



Religious Programming

Joel Osteen – *Sunday 10:00AM and Saturday 2:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

In Touch Ministries- *Sunday 6:30AM*

It all began in 1972, when a half-hour program called "The Chapel Hour" was launched on Atlanta-area television stations. Today, "In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley" can be heard around the world via radio and television broadcasts, podcasts, the handheld In Touch Ministries Messenger, In Touch Apps, and right here on the Web. Our programs are seen and heard around the world on more than 2,600 radio and television outlets in more than 50 languages. In addition to broadcasting, the ministry continues to produce books, studies, discipleship resources, and the award-winning In Touch magazine to more than 1.5 million households every month.



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Aqua Kids

Aqua Kids is a weekly half-hour series that educates young people about ecology, wildlife, and science and how it relates to them. Viewers learn how eco-systems connect and what young people can do to make a positive difference in the world.

Dragonfly TV

Dragonfly TV is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

Walking Wild

Walking Wild is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

Wild Wonders

Wild Wonders is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



2016-2017 SEASON

ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING

| SERIES NAME | SYNOPSIS | RATINGS | TARGET AUDIENCE | E/I or NON |
|---------------------------|--|---------|-----------------|------------|
| BEAKMAN'S WORLD | This live-action series based on the comic strip by Jok Church stars performance artist Paul Zaloom as the slightly nutty but never boring scientist who leads a journey of discovery while performing experiments that demonstrate how the world works. Topics are addressed with cutting-edge humor and state-of-the-art visuals that make learning fun. Joining Beakman in his quest are Josie (Alanna Ubach), his bright young apprentice, and an oversize, sarcastic rat named Lester (Mark Ritts). | TV-G | K13-16 | E/I |
| BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY | With 28 Emmys and a slew of other prestigious awards, Disney's resident way-cool scientist knows how to get kids fired up about science. From Earth science to complex discussions on genetics, Bill Nye's enthusiasm for all things science is contagious. | TV-G | K13-16 | E/I |
| MYSTERY HUNTERS | Mystery Hunters explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the Mystery Hunters uses science and reasoning to try to uncover the truth. The program teaches children how to gather facts, meet with experts, debunk common myths, and offer explanations for legends. 2006 Winner of a Parents' Choice Award, Mystery Hunters. | TV-G | K13-16 | E/I |
| SAVED BY THE BELL | Saved By The Bell is a television series targeted to teens 13-16 years of age, which explores social themes and coping strategies through the daily school life of six teen-aged friends at Bayside High who help each other make the most of growing up in a complicated world. The multi-ethnic cast members serve as role models for young teen viewers as they deal with such issues as dealing with the death of a loved one, the right to say "no," the meaning of heroism, teenage alcohol use and other issues of particular concern to young teens. | TV-PG | K13-16 | E/I |



ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a half hour live political show hosted by Tom Fitzgerald along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

Episodes 4TH Quarter 2018:

- Sunday, Oct 7
- Sunday, Oct 14
- Sunday, Oct 21
- Sunday, Oct 28
- Sunday, November 4
- Sunday, November 11
- Sunday, November 18
- Sunday, November 25
- Sunday, December 2
- Sunday, December 9
- Sunday December 16
- Sunday December 23
- Sunday December 30



LIKE IT OR NOT

A new take on the news of the week is coming to FOX 5-- FOX 5's Like It Or Not. Hosted by Britt McHenry, Bram Weinstein, and Guy Lambert, "FOX 5's Like It Or Not" will go beyond the headlines and provide edgy, controversial commentary, discussing the news of the week in politics, entertainment and pop culture.

"Buckle up! This isn't your typical traditional news program. Bram, Britt and Guy are provocative and intelligent and will present their candid opinions and observations on a wide range of news of the day topics and issues," said FOX 5 Vice President and General Manager Patrick Paolini.

Program airs Monday – Friday 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on WTTG.

From October 1 to December 31.

