

WTTG-TV/Channel 5
Program Information Report
Third Quarter 2008

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:30am-9am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Midday News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 11:00am to noon and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

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

Fox 5 News At Ten – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10pm-11pm, the program features 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 11:00pm to 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

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Fox News Sunday – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9am-10am, 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

Issues Addressed:

1. Presidential Politics 2008
2. War in Iraq
3. Olympics
4. War on Terrorism
5. U.S. Foreign Policy
6. Middle East
7. Supreme Court/ Death Penalty & Gun Control Decisions
8. Pope's Visit/Religion
9. Housing
10. Economy
11. Oil Prices

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America's Most Wanted – Working with the FBI and various state and local law enforcement agencies, this weekly one hour program (Saturdays, 9pm-10pm) gives descriptions of crimes, its victims and the people wanted for these crimes with the ultimate goal of helping to capture America's most wanted criminals by exposing them to the public and getting citizens to report information to the proper authorities.

Origination: Local

Issues Addressed:

1. Crime Prevention
2. Citizenship
3. Public Safety, Health & Welfare

America's Most Wanted

The airdates are listed on the subject line of the attached descriptions.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

JULY

- 2 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Official witness for National Geographic Kids event at the Society Headquarters as they break record for longest continuous line of sneakers which will be recycled for playground surfaces.

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Shawn Yancy, Anchor – Emcee at kickoff dinner for Autism Speaks “Walk Now for Autism” walk-a-thon.
- 15 Roby Chavez, Reporter – Master of Ceremonies for Hispanic Heritage Program in Washington D.C. sponsored by the Federal Triangle, U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Dept of Commerce and U.S. Custom and Border Protection.
- 17 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Co-Hosted awards presentation at the National Black MBA Association’s 30th Annual Conference & Exposition.
- 26 Will Thomas, Anchor & Reporter – Emcee for the Fourth Annual Fashion Fights Poverty Benefit and Catwalk Presentation
- 27 Sherri Ly, Reporter – Emcee for the Autumn Moon Festival to celebrate the second biggest holiday in the Asian lunar calendar.

PSA’s Produced:

- :30 & :10 psa’s for the 4th “Save-A-Life Saturday” Blood Drive, sponsored by the American Red Cross, Fox 5 and Washington Nationals.
- :30 & :60 psa’s with Senator Bob Dole for The Honor Flight Network.
- :20 psa for the Capital Area Food Bank’s “Skip Lunch, Feed A Bunch” campaign.

- :30 psa for “Big Tigger’s HIV/AIDS Motorcycle Ride for Life”

Other

Fox Midday News had various animal shelters come on the show once a week from July 1st to September 30th, 2008 to help find good homes for homeless dogs and cats.

This Saturday, July 12, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana...BOBBY WEATHERTON CAPTURE...The day after AMW profiled the case of accused rapist Bobby Jo Weatherton, the fugitive turned himself in to Memphis Police. The U.S. Marshals say Weatherton walked up to a security guard at a federal building and said he was just on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED, and wanted to turn himself in.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51177>

San Diego, California...NASSER ALAVI...In May 2003, a 22-year-old woman began going to her general practitioner for the treatment of anxiety and depression. Cops say that from the very first visit, Dr. Nasser Alavi's "routine exams" escalated in sexual inappropriateness. When the woman came forward, cops arrested Alavi and he was later convicted. However, police say that before his sentencing, Alavi posted bail and has not been heard from since.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=36710>

Iverness, Florida...STEPHEN HALL...Police are searching for fugitive Stephen Bishop Hall, who they say failed to show up in court after pleading guilty to numerous drug charges.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56406>

Indianapolis, Indiana...FREDRICK GREGG...Deputy U.S. Marshals in Indiana say Freddie Gregg is accused of violating a young girl and committing heinous crimes; he's been convicted of molesting children before, and federal authorities say that he won't stop until he's caught.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54738>

New Castle, Delaware...DAVID MATUSIEWICZ...Delaware police are seeking the public's help in locating a father accused of kidnapping his three daughters. Cops say David Matusiewicz told his ex-wife that he was taking the kids on a two-week vacation to Florida, but authorities now think Matusiewicz was making his getaway. One of his children suffers from Autism and may be in grave danger.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53742>

Houston, Texas...TIMOTEO RIOS...When 39-year-old Tina Davila went to a Cricket store in Houston, Texas to pay her cell phone bill, she never imagined such a routine errand would have a tragic ending. Police in Texas are now looking for Timoteo Rios, the man they say stole a young mother's life.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56339>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...UNKNOWN BEAU ZABEL KILLER...Philadelphia cops are hitting the pavement to find the person who shot 23-year-old Beau

Zabel, an aspiring math teacher, to death. Cops say surveillance cameras caught the last precious moments of Beau's life as he bought a soda, then started his short walk home from the Starbuck's where he'd been working the late shift. Beau never made it home, and now cops are asking anyone with information to help them solve this sad case.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56617>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...BOY IN THE BOX...More than 50 years ago a young boy's battered, naked body was found in a cardboard box near Philadelphia. The investigation has been taken on by both local and federal agencies; but the leads have gone cold and AMERICA'S MOST WANTED needs your help to finally find this little boy's true identity.

Suffern, New York...SAMANTHA KIBALO MISSING UPDATE...Samantha Kibalo's father remembers how she cried and screamed when she was taken away from him, when he said goodbye to his little girl. Samantha would be all grown up now, and in the search to find her, authorities have created an age-enhanced sketch to help reunite the family once again.

http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=25411

Chicago, Illinois...EDDIE HICKS...Former Chicago cop Sgt. Eddie C. Hicks swore to uphold the law throughout his 30 years on the force. But for nearly ten of those years, police say Hicks was part of a racketeering scheme in which he and his crew stole drugs from area drug dealers, only to sell them back to a local peddler. Now this disgraced ex-cop is on the run, and police need your help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52270>

Virginia...CRAIG OLIVER...Convicted con man Craig Oliver scammed dozens of people with a construction company that wasn't what it seemed. But when he decided to try his double-dealing on the wrong homeowner -- an FBI agent, no less -- Oliver ended up getting a taste of his own medicine.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45651>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...FAIRMONT PARK RAPIST UPDATE...After years of silence, DNA evidence confirms that the Fairmount Park Rapist has struck again. Cops in Philadelphia have linked an August 11, 2007 attack to others, dating back several years, including one that resulted in the death of a 21-year-old woman.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28718>

Orlando, Florida...EMANUEL VEIGA...Florida law enforcement officials are searching nationwide for Emanuel Veiga - an accused child rapist - who cut off his tracking device and took off. Now cops need your help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=31948>

This Saturday, July 19, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Miami, Florida...JELMO KIRKLAND CAPTURE...Jelmo "Skeebo" Kirkland was taken into custody after an AMW viewer tipped the police to his whereabouts. Kirkland was wanted for one of the most brazen murders ever caught on tape in the Miami area.

<http://www.amw.com/Fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45852>

Miami, Florida...ANIBAL MUSTELIER...Agents believe accused killer-for-hire Anibal Mustelier may have returned to Florida to retrieve \$5 million worth of jewelry stashed away after the bank robbery at a SunTrust Bank five years ago. Officials have stepped up efforts to nab him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25376>

Whidbey Island , Washington...JAMES HUDEN...Police tell AMW that Russ Douglas' marriage was on the rocks, but despite the turmoil between him and his wife, Brenna Douglas, he joined his family for Christmas in 2003 at their home on Whidbey Island, Washington. But one day later, cops say Russ Douglas was killed in a remote part of the island after being contacted by one of Brenna's friends. Now, authorities are looking for the suspected gunman and husband of that friend, James Huden.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=35548>

Salt Lake City, Utah...JUAN CRUZ-HERNANDEZ...To the outside observer, 33-year-old Juan Cruz-Hernandez seemed like the consummate family man. The Salt Lake City, Utah man worked long hours as a truck driver, doted on his children and hosted neighborhood block parties. But beneath his gregarious personality he hid a sick secret: cops say he showered one of his 11-year-old neighbors with gifts and compliments for years before sexually abusing her.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53648>

Desert Hot Springs, California...REYNA NAVAR...When Maria Exberger broke off her short relationship with Miguel Gonzalez, nothing could have prepared her for the harrowing life and death situations that would soon follow. Cops tell AMW that Gonzalez and his partner-in-crime, Reyna Navar, not only kidnapped Maria, they shot her in the face, and left her for dead in a San Bernardino, California alleyway.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55924>

Shoshone County, Idaho...DON FRITZSCHE...When 33-year-old registered sex offender Don Leo Cox Fritzsche got out of jail, he was given a chance to start over. Shoshone County, Idaho authorities say that after his release, he got married and moved in with his wife's family, then molested her 10-year-old daughter.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55081>

El Cajon, California...CARL EDER...El Cajon, California resident Thomas Pendergast was driving on the San Diego Freeway in the fall of 1958 when cops say he noticed a hitchhiker on the side of the road. Thomas offered the 16-year-old a ride and later decided to invite the homeless teen home. El Cajon cops say that six weeks later, the hitchhiker -- Carl Alfred Eder -- was arrested for murdering Thomas' wife and four children. Although Eder was sentenced to two life terms, 15 years later in 1974, he walked out of the Tehachapi, California minimum security prison. Police say there has been no sight of the murderer since.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55472>

Pompano Beach, Florida...JEAN-MARIE JEAN-FRANCOIS...On the outside, cops say Jean-Marie Jean-Francois may have seemed like a friendly, church-going family man. But police say nothing could mask his obsession with voodoo, seduction and pain -- which eventually spiraled into a deadly mess.

<http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25775>

Kalamazoo, Michigan...RENEE KYLES MISSING...Michigan authorities are searching for Renee Kyles, who cops say disappeared off the streets of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Authorities say the grandmother vanished without a trace, and they're hoping someone can point them in the right direction to bring her home.

http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=55816

New Baltimore, Michigan...UNKNOWN RON AND CHRISTINE JABALEE KILLER...Even as they lay dying from a killer's stab wounds, Ron and Christine Jabalee put up a strong fight. And it wasn't just a fight against their killer, but also a fight for justice. One or both of the Jabalee's actually wrote a message, using their own blood. No one is sure if the message was meant for cops or for the Jabalee's children because the killer saw the bloody message and washed it away, all but a few jumbled letters.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47320>

This Saturday, July 26, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

This week AMERICA'S MOST WANTED celebrates the FBI's 100th anniversary. Host John Walsh goes on location to the FBI Academy to find out what it takes to become an agent. Walsh will profile FBI's Top Ten Most Wanted fugitives and announce the newest addition to the notorious list.

Los Angeles County, California...EMIGDIO PRECIADO...Cops say Emigdio Preciado, Jr., a reputed member of a Whittier, California street gang, shot a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25012>

Phoenix, Arizona...JASON BROWN...Former toy salesman Jason Brown is accused of robbing an armored car and murdering the driver.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=29538>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...ALEXIS FLORES...The FBI has used DNA to link Alexis Flores, a convicted criminal, to the murder of 5-year-old Iriana DeJesus, who was found sexually assaulted and strangled to death in 2000.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44983>

Scottsdale, Arizona...ROBERT FISHER...There's a reason Robert Fisher is on everyone's hit list. According to Scottsdale, Arizona police detectives, Fisher murdered his entire family because he couldn't be bothered to get a divorce. Despite several airings on AMW, Fisher is still nowhere to be found. Could he be hiding in plain sight somewhere in small town America?

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25245>

Palm Springs, California...GLEN GODWIN...Fugitive Glen Stewart Godwin became the only man to ever escape from Folsom Prison in 1987, and hasn't been seen since. Now, authorities would like to see this convicted killer move from "most wanted" to "most likely to spend the rest of his life behind bars."

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24465>

West Hartford, Connecticut...VICTOR GERENA...Victor Gerena is charged with taking two co-workers hostage, injecting them with a mysterious substance and vanishing with a pile of money bags. The FBI says Gerena is believed to be in Cuba.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24432>

Mountain Home, Indiana...JORGE LOPEZ-OROZCO...Police say Jorge Lopez-Orozco was living two lives simultaneously. When his worlds were about to collide, cops say he eliminated the problem and hit the road.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30629>

Boston, Massachusetts...WHITEY BULGER... Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger has been a member of the FBI's Most Wanted list since 1999; according to the FBI, Bulger is their second most-wanted man, behind only Usama bin Laden. Bulger is now wanted for 19 murders, as well as for money laundering, extortion, and drug dealing

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=23567>

Afghanistan...USAMA BIN LADEN... It has been almost seven years since Usama Bin Laden's face became the universal symbol of evil. He has been in hiding, protected by what's left of the Al-Qaeda terrorist network as the search for him continues. On July 13, 2007, the U.S. Senate voted to approve an amendment to double the reward to \$50 million for information leading to his capture or death.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=24550>

This Saturday, August 2, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

St. Paul, Minnesota...TERRENCE WASHINGTON UPDATE...He's one of the slipperiest fugitives we've ever encountered, and Terrence Washington has made a long career out of breaking out of prison and laying low. Most recently, he broke out of prison, seduced a woman, moved into her house, and made her believe that he's a law-abiding tool salesman before disappearing once again.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25010>

Boston, Massachusetts...REIGH STORROW BOSS MISSING...Police in Boston say 7-year-old Reigh Storrow Boss, also known as Reigh Rockefeller, was visiting the city with her mother when she was kidnapped in broad daylight by her father, Clark Rockefeller.
http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=57690

Beaumont, California...RICKY REGALDO CAPTURE...Unaware that he was wanted for murder, cops were surprised by the lengths that Richard Regalado went through to avoid capture after he allegedly robbed a bank in Beaumont, California. But months later, police finally caught up with Regalado, and he is now behind bars.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52277>

Hartford, Connecticut...MARCOS RIVERA...Police say they received an anonymous tip that Marcos Rivera, a wanted sexual predator, is staying in Brooklyn, New York, and could be found at the Port Authority bus terminal. Undercover cops staked out the area, waiting for Rivera to make his move, but haven't nailed the accused child abuser yet.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56160>

Tempe, Arizona...GRAHAM GRAVELY...A man who served four years in prison for kidnapping is once again wanted and the subject of a manhunt in Arizona. Cops say 51-year-old Graham Gravelly bound, raped, and burglarized a 73-year-old woman in her home on July 20, 2008, and authorities hope AMW viewers can help put Gravelly back behind bars.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57711>

Phoenix, Arizona...DAVID MARSHALL...Cops say it all began innocently enough...20-year-old David Marshall met a woman at a Phoenix convenience store. Later that night Marshall met her and a group of friends for a night of drinking and romancing, however, the house party ended with a flurry of bullets that left one man dead. The victim, 33-year-old Alan Phillips, came to the party late with another woman but bumped into a partygoer's car as he left the home. Police say that's when Marshall shot him three times, point-blank. Now, police are determined to take a ruthless killer off the streets.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49939>

Township of Osceola, Wisconsin...FAIRLY EARLS...Wisconsin Police are on the look-out for a convicted sex offender who fought for a new trial but took off before launching the defense he claimed was his right.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39704>

Jennings, Louisiana...RAN MESIKA CASEFILE...Jonathan Vernier has been convicted of murdering Israeli tourist Ran Mesika, and the disturbing letters he wrote to the victim's father offer a rare glimpse into the mind of a killer.

http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=28516

Detroit, Michigan...MO ATAT...A worldwide manhunt is on for Mustapha "Crazy Mo" Mohamed Atat, who many consider to be a legend on the off-road drag racing circuit. Cops think he may be traveling between Lebanon and the United States, and they hope someone can turn this accused killer in to authorities before his dangerous hobbies get someone else killed.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25656>

Franklinville, New Jersey...JUAN BAUTISTA...Nearly five years ago, Juan Bautista destroyed Chris Applegate's life when his Ford Explorer crashed into her car at a traffic light. Bautista was charged with aggravated assault, reckless driving, and driving while intoxicated, but fled after he was let out on bond. Now, Chris' family has vowed to change the law they say allowed this man to get away.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=29033>

Miami, Florida...MICHAEL BARRERA...Years after Michel Barrera allegedly robbed a Florida bank--police say he's still on the run. He seems to have disappeared without a trace and with no new leads to go on, cops are hoping someone will recognize him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24456>

This Saturday, August 9, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Honolulu, Hawaii...HENRY CALUCAG INVESTIGATION...Police in Hawaii say three former business partners of Henry Calucag all embarked on similar trips to the Philippines under the auspices of buying property -- but none of them ever returned home. Now Federal, state and county task forces are investigating a trail of theft, fraud and disappearances that has allegedly been left by Calucag over the last 10 years.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41719>

Castro Valley, California...MIGUEL NUNEZ-CASTANEDA...For over three years, the identity of Castro Valley's teenage Jane Doe remained a mystery that haunted the Northern California community. That is until December of 2006, when cops discovered that the murdered girl was a 16-year-old named Yesenia Nungaray. Since then, authorities have diligently worked to identify her killer and are now one step closer. In a press conference on November 6, 2007, Alameda County Sheriff's Department announced that they now have a suspect in the brutal killing and it's someone Yesenia used to live and work with...Miguel Angel Nunez-Castaneda.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=33287>

Kauai, Hawaii...HAWAII SERIAL KILLER...Cops say that the similarities in the brutal attacks of three Kauai women, which ultimately resulted in two murders, are astonishing. Police in the idyllic islands of Hawaii have searched for a possible serial killer for years and now hope that AMW viewers can help bring these tragic cases to a close.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48306>

Newark, New Jersey...EDWIN PENA...Police say Edwin Pena was the mastermind behind a computer hacking operation in which he stole almost \$1 million without ever leaving his palatial Florida estate. They say he bought mansions, sports cars, and a yacht, cavorted with beautiful women, and flaunted the cash he stole. More often than not, they say his victims -- companies that provide VOIP services -- had no idea they had been taken advantage of until it was all over.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49218>

Belle, West Virginia...MELANIE METHENY MISSING...Detectives from the Kanawha Sheriff Department are seeking help from the public to find 22-year-old Melanie Metheny who disappeared without a trace on July 19, 2006 from Belle, West Virginia. Cops say Metheny's abandoned car was found in a neighborhood known for drugs, but the young mother was nowhere to be found.
http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=53193

Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...AMW has received new information that may help Harris County Sergeant Craig Clopton learn more about William Greer. One of AMW's tipsters sent documents that belonged to a dead man named Randall H. Renaker and cops say Greer was using those documents when he was living in

northern Kentucky. Now Sgt. Clopton is inquiring as to how and from whom Greer obtained those documents.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43686>

This Saturday, August 16, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198.

