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7/29 LANDOVER RD HOMICIDE

A Prince George's county man who planned to move his family "out" of a crime-ridden community... Instead ended up the county's latest victim.

Gunned down while talking on his cell phone.

7/28 TODDLER ON 495

The Newport News woman charged with abandoning her toddler on the side of the Capital Beltway in Falls Church is in the Fairfax County jail.

Twenty-two-year-old Channah Green is due in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court tomorrow morning to answer felony child neglect charges. They stem from what investigators say happened Tuesday night.

7/27 BOY LEFT BEHIND

A mother is in serious trouble tonight after authorities say she abandoned her four-year-old son on the side of the Beltway in Falls Church last night -- then hit him with the car as he tried to get back in. A passing driver rescued the boy.

7/26 STAFFORD HOT KIDS

A Virginia mother is facing felony charges, after police say she left her children to sweat it out inside a hot locked car.

Police say 'Mariana Guerrero' left her two kids inside a mini-van .. for nearly an hour, while she went shopping at a Stafford mall.

7/25 SURVEILLANCE PICS

A chilling crime caught on tape.

The suspect's face crystal clear.

A hidden surveillance camera captured the murder of "Cervano Hernandez" early Saturday. During an attempted robbery in Columbia Heights.

7/22 PG CARJACK/MURDERS

Police made an arrest in a string of robberies they think is also connected to 2 attempted carjackings and murders. The suspect is not connected to the murders but police are hoping either this suspect can lead them to others, or they'll find evidence linking this suspect to the murders.

7/22 EASTERN HS SHOOT/MISTAKEN ID

Months after a DC high school student was shot and killed while riding in a car with friends, police reveal they think the shooting was a case of mistaken identity.

Detectives think the shooter intended to kill a rival gang member. Someone in the car LOOKED like that rival gang member.

The teenaged victim turned out to be a good kid, never in any trouble.

7/21 WEAPON/EXPLOSIVES

A search of a La Plata man's home led police to a startling discovery.
Guns grenades and gear used to make explosives.
Investigators say the 23 year old was trying to drum up support for an anti-american cause.

7/20 TENANT TAPED

A renter got way more than she bargained for when she leased a room in a northern Virginia home..
Police say her landlord was watching her through the wall!
A hidden camera recording her every move...
And it went on for nearly a year.

7/19 SEVERNA PARK RAPE

Police in Anne Arundel county say they're closing in on a man accused of raping a woman in her Severna Park home.

7/18 6 YO DROWNING HOMICIDE

Family members are being questioned about the death of a six-year-old boy found tied up in the bathtub of a Southeast apartment.

Don Wilson had his hands tied behind his back and his ankles were also bound. Investigators say family members discovered the boy around eight this morning in the Wheeler Road home.

7/15 BANK ROBBERY VERDICT

There was a verdict in a series of high-powered bank heists.
6-men on trial accused of being the serial bank robbers were convicted.

7/14 BORF ARREST

Police say the vandal known as Borf has been arrested.
The 18 year old from Great Falls Virginia and 2 other men were arrested yesterday thanks to someone who saw the suspects in action and called police.
The department of public works hopes this is the end to one part of a very expensive graffiti problem.

7/13 ARMORED CAR ROBBERY

A Dunbar armored car had just made a drop this morning at a Bank of America in Silver Spring.
That's when an armed man jumped out and demanded one of the guard's gun.

7/12 ANNANDALE DESTRUCTION

Several Annandale neighborhoods were hit by vandals.
Spray painted with gang symbols between 10pm and midnight.
And it's not the first time.

7/11 SCISSOR KILLER EXECUTION

The US supreme court just issued a "stay" of execution for convicted killer Robin Lovitt.
Lovitt "was" scheduled to die at 9 o'clock at a Virginia correction center for the 1998 slaying of an Arlington pool hall manager.

7/11 7/8 MOGO CHILD ABUSER

100-thousand images of child pornography uncovered.
Montgomery County police say they know 'who' the photo's belong to.
But figuring out who's 'in' the photos will be a daunting task.

7/7 RAIL ALERT LEVEL

Metro is on alert, following the deadly London explosions. We spoke with the Metro Transit Police chief, about security changes on the rail system. And she urged riders to be vigilant, by keeping an eye out for any suspicious bags/people on trains.

7/6 MARSHAL SHOTS WIFE

A US marshall with 17 years on the force is under arrest and charged with murdering his own wife!

7/5 GIBBS PLAYGROUND

A masked killer opened fire on the playground.
His barrel trained on just one person.
The shooting happened last night at gibbs elementary on 19th street, northeast.

7/4 CLASSICS CLUB MURDER

prince george's county police searching for a suspect who opened fire into a group of people being escorted by an off-duty police officer. shawn bryant hodges of forestville was shot to death just minutes after he and a friend were asked to leave classics nightclub in camp springs.. (asked to leave b.c got into a fight) police say no one saw the shooter

7/04 ARUBA LATEST

2 of 3 suspects set free in natalee holloway case (teen disappeared during a class trip more than a month ago) A third person -- the 17-year-old son of a justice official on the island -- has been ordered held for 60 more days.

7/01/05 Fatal 16 Year Old Shooting Suspect

NEARLY 2-MONTHS AFTER A BALLOU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS GUNNED DOWN... THE TEEN SUSPECTED OF KILLING HIM.. APPEARS BEFORE A JUDGE. POLICE ARRESTED 19-YEAR OLD MICHAEL BLACKSON YESTERDAY... CHARGING HIM WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER.... IN THE DEATH OF 16-YEAR-OLD LAVELLE JONES. JONES WAS KILLED AS HE SAT IN THE BACK SEAT OF A CAR IN SOUTHEAST.

7/01/05 Teen Driver Sentenced

ARKEE HALL, THE TEEN DRIVER BEHIND TWO DEADLY ACCIDENTS, THREE YEARS APART... IS SENTENCED TODAY TO THREE YEARS IN JAIL.
HE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF RECKLESS DRIVING IN THE FIRST ACCIDENT, IN FEBRUARY 2002, IN WHICH HIS PASSENGER WAS KILLED... AND FOUND GUILTY OF DRUNK DRIVING IN THE SECOND ACCIDENT IN 2004.

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8/30 14TH STREET HOMICIDE

A mother and grandmother were stabbed to death outside a parking lot in northwest yesterday D.C. Police have no suspects or motive in the murder of gloria banks the second grandmother murdered in the city in the last three weeks.

Her family says she was trying to catch the bus when she was killed.

8/29 MUHAMMAD HUNGER STRIKE

John Allen Muhammad's attorney says he thinks the convicted sniper's concerns can be worked out without requiring force feeding.

Muhammad began a hunger strike when he arrived at a Montgomery County jail on Monday. Corrections officials obtained a court order allowing them to forcibly feed and hydrate him. It's not clear whether he was fed today.

8/26 SEX OFFENDER MURDER

Prince George's county police are looking into whether the murder yesterday of a convicted sex offender was a revenge killing.

8/24 SE STRAY BULLET ARREST

DC Police made an arrest in the death of a grandmother, killed while watching TV. Police arrested Russell Michell, 18, who is also the grandson of former Ward 8 councilwoman Sandy Allen. The grandmother, 46-year-old Dorine Fostion, was killed last Wednesday by a stray bullet.

8/23 ROUTE 29 STALKER

Carmelita Shomo testified in Darrell Rice's trial today in Prince William County. Shomo says she is -- quote -- "100 percent" sure that the Maryland man kidnapped and attacked her in February 1996 while she was driving on Route 234 between Manassas and Woodbridge.

8/22 MUHAMMAD MOGO COUNTY

Convicted sniper John Muhammad will remain in the Montgomery County Jail until his trial, after waiving a bond hearing. He was brought in today from Virginia, where he's been sentenced to death for one of the October 2002 shootings that terrorized the region. He now faces trial for the half-dozen shootings that happened in Montgomery County.

8/19 STRAY BULLETS

DC police say they're making progress tracking down the person who sprayed a building with bullets Wednesday night. Dorine Fostion, a grandmother, was killed as she sat in her apartment on Robinson Place in Southeast.

8/19 MT. RAINIER OFFENDER CHECK

Police go door to door to check for registered sex offenders in Mt. Rainier.. meanwhile, a landlord is furious after learning a registered offender was living in her building. She says a tenant took in the man as a boarder. the tenant told the landlord the man is looking for another place to stay.

8/18 6 Y/O KILLED/DROWNED

The mother charged with killing her six-year-old son by tying him up and drowning him in a bathtub has been found competent to stand trial. Julia Barber remains at Saint Elizabeths Hospital at least until a hearing next month. Little Donmiguel Wilson was found dead on July 18th.

8/17 DEVELOPMENT FIRE

A Massive fire that made history.

The man accused of being the mastermind behind the biggest arson case in Maryland is now underway. Fire destroyed more than 35 new homes in a Indian Head housing development last december. Some say the fires were motivated by hate.

8/16 PG POLICE IMPERSONATOR

Police in Prince George's County are warning the public to look out for a police impersonator in the Calverton area. The man apparently pulled over a woman Friday and fondled her. Police say it's OK to call 9-1-1 if you're suspicious about who's pulling you over.

8/15 FAIRFAX OFFICER SHOT

The investigation continues into a double shooting this morning in Newington, where one of the victims is a Fairfax County police officer.

Authorities say they were called to a townhouse development for a domestic dispute. Anita Yessian says she called the cops after seeing one of her roommates being attacked by that woman's son.

8/12 SLURPEE MURDER

A second Maryland teenager faces prison time for the murder of a teenager who offered to buy a girl a slurpee.

Prosecutors in Prince George's County say 17-year-old James White of Suitland has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and a related charge. Officials say White left high school student Michael Bassett for dead in May of last year.

8/11 OFFICER CHARGED

New charges have been filed against a former Metro Transit Police officer accused of raping a woman in Silver Spring. Montgomery County prosecutors dropped charges against 31-year-old Darren Way for allegedly pulling a gun on a prostitute and demanding services without payment. But D-C police now say Way now faces sexual abuse charges in the District, stemming from a similar case.

8/10 PG POLICE CRIME

Prince George's County police say they'll no longer tell the media the specific cities where crimes are occurring, after numerous complaints about getting it wrong.

8/9 CHILD LEFT IN CAR

Authorities have identified a woman charged with leaving her three-year-old daughter alone in a car. Hyattsville police say 21-year-old Brenda Oliva of New Carrollton

is charged with reckless endangerment and leaving a child unattended. Investigators believe the girl was left alone in the car near East-West Highway for at least two hours on Sunday morning.

8/8 RIDGE PLACE SHOOTING

A DC teenager is in the hospital recovering after someone fired 6-shots at him while he was riding his bike.

The 15-year old was hit in the arm and leg.
The shooting happened last night on ridge place, southeast.

8/5 SPRINGBROOK HS STABBING

A summer school fight ended with 2 students stabbed.
Medics and police swarmed the scene this afternoon outside the high school minutes after it happened..

It went down at Springbrook high in Silver Spring.

8/4 MADISON ST. 4 SHOT

DC Police say four men were shot when a gunman with a high-powered assault weapon opened fire this morning in Northeast.

8/3 TODDLER ON 495

The future of a 4-year-old boy left on the beltway is now in the hands of a judge.
The boy's mother was in court today.
She's accused of leaving her son on the beltway near Lee highway in Fairfax.

8/2 FMR PW SHERIFF ARREST

Virginia State Police have arrested the former sheriff of Prince William County.
Lee Stoffregen faces grand larceny and embezzlement charges.

8/1 QUINCY STREET DOUBLE SHOOTING

Two men shot dead.
One a father working hard to make a better life for his wife and two young children.

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9/30 SLURPEE MURDER

One of the suspects in what's become known as the Slurpee killing case got a 15-year prison sentence today. A Prince George's County judge suspended another 15-years for James White on a second-degree murder charge. Another ten years for a riot charge will be served concurrently.

9/29 CHRYSTAL CITY SHOOTING

A man collapses and later died. It happened early this morning in the business district of Crystal City. So early that investigators have yet to find one witness.

9/28 BLAKE HS STABBING DEATH

A viewing will be held tomorrow for Kanisha Neal -- the Montgomery County teenager killed after a football game last week.

Kanisha died from a stab wound. Her murder has prompted county authorities to increase patrols at all high school football games. Parents are also being encouraged to get more involved.

9/27 DEVELOPER INDICTED

A prominent city developer is being indicted on charges of bribing a D-C government official. Douglas Jemal, his son Norman and another official at Jemal's company are accused of offering bribes to win millions of dollars in city contracts. Jemal has previously denied any wrongdoing.

9/26 BLAKE HS STABBING

The young suspect accused of murdering another girl will remain locked up for the time being.

That's the judge's decision in the case of the unidentified 15-year-old who allegedly took a knife and stabbed Kanisha Neal after a high school football game.

9/23 MISSING VCU STUDENT

Police say a 38-year-old man identified as a person of interest in the disappearance of a missing college freshman has been arrested.

Richmond police spokeswoman Kirsten Nelson confirmed amateur photographer Ben Fawley was taken into custody.

9/22 CITADEL PLACE ASSAULT

New evidence in the search for the man who sexually assaulted a woman behind a Fairfax County grade school. Fairfax County police say the suspect might have been wearing a white T-shirt with the words "Diver's Club" and "Puerto Vallarta Mexico." The victim was attack3ed last night while taking a shortcut home from the Dunn Loring Metro station.

9/20 CHILLUM CARRYOUT FATAL

An investigation is under way into who shot a young woman outside the Chillum restaurant where she worked.

Prince George's County police say they were called to the Sunflower Carryout in the 56-hundred block of Sargent Road around 10:30 last night. Police say upon arrival, they found 19-year-old Xian Zheng with multiple gunshot wounds lying in the parking lot.

9/19 IRVING ST. FATAL

Police admit they're at a loss to explain exactly what led to the shooting death of a man walking his dog on a Northwest street late Saturday. Gregory Shipe had attended grad school in Tennessee and was fairly new to the neighborhood.

9/15 MISSING COLLEGE STUDENT

The search for a missing Virginia Commonwealth University student -- Taylor Behl from Vienna -- has become a criminal investigation.

9/14 DRIVER SHOT IN COLUMBIA

Investigators say Daniel Martin was driving along route 175 in Columbia around 3 o'clock this morning when the bullet came flying through the back window of his van.

He should survive.

Police don't have any suspects.

9/13 US MARSHAL CHARGED

A former U-S Marshal has been sentenced to 25 years in prison for shooting a Navy seaman. All but 15 years are suspended. The Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge says she had to sentence Arthur Lloyd based on the verdicts jurors delivered in June.