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



The First 5 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00 – 4:30 am and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 Morning News at 4:30 am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 News Morning – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00- 9:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 News at 5 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00-6:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 News Edge at 6 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

5 @ 6:30pm- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, politics and local news.

Fox 5 News at 10 – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

Fox 5 News at 11 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

The Final 5 – A Monday through Friday program that air 11:30 – 12:00 midnight featuring anchor Jim Lokay and his take on the daily current events.

Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

1. Crime
2. Local politics
3. National politics
4. Health
5. Education
6. Community
7. Housing
8. Transportation
9. Environment
10. Children

Fox News Sunday – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am that looks at the most pressing issues of the week from the White House, Congress and Capitol Hill, the Supreme Court and various government agencies and conducts interviews with political newsmakers. Origination: Network

4RD QUARTER
FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

October 7th, 2018

Kavanaugh confirmation

Mitch McConnell

Lindsey Graham

Ben Cardin

Ronna McDaniel

October 14th, 2018

White House/economy

Larry Kudlow

China/trade

Cui Tiankai

October 21st, 2018

Midterm elections

Martha McSally (R-AZ)

Saudi

Rand Paul (R-KY)

October 28th, 2018

White House/PA shooting/Mail bombs

Kirstjen Nielsen

Midterms

Rep. Steve Stivers (R-OH)

Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)

November 4th, 2018

White House/Iran

Mike Pompeo

Midterms

Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)

Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC)

November 11th, 2018

White House

Kellyanne Conway

Midterms/Florida election recount

Gov Rick Scott (R-FL)

November 18th, 2018

White House

President Donald J. Trump

November 25th, 2018

Book- "Trump enemies"

Corey Lewandowski

David Bossie

Climate Change/political tribalism

Sen Ben Sasse (R-NE)

December 2nd, 2018- remote show from Reagan Library CA

G20

Roy Blunt

Ben Cardin

HW Bush dies

James Baker

Dick Cheney

December 9th, 2018

Economy

Larry Kudlow

Government Shut Down/voter fraud

Sen. Angus King (I-ME)

December 16, 2018

Trump/White house

Rudy Giuliani

U.S. Leadership

Bill Gates

December 23, 2018

White House

Mick Mulvaney

Mattis departure

Leon Panetta

Economy/2020

John Kasich

December 30, 2018

White House

Kellyanne Conway

Gov Shutdown

Steve Scalise (R-LA)

Economy

Mohamed El-Erian

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

Fourth Quarter 2018

Crime

December 2018

Real estate company worker found dead inside Hanover model home; police investigating as homicide

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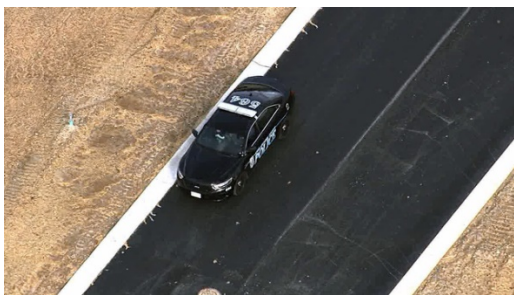
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Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/real-estate-company-employee-found-dead-inside-model-home-in-hanover-police-investigate-as-homicide>

HANOVER, Md. (FOX 5 DC) - A homicide investigation has been launched in Anne Arundel County after real estate company employee's body was found inside a model home on Wednesday, according to authorities.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department said the body of 30-year-old Steven Bernard Wilson was discovered inside of a model home in the 7500 block of Newmanstown Drive in Hanover just after 5 p.m.

Officers said Wilson, who was from Annapolis, was pronounced dead at the scene. They did not say how he was killed and have only said he was suffering from trauma when he was found.



Wilson was a sales and marketing representative working out of the model home, according to police. Detectives said the case was being investigated as a homicide.

Anyone with information was asked to call police at (410) 222-4731.