Brooklyn, New York... UNKNOWN RASHAWN BRAZELL KILLER ... Cops in New York found 19-year-old Rashawn Brazell's decapitated body stuffed into trash bags in a NYC subway station, and they say they need your help to catch his killer. Take a good look at the clues, and help police bring a grieving family some justice.
<http://www.amw.com/Fugitives/brief.cfm?id=32526>

Middleton, Rhode Island... JAMES WILLIAM BELL ... Parents near Providence, R.I., were in for the shock of their lives when they found out that James Bell -- the trusted gymnastics coach at a local YMCA -- was accused of molesting their children. What's more, cops say this is just one incident in a long history of sexual abuse and manipulation. But now, Bell has disappeared, and police are on the manhunt for a predator they say is responsible for victimizing girls across the country.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39465>

Toledo, Ohio... ROBERT "BOB, BO" BRENT BOWMAN ... Since 1967, Ohio cops say Robert Bowman has literally gotten away with murder. They say science has finally caught up to the accused killer, and DNA irrefutably ties him to the abduction, rape and murder of 14-year-old Eileen Adams in Toledo, Ohio some 40 years ago.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44921>

Syosset, New York... HARPAL HIRA ... Cops say Ritika Hira invited her estranged husband, Harpal Hira, to her home -- despite a restraining order against him -- because she wanted her sons to spend time with their father. What she didn't know, is that the family birthday party would turn deadly.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58165>

Winchendon, Massachusetts... MICHAEL BRESNAHAN... The hunt for Michael Bresnahan continues as investigators work new leads on this alleged violent rapist now believed to be hitchhiking through Springfield, Oregon. Stay with AMW as this manhunt unfolds.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54333>

Hawthorne, California... MARK EVERETT ... In the early 1980s, Mark Everett was a child actor who craved being in front of the camera. Now, cops say he's a killer on the lam who's doing everything he can to stay one step ahead of the law, and his run from justice can't be easy with his ailing mother and kid possibly in tow.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28521>

This Saturday, August 23, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Miami, Florida and Spanish Cay, Bahamas...JAMES "JIMMY T" TRINDADE MISSING...A seasoned sportsman throttling a 38' Donzi leaves a holiday blast in the Bahamas along with two other men in sport-fishing boats. When one of the boats breaks down, James "Jimmy T" Trindade idles up ahead, waiting. But he's never seen again. Now, his family, his friends and the FBI are trying to figure out what happened to him on the high seas.

http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=41321

Elkton, Ohio...DAVID GREEN...Ohio police say David Green was notorious in Cleveland, Ohio as the kingpin of a major narcotics organization during the late 1980's and early 1990's. Green distributed millions of dollars worth of cocaine into the west side of the city. In 1991 law enforcements officials finally had enough evidence against Green to make a case and he was tried and convicted to 19.5 years in prison. On June 19, 2000, Green allegedly escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution Camp by just walking out of the premises.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40060>

Fresno, California ...JEFFREY MARSHALL...Elizabeth "Lynne" Waterson seemingly had it all: she was ambitious, beautiful, and had a successful career. But police say Lynne had something else: an obsessive ex-boyfriend who stalked her, and didn't take no for an answer even after she ended their short courtship. For over a year, cops say Lynne cordially deflected Jeffrey Marshall's unwanted advances until one day in April of 2007 when he took his twisted infatuation to the deadly breaking point.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51389>

SPECIAL OPS COAST GUARD FEATURE... An overview of the Special Forces unit of the United States Coast Guard responsible for securing the North American U.S. ports. AMW highlights their achievement of seizing 355,755 pounds of cocaine with a street value of more than \$4.7 billion in 2007. Their enforcement efforts are forcing smugglers to adopt extreme tactics, including building homemade "submarines" and dissolving cocaine in fuel.

Enfield, Connecticut...DARRYL CRENSHAW...Cops in Connecticut have launched an intense manhunt for Darryl Crenshaw, who they say kidnapped his ex-girlfriend and murdered her in his home. Crenshaw has a violent past and has even threatened police with harm if they can catch him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58213>

Laredo, Texas...JOESPH GARCIA...In Laredo, Texas, teens are constantly tempted by the drug gangs' culture of greed, money, drugs and violence. Deputy U.S. Marshals say a kid named Joseph Allen Garcia actually fell prey to that lifestyle, and they need your help to catch him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52331>

Hartford, Connecticut...MARCOS RIVERA CAPTURE... Marcos Rivera, wanted on charges of sexual assault, was arrested in New York City on August 2, 2008. Shortly after Rivera was featured on AMW, tipsters pointed authorities to an apartment building in the Bronx. Cops followed the leads, and were able to take down Rivera without incident.

<http://www.amw.com/Fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56160>

Hennepin County, Minnesota...ROBERT GAYE CAPTURE... Robert Gaye, a man wanted for taking a young girl's innocence in Minnesota, is now in custody thanks to an AMW tipster. Police in Arizona arrested Gaye at a soccer field, where he would show up to play on Sundays.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54481>

Iowa, South Dakota, Texas and California...LESLIE RAYMOND CAPTURE... The fake priest who police say preyed on nurses' helpfulness and patients' vulnerability is now in custody. U.S. Marshals in Las Vegas arrested Leslie Earl Raymond on April 21, almost a year after cops say he stole wallets from three patients and a nurse at hospitals in Iowa, South Dakota, Texas and California. Thanks to an AMW tipster the fake priest was nabbed 48 hours after his face aired on the show.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54288>

This Saturday, August 30, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Goose Creek, South Carolina...DAN HIERS...Ever since he was profiled on AMW in March 2005, tips on the whereabouts of accused murderer and child molester Dan Hiers, have been pouring in. This ex-cop is on the U.S. Marshals' 15 Most Wanted List and is one of AMW's Dirty Dozen. Hiers is accused of murdering his wife, Ludimila, in March, 2005 and of molesting a young girl months earlier.

<http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30956>

Bradenton, Florida...ROY HYATT...Cops say Roy Stephen Hyatt is a convicted sex offender on the run who still has an appetite for children. Police are looking for him on charges of downloading, possessing, and possibly distributing child pornography.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44961>

Chicago, Illinois...DIONNE GARCIA...After several years of hard work, the Chicago FBI's Joint Task Force on Gangs was able to indict 52 people in relation to the manufacture and distribution of PCP on the streets of the Windy City. Of all those indictments, only two people remain on the run. Agents say Dionne Garcia fled after being charged, probably with her common-law husband and their four children.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47427>

Los Angeles, California...TAIZHI CUI...In October 2006, Los Angeles' Korean community was shocked by a triple murder that happened in their own backyard. Cops say the deaths were the work of a jilted lover hell-bent on getting revenge on an ex-girlfriend and her new paramour. However, authorities are still looking for the man they say pulled the trigger...Taizhi Cui.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44720>

Brentwood, New York...JOSE ORLANDO LOPEZ...Jose Orlando Lopez has been deported twice for crimes committed in the U.S., and authorities still can't seem to get rid of him. They say Lopez has so little respect for this country that he raped a stranger on a busy street in New York. Police believe he's running from his latest charges from 2004 to prevent being deported, again.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=50757>

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma...KENNETH COFER...The fugitive task force in Oklahoma City hasn't forgotten about Kenneth Cofer -- and neither have we. Despite confusion about numerous lookalikes, he is still a free man. Cofer is accused of killing Larry Buchanan in an argument over patriotism after the 9/11 attacks.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=29985>

Metairie, Louisiana...EDMUNDO CERDA-ANIMA...A nationwide manhunt is underway for murder suspect Edmundo Cerda-Anima. Authorities in Louisiana say Cerda-Anima was in the area to make some money helping to fix the damage of Hurricane Katrina. But police say he's inflicted far more damage on the community than he'll ever be able to fix.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=38919>

Phoenix, Arizona... WILLIAM "BUBBA" RAY PLEMONS...Police say William Plemons has a reputation as a real romantic, at least until you get to know him better. Plemons carried on a series of relationships from behind bars, but according to authorities, he was more interested in money than love. When one woman threatened to unravel his alleged scheme, police say Plemons turned from Casanova into killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25828>

Pleasanton, California... DANIEL ANDREAS SAN DIEGO...The FBI says Daniel San Diego is a cold-blooded terrorist, accused of savagely bombing the offices of medical researchers in California. His distinctive tattoos may be the clue that leads to his capture, and cops need your tips to bring him in before he detonates another one of his deadly weapons.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25800>

This Saturday, September 6, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

****THIS SATURDAY MARKS AMW'S 22ND SEASON PREMIERE!****

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...LAMONT COOKE CAPTURE & SHAWN CLARKE WANTED...Philadelphia police say that Lamont Cooke and Shawn Clarke were part of a group of Jamaican men who conspired to kidnap and hold a business owner for ransom. Once Clarke, Cooke, and their cohorts had kidnapped the man, they allegedly demanded \$600,000 from one of his relatives in exchange for his safe release. AMW viewers helped take down Cooke on July 2, but Clarke has continually managed to elude authorities.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49771>

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49890>

Trenton, New Jersey...TORMU PRALL...Cops say Tormu Prall's hot temper has resulted in arrest after arrest. Now, Trenton Police in New Jersey say Prall is really in hot water over his latest rage which led to the burning death of his brother and serious injuries to a woman.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54111>

Clovis, New Mexico...NEW MEXICO ESCAPEES...Eight prisoners escaped from a jail in southern New Mexico on August 23, 2008, using homemade tools to cut a hole in the facility's roof. Four men have been caught, but four other prisoners -- including a convicted murderer -- are still at large, and a massive manhunt is underway to find them.

- **Edward Salas** was convicted of murdering a ten-year-old boy, and was awaiting transfer to prison.
- **Larry McClendon** is accused of shooting a man to death during a robbery.
- **Michael England** is accused of tampering with evidence in McClendon's murder case.
- **Louis Chavez** faces several charges including aggravated burglary and stealing a firearm.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58504>

Chicago, Illinois...DR. MARK WEINBERGER...Michelle Kramer thought she'd met her Prince Charming when Dr. Mark Weinberger, a seemingly successful surgeon specializing in nasal and sinus surgeries, swept her off her feet. But her storybook romance and wedding came to an end when Weinberger vanished, and she learned his dark secret: he was facing hundreds of malpractice lawsuits and insurance fraud charges. Facing millions of dollars of debt, and with Weinberger's patients left high and dry, Michelle transformed herself into a detective, and is asking for your help to hunt Weinberger down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=58715>

Brooklyn, New York...JERMAINE WILSON...New York City police say that on August 8, 2006, Jermaine Wilson and Benson Bethel got into an argument. Although the two

men had plenty of things to argue about, cops say that this particular fight was over something most people would consider relatively minor: a minivan. But when it was all said and done, cops say Jermaine "Wimp the Pimp" Wilson was a fugitive wanted for murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=42611>

This Saturday, September 13, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Rockville, Indiana...SARAH PENDER...She served almost six years of a 110-year prison term for her role in a double murder, but Sarah Pender decided that enough was enough. On August 4, 2008, police say she broke out of prison - with the alleged help of a prison guard - and hit the road. Now, cops need your help to track her down and lock her up again.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58000>

Orlando, Florida...JAVIER TREVINO...The Orange County, Florida Sheriff's Office has teamed up with the U.S. Marshals in Orlando to find Javier Trevino, who police say is responsible for killing a young woman and shattering her family.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56497>

Colonial Heights, Virginia...CHRISTOPHER ADAMS...Police in Colonial Heights, Virginia are looking for the man they say sexually molested two girls for almost four years. The trial for Christopher Adams was scheduled for March 29, 2005, but he never showed up and hasn't been seen since.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=38650>

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania...JAMES WATTS...Allegheny County, Pennsylvania police are on the hunt for a violent offender. Cops say James Garland Watts burst into the Clairton home of a good friend and opened fire. Now, a mother is dead and a convict is on the run. Cops need the public's help to track down this killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57045>

Colton, California...JONATHAN RAMIREZ...On May 13, 2006, 72-year-old Enrique Bermudez sat at the bar of one his favorite eateries, La Vernada Restaurant, in Colton, California. Bermudez was a long-time customer and had befriended much of the wait staff...some of whom were being subjected to insulting remarks by two brothers, Omar and Jonathan Ramirez. When Bermudez left his bar stool to tell the intoxicated brothers to quiet down, cops say the siblings unleashed a brutal, deadly attack on Bermudez.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45608>

Anchorage, Alaska...UNKNOWN JOHN PEZZENTI KILLER...John Pezzenti, Jr. made a name for himself photographing dangerous wildlife in the rugged wilderness of Alaska. As it turns out, Pezzenti soon discovered, that for him, humans were far more deadly.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...ALEXIS FLORES...In 2000, using DNA evidence, the FBI linked Alexis Flores to a heinous crime: the rape and murder of 5-year-old Iriana DeJesus. On the 8th anniversary of the tragic murder, AMW traveled to Philadelphia to help keep Iriana's memory alive and the search for justice in the spotlight.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44983>

Daly City, California...ERICK MORALES...Usually, when high school kids ditch classes for the day, it doesn't end in murder. But on May 21, 2001, 15-year-old high school student Quetzalcoatl "Quetzal" Alba, decided to cut classes with one of his best pals, 16-year-old Erick Morales. The pair played hooky and went to their hangout, a converted storage closet in a Daly City, California apartment complex. But police tell AMW that something went horribly wrong, and Morales stabbed his one-time friend to death before going on the run with his roommate, Reynaldo Maldonado.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53109>

Rockingham County, North Carolina...JAMES ROBERTS...Police say James "Toby" Roberts had a mission, and he wasn't going to stop until it was completed. Cops say he tried to kill his girlfriend, and he was so determined, he used three different tools to finish the job. But he might not have known his girlfriend as well as he thought, because she wasn't going down without a major fight.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51170>

Wollaston, Massachusetts...TUEN LEE... Tuen "Dickie" Lee was charged with sexually assaulting a co-worker from the sushi restaurant he managed. The victim said she was able to identify Lee by his bad breath. Two and a half years later, Lee was convicted in absentia after he failed to show up for the closing arguments of his trial. Now, the manhunt is on for a man who could face life in prison if and when he's apprehended.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49197>

Baltimore, Maryland...KEVIN ARMSTEAD CAPTURE...In the Baltimore underworld of drugs and crime, police say Kevin Armstead fit right in. But it only took four days after his first AMW appearance for the U.S. Marshals to haul Armstead in for the brutal murder of an innocent man in Charm City.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54076>

This Saturday, September 20, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Clovis, New Mexico...NEW MEXICO ESCAPEES...Eight prisoners escaped from a jail in southern New Mexico on August 23, 2008, using homemade tools to cut a hole in the facility's roof. Four men have been caught, but four other prisoners -- including a convicted murderer -- are still at large, and a massive manhunt is underway to find them.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58510>

Hacienda Heights, California...LUZ DIAZ...In 2007, cops say 33-year-old Luz Diaz met a 14-year-old boy on an online, multi-player video game called 'Gears Of War.' But police tell AMW that Diaz took the relationship off-line -- seducing the teenage boy and having sex with him in a Motel 6.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58343>

Sherman Oaks, California...DAVID ALLEN WEIR...It was their sophomore year in high school when Victoria Ramirez and David Allen Weir met. While the relationship weathered its share of ups and downs, cops say Weir's drug use and infidelity was finally breaking the pair apart. Victoria told friends that it was over, but before she could break up with Weir, police say he ended things... with murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40129>

Anchorage, Alaska...ARIEL PATRICK...On September 29, 2007, 20-year-old Jamaal Barras and some friends were out having some fun in downtown Anchorage, Alaska. Local cops say that Jamaal was lured back behind the 'F-Street Station' pub and attacked by two men with a metal rod and a baseball bat. Police say that one of the suspects was caught shortly after the attack, but the second attacker, 24-year-old Ariel Patrick, is still at large.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53736>

San Diego, California...MARTIN SERRANO...In January 2005, Oceanside Police Detective Karen Priem began investigating a report of an alleged child molestation... a cycle of abuse that spanned ten years. According to police, the suspect, Martin Orozco Serrano, not only abused his own 12-year-old nephew for a decade, he also molested the boy's two younger sisters and another of his nieces. Now, police hope that Serrano will soon be arrested before he can harm anyone else.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41078>

St. George, Utah...MARC CLIFTON BRYANT...Marc Clifton Bryant's obsession with his 16-year-old roommate led him to use a blowtorch and screwdriver to torture and assault her. Bryant skipped town before his trial, but the jury still convicted him of the heinous crimes -- and police need your help to find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56665>

Enfield, Connecticut...DARRYL CRENSHAW...The more police find out about the chilling death of Ashley Peoples, the more ammo they say they have to hunt down her suspected killer, Darryl Crenshaw. Authorities tell AMW that after Crenshaw killed his girlfriend and left her dead in his bed, he called her stepfather, a Reverend, asking for forgiveness.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58213>

Newark, New Jersey...UNKNOWN RAMON LOPEZ KILLERS...Sometimes, surveillance cameras are the only way police are able to draw clues from crimes. Cops in Newark, New Jersey are hoping some clear footage of a vicious murder and robbery at a local liquor store will be good enough for someone to recognize the two thugs they say are responsible.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40334>

Pinellas Park, Florida...COURTENAY SAVAGE...For months, a Pinellas Park family was being mysteriously terrorized by attacks on their home and business. It wasn't until they installed surveillance cameras and caught one of the attacks on tape that they instantly recognized the assailant - former best friend and business partner - Courtenay Savage.

Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...AMW has received new information that may help Harris County Sergeant Craig Clopton learn more about accused killer William Greer. One of AMW's tipsters sent documents that belonged to a dead man named Randall H. Renaker; and cops say Greer was using those documents while living in northern Kentucky.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43686>

This Saturday, September 27, 2008, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida...ROGER MCCRAY...Fort Lauderdale, Florida detectives are trying to find this fugitive, who they say set his roommate on fire, leaving him to burn to death. There's just one problem: he's used so many identities, they don't know who he really is.

Rockville, Indiana...SARAH PENDER...She served almost six years of a potential 110-year prison term for her role in a double murder, but Sarah Pender decided that enough was enough. On August 4, 2008, police say she broke out of prison -- with the alleged help of a prison guard -- and hit the road. Now, cops need your help to track her down and lock her up again.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58000>

Rosharon, Texas...MARLOW REYNOLDS...A manhunt is underway outside of Houston, Texas after a convicted killer with nothing to lose broke out of prison. Since the escape, Marlow Reynolds has managed to stay one step ahead of the Lone Star State posse tracking him down. Now AMW needs you to help put him back where he belongs.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59074>

Rockingham County, North Carolina...JAMES "TOBY" ROBERTS...Police say Toby Roberts had a mission, and he wasn't going to stop until the job was done: cops say he tried to kill his girlfriend, and he was so determined, he used three different tools to finish the job.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51170>

Aurora, Colorado...TOMMY HALFACRE...Carlos Ortiz Orellana was almost at home after a long day of work when he encountered tragedy. Cops say two men, Tommy Halfacre and a friend, tried to rob Carlos as he was parking his car at his apartment complex. That's when cops say Halfacre pulled out a gun and shot him to death. The accomplice is in prison now, but Halfacre is still on the loose.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40354>

Las Cruces, New Mexico...ARMANDO ORTA...In pictures, he looks friendly, and on paper, he appears accomplished. But behind closed doors, police say Armando Orta is a monster.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57563>

Detroit, Michigan...CHATYN LEFALLE BYRD...Cops say Chatyn Byrd has been a thorn in law enforcement's side for years, racking up a rap sheet which includes armed robbery and various drug charges. But in November 2007, cops say he graduated to a far greater level of criminality, when he pumped four bullets into another man's body, nearly killing him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55615>

Parrish, Florida...LARRY LAUDIG...Police say that Larry Laudig, 70, is wanted for molestating a young girl under the age of 12. He went to trial and was found guilty. He was scheduled to appear in court on May 29, 2007 for sentencing. When Laudig failed to show for his sentencing, the judge issued a warrant for his arrest and set his bail at 2 million.

Portland, Oregon...UNKNOWN DOUGLAS ADAMSON KILLER...In September 2006, the picturesque Columbia River Gorge that divides the states of Oregon and Washington became a grisly crime scene when body parts began washing ashore. Among the dismembered appendages was the hand of the victim, which allowed cops to identify their John Doe as an unemployed truck mechanic named Douglas Adamson.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46914>

San Antonio, Texas...LEONARD RAY HARPER...More than ten years have passed since Leonard Ray Harper fled murder charges and the search is still on. The last lead cops received, in 2005, placed Harper in San Antonio, Texas; police in San Antonio believe their leads have dried up. Authorities hope avid AMW viewers will help revive this case by supplying the information needed to catch this accused killer.
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26693>

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7/25 PG Police Shooting

A would-be robber picks an off-duty police officer as a target. Now the accused robber is dead and Prince George's County police are investigating. Police say the officer was visiting a friend at an apartment complex and walked out of his car to leave when two men approached. One had a shotgun and told him he was being robbed. Instead of reaching for his wallet, the officer reached for his service weapon and fired multiple times, killing the gunman while the second person ran off. Sources tell us the officer involved in the shooting is a 21 year department veteran with SWAT team experience. He is currently assigned to County Executive Jack Johnson's security detail.