9/12 SERIAL ARSON SENTENCING

The D-C region's serial arsonist is heading to prison where he'll spend the rest of his life. A federal judge has sentenced Thomas Sweatt to life plus 136 years in prison. Before hearing his fate, Sweatt apologized for setting 45 arson fires. Two women died in fires he set.

9/7 SERIAL RAPIST?

An accused serial rapist is now charged by a stafford county grand jury for three attacks.

Donnell Cusik was arrested in July after a 19-year old was nearly kidnapped by a masked man outside her home.

9/6 KATRINA SCAM

Authorities say four men were on Sunset Hills Road, Sunday afternoon, asking for donations to help the victims of Katrina. But police who checked things out say the quartet don't represent any charity.

9/2 CHESAPEAKE ST. SHOOTING

Two women caught in the crossfire, during an early morning shooting outside a convenience store in Southeast. Both women were shot, when 2 groups of suspects started shooting at each other. Both women are stable tonight. And police have not made any arrests.

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7/27 STARTER CASTLES

Because of the recent trend of people building bigger homes on their existing property, Montgomery county, and other jurisdictions are beginning to debate additional height restrictions.

But no one is seriously trying to stop people from building bigger houses, as long as they obey zoning regulations."

7/26 MOGO HOUSING FREEZE

In the midst of the country's biggest housing boom, Montgomery county is considering strengthening a building freeze.

Opponents say halting construction could raise the price of housing and hurt businesses.

7/25 NO PEEING IN PUBLIC

Most people do in the privacy of their own home.
But in Montgomery county it's happening in public.
And lawmakers want to make it illegal.
We are talking about urinating in the streets.

7/21 LAURA BUSH / EHRLICH

First Lady Laura Bush says she pays attention to Maryland politics.

Mrs. Bush was the star attraction at a fundraiser in Bethesda for Governor Ehrlich this evening. In her 12-minute speech, she rattled off a series of Ehrlich's accomplishments in areas including the budget, education and the environment.

7/20 STUPID LAWS

When was the last time you saw someone let a dog smoke a cigar? Or how about seeing someone bounce on a pogo stick, while they're riding a bus? If that sounds a little crazy, well you're just scratching the surface of a whole host of laws that have either outlived their usefulness, or are just plain silly

7/19 MIKULSKI AT WORK

Maryland senator Barbara Mikulski is back at work just a few days after a health scare put her in the hospital.

7/18 SEAT PLEASANT

City council passed that budget earlier this month.
It includes a 16 percent tax hike....
Most of which will go to the added police services.

7/15 MIKULSKI RELEASED

Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski has been cleared to return to the hill after spending four days in the hospital.

Mikulski was released from mercy medical center in Baltimore this morning.

7/14 TOWNHALL ASSAULT

Capitol Heights Council member Evelyn Grimes showed up-- demanding some answers..
Sources say Grimes threatened the mayor and chased her around a table... Before she escaped through a side door.
Police escorted Grimes from the building too.

7/13 DISTRICT CAMERAS

Mayor Tony Williams says he thinks more cameras may need to be installed to help improve security in the city. Williams says the cameras don't necessarily have to compromise civil liberties. He says in some cities, access to the video collected by the cameras is controlled by citizens groups.

7/12 MINI-MANSIONS

Brand new, giant homes : Built on little lots.
They tower over the houses next door, pitting neighbor against neighbor.
But Montgomery county may soon introduce a new bill designed to limit the size of of these mini-mansions.

7/11 VAN HOLLEN NOT RUNNING

Maryland Demoratic Congressman Chris Van Hollen will not run for the U.S. Senate.
Van Hollen says he decided to stay focused on his family, and help democrats win the majority in the house next year.

7/8 DC DMV MOVES

The city is moving its d-m-v headquarters from 'c' street in northwest to 'm' street in southwest.
It's to alleviate parking problems.
But some people say the city's good intentions could lead to even worse results.

7/7 BRAC LOCAL

Local lawmakers spoke to the Base Realignment Commission about closing local bases and military installations, including Walter Reed Hospital and several Pentagon offices in Crystal City. Lawmakers told BRAC the closings were not necessary, claiming it would hurt the defense of our area and hurt the local economy.

7/7 DC RESPONSE

Mayor Anthony Williams and Police Chief Charles Ramsey spoke about security changes across the District, following the London blasts. They include more officers patrolling high traffic areas, and telling residents to be more vigilant.

7/6 SHEPHERD SKL TOUR

Councilman Adrian Fenty was among the group touring Shepherd elementary school and surveying what needed repairs.
Councilman Fenty is sponsoring a one- billion dollar school maintenance bill.

7/5 OP FAST FORWARD

City and federal leaders put the district's pedestrian and vehicle routes to the test.
Using the crowd watching the 4th of july fireworks on the Mall as "test subjects".

7/4 BOAT TAX FIGHT

boaters in stafford county, va have to pay a personal property tax on boats... costing them thousands of dollars a year, but that's not the case in neighboring prince william county. so, boaters are registering their boats in PW or other local counties where they're no tax. marina owners in stafford say high boat taxes are driving people & revenue away. The Stafford Co. Board of Supervisors has promised to take a look at the property tax on boats.

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8/31 LOCAL RELIEF HELP

Members of Montgomery County's Urban Search and Rescue Team are at work in Mississippi today, trying to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

8/30 MD GAY MARRIAGE

The "I-do" debate reached a Maryland courtroom today. A group of same-sex couples are suing the state... challenging Maryland's ban on gay marriage.

8/29 RESCUE TEAMS

Thirty-four members of Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team has been mobilized to help look for victims in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The team is expected to arrive in the Gulf Region Tuesday. Montgomery County's team is also getting ready to deploy. Officials say about 35 members are on stand-by.

8/24 BRAC CLOSINGS

The BRAC Commission met today and voted to close Fort Monroe in Hampton, VA. They're also considering closing Walter Reed Hospital in DC, and moving more than 20,000 jobs out Arlington County. Today was the first of 3 days in the BRAC Commission's voting.

MAYOR TOURS SKL

DC Schools resume next Monday. All summer, crews have been repairing problems at different schools. Today, Mayor Anthony Williams toured a school in Southeast to get a first-hand look at the repairs. DC Schools is promising that all schools will open on time, due to all the refurbishments.

8/23 DC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The city's public charter schools are among 120 in eight states and the District that will share 37 (m) million dollars under a facilities grant program.

D-C Mayor Tony Williams says the money is part of the more than one (b) billion dollars the Bush Administration has earmarked for charter school education since the president took office in 2001.

The District's public charter school program is one of the largest in the nation with around two dozen institutions expected to be in operation this year.

8/18 HERNDON DAY LABORERS

Herndon town commissioners sat through hours of heated testimony listened to scores of passionate residents.

And in the end "approved" a hotly-contested center for day laborer.

Supporters and opponents spoke out again last night the second day of hearing over the center. Currently laborers gather outside a 7-11 every day looking for work.

8/17 HERNDON DAY LABORERS

The Herndon Town Council is expected to vote tonight on whether to approve a day labor site. Supporters say it would provide a safe gathering place for people searching for work. Opponents say most of the day laborers

are in the U-S illegally .

8/16 MAYOR CLEANS CALL CENTER

Swapping his trademark bow tie and business suit for work boots, coveralls and gloves, Mayor Tony Williams got down and dirty today. He helped get rid of graffiti that was blighting a wall in a Dupont Circle alley. The mayor says you've got to take care of the little crimes, so they don't mushroom into bigger ones.

8/11 PG CRIME FIGHTING

Phil Lee, Pres. of the Kettering Civic Federation wants to build a community facility, where kids will be taught job and life skills by retired professionals

8/10 WALTER REED CLOSING

Officials in D-C and Virginia agree on one thing in the debate over military base closures. They all think Bethesda is too far away to move military medical offices that are based in Arlington and Fairfax counties. D-C Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton is recommending Bolling Air Force Base as an alternative. But Virginia officials want the medical commands to stay put.

8/8 VA DOGS LAW

People living in Spotsylvania county are getting a chance to weigh in on the push for stronger "vicious dog" laws in Virginia.

Residents and county leaders are discussing several measures including one that would limit the number of dogs in neighborhoods.

The proposed changes are in reaction to a mauling death earlier this year.

8/5 DC TAX FREE

The first of two tax-free shopping weeks starts tomorrow in d-c.

The waiver applies to any school items... Clothes... Accessories or shoes... That cost one hundred dollars or less

The first sales tax holiday runs tomorrow through august 14th..

8/4 GOV'T BUILDING RASH

A mysterious rash is targeting d-c employees.

25 people received it.

Some had to go to the hospital.

Health officers are trying to figure out what it is..

And what's causing it.

8/3 HERNDON DAY LABOR SITE

The battle over how taxpayer dollars a new 170-thousand dollar employment center for day laborers continues.

Herndon town members debated the issue for hours... Monday night.

8/1 MOGO LABOR SITE

A day laborer center is set to open in Wheaton later this month.

The second employment site set up to help Montgomery county workers.

'Casa' will run the center.

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9/30 CITY HALL LINES CUT

Sabotage at the Laurel city hall.
 Someone intentionally cut a telephone cable across from the building.
 Along with city hall, 800 homes and businesses also lost all phone service.
 Verizon techs are reconnecting the wires on the cable-- and they plan to work all night.

9/29 WILLIAMS NOT RUNNING AGAIN

Mayor Tony Williams announced he's not running for a third term.
 Three D-C Council members have already entered the mayoral race
 -- including chair Linda Cropp, Ward 4's Adrian Fenty, and Vincent
 Orange of Ward 5.

9/28 O'MALLEY RUNS FOR GOV.

Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley has announced
 he's running for governor.
 A crowd estimated by city police at two-thousand was on hand for
 O'Malley's long-expected announcement. Many waved signs that said
 "Maryland Can Do Better."

9/27 CSX HAZMAT HEARING

The federal government and CSX gave the judge a copy of the security plan for trains going near the
 Capitol.
 The DC government today went to court.. asking for a copy of that plan.
 But the feds and CSX say it's secret.
 The judge is giving them 30-days to justify 'why' the DC government can't see the plan.

9/26 METRO RIDERS COUNCIL

The transit agency is accepting applications for a new "riders advisory council".
 Daily and occasional commuters can apply.
 Council members will advise metro's board on train and bus operations.
 There will be 20 members from the public.
 6 from DC, Maryland and Virginia and two at large members.

9/23 ANTI-WAR/IMF PREVIEW

More than one hundred thousand people are expected to take part in this weekend's anti war protest.
 Organizers say it will be the largest demonstration to pass by the white house in more than a decade.
 And then once again there are protests against the IMF World Bank.
 Every officer on the DC Police and US. Park Police forces will be working.

9/22 ARLINGTON CEMETERY BURIAL

A bill in the U-S Senate would bar veterans
 convicted of capital murder from being buried in national
 cemeteries. The measure aims to close a loophole that allowed the
 interment of a killer earlier this year at Arlington National
 Cemetery. The earlier law made it possible for the remains of
 Vietnam vet Russell Wagner to be buried in July in Arlington. He
 was serving two life terms for killing an elderly couple in 1994.

9/21 \$2 GAS IN DC

D-C Councilman Vincent Orange wants to roll back the city's gas tax for 90 days. The Democratic mayoral candidate says city has plenty of money in the bank and can afford to give motorists a break at the pump. Triple-A says the District has the highest gas prices in the nation.

9/20 GRANDPARENTS CARE GIVERS

With one in 5 children being raised by not by his or her parents, but by their grand-parents, DC City Council is hoping to offer a lifeline. The "grandparent caregivers act of 2005" is expected to come up for a vote next month. A public meeting on the matter will be held on monday, october 3rd... In the wilson building.

9/19 PEACE MOM TOUR

The face of the anti-war movement is on her way to washington. Over the weekend Sheehan's "United for peace and justice" tour... will wrap up here this weekend With a 3-day rally. It co-incides with planned protests against the imf and world bank meetings.

9/15 KIDS WRITE LONG LETTER

A group of pint-sized citizens from the area are working hard to make the world a better place. And they're doing it by writing a "long letter" to the president... and rolling it out on the National Mall.

9/14 CO. OF GOV. PREPAREDNESS

The federal response to Hurricane Katrina has local leaders wondering what they can do to make their areas ready to handle an emergency. The regional Emergency Preparedness Council will meet tomorrow to discuss installing sirens and to make sure evacuation plans include provisions for people without cars.

9/13 VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S RACE

Two of the leading candidates for Virginia governor held a debate today at the Hilton in Tysons Corner. Transportation was among the key issues discussed.

9/9 KATRINA CALL CENTER

A call center in prince george's county took calls for the telethon, Shelter from the Storm, tonight. We go inside the call center.

9/9 FEMA DEBIT CARDS

FEMA announces it is canceling its debit card plan for anyone but those in texas who are already getting it. Evacuees at the DC armory say this isn't fair. FEMA may issue direct deposits instead, but many evacuees don't even have bank accounts.

9/8 DC ARMORY

The mayor himself won't be around to see the how things go the next couple of days here at the armory. He is leaving on a previously scheduled ten day business trip to Europe.

9/7 KATRINA EVACUEES

About 250 survivors of Hurricane Katrina remain at the D-C Armory, and the Red Cross says they're the ones most in need.

9/6 DC/KATRINA EVACUEES

Mayor Tony Williams was among a host of politicians at a news conference outside the armory, after the first group arrived from New Orleans. Williams and several others stressed that the armory should just be a first stop.

9/1 HERNDON DAY LABORERS

Six Herndon residents have filed a lawsuit against the town, trying to block a planned center for day laborers. They are represented by the conservative legal group Judicial Watch. The lawsuit alleges that the town violated federal, state and local laws when it voted to establish a site that would allow day laborers to seek part-time work.

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7/29 FEDERAL HWY PKG

Metro stands to benefit from a multi-billion dollar transportation package coming out of congress.

The transit system could get as much as 126 million dollars to buy new rail-cars.. and make upgrades and improvements.

7/27 TROOP PULLOUT

'Iraq's' prime minister today called for a speedy withdrawal of US forces.

He says the time has come to start planning a coordinated transition from "American" to "Iraqi" military control.

The top American commander in Iraq says a "fairly substantial" pullout could come as soon as next spring.

7/25 BUSH SIGNS CONDOLENCE BOOK

President Bush and the first lady are paying their respects to the victims of the weekend's bombings in Egypt.

They signed the condolence book at the Egyptian embassy today accompanied by the Egyptian ambassador.

7/22 METRO SECURITY

U-S Senators Susan Collins and Joseph Lieberman just announced the Homeland Security and governmental affairs committee will hold a hearing on america's mass transit systems..

And the state of their security.

7/21 ROBERTS ON THE HILL

If John Roberts replaces retiring justice Sandra Day O'Connor, he could have a major impact on the future of the court.

The 50 year old is making the rounds on Capitol Hill.

He met with several senators on the judiciary committee today.