Local Politics
December 2018

President Trump puts aside differences in honoring George H.W. Bush

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by *Taboolaby Taboola*

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WASHINGTON - Donald Trump, the disruptive, anti-establishment president who spent years deriding much of what George H.W. Bush stood for, set aside differences in politics and temperament Saturday to honor the iconic American and former president a day after his death.

Trump declared a day of national mourning and ordered American flags to be flown at half-staff for 30 days to honor a man of "sound judgment, common sense and unflappable leadership." The president and first lady Melania Trump added that Bush had "inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service."

President Trump signed an executive order Saturday directing federal agencies and departments to close on December 5 "as a mark of respect for George Herbert Walker Bush, the forty-first President of the United States."

Bush, who was president from 1989 to 1993, was 94.

The quarter-century since Bush left office featured his Republican Party's steady march away from his steely pragmatism and international partnership, culminating in the dramatic break from long-held GOP principles ushered by Trump's election. It coincided with a swing in the nation as a whole toward more tribal politics.

While Trump spoke graciously, he has not always been so kind to Bush or his family. He ran against one of Bush's sons, Jeb Bush, in the GOP presidential primaries in 2016, and was sharply critical of the two-term presidency of another, George W. Bush. He shattered the unwritten norms of the small fraternity of Oval Office occupants by keeping up criticism of the Bushes from the West Wing.

The White House announced Saturday that the Trumps would attend a state funeral for the former president at Washington's National Cathedral.

The announcement marked a reversal from earlier this year, when the president was pointedly not invited to the funeral of former first lady Barbara Bush, the family matriarch and the late president's wife of 73 years. Melania Trump attended instead.

The Trumps were informed of Bush's death late Friday while in Buenos Aires, Argentina, for the Group of 20 summit of rich and developing nations.

Trump said he spoke with former President George W. Bush and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush to express his sympathies. He praised the elder Bush, who died Friday, as "a high-quality man who truly loved his family."

Sitting alongside German Chancellor Angela Merkel, he refused to answer whether he had any regrets over his past criticism of the Bushes. He did say that Bush's death "really puts a damper" on his participation at the summit.

In South America, Trump canceled a planned news conference, tweeting that "out of respect for the Bush Family and former President George H.W. Bush we will wait until after the funeral" to hold one.

Trump also announced that he has authorized the use of the iconic Boeing 747 presidential aircraft, known as Air Force One whenever a president is on board, to transport Bush's remains to Washington — a customary honor for a former president. Bush is to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda from Monday evening through Wednesday morning.

Trump also closed government offices Wednesday and designated it as a national day of mourning, which traditionally occurs on the same day as the Washington component of a late president's state funeral. He encouraged Americans to gather in places of worship "to pay homage" to Bush's memory, adding, "I invite the people of the world who share our grief to join us in this solemn observance."

The proclamation hails Bush as "one of America's greatest points of light," a reference to one of the former leader's signature phrases about the impact of American civic culture.

Trump mocked the "points of light" phrase at some of his campaign rallies this year. He contrasted it with his own campaign slogan, saying "Putting America first, we understand. Thousand points of light, I never quite got that one."

In August 2015, Trump tweeted a dig at the presidency of George H.W. Bush, writing: "The last thing we need is another Bush in the White House. Would be the same old thing (remember "read my lips, no more taxes"). GREATNESS!" As a candidate, Bush promised "no new taxes" but reversed himself in office.

Those harsh assessments were set aside in the Trumps' comments Saturday.

"President Bush guided our nation and the world to a peaceful and victorious conclusion of the Cold War," the Trumps wrote. "As President, he set the stage for the decades of prosperity that have followed."

"And through all that he accomplished, he remained humble, following the quiet call to service that gave him a clear sense of direction."

They wrote that those whom Bush had inspired to public service were "illuminating the greatness, hope and opportunity of America to the world."

Trump, the 45th president, paid tribute to "the life and legacy of 41."