7/24 Thurmont Assault

An elderly man was viciously beaten in his home in Thurmont Maryland early Sunday morning. Police got the call around 3:30am. 77 year old Emory Rice says he was attacked while sleeping in his bed. He woke up to find several boys in his room. Mr. Rice was in critical condition with broken bones to his face and one hand. After surgery, he's now in stable condition. Nothing obvious was taken from the man's home and police don't have any suspects. The man was well known in the community for selling live chickens, rabbits, goats and pigs to make money.

7/23 MPD Car Accidents

MPD cruisers are getting banged up at an alarming rate. So far this year, there have been 186 crashes. DC police say there's reason for concern. A recent report from the Crash Review Board says that almost half of those nearly 200 accidents should have been prevented.

7/22 DCPDS: Bracy Gone

A new twist tonight in a Fox 5 investigation that revealed people slipping past security in major DC buildings. In May, Fox 5 found broken metal detectors and undertrained guards at the Wilson Building, the Reeves Center and Police Headquarters. Now the man in charge of security is out and hundreds of security guards could be laid off. DC City Council immediately called emergency hearings after our investigation. Chief Arnold Bracey lied to Fox 5 and even tried to cover his tracks asking workers to alter or destroy documents. Tonight he's out of a job. The District will not comment on whether he resigned or was fired.

7/22 Laurel Body Found

Laurel police say they've arrested Robert Headley in the murder of a 21 year old woman found in a park nearly 2 months ago. Christen Hawkins was 3 months pregnant when her body was discovered in Riverdale Park. Police in Frederick found Headley covered in blood and driving someone else's car. They held him on a traffic violation until tests confirmed the blood belonged to the victim.

7/21 PG Jail Review

Yet another investigation into the Prince George's County Jail begins today. Independent auditors from the American Correctional Association spent the day touring the facility where inmate Ronnie White was found dead three weeks ago. The ACA investigation is a direct request from the County Executive's office. The group is not a police agency but a private organization charged with accrediting correctional facilities.

7/21 Trinidad shootings

District of Columbia police resumed checkpoints in the Trinidad area following a series of shootings early Saturday. Police say five incidents occurred between 1 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. in the northeast D.C. neighborhood. Officers found 13-year-old Alonzo Robinson, who died after being gunned down. Another six people had gunshot wounds, and one man had stab wounds. Police Chief Cathy Lanier says a group in a vehicle repeatedly approached people on the street, robbing and shooting them. The checkpoints were scheduled from 7 p.m. Saturday until 7 p.m. Thursday at various points on Mt. Olivet Road, Bladensburg Road, Florida Avenue and Trinidad Avenue. Officers will check drivers' ID and turn away those who don't have a "legitimate purpose" in the area, as they did during checkpoints held last month in Trinidad after a spike in violence. The checkpoint initiative has become the subject of a class action lawsuit, with civil liberties groups saying the program is unconstitutional and ineffective.

7/21 Frederick Co Homicide

What started as a reported traffic accident is now a murder mystery in Frederick, Maryland. A 27 year old man was shot to death behind the wheel of his car. That's one of the few things police know for sure about the death of Maurice Williams. He was engaged to be married and lived with his fiancée and their two children. Police found him at 1:30am Sunday dead with a gunshot wound to the chest. Drivers had called police thinking that the car had crashed. Williams had left a party he attended with his fiancée, but she doesn't know why he left.

7/18 Fake Farecards

Six people have been arrested in what Metro officials are calling a sophisticated counterfeit operation. They're accused of feeding bogus paper farecards into machines that couldn't tell the difference between real and fake. Then, they'd get back legitimate fare cards and sell them on the street for half price. So far, the transit system has recovered \$16,000 in stolen farecards but the extent of the theft is still unclear.

7/17 Batman Debut

"The Dark Knight", the latest Batman installment, is the hottest movie of the summer and it opens tonight. But even though this movie got its start as a comic book, that doesn't mean it's good fare for kids. Movie critic Kevin McCarthy has already seen the movie twice. He warns that "The Dark Knight" is just that -- dark. A psychiatrist at Inova Fairfax says kids are already exposed to lots of violence on TV. He warns over the long term that that greater the exposure, the greater the dose of violent media, the greater the chance that kids will become violent adults.

7/17 Shaw Shot spotter

DC has expanded its Shot Spotter listening system. Shaw is the latest neighborhood to have police use audio monitoring for gunfire. It's been a tough year in that community with a series of fatal shootings in recent months. Residents are hoping the new technology will reduce the violence or, at least, push it elsewhere. Shot Spotter can hear sounds and let police distinguish between different types of weapons.

7/16 Son Kills Dad

A Prince George's County judge is refusing to throw out murder charges against a 16 year old accused of killing his father. Police say they have a confession from Michael Tucker, Junior but the teen's attorney says the "so called confession" was co-erced and he wants it thrown out. Tucker's lawyers say there's more to this case than just an argument, claiming Tucker's father had a history of violence and may have been high on drugs when he was killed. The 16 year old is accused of stabbing his father multiple times with a kitchen knife.

7/15 DC Gun Laws

The DC City Council is about to pass historic gun legislation that would allow DC residents to legally keep handguns in their homes. But the measure also includes rules and regulations that make it difficult to register a gun, it bans almost all semi-automatics. Critics of the law say they will go back to court to fight that ban.

7/14 DC Family services

The DC agency charged with protecting children has a backlog of nearly 1700 cases. A court monitor calls that a dangerous situation and a DC council member is calling for action. The agency director says there are two problems. There aren't enough social workers and the agency is dealing with a surge of calls following the Banita Jacks case. Jacks' four children were discovered dead inside her home in January. The agency is accused of ignoring calls about the children's welfare. The director says she's bringing in more worker's next month to catch up on the case logs.

7/14 DC Gun laws

The District today announced its new rules and regulations to own a handgun in the city. The laws are expected to go into effect tomorrow once the City Council passes the emergency legislation. This will make it legal to own a handgun in the city for the first time in 36 years. The new guidelines are so strict they are expected to bring further litigation. Owners will have to be fingerprinted, pass a test and have the gun tested to see if it's been used in a crime.

7/11 Snakes in a Motel

Snakes in a Fairfax city motel are creeping out the owner. He smelled something strange inside a room and called police, who found a bunch of poisonous snake left alone in a room. Turns out, the snakes belong to a man who kept them at his home in Arlington until county officials passed emergency anti-snake legislation.

7/11 Kentland DC Fire Investigation

Some paid DC firefighters could end up in trouble over a videotape showing illegal and dangerous behavior inside a firehouse in Kentlands, MD. Fox 5 has learned the DC Fire Dept.'s internal affairs has opened up an official investigation into paid DC firefighter who were seen taking part in the raucous behavior on the video. Sources say 3 DC firefighters are targets of this investigation.

7/10 Reagan Airport Assault

A security scuffle at Reagan National Airport has resulted in a \$10 million dollar lawsuit. A woman from New York says she was beaten up by police at the airport last year while she was being screened. It all happened on February 27, 2007. Robin Kassner says she was pulled aside for extra screening, then a Washington Metro Airport Authority police officer threw her onto a table. The altercation was captured by security cameras. Police say she was refusing to cooperate with security.

7/10 YMCA Child Abuse

A Frederick, Maryland mother says her 2 year old was kicked and punched by this own teacher at the YMCA. Rebecca King says video shows her son Timothy being beaten by the day care teacher. She says the teacher picked him up by the arms and slammed him into a chair for a timeout so hard it bruised his bottom, then kicked and slapped him. The YMCA didn't find out what had happened until five days later. King had insisted the YMCA look at video from the classroom to find her son's missing socks. That's when they discovered what was on the tape. The teacher's been arrested and charged with child abuse and assault.

7/9 DC Fire/EMS Investigation

Two DC paramedics are under investigation, accused of taking pictures of woman while she was incapacitated. The woman claims they used her cellphone to snap the pictures. The complain came in a month ago but is just coming to light. The paramedics deny they did anything wrong but a city councilman wants to know why it took so long for the investigation to begin.

7/08 Fredericksburg Abduction

The prosecutor in Fredericksburg today said he may seek capital murder charges against the couple who have been arrested in connection with the kidnapping of a deliveryman. 36 year old Marcey White and her boyfriend Jermaine Montgomery are accused of kidnapping Yong Zhang after luring him with a call to a fake address. His body was found in a remote, wooded area in Sussex County, Virginia.

7/08 Cyclist hit by trash truck

Police have identified the cyclist who died this morning after being struck by a trash truck near Dupont Circle. She was 22 year old Alice Swanson. Investigators say it looks like a tragic accident. Swanson and the truck were both on R Street, which has a bike lane. The truck tried to turn right onto 20th Street and hit Swanson. Police haven't filed any charges. Swanson worked for an area non-profit organization. She just graduated from college last year.

7/8 Sex Assault

A woman out walking was pushed to the ground by an attacker in Northern Virginia. A passing deputy heard her screams and ran to help her. The deputy stopped the sex attack in Sterling. It happened in a residential neighborhood last night around 9 o'clock. The woman was walking home when a man grabbed her and threw her on someone's lawn. The sheriff's office is warning women not to walk alone at night, especially in neighborhoods without street lighting.

7/7 Hiring Fired Cops

DC police officers once fired for misconduct, then rehired and told they would be fired again are suing the city. 20 of the 26 filed a lawsuit claiming breach of contract. They claim Chief Cathy Lanier agreed to give them their jobs back if they dropped any legal claims against the city. They say she then reneged on the deal. The officers all remain on the force but have had their police powers revoked. They're each suing for \$3 million.

7/7 Fredericksburg Abduction

Police are working to confirm the identity of a body they found near the car of an abducted Fredericksburg delivery man. Fredericksburg police found the body in a remote area of Sussex County. The body was located not far from 24-year-old Yong Hui Zhang's car. Police say Zhang has been missing since he was apparently ambushed behind an apartment building Thursday night, while delivering food. His parents called police when he didn't return to their restaurant, China Express, by closing time. Bledsoe says it may take up to two days before the identity is confirmed, because the body has signs of trauma. On Saturday, police arrested 34-year-old Jermaine Montgomery and his girlfriend, 36-year-old Marcey White at a Wal-Mart in Franklin, Va., where they allegedly used Zhang's credit card. They face abduction, carjacking and credit card theft charges.

7/3 PG Cop Killed suspect

There is new information tonight in the murder of Ronnie White. He's the suspect accused of killing a Prince George's County police officer who was then found strangled in his cell. Fox 5 has learned several correctional officers have hired attorneys after taking the fifth. That comes one day after all correctional employees were threatened with termination or suspension if they refused to cooperate in the investigation.

7/3 Fairfax Attempted Abductions

In the past 2 weeks, Fairfax County police say they've had 3 attempted abductions, all women walking alone. Police say it's unclear if the attacks are related but they're warning everyone to keep an eye out. Investigators say anyone walking alone is a potential victim.

7/3 PG Cop Funeral

A final farewell today for a Prince George's County police officer. 39 year old Richard Findley was laid to rest today almost a week after he was killed in the line of duty. Nearly 1000 officers turned out at St. Joseph's Church in Beltsville for the funeral mass. The Chief promoted him posthumously to the rank of Sergeant and awarded him the department's highest honor. Sgt. Findley was dragged to his death last Friday while trying to stop the driver of a stolen car.

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7/1 Son Kills Dad

A Hyattsville teenager charged with stabbing his father to death may get out of jail today pending his trial. A judge agreed to grand Michael Tucker, Junior bail with a conditional release. There was a huge show of support in the courtroom for the son and there are reports that there was turmoil in the family home. Court papers say Sunday night, Tucker used a kitchen knife to stab his father multiple times after the father grabbed the mother. Family members say they're relieved that the judge set bail..

7/1 PG Cop Killed Suspect

The family of the man found dead inside a Prince George's County jail is speaking out through an attorney. Largo lawyer Bobby Henry is demanding to know why things are business as usual at the Corrections Center even after 19 year old Ronnie White was found dead in his cell Sunday morning. He was in solitary confinement when he was strangled. The family is upset that no one has been suspended or placed on leave during the investigation.

7/1 Child Fireworks Burned

A little boy is suffering from massive burns after playing with fireworks. The 8 year old from Sterling, Virginia was playing with sparklers when his clothes caught fire. The family doesn't know how he got the sparklers. Fireworks are legal in Virginia but not if they're sold to someone under 18. The family believes he bought the fireworks from an ice cream truck.

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8/29 Security Guard

A strip club bouncer is dead and it could be just for doing his job. It happened last night at the Mustang Club on Chillum Road in Hyattsville. 33 year old Gregory Barron Junior was on the job when police say he requested to pat down a patron. The man refused and soon after, witnesses heard gunshots. Barron was dead and the shooter fled the scene.

8/28 Puppy Mill

Dozens of puppies seized from a puppy mill in West Virginia are being treated by the Washington Area Rescue League and will be adopted by families in the area. A raid seized more than 1000 dogs from a West Virginia breeder. She surrendered the dogs rather than face prosecution. The WARL says the animals are in good shape and will make great pets. They'll start putting them up for adoption this weekend.

8/28 Merrill Lane Shooting

A woman in her 30's was shot and critically wounded today inside an apartment building in Laurel. It happened around noon in the 8900 block of Merrill Lane. Several witnesses hear the gunshots but no one saw the gunman. Police are saying very little about what happened here. Neighbors who live in the building say they heard the gunshots but apparently no one saw the shooter.

8/27 PG Anti-Truancy

Under Maryland law, children between 5 and 16 must be in school but a large number of students do play hooky. Prince George's County has decided to mount a crackdown on truancy, especially among the 6,000 youngsters considered chronic truants. The school board ordered a county-wide anti-truancy campaign. Merchants are being asked to hang posters encouraging adults to call a special number when they see school age children in their stores during school hours. Police will be sent to investigate.

8/27 Dog Attack

There are confusing reports tonight about what exactly happened in a dog attack yesterday at a DC rec center. A ten year old girl and 9 year old boy were bitten and taken to the hospital. The director of the Brooks Manor Apartments Rec Center is denying through her family that the dog was hers. Now the Health Department is sorting out the case. First reports said the dog was a pit bull but it's actually a Cane-Corso mix. Residents who wouldn't talk on camera says the children provoked the dog by throwing bottles and bricks at it. If investigators find out who owned the dog, there are possible violations and charges for keeping a dog without leash and assault.

8/27 Mom Doctor Abductor

A Loudoun County judge has once again denied bond for a woman investigators say abducted her doctor at gunpoint, holding the OB/GYN and his wife against their wishes. Michele Davidson was distraught over her young son's severe disability and claimed that the doctor caused the problem by waiting too long to deliver him. Prosecutors say she's dangerous but her family says she needs psychiatric care, not time in jail.

8/27 YMCA Child Abuse

A teacher is caught on tape manhandling a 2 year old boy but a Frederick County jury says it is no crime. Tonight we showed the video from the YMCA daycare that showed the teacher hitting, kicking and taunting the child. The grand jury says the evidence didn't add up to the crime because in Maryland, a parent or caregiver is allowed to use some nominal degree of force to discipline their children. The little boy's mother calls the decision an injustice.

8/26 Naked Intruder

A Fairfax woman woke up to find a naked stranger in her apartment. It happened early Sunday morning in an apartment complex on the 28-hundred block of Hollywood Road. The 45 year old woman was asleep when she felt someone touching her leg around 1am. She screamed and grabbed the phone and the man ran out the sliding glass door. The victim can't remember whether she locked the sliding glass door before she went to bed.

8/26 Rock Creek Sex Assault

A female jogger remains hospitalized after she was brutally beaten and raped on a popular running trail in Rock Creek Park. It happened last night along Beach Drive near Connecticut Avenue in Kensington. Police say a man grabbed the woman from behind and dragged her into the woods around 8pm. Investigators say the woman

was wearing headphones and did not hear the attacker approach.

8/19 PG Police Shooting

Hispanic leaders are demanding answers after a man was shot and killed by a police officer in Prince George's County. It happened Saturday afternoon in Langley Park. The off-duty officer was working security at an apartment complex. Investigators say two men were drinking alcohol and the officer tried to make an arrest. After a struggle, neighbors say the officer was beating Manuel de Jesus Espina. According to a police report, the officer says he was defending himself when he shot the man.

8/19 Cold Case Waller

The murder of a 22 year old woman went unsolved for 12 years but it has now been closed by DC police. Not because detectives found the right witnesses or tested the right evidence. It's because people who knew who the killer was all along finally decided to talk. The prime suspect, Conrad Henderson, died of brain cancer. The people afraid of him finally went to police and told what they knew. Meesha Harris was killed back in 1996. Police believe Henderson followed her and shot her as she sat in her car. They were dating and had a volatile relationship.

8/18 22nd St. Homicide

A killer opened fire on a group standing in the courtyard of an apartment complex in Southeast, killing a 17 year old girl. Police still don't know why she was killed. Several people heard the gunshots but no one saw the killer.

8/11 DC Murders

A 22-year old man on a minibike was shot to death in Southeast around 10:30 this morning. Police say multiple shots were fired at the man as he rode the bike near Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, a killing that adds to a soaring homicide rate. Police say they have no suspects. This is the 113th murder in DC this year, 7 more than the same time last year.

8/5 Bethesda Car Break-ins

Montgomery County police are struggling to stay on top of a spike in vehicle break-ins. They've noticed more in the last 2 weeks alone, especially in parts of Wheaton, Rockville and Bethesda. From July 7th to 15th, there were 23 thefts from vehicles in the suburban communities. Police say many of the thefts could have been prevented if people would lock their doors, keep the windows closed, and remove valuable items from plain sight.

8/5 Illegal Explosives

Surprising revelations involving a Maryland teen. Investigators say they found a fake ID card for the CIA, a map of the presidential motorcade route at Camp David and goggles used by snipers. Colin McKenzie-Gude is the same teen who police claim was stockpiling weapons in his home in Howard County. We don't know what, if anything, he had planned but we do know that prosecutors want to make sure he stays in jail calling him a threat to public safety. His trial is set for September. The case is likely to go to a grand jury before then.

8/5 Anthrax investigation

The FBI plans to begin briefing family members of victims of the 2001 anthrax attacks, an indication that some lingering questions in the case may soon be answered. Army scientist Bruce Ivins committed suicide last week as prosecutors prepared to charge him with the deadly attacks. In the past week, haunting details about Ivins' mental health have emerged. But several holes in the case remain. Some may be filled when the documents are released. Others may remain unanswered. Authorities believe the attacks may have been a twisted effort to test a cure for the toxin, but it's unclear what evidence bolsters that case. They also can't put Ivins in Princeton, N.J., when the letters were mailed and the only explanation so far is a bizarre obsession with a college sorority with offices there

8/4 Balt Ave Kid Hit

A driver hit and killed a two year old boy, then didn't even bother to stop. It happened in College Park around 8:30 last night. 2 year old Alexander Nucunmendi and his mom were at a laundromat right next to Route One. His mother, Rosa, saw the little boy bolt out the door. She ran after him but didn't get to him in time. Police believe he was hit by a truck.

8/4 Teen Explosives

Montgomery County Police say a second teenager is charged after authorities seized four illegally possessed assault rifles, two shotguns, a handgun and chemicals to make household explosives. A 17-year-old Gaithersburg youth turned himself into county police in Rockville Friday afternoon. He is charged with theft, computer misuse and conspiracy. Police say officers connected him to 18-year-old Colin McKenzie-Gude. The Bethesda man is charged with five counts of possession of a firearm or ammunition by a minor and other offenses. On Thursday, authorities also charged him with five counts of manufacturing and possessing a destructive device. Police say the two built and detonated bombs in a field near the 21500 block of Goshens Edge Court in Gaithersburg. Police say Colin McKenzie-Gude's father, 62-year-old Joseph Gude, bought the firearms for his son. He has been charged with perjury and other offenses.

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9/30 Calvert Child Death

The investigation into the murder of two young girls found stores in their adoptive mother's freezer is intensifying. Authorities in Calvert County have charged 43 year old Renee Bowman with child abuse after her 7 year old adoptive daughter escaped from the home and was found wandering the streets with signs of severe abuse. Investigators then searched her home in Lusby and uncovered the remains of two other girls stored in a freezer. Police believe they were killed at a home in Rockville. Today, investigators with cadaver dogs are back at that home digging for something. Police aren't saying what they are looking for.

