



### **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 1:30AM*

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!

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**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.

**The Carter Report**- *Saturday 6:30am*

The Carter Report believes that the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus will do more good than all the clever speeches of politicians, and the pious deliberations of church leaders. We have seen thousands, yes, even millions of lost men and women blessed, liberated, uplifted, and enriched through the proclamation of the great Truths of the Bible. We are convinced that the only real solution to the problems confronting humanity is the person of Jesus. Not more religion, not more church councils, not more programs, not more slogans, not more seminars, not more propaganda but the preaching of the good news of Jesus.



## BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

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### 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
<b>BEAKMAN'S WORLD</b>	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
<b>BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY</b>	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
<b>MYSTERY HUNTERS</b>	<i>Mystery Hunters</i> explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the <i>Mystery Hunters</i> 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 <i>Parents' Choice Award</i> , <i>Mystery Hunters</i> .	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
<b>SAVED BY THE BELL</b>	<i>Saved By The Bell</i> 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 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.

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### Episodes 4th Quarter 2017:

- Sunday, October 1
- Sunday, October 7
- Sunday, October 15
- Sunday, October 11
- Sunday, October 29
- Sunday, November 5
- Sunday, November 12
- Sunday, November 19
- Sunday, November 26
- Sunday, December 3
- Sunday, December 10
- Sunday, December 17
- Sunday, December 24
- Sunday, December 31

# **4th Quarter 2017 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report**

**October 8, 2017—December 31, 2017**

## **October 8**

### **Hotel Security After Las Vegas Massacre**

Steve Wynn, CEO of Wynn Resorts

### **Gun Control Debate After Las Vegas Massacre**

Chris Cox, Executive Director of the National Rifle Association

## **October 15**

### **Trump's Strategy in Iran & North Korea**

H.R. McMaster, National Security Adviser

### **Trump's Strategy in Iran & North Korea/Gun Control Debate**

Sen Chris Murphy (D-CT), Foreign Relations Committee, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

### **Healthcare Reform**

Sen Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

## **October 22**

### **Budget/Tax Reform**

Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

### **Healthcare**

Xavier Becerra, Attorney General of California

### **Trump Administration's Agenda**

Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Senate Majority Leader

### **Trump Administration's Agenda**

Sarah Sanders, White House Press Secretary

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## **October 29**

### **Russia Dossier/Scandals**

Rep Trey Gowdy (R-SC), House Oversight Committee Chairman

### **Future of the GOP**

John Kasich (R), Governor of Ohio

## **November 5**

### **Tax Reform/Russia Probe/DNC Controversy**

Paul Ryan (R-WI), Speaker of the House

### **Tax Reform/NYC Terror Attack**

Sen Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Armed Services Committee Member

## November 12

### **Tax Reform/National Debt**

Rep Kevin Brady (R-TX), House Ways and Means Committee Chairman

### **Roy Moore Controversy/2018 Midterms/Tax Reform**

Chris Van Hollen (D), Maryland Senator/Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee Chairman

## November 19

### **Sexual Harassment on Capitol Hill**

Rep Mia Love (R), Utah Congresswoman

### **Sexual Harassment on Capitol Hill**

Sen Tim Scott (R-SC), Senate Finance Committee Member

### **Tax Reform**

Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury

## November 26

### **Sexual Harassment on Capitol Hill**

Carly Fiorina, Former Hewlett Packard CEO/Former GOP Presidential Candidate

### **Sexual Harassment on Capitol Hill/Tax Reform**

Sen John Thune (R-SD), Republican Conference Chairman

## December 3

### **North Korea/ISIS Threat**

H.R. McMaster, National Security Adviser

### **Tax Bill/Budget Deal**

Sen John Barrasso (R-WY), Republican Policy Committee Chairman/Foreign Relations Committee Member

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## December 10

### **Alabama Special Election/Sexual Harassment on Capitol Hill**

Barbara Comstock (R), Virginia Congresswoman

Debbie Dingell (D), Michigan Congresswoman

### **Trump's Jerusalem Decision/Threat from North Korea**

Nikki Haley, United States Ambassador to the United Nations

## December 17

### **Tax Reform/Avoiding Government Shutdown**

Marc Short, White House Legislative Affairs Director

### **Alabama Special Election Victory**

Doug Jones (D), Alabama Senator-elect

## December 24

### **2018 Agenda/Foreign Policy**

Steven Mnuchin, Secretary of the Treasury

### **2018 Agenda/Foreign Policy**

Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), Ranking Member, Foreign Relations Committee/Finance Committee