So far the buzz has been mainly positive for Roberts.

7/20 SCOTUS JOHN ROBERTS

The President's pick for the Supreme Court was also on the hill today.

John Roberts made the rounds..

Shaking hands with senate majority leader, Bill Frist on the steps of the capitol.

President Bush announced roberts' nomination last night.

7/19 SCOTUS NOMINATION

In just a few hours we'll learn the president's pick for the supreme court.

A nomination so important it could change long-time laws in this country.

7/18 CIA LEAK FOLO

The president continues to deal with the "political" fall-out from the 2003 leak of a cia agent's identity. This weekend time magazine reporter Matt Cooper revealed details about his conversation with bush's top political advisor Karl Rove. He claims Rove was the source who first told him about valerie plame.

7/14 TERRORISM TRANSIT

The top man in charge of America's homeland security says it's up to state and local governments to be responsible for assets they control. Like Metro, for example.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff says that while a fully-loaded commercial airliner has the potential of killing three-thousand people, an attack on a subway car might kill 30.

7/11 LONDON EXPLOSION

President Bush gave a speech in Virginia today about the London explosions he said, quote "The only way the terrorists can win is if we lose our nerve. This isn't going to happen on my watch."

7/8 UK EMBASSY CONDOLENCES

Vice President Dick Cheney was among the first to express his sympathy for the victims and support for the British people.

Many of those who stopped by say they want to show the british the "same support" they showed us after 9-11.

7/7 LONDON EXPLOSIONS

Team coverage of the deadly explosions in London. Four terrorist attacks on 3 trains and a bus early in the morning. We covered the local, national and international impacts, including a new "High" Terror Alert Level on rail and bus systems across the U.S.. as well as increased security on D.C.'s Metro system.

7/6 CIA LEAK/REPORTER

A federal judge has ordered New York Times reporter Judith Miller to jail.

Miller had to reveal her anonymous source in the Bush administration who leaked the name of an undercover CIA agent.

7/5 BUSH/DENMARK ARRIVAL

President Bush is in Denmark tonight, preparing for tomorrow's G-8 summit.

The president and first lady arrived in Copenhagen late this afternoon.

7/4 UNPATRIOTIC SUV'S

new survey shows 90% of americans think owning an suv is unpatriotic. consumers point to amount of gas the vehicls guzzle... making us more dependent on foreign oil.. esp. from middle eastern countries. suv supporters argue they're needed for towing boats & trailers & large families & can even save gas if used for carpooling. sales are down 25%

7/01/05 Sandra Day O'Connor Resigns

THE FIRST WOMAN AND SOME SAY, THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON, ON THE U-S SUPREME COURT... STEPS DOWN... JUSTICE SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCING SHE IS RETIRING. SHE DID NOT GIVE A REASON.

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8/31 BUSH/KATRINA

President Bush spoke to the nation just minutes ago.
He says the white house will move quickly to help victims of hurricane katrina.
The death toll has reached at least 110 ... In mississippi alone.

8/30 BUSH HURRICANE

President Bush will cut short his vacation to return to Washington on Wednesday, two days earlier than planned, to help monitor federal efforts to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina, the White House said Tuesday.

8/29 PRESIDENT OIL PRICES/KATRINA

President Bush pledged extensive assistance for victims of Hurricane Katrina on Monday and urged those in areas affected to remain safe until the danger "from this devastating storm" passed. The government put into effect a massive emergency assistance program that included rushing baby formula, communications equipment, generators, water and ice into hard-hit areas.

8/26 BRAC CLOSINGS

The base closing commission voted Friday to keep open Air Force bases in South Dakota and New Mexico -- rejecting Pentagon plans to close them -- as the panel labored to conclude a politically delicate task that has brought alternating sighs of relief and exasperation in communities across America.

Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota would stay as is, but Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico would lose all of its aircraft and still face the possibility of closure in 2010.

The decisions, cheered in the bases' home states, were setbacks for Pentagon leaders.

8/24 BRAC CLOSINGS

The BRAC Commission met today and voted to close Fort Monroe in Hampton, VA. They're also considering closing Walter Reed Hospital in DC, and moving more than 20,000 jobs out Arlington County. Today was the first of 3 days in the BRAC Commission's voting.

8/23 ROBERTSON/CHAVEZ

Venezuela's vice president accused religious broadcaster Pat Robertson today of making "terrorist statements" by suggesting that American agents assassinate President Hugo Chavez.

8/22 IRAQI CONSTITUTION

The iraqi government took a major step forward today.
Negotiators presented a draft of the new constitution to parliament.
But not everyone is happy with the plan.

An Iraqi leader says a vote on the constitution will be put off for a few days to allow time for a consensus.

8/18 OHIO GOV. GUILTY

Republican Governor Bob Taft plead "no contest" today for violating state ethics laws.
He signed the paper-work in court taking responsibility for failing to report some 58-hundred dollars in gifts and golf outings.

8/17 HISTORIC WITHDRAWAL

An historic withdrawal today.
But not entirely voluntary.
Israeli soldiers had to move into the gaza strip, forcibly pulling settlers out of their homes.

8/15 MOM ANTI-WAR

As Iraqi leaders hammer out a new constitution...
The mother of a US soldier camped outside the president's Texas ranch is sending him a new message.
Cindy Sheenan today invited Mr. Bush to join her and other mother in a moment of prayer this friday for US troops in Iraq.
Sheehan, who lost her son in Iraq also announced a series of candlelight vigils across the country beginning Wednesday night.

8/12 CONGRESS/PALMEIRO

Congressional staffers are reviewing Rafael Palmeiro's failed drug test results. That could determine whether the Baltimore Orioles first baseman faces perjury charges for allegedly lying to Congress.

8/11 DELAY ETHICS FOLO

Fraud charges have reached all the way to the halls of congress.
Jack Abramoff a once-powerful DC lobbyist is facing bank fraud charges.
Indicted for trying to defraud two lenders during an effort to acquire the sun-cruz casino five years ago.

8/10 HIGHWAY OVERHAUL

President Bush opened the gates for spending a whopping \$286.4 billion on roads and bridges, rail and bus facilities, bike paths and recreational trails, saying the projects from coast to coast would spur the economy and save lives.

8/9 FED. INTEREST RATE

The federal reserve announced it's raising interest rates to their highest level in almost 4 years.
The short-term rate was raised to 3-and-a-half percent.
That's a quarter-point increase.

8/8 ENERGY BILL

Mr. Bush signed a sweeping energy bill into law in New Mexico today.
But don't look for any relief at the pump!
The law does little to reduce energy prices or cut dependence on oil imports right now.
It pumps billions of dollars into energy companies ...

While requiring them to follow "federal" regulations in an effort to reduce power blackouts.

8/5 REHNQUIST FOLO

For the second time in recent weeks...

The chief justice of the US Supreme Court...

Made a brief stay in the hospital.

Doctors treated the 80 year old for a fever.

8/4 AL QAIDA TAPE

In a video broadcast today on the Arab satellite t-v station, al-Jazeera.

Aymen al Zawahiri warns that nation's supporting the US coalition in Iraq, will not be safe until they withdraw their forces, stop stealing oil and stop supporting corrupt rulers.

8/3 MARINES KILLED

14 marines killed in a convoy attack.

In one of the deadliest attacks against american forces in Iraq..

All the marines are from the "same" Ohio military community "already" in mourning over the deaths of 6 marines killed earlier this week.

8/2 BUSH CALLS DISCOVERY

President Bush dialed Shuttle Discovery this morning.

He told the crew they're all great examples of courage for their fellow citizens.

8/1 BOLTON UN NOMINATION

Fed-up with the 5-month fight over his controversial nomination.

President Bush today sidestepped the senate and appointed John Bolton as the UN Ambassador!

The move comes during the senate recess.

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9/30 GEN. MYERS RETIRING

Marine Corps General Peter Pace becomes the first Marine to hold the nation's highest military post. He succeeds Air Force general Richard Myers, who retired after 40 years of military service, including four years as chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

9/29 ROBERTS CONFIRMED

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of John Roberts as the next chief justice of the United States. Roberts won the votes of at least 77 senators, including all 55 Republicans.

9/28 DELAY INDICTED

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay says an editorial in a Texas newspaper is behind his indictment yesterday.

The Republican says the prosecutor, Ronnie Earle, had said as recently as two weeks ago that DeLay wasn't the focus of the probe. But since then, DeLay says the Austin American-Statesmen "ran a biting editorial" that asked why the prosecutor was going after organizations but not individuals.

9/27 FEMA BROWN TESTIFIES

The Republican leaders of the House created a select committee to try to find out what went wrong with the Katrina relief effort.

Most Democrats boycotted the hearing they want an independent commission to investigate.

Still some of the Republicans subjected former FEMA Director Michael Brown to some tough questioning.

9/26 ANTI WAR RALLY

Activist Cindy Sheehan is under arrest, for allegedly disobeying police orders during an anti-war protest outside the White House.

She was led to a police vehicle while protesters chanted, "The whole world is watching."

The California woman has used her son's death in Iraq to spur the anti-war movement.

9/23 RITA LATEST

President Bush pledged to keep a close eye on the federal response to Rita. He canceled a visit to San Antonio and planned instead to monitor Rita's progress from the military's homeland security command center in Colorado Springs.

9/22 ROBERTS HEARING

The Senate Judiciary Committee sent Roberts' nomination today to the full Senate on a 13-5 vote. Roberts is expected to be confirmed in a Senate vote that will likely take place next week.

9/21 FEMA PREPARES

President Bush has issued emergency declarations for Texas and Louisiana as Hurricane Rita barrels in from the Gulf.

The declarations open up federal funding and put the Federal Emergency Management Agency in charge of coordinating disaster response efforts.

9/20 INTEREST RATE HIKE

Chairman Alan Greenspan and company moved the federal funds rate up a quarter point to 3 and 3 quarters percent.

It's the fed's 11th rate increase since the start of last summer.

9/19 KATRINA LATEST

The mayor of New Orleans has suspended his plan to repopulate the city in stages. He says it's partly because of the potential threat from a new tropical storm heading toward the Gulf of Mexico.

9/15 BUSH/KATRINA

President Bush says the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast will be one of the largest reconstruction projects the world has ever seen. And Bush says the federal government will cover most of the costs.

9/14 ROBERTS HEARING

Supreme Court nominee John Roberts carefully picked his way through a second day of questions from the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday as Republicans challenged Democrats to support his all-but-certain confirmation as the nation's 17th chief justice.

9/13 ROBERTS HEARING

Chief justice nominee John Roberts, in his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee today, said the 1973 ruling legalizing abortion is part of the "settled expectations" of society.

9/12 KATRINA LATEST/BUSH

President Bush rode in an open truck Monday for his first close-up look at New Orleans' ravaged, trash-strewn, flooded neighborhoods. He denied that poor, black victims of Hurricane Katrina were ignored because of their race.

9/9 FEMA CANCELS DEBIT CARDS

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9/8 BUSH LATEST

The President declared next Friday the 16th... A national day of prayer and remembrance for the victims of hurricane Katrina.

9/6 PRESIDENT BUSH: KATRINA

President Bush intends to seek as much as \$40

billion to cover the next phase of relief and recovery operations from Hurricane Katrina

9/1 HURRICANE KATRINA

In Washington, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said the government is sending in 1,400 National Guardsmen a day to help stop looting and other lawlessness in New Orleans. Already, 2,800 National Guardsmen are in the city, he said.

9/2 BUSH VISITS KATRINA DAMAGE

President Bush acknowledged the government's failure to stop lawlessness and help desperate people in New Orleans. "The results are not enough," Bush said Friday in the face of mounting complaints from Republicans and Democrats alike. Bush promised to crack down on crime and violence, rush food and medicine to the needy, and restore electrical power within weeks to millions of customers across the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

9/2 CONGRESS APPROVES AID

Lawmakers promised Friday that a \$10.5 billion measure funding immediate rescue and relief efforts for victims of Hurricane Katrina would be but the first step toward a comprehensive response by Congress to the catastrophe. The bill advance amid widespread complaints among members of Congress that the government's rescue effort has been inadequate. Lawmakers also promised oversight hearings into flawed disaster plans and the government's slower-than-hoped response.

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7/29 CLEAN BEACHES

A new report out today from the clean beaches council shows the 'sand' you're sunning yourself on and your kids are playing with... Likely contains dangerously high levels of bacteria.

The bacteria can make you really sick.

7/28 WORKPLACE WEIGHT GAIN

A new study finds almost half of all Americans believe their current job is making them fat.

The main reason.

Eating out.

People surveyed said they bought lunch at least 3 times a week.

7/27 FFX WEST NILE CASE

The West Nile virus has been detected in Fairfax county.

The county's health department announced today a mosquito pool collected last week.. tested positive for the virus.

7/26 HEAT EFFECTS ON THE BODY

Prolonged heat exposure can have serious effects on the body.

One of the most common--

Heat "stress."

Which often shows itself in aggressive behavior.

Heat "exhaustion" can result in headaches, nausea and overall weakness.

And the most serious, 'heat stroke'

That happens when the body's cooling system fails.

7/25 HEAT PATROL

Elderly people are the most vulnerable to the heat wave.

DC has enacted it's hot weather shuttle to check in on the health of elderly people, offering them water and a free trip to the cooling stations.

7/22 STAFFORD NEW HOSPITAL

Construction on a new.. state-of-the-art hospital will begin soon.

Mary Washington hospital in Fredericksburg is planning to build a second hospital in Stafford county.

No specific site has been decided on yet.

7/22 LORTON CAT HOARDING

For the third time in 3 weeks Fairfax County investigators are looking into a cat hoarding case.

The county has a special task force to investigate this mental illness.

In this case, 105 cats were removed, most had to be put down.

The house will have to be demolished.

7/20 VACCINE SAFETY MARCH

Hundreds of parents marched on the capitol today claiming vaccines harmed their children.

They believe mercury in the vaccines caused "autism" in their kids and they want the medication changed.

Most childhood vaccines are now available without mercury.

7/19 SHOES FOR CANCER

A group of children have set up a powerful visual in front of the Capitol, urging lawmakers to enact laws that will restrict cigarette ads from targeting children.

Back in 2000, the supreme court ruled that the government doesn't have the right to regulate tobacco. Now there are several bills - one in the house, one in the senate that would give the fda that power.

7/18 MILK BANKS

There's new help for mothers who want to breast-feed their newborns but can't do it themselves. Many women are turning to breast milk banks.

7/14 ADULT ADHD

It's a common disorder that threatens your "quality of life." And while a-d-h-d is usually associated with children. Many find you don't always outgrow it.

7/13 SODA WARNING LABELS

Cigarettes... Beer... Could we soon see warning labels on cans of soda too? Consumer groups are pushing for full disclosure when it comes to soft drinks.

