

WTTG-TV/Channel 5  
Program Information Report  
First Quarter 2009

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

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

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

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

*Fox 5 News At Ten* – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10pm-11pm, the program features local, national and international news headlines as well as in-depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

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

*Inaugural Coverage* – On Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Fox 5 News covered the Inauguration of Barack Obama continuously from 5:00am until 7:00pm.

**Origination: Local**

Issues addressed:

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

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

**Origination: Network**

Issues Addressed:

1. New Congress Transition
2. Inauguration
3. Economy
4. Economic Stimulus
5. Irag/Afghanistan
6. G-20 Summit

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

**Origination: Local**

Issues Addressed:

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

*America's Most Wanted*

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

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT**

### **JANUARY**

- 28            Mentoring Monday – 18 Mentoring organizations came out to the Fox 5 studio for phone-a-thon. The event was to encourage people to call in and volunteer as mentors. The campaign included stories on mentoring, interviews with organizations, and public service announcement with Wizards player Juan Dixon.

### **FEBRUARY**

- 1            Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Celebrity model for the American Heart Association 2009 Affair of the Heart Fashion Show.
- 1            Laura Evans, Anchor – Participated in the American Heart Association 2009 Affair of the Heart Fashion Show.
- 19           Roby Chavez, Reporter – MC for the Metro Teen AIDS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at the Australian Embassy.ards Dinner honoring leaders that have helped advance solutions to homelessness and poverty.
- Shawn Yancy, Anchor – Black History Month Speaker at Walt Whitman high School in Bethesda

### **MARCH**

- 9            Shawn Yancy, Anchor – Host for the VIP *Color Purple* event at the Kennedy Center.
- 19           Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Participated in Academy of the Holy Cross Career Day.
- 24           Gwen Tolbart, Weather Anchor – Speaker at the Our House Youth Home and Training Center.
- 26           Sherri Ly, Reporter – Mistress of Ceremonies for the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Education Fund at the National Press Club.

**PSA's Produced:**

:10 & :30 psa's produced for Mentoring Monday Phone-a-Thon

:20 psa produced for the Potomac River Clean-Up event.

**Other**

Fox 5 Midday News invited various animal shelters to come on the show regularly from January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to find homes for homeless dogs and cats.

**FOX NEWS SUNDAY**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Quarter 2009**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FOX</b> Fox News Sunday
<b>1/04/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> Transitions, New Congress <u>GUESTS:</u> George H. W. Bush, Steny Hoyer
<b>1/11/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> A look back at his Presidency <u>GUESTS:</u> George W. Bush, George H. W. Bush.
<b>1/18/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> House Business, Inauguration <u>GUESTS:</u> Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), Robert Gibbs Incoming White House Press Secretary
<b>1/25/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> President Obama & The New Congress <u>GUESTS:</u> Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY)
<b>2/1/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> Economic Stimulus, RNC Chairman <u>GUESTS:</u> Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), RNC Chairman Michael Steele
<b>2/8/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> Economic Stimulus <u>GUESTS:</u> Lawrence Summers; Dir. National Economic Council, Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)
<b>2/15/09</b>	<u>TOPIC:</u> Economic Stimulus <u>GUESTS:</u> David Axelrod, Eric Schmidt, Mark Zandi.

2/22/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Economic Stimulus</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Gov. Mark Sanford (R-SC), Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R-MN), Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D-MD), Gov. Ed Rendell (D-PA)</p>
3/1/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Iraq, Economic Stimulus</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Adm. Mike Mullen, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI)</p>
3/8/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Economic Stimulus</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Gov. Tim Kaine (D-VA), Rep. Aaron Schock (R-IL)</p>
3/15/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Economy</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Austan Goolsbee, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN), Mark Zandi, Sheila Bair</p>
3/22/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Economy</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Christina Romer, Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), Pete Souza</p>
3/29/09	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Afghanistan, G-20 Summit</p> <p><b>GUESTS:</b> Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Edwin Feulner</p>

This Saturday, January 3, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Hamilton, Ohio...ALFREDO LOPEZ-CRUZ...**Police in Hamilton, Ohio are trying to track down a man accused of luring a 9-year-old girl to an abandoned house and raping her. Two days after the crime, cops say neighbors took matters into their own hands - literally.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=32876>

**Brooklyn, New York...** ANDRE NEVERSON ... In July 2002, police say Andre Neverson let a feud with his sister and a bad breakup boil over into a pair of crimes that would make him one of New York's Most Wanted fugitives. Authorities have cast a wide net for Neverson, but the key to finally tracking him down may be an ex-girlfriend, a video camera, and Neverson's closeup.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26623>

**Anchorage, Alaska...**UNKNOWN ALASKA SERIAL KILLER...It's a case that has America's last frontier on edge. Law enforcement officials in Anchorage, Alaska are working to catch a possible serial killer: two dismembered torsos have been found, and more women are missing.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56413>

**Dothan, Alabama...**UNKNOWN PERRY GRIFFIN KILLERS...Police say when employees arrived to work at Panhandle Converter and Scrap Company located in Dothan, Alabama they were devastated to find their boss shot to death in the company's parking lot. Now Perry's family is desperately searching for answers to his tragic, untimely murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46285>

**Miami, Florida...**ESNEL JEAN...North Miami detectives will never forget the gruesome site of a woman and two children killed and buried in homemade crypts. They say the man behind the horrific murders is Esnel Jean, a haitian voodoo priest. Jean remains the focus of an international manhunt and they need your help to help capture him. Check out the details.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24802>

This Saturday, January 17, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**AMW Hotline Update:** AMW goes on the road to follow your tips...

**Irving, Texas...YASER SAID UPDATE...**Cops say he killed his daughters. In a crime that shocked the nation, two young women were found shot to death in the back of a taxi, and their father is John Walsh's most-wanted fugitive of the year.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51983>

**Miami, Florida...ESNEL JEAN UPDATE...**North Miami detectives will never forget the gruesome sight of a woman and two children killed and buried in a homemade crypt. They say the man behind the horrific murders is Esnel Jean, a Haitian voodoo priest. Jean remains the focus of an international manhunt and they need your help to help capture him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24802>

**Evansville, Indiana and San Antonio, Texas...BRADLEY AND LUANN CHASE CAPTURE...**Accused child molesters Bradley and Luann Chase had been on the run for eight years, but it only took AMW viewers 12 hours to capture them after they got the publicity they never wanted.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=60004>

**Nassau County, New York...JOSEPH QUARTIERI UPDATE...**In the 1990's, AMW profiled elusive fugitive Joseph Quartieri a number of times. He was wanted for trying to kill a police officer in 1979, and then escaping from jail. AMW received a number of tips, but nothing led to Quartieri. Now, investigators believe he may have been sighted -- at mobsters' funerals.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26334>

**Henrico County, Virginia...LANCE ATKINS...**On September 10, 2008, while attending a birthday party, cops say Lance Atkins got into a heated argument with his sister's boyfriend, Corey Bowman. Cops say Atkins got angry, pulled a gun and shot Corey before fleeing the scene.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61653>

**Lafayette, Louisiana...ANTHONY THOMAS...**The U.S. Marshals are hunting a man who they say has a terrible obsession: child pornography. Cops say Anthony Thomas, looked at child pornography websites on his work computer, and a grand jury handed down an indictment against him, but now he's nowhere to be found.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62079>