## December 31

### **“A Year in Review and 2018 Preview” with our Sunday panel:**

Bruce Mehlman, Former Assistant Secretary of Commerce / Founding Co-Chairman, Internet Innovation Alliance

Marie Harf, Former State Department Spokesperson / Fox News Contributor

Michael Needham, CEO, Heritage Action for America

Mo Elleithee, Executive Director of Georgetown Univ. Institute of Politics and Public Service/Former DNC Communications Director/Fox News Contributor

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## *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 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 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.

5@6:30- 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 daily news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

The Final Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs 11:30pm-12:00am delivered by news anchor, Jim Lokay, that has a focus on politics and local/national headlines.

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



# **SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING FOURTH QUARTER 2017**

*CRIME  
DECEMBER 2017*

## **Lawsuit claims officer who shot Terrence Sterling fired a round inside police cruiser**

*By: Paul Wagner*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/lawsuit-claims-officer-who-shot-terrence-sterling-fired-a-round-inside-police-cruiser>*

**WASHINGTON** - The lawyers representing the family of Terrence Sterling have claimed in a new filing that the D.C. Police officer who shot and killed the motorcyclist in September 2016 fired more rounds than has previously been disclosed.

In an opposition motion for partial judgment, Jason Downs writes, "It is expected that Defendant Trainer may claim that he did not intentionally shoot Terrence in the back. This is because, based on information and belief, Defendant Trainer fired several shots, one of which hit the inside of his own police cruiser."

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It's a claim that, if true, has never been disclosed by the Metropolitan Police Department or the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Both declined to comment for this story. Metropolitan Police Department spokesperson Dustin Sternbeck cited pending litigation.

Shortly after Sterling's death, the D.C. Medical Examiner said the 31-year-old had been shot in the neck and back, but declined to clarify if the wounds came from one or two bullets.

Months later, on August 9, 2017, the U.S. Attorney's office said in a press release that Sterling had been shot twice "in the right side and neck". There is no mention of a third or even a fourth round being fired.

If in fact Trainer did fire more than two rounds, and one hit the inside of his cruiser, it raises a number of questions. Did Officer Trainer have his handgun out before Sterling's motorcycle hit the side of the cruiser? Was his hand on the trigger before he was ready to fire? That's something police experts say officers are trained never to do.

If the claim of an additional round being fired is true, it also raises the question of Officer Trainer's training. His body worn camera was not turned on until after the shooting.

The evidence has shown Terrence Sterling was unarmed and had both hands on his motorcycle when he was shot.

A D.C. Police Use of Force Board has already concluded the shooting of Terrence Sterling was "unjustified" and the department has told the officer he will be fired. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has asked Trainer to resign, but Trainer has told the department he wants to be heard at an internal trial board, which is now tentatively scheduled for February.

In a separate filing, the D.C. Attorney General's Office says the parties have begun "meaningful settlement negotiations."

Brian Trainer has never publicly told his side of the story, and the U.S. Attorney's Office has concluded that there was "insufficient evidence" to prove a crime had been committed or that Sterling's civil rights had been violated.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Terrence Sterling was intoxicated and speeding through the city on his motorcycle in the early morning hours of September 11, 2016 when Officer Trainer and Officer Jordan Palmer decided to chase him eventually blocking his path at the intersection of 3rd and M Streets NW, where the shooting took place.

Officer Trainer was in the passenger seat of the cruiser when he opened fire. Witnesses have told FOX 5 the two crossed paths simultaneously, and Trainer fired through his open window after Sterling's motorcycle hit the passenger door of the police car.

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## *LOCAL POLITICS*

### *NOVEMBER 2017*

## **Virginia Governor Election: Ralph Northam defeats Ed Gillespie**

*By: fox5dc.com staff*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/virginia-governor-election-ralph-northam-projected-to-defeat-ed-gillespie>*

**RICHMOND, Va.** - (AP) -- Voters in Virginia sent a clear message of rebuke to President Donald Trump as Democratic Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam defeated Republican Ed Gillespie in a hard-fought contest to be the state's next governor.

Northam rode to victory in part by tapping into voters' regret at Trump's victory in last year's national election.