9/29 Calvert Child Death

A gruesome and tragic case is unfolding in Calvert County. A bruised and starving 7-year-old girl walking alone on a gravel road led investigators to an even grimmer discovery: remains in a basement freezer that her adoptive mother said were the youngster's sisters. Authorities say they believe the mother, Renee Bowman, is responsible for killing her other two daughters. The three girls were foster children in Bowman's care before she adopted them. Sheriff's deputies were investigating an abuse complaint Saturday when they discovered the child-sized remains encased in ice. The mother told investigators they had been in her southern Maryland home's freezer for at least seven months and police said they are considering the case a homicide. Police believe she may have killed the children at their former home in Rockville.

9/26 Howard U Crime

Howard University students have been hyper aware in recent weeks of a crime wave gripping their campus. 12 students have been robbed in the last 30 days. Two have been sexually assaulted. But the emergency call boxes sprinkled around campus are unreliable. Some students complain they haven't worked in years. We experimented with three boxes. None of the boxes allowed a two way conversation with authorities. The university did not respond to several messages seeking comment. Last night, a spokesperson said the technology for the call boxes is outdated and they have a new vendor to replace the phones.

9/26 Attempted Home Invasion

There's been another home invasion in Montgomery County, this one Wednesday night on Asbury Lane. A 70 year old woman was home alone at the time of the attack. This latest incident comes just 2 weeks after 63 year old Mary Havenstein was found dead inside her home on Seven Locks Road following a home invasion. Police say this crime isn't positively linked to the other recent home invasions, the victim's hesitance to call police is something investigators don't want repeated. She heard a loud noise and her home alarm sounded. She found her door open in the basement and shut it. The next day she found it had been smashed open and called a locksmith to open it. He convinced her to call police.

9/25 Potomac Arrests

Several people in Montgomery County are furious after police kicked in doors with no warrant searches in their homes. One man says he was handcuffed for hours as officers threatened to shoot him outside his Cabin John home. Police say they were searching for possibly violent gang members and evidence in a robbery. A police spokeswoman says residents who feel they were treated unfairly says they have the option of filing a complaint with internal affairs.

9/24 395 Suspect Scene

We now know a possible motive in the shooting of an Alexandria police officer at a traffic stop last night. Investigators found the suspect's wife shot to death when they went to his apartment. An officer had noticed a Lexus SUV driving on I-395 North when an Alexandria police officer saw it weaving. The suspect shot the officer in the leg. The officer is expected to be okay.

9/24 St. Mary's Abduction

Investigators are on the lookout for three suspects in a bold abduction and bank robbery. An unidentified woman and her two young children were snatched at gunpoint as they left their home in Lusby this morning. Two suspects drove the woman in her own car to the bank she works at in California, Maryland and forced her to take money out. The case had local schools on lockdown while police hunt for suspects. After the robbery, the kidnapers ditched her car and nearby and may have been picked up by a third man in a black Nissan Sentra. The

family wasn't hurt.

9/23 Centreville Sex Assault

A man claiming to be a customer lured a sales woman to a vacant house in Centreville last night and sexually assaulted her. He told her he planned to buy vitamins from her to get her to the house. Then he took the victim to the basement where he attacked her.

9/22 Md Student Killed

A nephew of Minnesota basketball coach Tubby Smith was stabbed to death during a fight at an off-campus apartment. Police say 19-year-old William L. Smith, a Becker College student who lived in Scotland, Md., was killed early Sunday. The University of Minnesota confirmed the victim's relationship with the basketball coach. Detective Captain Edward McGinn says Smith was stabbed once in the chest after a fight involving students and nonstudents broke out during a house party and spilled into the street. McGinn says a weapon was recovered at the scene. No arrests have been made, but police say they interviewed numerous witnesses and were pursuing several leads.

9/22 Seven Locks Road

Montgomery County police say the person who killed a woman at her home in Bethesda is definitely linked to at least two other home invasions there. Mary Havenstein was killed at her home on September 4th. Investigators believe the killer may be linked to as many as 6 other home invasions but so far, the evidence is only definitely for two of those scenes.

6/22 Elderly Woman Robbed

An 83 year old woman says she was robbed on a busy DC street while walking home from church Saturday but says of all the people on the street, no one came to help her. Mary Lou Collector says she was walking along Chesapeake and Connecticut when the robber grabbed her purse. She held on and he pushed her to the ground. The strap finally broke and the man got away.

9/19 PG Cop Killed Suspect

There is new information tonight in the death of Ronnie White, the teenager found dead in his jail cell hours after being accused of killing a Prince George's County police officer. Fox 5 has learned that two correctional officers who have become the focus of the probe have been placed on administrative leave. They are no longer working at the jail. That development comes just a day after the Chief Medical Examiner ruled Ronnie White's death a homicide. Fox 5 also learned that one officer who was on duty the day White's body was found has still refused to talk to police more than two and a half months later.

9/19 PW School Lockdown

Prince William County locked down three schools while police searched for a murder suspect. Tonight, some parents are asking questions about how the schools handled the situation. One woman says her 10 year old son was left behind with other disabled children at Marumsco Hills Elementary. The school kept 12 disabled or special needs students inside with 11 staff members, saying it was too dangerous to evacuate them to buses blocks away. Other parents are upset that they weren't notified about the problem. The school system says they sent out thousands of messages and text messages alerting parents of the situation. The murder suspect was not inside the home that police surrounded.

9/18 PG Cop Killed Suspect

The ruling from the Chief Medical Examiner in Prince George's County is final. The cause of death for Ronnie White, the man accused of running down a police officer, is homicide. He was arrested and just a day later he was found dead in his cell in solitary confinement. The cause of death was asphyxiation.

9/18 DC Beating Death

More than a week after being severely beaten near the Convention Center, a Maryland man has died from his injuries. Tony Hunter was heading to a nearby bar on September 7th when he and a friend were attacked by a group of men. Initial reports indicated it may have been a hate crime but DC police now say the motive appears to be robbery. The group of young men attacked two guys walking together with no warning. The second man fought back and managed to escape.

9/18 DC Summer jobs

More troubles tonight for DC's Summer Jobs Program. After going tens of millions of dollars over budget, the city can't figure out where all the money has gone. City leaders can't help but compare this to the DC tax scandal where an employee stole millions of dollars from the city. The inspector general today revealed that the city can't account for 10 million dollars from the troubled jobs program and is investigating allegations of fraud.

9/17 Deonte Rawlings

It's been a year since two off duty DC police officers were involved in the shooting death of 14 year old Deonte Rawlings. Police say the teenager opened fire on the two officers as they tried to recover a stolen mini bike. Prosecutors say the officers did nothing wrong. They were also cleared in an internal DC police problem. Today, Rawlings family is calling this a sham, since the city is refusing to release any evidence. No gun was ever found on or near Rawlings.

9/16 FBI Oversight Ivins

There are some criticisms that the FBI investigation of the 2001 anthrax attacks was compromised. Those attacks killed five people and for nearly seven years, the federal government investigated. They say they had closed in on a scientist at an Army Biodefense Lab in Maryland. Bruce Ivins killed himself as the FBI prepared to indict him. Now, the FBI director is asking for an independent panel of scientists to take a closer look at the science behind the investigation as a way to quiet those critics. FBI Director Robert Mueller revealed the new investigation during a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee today. The National Academy of Sciences will look at the details of the investigation.

9/16 Bear Bomb Squad

Stuffed polar bears dressed to look like homeless people have been appearing around the District in recent days. One was spotted on the mall, another near the Teddy Roosevelt bridge. A sight so out of the ordinary that suspicious police officers have called in the bomb squad to check them out. It happened again today in Northwest, forcing Metro to shutdown the Columbia Heights Station. Green Peace is claiming responsibility for the bears which it says are meant to bring attention to global warming.

9/16 Chillum Rd Kids Struck

A van struck two kids on the way to the bus stop in Chillum this morning, then the driver didn't even stop. Both kids are in critical condition as police hunt for the driver. A witness tells Fox 5 that the kids were walking across the street when a van speeding down Chillum Road hit the boy and girl. Police say the van was an extended model white work van and likely has extensive front end damage.

9/15 Deadly Abduction

Prince William County police say a suspect in the abduction of an Alexandria woman has died. Officials say 19-year-old Lutchman Lawrence Chandler of Woodbridge died from injuries early Monday. They say Chandler was in the car carrying 61-year-old Barbara Jean Bosworth, who died when they crashed into trees on Saturday. Police say Chandler and another suspect, Keith Anthony Baskerville of Woodbridge, kidnapped Bosworth Saturday from Springfield Mall. They say the men forced her to use her ATM at a convenience store and then drove away with Bosworth, in her car. Police have obtained carjacking and abduction warrants for Baskerville, who was driving the car during the crash.

9/9 Cap Hill Gun in Car

Streets shut down for hours near the US Capitol last Friday all because of a man with guns and explosives in his car. Tonight, we are learning more about this man. He drove to DC from his home in central Virginia. Investigators say Christopher Timmons told them he kept a grenade in his car in case a "secret society" ever contacted him and carried an AK-47 to help police with "manpower."

9/9 Seven Locks Road Death

Investigators say it's a strong possibility the intruder who tied up and killed a Bethesda woman last week is the same man responsible for five other home invasions. The six cases have left police with bizarre clues and troubling questions. Police say the intruder has become increasingly violent. He only works at night in upscale neighborhoods targeting older women and couples.

9/8 Seven Locks Road Death

There is new information tonight in a string of home invasions targeting the elderly in the District and Montgomery County. The medical examiner now says Mary Francis Havenstein was murdered and died from multiple injuries. She was found tied up in her Bethesda home Thursday morning. Until now, police had been calling her death suspicious. Montgomery County police have still not linked this case conclusively to five other home invasions but they do strongly suspect the cases are connected.

9/8 SS Murder Verdict

After six years, a convicted rapist, robber and killer will never have his freedom again. Anthony Kelly was sentenced to life in prison without parole in a Montgomery County court after a 2002 crime spree where he raped two women and killed a father and daughter. Prosecutors say he raped a 60 year old and a 20 year old, then killed Greg Russell and his 9 year old daughter Erika. Investigators say he took a Bible and 3 dollars from their home.

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7/17 DC Gun Ban

The District of Columbia tonight has its first legally registered handguns after a 32-year ban. Registration started today following the landmark US Supreme Court case which struck down the DC gun ban. But the first day of registration came with some misfires on exactly how the process will work. Dick Heller, the man whose lawsuit struck down the gun ban, was the first in the door Thursday. He didn't bring his gun, that was left in a friend's weapons locker in Maryland. Heller's lawyers said DC's new rules are unclear and there was some concern Heller could be arrested if he brought the gun to police headquarters. But police say he couldn't be. They have to check unloaded weapons before a permit can be issued. Gun advocates say they'll file suit again claiming the restriction on semi-automatics violate the spirit of the Supreme Court ruling.

7/15 DC Gun Laws

The DC City Council is about to pass historic gun legislation that would allow DC residents to legally keep handguns in their homes. But the measure also includes rules and regulations that make it difficult to register a gun, it bans almost all semi-automatics. Critics of the law say they will go back to court to fight that ban.

7/14 DC Gun laws

The District today announced its new rules and regulations to own a handgun in the city. The laws are expected to go into effect tomorrow once the City Council passes the emergency legislation. This will make it legal to own a handgun in the city for the first time in 36 years. The new guidelines are so strict they are expected to bring further litigation. Owners will have to be fingerprinted, pass a test and have the gun tested to see if it's been used in a crime.

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8/28 Campaign U

As we enter the final leg of the race for the White House, Fox 5 and Myfoxdc.com are launching a new project that promises to put you in a unique position to learn more about the campaign. Tonight we're starting Campaign U and it will put you right in the middle of American University's premiere political science class. Each week, you'll see one of the classes and you can join the class' conversation through our live web chat. The classmates are students at American.

8/26 DNC Tuesday

On day 2 for the Democrats, Virginia is taking center stage. The most prominent spot spot of the day is going to former Virginia governor and current Senate candidate Mark Warner. He's delivering tonight's keynote address. That's a major honor, the same one Senator Barack Obama had 4 years ago. DC's Congressional delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, will also address the convention, using the opportunity to promote home rule.

8/26 Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton will address the delegates tonight and she's expected to try to heal the wounds in the Democratic party. The primary was a bitter battle and there is already evidence that some Hillary supporters are not going to support Barack Obama. Some say they'll stay home on Election Day, others will vote for John McCain. That's why her speech tonight is so critical. One local supporter says if she speaks from the heart, her supporters will get on board with Obama.

8/18 Home Biodiesel

Some people trying to save money are creating fuel out of used restaurant oil right in their homes. A man we spoke to says he bought a kit online and can use it in his car. But, there's a twist to this creativity. Vegetable oil is not a registered motor vehicle fuel with the EPA or any state agency. Under current laws, Maryland requires biofuel users to register and pay diesel taxes. State comptroller Peter Franchot says he's willing to give small producers a pass. The man who makes biodiesel at his home says it costs him about \$1 a gallon.

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9/30 Ripple Effect

The consequences of this failed rescue plan could be devastating. Experts in the banking industry say all of us will feel the pinch if Congress doesn't act soon, especially for small business owners. Some say they are struggling just to keep their businesses open. The cost of everything has gone up. Utilities, fuel, and food are all taking their toll on profits. Some of those businesses say they're struggling to pay their employees which just drags the economy down even further.

9/26 Political Palate

Local bars and restaurants are getting into the flavor of the election season, offering up customers a chance to make a political statement with their choices. At the Burger Joint in Bethesda, you can order a McCain or Obama burger. Topaz Bar is serving up red, white and blue martinis. The All-in Elephant is for red staters, the Independent Player appeals to those in the middle, and the Double Down Donkey is for Democrats. 7-11 convenience stores are offering customers a choice of Obama or McCain cups for their coffee.

9/25 MD Slots Poll

Maryland voters face a big decision at the polls Election Day and it's not just who to vote for as President. They'll also weigh in on a referendum on whether Maryland should get slots.

9/23 Vets Natl Archives

A group called Veterans for Peace are holding their own demonstration at the National Archives. They climbed up on the building and raised a banner calling for President Bush and Vice President Cheney to be arrested on war crimes. They say they'll stay put for 24 hours and fast unless they are physically removed. The group chose the National Archives because that building houses the Constitution.

9/19 Biden in Va

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden said Friday that "ending the cowboy mentality of the Bush-McCain era" is part of the solution to the country's financial crisis.

"These guys have worshipped at the shrine of deregulation," Biden told about 1,000 supporters at a women's issues rally in Loudoun County. Virginia has been a key battleground in this election. Biden also jabbed at Republican presidential candidate John McCain's response to the economic crisis, noting that until recently he had said the nation's economic fundamentals are sound.

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More troubles tonight for DC's Summer Jobs Program. After going tens of millions of dollars over budget, the city can't figure out where all the money has gone. City leaders can't help but compare this to the DC tax scandal where an employee stole millions of dollars from the city. The inspector general today revealed that the city can't account for 10 million dollars from the troubled jobs program and is investigating allegations of fraud.

Gilmore Warner Debate

Recent public opinion polls show Democrat Mark Warner leading Republican Jim Gilmore by a remarkable 20 points in the Virginia Senate race. Today the men met in a face to face debate at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Gilmore tried to tie Warner to the presidential race, claiming Obama wins with the support of Warner, we'll pay higher taxes. Warner reminded voters that he cut the size of state government while he was Virginia governor.

9/15 Carol Schwartz

Longtime D.C. Council member Carol Schwartz says she will run as a write-in candidate in November in a bid to keep her at-large seat. Schwartz is a 16-year council veteran who has run for mayor four times. She was defeated in last week's Republican primary by newcomer Patrick Mara. Mara was backed by members of the business community, who were upset that Schwartz supported legislation mandating paid sick leave for most workers. D.C. residents will vote for two at-large seats in November's election. Besides Mara, the ballot will include Democratic incumbent Kwame

Brown, three independents and the D.C. Statehood Green candidate. The two top vote-getters are elected, although one cannot be a Democrat.

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7/25 Obama McCain

Barack Obama is in London tonight, the last stop on his weeklong foreign trip. He will meet tomorrow with British leaders before flying home. He got a warm welcome in France where he spent much of the day with the country's new president Nicolas Sarkozy. McCain did his own campaigning here at home. The men again touched on their disagreements about Iraq. Obama says his trip to Iraq confirmed that the situation is getting better and the Iraqi Government is ready to take more responsibility. McCain says the situation is better because of the troop surge that Obama opposed.

7/24 Obama in Germany

Cheered by an enormous international crowd, Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama on Thursday summoned Europeans and Americans together to "defeat terror and dry up the well of extremism that supports it" as surely as they conquered communism a generation ago. Obama said he was speaking as a citizen, not as a president, but the evening was awash in politics as the first-term U.S. senator sought to burnish his international credentials for the fall campaign at home. His remarks before a crowd estimated at more than 200,000 inevitably invited comparison to historic speeches in the same city by Presidents Kennedy and Reagan.

7/23 Bush Pentagon

With the Presidential campaign capturing most of the headlines, President Bush has become the forgotten man. That may change soon because he has to make a decision soon about escalating the war in Afghanistan. The President traveled to the Pentagon this afternoon to get a briefing from the top military commanders. They apparently told him things aren't going well in Afghanistan. Commanders have asked for reinforcements in the form of 3 more brigades.

7/23 Help for Homeowners

Rescue legislation sailed through the House Wednesday aimed at helping 400,000 strapped homeowners avoid foreclosure and to prevent troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from collapsing. The 272-152 vote reflected a congressional push to send election-year help to struggling borrowers and to reassure jittery financial markets about the health of two pillars of the mortgage market. Hours before the vote, President Bush dropped his opposition to the measure, which is now on track to pass the Senate and become law within days.

7/23 Money: minimum wage

Starting today, the minimum wage is up to \$6.55 an hour. That adds up to an extra \$800 a year in Maryland and \$1400 in Virginia. DC workers aren't affected since the minimum here is already a dollar more than federal minimum.

7/21 Obama Overseas

Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama stepped into the thicket of Mideast politics Tuesday, declaring in Jordan that neither the Israelis nor the Palestinians are strong enough internally to make the bold concessions necessary for peace. Obama said he would work to bring the two sides together "starting from the minute I'm sworn into office." But he cautioned it is "unrealistic to expect that a U.S. president alone can suddenly snap his fingers and bring about peace in this region." After meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II, Obama flew to Israel for talks with Israeli leaders. He'll also meet later with Palestinians. Rival John McCain is continuing to attack Obama's timetable for Iraq withdrawal, suggesting the proposal is political pandering.

7/21 Obama Overseas

Barack Obama is getting his first on-the-ground inspection of Iraq since 2006. Obama's trip started with a stop in Basra, where Britain has about 4,000 troops stationed. From there he flew to Baghdad. The Democratic presidential candidate was seen arriving for a meeting with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in Baghdad's heavily guarded Green Zone. Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed and Nebraska Senator Chuck Hagel, both critics of the war, are there with Obama. The meetings are expected to include the top U.S. Commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus and other military chiefs. Obama hasn't made any public statements since

arriving in Iraq. There was no noticeable tightening of security on Baghdad's streets and inside the Green Zone.

7/18 Barack to Iraq

They aren't saying when he is leaving and his schedule is shrouded in secrecy, but Barack Obama will spend the bulk of next week on his first major foreign trip since clinching the Presidential nomination. It's an effort by Obama to burnish his foreign policy credentials and he is expected to get heavy news coverage. John McCain sees the trip as a way for Obama to disguise his inexperience and went on the attack with his first negative ad. McCain says Obama hasn't been to Iraq in years and voted against funding for troops.

7/16 Economy Confidence

Today we learned that inflation shot up last month to a level not seen since Hurricane Katrina knocked out Gulf of Mexico oil production in 2005. All the bad economic news is having an impact on the presidential race. Republican candidate John McCain knows he has a problem. His party has had control of the White House for 7 and a half years and voters often blame the party in power for bad economic news.

