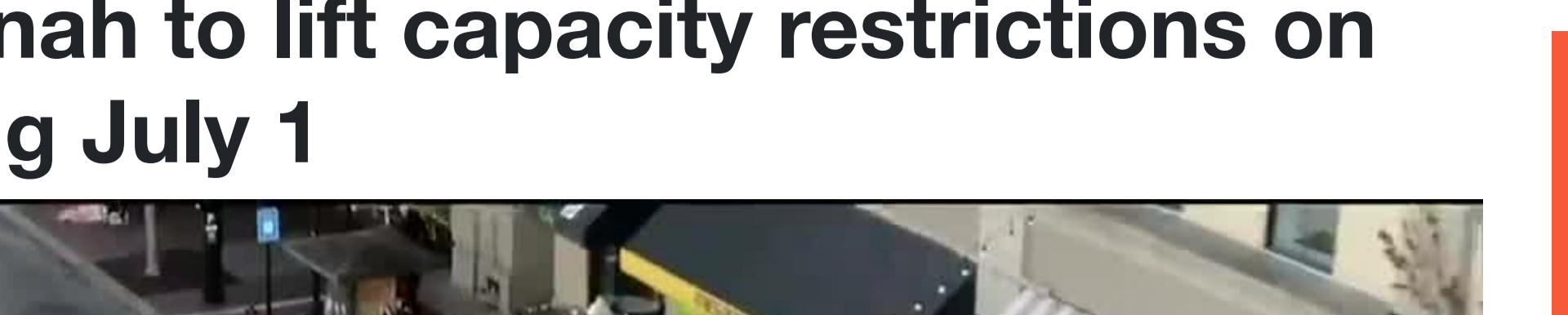
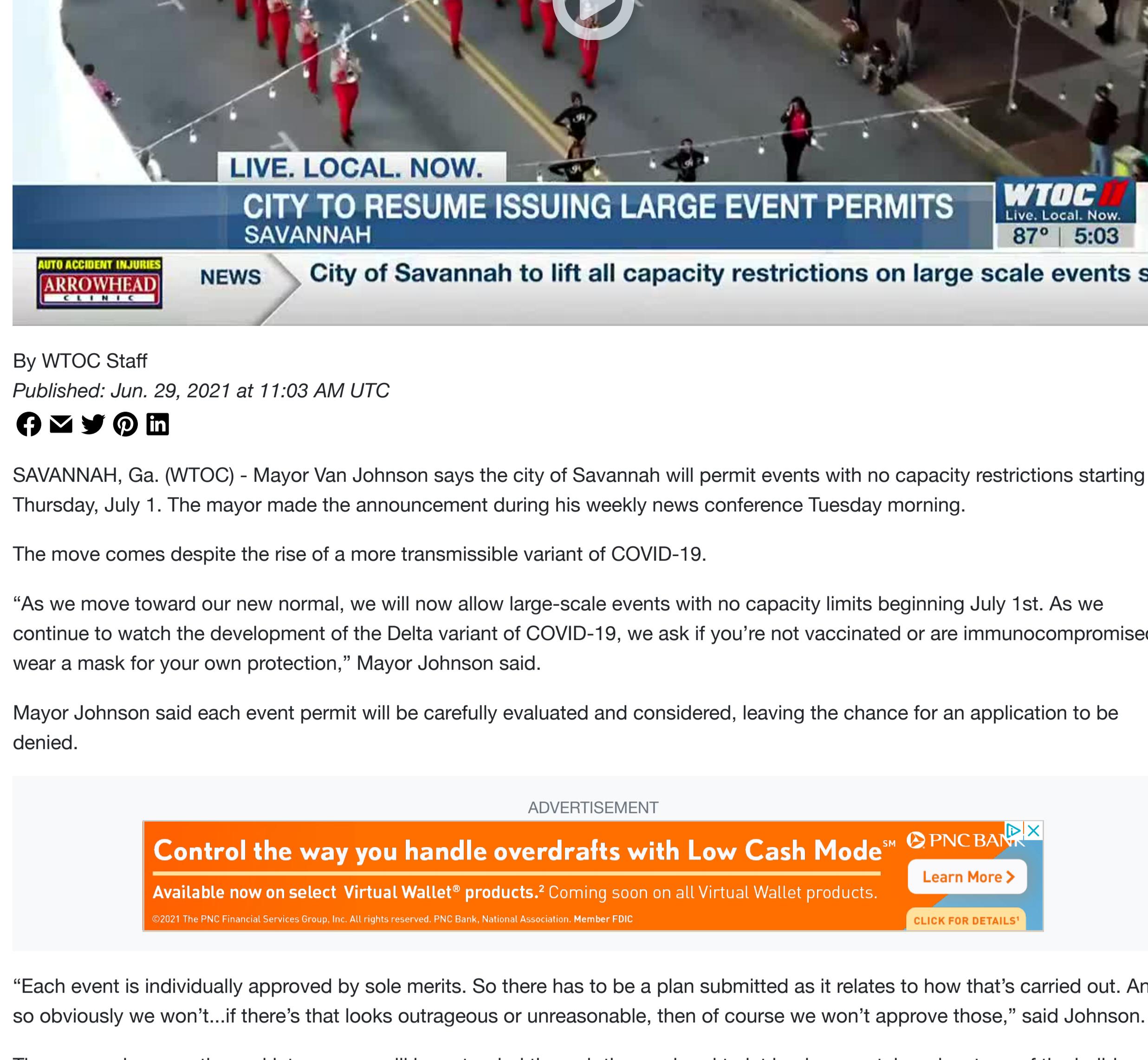