National Politics
December 2018

Washington bids farewell to George H.W. Bush, as hundreds arrive to pay respects at U.S. Capitol

Washington gathers to mourn former President George H.W. Bush Body of former President George H.W. Bush arrives in Washington

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HOUSTON - (AP) -- The nation's capital embraced George H.W. Bush in death Monday with solemn ceremony and high tributes to his service and decency, as the remains of the 41st president took their place in the Capitol rotunda for three days of mourning and praise by the political elite and everyday citizens alike.

With Bush's casket atop the Lincoln Catafalque, first used for Abraham Lincoln's 1865 funeral, dignitaries came forward to honor the Texan whose efforts for his country extended three quarters of a century from World War II through his final years as an advocate for volunteerism and relief for people displaced by natural disaster.

President from 1989 to 1993, Bush died Friday at age 94.







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Air Force One arrives at Joint Base Andrews to bring the body of former President George H.W. Bush to lie in state at the US Capitol Rotunda.

In an invocation opening Monday evening's ceremony, the U.S. House chaplain, the Rev. Patrick J Conroy, praised Bush's commitment to public service, from Navy pilot to congressman, U.N. ambassador, envoy to China and then CIA director before being elected vice president and then president.

"Here lies a great man," said Rep. Paul Ryan, the House speaker, and "a gentle soul. ... His legacy is grace perfected."

Vice President Mike Pence and Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell also spoke.

But political combatants set aside their fights to honor a Republican who led in a less toxic time and at times found commonality with Democrats despite sharp policy disagreements. Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi, past and incoming House speaker, exchanged a warm hug with George W. Bush and came away dabbing her face.

She and Chuck Schumer, the Senate Democratic leader, placed wreaths in the short ceremony before the rotunda was to be opened to the public. It was to remain open overnight.

Sent off from Texas with a 21-gun salute, Bush's casket was carried to Joint Base Andrews outside the capital city aboard an aircraft that often serves as Air Force One and designated "Special Air Mission 41" in honor of Bush's place on the chronological list of presidents.

Cannon roared again outside the Capitol as the sun sank and his eldest son, former President George W. Bush, stood with his hand over his heart, watching the casket's procession up the steps.

Bush was remembered just feet away from what he called "Democracy's front porch," the west-facing steps of the Capitol where he was sworn in as president.

He will lie in state in the Capitol for public visitation through Wednesday. An invitation-only funeral service is set for Wednesday at Washington National Cathedral. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump are to attend.

Although Bush's funeral services are suffused with the flourishes accorded presidents, by his choice they will not include a formal funeral procession through downtown Washington.

The younger President Bush, his wife, Laura, and others from the family traveled on the flight from Houston.

On Sunday, students, staff and visitors had flocked to Bush's presidential library on the campus of Texas A&M University, with thousands of mourners paying their respects at a weekend candlelight vigil at a nearby pond and others contributing to growing flower memorials at Bush statues at both the library and a park in downtown Houston.

"I think he was one of the kindest, most generous men," said Marge Frazier, who visited the downtown statue on Sunday while showing friends from California around.

After services in Washington, Bush will be returned to Houston to lie in repose at St. Martin's Episcopal Church before burial Thursday at his family plot on the library grounds. His final resting place will be alongside Barbara Bush, his wife of 73 years who died in April, and Robin Bush, the daughter they lost to leukemia in 1953 at age 3.

Trump has ordered the federal government closed Wednesday for a national day of mourning. Flags on public buildings are flying at half-staff for 30 days out of respect for Bush.

Trump, who has not always uttered kind words about the Bush family, offered nothing but praise in the hours after the former president's death was announced.

"He was just a high-quality man who truly loved his family," Trump said Saturday while in Argentina. "One thing that came through loud and clear, he was very proud of his family and very much loved his family. So he was a terrific guy and he'll be missed."

Bush's passing puts him back in the Washington spotlight after more than two decades living the relatively low-key life of a former president. His death also reduces membership in the ex-presidents' club to four: Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama.

