



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.

Peter Popoff Ministries- *Tuesday and Thursday 1:00AM*

Although the means are different, today the ministry goal is the same: "To Minister the Good News of the Gospel around the world, to use every means possible to proclaim to the world that Jesus is Savior, Baptizer, Healer and soon-coming King. To inspire faith and love into action..." This is accomplished using several mediums of media including the Internet and Television. Peter and his family are in Crusades around the globe nearly every month and spends hours in prayer and meditation over the requests that come into this ministry. He strongly believes in prayer, healing, deliverance, prosperity, and communicating God's love for the broken hearted. He proclaims that, "God is touching hurting people around the world, and now he wants to touch you with his miracle working power." Thousands of testimonies come in each month telling how God is touching people and working in their lives. God is amazing and Peter Popoff Ministries is a vessel that is used to show God's transforming miracle-working power!



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Stanley on the Go

Traveling to fascinating locations all around the world, *Stanley on the Go* is a weekly half-hour series that showcases many different people and places, exploring their geography, culture, history and traditions. From Rome to Bangkok, and Canada to Africa, host Stanley Siegel visits all the major interesting locales from each city and country and explains their interesting past.

Animal Outtakes

Animal Outtakes is a weekly half-hour series presenting teen viewers with amazing, unusual, and informative stories from the animal kingdom. Host Marsha Panuce visits zoos and animal sanctuaries across the United States to explore how animals are being cared for and explain the differences between the various critters. Zoo keepers and animal experts share their stories about each animal as we follow their daily routines at each facility.

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.

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.

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.



ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a ½ live political show featuring FOX5 Political Reporters Tom Fitzgerald & Ronica Cleary, along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack as hosts. 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 2016:

- Sunday, October 2
- Sunday, October 9
- Sunday, October 16
- Sunday, October 23
- Sunday, October 30
- Sunday, November 6
- Sunday, November 13
- Sunday, November 20
- Sunday, November 27
- Sunday, December 4
- Sunday, December 11
- Sunday, December 18
- Sunday, December 25

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



Fox 5 Morning News at 4:25am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:25-5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30-10:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

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

Fox 5 News at 6:30pm- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

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

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

4th Quarter 2016 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report

October 2, 2016- December 25, 2016

Oct 2

2016/Trump

Gov Chris Christie (R-NJ), Trump Advisor/Trump Transition Chairman

2016/HRC

Sen Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Clinton Supporter

Oct 9

2016/Trump

Rudy Giuliani, Trump Advisor/Former New York City Mayor

2016/HRC

John Podesta, Clinton Campaign Chairman

2016

Bill O'Reilly, Host, "The O'Reilly Factor"/Author, "Killing the Rising Sun"

Oct 16

2016/Trump

Gov Mike Pence (R-IN), Vice Presidential

2016/HRC

Sen Tim Kaine (D-VA), Vice Presidential Nominee

Segment/2016

Chrissie Thompson, Cincinnati Enquirer

Patricia Mazzei, Miami Herald

Tim Boyum, Time Warner Cable News North Carolina

Oct 23

2016/Trump

Kellyanne Conway, Trump Campaign Manager

2016/HRC

Robby Mook, Clinton Campaign Manager

Segment/2016

Newt Gingrich, Former House Speaker/Fox News Contributor

Rep Xavier Becerra (D-CA), House Democratic Caucus Chair/Clinton Supporter

Oct 30

2016/Trump

Gov Mike Pence (R-IN), Vice Presidential Nominee

2016/HRC

Robby Mook, Clinton Campaign Manager

Segment/HRC FBI Email Investigation

Rep Devin Nunes (R-CA), Chair, Intelligence Committee

Nov 6

2016/Trump

Gov Mike Pence (R-IN), Vice Presidential Nominee

2016/HRC

Joel Benenson, Chief Clinton Strategist

Nov 13

2016/Trump Victory and Transition

Kellyanne Conway, Trump Senior Advisor

2016/New Republican Congress

Rep Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), House Majority Leader

Nov 20

2016/Trump Transition

Gov Mike Pence (R-IN), Vice President-Elect

2016/New Republican Congress

Charles Schumer (D-CA), Senate Minority Leader-Elect

Nov 27

2016/Trump Transition

Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman/Incoming WH Chief of Staff