7/14 New Yorker Cover

A satirical New Yorker magazine cover cartoon depicting Barack Obama and his wife as flag-burning, fist-bumping radicals drew outrage from the Democratic presidential candidate's campaign as it appeared on newsstands Monday. The illustration, titled "The Politics of Fear and drawn by Barry Blitt, depicts Obama wearing traditional Muslim clothing -- sandals, robe and turban -- while his wife, Michelle, has an assault rifle slung over one shoulder and is dressed in camouflage and combat boots with her hair in an Afro. A flag burns in a fireplace behind them as they exchange a fist bump, the affectionate greeting they used onstage the night Obama clinched the Democratic nomination. A Fox News anchor later referred to it as a possible "terrorist fist jab." A portrait of Osama bin Laden hangs above the fireplace. The cartoon, which Obama's campaign said was "tasteless and offensive," is not explained inside the magazine. The issue, dated July 21, also contains a 15,000-word story about Obama's political education and early years in Chicago.

7/09 Iran Missile Test

There is new debate in Washington tonight about what to do with Iran. The nation surprised the world earlier today by test launching 9 missiles. Both presidential candidates have their opinions about what should be done. John McCain stressed sanctions more than diplomacy. Barack Obama says the tests show a failure of Bush administration policy and the US should provide incentives to get Iran to change its behavior.

7/8 McCain Impact

Both Senators Barack Obama and John McCain are back in Washington today trying to sway Latino voters. The two candidates both spoke to the League of United Latin American Citizens. Winning the Hispanic votes are key to winning battleground states like Florida, New Mexico, Colorado, and Nevada.

7/7 Campaign Latest

A shake-up in the presidential campaign schedule. Technical problems forced Barack Obama's plane to change destinations. No one was hurt and the plane landed safely but Obama did have to cancel his Charlotte appearance. Despite the problem, the Democratic Nominee and Republican John McCain delivered dueling economic messages. McCain believes his plan can balance the budget by 2013 and provide tax relief for American families. Obama says he has a \$50 billion plan for economic stimulus.

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8/29 McCain VP

Republican John McCain introduced first-term Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate Friday, a stunning selection of a fellow maverick designed to get an edge in the increasingly competitive White House race. "She's exactly who I need. She's exactly who this country needs to help me fight the same old Washington politics of 'Me first and country second,'" McCain declared as the pair stood together for the first time at a boisterous rally in Ohio just days before the opening of the party's national convention. Palin, the first Republican woman on a presidential ticket, promised: "I'm going to take our campaign to every part of our country and our message of reform to every voter of every background in every political party, or no party at all."

8/29 Obama Speech

Barack Obama transcended politics on Thursday in accepting his party's nomination for president during an event that played out on television like a combination of a rock concert and Super Bowl. The two months ahead will tell whether Obama's rally inspired his fellow Americans or made them wary, whether they believe a man who stood alone before 80,000 people and said that "this election has never been about me. It's about you."

8/28 Campaign U

As we enter the final leg of the race for the White House, Fox 5 and Myfoxdc.com are launching a new project that promises to put you in a unique position to learn more about the campaign. Tonight we're starting Campaign U and it will put you right in the middle of American University's premiere political science class. Each week, you'll see one of the classes and you can join the class' conversation through our live web chat. The classmates are students at American.

8/28 DNC Thursday

Barack Obama claims his historic nomination Thursday as the first black candidate at the top of a major U.S. political party's presidential ticket, exhorting the nation to change exactly 45 years after civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. challenged Americans to embrace his "dream" of equality. Obama, who has made little of his race in a so-far bruising run for the White House, was sure to include his personal story in his acceptance address on the closing night of the Democratic National convention -- a speech before 75,000 fellow party members at a Denver stadium, and millions more watching on television. Some people starting arriving at Invesco Field six or seven hours ahead of time to make sure they got a good seat.

8/27 DNC Convention

Sen. Barack Obama has been nominated to be the Democratic presidential candidate. Obama's name was put forward just after supporters of vanquished rival Hillary Rodham Clinton nominated her in a symbolic gesture. Clinton had released her delegates earlier Wednesday to back the Illinois senator, who was on the eve of making history by being the first black person to accept his party's nomination. Obama was officially nominated by Michael Wilson of Florida, a medic and Iraq war veteran. A labor activist, Dolores Heurta of California, placed Clinton's name in nomination.

8/27 RNC @ DNC

The Democrats are in Denver for their convention but the Republicans are also making themselves heard. Breaking with tradition, the GOP is on the ground in the Mile High City, doing its best to spoil the party. Some party members are working hard to steal the spotlight from the Democrats. Republicans say they expect the same treatment from Democrats next week.

8/26 DNC Tuesday

On day 2 for the Democrats, Virginia is taking center stage. The most prominent spot spot of the day is going to former Virginia governor and current Senate candidate Mark Warner. He's delivering tonight's keynote address. That's a major honor, the same one Senator Barack Obama had 4 years ago. DC's Congressional delegate, Eleanor Holmes Norton, will also address the convention, using the opportunity to promote home rule.

8/26 Hillary Clinton

Hillary Clinton will address the delegates tonight and she's expected to try to heal the wounds in the

Democratic party. The primary was a bitter battle and there is already evidence that some Hillary supporters are not going to support Barack Obama. Some say they'll stay home on Election Day, others will vote for John McCain. That's why her speech tonight is so critical. One local supporter says if she speaks from the heart, her supporters will get on board with Obama.

8/18 VP Watch

With the Democratic Presidential Convention less than a week away, the battle for the White House is in a dead heat. The latest Gallup poll released today shows Barack Obama with a one percentage point lead. Fewer than 2 weeks ago, he had a 5 or 6% lead. That creates even greater pressure on Obama to turn things around with his announcement of his VP choice.

8/11 US Russia Georgia

The world's seven largest economic powers on Monday urged Russia to accept an immediate cease-fire with Georgia and agree to mediation over the crisis as Russian forces continued advances into Georgian territory. With conditions deteriorating despite similar repeated calls, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her colleagues from the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations pledged their support for a negotiated solution to the conflict that has been raging since Friday between the former Soviet republic and Russia, the State Department said. President Bush has criticized the violence, calling it unacceptable and that Russia's response was disproportionate. Bush planned to make a statement about Georgia on Monday evening at the White House, shortly after arriving back in Washington from Beijing where he was attending the Olympics, the White House said.

8/4 Obama/McCain Energy

Today, the Presidential campaign focused on energy policy. John McCain has been blaming Barack Obama for high gas prices because he's against opening up new areas for US oil drilling. Obama fired back with details of his energy policy. He says he would provide every family with a \$1000 energy rebate, paying for it by taxing the record profits of the oil industry. He would also sell 70 million barrels of oil from the Strategic reserve, a change in position. He would also agree to a compromise to open some US areas to drilling. McCain is claiming that Obama is ignoring important energy sources like nuclear power and drilling.

Clinton had helped him win the Democratic nomination.

9/26 Political Palate

Local bars and restaurants are getting into the flavor of the election season, offering up customers a chance to make a political statement with their choices. At the Burger Joint in Bethesda, you can order a McCain or Obama burger. Topaz Bar is serving up red, white and blue martinis. The All-in Elephant is for red states, the Independent Player appeals to those in the middle, and the Double Down Donkey is for Democrats. 7-11 convenience stores are offering customers a choice of Obama or McCain cups for their coffee.

9/26 Local Banks

The largest bank failure in US history is sending shockwaves across the country. Some bank customers are nervous after the federal government seized control of Washington Mutual and sold most of it to JP Morgan Chase. Some people are wondering if their banks could be next and if their money is safer some place else. The banking community is trying to reassure the public that money in most banks is safe. As long as your cash is in an FDIC insured bank, your money is covered up to \$100,000.

9/25 Obama McCain

Key Republicans and Democrats have agreed on a set of principles in the multi-billion dollar bailout on Wall Street. Key leaders are meeting with President Bush at the White House, outlining the plan. Senators Barack Obama and John McCain are there as well. President Bush says he hopes negotiators can reach an agreement shortly. The candidates are not involved in the nuts and bolts negotiations for the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan but their support for what emerges is considered essential.

9/24 Obama McCain Economy

Late this afternoon, Senator John McCain announced he is suspending his campaign and pulling out of Friday's first Presidential debate. He says he's going back to Washington to work on the economy and Senator Barack Obama should do the same. Obama called a news conference to say he contacted McCain this morning to put together joint recommendations. He says this is exactly the time to debate so Americans can hear what each candidate plans to do about the economy.

9/23 Economic Bailout Hearing Lawmakers are still hammering out a deal for a \$700 billion dollar Wall Street bailout. The Democrats are demanding oversight and the right to limit the pay of executives who take taxpayer money. But the Treasury Secretary is worried that if the price of participation is too high, only companies holding a lot of junk mortgages will sell to the government. Then, taxpayers wuldnt' get any good assets that could eventually be sold to get our money back.

9/23 Obama vs McCain

Despite the lack of unanimous support from Hillary Clinton supporters, Barack Obama still has a slight lead in the national polls. Perhaps more encouraging for Obama, he has a double digit lead over McCain on who is best to handle the economy. With the Wall Street crisis continuing to dominate the news, an advantage on economic issues could be key to winning the White House.

9/23 Vets Natl Archives

A group called Veterans for Peace are holding their own demonstration at the National Archives. They climbed up on the building and raised a banner calling for President Bush and Vice President Cheney to be arrested on war crimes. They say they'll stay put for 24 hours and fast unless they are physically removed. The group chose the National Archives because that building houses the Constitution

9/22 Treasury Plan

Scrambling for a quick accord on the \$700 billion bailout, the Bush administration and leading lawmakers have agreed to include mortgage aid and strong Congressional oversight along with unprecedented help for failing financial institutions, a key lawmaker said Monday. Unimpressed, investors sent stocks plummeting anew, pushed oil up \$16 a barrel and propelled gold prices ever higher as they searched for a safe

place to park their money. President Bush prodded Congress to pass the administration's rescue plan quickly, declaring, "The whole world is watching." And there did seem to be movement in talks between the White House and Capitol Hill.

9/22 Senior Investors

While the big government bailout starts to take shape, a large segment of the country is trying to pick up the financial pieces of their portfolios and move on. Senior citizens who are invested in the stock market are especially worried about the money they planned to use for retirement. The SEC held the annual "senior summit" where they invite senior citizens in to talk about the ins and outs of investing. This is the third meeting the agency has held. With Wall Street reeling, some seniors say they are taking a big hit in their golden years.

9/19 Biden in Va

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden said Friday that "ending the cowboy mentality of the Bush-McCain era" is part of the solution to the country's financial crisis.

"These guys have worshipped at the shrine of deregulation," Biden told about 1,000 supporters at a women's issues rally in Loudoun County, Virginia. Virginia has been a key battleground in this election. Biden also jabbed at Republican presidential candidate John McCain's response to the economic crisis, noting that until recently he had said the nation's economic fundamentals are sound.

9/19 US Gov Finance

President Bush today unveiled what could become the biggest government bailout since the Great Depression. The bad mortgages and bad loans that have rocked lenders on Wall Street could be bought up by taxpayers as early as next week. There are still no numbers attached to all of this but its being compared to the bailout of the Savings and Loan industry in the late 80s & early 90s. While the Treasury Secretary couldn't say how much this would cost, he estimated it will be in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

9/18 Credit Situation

The American Bankers Association says the state of commercial banks is sound but the Economic Advisory Committee believes there are still more losses to come. That uncertainty is having a ripple effect on consumer credit. When huge numbers of homeowners can't pay their mortgages, the credit system breaks down. Investment houses like Lehman Brothers, which invested heavily in risky mortgages take huge losses as the value of their assets drop. Companies that bought into their stock or insured it have to do the same. Big losses from the balance sheets mean up front, there's less money to do business with.

9/18 McCain Obama

There are signs that the financial crisis on Wall Street is impacting the Presidential race. The latest New York Times - CBS poll shows Democrat Barack Obama with a 5% point lead over John McCain, 48% to 43%. Other national polls show a smaller Obama lead. A week ago, McCain led in most national polls. Trying to turn that around, McCain today called for strong action to reform Wall Street, including firing the head of the government agency charged with regulating US stocks and securities.

9/18 Campaign U

All through the presidential race, Fox 5 is teaming up with American University to put viewers right in the middle of AU's Political Science class. We call it Campaign U, and both online and on the air, students have been breaking the most important factors in the race. In the campaign classroom today, students took a closer look at campaign ads and found that they're not just coming from the candidates themselves. Political ads are also sponsored by labor unions and social issue groups.

9/17 McCain vs. Obama

Republican presidential nominee John McCain reversed himself today and reluctantly supported the federal government's 85 billion dollar bailout of AIG, the world's biggest insurance company. He said it is necessary to protect millions of Americans from financial hardship. Democrat Barack Obama continued to blame this week's Wall Street meltdown on Republican unwillingness to regulate financial markets.

9/15 Election Economy

The shock waves from today's failures on Wall Street were felt in the Presidential campaigns. Senators Barack Obama and John McCain disagreed over its meaning. McCain says the fundamentals of our economy

are strong but called these "difficult times." He also promised to clean up Wall Street. Obama criticized McCain's assertion that the economy is sound.

9/15 Money: Lehman Fallout

Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old investment bank choked by the credit crisis and falling real estate values, filed for Chapter 11 protection in the biggest bankruptcy filing ever on Monday and said it was trying to sell off key business units. Lehman fell under the weight of \$60 billion in soured real estate holdings, and the credit market's dislocation ultimately forced it to seek court protection. The credit crisis has caused global banks to write down more than \$300 billion in asset value since last year, and caused the shotgun sales of Merrill Lynch & Co. and Bear Stearns Cos. The Federal Reserve refused to provide financial backing to potential buyers, leaving Lehman no choice but to file for bankruptcy. Defaults on risky subprime mortgages have weakened companies throughout the financial sector. An economist says Lehman got stuck with a lot of mortgages that failed and it doesn't have the capital to cover the losses.

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7/23 Eprescriptions

Doctors don't have to grab a prescription pad to give patients medicine anymore. They can send prescriptions electronically to pharmacies. Critics are worried about security issues but supporters point out that if there's no problem reading a doctor's handwriting, fewer mistakes could occur. A doctor has to install certain software to use the e-prescriptions. It was developed by the pharmacy industry.

7/18 Food safety Groceries

There is new evidence tonight that the recent series of food safety scares is causing real change in how people shop for food. A nationwide poll found that events like the salmonella tomato scare are causing more consumers to seek out locally grown food from Farmers' Markets. Both customers and farmers believe this is a trend that will continue since people like knowing where their food is coming from.

7/14 SE Bus Ax

A deadly double decker bus accident is prompting immediate action. The bus company is suspending its service to Nats stadium. A double decker bus was on its way to the Nationals game Friday when it drove underneath an overpass. Two men on the top deck hit their heads and died. Now one of the agencies that's supposed to keep the buses safe for riders says it's time to change the rules in place.

7/9 DC Fire/EMS Investigation

Two DC paramedics are under investigation, accused of taking pictures of woman while she was incapacitated. The woman claims they used her cellphone to snap the pictures. The complain came in a month ago but is just coming to light. The paramedics deny they did anything wrong but a city councilman wants to know why it took so long for the investigation to begin.

7/9 Travis Lane Sick

Hours after a large Gaithersburg family got together for a meal, six members became very ill. EMS responded and at first, officials didn't know what they were dealing with. Some members had heart troubles, others were hallucinating. Authorities traced the problem back to a stew the grandmother made. She put in mint leaves growing just outside her front door. The leaves had apparently just been sprayed with a pesticide..

7/7 Kids Cholesterol Drugs

For the first time, an influential doctors group is recommending that some children as young as 8 be given cholesterol-fighting drugs to ward off future heart problems. It is the strongest guidance ever given on the issue by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released its new guidelines Monday. The academy also recommends low-fat milk for 1-year-olds and wider cholesterol testing. Dr. Stephen Daniels, of the academy's nutrition committee, says the new advice is based on mounting evidence showing that damage leading to heart disease, the nation's leading killer, begins early in life. It also stems from recent research showing that cholesterol-fighting drugs are generally safe for children, Daniels said.

7/3 Fruit Veggie Safety

An urgent call going out to the government today for emergency action to prevent more salmonella outbreaks. The Center for Science in the Public Interest is stepping up the pressure on the Food and Drug Administration after hundreds of people have gotten sick. The FDA admits that tomatoes may not even be behind the outbreak. The Center wants the FDA to require companies to label produce and put tighter controls on repacking to better track outbreaks.

7/3 Walter Reed Expands

The quality of military medical care came in for harsh criticism last year with the exposure of substandard conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. President Bush and military officials promise there will be significant improvement with the expansion of a state of the art facility in Bethesda. The nearly billion dollar Walter Reed National Military Medical Center will add 345 beds and will treat all services, not just the Army. Most of the current Walter Reed facility will be shut down and transferred there.

7/1 Salmonella Folo

Salmonella has made nearly 900 people sick and hit 36 states in an outbreak. Even though tomatoes were thought to be the first culprit, now the FDA admits it has no idea what's causing the outbreak. The problem is that they're not changing the warning against tomatoes or naming what other items might be on the new list of concerns.

7/1 Child Fireworks Burned

A little boy is suffering from massive burns after playing with fireworks. The 8 year old from Sterling, Virginia was playing with sparklers when his clothes caught fire. The family doesn't know how he got the sparklers. Fireworks are legal in Virginia but not if they're sold to someone under 18. The family believes he bought the fireworks from an ice cream truck.

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8/27 Headache Machine

A Maryland man has improved the lives of a lot of people through medical devices he's invented. He's created things like stents for cardiac patients and the first implantable insulin pump. Now, he's awaiting government approval for a device that could help millions of Americans who suffer from migraines. Bob Fishell's transcranial magnetic simulator delivers an intense magnetic pulse that turns off the neurons that are making the headache. Fishell says there are no side effects. His machines could be on the market sometime in 2009.

8/27 Dog Attack

There are confusing reports tonight about what exactly happened in a dog attack yesterday at a DC rec center. A ten year old girl and 9 year old boy were bitten and taken to the hospital. The director of the Brooks Manor Apartments Rec Center is denying through her family that the dog was hers. Now the Health Department is sorting out the case. First reports said the dog was a pit bull but it's actually a Cane-Corso mix. Residents who wouldn't talk on camera says the children provoked the dog by throwing bottles and bricks at it. If investigators find out who owned the dog, there are possible violations and charges for keeping a dog without leash and assault.

8/27 Mom Doctor Abductor

A Loudoun County judge has once again denied bond for a woman investigators say abducted her doctor at gunpoint, holding the OB/GYN and his wife against their wishes. Michele Davidson was distraught over her young son's severe disability and claimed that the doctor caused the problem by waiting too long to deliver him. Prosecutors say she's dangerous but her family says she needs psychiatric care, not time in jail.

8/19 Applegate Cancer

Christina Applegate is keeping her sense of humor despite having a double mastectomy. Applegate tells ABC's "Good Morning America" that once she has her reconstructive surgery, she'll have "the best boobs in the nursing home." Applegate was diagnosed with cancer in one breast, but decided to have them both taken off because she wanted "to be rid of it." She says it was a "tough" choice that's taken time to get used to. Applegate says sometimes she cries and screams and wallows in self-pity, but she's also "laughed so much in the last three weeks." Applegate's mother had breast cancer. The actress also tested positive for a gene that increases the risk for breast cancer.

8/19 Lower Drinking Age

100 college presidents are supporting a push to consider lowering the legal drinking age to 18. The University of Maryland president is one of the people supporting the idea. Mothers Against Drunk Driving are upset at the proposal, saying that the higher age saves 1000 lives every year. A group studying the higher drinking age admits that deaths decreased when the drinking age went up but aren't sure if tougher enforcement and better safety equipment played a larger role.