Northam, a pediatric neurologist and the state's lieutenant governor, repeatedly tried to tie Gillespie to the president. His victory was in large part due to a surge in anti-Trump energy since the president took office. Democrats said they had record levels of enthusiasm heading into the race.

Gillespie kept Trump at a distance throughout the campaign but tried to rally the president's supporters with hard-edge attack ads focused on illegal immigration and preserving Confederate statues. They were not enough to block Northam's path to victory.

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The win in Virginia is a morale boost to Democrats who so far have been unable to channel anti-Trump energy into success at the ballot box in a major election this year.

In Virginia, Northam's victory is another sign of the state's shift toward a more liberal electorate. Democrats have won every statewide election since 2009 and now have won four out of the last five gubernatorial contests. Northam banked heavily during the campaign on his near-perfect political resume and tried to cast himself as the low-key doctor with a strong southern drawl as the antidote to Trump.

"We need comfort food, Ralph is comfort food," Del. John Bell told volunteer canvassers at a rally over the weekend.

A pediatric neurologist and Army doctor, Northam made health care reform a centerpiece of his political career and current campaign, winning key allies along the way. He was a leading opponent of a Republican effort to mandate ultrasounds before abortions in 2012, winning him strong support from well-funded abortion-rights groups. As a state senator he was a leading

opponent of a Republican effort to mandate ultrasounds before abortions in 2012, winning him strong support from well-funded abortion-rights groups.

Northam's victory is a blow to Republicans, who were hoping that Gillespie could provide a possible roadmap for moderate Republicans to follow in next year's midterm elections.

The updated results are below. Please check back for the most recent numbers as the returns come in.

## *NATIONAL POLITICS*

### *NOVEMBER 2017*

#### **GOP muscling tax bill through House; hits senator roadblock**

*By: fox5dc.com staff*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/gop-tax-111617>*

WASHINGTON - (AP) -- Republicans are muscling their massive tax bill through the House, with President Donald Trump urging them on to a critically needed legislative victory and GOP House leaders exuding confidence they have the votes.

But the tax overhaul hit a roadblock Wednesday as Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin became the first Republican senator to say he opposes his party's politically must-do tax legislation. That signaled potential problems for GOP leaders.

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Passage of a similar package seemed assured Thursday in the House, where a handful of dissidents conceded they expected to be steamrolled by a GOP frantic to claim its first major legislative victory of the year.

"Big Vote tomorrow in the House. Tax cuts are getting close!" Trump enthused in a tweet Wednesday night. "Why are Democrats fighting massive tax cuts for the middle class and business (jobs)? The reason: Obstruction and Delay!"

Trump planned to visit House GOP lawmakers Thursday at the Capitol in what seemed likely to be a pep rally, not a rescue mission. Eager to act before opposition groups could sow doubts among the rank-and-file, Republican leaders were anxious to hand Trump the first crowning achievement of his presidency by Christmas.

The two chambers' plans would slash the 35 percent corporate tax rate to 20 percent, trim personal income tax rates and diminish some deductions and credits -- while adding nearly \$1.5 trillion to the coming decade's federal deficits. Republicans promised tax breaks for millions of families and companies that would have more money to produce more jobs.

"It represents a bold path forward that will allow us as a nation to break out of the slow-growth status quo once and for all," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady, R-Texas, as his chamber debated the bill Wednesday.

Democrats charged the measures would bestow the bulk of their benefits on higher earners and corporations. In the Senate Finance Committee, they focused their attacks on two provisions designed by Republicans to increase revenue.

One would repeal President Barack Obama's health law requirement that people buy coverage or pay a fine, a move the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projects would result in 13 million more uninsured people by 2027. The other would end the personal income tax cuts in 2026 while keeping the corporate reductions permanent.

"We should be working together to find ways to cut taxes for hardworking middle-class families, not taking health care away from millions of people just to give huge tax cuts to the largest corporations," said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla.

The Republican-led Finance panel was on track to approve its proposal by week's end. It shut down Democrats' initial efforts to modify the bill, voting along party lines against amendments aimed at protecting health care coverage for veterans or people with disabilities, mental illness or opioid addiction if the insurance mandate is ended.

But with GOP leaders hoping for full Senate passage early next month, concerns harbored by Johnson and perhaps others would have to be addressed.