One of Bush's major achievements was assembling the international military coalition that liberated the tiny, oil-rich nation of Kuwait from invading neighbor Iraq in 1991. The war lasted just 100 hours. He also presided over the end of the Cold War between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

A humble hero of World War II, Bush was just 20 when he survived being shot down during a bombing run over a Japanese island. He had joined the Navy when he turned 18.

Shortly before leaving the service, he married his 19-year-old sweetheart, Barbara Pierce, and forged the longest presidential marriage in U.S. history. Bush enrolled at Yale University after military service, becoming a scholar-athlete and captaining the baseball team to two College World Series before graduating Phi Beta Kappa after just 2½ years.

After moving to Texas to work in the oil business, Bush turned his attention to politics in the 1960s. He was elected to the first of two terms in Congress in 1967. He would go on to serve as ambassador to the United Nations and China, head of the CIA and chairman of the Republican National Committee before being elected to two terms as Ronald Reagan's vice president.

Soon after he reached the height of his political popularity following the liberation of Kuwait, with public approval ratings that are the envy of today's politicians, the U.S. economy began to sour and voters began to believe that Bush, never a great communicator — something even he acknowledged — was out of touch with ordinary people.

He was denied a second term by Arkansas Gov. Clinton, who would later become a close friend. The pair worked together to raise tens of millions of dollars for victims of a 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami and of Hurricane Katrina, which swamped New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in 2005.

"Who would have thought that I would be working with Bill Clinton of all people?" he joked in 2005.

In a recent essay, Clinton declared of Bush: "I just loved him."

Community
November 2018

Community volunteers working to rebuild historic Hank Dietle's Tavern after devastating fire

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ROCKVILLE, Md. - A massive fire destroyed a historic roadside **bar** in Rockville back in February. Now, members of the community are working on their own time to restore it.

Most of the electrical work is almost done while the **framing** and windows are in the process of being restored at Hank Dietle's Tavern.

The bar has seen its fair share of history. It holds Montgomery County's first-ever issued beer and wine license and has operated as a bar since the 1950s. Before that, it was a general store with gas pumps.

It was built in 1916 and brings back plenty of memories for people who grew up in Montgomery County.

“It was icon along Rockville Pike,” said Bill Morris. “It was always there. It stood apart from every other **building** on the Pike. It had the iconic sign.”

That sign sadly looks a bit different these days. It melted in the [devastating fire on Valentine’s Day](#). Investigators believe the flames were sparked on the porch by discarded smoking materials.

As news of the fire spread, some people had to come see it firsthand, including Chris Hanes. He drove to the bar and parked across the street.

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“Literally watching them clean up as they were putting out the last smoldering ashes of the fire,” he said. “It was kind of heartbreaking.”

Hanes, a **local contractor**, along with Morris, an architect, are about a dozen volunteers who have been coming out in the months since the fire on their own time, pro bono, working to restore the building.

“I came in, I said, ‘I know what to do. We need [a permit](#). I can help with that,’” said Morris.

He says they are currently working on replacing some of the front **windows**, the wiring and the HVAC system.

After the fire, Hank Dietle’s Tavern owner Tony Huniak let his **insurance** lapse. But he told FOX 5 he is eternally grateful for all of the help.

Building supplier TW Perry has donated a lot of the materials for the restoration effort and a number of local bands put together a benefit concert to raise money for the repairs. However, funding is running low.

“We can always use help, always use people,” said Morris.

“Realistically, I think within the next four or five months, we can have this thing running again,” said Hanes.

Huniak says another benefit concern is in the works.

If you would like to help donate with the restoration of Hank Dietle’s Tavern, go to www.gofundme.com/HankDietlesOFFICIAL

Health
December 2018

EKG, other heart health features come to Apple Watch

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NEW YORK (AP) - - Apple Watch is now fulfilling its promise to let people take EKGs of their heart and notify them of any **irregular heartbeat**.