8/4 Kids Meals

Parents looking for healthy meal choices for their children are likely to find slim pickings on the menus of the nation's top restaurant chains, according to a report released Monday by a nonprofit public health group. Nearly every possible combination of the children's meals at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Sonic, Jack in the Box, and Chick-fil-A are too high in calories, the report by the Center for Science in the Public Interest said. The report looked into the nutritional quality of kids' meals at 13 major restaurant chains. The center found 93 percent of 1,474 possible choices at the 13 chains exceed 430 calories - an amount that is one-third of what the National Institute of Medicine recommends that children ages 4 through 8 should consume in a day.

8/4 Boy Scouts E-Coli

Boy Scout officials have closed a popular camp in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains where more than a dozen Boy Scouts and one adult contracted an E. coli infection. The Goshen Scout Reservation in Rockbridge County hosted several thousand scouts and adult leaders and staff starting late last month. At least 17 Boy Scouts and one adult became ill, including three scouts who attended the camp last week. Alan Lambert, executive of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said Sunday the source of the outbreak remains unknown.

8/4 HIV Numbers

One in 20 adults in DC is HIV positive. Citywide, most of the newly infected people are heterosexual African Americans. Now, the US government says the HIV epidemic may be worse than we thought. The CDC estimated in 2006 that there were about 40,000 people nationwide newly diagnosed with HIV. Now, the CDC says it was actually more than 56,000. That's 40% more new infections than they thought. The government says that's probably been the case for years. It's not that the number of people with HIV has increased. It's just that the government has gotten better at counting and testing.

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9/29 Survivor Parent

The parents of the only survivor of a medical helicopter crash say there is really no way to make sense of how so many others could die and their daughter could live. Jordan Wells survived both a car accident and a medical helicopter crash that killed four people in suburban Washington this weekend. She is in critical condition. Federal air safety investigators are combing through wreckage to determine what caused the accident. National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said it appears the helicopter crashed on a 10-foot-wide paved path at the bottom of a small hill. The crash, one of a growing number of air ambulance accidents that has prompted aviation officials to begin planning a public hearing, happened after the pilot twice radioed for help in foggy weather. This was the deadliest emergency helicopter accident in Maryland since the State Police began flying those missions nearly 40 years ago, and the eighth fatal medical helicopter crash in the last 12 months nationwide.

9/24 Top Chef Troubles

A local celebrity chef is dealing with an embarrassing problem tonight. Former Top Chef contestant Spike Mendelsohn's new restaurant was not a hit with DC Health Inspectors. The health department cited Good Stuff Eatery on September 4th over handwashing facilities, cutting board cleaners and food storage. Inspectors say they had a picture of a case of ground beef in the restaurant's back alley. The manager says it was waiting to go into the refrigerator and was only back there for a short time. The restaurant believe a disgruntled neighbor took the photo. Good Stuff Eatery is trying to make light of the situation, now offering a Back Alley Burger on the menu.

9/24 Flu Vaccine Outlook

The push to get the flu vaccine is on across the US. You may remember last year, millions of people came down with the flu, including some who got the shot. The CDC says this time, the vaccine will get the job done. They say indications are that this year's vaccine will be effective against the strain of the flu that's most common. The CDC is calling for parents to make sure to get their kids vaccinated.

9/19 Smart Sacks

A Montgomery County Schools community program called Smart Sacks is helping kids get nutritious lunches even when they're not in school. The program fills up a backpack of healthy food for kids who are on the free or reduced lunch programs at school. When kids don't get enough to eat or only eat junk food during the weekend, they come back to school with focus problems. The program is hoping to expand with more support from businesses who help provide the supplies and pack the bookbags.

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7/25 School Bus drivers

This time of year schools are usually desperate to find bus drivers. This year is different. More people are applying for the jobs because of the soft economy. Many of this year's new drivers are retirees who want to keep active but an increasing number are people who are being pushed back into the job market. One new driver says she and her husband are retired and his pension just doesn't go as far as it used to. Wages in Montgomery County start at \$16 an hour.

7/24 Kids Cooking Camp

One of the most popular camps of the summer is cooking camp for kids. The people who run a Montgomery County camp says they have waiting lists for kids wanting to learn how to cook. The teachers say the classes also help teach kids math skills. They learn to cook pizza and create an elegant dinner party in the lessons.

7/21 Money: Back to School Spending

It's only July and already retailers are advertising their Back to School specials. In a new consumer survey, 90% of consumers say they'll change the way they shop for back to school supplies. Now retailers say they're changing the way they make pitches to shoppers. Many stores are focusing their attention on the internet. JC Penney and Kohl's have posted campaigns on Facebook.com, reaching out to parents and kids. Penny's ads are based on the 80's movie "The Breakfast Club" and Kohl's is using music targeted to kids and their parents.

7/9 DC School test results

DC school test scores are way up. The mayor and school chancellor announced that news with great excitement today. They say this is a welcome turn of events for a city whose test scores have not been where anyone wants them over the last few years. Preliminary results show DC elementary schools saw an 8 percentage point improvement in reading and an 11 point gain in math skills. Secondary schools saw 9 point increases in both reading and math proficiencies. These figures are still behind national averages but do represent big leaps over past years.

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8/27 PG Anti-Truancy

Under Maryland law, children between 5 and 16 must be in school but a large number of students do play hooky. Prince George's County has decided to mount a crackdown on truancy, especially among the 6,000 youngsters considered chronic truants. The school board ordered a county-wide anti-truancy campaign. Merchants are being asked to hang posters encouraging adults to call a special number when they see school age children in their stores during school hours. Police will be sent to investigate.

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8/26 Mogo Back to School

Montgomery County Schools are starting the year with a basic money problem. A budget shortfall means larger classes and fewer resources this year, now the county is discovering it may be getting 1000 more students than expected. The superintendent says he has already requested up to 3 million more dollars from the county to cover the increased cost for bus fuel. The school system says they have a team monitoring enrollment numbers and will be prepared to handle the increase.

8/26 DC School Schedules

Scheduling troubles and late registration issues slowed down the new school year in the District. On day 2, Students at Ballou High School were bused to a nearby church to iron out problems. School officials aren't sure why there are so many late registrations, which led to scheduling problems in getting kids in class. Those officials say things are going reasonably smoothly considering the major changes underway.

8/19 Lower Drinking Age

100 college presidents are supporting a push to consider lowering the legal drinking age to 18. The University of Maryland president is one of the people supporting the idea. Mothers Against Drunk Driving are upset at the proposal, saying that the higher age saves 1000 lives every year. A group studying the higher drinking age admits that deaths decreased when the drinking age went up but aren't sure if tougher enforcement and better safety equipment played a larger role

8/11 Money: Back to School Budget

With school almost back in session, the annual back to school shopping blitz is well underway. If you're waiting for a good deal to come your way, savvy shopping could save you big bucks. Many retailers are offering huge deals on supplies to get customers in the door. The back to school season is second only to Christmas for getting money for stores. You can also try Goodwill to save even more money on clothes and some items.

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9/30 Deasy Quits PG Schools

Another change in leadership at the Prince George's County Schools. Superintendent John Deasy has resigned to take a job with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Deasy is leaving Maryland's second-largest school system to become a deputy director for the world's largest charitable foundation. He will focus on ensuring students graduate from high school with the skills they need to succeed in college. The school system announced Tuesday that deputy superintendent William Hite will serve as interim superintendent once Deasy leaves in February. Deasy was hired to lead the Prince George's school system in March 2006, less than a year after superintendent Andre Hornsby resigned while under federal investigation. Hornsby was later convicted of wire fraud, evidence tampering and obstruction of justice. Deasy faced questions of his own about whether he had enough transfer credits to earn the doctorage degree he has.

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9/19 Smart Sacks

A Montgomery County Schools community program called Smart Sacks is helping kids get nutritious lunches even when they're not in school. The program fills up a backpack of healthy food for kids who are on the free or reduced lunch programs at school. When kids don't get enough to eat or only eat junk food during the weekend, they come back to school with focus problems. The program is hoping to expand with more support from businesses who help provide the supplies and pack the bookbags.

9/19 PW School Lockdown

Prince William County locked down three schools while police searched for a murder suspect. Tonight, some parents are asking questions about how the schools handled the situation. One woman says her 10 year old son was left behind with other disabled children at Marumsco Hills Elementary. The school kept 12 disabled or special needs students inside with 11 staff members, saying it was too dangerous to evacuate them to buses blocks away. Other parents are upset that they weren't notified about the problem. The school system says they sent out thousands of messages and text messages alerting parents of the situation. The murder suspect was not inside the home that police surrounded.

9/18 DC Summer jobs

More troubles tonight for DC's Summer Jobs Program. After going tens of millions of dollars over budget, the city can't figure out where all the money has gone. City leaders can't help but compare this to the DC tax scandal where an employee stole millions of dollars from the city. The inspector general today revealed that the city can't account for 10 million dollars from the troubled jobs program and is investigating allegations of fraud.

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7/23 Help for Homeowners

Rescue legislation sailed through the House Wednesday aimed at helping 400,000 strapped homeowners avoid foreclosure and to prevent troubled mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from collapsing. The 272-152 vote reflected a congressional push to send election-year help to struggling borrowers and to reassure jittery financial markets about the health of two pillars of the mortgage market. Hours before the vote, President Bush dropped his opposition to the measure, which is now on track to pass the Senate and become law within days.

7/11 Loudoun County Grass

Loudoun County is fighting the blight of foreclosure with a lawnmower. Abandoned homes are sprouting weeds and overgrown grass. Neighbors complained and now the county is spending \$150,000 to mow down the tall grass. The county says it's important to keep the neighborhoods looking nice to attract new buyers to areas hard hit by foreclosures. The county health department sends out notices to owners to cut the grass. If they don't comply within 10 days, the county takes care of the grass.

7/8 Loudoun County Grass

Loudoun County is fighting foreclosure with a lawnmower. The yards around abandoned homes are sprouting weeds and overgrown grass. Neighbors have complained and now the County is spending tens of thousands of dollars to fix it. By keeping foreclosed homes neat, homeowners say they're own property values stay high.

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8/18 Rental Scam

There's a new warning about a rental scam targeting people searching for a new apartment. The ads appear on Craigslist and look legitimate. But inquiring for more details, renters discover the contact person wants you to forward money to a bank account. Apparently, they hijack legitimate ads placed by landlords, pictures and all, and advertise the same place for much less money and hope someone will fall for the low prices and send the money.

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9/26 Remodel and Home

With this tough housing market, many people are choosing to renovate instead of upgrading to a new and bigger house. The Home and Garden Show in Chantilly this weekend offers homeowners suggestions for saving money and adding more environmentally friendly touches into their homes. In the bathroom, just putting in a water saving shower head can make a difference. You can also get refreshed furniture and water saving heaters that cost more up front but save money over time.

9/19 US Gov Finance

President Bush today unveiled what could become the biggest government bailout since the Great Depression. The bad mortgages and bad loans that have rocked lenders on Wall Street could be bought up by taxpayers as early as next week. There are still no numbers attached to all of this but its being compared to the bailout of the Savings and Loan industry in the late 80s & early 90s. While the Treasury Secretary couldn't say how much this would cost, he estimated it will be in the hundreds of billions of dollars.

9/18 Credit Situation

The American Bankers Association says the state of commercial banks is sound but the Economic Advisory Committee believes there are still more losses to come. That uncertainty is having a ripple effect on consumer credit. When huge numbers of homeowners can't pay their mortgages, the credit system breaks down. Investment houses like Lehman Brothers, which invested heavily in risky mortgages take huge losses as the value of their assets drop. Companies that bought into their stock or insured it have to do the same. Big losses from the balance sheets mean up front, there's less money to do business with.

9/15 Money: Lehman Fallout

Lehman Brothers, a 158-year-old investment bank choked by the credit crisis and falling real estate values, filed for Chapter 11 protection in the biggest bankruptcy filing ever on Monday and said it was trying to sell off key business units. Lehman fell under the weight of \$60 billion in soured real estate holdings, and the credit market's dislocation ultimately forced it to seek court protection. The credit crisis has caused global banks to write down more than \$300 billion in asset value since last year, and caused the shotgun sales of Merrill Lynch & Co. and Bear Stearns Cos. The Federal Reserve refused to provide financial backing to potential buyers, leaving Lehman no choice but to file for bankruptcy. Defaults on risky subprime mortgages have weakened companies throughout the financial sector. An economist says Lehman got stuck with a lot of mortgages that failed and it doesn't have the capital to cover the losses.

9/8 Huntington Flooding

People in the Huntington section of Fairfax County are asking for help tonight after their neighborhood flooded for the second time in 2 years. County officials installed water gauges after a severe flood two years ago destroyed homes. After assurances that another flood like the one in 2006 wouldn't happen for another 30 years, some homeowners are demanding answers. County officials in Fairfax say it will take federal funds to fix the flooding coming from Cameron Run. It turns out that funding may be difficult to get.

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7/24 Thurmont Assault

An elderly man was viciously beaten in his home in Thurmont Maryland early sunday morning. Police got the call around 3:30am. 77 year old Emory Rice says hewas attacked while sleeping in his bed. He woke up to find several boys in his room. Mr. Rice was in critical condition with broken bones to his face and one hand. After surgery, he's now in stable condition. Nothing obvious was taken from the man's home and police don't have any suspects. The man was well known in the community for selling live chickens, rabbits, goats and pigs to make money.

7/23 Rise of Thrift Stores

Anne Arundel County's Goodwill is opening a new retail outlet at just the right time. More and more people are shopping for bargains at local thrift stores. Goodwill International says nationwide sales are up 6% over the first part of last year.

7/23 Money: minimum wage

Starting today, the minimum wage is up to \$6.55 an hour. That adds up to an extra \$800 a year in Maryland and \$1400 in Virginia. DC workers aren't affected since the minimum here is already a dollar more than federal minimum.

7/22 VA Hot Lanes

After years of planning and negotiation, work will actually begin tonight on building "HOT" lanes on the Capital Beltway in Virgnina. The added lanes will extend from the mixing bowl in Springfield to beyond the Dulles Toll Road. These extra lanes will be free for buses and carpoolers but will also be open as toll lanes for individual drivers. The project will take 5 years to complete.

7/21 Trinidad shootings

District of Columbia police resumed checkpoints in the Trinidad area following a series of shootings early Saturday. Police say five incidents occurred between 1 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. in the northeast D.C. neighborhood. Officers found 13-year-old Alonzo Robinson, who died after being gunned down. Another six people had gunshot wounds, and one man had stab wounds. Police Chief Cathy Lanier says a group in a vehicle repeatedly approached people on the street, robbing and shooting them. The checkpoints were scheduled from 7 p.m. Saturday until 7 p.m. Thursday at various points on Mt. Olivet Road, Bladensburg Road, Florida Avenue and Trinidad Avenue. Officers will check drivers' ID and turn away those who don't have a "legitimate purpose" in the area, as they did during checkpoints held last month in Trinidad after a spike in violence. The checkpoint initiative has become the subject of a class action lawsuit, with civil liberties groups saying the program is unconstitutional and ineffective.

7/21 Jason Taylor Trade

Jason Taylor is leaving the only NFL team he's known, going from the Miami Dolphins to Washington in a trade the Redskins hope will bolster their depleted defense. The move came about nine hours after starting defensive end Phillip Daniels was carted away from the practice field with a season-ending left knee injury on Day 1 of training camp. The Redskins gave the Dolphins a second-round pick in 2009 and a sixth-round choice in 2010 for Taylor.

The six-time Pro Bowl defensive end was 2006 NFL Defensive Player of the Year. But Taylor fell out of favor in Miami after spending his offseason on the TV show "Dancing With the Stars" rather than working out with teammates. The 33-year-old Taylor has played 11 NFL seasons and has started every game each of the past eight years.

7/18 Starbucks Closing

More local Starbucks restaurants are falling victim to the economy. The chain is closing about a dozen more stores in the area. But customers shouldn't have any trouble finding a spot to get their favorite coffee drinks. Many more Starbucks will remain open. The company isn't saying when the stores will stop serving up drinks.

7/17 DC Gun Ban

The District of Columbia tonight has its first legally registered handguns after a 32-year ban. Registration started today following the landmark US Supreme Court case which struck down the DC gun ban. But the first day of registration came with some misfires on exactly how the process will work. Dick Heller, the man whose lawsuit struck down the gun ban, was the first in the door Thursday. He didn't bring his gun, that was left in a friend's weapons locker in Maryland. Heller's lawyers said DC's new rules are unclear and there was some concern Heller could be arrested if he brought the gun to police headquarters. But police say he couldn't be. They have to check unloaded weapons before a permit can be issued. Gun advocates say they'll file suit again claiming the restriction on semi-automatics violate the spirit of the Supreme Court ruling.

7/16 Martial Arts Olympians

Every day in a Virginia neighborhood, a small group of Olympic athletes are training for the Games in Beijing. These are not American athletes. They are Africans who have won Olympic scholarships to train here in America for the 2008 games. The Tae Kwon Do athletes train in a shopping center in the Rose Hill neighborhood of Fairfax County. The Olympics begin August 8th.

7/16 Riggs Road Water

Another water main break is creating trouble in a local neighborhood, this time on Riggs Road in Langley Park. Crews have worked all day and night after the entire road surface caved in. Water washed away two feet of ground underneath. Other water mains broke yesterday in Bladensburg and Fort Washington. Water main breaks are becoming more common and officials at WSSC tell us we're going to see more. That's because the company is in the process of replacing the oldest pipes but is constantly playing catch up with unexpected breaks.

7/15 Wounded Soldier's Apartment

A seriously wounded Iraq War veteran and his family are settling in to a beautifully renovated apartment in Silver Spring. They are beneficiaries of Operation Homefront, an organization that is trying to provide quality housing to GI's who must undergo longterm treatment at military hospitals. Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Payne was injured by an IED and lost part of his leg. He'll go through several more surgeries at Walter Reed. Payne says the apartment is just overwhelming.

7/15 Missing Men

A tragic end to the search for two missing canoers in the Potomac River today. rescuers searched much of the night and early this morning hoping to find the men alive but today, they found both bodies. The two men disappeared late yesterday on the Virginia side of the river. They'd been having a picnic with family and friends and decided to go fishing.

7/14 AKA Convention

100 years of tradition is being celebrated here in DC this week. The nation's first black women's sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, is having a birthday party. For the big bash, they've come back to DC where it all began. AKA was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University.

7/11 Don't Feed the Ducks

Police in Frederick are warning people to stop feeding the ducks. Cullver Lake is now overrun with ducks who are getting more aggressive trying to get people to feed them. They are also producing a lot of waste. Park-goers are warned that if they're caught feeding the ducks, they could be ticketed. That's a disappointment for parents who say their kids love to toss bread to the ducks.

7/8 Sex Assault

A woman out walking was pushed to the ground by an attacker in Northern Virginia. A passing deputy heard her screams and ran to help her. The deputy stopped the sex attack in Sterling. It happened in a residential neighborhood last night around 9 o'clock. The woman was walking home when a man grabbed her and threw her on someone's lawn. The sheriff's office is warning women not to walk alone at night, especially in neighborhoods without street lighting.

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7/3 Fairfax Attempted Abductions

In the past 2 weeks, Fairfax County police say they've had 3 attempted abductions, all women walking alone. Police say it's unclear if the attacks are related but they're warning everyone to keep an eye out. Investigators say anyone walking alone is a potential victim.

7/3 A Capitol Fourth

Over at the Capitol, party preps are underway for the Fourth of July. People are filing in to watch the performers sound checks and there's a full dress rehearsal tonight.

7/1 DC #1 Outside Magazine

If you think DC's all about stuffy political debate and rush hour traffic, you should get outside more. Outside magazine says the DC area is the best town in America, one where you can live the dream. The magazine says one thing it was looking for is towns that have turned things around, like Barracks Row in Southeast.

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8/29 Gustav Local Response

Dozens of disaster volunteers and emergency responders from the DC area are headed for the Gulf region to help with the aftermath of Hurricane Gustav. Red Cross chapters from Maryland and Virginia have already staged people and equipment to help wherever Gustav hits.