Republicans controlling the Senate 52-48 can approve the legislation with just 50 votes, plus tie-breaking support from Vice President Mike Pence. With solid Democratic opposition likely, they can lose just two GOP votes.

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Besides Johnson, Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine, Jeff Flake of Arizona and Bob Corker of Tennessee have yet to commit to backing the tax measure.

Johnson complained the bills were more generous to publicly traded corporations than to so-called pass-through entities. Those are millions of partnerships and specially organized corporations whose owners pay levies using individual, not corporate, tax rates. While details of the House and Senate bills differ, many pass-through owners would owe more than 20 percent in taxes for much of their income.

"These businesses truly are the engines of innovation and job creation throughout our economy, and they should not be left behind," Johnson said. But he left the door open to changes that would allow him to support the final version.

A small group of House Republicans largely from New York and New Jersey rebelled because the House plan would erase tax deductions for state and local income and sales taxes and limit property tax deductions to \$10,000.

Their numbers seemed insufficient to derail the bill. Asked if they could stop it, Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., shook his head and said, "I don't think so."

Repealing the "Obamacare" individual mandate would save \$338 billion over the coming decade because fewer people would be pressured into getting government-paid coverage like Medicaid. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, used the savings to make his bill's personal tax reductions modestly more generous.

Ending the bill's personal income tax cuts in 2026, derided by Democrats as a gimmick, was designed to pare the bill's long-term costs. Legislation cannot boost budget deficits after 10 years if it is to qualify for Senate procedures barring bill-killing filibusters. Those delays take 60 votes to block, numbers Republicans lack.

The House measure would collapse today's seven personal income-tax rates into four: 12, 25, 35 and 39.6 percent. The Senate would have seven rates: 10, 12, 23, 24, 32, 35 and 38.5 percent.

Both bills would nearly double the standard deduction to around \$12,000 for individuals and about \$24,000 for married couples and dramatically boost the current \$1,000 per-child tax credit.

Each plan would erase the current \$4,050 personal exemption and annul or reduce other tax breaks. The House would limit interest deductions to \$500,000 in the value of future home mortgages, down from today's \$1 million, while the Senate would end deductions for moving expenses and tax preparation.

Each measure would repeal the alternative minimum tax paid by higher-earning people. The House measure would reduce and ultimately repeal the tax paid on the largest inheritances, while the Senate would limit that levy to fewer estates.

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*COMMUNITY*  
*DECEMBER 2017*

**SPECIAL GIFT: Teddy bears handmade from late DC police officer's uniform given to his twin children**

*By: Matt Ackland*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/special-gift-teddy-bears-handmade-from-late-dc-police-officers-uniform-given-to-his-twin-children>*

WASHINGTON - A few months ago, tragedy struck a Maryland family as well as the D.C. police family at the same time. Officer Barry Eastman was killed in a car accident while heading home in Howard County. He was a D.C. police officer stationed in the Third District.

He left behind a wife and twin children.

But just days before Christmas, one of Eastman's fellow officers gave his twins a special gift to help them remember their father.

In the Eastman family's home, the Christmas tree is up and the house decorated for the holidays. Pictures inside show the love Eastman shared with his family.

Two days ago, more love arrived in their home that is feeling so much loss – two teddy bears for Eastman's children, Asher and Violet.

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“When the kids opened them up and I saw them come out, I immediately knew it was his shirt,” said Barry's wife Jennifer.

The bears were handmade by Barry's friend and fellow Officer Rebecca Werner.

“Loved them,” said Jennifer. “They have been sleeping with them every night.”

The material used to make the bears came from Barry's uniforms. The eyes were made of his buttons, his blue tie and his Metropolitan Police Department patches – placed on the bears' feet.

“My daughter said that she is happy to be able to hug daddy because it's made from his shirt,” Jennifer said.

Barry worked on the force for four years. His wife said he loved being a police officer in Washington D.C. He was killed on Sept. 25 after a crash with a tractor trailer on Route 32 in Clarksville. He was heading home from an overnight shift.

Jennifer said she would rather not focus on that day and instead wants to think about how her husband was loved by so many who wore the same uniform.

“We appreciate it so much and the entire department has been so supportive, compassionate, reaching out and we are really proud to be a part of the MPD family,” she said.