Apple announced **the heart** features in September, but didn't make them available until Thursday. The new features have been given clearance by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and are for U.S. customers only.

The watch can intermittently check the wearer's heart rhythm in the background and send a notification if it detects irregular heart rhythm. That can point to **atrial fibrillation**, a condition that can increase the risk of stroke and other complications. Apple says the watch will notify users if it detects an irregular rhythm on five checks over at least 65 minutes.

When symptoms appear, users can also take an EKG, or electrocardiogram, and share that with doctors. This feature is available for the latest, **Series**

4 version of the watch. The app, called ECG, comes as part of a free software update for the watch.

The irregular **heart** notification is available for older models, too, starting with the "Series 1" model in 2016. It doesn't work with the original, 2015 model.

Apple is adding medical features to make the watch feel more useful to people. A fall detection feature launched in September. It claims to be able to tell the difference between a trip and a fall - and when the latter occurs, it will suggest calling 911 (or the equivalent outside the U.S.). If it receives no response within a minute, the watch will automatically place an emergency call and message friends and family designated as emergency contacts.

Housing
November 2018

Victims affected by Silver Spring apartment complex explosion, lawmakers want NTSB probe wrapped up

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SILVER SPRING, Md. - It has been more than two years since the Flower Branch Apartments in Silver Spring were ripped apart by a huge natural gas explosion [that left seven people dead](#). The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) has yet to release its final report on the investigation and is now facing new pressure to wrap up the probe.

The agency was supposed to release its findings months ago, which is now holding up [dozens of lawsuits](#) that could provide some much-needed relief to the victims. The judge presiding over those cases has expressed frustration over the lack of progress and now Maryland lawmakers are pressing the agency for answers.

CASA, the immigrant advocacy group representing hundreds of victims, says many of the people impacted are low-income families who are still struggling to rebuild.

“As of this last hearing, the judge really put pressure on the NTSB to do their job and finish the report because these are people’s lives at stake, says CASA’s communications director Lizette

Olmos. "These are individuals who have lost family members, who have suffered trauma, who have also suffered physical harm."

The Aug. 10, 2016 explosion killed seven people, including two children. The blast ignited a massive fire while the building collapsed, injuring 25 people and displacing 150 others. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) later determined someone had disconnected a natural gas pipe in a utility room.

Olmos says Washington Gas and Kay Management, who are both named in the lawsuits, are pointing the blame at one another. She says the NTSB's report will be crucial in determining who should be held legally responsible and how the victims and their families will be compensated.

Sen. Chris Van Hollen, (D-Md.) says there are two major reasons why the NTSB's investigation has dragged on far too long.

"The destructive nature of this explosion, even more than others, they say has caused it to be a long investigation," said Van Hollen. "In addition, they did have some issues with personnel. The person in charge of the investigation retired early. So there are other personnel issues. The key now is for them to wrap it up without cutting any corners."

Van Hollen is among the lawmakers taking notice of the pace of the investigation. He sent a letter to the NTSB on Friday requesting an in-person briefing on the status of the investigation by Dec. 7 – with a clear timeline as to when the report will be finished.

Hollen says it is time these families get the closure they deserve.

"What they have not provided is any summary or conclusions," he said.

The NTSB has declined to comment, but a spokesperson for the agency says they expect to finish the report by March 2019.

Transportation

November 2018

Millions expected to travel during Thanksgiving holiday rush

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WASHINGTON - Leave early and pack your patience! That's the **advice** for the millions who are traveling ahead of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

If you are loading up the car, catching a plane or getting to your location by other means you are among the over 50 million Americans expected to **travel** to their holiday destinations.

Over 48 million will be driving to their Thanksgiving destinations, AAA Mid-Atlantic says. Over four million will fly and over one million will travel by other modes of transportation like bus and **train**.