2016/Democrats in Congress

Tim Ryan (D), Ohio Congressman

Dec 4

2016/Trump Transition

Kellyanne Conway, Trump Senior Advisor

2016/Recount

Dr Jill Stein, Green Party Presidential Nominee

Dec 11

2016/Trump Transition

President-Elect Donald Trump

Dec 18

2016/Trump Transition

Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman/Incoming White House Chief of Staff

2016/Electoral Vote

Don Beyer (D), Virginia Congressman

Clay Pell (D), Rhode Island Elector

Dec 25

2016/Trump

Newt Gingrich, Former House Speaker/Fox News Contributor

2016/Christmas

Jerry Falwell Jr, President, Liberty University/Trump Evangelical Advisor

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

4Q 2016

CRIME

NOVEMBER 2016

String of crimes rock DC over Thanksgiving weekend

By: fox5dc.com staff and Lindsay Watts

WASHINGTON - Thanksgiving weekend in Washington was marked by a series of crimes throughout the city.

Police say a 16-year-old girl shot and killed Friday in Southeast D.C. was likely an unintended victim.

Breyona McMillian was killed while home for Thanksgiving from boarding school, according to family. She was near her apartment at the Potomac Gardens housing complex in the 1200 block of I Street when she was shot just before noon.

"It is our belief that there were several people outside at the time of the shooting," said Peter Newsham, interim D.C. Police Chief. "It appears at least one suspect fired multiple times, indiscriminately during that occasion and, as a result of that reckless behavior, we lost one of our 16 year-old kids."

McMillian's family and friends gathered Sunday for a vigil. In addition to heartbreak, speakers were outraged about the continued gun violence in Southeast.

"I don't understand why are kids and everybody just want to pick up guns," said McMillian's great-aunt, Rhoda Ricks.

She called on the crowd of dozens of people to take the "Bre challenge" to honor her niece.

"The Bre challenge is about putting the guns down, putting more love out there," Ricks said. "And leave the guns at home where they belong or throw them in the trash or whatever. Just get rid of the guns."

Some have called for more police patrols in high crime areas of Southeast. FOX 5 asked Chief Newsham if there were plans to increase police presence.

"I don't think that the shooting that occurred the other day was because of the lack of patrols," Newsham said. "To the extent people are asking for more patrols over there, obviously we will step up patrols because of this incident."

On Sunday, two shootings prompted Mayor Muriel Bowser to reach out to the public in a news conference.

The first happened just before 1 p.m. in the 600 block of L Street in Southeast. Police said a man and woman were shot after an argument. The man did not survive.

Police asked the public to look out for a short black male wearing a gray coat and glasses.

The second happened just after 4 p.m. in the 1300 block of Howard Road in Southeast. In that shooting, a man was killed and police asked the public to look out for a black male with dreadlocks wearing a dark colored jacket.

D.C. has now had at least 124 homicides for the year. According to police data, there were 162 homicides in 2015. There was a significant spike from 2012 when homicides were down to 88. Looking farther back, D.C. homicides have fallen dramatically since the early 1990s. The peak was in 1991 when there were 482 homicides.

On Saturday, a woman was held at knife point in the 1000 block of H Street in Northwest and physically assaulted. Her attacker, described as a Hispanic male between 21 and 25 years old with light complexion and black hair, then tried to sexually assault her. On Sunday, police were still looking for the suspect, who they say was wearing a blue jacket, dark pants and white or grey shoes at the time of the attack.

Also on Saturday, a mailman was robbed in the 2300 block of 2nd Street in Northeast and pistol-whipped by two suspects who remain at-large. His attackers are described by police as black males wearing all black.