## *HEALTH*

### *DECEMBER 2017*

## **Opioid addiction takes toll on pregnant women**

*By: Tisha Lewis*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/opioid-addiction-takes-toll-on-pregnant-women>*

**FAIRFAX, Va.** - In Fairfax County, more pregnant women are reportedly battling heroin and opioid addiction. They are apparently not getting help because they are afraid. The revelation comes as opioid use skyrockets across the country.

The fear for many pregnant women fighting substance abuse disorders is being viewed as a bad mother and ultimately that getting help will result in their children removed from their care.

The statistics are staggering and Fairfax County is no exception. The latest numbers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says between 1999 and 2015, there was a nearly a 500-percent increase in prescription overdose deaths among women compared to a 218-percent increase among men.

Heroin deaths among women reportedly increased twice as quickly compared to men, but one group is hoping to change that.

“We absolutely want to offer pregnant women non-judgmental services to help them have a safe pregnancy and a safe birth,” says Lauren Krause Nickum, a behavioral health supervisor at the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

She says there is no judgment and a no questions asked policy for pregnant women seeking help with opioid abuse.

Pregnant women are considered a priority population and the community services board in Fairfax will bump them to the top of the list for assessments, treatment and medications.

In fact, we are told if a pregnant woman addicted to heroin or opioid contacts the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, they can get help within 48 hours.



"I think that women are afraid of judgment, that they feel that there are services that cannot help them, that maybe they don't know that we offer services for women who are currently using substances," says Krause Nickum. "There is a big stigma against women who are pregnant and using drugs and we want to remove that and we want to remove that stigma and say that we are here to help you anyway."

Fairfax County also offers opioid overdose reversal training at several locations across the county. The one-hour training teaches how to administer Naloxone and is free and open to the public.

Opioid overdose is reportedly the leading cause of accidental death in the country.

## *HOUSING*

### *NOVEMBER 2017*

#### **Former Lorton Reformatory converted into luxury apartments**

*By: Gary McGrady*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/former-lorton-reformatory-converted-to-luxury-apartments>*

**LORTON, Va.** - It was a prison for nearly 100 years, but now, the old historic Lorton Reformatory is being turned into a luxury apartment community.

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The prison, which was built in 1910 and opened in 1916, stopped housing prisoners in 2001. Now, Liberty Crest Apartments, a project constructed by Elm Street Development in partnership with Fairfax County and the Alexander Company, has adapted the prison into a mix-use development.

"We're very excited to be creating a new, vibrant, mix-use community and adaptably reusing these prison buildings, these historic structures in new ways. It's for office, retail, restaurants, apartments and townhomes," explained Jack Perkins with Elm Street Development. "It takes a really creative team to have the vision to take a piece of property like this and turn it into something new and exciting, some of the historic fabric, some of the cells would be retained for historical purposes and interpreted use, but most of it would be converted."

The Lorton Reformatory was revolutionary as it looked to rehab and teach prisoners new skills. Prisoners helped build the facility and later worked on 1,700 acres of cultivated land and made

goods such as manhole covers and uniforms during World War II. The Lorton Reformatory was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2006.

Perkins said Liberty Crest Apartments began leasing units in the summer and about two-thirds of the 165 apartments had been rented. Elm Street Development said it was planning the next phase of the project and hoped to start construction in 2018.

## *TRANSPORTATION*

*DECEMBER 2017*

### **United passenger claims airline gave her first-class seat away to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee**

*By: Ronica Cleary*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/united-passenger-claims-airline-gave-her-first-class-seat-away-to-rep-sheila-jackson-lee>*

**WASHINGTON** - A D.C. private school teacher says she was booted off of a Dec. 18 United flight and her first-class seat was given away to Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Texas). The Congresswoman has since suggested the passenger's issue had to do with race.

Jean-Marie Simon posted a photo of Jackson Lee in a seat she claims she booked and was bumped from without her consent or knowledge. Her post was retweeted more than 17,000 times and liked more than 22,000 times, causing controversy and debate over the holiday weekend.

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United said Simon canceled the flight, but the passenger contests that. Simon said she is still waiting for an apology from the airline even though the United has refunded the miles she used to book the ticket home.

Rep. Jackson Lee took to social media to weigh in with her reaction to the incident. In over a dozen tweets as well as a post on Facebook, she shared her statement about the incident and Simon's claims.