**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania...**RICARDO RIVERA-TORRES...Police are looking for Ricardo Juan Rivera-Torres, who they say killed a man in a botched Harrisburg, Pennsylvania robbery. Police say they've rounded up Rivera-Torres' co-conspirators, and now they need your help to take down the last man standing.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=60581>

**Richmond, Virginia...**RONALD JACKSON...Cops say a brazen daytime break-in left one man seriously injured and another man on the run from law enforcement. Cops say Ronald Jackson is wanted for breaking into a neighbor's home and stabbing his victim seven times with a screwdriver.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61767>

**Silver City, New Mexico...**UNKNOWN TIM EDWARDS KILLER... Just one visit to Montana Del Oso Ranch in New Mexico and Tim Edwards knew he had found a place to retire. Captivated by the scenery and sunsets, Tim and his wife Lynn moved to the ranch from Arizona. But the mountain paradise was hiding a deadly secret that the Edwards would soon discover – leaving Tim dead and cops looking for answers.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=42123>

**Los Angeles, California...**RAMON GASPAS...In April 2006, police say a 29-year-old woman was resting at a Los Angeles hospital after a surgery when a male nursing assistant, Ramon Eduardo Gaspar, entered her room. The day after the woman was discharged; she reported to police that Gaspar had sexually molested her several times. Cops continued investigating, and after making a public appeal in July 2006, several more victims came forward. Now, he's on the run from the law.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51227>

**North Las Vegas, Nevada...**UNKNOWN SILVER NUGGET KILLER...On June 25, 2006, someone opened fire inside the Silver Nugget Casino in North Las Vegas, Nevada. Cops need you to look at the surveillance video, and they need your tips to bring the shooter to justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39576>

**Nationwide...**UNKNOWN CHEERLEADER LETTERS AUTHOR...Dozens of mysterious letters containing a powdery substance are popping up all over the country and federal agents, including the FBI and the U.S. Postal Inspector, are on the manhunt for the sender - who has been deemed a domestic terrorist.

This Saturday, January 24, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Enfield, Connecticut...DARRYL CRENSHAW CAPTURE...Deputy U.S. Marshals** say accused Connecticut girlfriend-killer Darryl Crenshaw slipped into Mexico to escape from authorities. But an AMW tipster remembered seeing that familiar face in a Mexican jail - and helped take Crenshaw down.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58213>

**Tirana, Albania and Washington, D.C....MARJAN RROKU...**When two teenage Albanian sisters met Marjan Rroku at a Bible study group, they thought he was a great guy. But five years later he had taken the life of one sister and sent the other fleeing to the US. After a close encounter on a Washington D.C. Metro train, police fear the killer is in pursuit again.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41730>

**Detroit, Michigan...PAUL BUFORD JR...**Deputy U.S. Marshals in Detroit say they're hot on the trail of an elusive gang member, wanted for his role in the upper echelon of the Black Mafia Family criminal organization. Paul Buford has a long, violent criminal past, and he's the only fugitive not yet captured as a result of the DEA's first wave of national BMF arrests.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59767>

**Harrisonburg, Virginia...JOSE RAMON SASTRE-CINTRON...**Police say when Jose Sastre-Cintron pulled a gun at a house party in Harrisonburg, Virginia, people knew there'd be trouble. But no one could have guessed just how much: before the fracas was through, cops say Sastre-Cintron would shoot an 18-year-old girl, steal a car, and disappear into the night.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43897>

**Lancaster, California...GREG ADRIAN...**Cops in Los Angeles are on the lookout for a father accused of physically and sexually abusing his own 12-year-old daughter in November of 2007. When Greg Adrian's daughter blew the whistle on his latest string of abuse, police say he fled to Las Vegas.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51716>

**Jamaica, New York...DANNY WILLIAMS...**Cops say that Danny Williams shot two unarmed men after a neighborhood barbecue. Now, police need your help to get this armed and dangerous thug off the streets.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40300>

**Albuquerque, New Mexico...UNKNOWN SANDRA BRADY KILLER (NEW MEXICO BOOTS JANE DOE) UPDATE...**It was one of New Mexico's most mysterious unsolved Jane Doe cases: a pair of hikers found a murder victim, buried in a shallow grave in the unforgiving desert. When AMW ran the story, a tipster called our hotline and helped cops crack the case. The "Boots" Jane Doe

now has a name: Sandra Jean Brady – but we still need your help to find her killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52074>

**Scottsdale, Arizona...**ROBERT FISHER...Cops in Scottsdale, Arizona say Robert Fisher murdered his entire family and blew up their home to cover his tracks. Police are working a few promising leads and they're re-analyzing some of the physical evidence recovered from Fisher's abandoned getaway to get a better DNA profile.

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

**Dallas, Texas...**UNKNOWN PHILLIP WASHINGTON KILLER...Dallas money courier Phillip Washington, 50, was brutally killed while he made his last stop of the night a year ago, and his tragic death was caught on surveillance tape. Now, one of his old friends -- a prominent local journalist -- has come to AMW.com to get his family some justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62387>

This Saturday, January 31, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...**For two years, AMW has been on the hunt for William Greer – a man accused of killing his live-in girlfriend, Tammy Myers. Thanks to your tips, cops have been hot on his trail all across the country. But this week, for the first time, AMW sat down with the other victims in this case - Tammy Myers' own children – to hear their heartbreaking story.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43686>

**Cary, North Carolina...ARNULFO COBOS...**Police in Cary, North Carolina are on the lookout for Arnulfo Cobos, who they say killed his common-law wife and took off in a stolen, silver Saturn.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58986>

**Phoenix, Arizona...REBECCA PARRETT...**U.S. Marshals are searching for a grandmother who is facing 75 years in prison and \$2.5 million in fines. Rebecca Parrett was convicted by a jury of her peers for her role in the \$3 billion collapse of the company she helped to found. Now, cops say she took advantage of the system and slipped away before an ankle bracelet could be attached to her.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55267>

**Detroit, Michigan...COREY GASTON...**When a 10-year-old girl was plucked from her Detroit home by a stranger, taken to a nearby park and raped, cops quickly identified a suspect: police say Corey Gaston left his cell phone at the scene. U.S. Marshals in Motown tracked him down within days of the assault, but Gaston posted bond when he was charged with the disgusting attack and fled.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55498>

**Chicago, Illinois...ALDO ALBA...**FBI agents in Chicago are hot on the trail of an accused rapist. Aldo Alba is charged with the horrific sexual assault of a 69-year-old woman during a robbery in April 2006, and he's been on the run ever since.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=60390>

**Miami Beach, Florida and Santa Barbara, California...ORSON MOZES CAPTURE...**Miami-Dade police report that Orson Mozes has been apprehended in Miami Beach, Florida thanks to an anonymous tipster at AMW.com. Mozes is suspected of running a multi-million dollar adoption scheme out of California.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56499>

**Charlotte, North Carolina...KYLE FLEISHMANN MISSING...**Charlotte, North Carolina police say they still want to speak with absolutely anyone who was at or near the Buckhead Saloon in Uptown Charlotte on November 8, 2007, the night Kyle Fleischmann, 24, disappeared without a trace.  
[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=50773](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=50773)