The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is traditionally the busiest day to fly. FOX 5's Bob Barnard visited Reagan National Airport in Arlington where passengers moved briskly through **lines** during the morning hours. Airport officials expect the number of travelers to increase as the day continues.

Traffic and **congestion** on highways around the D.C. region, especially during the height of rush hour, is expected to add to Wednesday's drive times.

Education
December 2018

Police: 90-year-old former Maryland private school principal suspected of raping students in 1960s



Russell Isaac (Maryland State Police)

By: fox5dc.com staff

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BOWIE, Md. (FOX 5 DC) - A 90-year-old former Maryland private school principal was arrested Monday after investigators say he is suspected of raping two young female students in the late 1960s.

Russell Isaac, of Bowie, remains behind bars and faces multiple rape and sex offense charges, police say.

Maryland State Police investigators say a female victim came to them in May 2016 and alleged that she was sexually abused by Isaac when she was a 14-year-old student at the W.C. Moffett School in Queen Anne's County where he was the principal.

Investigators say a second victim also reported that she was sexually assaulted by Isaac when she was 15-years-old. Police say both victims allege the sexual assaults occurred at the school between 1966 and 1968.

Maryland State Police investigators believe there may be additional victims and ask anyone with information to call 410-758-1101.

The investigation is still continuing at this time.

Environment
December 2018

Still watching weekend storm but snow likely to stay south of DC region

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WASHINGTON (FOX 5 DC) - A **weekend** storm moving east could bring our area snow if it manages to push its way north on its way to the coast. But the latest models suggest that the bulk of the storm, at least the most intense parts of it, will miss our area and stay to the south.

FOX 5's Tucker Barnes and Mike Thomas are tracking the models which appear to **show** impressive snowfall amounts striking not too far away from our region.



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The storm is moving its way from the Gulf of Mexico to the North and South Carolina coasts where it should bring precipitation by Sunday night into Monday. It looks like the bulk of the storm will miss our area, Tucker says, with some areas of southern Maryland and eastern Virginia possibly getting light snow on Monday.

The heaviest of the snow appears to be centering on the Richmond and southwest Virginia areas.

Winter begins on December 21 but **temperatures** seem to suggest that it is already here! Chilly temperatures in the 30s are expected this weekend and are only expected to reach the low 40s into next week.

We'll keep an eye on this winter **storms** as it moves our direction.

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Chillum Youth Project working to Pay It Forward to children in Prince George's County

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LANGLEY PARK, Md. - Community members say children in the Langley Park area of Prince George's County are bombarded every day with gang violence and poverty.

One man saw the obstacles and committed to making a difference in the **lives** of children, and now, nearly two decades later, the [Chillum Youth Project](#) is still working to Pay It Forward by helping guide those **children** down a path to success.

"This community is a very needy one," Joseph Emmerich said. "It's a rundown **garden** apartment area. I just pitched in and started doing things that were necessary."



Joseph Emmerich has been working to Pay It Forward with the Chillum Youth Project for decades.

The program helps with more than just academics. The children also go to museums, college tours and theaters - all in an effort to open their **minds** to a brighter future.

"Seeing the kids grow up and become really good citizens and get good jobs have been the payoff for me," Emmerich explained.

Joan Mendoza said he can only repay the man he calls grandpa by being successful. He said he owes his life to Emmerich and the program.

“I was probably about 3 or 4 and literally dying of pneumonia and he took me in and got me the proper **health care** and literally brought me back to life,” Mendoza shared.

It’s a life Mendoza is now dedicating to law enforcement in the very community he grew up in.

FOX 5 and [Easterns Automotive Group](#) teamed up to help the Chillum Youth Project to continue to Pay It Forward to the community. Joel Bassam from Easterns Automotive Group presented the Chillum Youth Project with a \$2,000 **check** and \$500 worth of Pizza Hut gift cards to help their efforts.

If you know someone who should be featured on Pay It Forward, [you can nominate them here](#). In your email, be sure to include who they are and why they deserve to be recognized.