"I am disappointed in having to respond to this accusation, but I believe transparency is very important. Unfortunately, it looks like Grinch is trying to steal the spirit of the holiday.

Last Monday, I arrived at the airport to catch my flight to Washington to continue my fight to get Hurricane Harvey funds back to Texas and other hard hit areas, along with funding of the Children's Health Insurance Program and of course, trying to stop a tax bill that was going to cause millions of Americans to lose their health insurance.

After receiving my boarding pass, I boarded the plane in the normal process. I did nothing wrong. I asked for nothing exceptional or out of the ordinary and received nothing exceptional or out of the ordinary. I proceeded to take my seat and work on legislative issues on my way to Washington.

Although I was not involved, I observed a disruption by an individual walking back and forth in the cabin. I could overhear her speaking with a flight attendant (an African American woman). I saw the gate agent go to the seat of the individual who was walking back and forth before we took off.

I later came to understand that the individual had canceled her own flight. However I had nothing to do with that.

I noted that this individual came toward me and took a picture. I heard later that she might have said "I know who she is." Since this was not any fault of mine, the way the individual continued to act appeared to be, upon reflection, because I was an African American woman, seemingly an easy target along with the African American flight attendant who was very, very nice. This saddens me, especially at this time of year given all of the things we have to work on to help people. But in the spirit of this season and out of the sincerity of my heart, if it is perceived that I had anything to do with this, I am kind enough to simply say sorry. I understand the airline is working to address the passenger's concerns. I am glad of that.

But as an African American, I know there are too many examples like this all over the nation. I hope one day, we will accept our collective diversity. Happy Holidays."

FOX 5 spoke with Simon about the allegations of racism suggested by Jackson Lee.

"I'm not going to address that because it could have been Mickey Mouse or Santa Claus in my seat and I would have felt the same way," Simon said. "This is not about race for me. This is about United. I don't want an apology from Jackson Lee. I want an apology from United."

FOX 5 reached out to United and the airline said Simon canceled her flight using the United mobile app. They noted they were able to provide her with a seat on the same flight in Economy Plus.

United said in a statement:

"We were concerned by this issue and took immediate steps to fully understand what happened. After thoroughly examining our electronic records, we found that upon receiving a notification that Flight 788 was delayed due to weather, the customer appears to have canceled her flight from Houston to Washington, D.C. within the United mobile app. As part of the normal pre-boarding process, gate agents began clearing standby and upgrade customers, including the first customer on the waitlist for an upgrade. We have reached out to Ms. Simon to explain what occurred, to apologize for her experience and will be offering compensation as a gesture of goodwill."

*EDUCATION*  
*DECEMBER 2017*

**Prince George's Co. Public Schools performed internal audit on student records, documents show**

*By: Lindsay Watts*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/prince-georges-co-schools-performed-internal-audit-on-student-records>*

**UPPER MARLBORO, Md.** - Documents obtained by FOX 5 show that more than a year ago, Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) performed its own internal audit that found students were graduating even though staff had not determined if they were eligible.

The existence of the audit reveals top brass at Prince George's County Public Schools knew about deficiencies and problems with records of graduating seniors prior to a state-mandated audit that started over the summer. The state audit was prompted by a FOX 5 investigation into PGCPS staff members' claims that teachers were being told to change grades so failing students would graduate as well as allegations by several board members that there was top-down corruption to boost the high school graduation rate.

In an interview Tuesday, Prince George's County Public Schools CEO Dr. Kevin Maxwell maintained he had no knowledge that students were graduating without meeting requirements before the state audit.

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When asked how that was possible when he received the internal audit in May 2016, he said, "So that was copied to me, it was not my audit to actually go through myself and respond to at that moment, but our folks took that very seriously and looked at it."

He went on to acknowledge he did know of cases where students were graduating without evidence they earned a diploma.

"So I knew that the audit found that there were cases," he said. "I asked my folks. This is what our folks do."

Maxwell went on to name people tasked with examining and correcting the findings.

The PGCPS internal audit was never discussed by the full school board and Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker's office said he was not aware of it until FOX 5 inquired on Tuesday.

“It is extremely troubling to know there was a prior audit done that showed we were graduating students that didn’t meet state requirements and our records weren’t properly managed,” said school board member Edward Burroughs, one of the members who requested the state audit. “What else don’t we know? Based on this report, it is very clear board leadership is actively withholding information from the full board.”