**Goose Creek, South Carolina...**DAN HIERS...Ever since he was profiled on AMW, tips on the whereabouts of accused murderer and child molester Dan Hiers, have been pouring in. This ex-cop is on the U.S. Marshals' 15 Most Wanted List and is one of AMW's Dirty Dozen. Hiers is accused of murdering his wife, Ludimila, in March 2005 and of molesting a young girl months earlier.  
<http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30956>

**National...**WALENTINA KNAPEK...Walentina Knapek is wanted in several states for allegedly robbing stores of thousands of dollars in broad daylight. Each time Knapek is arrested, cops say she gives them one of the 40 different aliases she has on hand. By the time her fingerprints come back with her true identity, cops say she has already posted bond and skipped town, never appearing in court. Knapek has been using the same scam for over 25 years and now AMW needs your help to put her behind bars for good.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24652>

This **FRIDAY**, February 6, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Lancaster, California...**JESUS "CHUY" CANALES...In the early morning hours of June 12th, 2008, Jesus 'Chuy' Canales picked up a sword and murdered his live-in girlfriend of eight years, Lucy Preciado, in front of her children. Lucy's nine-year-old daughter, Marina, dialed 9-1-1 in a heroic effort to save her mother's life. By the time help arrived, Canales had fled the scene and cops need your help to bring him to justice.

**San Fernando Valley, California...**FRANK BRISENO...Cops in Los Angeles are looking for a man who they suspect committed a string of rapes in July 2004. Authorities say they have the evidence to dub Frank Briseno the "Arleta Rapist," but they need your help to find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61629>

**Hicksville, New York...**TEVIN PERSAUD...Cops say on June 13, 1999, Tevin Persaud crashed a New York wedding, dressed with a gun under his suit. When the party was over, they say Persaud found the trouble he was looking for.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62459>

**National...**LERRON HESLOP...Cops tell us Lerron Heslop is one smooth-talking guy. Police say he does a great job passing himself off as the wealthy president of a religious group in the Caribbean, then convinces investors to sink thousands of dollars into his mission. The problem is, his only "mission" is to take the money and run.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=50829>

**Ashtabula County, Ohio...**MICHAEL CALHOUN...In 1990, Michael Calhoun was sentenced to 25 to 75 years for the 1988 rape and attempted murder of a 76-year-old woman. Now, police say this serial felon cannot be found, and they need your help to put him behind bars before someone else gets hurt.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61238>

**Atlanta, Georgia...**UNKNOWN MAMADOU BARRY KILLERS CAPTURE...When the ATF busted their suspect for the brutal murder of Atlanta business man Mamadou Barry, they had no idea that the information he knew would lead to arrests in seven unsolved murder investigations.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41958>

**Los Angeles, California...**UNKNOWN JOHN MCGRAHAM KILLER CAPTURE...The LAPD has spent months searching for the person who doused a beloved homeless man with gasoline and set him on fire. On January 22, 2009, police arrested 30-year-old Benjamin Mathew Martin for the murder of John McGraham.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=60345>

**West Los Angeles, California...UNKNOWN CARVELL BAKER KILLER...**Cops in West Los Angeles are trying to piece together a murder mystery involving a homeless man and the man who shot him in cold blood. Luckily, authorities were able to get surveillance video of the murderer before and after the incident, and they hope that the public can help identify a killer.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46346>

This Saturday, February 14, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Rockville, Indiana...SARAH PENDER CAPTURE...**Less than two hours after Sarah Pender was featured on our Top Ten Fugitives of 2008 show, authorities finally caught up with this elusive escapee. Our correspondent Jon Leiberman sat down for an exclusive interview with Pender - giving us a rare glimpse into the mind of a murderer.

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

**Miami Beach, Florida...JOSE PEREZ...**Cops say in December 2004, 14-year-old Ingrid Perez went to her room late at night to get some sleep. Ingrid woke up a few hours later to find her father, Jose Perez, in her room. Cops say what happened next is one of the most tragic crimes in America.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41311>

**Dallas and San Antonio, Texas...TEXAS FUGITIVE TASK FORCE FEATURE...**When it comes finding fugitives, no one does it better than Texas cops. AMERICA'S MOST WANTED rode along with an elite fugitive task force, including US Marshals deputies, to take down accused murders and pedophiles. Sometimes arrests came easy, others were harder and some fugitives are still on the run.

**Duncanville, Texas...JESUS DURAN...**He was a Mexican-educated Texas schoolteacher, but cops say Jesus Duran crossed the line when he began inappropriately touching students.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63104>

**Duncanville, Texas...PEDRO FAJARDO...**Cops say Pedro Fajardo went to his wife's home on the evening of November 16, 2008 to hash out some differences that had been complicating their relationship. What cops know now was that Fajardo had no intention of mending their relationship - he intended to end it forever.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61451>

**Fresno, California...JAVIER VASQUEZ...**On January 19, 1999, cops in Fresno, California received a call regarding an abandoned toddler who was found wandering around a local Denny's restaurant. Days later, the child's grandparents responded to the media attention and came to pick up the youngster. Police tell AMW that they had no idea the case was going to develop into something far more serious: they soon found the boy's mother, Mona Kredo, dead in her apartment and the boy's father, Javier Zurita Vasquez, was nowhere to be found.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47294>

**New York City, New York...UNKNOWN RORY FOREHAND KILLER...**The last time Jake Hill came to AMERICA'S MOST WANTED, he desperately needed help finding his sister's killer. However, when he met Yvette and Anthony Forehand at a victim's support group, their story moved him to contact us again. As an early morning bar brawl spilled out onto the streets of Spanish Harlem, cops say 23-year-old Rory Forehand was fatally shot on a crowded street corner. Despite having dozens of witnesses to the shooting, cops say no one is talking. We need your help to bring an end the "Stop Snitching" movement and give Rory's family the justice they deserve.

This Saturday, February 21, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. This week, actress Pauley Perrette, from the hit crime show "NCIS", will be teaming up with AMERICA'S MOST WANTED to help crack three different cases—all of which, for Pauley, hit close to home. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Conroe, Texas...**GLEN HOLMES, JR...Police say Glen Holmes Jr. shot and killed Barry Thomas at a Taco Cabana in Conroe, Texas after stealing his Cadillac. Before leading cops on a high-speed chase, Holmes Jr. allegedly held up the drive-through and demanded tacos to go.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=60000>

**Winchendon, Massachusetts...**MICHAEL BRESNAHAN CAPTURE...He's accused of breaking into a house in a quaint New England town and raping a 61-year-old retiree. But after a year on the run and a manhunt that included six different states, Michael Bresnahan's dodge from justice has ended. AMW has spoken with his alleged victim, the police and the tipsters from Oregon who turned him in.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54333>

**San Francisco, California...**UNKNOWN TAMMY VINCENT KILLER... Almost 30 years have passed since police were called to an isolated beach 20 miles north of San Francisco to investigate a grisly murder scene that centered around the charred remains of a teenage Jane Doe. For years, cops tried to identify the girl and figure out the events surrounding her death, but it wasn't until AMW lent a helping hand that parts of the puzzle began to fit together. Authorities now know that the murdered victim -- 16-year-old Tammy Vincent -- was the girl embroiled in the middle of a state's case against a Seattle strip club whose owners, cops believe, had Tammy killed because of the information she knew.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47984>