NATIONAL POLITICS

DECEMBER 2016

FIRST ON FOX: Virginia Senator Tim Kaine in first local, sit-down interview since 2016 election

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - Senator Tim Kaine joined FOX 5 for his first sit-down interview with a local television station since running as Vice-Presidential nominee with Hillary Clinton. He talked about entering the campaign, election results, and what is next for him.

"I did the 105 day version, not the two year version," Kaine said about his involvement in the Clinton campaign. "105 days - I went to 40 states - I went to about 140 cities," he added. "We did about 950 events in 105 days!"

Kaine says the experience was a whirlwind that left him with a lot of good friends. While disappointed with the election, Kaine says he is happy to get back to work in Washington. "I'm really proud of Virginia - we did very well in Virginia and you know we won the popular vote."

ELECTION NIGHT

"I really was holding my expectations down. I always felt like Hillary was the underdog frankly because she's trying to be a woman president - and we never had one. And it's really hard to win three terms in a row," Kaine said. "By 7:45, I knew we going to win Virginia – and we were going to win by more than President Obama did four years ago."

"I started to get in a good mood – but that was at 7:45. And by 9:30 it was like, 'Just because Virginia is doing better that doesn't mean other states are.'"

In the aftermath, Kaine said he is proud that the Clinton team won Virginia by more than President Obama did and that they won the popular vote.

CONVERSATION WITH HILLARY

"Hillary is a very resilient person. I mean, she has dealt with an awful lot in her life - painful situations, difficult situations," he said. Kaine said Clinton has a philosophical perspective on life that allows her to accept both good and bad in life. He said they talked that night, and while she was deeply disappointed, she quickly looked ahead to her concession speech

"I'm proud to be on this ticket. I'm proud to be Hillary's friend. I'm proud that she won the popular vote - that she made history as the first woman nominee of any party, of any major party in the country's history. While we didn't quite get there, I'm proud of the effort," he said.

He also added that he will join Hillary for several 'Thank-you' events in the near future.

RECOUNT

"The Clinton team looked at the votes and looked at recount - and we're not going to pursue it. But when Jill Stein, one of the third party candidates, decided to do it - if there's going to be a recount we have to be at the table to make sure it's done right - that it's done fairly," he said.

"I do think people are entitled to know that the results are results that they can trust and that they can count on. So if there's a recount, we have to be at the table and we are."

MIDDLE GROUND

"The most important thing that all of us can do - whatever our role - is to play the role we can in reaching across the aisle."

Kaine said that as soon as he came back to D.C. he began working on bipartisan bills – including bills that help the armed services. "Every presidential election means that afterwards we've got to come together - but this one maybe more than most," he said.

FUTURE

Kaine is not looking toward a presidential run but wants to continue his work in the Senate. "I have been a very happy senator. I'm back a little sadder, a little wiser but incredibly energized," he added.

METRO

"The D.C. metro area doesn't work without Metro," Kaine said while giving credit to Metro General Manager Paul Wiedefeld. "I give him a lot of credit. He came in and realized we have got major safety problems and goal one has to be people have to be safe. And so this SafeTrack proposal that he put on the table - there were short term pains for a lot of people - but the system is safer as a result."

The tug-of-war, Kaine says, is whether to fund Metro to fix its problems or to demand Metro fix its problems before it gets funding.

ELECTION WAKE-UP CALL / WOMEN IN OFFICE

"There's a lot to scrutinize in them," Kaine said about the election results. "Certainly a feeling of being upset with Washington is a big part of it. It's not only part."

"Hillary was trying to be the first woman president," he said. "That cannot be under sold. It's very, very difficult to do. In Congress right now - just to give an example - 19 percent women. That ranks 75th in the world - we're behind Iraq - we're behind Afghanistan. We've made it hard for women to get elected to federal office. And that was a head-wind she was running against."

Kaine also says that the fact that Democrats have been in officer for two terms was a factor in the election. Americans tend to vote for the opposite party after two consecutive terms, he added.

LOOKING AHEAD

Kaine says - unlike most recent Virginia congressmen - he prefers to live in Richmond rather than in northern Virginia.