7/11 VIOXX TRIAL

Jury selection is underway in the landmark trial against the maker of the painkiller, Vioxx. The case in Texas is the first of 38-hundred lawsuits pending against drug maker, Merck.

7/6 TWINS THEN TRIPLETS

A Wisconsin mother recently gave birth to identical triplets. Doctors say the odds of identical triplets being born without fertility drugs are one in 15 million.

7/5 CIRCUMCISION/HIV

"circumcision" may reduce the risk of contracting HIV the virus which causes aids. The findings are the result of a new study by french and african researchers..

7/4 SUN SENSITIVE MEDS

a warning to people spending time out in the sun... some medications can cause sun sensitivity... causing you to burn or have a rash even if you're wearing sunblock. lists medications

7/01/05 Bacterial Meningitis Death?

Health officials are investigating the recent death of a TC Williams High School Graduate. 18-year-old Kelley Swanson died while on her senior trip. Health officials suspect it was bacterial meningitis, but conclusive results won't be available until this weekend. The trip was cancelled for 40 students, all have to be tested for the illness.

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8/30 KATRINA HEALTH ISSUES

Flood water from katrina are also raising health concerns.

Doctors are worried about people "wading through waste

If they're not careful about personal hygiene-washing before eating and drinking, and taking care of their clothing, they can still contaminate other food and fluids by virtue of just not being careful with their own personal hygiene.

Experts say the standing water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes which raises the risk for diseases like the west Nile virus.

8/26 MORNING AFTER PILL

The FDA doesn't want teenagers to make unprotected sex a habit.

So today the agency put off a final decision on whether to allow over-the-counter sales of the "morning after pill".

That's the pill taken within 72-hours of unprotected sex reducing the risk of pregnancy by 89-percent.

8/18 GERM FIGHTING UNDERWEAR

English troops could soon add "germ-fighting knickers" to their government issued desert uniforms.

The ministry of defense is behind the push for the anti-microbial underpants.

The new knickers would mark the first time the government has supplied undergarments to troops.

8/17 SODA MACHINES PULLED OUT

Elementary school students are going sugar-free...

Coke, Pepsi and other soda makers are pulling their full-calorie drinks out of school vending machines.

The new policy means "no" carbonated drinks... Regular or diet.. will be sold in elementary schools.

Only water and fruit drinks will be allowed in vending machines.

The beverage makers are looking to sweeten their image with parents and health advocates.

8/12 KFC/PIZZA HUT

A major operator of KFC and Pizza Hut restaurants says it is snuffing out smoking at all of its 28-hundred franchises.

There's no word on whether owners of other franchises plan to join the smoking ban.

Executives with the Kentucky based company say they decided to make the move out of concern for the health of their customers and employees.

8/11 FRIED FOODS

New York City's health department has asked chefs to 'voluntarily' stop serving food prepared with partially hydrogenated oils.

The fatty oils are a key ingredient in most fried and baked foods.

The move comes after federal regulators found there are "no" safe levels of trans fat in a healthy diet.

8/9 HOW TO QUIT

Nicotine is more addictive than cocaine or even heroin.

Still the addiction is beatable and there are some tools to help.

Things like the patch, gum, counseling, and inhalers.

8/8 VA FLU SHOT PRICES

Health experts say this year prices for flu shots have jumped 20 to 30 dollars a piece. That's a 60 percent increase from last season. Manufacturers say they're trying to ensure an adequate return on their investments.

8/5 SAVE A LIFE SATURDAY

Tomorrow from 2-to-7 p-m stop by parking lot-8 at RFK and donate blood. It's all part of "save a life saturday".

Fox-5 and UPN 20 are teaming up with the American Red Cross.. the Washington Nationals.. and Z-104.. to sponsor the blood drive.

8/4 GOV'T BUILDING RASH

A mysterious rash is targeting d-c employees. 25 people received it. Some had to go to the hospital. Health officers are trying to figure out what it is.

8/3 ARLINGTON WEST NILE

Local health officials say they've found more insects infected with the west nile virus. Two mosquitos tested positive in Arlington county. They're the first infected mosquitoes found in county traps this year.

8/2 2nd STEROID SUSPENSION

It's the second time in 2 days... Another steroid scandal hits major league baseball. This time its a pitcher for the seattle mariners. Ryan Franklin got a 10-day suspension after he violated the league's steroid policy.

8/1 ATKINS BANKRUPT

The Atkins diet -- that forget the fat --- low to no carb trendmaker --- says it's out of money. Today the company filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy.

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9/30 VA FLU VACCINE COSTS

We shouldn't see a repeat of last year when thousands of people camped out in long lines just to get a shot!

We're told there's enough vaccine for anyone who wants it.

However, with the good news, comes with some bad news: The flu shot is going to cost you more.

This year it'll average about 25-dollars compare that to 18-bucks last year.

9/27 PAXIL BIRTH DEFECTS

The FDA is calling attention to a study suggesting Paxil may be associated with birth defects.

The study links an increased number of babies born with defects to women taking the drug during their first trimester of pregnancy.

9/26 WSSC FLUORIDE

A fluoride shortage has dc's local water provider concerned.

There's enough supply on hand for at least another month.

If there is a disruption it's not expected to last long enough to cause any noticeable increase in cavities.

9/23 QUINTUPLETS

Many expectant and hopeful parents will tell you they just want a child with ten fingers and ten toes.

Jennell Dickens got five children.

The 22-year-old gave birth to quintuplets today at the University of Maryland Medical Center -- one boy and four girls.

9/22 MORE HEART DEATHS

The deaths of two more heart-bypass patients at Mary Washington Hospital may be linked to contaminated solution used during their surgeries.

Mary Washington's heart surgeon says the death of a heart patient in January and the death of another patient in June are connected to the cluster of cases in recent weeks.

That means that five patients--including three who died and two who were injured--may have been harmed when a heart solution contaminated with bacteria was used during their heart-bypass surgeries.

9/21 WALTER REED AMPUTEE

Captain Rozelle helps amputees at Walter Reed recover. An Iraqi war veteran and amputee himself, Rozelle finds his experiences help his patients relate to him, and recover more easily, than with other Hospital administrators.

9/20 JAILED QUAD SUIT

A mother is suing the district for 50 million dollars over the death of her quadrapalegic son in the DC jail. Jonathan Magbie started a 10-day sentence for marijuana possession one year ago today.

He died four days later. The lawsuit accuses DC, the jail and greater southeast community hospital of violating Magbie's civil rights.

Attorneys say Magbie told doctors he needed a ventilator to breathe at night, but never got one.

9/15 BRAIN MUSIC THERAPY

One woman says you can turn your brain waves into music.

The best part -- it'll help you sleep better.

It's called brain music therapy.

A computer records your brain waves then turns them into musical notes.

9/14 CDC FLU OUTLOOK

More flu vaccines for the young and old.

That's the goal for the CDC in the next 6-weeks.

The CDC will focus on vaccinating high-risk patients including hurricane Katrina evacuees living in shelters.

From now until October 24th.. they'll have first dibs at any available doses.

9/12 BRAIN DEAD MOM/BABY

A girl born last month to an unconscious, severely brain-damaged northern Virginia woman on life support has died at the age of five weeks. Little Susan Torres was born about two months premature. The mother, Susan Rollin Torres, died when she was taken off life support shortly after the birth.

9/6 EVACUEE HEALTH ISSUES

D-C officials say 177 people were on the first plane of hurricane survivors, and two had to go straight to hospitals when they arrived at Dulles Airport.

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7/29 KIDS LEARN TO SKATE

Some local children are "keeping cool" by hitting the ice.
It's all part of a summer enrichment program aimed at teaching inner-city kids how to ice skate.

7/22 LOCKED IN SCHOOL

DC fire responded to the scene at Benning elementary in Northeast.
They say a child at summer school went into the supply room.... after his friend told him there was a "slinky" in there.
The steel door shut behind him.
The boy was locked in the room for about 40 minutes... Before firefighters finally set him free.

7/20 HAZMAT SKL SPILL

Emergency responders were on the scene outside sousa middle school this morning.
A DC fire spokesman says a moving company was taking out a locker from the chemistry room when the spill occurred.

7/15 POTTER RETURN TO READING

Educators believe this enthusiasm for Harry Potter books may have contributed to a nationwide increase in reading scores for nine year olds.

7/13 NAT GEO PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic is legendary for its stunning photographs.
Now, some local high school students are getting the chance of a life-time snapping images, for the magazine.

7/7 DC SCHOOL UPGRADES

DC Councilman Adrian Fenty is proposing a "School Modernization Financing Act" to use DC Lottery money to help fix the deplorable conditions of DC public schools. It's in response to a FOX-5 investigation in May, which exposed the condemned classrooms at some schools. Under Fenty's plan, the money would finance the reconstruction, renovation and maintenance of DC Schools. Some councilmembers say that's not enough.

7/6 SHEPHERD SKL TOUR

Councilman Adrian Fenty was among the group touring Shepherd elementary school and surveying what needed repairs.
Councilman Fenty is sponsoring a one- billion dollar school maintenance bill.

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8/29 DC SCHOOL BEGINS

The mayor and the schools superintendent got a first-hand look at today's start of the school year in the nation's capital.

Mayor Tony Williams shook hands with youngsters at Peabody Elementary on Capitol Hill, before taking off for another out-of-town trip, this time to Saint Louis. Schools Superintendent Clifford Janey toured a few schools.

8/26 PG MINORITY TEACHERS

There's a role model 'gap' for students in Prince George's county schools.

77 percent of the kids in the classroom are African American.

But only one in ten teachers is an African American man.

A problem educators say because it's important for children to see more college-educated men in their lives.

8/24 MAYOR TOURS SKL

DC Schools resume next Monday. All summer, crews have been repairing problems at different schools. Today, Mayor Anthony Williams toured a school in Southeast to get a first-hand look at the repairs. DC Schools is promising that all schools will open on time, due to all the refurbishments.

CULPEPER SCHOOL FATAL

A 10-year-old Culpeper girl died this morning, on her way to the school bus. She tripped, and was run over. It's the first day of classes in Culpeper County.. Police say it seems to be an accident, and charges are not being filed against the driver of the bus. That driver was taken to the hospital, and treated for shock. Grief counselors went to the girl's school, to help students deal with the loss. It's the second school bus fatality in Culpeper County history.

8/23 DC CHARTER SCHOOLS

The city's public charter schools are among 120 in eight states and the District that will share 37 (m) million dollars under a facilities grant program.

D-C Mayor Tony Williams says the money is part of the more than one (b) billion dollars the Bush Administration has earmarked for charter school education since the president took office in 2001.

The District's public charter school program is one of the largest in the nation with around two dozen institutions expected to be in operation this year.

8/22 BACK TO SCHOOL

About 139-thousand students headed back to school in Prince George's county today.

And some parents are concerned over safety...

Requesting all students at the the brand-new Suitland Elementary school be bused.

Since January, there have been 6 shooting deaths within a half mile of the building.

8/18 DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

The fight to keep our schools "drug-free"...

Appears to be a war this country is losing.

A new report out shows 28-percent of middle school students surveyed see drugs at their school.

The teens who reported drugs in the school were 3-times more likely to try marijuana than those who

say their schools are drug free.

8/17 SODA MACHINES PULLED OUT

Elementary school students are going sugar-free...

Coke, Pepsi and other soda makers are pulling their full-calorie drinks out of school vending machines.

The new policy means "no" carbonated drinks... Regular or diet.. will be sold in elementary schools.

8/11 COW CORN MAZE

Nebraska high school students have taken the art of the corn maze to new heights.

A view from overhead shows an intricate four mile long maze in the shape of a cow.

The project is designed to give students experience running a business.

8/10 ADULTS GET DIPLOMA

100 students graduate tonight as part of Fairfax County Public Schools' adult high school completion program.

8/5 SPRINGBROOK HS STABBING

Distraught family members prayed outside Springbrook high school.

Helicopters airlifted 16 and 17 year old summer school students... Stabbed multiple times in the school parking lot.

School had just ended for the day when several students who saw the stabbing ran back inside.

8/4 DC FAILING SCHOOLS

Some parents say DC public schools are giving them short notice.

Just weeks before classes start, the school district sent parents a letter telling them which schools have a "failing grade" meaning they don't meet federal standards.

Now some parents say the information came too late and their options are limited.

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9/30 TEACHER METH ARREST

Timothy Hartlove lives in Baltimore, but teaches in Howard County. In a raid on his home on Eutaw Place, a police spokesman for the drug enforcement agency says police seized a treasure trove of drugs, more than 50-thousand dollars worth.

9/29 DC SURPLUS SCHOOLS

The city council is expected to decide in the next few months what to do with about a half dozen surplus schools. There are plans to sell some of them to businesses which can develop them into condos.

9/28 NE GAS ODOR

Lack of rain is just one of the possibilites-- behind a gas odor mystery in DC---
Reports of the overpowering smell swept across the city...
And even forced hundreds of students to evacuate at two schools.

9/26 GEORGIA SCHOOLS CLOSED

A two-day break from classes continues to stir controversy in Georgia. Parents have been trying to figure out how to manage, as their children got the day off from school today and tomorrow.

Georgia closed schools as a hedge against possible fuel shortages.

9/15 KIDS WRITE LONG LETTER

The pilot pen corporation will unroll the world's longest letter, a half-mile long scroll comprising of nearly 4,000 letters handwritten by 8-and-9-year old kids about their concerns for the future of the US the event is a demonstration of the power of the pen. Kids from local schools will attend.

9/14 SKL LAPTOP ROBBERY

Many of the students at Cradlerock School in Columbia, Maryland will have to do their 'reading, writing, and 'rithmetic', the old fashioned way for awhile. Monday evening, right after back to school night, two men took about 30 laptop computers. It was an armed robbery at the school.

9/13 COOLIDGE HS SCHEDULING

A "schedule snag" is part of widespread computer problem in DC schools.
At some schools principals had problems recording attendance,
Others with enrollment and some students are stuck in classes they've already passed.

9/7 KATRINA KIDS SCHOOLS

Fairfax, Montgomery County, private schools like Sidwell Friends And Georgetown Prep. They have all taken in kids. It may sound odd, but they're treating these kids like they're homeless and many are. That means they can waive residency requirements and proof of immunization and get kids back to the books right away.

9/6 KATRINA: SCHOOLS

New Orleans' school system was devastated by the storm, and officials are still just trying to piece together financial records. Students in most areas have been urged to enroll wherever

they are. The hope is that they'll be able to return after water is drained and schools are decontaminated, possibly as soon as six weeks.

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7/27 STARTER CASTLES

In many local neighborhoods.

Home prices are so outrageous, some people are just renovating their existing houses.

And they're ending up with.. "mini-mansions".

Homes.. so big.. they dwarf their neighbors'.

And that's causing uproar and a call for change.