**Detroit, Michigan...**UNKNOWN RAVEN JEFFRIES KILLER... In August 2006, seven-year-old Raven Jeffries was playing outside of her home in Detroit, Michigan when she was kidnapped. Just days after her disappearance, police say her burned body was found in a field in a neighboring town. AMW teams up with Pauley Perrette, from the hit crime drama *NCIS*, to revisit this unsolved murder case. Pauley's special connection to Raven's case has kept her involved in the search for answers. At the time of Raven's murder, Pauley donated a \$10,000 reward to encourage anyone to come out with information. The reward is still being offered to help find the unknown person who killed Raven.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40042>

**Prattville, Alabama...**UNKNOWN SHANNON PAULK KILLER... AMW teams up with Pauley Perrette, the star of the prime time crime drama *NCIS*, to help investigators solve the murder of Shannon Paulk, an 11-year-old girl whose body was found in the woods two months after having last been seen by friends with an unidentified man. This discovery updated the case from a missing child to a murdered child, however no further clues have been found. Pauley Perrette was touched by Shannon's story because of her own family ties to the Prattville area. She donated a \$10,000 reward to help catch Shannon's killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40267>

**Detroit, Michigan...**UNKNOWN LISA WILLIAMSON KILLER... Shortly after actress Pauley Perrette, from the hit show *NCIS*, teamed up with AMW to hunt down two child killers, she received the disturbing news that her friend, Lisa Williamson, was murdered in Detroit -- the city where Pauley had just been with the AMW crew. On the evening of October 29, 2007, someone threw a firebomb into Lisa's house, which she was able to escape. However, early the next morning, someone threw another Molotov cocktail into Lisa's parents' house, where she was staying. Her parents made it out safely, but Lisa was trapped upstairs and died of smoke inhalation. Upon hearing the news of her friend's death, Pauley Perrette turned to John Walsh, told him Lisa's story, and he immediately agreed to lend a hand. Now, police are searching for the culprit, and they are certain someone out there has information. A \$10,000 reward has been raised in the case, and Lisa's family is hoping this money could be enough to encourage anyone involved to come forward.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=62935>

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**Florida...ROSA'S STORY...**When Rosa was just 13 years old her life changed forever. She went from being a young waitress in a small Mexican village to being held captive as a prostitute and a slave in the United States. She and several other young women were put under 24-hour watch and forced to engage in sexual relations with as many as 30 men a day. Now, AMW tells her heart-breaking story.

[http://www.amw.com/features/feature\\_story\\_detail.cfm?id=1486](http://www.amw.com/features/feature_story_detail.cfm?id=1486)

**Florida...PATRICIO SOSA / RAFAEL CADENA-SOSA / CARMELA CADENA...** Human trafficking is an awful crime, but for some it's big business. The FBI says when the Cadena-Sosa family saw there was money to be made; they jumped right in and became one of the most high-profile human trafficking operations around. Now agents need your help to bring this family to justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43318>

**Satsuma, Florida...HALEIGH ANN MARIE CUMMINGS MISSING...**Cops in Satsuma, Florida are searching for a 5-year-old girl who disappeared from her home in the middle of the night. Haleigh Ann Marie Cummings vanished February 10, 2009 and hasn't been seen since. AMW has joined the desperate search uncover little Haleigh's whereabouts.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=63252](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=63252)

**Collier County, Florida...ADJI DESIR MISSING...**Adji Desir, a 6-year-old developmentally disabled Florida boy, has been missing since Saturday, January 11, 2009. Police need your help to bring him home to his family.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=62497](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=62497)

**Escondido, California...AMBER DUBOIS MISSING...**Amber Dubois, 14, walked the same mile to Escondido High School every day. But on February 13, 2009, Amber was seen with an armful of Valentine's Day gifts only 300 yards away from the school, and hasn't been seen since.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=63583](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=63583)

**Tecumseh, Oklahoma...DEBORAH FOURZAN MISSING / JAMES REIMER WANTED...**Cops in Oklahoma are looking for 40-year-old James Joseph Reimer, who they say took off with 14-year-old Deborah Kalai Fourzan. Detectives believe Deborah is in danger because before they disappeared, Reimer sent text messages to Deborah soliciting sex.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=63323](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=63323)

**San Fernando Valley, California...**FRANK BRISENO...Cops in Los Angeles are looking for a man who they suspect committed a string of rapes in July 2004. Authorities say they have the evidence to dub Frank Briseno the "Arleta Rapist," but they need your help to find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61629>

**Hicksville, New York...**TEVIN PERSAUD...Cops say on June 13, 1999, Tevin Persaud crashed a New York wedding, dressed with a gun under his suit. When the party was over, they say Persaud found the trouble he was looking for.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62459>

**National...**LERRON HESLOP...Cops tell us Lerron Heslop is one smooth-talking guy. Police say he does a great job passing himself off as the wealthy president of a religious group in the Caribbean, then convinces investors to sink thousands of dollars into his mission. The problem is, his only "mission" is to take the money and run.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=50829>

**Ashtabula County, Ohio...**MICHAEL CALHOUN...In 1990, Michael Calhoun was sentenced to 25 to 75 years for the 1988 rape and attempted murder of a 76-year-old woman. Now, police say this serial felon cannot be found, and they need your help to put him behind bars before someone else gets hurt.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61238>

**Virginia...**CRAIG OLIVER...When AMW last told you about scammer Craig Oliver, nearly a dozen tipsters recognized him as Danny Sullivan, a construction foreman in Phoenix, Arizona. But police say Oliver was able to slip away before the law enforcement dragnet scooped him up, and they need your help to track him down again.

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

**Duncanville, Texas...**PEDRO FAJARDO...Cops say Pedro Fajardo visited his common-law wife on the evening of October 15, 2008 to hash out some differences that had been complicating their relationship. What cops know now is that Fajardo had no intention of mending their relationship -- he intended to end it forever. Now, Fajardo is on the run and police are hot on his trail.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=61451>

**Riverside, California...**MARLON LOPEZ...Officials say that Marlon Lopez has been evading the law for years. With a criminal history involving charges of drug trafficking, fraud, sexual abuse, and molestation, the FBI is looking to put Lopez where he belongs -- behind bars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45205>

**Loudoun Country, Virginia...UNKNOWN ERICA SMITH KILLER...**It has been six long years since 14-year-old Erica Smith was murdered in Northern Virginia -- but questions still plague Erica's family. Who is responsible for tearing their family apart, and why? And most importantly, when will they be brought to justice? Cops continue to work Erica's case, hoping a key clue and some old-fashioned detective work may finally bring this case to an end and help Erica's family find peace.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=46879>

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**AMERICA'S MOST WANTED teams up with celebrity snowboarder Jesse Csincsak (winner of ABC's Season 4 of "The Bachelorette") and champion snowboarder Rob "Kinger" Kingwell in hopes of solving the tragic murder of snowboard enthusiast Ben Bradley.**

**Jackson Hole, Wyoming...UNKNOWN BENJAMIN BRADLEY KILLER...** Benjamin Bradley got his biggest thrill from snowboarding. Just days before his 29th birthday, Ben disappeared in Wyoming on his way to a ski resort. Months later, hikers found his body. The only thing missing from the crime scene was Ben's one-of-a-kind snowboard -- and it could help police crack this murder mystery wide open.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=42421>

**Scranton, Pennsylvania...DARAK WILLIAMS...**Cops in Pennsylvania say Darak Williams and Kashema Reddish, who have been on the run since February 21, 2008, now face first-degree and third-degree murder charges, respectively, in connection with the death of Reddish's 3-year-old daughter, Kavannah Salvador.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54356>

**Indianapolis, Indiana...JOHN SNYDER...**As John Snyder's marriage crumbled, cops say his sanity went along with it. One day, Snyder's behavior reached a disturbing level of depravity, and though he was released from prison for those particular offenses, he's back on the run and cops need you to bring him down once more. Not only is he an unregistered sex offender, but he's the leader of a neo-Nazi group and may be trying to recruit children into his disgusting organization.