"I'm a little more connected with people who don't do politics twenty-four seven by going to church in Richmond, hanging out in my neighborhood in Richmond, going to the diner in Richmond," he said.

"If people call me 'Senator' in Richmond they're mad at me," he said. "If they call me 'Tim' I know I'm okay."

TRANSPORTATION

NOVEMBER 2016

Paul Wiedefeld provides Metro progress report, initiatives for 2017

By: Matt Ackland

WASHINGTON - It has been one year since Paul Wiedefeld took over as Metro's general manager. At the National Press Club, Wiedefeld gave a progress report on the past year and his goals for 2017.

Wiedefeld said a lot of work has taken place since he arrived. He said maintenance and safety issues were being ignored for too long and that is no longer taking place.

Since taking over the job, Wiedefeld said one of the hardest decisions he made was shutting down the entire Metro system for a full day. He knew it impacted everyone, but said safety was more important than the inconvenience.

Also, new railcars are in service. Currently, 20 new railcars are being introduced into service each month.

“It is amazing to me to see the transformation that is occurring out there on the system,” Wiedefeld said. “I know that you don’t see it or feel it as much, but the reality is the amount of work that we have done, it’s just unbelievable.”

Getting the budget under control has also been important. Wiedefeld said cuts, especially laying off hundreds of employees, has been difficult, but needed.

Looking forward, Metro has introduced a new initiative called Back2Good as we head into 2017. Wiedefeld said track work is still a priority and when SafeTrack is done, the system should be in much better shape, but not perfect. He hopes to have a 50 percent cut in unscheduled track delays.

“The biggest thing that I have seen is our employees are bringing up the issues, which is exactly what you want in a safety culture,” he said. “Some of the speed restrictions you have seen, they are not coming from management. They are coming from the line people out on the system and that is exactly where they should be coming.”

He also spoke about efforts to put cell phone service into tunnels to provide a better customer experience.

EDUCATION

DECEMBER 2016

Montgomery County Public Schools considering adding 'affirmative consent' to sex ed curriculum

By: Anjali Hemphill

ROCKVILLE, Md. - Middle and high school students in Montgomery County may be in for a change when it comes to sex education. A new proposal would add a tool called "affirmative consent" to the curriculum and would teach students more about consent instead of conflict.

We have heard the phrase “no means no” when it comes to sexual assault. But now, Montgomery County Public Schools are one of the first school systems in the country to consider this change when it comes to teaching students about sex education.

Maryland Del. Ariana Kelly (D-Montgomery) recently spoke to other local lawmakers about a bill that would teach Montgomery County seventh and tenth grade students in the classroom more about saying "yes" when it comes to sex.

“Right now in the tenth grade, sex ed curriculum in Montgomery County, we do discuss consent and we teach largely girls, but also boys strategies for how to get out of bad situation,” said Kelly. “If someone is pressuring them to engage in something they are not comfortable with – how to avoid it, how to minimize it. But what we don't teach is that people should not be pressuring other people to engage in sexual activity and [how] that's illegal and potentially could really damage their lives later on down the road.”

Supporters of this proposal believe more needs to be done earlier to prevent rape.

“Sex is a consensual act between two people and we need to start teaching that to students for them to understand that when they get to college,” said Michelle Ngwafon of the Montgomery County Young Democrats. “Because by the time they get to college, it's too late. Having a five-minute discussion during freshman orientation isn't going to save girls on campus.”

However, the Montgomery County Board of Education is opposed to the bill, saying in part:

“All health curriculum is aligned and guided by research done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Health Education Standards and the Health Education Curriculum Content and Standards ... Based on the research and guidelines, Grade 7 health education curriculum as it related to sexual activity, focuses on waiting to engage in sexual activity, peer pressure and the potential consequences of sexual activity. At the 10th grade level, a large section of the curriculum is dedicated to sexual aggression and consent.”

Meanwhile, some Montgomery County parents also wonder if middle school is the right time and place for this type of discussion.

“No because I feel like we are kind of – not exposing them – but putting too much attention on that, so I don't think it's a good idea,” said parent Helen Isayas.