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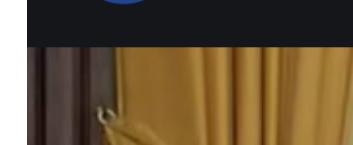


City of Savannah to lift capacity restrictions on events starting July 1



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SAVANNAH, Ga. (WTOC) - Mayor Van Johnson says the city of Savannah will permit events with no capacity restrictions starting on Thursday, July 1. The mayor made the announcement during his weekly news conference Tuesday morning.

The move comes despite the rise of a more transmissible variant of COVID-19.

"As we move toward our new normal, we will now allow large-scale events with no capacity limits beginning July 1st. As we continue to watch the development of the Delta variant of COVID-19, we ask if you're not vaccinated or are immunocompromised, wear a mask for your own protection," Mayor Johnson said.

Mayor Johnson said each event permit will be carefully evaluated and considered, leaving the chance for an application to be denied.

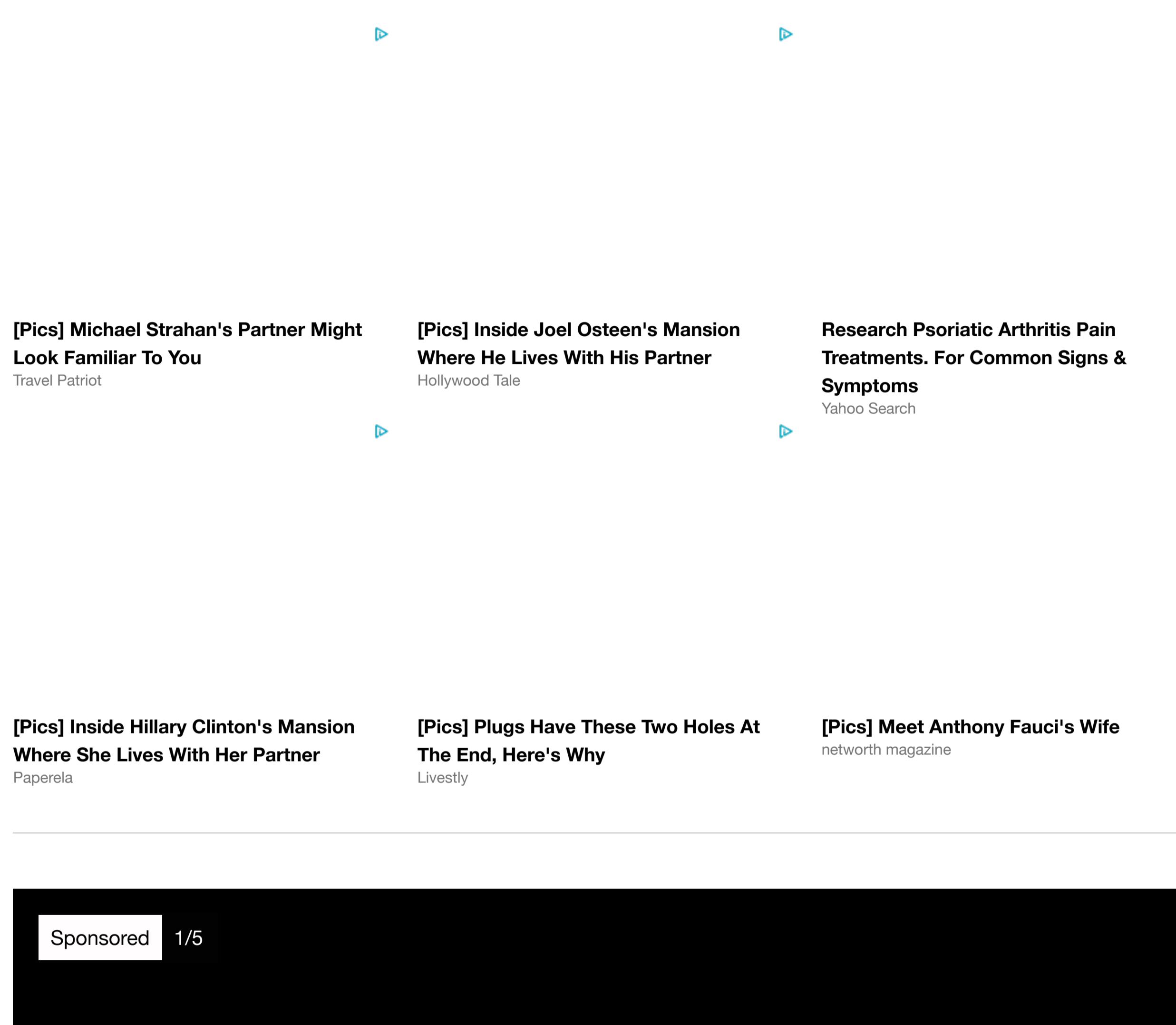
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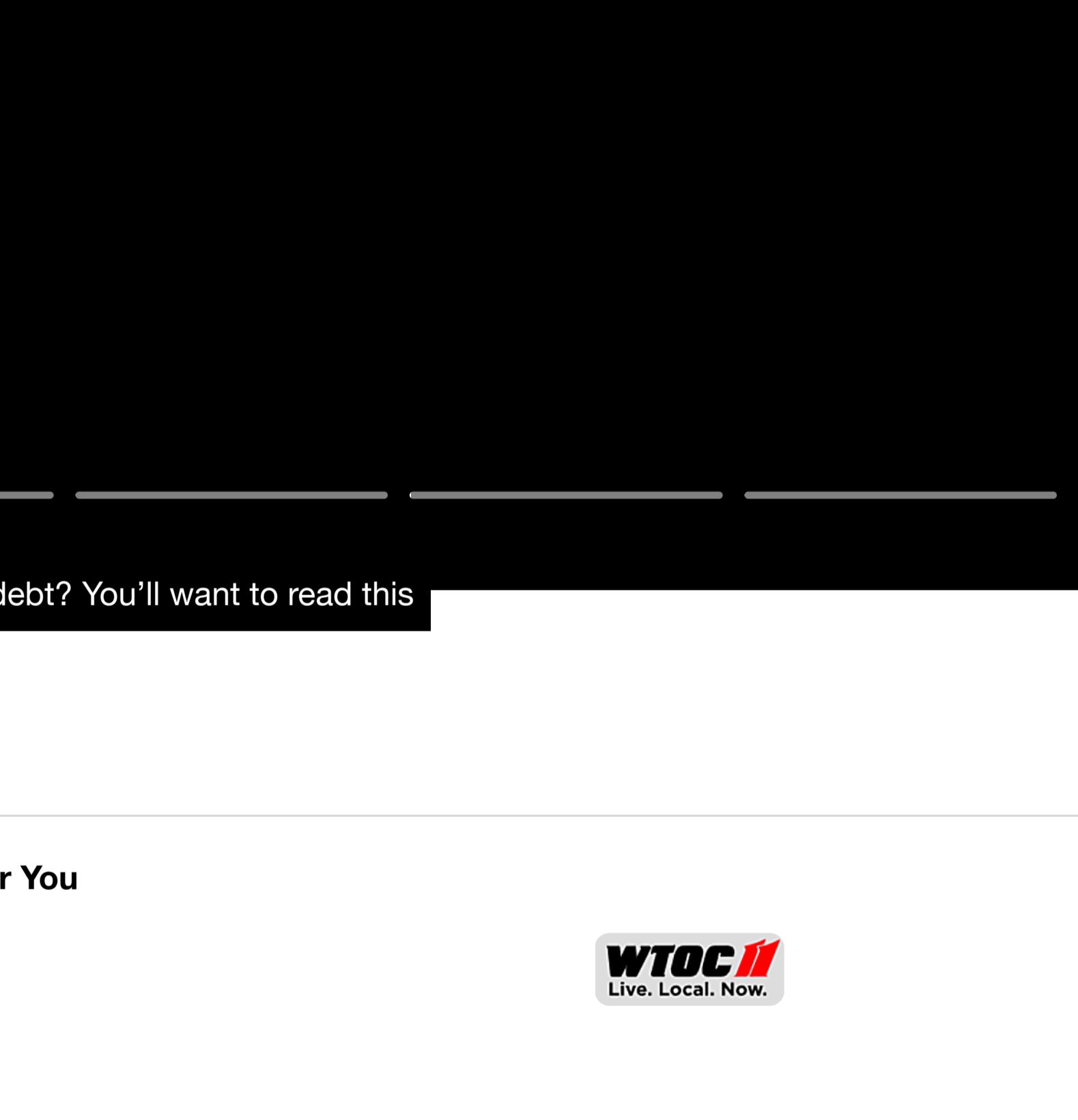
"Each event is individually approved by sole merits. So there has to be a plan submitted as it relates to how that's carried out. And so obviously we won't...if there's that looks outrageous or unreasonable, then of course we won't approve those," said Johnson.