This Saturday, March 14, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**\*This week, renowned forensic artist Frank Bender teams up with AMERICA'S MOST WANTED to give a face to an unidentified young girl whose charred remains were discovered in a New Jersey woods.\***

**AMW.COM Exclusive: Boston, Massachusetts...GARDNER MUSEUM HEIST UPDATE...**In 1990, the largest art theft in history happened in Boston. To this day, no one has been arrested for the heist and the 13 pieces of art have never been found. Now, AMW has teamed up with the Gardner Museum and the Boston Herald to help crack the caper. Brand new images of the suspects and never-before-seen interviews will hopefully help new museum security director Anthony Amore finally solve the case. The multimedia exclusive will be available online at [www.amw.com](http://www.amw.com) on Sunday morning, March 22.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43362>

**Trenton, New Jersey...UNKNOWN BABY BONES KILLER...**The skeletal remains of a child authorities know only as "Baby Bones" were found in the woods near a New Jersey theme park. Cops are working alongside Frank Bender, an esteemed forensic artist, who has created a bust of the child in the hopes of identifying the small victim and getting closer to finding the killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62113>

**Plainfield, New Jersey...ANGEL BOLIVAR PARADA...**To family, friends, and co-workers, Sgt. Angel Parada appeared to be the model American soldier. But cops in New Jersey say Parada is a monster who exploited a child's trust for his own sick pleasure. Now police need the public's help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53684>

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...MARSHALL THOMAS...**Cops say Marshall Thomas was wildly upset when he went to confront his girlfriend and her alleged lover. But investigators say he did more than just shoot his mouth off -- he opened fire.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63025>

**Henderson County, Texas...FABIEN FONTAGNE...**In 2003, cops charged Fabien Fontagne with the sexual assault of a teen he met at a bowling alley. He posted bond, and cops believe he initially fled to France -- his native country. Now, police have reason to believe that he may have returned to Texas.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63369>

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin...**ARTHUR LOPEZ...U.S. Marshals in Milwaukee have been searching for Arthur Lopez on murder and cocaine charges since 2001. He had never reached out to authorities before but when he was profiled on AMW, cops say he decided to call and taunt the investigators searching for him. Now, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED needs your help to put an end to Lopez's games.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=35215>

**Los Angeles, California...**JOSE LUIZ SAENZ...City detectives are on the manhunt for 32-year-old Cuatro Flats gang member Jose Luis Saenz, who is wanted for three murders, kidnapping and rape. Cops say Saenz executed two rival gang members and later kidnapped, raped and killed his ex-girlfriend because he feared she would tell authorities about the murders. Now AMERICA'S MOST WANTED needs your help to bring this man to justice.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57722>

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...**UNKNOWN BEAU ZABEL KILLER...Police are hitting the pavement to find the person who shot 23-year-old Beau Zabel, an aspiring math teacher, to death and stole his iPod. Cops say surveillance cameras caught the last precious moments of Beau's life as he bought a soda during his walk home from working the late shift at a Starbuck's. But Beau never made it home, and now cops are asking anyone with information to help them solve this tragic case.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56617>

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**Bakersfield, California...UNKNOWN WENDALE DAVIS KILLER...**Wendale Davis, 16, was known as 'Sweets,' and to those who knew him, the name was a perfect fit. On April 23, 2006, Wendale was talking with a female friend outside her Bakersfield, California home when a car driven by gang members rolled up looking for trouble.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64173>

**Fresno, California...CHOWCHILLA PRISON FEATURE...**John Walsh and AMERICA'S MOST WANTED highlight the efforts of Wesley Davis, the father of Wendale Davis, to create a positive outcome from the tragic murder of his son by founding the Wendale Davis Foundation – a resource for at-risk kids. AMW follows the foundation as they take a group of at-risk girls into a maximum security women's prison filled with some of the nation's most dangerous criminals.

**Milton, Georgia...KISHA RUTLEDGE...**Milton, Georgia police say escort service owner Kisha "Key" Rutledge had one of her clients killed because he was paying his prostitutes directly, cutting out the vicious madam's commission. Cops need your help to bring Rutledge to justice.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54657>

**Skamania, Washington...MICHAEL AND TEVON COLLINS...**The U.S. Marshals say that a Washington state teen and his fugitive father almost killed a cross-country skier in a brutal assault. Cops say the men were hiding out in the wilderness and stole the victim's car after beating him nearly to death.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64197>

**Bloomington, Illinois...DUNCAN AND JACK CONNOLLY MISSING...**An AMBER alert has been issued in Illinois for 9-year-old Duncan Connolly and his 7-year-old brother, Jack. Cops say the boys were abducted by their father, Michael Connolly, the evening of March 8, 2009.

**Bakersfield, California...UNKNOWN JESSICA MARTINEZ KILLER...**It's a 19-year-old question that still plagues the family of a murdered little girl, and authorities in Bakersfield, California haven't given up hope. On May 10, 1990, Jessica Martinez vanished while playing near her home. The 4-year-old's body was later found in a field, nearly 15 miles from home.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64001>

**Hawthorne, California...MARK EVERETT CAPTURE...**Former child star Mark Everett has been identified by authorities as the man at the center of a deadly police standoff in a Los Angeles suburb on December 23, 2008. Investigators say Everett, 39, took his 7-year-old son, Benjamin, on the run after the 2004 murder of the child's mother -- Everett's ex-girlfriend.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28521>

This Saturday, March 28, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198.

**St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands...**ALBION DEE FRETT ... Former FBI Agent Wilfred Baptiste worked with AMW years ago and has come back to the show asking for help in solving his brother's 2003 murder. Baptiste's brother, Richard, was gunned down while escorting a manager who had the theater's nightly bank receipts. Cops believe Albion Dee Frett is responsible for his murder and that he is now residing in the US.

**St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands...**EMMANUEL POLANCO VANDERHORST... When a group of customers at the Banana Split, a local drinking spot, heard a woman being beaten, they rushed to her rescue. After being told by Enos Hughes and Emmanuel Polanco Vanderhorst not to interfere, the group returned to the bar to continue the fun. But it ended abruptly when the men involved in the beating entered the bar with guns blazing, killing a total of four people. Police believe that Vanderhorst, one of the suspects, escaped to the continental US. Now, AMW needs your help to bring this man to justice.