7/26 MOGO HOUSING FREEZE

In the midst of the country's biggest housing boom, Montgomery county is considering strengthening a building freeze.

Opponents say halting construction could raise the price of housing and hurt businesses.

7/25 STORM POWER OUTAGES

Isolated but powerful storms over the weekend have knocked out power to 8-hundred Pepco customers' homes.

7/22 LORTON CAT HOARDING

In Fairfax county another case of cat hoarding.

The second major incident in the county this month!

Police say they seized more than one-hundred cats from a home in Lorton.

Just a couple of weeks ago ... Authorities removed about five-hundred cats from two homes connected to one woman.

7/19 MOGO HOUSING FREEZE

Brand new homes in Montgomery county stopped short of construction!

Today the county stopped handing out building permits ... Even froze some already issued!

7/18 FAIRFAX ANIMAL HOARDER

The Fairfax county woman accused of hoarding nearly 500 cats isn't allowed to have anymore pets!

Today 82 year old Ruth Knuevan signed a court order that makes it illegal to own animals.

7/15 FAIRFAX HOARDING HOUSE

82 year old Ruth Knueven was charged with animal cruelty for hoarding nearly 200 cats in her house and more than a 100 other cats at her townhouse in burke.

Both houses have thousands of dollars in damage. The county says they are both uninhabitable.

7/12 MINI-MANSIONS

Brand new, giant homes : Built on little lots.

They tower over the houses next door, pitting neighbor against neighbor.

But Montgomery county may soon limit the size of of these mini-mansions.

7/12 ANNANDALE DESTRUCTION

Several Annandale neighborhoods were hit by vandals.

Spray painted with gang symbols between 10pm and midnight.

And it's not the first time.

7/11 CAT HOUSES

Animal control officers in Fairfax have removed 187 cats from a house in Mount Vernon, and 59 cats and one dog from a home in Falls Church.

7/7 PG GAS LEAKS/SOURCE

Officials with Washington Gas released the cause of hundreds of gas leaks throughout Prince George's County. A report released today shows the leaks were caused by low levels of hydrocarbon in the gas. The hydrocarbon caused shrinking in the seals, which then leaked. Those leaks lead to several explosions throughout the county. Washington Gas is spending \$144M to fix the problem.

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8/26 SNYDER HOME

Dan Snyder is selling his Bethesda home for a cool 5-point 3 million.

The 7 bedroom 7 full bath house also features four fireplaces a heated pool a spa and a 3-thousand bottle wine cellar.

8/23 POWER PLANT TO CLOSE

An Alexandria power plant that provides electricity to homes in the District and Maryland could close by Wednesday night if it can't meet national air quality standards.

Virginia officials have ordered the Mirant Corporation power plant to take immediate steps to reduce pollution. The plant serves about 400,000 homes in the District and Maryland. The company that manages the flow of electricity over transmission lines says a shutdown won't affect the area's power supply because it has alternative power sources.

8/22 STRATHMORE PARKING

The people living around Strathmore Hall in the Garrett Park area of Bethesda are so fed up with the parking problems... They've decided to take matters into their own hands and are now putting home-made signs up on their property. It's working, less people are parking illegally.

8/18 ISRAEL REAL ESTATE BOOM

The Gaza Strip is anything but calm right now.

But, some parts of the region are relatively peaceful.

For example, it's been months since suicide bombers hit Jerusalem.

And that's helping spark a real estate boom there ...

Some of the people buying property are from "our" area.

8/16 DEVELOPMENT FIRE

A jury has been seated for the trial of a man accused of orchestrating the fires set last December in homes being built at a Charles County subdivision.

Opening arguments in the trial of Patrick Walsh are scheduled to begin tomorrow morning in federal court in Baltimore.

8/15 DC HOME AGAIN

A row of once-vacant houses in Northwest DC now has a new look and new owners thanks to the city's 'home again program.'

The homes on Farragut Place have sat empty since the 1980's ... When metro began acquiring land for the green line.

But today a new generation of families is moving in to the renovated properties.

8/12 BUENA VISTA APT. FIRE

It's going to be quite a while before investigators can determine the cause of a massive fire this morning in a Southeast apartment building.

Steam and smoke is still rising from the building about ten hours after the fire broke out. It started just after 5 a-m in the

31-hundred block of Buena Vista Terrace.

8/11 CHILD PORN RING

Detectives received information regarding a possible child pornography distribution ring being operated out of a Hollywood home. Detectives executed a raid on Kenneth Barker's home... and recovered an abundance of evidence.

Barker is charged with Sexual Child Abuse and Production of Child Pornography

8/10 MCMANSION VOTE

The town of Chevy Chase wants to stop all construction, demolitions, and major renovations of home for 6 months.

They're holding a public hearing for tonight.

Montgomery County is also looking at ways to limit building heights.

8/8 ARL. HOARDER FIRE

An early morning house fire may also be a case of "hoarding" in Arlington.

The flames erupted just after three at this home on South 13th street.

Firefighters found large amounts of furniture and other items stored inside.

No one lived at the house but the owners could still be cited for hoarding.

8/5 CLARKSBURG MAIL BATTLE

A NEIGHBORHOOD IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAS A MAILBOX BATTLE BREWING.

USPS Spokesperson Deborah Yackley said the post office started using these clusters because they're cheaper and safer than individual boxes.

8/2 CLIFF HOUSES

Tony and Anne Vajda enjoy a spectacular view of the Chesapeake Bay.

From their home on Calvert Cliffs they can see for miles.

But with the annual hurricane season approaching, the Vajda's feel threatened.

8/1 MODULAR HOMES

The housing boom in Washington has reached a fevered pitch.

Now a new 'type' of home is gaining popularity.

Modular housing is convenient, custom and considerably less expensive than a traditional "stick built" home.

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9/30 VA CRANE ACCIDENT

Residents of a damaged row of townhouses say they're grateful to have made it out alive, after a crane toppled onto their homes. The crane was working on a condo development in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. Officials say the crane operator jumped out and suffered a broken leg.

9/29 GLASS BOTTLE HOUSE

A Lithuanian man is just putting the final touches on his dream home. A home made entirely from glass.

The man has managed to collect more than 18-thousand champagne, beer and vodka bottles collected from around his village.

9/28 DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

An independent survey of American households finds just over half who registered on do not call are still getting solicited. One of the survey's sponsors believes Americans are largely unaware that under the do not call rules, many calls are still legal.

9/27 HOUSING MARKET

Sales are slumping nationwide down nearly 10-percent last month.

But if you think the housing bubble is bursting hang on, local experts say the market here is still strong.

9/26 PW PANTY THIEF

On September 7th, a burglar in Manassas Park got away with an unusual theft.

The thief snuck in through an unlocked bedroom window, rummaged through a dresser and stole women's lingerie and bathing suits.

Police say earlier in the evening a teenage male was seen peeping in that same window and riding away on a bmx style bike.

9/23 HEATING OIL COSTS

High gas prices are causing an increase in heating oil. Many seniors on fixed incomes or low income are afraid money from fuel assistance programs may run out, leaving them in the cold.

9/21 VA HOUSING MARKET

Northern Virginia homeowners don't have to worry about falling prices anytime soon. That's the assessment of a keynote speaker at an annual economic summit for real estate agents. Stephen Fuller of George Mason University's Center for

Regional Analysis say there's still not enough housing in the region to meet demand.

9/19 KATRINA REAL ESTATE

With evacuees scattered across the Southeast many areas in the region are now seeing a spike in the real estate market.

From Texas to Florida, the surge of home buyers is driving up prices by ten to fifty percent.

There's also a huge demand for "commercial" real estate.

9/14 KATRINA CONSTRUCTION

Homeowners everywhere are feeling the effects of the storm.

Home-building supplies are limited..

And with the enormous demand in the Katrina-ravaged region local "construction costs" are going up.

9/12 SS: CARPET CLEANING CONS

When you're quoted a low price per room or for the whole house... It should include the cost of pre-spraying any detergents. The cost of the actual cleaning moving the furniture and putting it back.

And don't make an appointment with the company before you get a written estimate.

Have them fax it to you or come to your home for an accurate assessment.

9/7 CHEVERLY OPENING DOORS TO HOME

Kim Plummer from Cheverly, Md is taking in 11 Evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. She says she feels its important to help the hurricane victims

9/3 DC ARMORY/NAT GUARD

Buses will be rolling out of the District soon to pick up hundreds of refugees from Hurricane Katrina. The DC Armory is gearing up to be a temporary home for about 400 people from New Orleans left homeless by the storm. Even though officials are preparing the DC Armory to become a temporary shelter for Hurricane Katrina refugees, they're not accepting donations of food or anything else at the armory.

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7/28 PG POLICE HIRES

Today the fraternal order of police held a news conference... To discuss current police strategy in the county.

The union says Chief Melvin High's community service area policing concept introduced in 2003 has failed.

They say the department is under-staffed...

Meaning officers aren't able to carry out certain elements necessary to make the strategy work.

7/27 RANDALL POOL SHOCKED

Randall Pool in Southwest Washington is closed after authorities say several people reported getting a minor electric shock.

No one was seriously hurt. And according to D-C Fire and E-M-S spokesman Alan Etter, the problem is believed to be a light pole shorting out.

7/25 HEAT PATROL

Elderly people are the most vulnerable to the heat wave.

DC has enacted it's hot weather shuttle to check in on the health of elderly people, offering them water and a free trip to the cooling stations.

7/20 PANDA BABY NEW PICS

The National Zoo's baby panda is making steady progress.

We can now see the familiar black and white markings of a giant panda.

The cub was born July 9th.

7/19 EASTWOOD CASTING CALL

The casting call for "flags of our fathers" is underway at crystal city sports pub.

The casting folks will be there until 9 p-m..

They're looking for short-haired men, and women with longer- haired and no highlights.

7/18 SCREEN ON THE GREEN

Tonight you can watch a classic movie on the national mall.... absolutely free.

"screen on the green" is kicking off it's summer season tonight.

7/15 FAIRFAX HOARDING HOUSE

82 year old Ruth Knueven was charged with animal cruelty for hoarding nearly 200 cats in her house and more than a 100 other cats at her townhouse in burke.

Both houses have thousands of dollars in damage. The county says they are both uninhabitable.

7/14 CAT HOUSE

Neighbors who had wondered what that stench was are spending today coming to grips with the answer.

Fairfax County police say the odor was that of more than 100 dead cats -- plus nearly 50 more live ones -- being kept by an

elderly woman in a Burke townhouse.

That same woman had been arrested earlier this week after authorities removed more than 270 cats -- both alive and dead -- from another one of her homes in Mount Vernon.

7/13 NAT GEO PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic is legendary for its stunning photographs.

Now, some local high school students are getting the chance of a life-time snapping images, for the magazine.

7/12 WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE

V-DOT is advising motorists to stay clear of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge this weekend. Beginning Friday night at 8 p-m, Northbound Interstate 95 will be reduced from the normal three lanes to one. Crews are building new ramps at Route One.

7/11 UPSCALE PG COUNTY

There is a new push to bring more high end shops to Prince George's County.

The county says it's working aggressively with developers on six sites.

They've gone to major retail conventions and they're talking medium to high end stores.

7/8 LARRY HUGHES LEAVING

Kids probably know him even emulate him on the basketball court.

But now they'll need another role model.

One of the Wizards' big names is saying bye-bye to DC.

Larry Hughes' helped take to the team to a playoff win for the first time in 20 years.

7/6 TRASH CHARITIES

There was a time when Goodwill and the Salvation Army made it easy to donate unwanted items, they had drop boxes throughout the region.

But both organizations abandoned them, because they became repositories of a lot of junk..

7/5 CIVIL WAR HAT STOLEN

The hat once worn by a union soldier in the Civil War is gone.

The "Kepi" hat vanished from a display case on June 27th...

Police believe it could be connected to other similar thefts.

7/4 CREDIT REPAIR

scam school... beware of companies who promise to wipe people's bad credit clean. some send consumers further into debt... a look at what to look out for (red flags about false promises) and tips how to legitimately help repair credit.

7/04 CAPITOL 4TH

big 4th of july events on the mall.. symphony, fireworks, concerts, etc.. big crowds.. many people have been waiting for many hours.. they had to go through metal detectors, security checkpoints

7/01/05 Walkway Collapsed

LAUREL MALL IS CLOSED TODAY... A PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY COLLAPSED LAST NIGHT... AFTER THE MALL HAD CLOSED. NO ONE WAS HURT. THE PATHWAY GOES FROM THE MALL DOORS TO AN UPPER LEVEL... IT JUST GAVE WAY... AND CRASHED ONTO A PARKED TRUCK BELOW. RUSTY BOLTS CONNECTING THE WALKWAY WERE THE PROBLEM.

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8/26 FREEGANS

An ad executive..

Not exactly the type you'd expect to see rooting through the garbage.

But Madeline Nelson is a part of a new group called the free-gans protesting america's wasting of food.

The freegans go out after-dark and pluck through the piles of vegetables, breads, and soups thrown away by the grocery stores.

8/24 POWER PLANT CLOSING

Mirant Corporation will close its Alexandria power plant tonight after failing to agree with the state on a pollution cleanup plan.

Officials with the Department of Environmental Quality say the two sides have ended their negotiations for the day. The two sides had been working to beat a midnight deadline for a plan to reduce pollutants that exceeded federal standards. D-E-Q spokesman Bill Hayden says he expects that the shutdown will last until Mirant can come up with a satisfactory cleanup plan.

METRO BATHROOMS

Metro station managers are telling customers they can't use the bathrooms at stations, because of security concerns. But Metro officials tell FOX5 those managers are wrong. FOX5 hidden cameras caught a couple managers denying the use of bathrooms. Two years ago, the Metro Board told station managers to make it easier for you to use it.

8/22 MLK MEMORIAL

Kids could help bring a permanent memorial to martin luther king junior to the national mall.

The memorial fund is about 50 million dollars short..

Now children in the kids for king campaign will help collect donations to add to it.

Groundbreaking for the new memorial is set for next september.

8/19 OLDEST HARDWARE STORE

Virginia's oldest hardware store, in the Clarendon area of Arlington, is closing it's doors this weekend. The Virginia Hardware Company is on Wilson Blvd. it first opened back in 1924.

8/19 LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPS

The 11 and 12 year old girls, McLean All Stars, are the first team from virginia to take a little league softball or baseball world series title. The girls returned home to Dulles Airport today.

8/19 CRANE INTO BUILDING

An 8 ton construction crane toppled over this morning... at the Shoppes of Bethesda. The long arm of the crane crashed down onto a building. No one was hurt.

8/18 ZOO PANDA

The National Zoo's six-week-old panda is robust, vigorous, and developing on schedule.

That's what the zoo veterinarians who examined him for 14 minutes this morning think.