“There is nothing wrong with teaching something explicitly,” said parent Rick Gross. “There is some value in modeling the things that we want in society. We have an opportunity to give young people a positive model. Why not take that opportunity?”

Del. Kelly said they are even looking at how to incorporate age-appropriate affirmative consent curriculum for students as young as fifth grade.

LOCAL POLITICS

DECEMBER 2016

Maryland governor proposes paid sick leave for businesses

By: fox5dc.com staff

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Maryland Governor Larry Hogan plans to propose legislation to provide “common sense, balanced” sick leave benefits for Maryland businesses with 50 or more employees.

In a news conference Wednesday afternoon, Hogan announced his plan, which he says will make Maryland more business-friendly and ensure a strong, healthy workforce.

“For the last few years, there has been a great deal of discussion and debate around the issue of paid sick leave in Maryland,” said Governor Hogan. “While all of us agree that more workers need sick leave in Maryland, it would be irresponsible to put a law on the books that unfairly penalizes our state’s job creators. It is clear that, in order to move forward, we must strike a balance between the needs of Maryland’s employees while not hurting our small businesses and continuing to foster a more business-friendly climate in our state.”

Under Hogan’s proposal, businesses that have at least 50 employees will be required to offer paid sick leave totaling at least 40 hours a year, and employees would have the ability to roll over a maximum of 40 hours each year. Part-time employees would be covered after a minimum of 30 working hours. The state would not interfere with companies that have a general leave policy in place that meets these requirements.

Furthermore, businesses with less than 50 employees who offer paid sick leave would be eligible for tax relief incentives, under Hogan’s proposed plan. Small business owners could exempt the first \$20,000 of their income from taxes.

Hogan’s plan provides protection for seasonal industries by exempting workers employed for less than 120 days in a 12-month period.

Just Tuesday, lawmakers in the District of Columbia voted to give preliminary approval to a new tax on businesses that would provide more than 500,000 workers with eight weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child. The DC policy would be one of the nation’s most generous paid family leave programs, if it becomes law.

HEALTH

NOVEMBER 2016

Election stress taking a toll on voters

By: Laura Evans

WASHINGTON - Have you had it with this election? You are not alone. Election fatigue, stress or anxiety is real and much of the country is tired of it and ready for it to end.

An American Psychological Association survey found this election has been a source of significant stress for more than half of Americans.

Erica Turner, a therapist at Group Therapy Associates, said she is seeing some of that in her practice. She said the top election-related complaints are loss of sleep, inability to focus and problems with disconnecting and relaxing because of election stress.

“Because we can't have a huge immediate impact on who is president ... I think there is a sense of helplessness,” Turner explained.

According to Turner, a big part of the problem in this election has been the role of social media constantly reactivating the emotions and stress.

“Maybe you wouldn't have talked so much about your political beliefs with extended family members or people you don't see every day or that sort of thing – and now it's like in your face,” said Turner.

For some, the stress will not end on Election Day. Turner said if the election doesn't go your way, take a step back and ask yourself this question: “How is this person being elected really going to impact my day-to-day life?”

Then take action.

“Use that passion and intensity – do something with that,” she said. “Volunteer for a cause that is really important to you. Volunteer for the opposite campaign that will be gearing up right after tomorrow to start this whole cycle over again.”

COMMUNITY

DECEMBER 2016

Metro workers come together to hold toy giveaway for DC kids

By: Paul Wagner

WASHINGTON - In a little room in the basement of a building in a tough part of the District, there was some holiday magic. Never mind that it was not yet noon and the invitation said the dress code was pajamas.

In pajamas the kids came, giggling their way through a holiday party designed for nothing but fun.

“I just like to see them smile and make their day,” said Shreka Robinson, director of the Benning Courts Community Center. “Some of them might not have Christmas or they might have Christmas, but we just wanted to give something extra because they deserve it.”

With nimble hands and vanilla cream icing, a gingerbread house was made. Just a few tables down, a person from the mayor's office helped the children stack cookies.

Kimberly Howard came here with her 6-year-old son.