8/28 Puppy Mill

Dozens of puppies seized from a puppy mill in West Virginia are being treated by the Washington Area Rescue League and will be adopted by families in the area. A raid seized more than 1000 dogs from a West Virginia breeder. She surrendered the dogs rather than face prosecution. The WARL says the animals are in good shape and will make great pets. They'll start putting them up for adoption this weekend.

8/28 Merrill Lane Shooting

A woman in her 30's was shot and critically wounded today inside an apartment building in Laurel. It happened around noon in the 8900 block of Merrill Lane. Several witnesses hear the gunshots but no one saw the gunman. Police are saying very little about what happened here. Neighbors who live in the building say they heard the gunshots but apparently no one saw the shooter.

8/27 Dog Attack

There are confusing reports tonight about what exactly happened in a dog attack yesterday at a DC rec center. A ten year old girl and 9 year old boy were bitten and taken to the hospital. The director of the Brooks Manor Apartments Rec Center is denying through her family that the dog was hers. Now the Health Department is sorting out the case. First reports said the dog was a pit bull but it's actually a Cane-Corso mix. Residents who wouldn't talk on camera says the children provoked the dog by throwing bottles and bricks at it. If investigators find out who owned the dog, there are possible violations and charges for keeping a dog without leash and assault.

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8/26 Rock Creek Sex Assault

A female jogger remains hospitalized after she was brutally beaten and raped on a popular running trail in Rock Creek Park. It happened last night along Beach Drive near Connecticut Avenue in Kensington. Police say a man grabbed the woman from behind and dragged her into the woods around 8pm. Investigators say the woman was wearing headphones and did not hear the attacker approach.

8/19 Cold Case Waller

The murder of a 22 year old woman went unsolved for 12 years but it has now been closed by DC police. Not because detectives found the right witnesses or tested the right evidence. It's because people who knew who the killer was all along finally decided to talk. The prime suspect, Conrad Henderson, died of brain cancer. The people afraid of him finally went to police and told what they knew. Meesha Harris was killed back in 1996. Police believe Henderson followed her and shot her as she sat in her car. They were dating and had a volatile relationship.

8/18 Gibbs Racing

Joe Gibbs Racing faces stiff penalties after two of the team's Toyotas were found to have magnets under the gas pedals following yesterday's Nationwide race at Michigan International Speedway. NASCAR inspectors discovered the magnets while preparing to do tests on horsepower numbers. Toyota has won 15 of 25 races this season in Nationwide, and all but one came in a Camry fielded by Gibbs. NASCAR will hand out penalties this week.

8/18 Jonas Brothers

They're the toast of the tween set and tonight, the Jonas Brothers are performing right here in the DC area. The band is most popular among pre-teen girls. The Jonas Brothers once opened for Hannah Montana, now they're drawing thousands of fans to their own shows. They even appeared at the White House, to shoot a public service announcement with the Secretary of the Interior. We got to travel with them from the White House to Madame Toussaud's Wax Museum where their new figures were unveiled to a screaming crowd.

8/18 22nd St. Homicide

A killer opened fire on a group standing in the courtyard of an apartment complex in Southeast, killing a 17 year old girl. Police still don't know why she was killed. Several people heard the gunshots but no one saw the killer.

8/11 Recycle Bank

A new program in Fairfax County is giving free money for recycling. The trash trucks measure the amount of recycling that each family has in their bins, then converts that amount to "points." Those points are then redeemable for things like movies, grocery cash and entertainment. Residents say its encouraging them to recycle a lot more than before.

8/11 DC Murders

A 22-year old man on a minibike was shot to death in Southeast around 10:30 this morning. Police say multiple shots were fired at the man as he rode the bike near Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, a killing that adds to a soaring homicide rate. Police say they have no suspects. This is the 113th murder in DC this year, 7 more than the same time last year.

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8/5 Bethesda Car Break-ins

Montgomery County police are struggling to stay on top of a spike in vehicle break-ins. They've noticed more in the last 2 weeks alone, especially in parts of Wheaton, Rockville and Bethesda. From July 7th to 15th, there were 23 thefts from vehicles in the suburban communities. Police say many of the thefts could have been prevented if people would lock their doors, keep the windows closed, and remove valuable items from plain sight.

8/5 St Mary's Soldier Dies

A Maryland family is mourning the loss of a soldier killed in Afghanistan. The military says a roadside bomb killed Sergeant Ryan Baumann last Friday. Family members in Saint Mary's County say he joined the Army right out of high school and planned to make a career of it. After a one year tour in Iraq, he was assigned to Afghanistan where an IED killed him as he road in a Humvee as a passenger. Baumann will be buried at Arlington next week.

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9/30 Ripple Effect

The consequences of this failed rescue plan could be devastating. Experts in the banking industry say all of us will feel the pinch if Congress doesn't act soon, especially for small business owners. Some say they are struggling just to keep their businesses open. The cost of everything has gone up. Utilities, fuel, and food are all taking their toll on profits. Some of those businesses say they're struggling to pay their employees which just drags the economy down even further.

9/30 DC Fuel Assistance

Today, thousands of DC residents lined up at the Convention Center to apply for help with their utility bills. DC helped a record 30,000 families in the fiscal year that ended today. If a person or family has an income below set levels, they are eligible for energy assistance from the city. That will also give them some help with water and telephone bills. The amount ranges all the way down to \$1 a month for a local phone for senior citizens.

9/24 Top Chef Troubles

A local celebrity chef is dealing with an embarrassing problem tonight. Former Top Chef contestant Spike Mendelsohn's new restaurant was not a hit with DC Health Inspectors. The health department cited Good Stuff Eatery on September 4th over handwashing facilities, cutting board cleaners and food storage. Inspectors say they had a picture of a case of ground beef in the restaurant's back alley. The manager says it was waiting to go into the refrigerator and was only back there for a short time. The restaurant believes a disgruntled neighbor took the photo. Good Stuff Eatery is trying to make light of the situation, now offering a Back Alley Burger on the menu.

9/26 Political Palate

Local bars and restaurants are getting into the flavor of the election season, offering up customers a chance to make a political statement with their choices. At the Burger Joint in Bethesda, you can order a McCain or Obama burger. Topaz Bar is serving up red, white and blue martinis. The All-in Elephant is for red staters, the Independent Player appeals to those in the middle, and the Double Down Donkey is for Democrats. 7-11 convenience stores are offering customers a choice of Obama or McCain cups for their coffee.

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There's been another home invasion in Montgomery County, this one Wednesday night on Asbury Lane. A 70 year old woman was home alone at the time of the attack. This latest incident comes just 2 weeks after 63 year old Mary Havenstein was found dead inside her home on Seven Locks Road following a home invasion. Police say this crime isn't positively linked to the other recent home invasions, the victim's hesitance to call police is something investigators don't want repeated. She heard a loud noise and her home alarm sounded. She found her door open in the basement and shut it. The next day she found it had been smashed open and called a locksmith to open it. He convinced her to call police.

9/25 Potomac Arrests

Several people in Montgomery County are furious after police kicked in doors with no warrant searches in their homes. One man says he was handcuffed for hours as officers threatened to shoot him outside his Cabin John home. Police say they were searching for possibly violent gang members and evidence in a robbery. A police spokeswoman says residents who feel they were treated unfairly say they have the option of filing a complaint with internal affairs.

9/19 Smart Sacks

A Montgomery County Schools community program called Smart Sacks is helping kids get nutritious

lunches even when they're not in school. The program fills up a backpack of healthy food for kids who are on the free or reduced lunch programs at school. When kids don't get enough to eat or only eat junk food during the weekend, they come back to school with focus problems. The program is hoping to expand with more support from businesses who help provide the supplies and pack the bookbags.

9/19 PW School Lockdown

Prince William County locked down three schools while police searched for a murder suspect. Tonight, some parents are asking questions about how the schools handled the situation. One woman says her 10 year old son was left behind with other disabled children at Marumscos Hills Elementary. The school kept 12 disabled or special needs students inside with 11 staff members, saying it was too dangerous to evacuate them to buses blocks away. Other parents are upset that they weren't notified about the problem. The school system says they sent out thousands of messages and text messages alerting parents of the situation. The murder suspect was not inside the home that police surrounded.

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9/8 Seven Locks Road Death

There is new information tonight in a string of home invasions targeting the elderly in the District and Montgomery County. The medical examiner now says Mary Francis Havenstein was murdered and died from multiple injuries. She was found tied up in her Bethesda home Thursday morning. Until now, police had been calling her death suspicious. Montgomery County police have still not linked this case conclusively to five other home invasions but they do strongly suspect the cases are connected.

9/1 Potomac Lake Drive Fire

Firefighters in Montgomery County are crediting a dog with saving its owners lives during a fire. Their 1.7 million dollar home went up in flames on Potomac Lake Drive in Potomac. Investigators don't know what started the fire in the garage around 1:30 in the morning. The family dog started barking and alerted the family to the fire. This is the third Potomac fire in the last month. Fire investigators say they were all accidental and not related.

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7/25 School Bus drivers

This time of year schools are usually desperate to find bus drivers. This year is different. More people are applying for the jobs because of the soft economy. Many of this year's new drivers are retirees who want to keep active but an increasing number are people who are being pushed back into the job market. One new driver says she and her husband are retired and his pension just doesn't go as far as it used to. Wages in Montgomery County start at \$16 an hour.

7/24 Variable Speed Limit

Get ready for an innovative new system of managing traffic in and around the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. It's a practice already common in Europe. Starting Monday, VDOT is debuting the variable speed limit. Different speed limits will be posted aimed at helping drivers through the congestion related lane closures on the Beltway and I-95. Depending on road work, the speed limits will drop from 55 in increments of 5 to 10 miles per hour to a minimum of 35.

7/23 MPD Car Accidents

MPD cruisers are getting banged up at an alarming rate. So far this year, there have been 186 crashes. DC police say there's reason for concern. A recent report from the Crash Review Board says that almost half of those nearly 200 accidents should have been prevented.

7/23 Red Line Work

Service on Metro's red line was disrupted for much of today because of a cracked rail. Metro had to "single track" around the site until the problem was fixed. Single tracking on the red line may become more common if Metro's board approves a sweeping rehabilitation project at its meeting tomorrow. There are so many projects to complete that single tracking would be the rule for weekday evenings and some weekends from 2009 to 2013.

7/22 VA Hot Lanes

After years of planning and negotiation, work will actually begin tonight on building "HOT" lanes on the Capital Beltway in Virginia. The added lanes will extend from the mixing bowl in Springfield to beyond the Dulles Toll Road. These extra lanes will be free for buses and carpoolers but will also be open as toll lanes for individual drivers. The project will take 5 years to complete.

7/18 Holiday Travel

It may be the middle of July but it's time to start thinking about Christmas. Getting to Grandma's for the holidays is going to cost a whole lot more. Travel experts say book your airfare now or you may not get a seat. It used to be you could wait until the last minute, go online and get a flight for a steal but not anymore. The airlines are cutting back on flights and with higher fuel prices, they can't afford to sell cheap seats.

7/18 Fake Farecards

Six people have been arrested in what Metro officials are calling a sophisticated counterfeit operation. They're accused of feeding bogus paper farecards into machines that couldn't tell the difference between real and fake. Then, they'd get back legitimate fare cards and sell them on the street for half price. So far, the transit system has recovered \$16,000 in stolen farecards but the extent of the theft is still unclear.

7/17 Nitrogen Tires

The quest to get better gas mileage has some drivers picking up the nitrogen pump. Not to fill their fuel tanks but to fill their tires. A mechanic explains that nitrogen has less moisture than compressed air, so the pressure doesn't change as your tires heat and cool. Properly inflated tires get you better gas mileage and there's an added benefit. The tires also last longer and you have better fuel economy.

7/16 Virginia Roads

Just when Virginia drivers thought they'd soon get some relief on the road, a massive multi-year transportation program is moving forward, but Virginia's projects won't be touched. The state says they won't pay for it since lawmakers couldn't come to an agreement. Now Virginia has pushed nearly two dozen projects back for years.

7/10 Reagan Airport Assault

A security scuffle at Reagan National Airport has resulted in a \$10 million dollar lawsuit. A woman from New York says she was beaten up by police at the airport last year while she was being screened. It all happened on February 27, 2007. Robin Kassner says she was pulled aside for extra screening, then a Washington Metro Airport Authority police officer threw her onto a table. The altercation was captured by security cameras. Police say she was refusing to cooperate with security.

7/10 GPS Speed Trap

Speed and redlight cameras are popping up all over the District but you can get advance warning. GPS systems can tell you ahead of time that you're coming up on a camera and help you avoid getting a ticket. "Phantom-Alert" is a device that houses info on where thousands of speed cameras and redlight cameras are located. The information on camera locations is downloaded from the company's website. You can also use your own GPS system if you have one.

7/9 Low Mileage Discount

With the price of gas still soaring, most of us want to save as much money as we can. With many drivers turning to public transportation, they could be eligible for an insurance discount. Most companies reduce rates for people who don't use their cars to commute to work everyday. Called a "low mileage discount", the deal could shave a money off the monthly premiums.

7/8 Bicyclist killed

A 22-year-old woman has died after being struck by a garbage truck while bicycling near Dupont Circle in Washington. D.C. police identified the cyclist as Alice Swanson of Washington. Police say Swanson was struck at 7:37 a.m. at 20th and R streets in northwest Washington. Fire department spokesman Alan Etter says a uniformed Secret Service officer pulled Swanson from under the truck to perform CPR. Hours after the incident, a mangled bicycle was still visible under the truck, and a helmet and backpack were nearby. The truck was owned by KMG Hauling Inc., of Sterling, Va. Company owner Hugo Garcia says KMG is investigating the incident. No charges have been filed. Police say this is the first fatal bike crash of 2008 in D.C. Two bikers were killed on city streets last year.

7/1 Beltway Golf Cart

Two teenagers found themselves in big trouble after riding a golf cart onto the Capitol Beltway. They said they were just trying to make it back to Baltimore. Police pulled them over and gave the driver a ticket for driving under the speed limit and driving an unsafe vehicle. The teens wouldn't say where they got the cart. They would only say they borrowed it from a friend.

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8/29 Bay Bridge AX

Maryland authorities have suspended the tolls for the Chesapeake Bay Bridge for the evening. The toll suspensions started this afternoon because of a building traffic back up caused largely by emergency construction on the span. Dropping the tolls didn't make a huge difference in traffic by mid-evening. There was still a long line of people trying to make it to the Eastern Shore.

8/28 Car Incentives

With sales of SUVs and trucks dropping, new car buyers are already on the lookout for good deals. But with the Labor Day weekend and the end of the model year coming up this weekend, it's putting shoppers in the drivers seats. Buyers can get a great deal if they're willing to consider the bigger vehicles. Many manufacturers are offering cash rebates and ultra low financing.

8/26 Bay Bridge Repairs

There is more bad news from the Bay Bridge tonight. State officials say they've discovered corroded concrete on the bridge's barriers and that could mean massive delays this coming Labor Day weekend. This comes just two weeks after a fatal accident sent a truck into the Chesapeake Bay. Maryland will close one lane of the eastbound right span for much of the day.

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8/19 Lower Drinking Age

100 college presidents are supporting a push to consider lowering the legal drinking age to 18. The University of Maryland president is one of the people supporting the idea. Mothers Against Drunk Driving are upset at the proposal, saying that the higher age saves 1000 lives every year. A group studying the higher drinking age admits that deaths decreased when the drinking age went up but aren't sure if tougher enforcement and better safety equipment played a larger role

8/18 Gas prices Dropping

Gas prices are dropping but with a tropical storm heading for the Gulf, there are fears that costs could go back up. So far, the storm doesn't seem to be threatening any oil facilities. Analysts think prices will continue to drop as long as there are no natural disasters or international conflicts that threaten oil production and distribution.

8/11 Bay Bridge Crash

Maryland Transportation Authority Police say the necessary equipment is in place and a marine salvage company is working to recover the tractor trailer that fell Sunday from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge into shallow water, killing the driver. One eastbound lane is still closed, and eastbound traffic had backed up more than two miles this morning.

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8/5 Bethesda Car Break-ins

Montgomery County police are struggling to stay on top of a spike in vehicle break-ins. They've noticed

more in the last 2 weeks alone, especially in parts of Wheaton, Rockville and Bethesda. From July 7th to 15th, there were 23 thefts from vehicles in the suburban communities. Police say many of the thefts could have been prevented if people would lock their doors, keep the windows closed, and remove valuable items from plain sight.

8/4 Balt Ave Kid Hit

A driver hit and killed a two year old boy, then didn't even bother to stop. It happened in College Park around 8:30 last night. 2 year old Alexander Nucunmendi and his mom were at a laundromat right next to Route One. His mother, Rosa, saw the little boy bolt out the door. She ran after him but didn't get to him in time. Police believe he was hit by a truck.

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9/29 Survivor Parent

The parents of the only survivor of a medical helicopter crash say there is really no way to make sense of how so many others could die and their daughter could live. Jordan Wells survived both a car accident and a medical helicopter crash that killed four people in suburban Washington this weekend. She is in critical condition. Federal air safety investigators are combing through wreckage to determine what caused the accident. National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said it appears the helicopter crashed on a 10-foot-wide paved path at the bottom of a small hill. The crash, one of a growing number of air ambulance accidents that has prompted aviation officials to begin planning a public hearing, happened after the pilot twice radioed for help in foggy weather. This was the deadliest emergency helicopter accident in Maryland since the State Police began flying those missions nearly 40 years ago, and the eighth fatal medical helicopter crash in the last 12 months nationwide.

9/19 Insurance Tracker

If you're shopping around for more affordable auto insurance, your driving record could give you more bargaining power. Progressive Insurance is offering a program for people who may not have the best record. If they use the "Myrate" program, the company installs a device on their car that records speed, driving conditions and other data. If the company finds out that you're a better driver, it can cut your premiums. But, if you don't have such a good record, you could pay more.

9/16 Bear Bomb Squad

Stuffed polar bears dressed to look like homeless people have been appearing around the District in recent days. One was spotted on the mall, another near the Teddy Roosevelt bridge. A sight so out of the ordinary that suspicious police officers have called in the bomb squad to check them out. It happened again today in Northwest, forcing Metro to shutdown the Columbia Heights Station. Green Peace is claiming responsibility for the bears which it says are meant to bring attention to global warning.

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9/9 Raise Driving Age

September is Back to School month and according to a new study, it's the deadliest month for teen driving deaths. The study by Allstate Insurance says that nearly 11% of teenage driving fatalities in the DC, Arlington and Alexandria areas happen in October. Another study says those deaths could be reduced if the driving age were raised. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says there would be fewer deaths on the roadways if the driving age were upped to 17.

9/9 Pedestrian Accidents

Less than a week after Montgomery County officials pledged to reduce the number of fatal pedestrian accidents, County police are investigating another deadly crash. The 13th victim this year was struck and killed just hours before another pedestrian safety accident in the county. County Executive Ike Leggett was set to until 5 million dollars in new pedestrian funding when yet another person was killed. The county says it's using money from speed cameras to pay for safety improvements.

9/1 Terrible Tuesday

You've heard of Black Friday, the busy shopping day after Thanksgiving but tomorrow is known as Terrible Tuesday. The day after Labor Day is one of the worst traffic days of the year as everyone heads back to school and work after summer vacation. AAA says high gas prices have created a 40% spike in carpooling which should reduce the number of cars on the road.

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7/21 Water Footprint

A new study from the DC group Food and Water Watch says the world is facing a severe water crisis. It's not just in developing nations but also here in the DC area where severe summer droughts are not uncommon. The group wants everyone to know how much water they use. Americans are using more water than ever before, from the food we eat to the bottled water we drink. About 400 billion gallons of fresh water is used everyday, according to the US Geological Survey.

7/17 Gore Energy Speech

Former Vice-President Al Gore today challenged the next generation to commit the country to generating 100% of its electricity from alternative energy sources... and do it in ten years. It's one of several steps Gore proposed to wean the country from its dependence on foreign oil and to reduce the damaging impact of climate change.