8/17 MCLEAN GIRLS SOFTBALL

The girls from Mclean, Virginia are there fighting for the title in the little league softball world series!

The Mclean all-stars will now face a team from Orange, Connecticut tomorrow night.

8/16 I-BOOK TRAMPLING

A great deal on lap-tops leads to a shopping stampede this morning at the Richmond International

Raceway.

One woman pushing a baby stroller was trampled..
Several others had minor injuries.
They'd all arrived early to buy used i-books.
A Richmond school system was selling the laptops for the bargain price of 50 dollars.

8/15 GAS PRICES

Gas prices in the region are at an all-time high, and experts say there's little relief in sight. Prices at the pump in Virginia prices have hit two dollars and 43 cents. Triple-A puts much of the blame on the big oil companies for squeezing profits out of motorists, saying gas prices always skyrocket during the heavily traveled month of August.

8/12 TRANSIT ALERT

Government officials have lowered the terror alert level for America's transit systems.
Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is ending the heightened alert for buses, subways and trains at 8 p-m local time -- after tonight's rush hour. The orange alert was put in place after the deadly July seventh bombings in London.

8/11 M STREET CLEANUP

This morning volunteers literally cleaned up the criminal elements with brooms clippers.
Shearing the brush around the National Arboretum.
It helps hide this area of M-street which has become a haven for illegal dumping.. drug dealing and prostitution.

8/10 PG POLICE CRIME

Prince George's County police say they'll no longer tell the media the specific cities where crimes are occurring, after numerous complaints about getting it wrong.

8/9 EASTERN AVE. BRIDGE

Bad news for anyone who uses Kennilworth Avenue -- also known as D-C 295 -- in Northeast Washington. The highway is closed to allow for repairs to the Eastern Avenue bridge, which was hit by a backhoe this morning. D-C-DOT officials say you should plan on using an alternate route through at least Thursday morning.

8/8 RACCOON RABIES

With the raccoon population growing, Anne Arundel is dropping thousands of pieces of bait, which will vaccinate them against rabies.

8/5 ALLIGATOR IN YARD

Something strange is surfacing in rivers and backyard ponds... All over our area.
For the 3rd time this year a gator has been captured in a local waterway.

This week a woman spotted a 2 and a half foot gator in her pond in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

8/4 WATERFRONT FIRE

A popular boathouse along the potomac targeted again.
Flames destroyed boats and kayaks at "Jack's Boathouse".. under the Key bridge.
It was set on fire for the second time in just over two weeks.

8/3 SKINS CAMP

Day-3 of Redskins training camp we're now half-way through week one.
Tonight the Skins will practice under the lights.

8/2 SENATOR'S WIFE DWI

A Maryland state senator fought for tougher laws against drunk driving.
His wife has been sentenced for driving while intoxicated.
'Erin Giannetti' was given a 60-day suspended sentence last week for refusing a breathalyzer test back
in December.

8/1 NEW PLANET

Astronomers at Cal tech say they've discovered the solar system's 10th planet.
It's larger than Pluto and about 3 times further away from the sun...
That's 9-billion miles.
The object was first photographed in 20-03.
Scientists determined it was a planet back in January.

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9/30 BLAKE HS STABBING

Mourners are gathered at a Rockville church to remember 15-year-old Kanisha Neal, who was killed last Friday after a high school football game.

9/29 TYSON EXPAN./TRAFFIC

There's a whole new side to Tyson's Corner that you haven't seen before. Tomorrow, the mall is opening its newly expanded area filled with stores, restaurants and a huge movie theatre. But suburban growth experts are worried it will mean the streets around the mall, will be filled with traffic?

9/29 VA COUNTIES DROUGHT

The government has declared several Virginia counties agricultural disaster areas. That includes Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties.

9/28 OAK HILL ESCAPEES

Two of the juveniles were picked up immediately after they escaped... The last to be captured was nabbed on that metro bus you mentioned at this bus stop..at the corner of 17th and East Capitol streets. It was a pretty wild experience for the people on the bus... But how did three inmates...in shackles get out into the community? City officials say they're looking for answers.

9/26 BLAKE HS STABBING

A community forum will get underway at Sherwood High school in Olney. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer solutions on how to prevent violence at school gatherings.

9/22 DULLES NEW TOWER

Dulles Airport continues to expand as it prepares for a busier future. And a big sign of progress is the completion of a new air traffic control tower which soars to 325-feet.

It was built by the authority which runs Dulles, and will be turned over to the Federal Aviation Administration in the coming weeks. It's expected to be up and running in about a year, replacing the original tower built in 1962.

9/21 RITA: FAIRFAX ACTIVATED

Help is on the way from the D-C area to the areas of Texas threatened by Hurricane Rita. Thirty-five search and rescue workers from Fairfax County and 80 members of a similar team from Montgomery County are headed to the Gulf region. Both teams helped out in region in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

9/20 NATIONALS PRAYER

The Nationals have suspended the team's chapel leader.

The decision was made following an article in Sunday's Washington Post, in which Jon Moeller reportedly nodded when a player asked whether Jewish people were doomed because they don't believe in Jesus.

9/19 SAFEWAY ONLINE SHOPPING

Safeway now has a 'shop at home' service...

Going up against giant's peapod service.

"safeway" officially launched the online shopping and delivery service today.

Safeway is the second-largest grocery chain in the d-c area.

9/14 ANIMAL COURT

Many people have strong feelings about animals, especially their pets.

But when those feelings turn to conflict, people turn to a special court in Charles County to settle their disputes.

Members of the court panel are all appointed and volunteer their time to serve.

They also decide cases brought by animal control officers involving animal violations that can result in fines.

9/13 EAST OF RIVER SUCCESS

Keeping at-risk kids away from gangs and violence can be tough sometimes impossible at others.

But the people who work with kids and teens east of the Anacostia River are marking a milestone.

In Northeast and Southeast they're celebrating the passing of a summer without one person under the age of 18 being murdered on the streets.

9/12 GAS PRICES

Once again the nation's capital is home to America's highest gas prices. Triple-A Mid-Atlantic reports today's average price for a gallon of regular in D-C is three-dollars-35-cents -- up a penny from yesterday. That's 20-cents more than the regional average.

9/9 ROCKVILLE PASTOR

A Rockville church, saint rafael's, opens its doors to evacuees. the church chartered a bus and took it to texas in search of those in need. they came back with 21 members of an extended family.

9/8 KATRINA SCAMS

We have been warned about a couple of scam artists preying on generous people.

For example one group is calling people saying they are from the "sisters of the poor" and asking for donations.

Well the "sisters of the poor" say they never, ever solicit money over the phone.

The federal trade commission issued a consumer alert to watch out for those fake charities.

9/7 RESCUED PETS

Thousands of animals were abandoned by their owners in the frantic rush to get away from Katrina.

But at least one local group is helping these rescued pets by bringing them to our area for adoption.

9/6 NATS RAISING MONEY

The sports world is pitching in for the hurricane katrina relief effort.
Tomorrow all 32 major league baseball franchises will be on the same team.
The goal to turn every major league park into a place for donations.

9/1 LOCAL SEARCH TEAMS

Montgomery County's Urban Search and Rescue Team has already saved lives in the hurricane stricken Gulf Coast. The team of 34 people has found two people alive in their homes and transported them to area hospitals near Gulfport, Mississippi. The crew is now in its third day of searching homes in the devastated region.

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7/29 FEDERAL HWY PKG

Metro stands to benefit from a multi-billion dollar transportation package coming out of congress.

The transit system could get as much as 126 million dollars to buy new rail-cars.. and make upgrades and improvements.

7/27 GREYHOUND AX FOLO

Investigators are still going over the evidence from a Greyhound bus crash near Baltimore.

On Monday a bus en route from DC to Philadelphia overturned on i-95.

Dozens of people went to the hospital, most with minor injuries.

7/25 GREYHOUND OVERTURNED.

A Greyhound bus overturned near Baltimore today.

34 people were hurt.

And traffic on I-95 was backed up for hours today.

7/22 US AIRWAYS MERGER

U-S Airways may finally emerge from bankruptcy.

A federal panel approved a bid by u-s airways and america west to merge.

The companies are looking to compete against lower-cost rivals and hope to complete the deal in October.

7/21 BURNING FORDS

Ford owners have lost their homes as well as their cars...When fires erupted while their vehicles were parked in their garages.

More than 500 people have filed complaints about Ford fires with the national highway traffic safety administration. Ford responded by replacing the cruise control cutoff switch... In a voluntary recall of more than one-million cars, pickups and s-u-v's.

7/20 DULLES AIRPORT SCAM

Dulles International Airport the first stop in a credit card scam that victimized as many as 2-thousand of people in northern Virginia.

7/19 MOST STOLEN CARS

If you own a '99 Acura Integra make sure it has an alarm.

An insurance industry study found 1-out of every 200 were ripped off last year making it the most stolen vehicle in 2004.

7/18 METRO EVAC. PROCEDURE

Metro continues its information blitz to keep passengers prepared in case of an emergency on "our" transit system.

Today safety officers held a show-and-tell at the glenmont station.

While evacuation procedures are in place metro warns

Leaving a train should be a last resort.

7/15 BRIDGE DELAYS

Traffic just west of the Wilson bridge will go from 3 lanes down to one lane this weekend. That will create what transportation authorities call the biggest tie-up in bridge project history..

7/14 TERRORISM TRANSIT

The top man in charge of America's homeland security says it's up to state and local governments to be responsible for assets they control. Like Metro, for example.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff says that while a fully-loaded commercial airliner has the potential of killing three-thousand people, an attack on a subway car might kill 30.

7/13 CREATIVE CHEAP GAS

Gasoline in the metro area is at a record high -- 2-dollars and 33-cents a gallon. And experts say it could get worse! But getting cheap gas could be as easy as turning the radio dial.. Or as painful as getting your arm pricked by a needle.

7/12 WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE

V-DOT is advising motorists to stay clear of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge this weekend. Beginning Friday night at 8 p-m, Northbound Interstate 95 will be reduced from the normal three lanes to one. Crews are building new ramps at Route One.

7/11 INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR

The road linking Montgomery and Prince George's, north of the Beltway, has been talked about for decades.

But the governor vows his announcement today is "one of the last milestones before We break ground."

7/8 DC DMV MOVES

The city is moving its d-m-v headquarters from 'c' street in northwest to 'm' street in southwest. It's to alleviate parking problems. But some people say the city's good intentions could lead to even worse results.

7/7 I-95 CRASH

A major crash on I-95 shutdown the southbound lanes for several hours. Police say three tractor trailers crashed, causing a spill and major back-up.

7/7 RAIL ALERT LEVEL

Metro is on alert, following the deadly London explosions. We spoke with the Metro Transit Police chief, about security changes on the rail system. And she urged riders to be vigilant, by keeping an eye out for any suspicious bags/people on trains.

7/6 ON STAR KILLER

On-star was criticized for not helping locate a carjacked car sooner. They eventually did help police track down the vehicle once police got a court order. They say that order was a necessary part of their policy which helps protect customers privacy.

7/5 CALL #77

While phones can be a distraction, they are also helping both Maryland & Virginia have a special number to dial for problems on the road.

The # 77 number connects directly into the state police barracks as opposed to tying up the main 9-1-1 centers.

7/4 UNPATRIOTIC SUV'S

new survey shows 90% of americans think owning an suv is unpatriotic. consumers point to amount of gas the vehicles guzzle... making us more dependent on foreign oil.. esp. from middle eastern countries. suv supporters argue they're needed for towing boats & trailers & large families & can even save gas if used for carpooling. sales are down 25%

7/04 GETTING AROUND

4th of july traffic, transportation... information on street closures, parking, metro (added cars, some stops closed). also.. dc practicing a 'mass evacuation'.. traffic will be directed to main evac routes at the end of the night, traffic lights will be on different intervals (3 minutes of green followed by 1 minute of red) police have also activated 14 security cameras around city

7/04 FREE CAB RIDES

washington regional alcohol program offering free cab rides to prevent drinking and driving

7/01/05 FAA TRAVEL

THE F-A-A IS LOOKING TO AVOID "TRAVEL TROUBLES".. BY KEEPING AN EYE ON THE WEATHER. SINCE AIRLINES CAN'T FLY AROUND ,OVER OR UNDER THE BAD WEATHER, THEY NORMALLY WAIT UNTIL IT CLEARS UP. THAT CAUSES MAJOR DELAYS. THE FAA ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAS ADDED 8 RUNWAYS, WHICH ADDS AN ADDITIONAL MILLION TAKE OFF AND LANDINGS.

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8/30 HURRICANE AIRPORTS

If you want to get to the gulf coast for whatever reason...You can't get there easily from here.

What you have to do is pick a major city with an airport...Like Houston or Birmingham, fly there...And then rent a car or truck from there to see how close you can get by driving.

Getting here from way down there is no picnic either.

8/29 I-66 WORK

Nighttime commuters are going to face some big detours on Interstate-66 near Manassas beginning tomorrow.

The Virginia Department of Transportation is closing all westbound lanes from 9 p-m to 5 a-m weekdays beginning Monday. On weekends, the lanes will close at 9 o'clock Saturday night and reopen at 9 a-m on Sunday.

8/26 METRO GAMES

Redskins fans heading out to Fed-ex.
Nats fans going to RFK at roughly the same time.
A recipe for a traffic mess on metro.
But the agency insists it has a game plan.
Six-car trains running before the games.
14 "extra" trains both before and after the games.

8/24 METRO BATHROOMS

Metro station managers are telling customers they can't use the bathrooms at stations, because of security concerns. But Metro officials tell FOX5 those managers are wrong. FOX5 hidden cameras caught a couple managers denying the use of bathrooms. Two years ago, the Metro Board told station managers to make it easier for you to use it.

8/23 DMV TICKET UPDATE

D-C's Department of Motor Vehicles is about to restore some important services. Beginning tomorrow, you'll be able to pay tickets in person at the 301 'C' Street office in Northwest, and hearings to contest tickets will also eventually be held there. Those services were offered at a building on 'K' Street Northeast, but the building has been closed for the past two weeks.

8/22 LOCAL GAS PRICES

The price of a gallon of gas has shot up 13 cents in the past week. Triple-A says a gallon of self-service regular averaged is now two-69 a gallon, up from two-56 a week ago. A year ago we were paying an average of a buck-89.

8/19 HIGH TECH SCHOOL BUSES

2 local counties.. prince george's county and fairfax county... are using a GPS system on school buses to monitor speed on the bus. Now the system can track each individual student as they get on the bus. The driver holds the device with a list of students that are supposed to get on, and checks them off as they get on.

8/19 HIGH GAS PRICES

We take a look at what people are doing to pay for the high gas, where the prices are higher, and one place that the price is near 4 dollars a gallon.