**Sky Valley, California...**EDWARD LEBLANC... In 2007, Kristin Miner had fallen on tough times when she made a new friend, a man named Edward LeBlanc. Friends say that LeBlanc and Kristin had a platonic relationship, but LeBlanc soon moved onto the property where Kristin lived in an RV. Arguments over money strained their friendship, and police say LeBlanc informed neighbors of his plan to rob Kristin. When Kristin turned up dead, authorities traced the clues back to LeBlanc, making him the prime suspect in her murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62567>

**Holbrook, Arizona...**MARTIN DELAROSA GONZALEZ... On an autumn morning in 2008, a barrage of bullets rang out at a party in a local mobile home. Cops say the assailant killed one, injured three others and is hiding out somewhere in the American Southwest, along the Texas-Mexico border.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63005>

**Phoenix, Arizona...**JUAN SALVADOR ACEVEDO... Authorities are on the lookout for Juan Salvador Acevedo, a man who they say broke into a Phoenix townhouse and attempted to molest two young sisters. Acevedo's rap sheet also includes an arrest for peeping at another young girl and cops believe he could be continuing his antics.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62561>

**Eugene, Oregon...**RICKEY ALLEN ROBBINS... Robbins is wanted for jumping parole days after he was released from an Oregon prison. In the last few weeks, authorities say that someone resembling Robbins has been spotted multiple times at the Indiana University South Bend Campus. Now, the manhunt for the serial sex offender continues and authorities believe he could be somewhere in Indiana or on the West Coast.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62126>

**Netherlands/ New York...ANATOLIY VALENKO CAPTURE...** After more than 10 years on the run, and wanted for two murders in New York, Anatoliy Valenko is finally in custody, thanks to AMW.com. The search for Valenko ended in the Netherlands, with the help from a tipster who had noticed Valenko acting strangely. Anatoliy Valenko waited more than a year before being extradited to the United States from the Netherlands, and when the time finally came to face justice, AMW was waiting for him.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/capture.cfm?id=23976>

**Lake City, Florida...LINDA RAULERSON KILLER...** Cops say Linda Raulerson was killed while working the evening shift at a local Joy America Food Store. Detectives have since examined surveillance footage from that tragic evening, and hope to find something that will identify her killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57847>

**Key West, Florida...DRUG SUBMARINES...** John Walsh meets with a top U.S. Coast Guard official about the hunt for nearly invisible Columbian Drug Submarines that they believe smuggle millions of dollars of cocaine annually into the U.S. AMW reveals what's being done to fight back.

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**1/30 Grocery Store Attack**

A brutal attack caught on camera outside a grocery store on 14th Street in Columbia Heights. Someone beat a 31 year old man while no one stopped to help. In fact, people stepped over him on the sidewalk without offering any assistance. It took 19 minutes for anyone to help him. Police are still looking for his attackers.

**1/30 Giant Peanut Recall**

The deadly salmonella outbreak linked to peanuts is now a criminal investigation. Today the FDA announced the government is launching a criminal case into the company behind the outbreak. 8 deaths and 500 illnesses are linked to eating tainted peanuts. Investigators believe the company shipped the products even after tests showed they may be tainted.

**1/29 Waple Lane Shooting**

Police say a man has barricaded himself inside an Alexandria townhouse after shooting and injuring a woman during an apparent domestic dispute. Alexandria police spokeswoman Ashley Hildebrandt says the woman was shot about 11 a.m. in the Cameron Station neighborhood and was taken to the hospital. The severity of her injuries is unclear.

Hildebrandt says a child was let out of the home and is safe. Police have closed down several streets in the neighborhood as a precaution while officers attempt to get the man out of the home safely.

**1/28 AA homicide suicide**

Anne Arundel County police say an Annapolis woman shot and killed a man early yesterday, then took her own life. Investigators say before Helen Clapsaddle did it, she called 911 to tell them what she had planned. Police arrived within 3 minutes but she and the man were already dead. Police believe Clapsaddle recently lost her job and had financial problems with a previous employer. They think that might have led her to do this.

**1/28 UMD Student Arrest**

Police in Prince George's County arrested a student and another man in connection with an armed robbery near the University of Maryland. Police say they had surveillance video of the man who robbed a student near Ratsie's on January 10th. They didn't have anyone's name until a fight broke out on campus a few days later. Surveillance pictures from that fight matched the suspects they were looking for in the robbery. 20 year old Antuane Allen, a junior, and 20 year old Jewison Hurtault are both out on bail on armed robbery charges.

**1/22 Soccer Stuff Stolen**

Montgomery County police say they are looking for a man who stole thousands of dollars in soccer equipment from a local youth soccer club. They believe he took metal soccer goals from Montgomery Soccer Incorporated and took them to a local recycling company for cash. Police are searching for 37 year old Mark Lin Ceicil, whose last known address was in College Park. Police say they captured him on security camera at the recycling center.

**1/19 Inaugural Security**

The security in place for the Inauguration is tighter than it has ever been. If the estimates are right, the District will be hosting the largest crowd in the history of the City. Planning has gone on for more than a year. The new security design has elevated towers on the Mall to look down on the crowd. Speakers have also been installed on top of the FBI as well as the Wilson Building to give security planners the ability to address the crowd in case of emergency.

**1/16 Inaugural Security**

Inauguration planners are so confident the coming Inaugural will be the largest in history, DC people will start counting people tonight. They're tapping information from 90 different agencies, watching the roads, rails and airports. So many people are descending on the city, police are relying on solid intelligence to ensure enough officers are in place to provide security.

**1/14 Inauguration Joint Task Force**

The military is revealing some of its security plans for next week's inauguration. They will have more than 7,000 soldiers working within a joint task force providing medical support. Bomb sniffing dogs as well as a specialized unit trained to handle a chemical or biological attack will also be on the job. The task force is based in Southwest DC at Fort McNair.

## 1/14 Missing 13 year old

Police aren't calling the death of 13 year old Lexie Glover murder, but they say they have figured out what happened to her. The mentally and physically disabled girl was found dead in a creek in Woodbridge days after disappearing in Manassas. Police arrested her mom last night. She is now charged with felony child neglect and making a false police report.

## 1/13 Georgetown sex assault

Georgetown University officials are warning women again to make sure their doors are locked. Someone broke into a student's townhome on Prospect Street and stood beside her bed. The woman woke up to find him there. This is the latest in a string of break-ins and sexual assaults. Even though no one was hurt here, other women have been groped and assaulted. Police aren't sure if the cases are connected.

## 1/13 Missing 13 year old

Police are releasing surveillance video of what may be the last images of 13 year old Lexie Glover. She's the disabled girl found dead last Friday in Woodbridge after getting away from her mother at the Manassas Library. Police are hoping the pictures will jog someone's memory who might have seen her. The images are far away and small so they're not sure that Lexie is actually in the photos. Police believe she was killed.

## 1/13 Inaugural Security

The Secret Service today called the inauguration to Barack Obama an unprecedented security event. Two major highways will be closed and more soldiers and police officers will be on duty than ever before. City and state leaders offered advice to anyone attending the events. You should make a plan, study your route and figure out how to get in and out of the city. You'll also have to choose whether you want to see the swearing in or the parade because it will be impossible to do both.