Later on Tuesday, a Prince George's County Public Schools spokesman provided an email that went to all board members in August 2016 that included the audit findings in a quarterly report.

The audit was completed before May 2016 and found “non-compliance with state mandates and graduation summary completion.”

It says, “There is no standard operating procedure to ensure full compliance with State of Maryland mandate regarding student records.” It goes on to say that students had graduated before guidance counselors had confirmed they met state requirements. The audit looked at student records from 2013 to 2015.

The audit also found that students were not being properly managed, which prompted a recommendation that the “[The Office of Student Records, Transfers and Archival Services] should also continue to identify schools with disorganized and incomplete records.”

Following the audit, PGCPSS created a plan to address and correct the findings.

The full internal audit was obtained by FOX 5 on the same day Dr. Maxwell presented a new plan required to address the findings of the state audit.

FOX 5 asked why the new plan would work when the first one did not.

“I’m not sure that it didn’t work, I’m not sure that we didn’t improve,” Maxwell said.

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He said in a year, he expected that “you’ll see that the implementation of this plan has gone very well and things are much better,” and then abruptly ended our interview after less than eight minutes.

*ENVIRONMENT*  
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**Northeast DC residents concerned about sharing the air with neighboring construction dumping site**

*By: Marina Marraco*

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**WASHINGTON** - Imagine living covered in dust and breathing the particles of a construction dumping site every day. That is a reality for residents of a Northeast D.C. neighborhood.

For years, they have pleaded for help from the city. Five years ago, they thought help had arrived. The site and the city signed an agreement and things should have changed.

"The smell is here, the dirt is here, the dust is here," said resident Betty Colson.

For nearly 30 years, this solid waste facility has sat tucked amidst other industrial sites in the Langdon Park neighborhood.

"The rats are bad, the trucks are bad, the dust is bad, the dirt is bad, the noise is bad," said Colson.

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But just feet away are also homes where taxpaying residents of the District live and breathe.

"Some days it's a strong chemical odor," Colson described. "Some days it's a trash odor, but it's not what other people have to live with in Washington D.C."

For the past two decades, Colson has resigned herself to live under a cloud of dust and a stench of trash.

"West of the river, this would never happen," said Colson. "This would not happen anywhere than over here where you have older, black people."

She added, "You get up in the morning and sneeze and cough. Every morning, it's like clockwork. You know when you get up, you are going to go through this."

The Rodgers Brothers' site also houses its sister company, Innovative Recyclers. Back in 2012, the companies' owner George Rodgers Jr. and the District of Columbia signed a settlement agreement.

FOX 5 obtained a copy of the 15-page document, which residents hoped would force the site to comply with the basics – suppressing the overwhelming amount of dust and enclosing the property to prevent the overpowering smell from wafting into their homes and curbing the constant haze of dust.

“You have all of these homes that are so close that are impacted, they can't even open their windows for fresh air,” said ANC commissioner Kevin Mullone.

The particles of heavy dust are inescapable, even in the dead of night and hours after the facility has closed for the day.

“When they are operating, they are supposed to have misters that release water to settle the dust,” said Mullone. “That doesn't happen.”

“What you will see is an increased effort by my office to make sure we are holding those people accountable,” said D.C. Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie (D-Ward 5). “I don't want to see anyone of these facilities operate if they are operating illegally or if they are operating inconsistent with the consent agreement.”

It has been five years since the agreement was signed. For a month, FOX 5 has asked D.C.'s Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) why it has taken this long to look into the site's compliance of the agreement.

“DCRA'S Office of the General Counsel is reviewing the findings of the agency's last inspection to determine whether the site meets the requirements of the settlement agreement,” DCRA said in response.

After hours of tracking down the site's owner, he finally agreed to meet FOX 5, but without a camera. Here is part of the conversation:

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*FOX 5's Marina Marraco: “We received numerous complaints from neighbors in regards to your facility.”*

*George Rodgers Jr.: “Really? I mean, we've been here for 30 years. This is nothing new.”*

*Marraco: “Is there any sort of mitigation for the dust that you have operating?”*

*Rodgers: “Yes, ongoing. We use it every day.”*

*Marraco: “Where can we see those? I'm asking where we can see the sprinklers or whatever the...”*

*Rodgers: “We use water hoses.”*

*Marraco: “Just hoses?”*

*Rodgers: "Yes. Yes. That's the only thing that's plausible to use."*

The agreement requires periodic reports of the Rodgers Brothers' site by city investigators. Despite a Freedom of Information Act request and written requests to several agencies, FOX 5 has yet to see a single report from the past five years.