8/18 TRAIN DELAYS

V-R-E is once again running a limited schedule tonight due to track work. Trains 303, 305, 307, 309 and 311 are running. But the last train of the night, train 313, is canceled. V-R-E is suggesting Metro and bus service as alternatives for riders going to Springfield and Lorton.

8/17 FLY TO OCEAN CITY

Simmons air beginning September 21st will offer nine daily flights between BWI and Ocean City every two hours between 6am and 10pm.

A one way ticket is 45 bucks or for many, one tank of gas nowadays.

8/16 I-95 TRUCK AX

Two separate accidents on Interstate-95 caused a big mess in Fairfax County. Police say the wrecks happened in the southbound lanes near Route-71, involving two tractor-trailers, a trash truck and a pickup. Five people were hurt.

8/15 WILSON BRIDGE PROJECT

After years of detours and frustrating delays, officials are promising that the next few months will offer relief to drivers on the Wilson Bridge. Officials say the more than two billion dollar project is both on-schedule and on-budget.

8/12 TRANSIT ALERT

Government officials have lowered the terror alert level for America's transit systems.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is ending the heightened alert for buses, subways and trains at 8 p-m local time -- after tonight's rush hour. The orange alert was put in place after the deadly July seventh bombings in London.

8/11 WILSON BRIDGE WORK

As part of the bridge construction project the inner loop of the Beltway will go from 4-lanes down to one near the bridge starting at 8 o'clock tomorrow night.

Crew organizers expect 15 mile backups and 90 minute delays all weekend long.

8/10 HIGHWAY OVERHAUL

President Bush opened the gates for spending a whopping \$286.4 billion on roads and bridges, rail and bus facilities, bike paths and recreational trails, saying the projects from coast to coast would spur the economy and save lives.

8/9 EASTERN AVE. BRIDGE

Bad news for anyone who uses Kennilworth Avenue -- also known as D-C 295 -- in Northeast Washington. The highway is closed to allow for repairs to the Eastern Avenue bridge, which was hit by a backhoe this morning. D-C-DOT officials

say you should plan on using an alternate route through at least Thursday morning.

8/8 AMTRAK SECURITY

Security changes are coming to Amtrak stations up and down the east coast.

DC police are joining forces with other agencies...

They're beefing up protection on trains leaving Union Station heading to places like Philadelphia and New York.

There are no specific threats.

The change is just the latest in a series of security measures put in place since the London bombings.

8/5 PLANE FIRE FOLO

Investigators are still looking into the landing of an Air France plane in Canada.

Early reports show the jets "long landing" may have played a role in Tuesday's crash.

The fire on flight 358 happened at Pearson International Airport in Toronto.

8/4 DC NEW RED LIGHT CAMERAS

No more warnings.

If you do the crime you're going to pay a fine.

DC police say 9-red light and 3 photo radar cameras will begin snapping pictures and issuing tickets tomorrow.

8/2 PLANE OFF RUNWAY

A jetliner carrying more than 200 people erupted in flames Tuesday after skidding off a runway while landing in a thunderstorm at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

8/1 PG POLICE CHASE

A Prince George's County emergency official says ten people have been hospitalized in a multi-vehicle crash in Mount Rainier.

It started out as a police chase

Fire and E-M-S spokesman Mark Brady says the crash happened about 2:45 p-m at the intersection of Rhode Island and Eastern avenues, near the D-C line.

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9/30 FLEX CAR/WHITE HOUSE

Answering President Bush's call to help Federal employees use transit and carpool more, Flexcar, the carsharing program, today announced Flexcar One. Like Air Force One, this car is available for White House staffers to use for meetings or other trips. Staffers can reserve the car online and drive it for about \$8 per hour, gas and insurance included. Flexcar has more than 120 cars available throughout the metro area

9/29 DISAPPEARING PLANES

Something strange has been going on with radar screens in Washington. Air traffic controllers say it's a mystery that so far has everyone puzzled.

During the last 10 days the air traffic controllers say they've had airplanes 'disappear' off their radar screens only to pop back up after a few minutes.

The FAA is investigating.. so far... They're puzzled.

9/28 DC PRICE GOUGING

Since hurricane Katrina we've all been feeling gas pains... But especially in DC, where prices are higher than any other place in the country. That has some wondering whether there's gouging going on. On average, you pay more than 3-bucks a gallon for gas in the District. In Maryland and Virginia the prices are lower.

9/27 DC GAS PRICES

Gas prices have gone up between yesterday and today for a regional average of 2-dollars-91-cents for self-serve regular. Prices have jumped four-cents overnight in Maryland and three-cents in Virginia. D-C prices held steady but are still among the highest in the nation.

9/26 METRO RIDERS COUNCIL

The transit agency is accepting applications for a new "riders advisory council". Daily and occasional commuters can apply. Council members will advise metro's board on train and bus operations. There will be 20 members from the public. 6 from DC, Maryland and Virginia and two at large members.

9/22 HIGH GAS PRICES

Hold on to your wallet at the gas pump. The American Petroleum Institute says gasoline makers already under strain from Hurricane Katrina will get more trouble from Hurricane Rita. A spokeswoman says D-C area gas prices have soared lately because of supply and demand, as well as restrictions on who can operate gas stations.

9/21 \$2 GAS IN DC

Gas prices in D-C may be coming down, but drivers here are still paying more at the pump than most. According to Triple-A Mid-Atlantic's latest survey, prices remain almost 30-cents higher than the national average. The survey puts the average price of a gallon of self-serve regular in D-C at 3-dollars-8-cents.

9/20 METRO 8 CAR TRAINS

Metro is conducting a test on it's "auto-mated" 8 car trains.
The one problem, at 600 feet, the trains are the exact length of metro platforms.
That means every arrival at the station needs to be precise.
So far metro says the tests have been a success.

9/19 DMV VEHICLE INSPECTION

The District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles announced it has begun installing new vehicle inspection station hardware and software at its Southwest Inspection Station located at 1001 Half Street, SW. The effort is occurring in phases and will be completed over the next 18 months. As a result, beginning Monday, September 19, 2005, re-inspection services made by private neighborhood service stations will be suspended.

9/15 SPRINGFIELD INTER. WORK

More construction means three more nights of detours along i-95 northbound.
On Friday, Saturday, and Monday nights, drivers won't be allowed on the inner loop of the Beltway or northbound 395.

9/14 DELTA/NORTHWEST

Northwest Airlines Corp., pummeled by high labor costs and soaring fuel prices, filed for bankruptcy protection Wednesday, entering Chapter 11 on the same day as its larger rival, Delta Air Lines Inc. The filings put three of the nation's four largest airlines in bankruptcy court.

9/13 FFX CONNECTOR STRIKE

An important note if you ride "Fairfax Connector" buses.
The bus workers' union warned riders yesterday they could be close to a strike.
The union has until tomorrow night to "o-k" a new contract or walk out.
"Two dozen" Fairfax Connector bus routes could be affected.

9/12 GAS PRICES

Once again the nation's capital is home to America's highest gas prices. Triple-A Mid-Atlantic reports today's average price for a gallon of regular in D-C is three-dollars-35-cents -- up a penny from yesterday. That's 20-cents more than the regional average.

9/9 DC GAS GOUGING

triple a midatlantic is calling on DC's mayor to investigate price gouging for the dc area. the washington metro area has the highest gas prices in the nation.

9/9 DC CAB SURCHARGE

DC Taxicab commission has approved a \$1.50 surcharge on cab rides in DC, due to the rising gas prices. the charge goes into effect for 120 days.

9/9 VA ROAD CLOSURES

There will be some road closures on the northbound lanes of Interstate-395 this weekend. The Virginia

Department of Transportation says construction on the Springfield Interchange project is forcing the closures. V-DOT is encouraging motorists who don't need local exits north of the Beltway to use the H-O-V lanes to Washington.

9/8 METRO BUSES

Board members are "on-board" with metro's plan to upgrade it's bus system. The agency wants to spend 829-million dollars over the next few years. The bulk of the money will go to buy new buses. About 6-million will go to adding real-time bus information at some heavily used stops.

9/7 METRO DOORS

Metro says a broken spring caused a door to open on a moving Orange Line train yesterday. The train stopped automatically in the tunnel between Foggy Bottom and Rosslyn, and the door closed. Metro says door springs on the other 100 subway cars of that type are being checked.

9/1 METRO DOORS OPEN

On Tuesday the doors stayed open on a moving train after it left metro center. No one was hurt.

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7/29 ZOO DEATHS

A 14-year-old monkey has died at the National Zoo.

Zoo officials say the female Sulawesi macaque was found dead this morning. Officials say it was not being treated for any particular disease. It's not yet clear what caused the animal's death.

7/27 THUNDERSTORMS WARNING

The National Weather Service has a severe thunderstorm watch up until ten tonight for D-C and most Virginia and Maryland suburbs. Forecasters are warning there could be lightning, winds gusting to 70-miles-an-hour, and hail as big as one-inch in diameter.

7/25 FLORIDA SANDSTORM

A sand-storm is expected to hit Florida and the Carribean tomorrow. And the cloud is huge. Crossing the Atlantic from the Sahara desert... It's said to be about the size of the continental US.

7/22 ANTS INCREASING

People all over the area dealing with ants in their home. Pest control experts say our mild winter increased the problem this summer. Attacking ants at the source is the best way to get rid of the problem.

7/20 JAPANESE BEETLE INVASION

Pesticides have become hot sellers in many garden stores around here. That's because growers are getting inundated with Japanese beetles invading their gardens farms and nurseries. Many say this is the worst infestation of Japanese beetles they've ever seen.

7/19 HOT WEATHER

For the second day in a row our area's under a heat advisory.

7/18 HURRICANE EMILY

A vacation paradise takes a beating! Early this morning Hurricane Emily slammed Mexico's Yucatan penninsula a monster category four storm! Cozumel and Cancun felt the brunt of it.

7/15 BABY PANDA UPDATE

Mom feeling so good about things she actually left the side of the baby panda briefly last night for a drink of water.

We're told she hasn't had anything to eat or drink since the birth. And doctors say 'every' day from now on, her little cub will be making history.

7/14 FISH KILL

A mystery illness is taking hold among fish in the Shenandoah river.
For more than 3 months... Small mouth bass and sun fish... Have been dying in small groups.
The dead fish have been found along a one hundred mile stretch of the river in Virginia.

7/13 WX FORECASTING

Some people swear their bodies are human barometers and can sense changes in the weather.
The ancient greeks were sensing storms before the first barometer was invented back in 1643. How far the air pressure could force liquids through a tube would determine a change in weather. There are more sophisticated instruments today. But even without them, do people have internal radar that point to a change in weather.

7/11 LITTLE FALLS TRAIL CLOSED

Recent storms have shut down part of a popular hiking trail in Bethesda.
A concrete slab that serves as a bridge along the Little Falls trail has become unstable.

7/8 ALEXANDRIA FLOODED

The remnants of tropical storm Cindy left her mark on Old Town Alexandria.
Folks there forced to wade through several inches of water.

7/7: flood watch & weather: tracking the remnants of tropical storm cindy, bringing lots of rain. also, keeping an eye on dennis, which is almost a stage 4 hurricane

7/6 DEER DEATH ARL. POLICE

What started as an act of compassion turned into a trio of actions that would turn almost anyone's stomach.
Three Arlington county police officers are under investigation for the way they dealt with a wounded deer!
Last month the officers ultimately killed a deer that had fallen from an I-66 overpass near the Arlington - Falls Church border.

7/4 DEEP IMPACT

nasa's deep impact mission to crash a probe into comet temple one a complete success. it happened this morning right on schedule. the probe's 'mother ship' took pictures of the collision & sent back to earth. scientists hope it will give them insight into the origins of our universe

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8/30 DOLPHINS MOVED

On Sunday night officials deemed a Gulfport, Mississippi aquarium unsafe for these bottle-nosed dolphins.

So.. they transferred 6-of them to a hotel 4-miles inland.

They treated the pool with salt water.. and placed the dolphins inside.

As the winds were blowing at 135-miles per hour.. and debris flew everywhere.. the dolphins swam safely.

8/26 MORNING AFTER PILL

The FDA doesn't want teenagers to make unprotected sex a habit.

So today the agency put off a final decision on whether to allow over-the-counter sales of the "morning after pill".

That's the pill taken within 72-hours of unprotected sex reducing the risk of pregnancy by 89-percent.

8/23 POWER PLANT TO CLOSE

An Alexandria power plant that provides electricity to homes in the District and Maryland could close by Wednesday night if it can't meet national air quality standards.

Virginia officials have ordered the Mirant Corporation power plant to take immediate steps to reduce pollution. The plant serves about 400,000 homes in the District and Maryland.

The company that manages the flow of electricity over transmission lines says a shutdown won't affect the area's power supply because it has alternative power sources.

8/18 MENHADEN LIMITS

In a move that's angered many fishermen...

The Atlantic states fisheries commission recently voted to limit "menhaden" catches in the bay.

Starting next year the annual menhaden catch there will be capped at 106-thousand metric tons which is the average over the last 5 years.

Menhaden are bait fish and an important food source for other fish in the bay.

8/17 WEST NILE BIKE MESSENGERS

San Francisco is giving bike messengers insecticide tablets to drop into the city's sewer system. City leaders hope it will stop the spread of the west nile virus.

8/16 SOIL FIRES FOLO

Those flash fires from soil at a northwest dc construction site are out.

But the clean-up could take a while.

The realty company that owns the property says the site may be contaminated with gasoline that leaked from tanks removed in 1992.

8/12 SOIL FIRES

In northwest flash fires ignited at a construction site.

Hazmat crews say the dirt there... Is contaminated with gasoline.

Clean soil dumped on top of the contaminated dirt helped stabilize the situation.

The realty company that owns the property says petroleum may have leaked from tanks removed in

8/11 FIRST WX

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory for the Washington area tomorrow from noon until 8 p-m. Forecasters say temperatures in mid 90s combined with high humidity will make it feel like it's about 100 degrees.

8/10 O STREET OIL SPILL

Dangerous dumping discovered in Southeast.
The district's environmental crimes unit is investigating an oil spill that for a short time threatened the Anacostia river.

8/8 VA DOGS LAW

People living in Spotsylvania county are getting a chance to weigh in on the push for stronger "vicious dog" laws in Virginia.

Residents and county leaders are discussing several measures including one that would limit the number of dogs in neighborhoods.

The proposed changes are in reaction to a mauling death earlier this year.

8/8 RACCOON RABIES

With the raccoon population growing, Anne Arundel is dropping thousands of pieces of bait, which will vaccinate them against rabies.

8/5 ALLIGATOR IN YARD

Something strange is surfacing in rivers and backyard ponds... All over our area.

For the 3rd time this year a gator has been captured in a local waterway.

This week a woman spotted a 2 and a half foot gator in her pond in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

8/2 CLIFF HOUSES

Families who have homes on calvert cliffs are worried about erosion.