## 1/12 Missing 13 year old

A physically and mentally disabled 13 year old was found dead last week and now it appears that someone killed her. Police were out in force today handing out fliers hoping for a tip that could lead them to Lexie Glover's killer. Last week, Lexie ran away from her in the parking lot of the Manassas Central Library. Her body was found 8 miles away in a Woodbridge creek.

## 1/12 Autistic Sex Assault

Montgomery County Police have a charged a 61-year-old Silver Spring man with sexually abusing an 11-year-old autistic boy in his care. Police say Abdul Kudsy had inappropriate contact with the boy and photographed the partially clothed boy at the child's Bethesda home. Kudsy was arrested Friday night and charged with sexual abuse of a minor and third-degree sexual offenses. He is being held on \$500,000 bond.

Police began investigating at the end of December. The family hired Kudsy in September to help the child with social skills and to provide supervision.

## 1/9 Shaquita Bell

The saga of Shaquita Bell, an Alexandria woman abducted and murdered in 1996 ended in part today with the sentencing of the man who says he killed her. Michael Dickerson, Bell's former boyfriend, promised to lead police to her body in exchange for a plea agreement. So far, an extensive search has turned up nothing. Police suspected Dickerson killed her because she knew too much about another murder he committed. Investigators aren't sure if he will live up to his end of the plea deal. Dickerson apologized to Bell's family in court.

## 1/9 Missing 13 year old

The search for a missing 13 year old is apparently at a tragic end. Police believe they found the body of Lexie Glover in a Woodbridge creek. The disabled ran away from her mother Tuesday in the parking lot of a Manassas library. Police aren't saying how she died.

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**2/27 Missing DC Woman**

Family and friends are holding a vigil tonight for Pamela Butler, the woman who disappeared from her home on 4th St, NW two weeks ago. Police say they have no evidence of a crime and no reason to believe she left on her own. Her family says surveillance cameras in her home show her boyfriend arriving and leaving several times, but never show Butler leaving. He tells Fox 5 that he broke up with Butler and was returning her things. Police say he is being cooperative but is refusing to take a polygraph test.

**2/26 Oxon Hill Sex Assault**

Students who attend Oxon Hill High School are being warned to stay away from a wooded area where two teenagers were sexually assaulted. An armed man forced the girls to strip after encountering them on a path in the woods. School officials say they've told students time and time again to stay out of that area. The gunman forced the 15 and 17 year old out of the woods and they ran for help. Police are still looking for the suspect.

**2/25 Operation Xcelerator**

52 people, including 14 in Maryland, were arrested today in connection with a major Mexican drug trafficking organization. The cartel is blamed for smuggling thousands of pounds of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and other drugs into the US, some of it distributed in Prince George's County and DC. The pre-dawn raids were centered in California, Minnesota and Maryland. Today's arrests are part of a two year long effort known as Operation Xcelerator.

**2/25 Oxon Hill Sex Assault**

Two teenaged girls were forced to undress in the woods and were then sexually assaulted by a lone gunman yesterday in Oxon Hill. It happened in an area right next to a public library. Witnesses say the two girls came stumbling out of the woods naked yesterday around 4 o'clock. Family and friends say they are high school students at Oxon Hill High. Police are still looking for suspects.

**2/24 Missing Intern Levy**

Four days after learning DC police were seeking an arrest warrant in the murder of Chandra Levy, the evidence against the suspect is still under warrant. It may be several more days before prosecutors show their hand. The Levy investigation is just one of several cold cases reopened by Police Chief Cathy Lanier. In the weeks after she became Chief two years ago, she began meeting with family members of victims who asked to see her. Moved by their stories, she reopened several cases to see if investigators could make any more progress.

**2/24 Women Bank Robbers**

Two women in Hagerstown pulled off a brazen bank heist. Two women in their mid 20's, wearing hats, gave a teller a note, indicated they had a gun and demanded money. They got away with an undisclosed amount of cash. This is happening more and more these days. The latest FBI stats reveal that the number of bank robberies committed by women is up 25%.

**2/23 Missing Intern/Levy**

Officials had no comment today on the arrest warrant DC police are seeking in the murder of Chandra Levy. She is the Federal Bureau of Prisons intern who vanished in May 2001 and found dead a year later in Rock Creek Park. Police believe they have finally solved the case but the affidavit detailing the evidence has not been made public. The arrest warrant charging Ingmar Guandique with her murder has not been signed by a judge. He became a prime suspect after Levy's body was found in 2002. Guandique was convicted of attacking two women attacked in the same vicinity near the time of the Levy attack. Guandique has claimed he has nothing to do with the murder and there's no evidence tying him to it. Sources even say he passed a polygraph. Two detectives with experience closing cold cases have been reinvestigating the case.

**2/23 Missing 13 year old**

The mother of a 13 year old with autism, left to die in a creek, was in court today. She's charged with making a false police report. Two women who knew her daughter, Lexie, were outside the courthouse today. They worked on the school bus that Lexie rode. The women are furious that mother Alfreda Glover is not in jail. Glover first said Lexie broke away from her in a public library parking lot in Prince William County and ran away. Investigators say Glover knew all along the child was not missing. Last week, an autopsy revealed the girl was alive when someone placed her in the creek. She was mentally and physically handicapped.

**2/20 Missing DC Woman**

It's now been over a week since anyone has had contact with Pamela Butler. Police have questioned numerous people, including her boyfriend, and searched a park as well as her house. But right now, they don't even know if a crime was committed. Butler's family became alarmed when she didn't show up at her mother's house on Valentine's Day. Police have spent hours searching her home on 4th street NW. A source says there was no sign of a struggle, although items were missing from her bedroom.

#### 2/20 Hancock Fatal Fire

Clarence Meyers is now charged in a deadly fire that killed his girlfriend's 12 and 15 year old daughters. Neighbors say he tried to save the girls but police say he's no her. He's charged with multiple counts of arson and murder. Police say Meyers confessed to setting the home in Hancock, Maryland on fire hoping to get donations from the community. Investigators believe he set the fire in the basement and it got out of hand. Family members say he and his girlfriend were both out of work.

#### 2/20 Teen Story

A young man was behind the wheel for not one but two deadly accidents, before he even got out of his teens. Now, he's in trouble again. A judge took Arkee Hall's license after the second accident. But police say he's still driving drunk. The grandmother of one of the young men who died while driving with Hall noticed in the paper that he had another DUI. She's upset that prosecutors in Stafford, where he had that accident, didn't know he had just been arrested in neighboring Spotsylvania County. He's also been arrested for DUI in Florida. There was no one in Stafford or Spotsylvania available to answer our questions on the case.

#### 2/19 Missing DC Woman

There is new information tonight in the mysterious disappearance of a DC woman. Pamela Butler vanished from her home late last week. Today, police searched her Northwest home and a park where she was known to go jogging. Police say they found nothing but do have plans to search it again. Investigators say they have found no evidence of foul play.