The mayor also says the parklet program will be extended through the weekend to let businesses take advantage of the holiday weekend.

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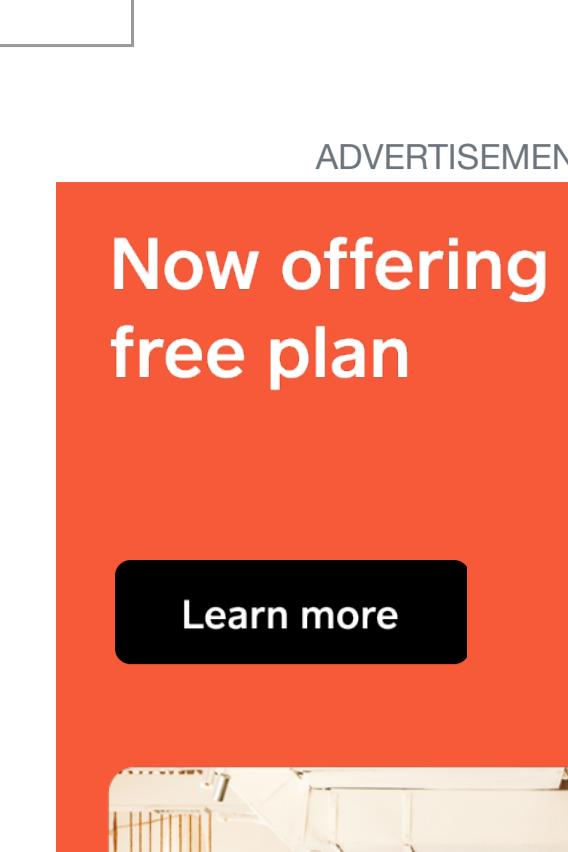
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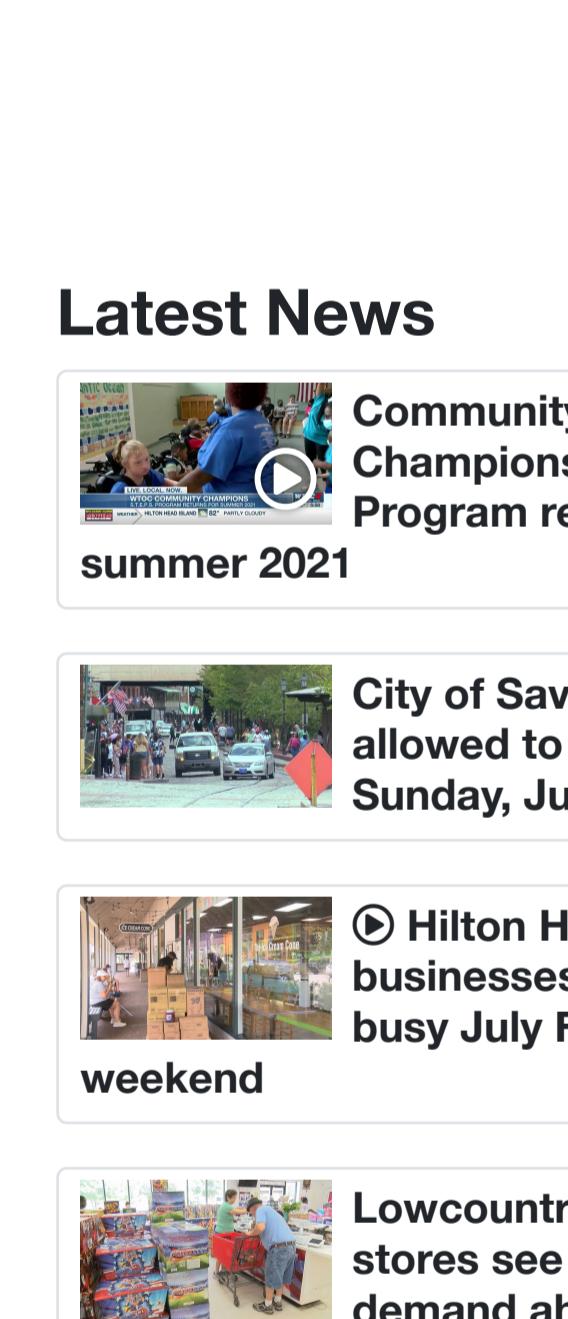
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