Hurricane isabel took about twelve feet of their property bringing the cliff's edge closer to their homes.

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9/30 LA WILDFIRES

Massive flames and thick white smoke rising high in the california sky.
So far 32 square miles of brush have burned that's an area about 'half' the size of the district.

9/29 INTERSEX FISH

There's a population of fish in the Potomac river... That has scientists stumped.
It turns out that some male "smallmouth" bass are turning up... With female eggs.
Theories are that estrogen replacement drugs prescribed to women, or hormones given to livestock, could both be getting into the river through wastewater. Experts say this could cause the fish to develop female eggs.

9/29 VA COUNTIES DROUGHT

The government has declared several Virginia counties agricultural disaster areas.
That includes Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties.

9/28 NE GAS ODOR

Lack of rain is just one of the possibilites-- behind a gas odor mystery in DC---
Reports of the overpowering smell swept across the city...
And even forced hundreds of students to evacuate at two schools.

9/26 RITA/DAMAGE

When the floodwaters recede in southwestern Louisiana, many people won't have homes return to.
Local emergency official Clifton Hebert says some 80-percent of the buildings in Cameron were leveled when Hurricane Rita came ashore Saturday.

9/23 HURRICANE RITA

Rita churned toward the Texas and Louisiana coasts Friday, packing maximum sustained winds of 125 mph. The hurricane was expected to make landfall Saturday morning, with forecasters warning of a possible 15- to 20-foot storm surge.

9/22 DIAPER HURRICANE

Dyn-O-Mat CEO Peter Cordani Peter Cordani thinks his sponge-like Dyn-O-Gel can soak up enough water around the central eyewall of a rapidly revolving tropical storm to weaken or destroy it. The idea is to sap hurricanes of their moisture-driven potential, causing these rapidly revolving storms to lose strength, become unbalanced and fly apart.

9/21 POWER PLANT REOPENING

Officials for Mirant Corporation have announced plans to partially reopen their power plant in Alexandria.
Company spokesman Steven Arabia says the company is going to move "as quickly as possible" to get the plant back open.

The plans call for running one of five generators for up to 16 hours a day, with an eight-hour break. Arabia says that using just one generator will produce less than a quarter of the power than the plant could at full capacity.

9/20 RITA HITS THE FLORIDA KEYS

Hurricane Rita is ripping through the florida keys and only getting stronger!

In the last 24 hours she's gone from a tropical storm to a category 2 hurricane.

And with Rita pushing into the warm waters of the gulf next an "already" hurricane-ravaged region is preparing for the worst again!

9/15 DOLPHINS RESCUED/KATRINA

8 dolphins left were swept out to sea by a "storm swell."

The dolphins have lived in captivity all their lives and don't know how to find food or evade predators.

So trainers did they only thing they could, combing the open contaminated waters outside Gulfport -- hoping to find the injured and defenseless animals and bring them back to safety.

9/14 HURRICANE OPHELIA

Hurricane Ophelia lashed the North

Carolina coast with high winds and heavy rains Wednesday, beginning an anticipated two-day assault that brought stern advice from North Carolina's governor.

9/6 HURRICANE LATEST

The mayor of new orleans and the cdc are both concerned about this toxic stagnant soup in New Orleans.

Chemicals, trash, dead bodies, raw sewage: It's a dangerous combination for anyone coming in contact with it.

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7/29 KIDS LEARN TO SKATE

Some local children are "keeping cool" by hitting the ice.
It's all part of a summer enrichment program aimed at teaching inner-city kids how to ice skate.

7/28 TODDLER ON 495

The Newport News woman charged with abandoning her toddler on the side of the Capital Beltway in Falls Church is in the Fairfax County jail.

Twenty-two-year-old Channoah Green is due in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court tomorrow morning to answer felony child neglect charges. They stem from what investigators say happened Tuesday night.

7/27 RANDALL POOL SHOCKED

Randall Pool in Southwest Washington is closed after authorities say several people reported getting a minor electric shock.

No one was seriously hurt. And according to D-C Fire and E-M-S spokesman Alan Etter, the problem is believed to be a light pole shorting out.

7/26 DC FIRE TRUCK CRASH

At least seven people, including a two year old child, are hurt after a fire truck and a minivan collided in Northwest Washington this afternoon.

7/22 LOCKED IN SCHOOL

DC fire responded to the scene at Benning elementary in Northeast. They say the child went into the supply room.... after his friend told him there was a "slinky" in there. The steel door shut behind him. The boy was locked in the room for about 40 minutes... Before firefighters finally set him free.

7/20 6 YO DROWN/MURDER

New information in the murder of a 6-year-old d-c boy.
The prime suspect: His mother.
Tonight police tell Fox 5 they're putting the final pieces of the puzzle together before they issue an arrest warrant.
Little Donmigueel Wilson was found dead in the bathtub of his southeast apartment.
His hands and feet bound.

7/18 6 YO DROWNING HOMICIDE

Family members are being questioned about the death of a six-year-old boy found tied up in the bathtub of a Southeast apartment.

Don Wilson had his hands tied behind his back and his ankles were also bound. Investigators say family members discovered the boy around eight this morning in the Wheeler Road home.

7/15 PEE WEE FIREFIGHTERS

For the next 8 days firefighters will team up with elementary school students for their annual "pee wee fire academy."

7/13 NAT GEO PHOTOGRAPHER

National Geographic is legendary for its stunning photographs.

Now, some local high school students are getting the chance of a life-time snapping images, for the magazine.

7/11 KIDS IN TRUNK

Loudoun County police say 'Cheryl Schoonmaker' put her children in the trunk of her car during an 8-hour road trip.. last week.

According to investigators, she rotated her five children two at a time in and out of the trunk because there wasn't enough room in the car.

All of the kids are okay.

7/8 LARRY HUGHES LEAVING

Kids probably know him even emulate him on the basketball court.

But now they'll need another role model.

One of the Wizards' big names is saying bye-bye to DC.

Larry Hughes' helped take to the team to a playoff win for the first time in 20 years.

7/7 DC SCHOOL UPGRADES

DC Councilman Adrian Fenty is proposing a "School Modernization Financing Act" to use DC Lottery money to help fix the deplorable conditions of DC public schools. It's in response to a FOX-5 investigation in May, which exposed the condemned classrooms at some schools. Under Fenty's plan, the money would finance the reconstruction, renovation and maintenance of DC Schools. Some councilmembers say that's not enough.

7/6 SCHOOL GIRLS UNITE

Some pint-sized protestors in our area are taking on poverty.

Before President Bush took off for the G-8 summit... A group of Montgomery county kids gathered at the white house... For a demonstration.

They're hoping to push the president to help kids in need all over the world.

7/5 CHILDREN'S BRAS

The early onset of puberty is affecting how some companies do business.

Reportedly some stores see customers as young as six. So now, they are offering modest styles, half sizes and practical sports bras for young girls.

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8/29 DC SCHOOL BEGINS

The mayor and the schools superintendent got a first-hand look at today's start of the school year in the nation's capital.

Mayor Tony Williams shook hands with youngsters at Peabody Elementary on Capitol Hill, before taking off for another out-of-town trip, this time to Saint Louis. Schools Superintendent Clifford Janey toured a few schools.

8/26 BEE ATTACK

A nature walk turned to panic today when a swarm of bees attacked some preschoolers. The kids from Silver Spring Presbyterian Church's daycare center apparently overturned a log where the bees were living. No one was seriously hurt, but eleven children were taken to a hospital as a precaution.

8/23 CHILD IMPERSONATOR

Peer pressure can be a powerful force on your children especially when the "so called" teenager trying to lure them into sexual situations is actually a 31 year old man.

Zuri-kye McGhee has a baby face and used it Colorado authorities say to sexually assault 18 children between the ages of 9 and 15.

Investigators say in most cases people accused of child molestation crimes are in positions of authority.

They say is the first time they've ever heard of a suspect posing as a child to get close to the victims.

8/22 MLK MEMORIAL

Kids could help bring a permanent memorial to martin luther king junior to the national mall.

The memorial fund is about 50 million dollars short..

Now children in the kids for king campaign will help collect donations to add to it.

Groundbreaking for the new memorial is set for next september.

8/19 HIGH TECH SCHOOL BUSES

2 local counties.. prince george's county and fairfax county... are using a GPS system on school buses to monitor speed on the bus. Now the system can track each individual student as they get on the bus. The driver holds the device with a list of students that are supposed to get on, and checks them off as they get on.

8/18 6 Y/O KILLED/DROWNED

The mother charged with killing her six-year-old son by tying him up and drowning him in a bathtub has been found competent to stand trial. Julia Barber remains at Saint Elizabeths Hospital at least until a hearing next month. Little Donmiguel Wilson was found dead on July 18th.

8/17 SODA MACHINES PULLED OUT

Elementary school students are going sugar-free...

Coke, Pepsi and other soda makers are pulling their full-calorie drinks out of school vending machines.

The new policy means "no" carbonated drinks... Regular or diet.. will be sold in elementary schools.

Only water and fruit drinks will be allowed in vending machines.

The beverage makers are looking to sweeten their image with parents and health advocates.

8/16 DC CHILD AMNESTY

Some DC parents are paying up on overdue child support.

The city's attorney general says it collected more than 200 thousand dollars during the amnesty program.

That is twice the amount the office expected.

Still only a fraction of the 10-thousand people who owe money paid up.

8/15 6 YEAR OLD DROWN/HOMICIDE

The dc mother accused of killing her six year old son was in court today.

A judge ordered julia barber to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

She's accused of killing her son, don miguel wilson last month binding his hands and feet and leaving him in a bathtub.

Thursday she'll have a competency hearing... To see if she's fit to stand trial.

8/11 CHILD PORN RING

Detectives received information regarding a possible child pornography distribution ring being operated out of a Hollywood home. Detectives executed a raid on Kenneth Barker's home... and recovered an abundance of evidence.

Barker is charged with Sexual Child Abuse and Production of Child Pornography

8/9 CHILD LEFT IN CAR

Authorities have identified a woman charged with leaving her three-year-old daughter alone in a car.

Hyattsville police say 21-year-old Brenda Oliva of New Carrollton is charged with reckless endangerment and leaving a child unattended. Investigators believe the girl was left alone in the car near East-West Highway for at least two hours on Sunday morning.

8/8 RIDGE PLACE SHOOTING

A DC teenager is in the hospital recovering after someone fired 6-shots at him while he was riding his bike.

The 15-year old was hit in the arm and leg.

8/5 SPRINGBROOK HS STABBING

A summer school fight ended with 2 students stabbed.

Medics and police swarmed the scene this afternoon outside the high school minutes after it happened..

It went down at Springbrook high in Silver Spring.

8/4 LEMONADE STAND

Two kids got a lesson in cut-throat business tactics

When their lemonade stand was squeezed out by the competition.

Police in Salem, Massachusetts told them to pack up and go home because a "bitter" sausage vendor complained they were stealing his business.

8/3 BRAIN DEAD MOTHER/CHILD BORN

A 26-year-old brain-dead woman who was kept alive in order to give birth -- has died in a Virginia hospital after being taken off life support.

Family members and doctors say Susan Torres died this morning at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, after giving birth to a baby girl who weighed in at under two pounds.

8/2 RT. 29 KID STRUCK

At the same time a Maryland mother and father were filing a missing person's report on their 9-year old son.

Something terrible was happening along a stretch of road in Montgomery county. Their autistic son was hit by a truck.

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9/29 MISSING 3 Y/O

It's been exactly one year since 3 year old Tyreek Davis disappeared.
Tonight the Spotsylvania County sheriff's office is still working to solve the mystery.

9/28 BLAKE HS STABBING DEATH

A viewing will be held tomorrow for Kanisha Neal -- the Montgomery County teenager killed after a football game last week.

Kanisha died from a stab wound. Her murder has prompted county authorities to increase patrols at all high school football games. Parents are also being encouraged to get more involved.

9/27 BLAKE HS STABBING

A funeral is planned for Friday for the teen stabbed to death after a high school football game. Fifteen-year-old Kanisha Neal was killed outside Blake High School last Friday night, allegedly by another girl who's also 15. Authorities say the dispute stems from an earlier incident at another game.

9/26 COLUMBIA ROAD FIRE

The family where a 10-month Jonah Flores died has told fire investigators that a candle was left burning in the baby's room, because the electricity had been turned off on Monday.

9/23 QUINTUPLETS

Many expectant and hopeful parents will tell you they just want a child with ten fingers and ten toes. Jennell Dickens got five children. The 22-year-old gave birth to quintuplets today at the University of Maryland Medical Center -- one boy and four girls.

9/21 ABANDONED BABY

Police there say they've tracked down the mother of a baby abandoned in an alley over the weekend. A man found the baby boy in an alley covered with a piece of wood on Saturday. The newborn was taken to the hospital. Tonight police say they have arrest warrants for the baby's mother for 1st and 2nd degree attempted murder.

9/20 MISSING VCU STUDENT

Richmond police have 'several' suspects in the disappearance of VCU student Taylor Behl. That includes an amateur photographer who had a relationship with the 17 year old, and was one of the last people to see her in the hours before she vanished.

9/19 ABANDONED BABY

Hagerstown police are looking for the mother of an abandoned newborn baby found in an alley. Jamie Sollenberger found the baby boy on the ground behind his home in the 800 block of Chestnut Street around 9:30 a-m. He wrapped the baby in a dish towel and a neighbor called 9-1-1.

9/15 KIDS WRITE LONG LETTER

The pilot pen corporation will unroll the world's longest letter, a half-mile long scroll comprising of nearly 4,000 letters handwritten by 8-and-9-year old kids about their concerns for the future of the US the event is a demonstration of the power of the pen. Kids from local schools will attend.

9/14 SKL LAPTOP ROBBERY

Many of the students at Cradlerock School in Columbia, Maryland will have to do their 'reading, writing, and 'rithmetic', the old fashioned way for awhile. Monday evening, right after back to school night, two men took about 30 laptop computers. It was an armed robbery at the school.

9/13 CAGED KIDS

Police have charged two ohio parents for locking their adopted kids in a cage without blankets, pillows or a way to go to the bathroom.

9/7 KATRINA KIDS SCHOOLS

Fairfax, Montgomery County, private schools like Sidwell Friends And Georgetown Prep. They have all taken in kids. It may sound odd, but they're treating these kids like they're homeless and many are. That means they can waive residency requirements and proof of immunization and get kids back to the books right away.

9/6 FAIRFAX: BACK TO SCHOOL

Fairfax County students returned to class at Chesterbrook Elementary in McClean. They'll will have extra company on some of their school buses. Police will be riding along to look for drivers who don't stop when the buses are loading and unloading. Today was also the first day of school for students in Alexandria, Arlington and Prince William counties.