In 2016, DCRA said the site was fined \$22,500 for offenses which were not specified. The fine was paid in full.

*Marraco: "So it seems like it's easier to pay the fine than to complete the enclosure and do everything that is agreed upon in the settlement."*

*Rodgers: "No, that is not the case. There are some things we didn't anticipate. We didn't anticipate the regulations changing after we had already agreed to do certain things."*

FOX 5 asked McDuffie why they can't get any sort of air quality sample.

*McDuffie: "That is an executive agency. You would have to talk to the Department of Environment about that. We have asked them to be able to do that."*

*Marraco: "I have, but it seems like no one really knows the answer, so that is why we are coming to you because you are the council member of Ward 5."*

*McDuffie: "I think it's probably one of the most serious environment justice issues that we have in this city today."*

*Marraco: "In 2012, they were asked to enclose their property. Have you been there since 2012?"*

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*McDuffie: "I have been there probably once a year. I have asked reporters to come out with us."*

*Marraco: "Have you ever seen it enclosed?"*

*McDuffie: "We have had the National Geographic come out and do reporting on it."*

*Marraco: "But is it enclosed?"*

*McDuffie: "None of them are enclosed."*

"This is low hanging fruit to them," said Mullone.

Mullone, the neighborhood advisory commissioner for Langdon Park, along with some of the more vocal constituents said they have also reached out to Mayor Muriel Bowser to no avail.



“I would stand to her face and say, ‘Would you put your mommy here? Would you?’ Why is it here? Why can’t they hold these people accountable? There is a right and a wrong. This is wrong. Just fix it.”

FOX 5 has learned the site has undergone at least five air-quality inspections since 2015. But D.C.’s Department of Energy and Environment has not provided FOX 5 with those results.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has listed the District of Columbia as the fourth-most asthma prevalent state or territory in the United States after Massachusetts, Kentucky and Maine.

The DC Asthma Coalition said asthma rates in D.C. are the highest east of the river in Wards 5, 7 and 8.

## *CHILDREN*

### *DECEMBER 2017*

## **Maryland boy fighting life-threatening disease to fight crime as K-9 officer**

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**WASHINGTON** - An 8-year-old boy with an incurable disease will have his wish to be a K-9 police officer come true Friday.

Little Ember Murdock is battling cystic fibrosis, which is a life-threatening disease that impacts the lungs and digestive system. While Ember has CF, it would be hard to tell by his adventurous spirit and contagious energy.

“He’s been a light,” his mother Erin Warren-Murdock told FOX 5. “He’s still this wonderful being. This wonderful child. He’s already been through so much and to see him rise above it and just in this amazing way to be who he is.”

Ember has been in and out of the hospital frequently as doctors do their best to help him fight the disease.

“He’s been through a lot,” his mother said. “When he was just 2-and-a-half he had two surgeries that removed his right lung. He has to have breathing treatments throughout the day. He has a tube in his belly and he gets feedings.”

Because of his treatments, Ember had to be homeschooled for a few years, but now he's attending elementary school with other children and making more friends. Now FOX 5 and Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic want his experiences to keep growing and we've teamed up to make his wish of becoming a K-9 police officer come true.

"My wish is to be a K-9 police officer because I like dogs, I like puppies and I really want to be a policeman when I grow up so, in my mind, I say, 'Why not be a policeman with a dog,'" Ember explained to FOX 5.

Thanks to local law enforcement and many other amazing partners who have stepped up to help, Ember will live out his wish as he'll spend Friday keeping the people of D.C. safe as a K-9 police officer, making stops and completing special missions along the way.

"I hope that he gets some amazing memories because I know that in the future there are going to be things that he'll have that are disappointments because of his disease," his mother said. "I know this experience is going to be something that he can carry with him and enjoy. We take our joy in pieces."

If you can't be there in person to support Ember on his many missions, you can watch it all unfold live on [fox5dc.com](http://fox5dc.com), the FOX 5 DC app, on our Facebook page and on FOX 5 Live via YouTube.

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