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8/11 Recycle Bank

A new program in Fairfax County is giving free money for recycling. The trash trucks measure the amount of recycling that each family has in their bins, then converts that amount to "points." Those points are then redeemable for things like movies, grocery cash and entertainment. Residents say its encouraging them to recycle a lot more than before.

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9/26 Remodel and Home

With this tough housing market, many people are choosing to renovate instead of upgrading to a new and bigger house. The Home and Garden Show in Chantilly this weekend offers homeowners suggestions for saving money and adding more environmentally friendly touches into their homes. In the bathroom, just putting in a water saving shower head can make a difference. You can also get refreshed furniture and water saving heaters that cost more up front but save money over time.

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9/1 Frankenfish

If you're relaxing on the water doing a little fishing this Labor Day, keep an eye out for snakeheads. The Maryland DNR found a school of the so-called Frankenfish in a creek in Charles County. They prey on other prized fish and some worry about the damage they may cause to the fishing industry. The population of this aggressive fish is growing and eating up the food supply for other fish. Snakeheads are native to China but were discovered in a Maryland pond several years ago.

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7/24 Kids Cooking Camp

One of the most popular camps of the summer is cooking camp for kids. The people who run a Montgomery County camp says they have waiting lists for kids wanting to learn how to cook. The teachers say the classes also help teach kids math skills. They learn to cook pizza and create an elegant dinner party in the lessons.

7/21 Money: Back to School Spending

It's only July and already retailers are advertising their Back to School specials. In a new consumer survey, 90% of consumers say they'll change the way they shop for back to school supplies. Now retailers say they're changing the way they make pitches to shoppers. Many stores are focusing their attention on the internet. JC Penney and Kohl's have posted campaigns on Facebook.com, reaching out to parents and kids. Penny's ads are based on the 80's movie "The Breakfast Club" and Kohl's is using music targeted to kids and their parents.

7/17 Batman Debut

"The Dark Knight", the latest Batman installment, is the hottest movie of the summer and it opens tonight. But even though this movie got its start as a comic book, that doesn't mean it's good fare for kids. Movie critic Kevin McCarthy has already seen the movie twice. He warns that "The Dark Knight" is just that -- dark. A psychiatrist at Inova Fairfax says kids are already exposed to lots of violence on TV. He warns over the long term that that greater the exposure, the greater the dose of violent media, the greater the chance that kids will become violent adults.

7/16 Son Kills Dad

A Prince George's County judge is refusing to throw out murder charges against a 16 year old accused of killing his father. Police say they have a confession from Michael Tucker, Junior but the teen's attorney says the "so called confession" was co-erced and he wants it thrown out. Tucker's lawyers say there's more to this case than just an argument, claiming Tucker's father had a history of violence and may have been high on drugs when he was killed. The 16 year old is accused of stabbing his father multiple times with a kitchen knife.

7/14 DC Family services

The DC agency charged with protecting children has a backlog of nearly 1700 cases. A court monitor calls that a dangerous situation and a DC council member is calling for action. The agency director says there are two problems. There aren't enough social workers and the agency is dealing with a surge of calls following the Banita Jacks case. Jacks' four children were discovered dead inside her home in January. The agency is accused of ignoring calls about the children's welfare. The director says she's bringing in more worker's next month to catch up on the case logs.

7/10 YMCA Child Abuse

A Frederick, Maryland mother says her 2 year old was kicked and punched by this own teacher at the YMCA. Rebecca King says video shows her son Timothy being beaten by the day care teacher. She says the teacher picked him up by the arms and slammed him into a chair for a timeout so hard it bruised his bottom, then kicked and slapped him. The YMCA didn't find out what had happened until five days later. King had insisted the YMCA look at video from the classroom to find her son's missing socks. That's when they discovered what was on the tape. The teacher's been arrested and charged with child abuse and assault.

7/9 DC School test results

DC school test scores are way up. The mayor and school chancellor announced that news with great excitement today. They say this is a welcome turn of events for a city whose test scores have not been where anyone wants them over the last few years. Preliminary results show DC elementary schools saw an 8 percentage point improvement in reading and an 11 point gain in math skills. Secondary schools saw 9 point increases in both reading and math proficiencies. These figures are still behind national averages but do represent big leaps over past years.

7/8 Don't Feed the Ducks

Police in Frederick are warning people to stop feeding the ducks. Cullver Lake is now overrun with ducks who are getting more aggressive trying to get people to feed them. They are also producing a lot of waste. Park-goers are warned that if they're caught feeding the ducks, they could be ticketed. That's a disappointment

for parents who say their kids love to toss bread to the ducks.

7/7 DC School Firings

There has been a major shakeup in recent weeks in DC's embattled school system. Dozens of principals, hundreds of teachers and staff were all fired for poor performance. DC is trying to put focus on the positive changes ahead for schools. Today, construction began on a state of the art high school to replace the old HD Woodson High in Southeast. The old, 8 story school was falling apart and had become a high profile symbol of all the problems in the DC school system. The \$110 million project should be finished in 2 years.

7/7 Kids Cholesterol Drugs

For the first time, an influential doctors group is recommending that some children as young as 8 be given cholesterol-fighting drugs to ward off future heart problems. It is the strongest guidance ever given on the issue by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which released its new guidelines Monday. The academy also recommends low-fat milk for 1-year-olds and wider cholesterol testing. Dr. Stephen Daniels, of the academy's nutrition committee, says the new advice is based on mounting evidence showing that damage leading to heart disease, the nation's leading killer, begins early in life. It also stems from recent research showing that cholesterol-fighting drugs are generally safe for children, Daniels said.

7/1 Son Kills Dad

A Hyattsville teenager charged with stabbing his father to death may get out of jail today pending his trial. A judge agreed to grant Michael Tucker, Junior bail with a conditional release. There was a huge show of support in the courtroom for the son and there are reports that there was turmoil in the family home. Court papers say Sunday night, Tucker used a kitchen knife to stab his father multiple times after the father grabbed the mother. Family members say they're relieved that the judge set bail..

7/1 Child Fireworks Burned

A little boy is suffering from massive burns after playing with fireworks. The 8 year old from Sterling, Virginia was playing with sparklers when his clothes caught fire. The family doesn't know how he got the sparklers. Fireworks are legal in Virginia but not if they're sold to someone under 18. The family believes he bought the fireworks from an ice cream truck.

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8/27 PG Anti-Truancy

Under Maryland law, children between 5 and 16 must be in school but a large number of students do play hooky. Prince George's County has decided to mount a crackdown on truancy, especially among the 6,000 youngsters considered chronic truants. The school board ordered a county-wide anti-truancy campaign. Merchants are being asked to hang posters encouraging adults to call a special number when they see school age children in their stores during school hours. Police will be sent to investigate.

8/27 Dog Attack

There are confusing reports tonight about what exactly happened in a dog attack yesterday at a DC rec center. A ten year old girl and 9 year old boy were bitten and taken to the hospital. The director of the Brooks Manor Apartments Rec Center is denying through her family that the dog was hers. Now the Health Department is sorting out the case. First reports said the dog was a pit bull but it's actually a Cane-Corso mix. Residents who wouldn't talk on camera says the children provoked the dog by throwing bottles and bricks at it. If investigators find out who owned the dog, there are possible violations and charges for keeping a dog without leash and assault.

8/27 Mom Doctor Abductor

A Loudoun County judge has once again denied bond for a woman investigators say abducted her doctor at gunpoint, holding the OB/GYN and his wife against their wishes. Michele Davidson was distraught over her young son's severe disability and claimed that the doctor caused the problem by waiting too long to deliver him. Prosecutors say she's dangerous but her family says she needs psychiatric care, not time in jail.

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A teacher is caught on tape manhandling a 2 year old boy but a Frederick County jury says it is no crime. Tonight we showed the video from the YMCA daycare that showed the teacher hitting, kicking and taunting the child. The grand jury says the evidence didn't add up to the crime because in Maryland, a parent or caregiver is allowed to use some nominal degree of force to discipline their children. The little boy's mother calls the decision an injustice.

8/26 Mogo Back to School

Montgomery County Schools are starting the year with a basic money problem. A budget shortfall means larger classes and fewer resources this year, now the county is discovering it may be getting 1000 more students than expected. The superintendent says he has already requested up to 3 million more dollars from the county to cover the increased cost for bus fuel. The school system says they have a team monitoring enrollment numbers and will be prepared to handle the increase.

8/26 DC School Schedules

Scheduling troubles and late registration issues slowed down the new school year in the District. On day 2, Students at Ballou High School were bused to a nearby church to iron out problems. School officials aren't sure why there are so many late registrations, which led to scheduling problems in getting kids in class. Those officials say things are going reasonably smoothly considering the major changes underway.

8/19 Lower Drinking Age

100 college presidents are supporting a push to consider lowering the legal drinking age to 18. The University of Maryland president is one of the people supporting the idea. Mothers Against Drunk Driving are upset at the proposal, saying that the higher age saves 1000 lives every year. A group studying the higher drinking age admits that deaths decreased when the drinking age went up but aren't sure if tougher enforcement and better safety equipment played a larger role

8/18 Jonas Brothers

They're the toast of the tween set and tonight, the Jonas Brothers are performing right here in the DC area. The band is most popular among pre-teen girls. The Jonas Brothers once opened for Hannah Montana, now they're drawing thousands of fans to their own shows. They even appeared at the White House, to shoot a public service announcement with the Secretary of the Interior. We got to travel with them from the White House to Madame Tousseaud's Wax Museum where their new figures were unveiled to a screaming crowd.

8/18 22nd St. Homicide

A killer opened fire on a group standing in the courtyard of an apartment complex in Southeast, killing a 17 year old girl. Police still don't know why she was killed. Several people heard the gunshots but no one saw the killer.

8/11 Money: Back to School Budget

With school almost back in session, the annual back to school shopping blitz is well underway. If you're waiting for a good deal to come your way, saavy shopping could save you big bucks. Many retailers are offering huge deals on supplies to get customers in the door. The back to school season is second only to Christmas for getting money for stores. You can also try Goodwill to save even more money on clothes and some items.

8/11 DC Murders

A 22-year old man on a minibike was shot to death in Southeast around 10:30 this morning. Police say multiple shots were fired at the man as he rode the bike near Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, a killing that adds to a soaring homicide rate. Police say they have no suspects. This is the 113th murder in DC this year, 7 more than the same time last year.

8/5 DC Schools Principal

Dozens of new principals are on the job in DC schools this year. That's just one of the sweeping changes made by Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee. The principals are coming in to overhaul the system and raise test scores.

8/5 Illegal Explosives

Surprising revelations involving a Maryland teen. Investigators say they found a fake ID card for the CIA, a map of the presidential motorcade route at Camp David and goggles used by snipers. Colin Mckenzie-Gude is the same teen who police claim was stockpiling weapons in his home in Howard County. We don't know what, if anything, he had planned but we do know that prosecutors want to make sure he stays in jail calling him a threat to public safety. His trial is set for September. The case is likely to go to a grand jury before then.

8/4 Kids Meals

Parents looking for healthy meal choices for their children are likely to find slim pickings on the menus of the nation's top restaurant chains, according to a report released Monday by a nonprofit public health group. Nearly every possible combination of the children's meals at Kentucky Fried Chicken, Taco Bell, Sonic, Jack in the Box, and Chick-fil-A are too high in calories, the report by the Center for Science in the Public Interest said. The report looked into the nutritional quality of kids' meals at 13 major restaurant chains. The center found 93 percent of 1,474 possible choices at the 13 chains exceed 430 calories - an amount that is one-third of what the National Institute of Medicine recommends that children ages 4 through 8 should consume in a day.

8/4 Boy Scouts E-Coli

Boy Scout officials have closed a popular camp in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains where more than a dozen Boy Scouts and one adult contracted an E. coli infection. The Goshen Scout Reservation in Rockbridge County hosted several thousand scouts and adult leaders and staff starting late last month. At least 17 Boy Scouts and one adult became ill, including three scouts who attended the camp last week. Alan Lambert, executive of the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, said Sunday the source of the outbreak remains unknown.

8/4 Balt Ave Kid Hit

A driver hit and killed a two year old boy, then didn't even bother to stop. It happened in College Park around 8:30 last night. 2 year old Alexander Nucunmendi and his mom were at a laundromat right next to Route One. His mother, Rosa, saw the little boy bolt out the door. She ran after him but didn't get to him in time. Police believe he was hit by a truck.

8/4 Teen Explosives

Montgomery County Police say a second teenager is charged after authorities seized four illegally

possessed assault rifles, two shotguns, a handgun and chemicals to make household explosives. A 17-year-old Gaithersburg youth turned himself into county police in Rockville Friday afternoon. He is charged with theft, computer misuse and conspiracy. Police say officers connected him to 18-year-old Colin McKenzie-Gude. The Bethesda man is charged with five counts of possession of a firearm or ammunition by a minor and other offenses. On Thursday, authorities also charged him with five counts of manufacturing and possessing a destructive device. Police say the two built and detonated bombs in a field near the 21500 block of Goshens Edge Court in Gaithersburg. Police say Colin McKenzie-Gude's father, 62-year-old Joseph Gude, bought the firearms for his son. He has been charged with perjury and other offenses.

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9/30 Deasy Quits PG Schools

Another change in leadership at the Prince George's County Schools. Superintendent John Deasy has resigned to take a job with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Deasy is leaving Maryland's second-largest school system to become a deputy director for the world's largest charitable foundation. He will focus on ensuring students graduate from high school with the skills they need to succeed in college. The school system announced Tuesday that deputy superintendent William Hite will serve as interim superintendent once Deasy leaves

in February. Deasy was hired to lead the Prince George's school system in March 2006, less than a year after superintendent Andre Hornsby resigned while under federal investigation. Hornsby was later convicted of wire fraud, evidence tampering and obstruction of justice. Deasy faced questions of his own about whether he had enough transfer credits to earn the doctorage degree he has.

9/30 Calvert Child Death

The investigation into the murder of two young girls found stores in their adoptive mother's freezer is intensifying. Authorities in Calvert County have charged 43 year old Renee Bowman with child abuse after her 7 year old adoptive daughter escaped from the home and was found wandering the streets with signs of severe abuse. Investigators then searched her home in Lusby and uncovered the remains of two other girls stored in a freezer. Police believe they were killed at a home in Rockville. Today, investigators with cadaver dogs are back at that home digging for something. Police aren't saying what they are looking for.

9/29 Survivor Parent

The parents of the only survivor of a medical helicopter crash say there is really no way to make sense of how so many others could die and their daughter could live. Jordan Wells survived both a car accident and a medical helicopter crash that killed four people in suburban Washington this weekend. She is in critical condition. Federal air safety investigators are combing through wreckage to determine what caused the accident. National Transportation Safety Board member Debbie Hersman said it appears the helicopter crashed on a 10-foot-wide paved path at the bottom of a small hill. The crash, one of a growing number of air ambulance accidents that has prompted aviation officials to begin planning a public hearing, happened after the pilot twice radioed for help in foggy weather. This was the deadliest emergency helicopter accident in Maryland since the State Police began flying those missions nearly 40 years ago, and the eighth fatal medical helicopter crash in the last 12 months nationwide.

9/29 Calvert Child Death

A gruesome and tragic case is unfolding in Calvert County. A bruised and starving 7-year-old girl walking alone on a gravel road led investigators to an even grimmer discovery: remains in a basement freezer that her adoptive mother said were the youngster's sisters. Authorities say they believe the mother, Renee Bowman, is responsible for killing her other two daughters. The three girls were foster children in Bowman's care before she adopted them. Sheriff's deputies were investigating an abuse complaint Saturday when they discovered the child-sized remains encased in ice. The mother told investigators they had been in her southern Maryland home's freezer for at least seven months and police said they are considering the case a homicide. Police believe she may have killed the children at their former home in Rockville.

9/26 Howard U Crime

Howard University students have been hyper aware in recent weeks of a crime wave gripping their campus. 12 students have been robbed in the last 30 days. Two have been sexually assaulted. But the emergency call boxes sprinkled around campus are unreliable. Some students complain they haven't worked in years. We experimented with three boxes. None of the boxes allowed a two way conversation with authorities. The university did not respond to several messages seeking comment. Last night, a spokesperson said the technology for the call boxes is outdated and they have a new vendor to replace the phones.

9/24 St. Mary's Abduction

Investigators are on the lookout for three suspects in a bold abduction and bank robbery. An unidentified woman and her two young children were snatched at gunpoint as they left their home in Lusby this morning. Two suspects drove the woman in her own car to the bank she works at in California, Maryland and forced her to take

money out. The case had local schools on lockdown while police hunt for suspects. After the robbery, the kidnapers ditched her car and nearby and may have been picked up by a third man in a black Nissan Sentra. The family wasn't hurt.

9/22 Md Student Killed

A nephew of Minnesota basketball coach Tubby Smith was stabbed to death during a fight at an off-campus apartment. Police say 19-year-old William L. Smith, a Becker College student who lived in Scotland, Md., was killed early Sunday. The University of Minnesota confirmed the victim's relationship with the basketball coach. Detective Captain Edward McGinn says Smith was stabbed once in the chest after a fight involving students and nonstudents broke out during a house party and spilled into the street. McGinn says a weapon was recovered at the scene. No arrests have been made, but police say they interviewed numerous witnesses and were pursuing several leads.

9/19 Smart Sacks

A Montgomery County Schools community program called Smart Sacks is helping kids get nutritious lunches even when they're not in school. The program fills up a backpack of healthy food for kids who are on the free or reduced lunch programs at school. When kids don't get enough to eat or only eat junk food during the weekend, they come back to school with focus problems. The program is hoping to expand with more support from businesses who help provide the supplies and pack the bookbags.

9/19 PW School Lockdown

Prince William County locked down three schools while police searched for a murder suspect. Tonight, some parents are asking questions about how the schools handled the situation. One woman says her 10 year old son was left behind with other disabled children at Marumsco Hills Elementary. The school kept 12 disabled or special needs students inside with 11 staff members, saying it was too dangerous to evacuate them to buses blocks away. Other parents are upset that they weren't notified about the problem. The school system says they sent out thousands of messages and text messages alerting parents of the situation. The murder suspect was not inside the home that police surrounded.

9/18 DC Summer jobs

More troubles tonight for DC's Summer Jobs Program. After going tens of millions of dollars over budget, the city can't figure out where all the money has gone. City leaders can't help but compare this to the DC tax scandal where an employee stole millions of dollars from the city. The inspector general today revealed that the city can't account for 10 million dollars from the troubled jobs program and is investigation allegations of fraud.

9/18 Campaign U

All through the presidential race, Fox 5 is teaming up with American University to put viewers right in the middle of AU's Political Science class. We call it Campaign U, and both online and on the air, students have been breaking the most important factors in the race. In the campaign classroom today, students took a closer look at campaign ads and found that they're not just coming from the candidates themselves. Political ads are also sponsored by labor unions and and social issue groups.

9/17 Deonte Rawlings

It's been a year since two off duty DC police officers were involved in the shooting death of 14 year old Deonte Rawlings. Police say the teenager opened fire on the two officers as they tried to recover a stolen mini bike. Prosecutors say the officers did nothing wrong. They were also cleared in an internal DC police problem. Today, Rawlings family is calling this a sham, since the city is refusing to release any evidence. No gun was ever found on or near Rawlings.

9/16 Chillum Rd Kids Struck

A van struck two kids on the way to the bus stop in Chillum this morning, then the driver didn't even stop. Both kids are in critical condition as police hunt for the driver. A witness tells Fox 5 that the kids were walking across the street when a van speeding down Chillum Road hit the boy and girl. Police say the van was an extended model white work van and likely has extensive front end damage.

9/9 Raise Driving Age

September is Back to School month and according to a new study, it's the deadliest month for teen driving deaths. The study by Allstate Insurance says that nearly 11% of teenage driving fatalities in the DC, Arlington and Alexandria areas happen in October. Another study says those deaths could be reduced if the driving age were raised. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety says there would be fewer deaths on the roadways if the driving age were upped to 17.