“He was like, ‘Mommy, I have to wear my pajamas,’” Howard recalled. “I said, ‘Pajamas today?’ And he said, ‘Yes, Ms. Shreka said we have to wear our pajamas today. It's Christmas.’”

D.C. police officers pitched in to buy the children puzzles – bags of them.

Rosa Martin came with her two great-nephews.

"It means a lot because a lot of the parents are unemployed and the kids are not really getting anything so this is definitely a blessing for them too," she said.

But the people who really came through for these children are Metro track workers. They took up a collection and raised hundreds of dollars to buy toys for 40 girls and boys.

"Oh, it was exciting," said Gavin Pitt. "Made me one big kid again."

He grew up here in the Benning Courts apartments and just wanted to give back.

"We asked for donations for all the employees that work in the track department, in SafeTrack and the maintenance department," Pitt said. "We came together and were able to raise \$1,300."

The money paid for two gifts for every child at the party.

HOUSING *NOVEMBER 2016*

Report: Huge spike in DC homelessness over past decade

By: Lindsay Watts

WASHINGTON - A new study on homelessness shows a dramatic spike in the D.C. region, revealing a nearly 30 percent increase since 2010 and 57 percent increase since 2007.

Those are some of the biggest hikes in the nation, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The report shows overall homelessness in the U.S. is down.

"HUD's 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress found that 549,928 persons experienced homelessness on a single night in 2016, a decline of 14 percent since 2010, the year the Obama Administration launched Opening Doors, the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness," the department said in a news release.

The report reveals that 96 percent of D.C.'s homeless population lives in shelters. During a count on a single night, researchers found more than 8,000 people in shelters and just 318 on the street.

Even though camping is illegal in D.C., there are currently about a dozen tents near the Kennedy Center. One man told FOX 5 that he knows there is room at area shelters but he prefers not to sleep in one.

The report also says that homelessness is down about 30 percent in both Maryland and Virginia.

ENVIRONMENT
AUGUST 2016

Md. power plant found to be source of oily substance in Potomac River

By: fox5dc staff

WASHINGTON - An oily substance discovered floating in the Potomac River last week has been found to have originated from a Maryland power plant.

The Environmental Protection Agency has been leading the investigation into finding the source of the unidentified substance. On Monday, authorities announced a power plant operated by NRG Energy located in Dickerson, Maryland, was determined to be the source of the leak into the river.

The plume substance was first spotted floating in the Potomac River back on Nov. 27 near Point of Rocks, Maryland. While it has still not been officially identified, the substance may be something similar to a hydraulic fluid or lubricant, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) officials said about early testing of the substance last week.

The oily substance has not been at or near its Potomac River intake and has not affected the drinking water provided to its customers, according to WSSC.

CHILDREN
DECEMBER 2016

Fairytale Christmas for children being adopted by Va. couple

By: fox5dc staff

STERLING, Va. - Facebook and a Cinderella carriage were the two key pieces to creating a magical Christmas surprise for a couple of kids being adopted in Virginia.

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Miranda whose dad built her a carriage fit for a princess.

"I hid it for three weeks and presented it to her on her 3rd birthday," Said Jeff Ward, Miranda's father.

The princess got older, found a prince, and lived happily ever after. Since the carriage was no longer relevant, the father and daughter thought the carriage should go to another young princess. So Jeff decided to sell it. Before finding a buyer, Jeff heard a story about two kids waiting to be adopted in Virginia.

Jeff says he was so touched by the children's story he decided to donate the carriage to the two children, 7-year-old Mikayla and 6-year-old Luke.

"It was such a simple decision. I knew the moment that she presented this that this was the right place and the only place I wanted this to go. Like it fell into my lap," Jeff explained.

Jeff's decision set off a chain reaction of kind acts among strangers in Loudon County.

The Findley family saw what was going on through their Facebook market place and decided to take part in all of the action. They filled an entire car with tons of toys for Mikayla and Luke.

"This has probably been the best Christmas of my life just being a part of what just happened for these kids," Jeff expressed.