#### 2/19 Missing 13 year old

There is startling new information in the death of a 13 year old girl found dead in a Woodbridge creek in January. The autopsy on Lexie Glover is complete. The medical examiner says whoever put her in the creek did it while she was still alive. She died from drowning and exposure. The girl had autism and a number of other medical problems. When she was first missing, her mom, Alfreeda Glover reported her missing and even pleaded for help. Now she's charged with filing a false report. Investigators think Glover knew she was in the creek all along. Prosecutors now say they'll try to build a murder case against her.

#### 2/18 MD Death Penalty

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today called the death penalty an ineffective tool in deterring violent crime, telling a State Senate Committee he wanted a fair yes or no vote on whether to repeal the law. The governor's plea comes just two weeks after a state commission recommended the death penalty be abolished because of racial and regional biases, huge financial costs as well as the possibility that an innocent person could be put to death.

#### 2/17 Seat Pleasant Murder

Police in Seat Pleasant are looking for the person who killed a 68 year old retiree in his bed. The victim was Willie Jones, a much loved member of the community. His daughter went to his home after not hearing from him for a couple days and found him there. Police say he was stabbed to death and put up a fight before he was killed.

#### 2/17 Falls Church Death

A gruesome picture is emerging tonight on the murder of a Falls Church woman. Genevieve Orange's accused killer appeared in court today for a hearing. Prosecutors and police described in detail the bloody scene last September. Mark Lawlor, a leasing agent from her Falls Church apartment, is accused in her murder. A detective says police collected DNA at the scene that suggested the crime was sexual in nature.

#### 2/13 Triangle Triple Murder

A Virginia man is accused of killing his family tonight. Police found his wife and two step-children inside their home in Triangle last night. All three had been shot. Neighbors say they had no indication there were any signs of trouble with the family. Police say Carillo Dean used a handgun to kill his wife Elizabeth, 13 year old Connor and 14 year old Brittany. He then called police to report the crime and waited for officers to arrive. Dean is charged with murder.

### 2/13 School Sex Offender

The pastor of a Bethesda church is defending his decision to hire a convicted sex offender, allowing him to live and work around young children. Travis Buffing was convicted of possessing child porn. He now works as a janitor at "The Church in Bethesda", which runs a nursery school. Parents are outraged and some are pulling their kids from the school. Pastor Todd Thomas calls Buffington a friend and says he's trying to find a solution that will work for everyone. He acknowledges that he knew about Buffington's past conviction.

### 2/12 School Sex Offender

Parents at a Bethesda nursery school are upset that a convicted sex offender is working at the church that runs the day care. They say the pastor who hired Travis Buffington knew all about his background. Buffing lives on the grounds of the church and works as a janitor despite being convicted for possessing child porn. Parents claim the pastor defended his decision by telling the parents he wasn't a threat. Parents and the school had a tense meeting last night. No one from the school would comment today.

### 2/10 Mogo Police Illegals

The increasing number of illegal immigrants committing violent crimes in Montgomery County has forced officials to alter the policy on immigration. In about a week, Montgomery County police will begin forwarding to Immigration and Customs Enforcement the names of anyone arrested for a violent crime.

### 2/10 Cardozo Fight

A wild brawl at a DC high school brought out police and ambulances. When the dust cleared at Cardozo High School, 16 juveniles and an 18 year old had been arrested. 5 students had to go to the hospital. Police say the brawl was sparked by a hair pulling incident yesterday.

### 2/10 PGPD Justice Oversight

The Prince George's County police department is stepping out from the shadows of a Justice Department investigation. The DOJ oversight began in October 200 after an alleged pattern of excessive force within the department and canine unit. Under the terms of the agreement, the department was forced to address all aspects of its use of force. Today the DOJ announced it was officially closing the investigation after saying the department had made significant strides.

### 2/6 Grocery Store Attack

A brutal attack caught on camera. A man beaten and ignored on a Columbia Heights sidewalk. More than 100 people walked by Jose Sanchez that day and no one stopped to help him. Today, the community gathered outside that grocery store where he was left to die. No one there seemed to know him. They just wanted to get the message across that they are sorry and it should never have happened. Two men were arrested yesterday in the case.

### 2/5 Hastings Dr. Shooting

New information is surfacing tonight about the DC firefighter accused of going on a rampage and shooting his girlfriend and her parents. Sources say Dante Paire was having trouble at work and apparently had a dark history with the girlfriend he's accused of wounding. Those sources also say Paire was on leave, accused of stealing and making threats against former firefighters. His girlfriend had taken out a restraining order. She and her parents are recovering. Paire took his own life after the shootings.

### 2/5 Peanut Butter Hearings

Lawmakers on the Hill want jail time over the 8 deaths linked to salmonella tainted peanut butter. The outbreak is traced back to Peanut Corporation of America. FDA say they were investigating the plane before they were certain that peanuts were to blame. More than 500 people in 43 states got sick in the outbreak. The company denied any wrongdoing saying the plant received regular visits and inspections. There is a criminal investigation going on to determine if the company broke any laws. Many lawmakers also want to overhaul the FDA which they say is underfunded.

### 2/4 Mayor Raided

Several Maryland legislators are hoping to require law enforcement agencies to issue monthly reports on SWAT team deployments after police raided the home and killed the dogs of an innocent Berwyn Heights mayor last summer. Police say a package containing 32 pounds of marijuana was sent to Mayor Cheye Calvo's home in late July by smugglers who hoped to have a courier pick it up quickly afterward. Officers kicked down the door and shot Calvo's dogs during the raid. Police later cleared Calvo and his wife of any wrongdoing and charged two

unrelated people as suspects.

#### 2/3 Gaither St. Homicide

A 16 year old Suitland High School student is dead and police are looking for his killer. Duane Hopkins, Jr. was gunned down on Gaither Street in Temple Hills. Neighbors heard gunshots last night. Police didn't find the body until around 7 this morning.

#### 2/3 Frederick Cab Murder

There are new clues tonight in the murder of a Frederick cab driver. He was shot and killed a week ago in Baltimore. Stephen Mauk was buried this weekend. Police say the killers gave what's called a "dummy address." They used a real address but didn't come from the address. They walked up from somewhere else.

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**3/31 Missing DC Woman**

DC police used dogs and horses to search part of Rock Creek Park searching for missing woman Pamela Butler. She disappeared February 12th. Investigators aren't saying what led them to search part of the park. They've already searched part of Seneca Park where her boyfriend said she liked to go jogging. Investigators didn't find anything but say they intend to return to the park to search more.

**3/30 Riverside Pkwy Death**

In a report obtained by Fox 5 news, we're learning new clues in the murder and beating case in Loudoun County. According to a 15 page computer assisted dispatch, a resident first noticed something out of the ordinary just after 5am. The resident spotted a white van and three men speaking loudly on Rocky Creek Road. 15 minutes later, there was more commotion from the same van as two men crossed Riverside parkway. The resident called 911 and a few minutes later EMS arrived and found the crime scene. 57 year old William Bennett was killed and his wife Cynthia remains in critical condition.

**3/27 Riverside Pkwy death**

Fear in a Virginia neighborhood is turning to anger. Thousands of residents turned out for a meeting in Landsdowne for a commut meeting. They're looking for answers in the murder mystery that left a former Green Beret dead and his wife clinging to life. The FBI and CIA are involved in the case. William and Cynthia Bennett were attacked alongside Riverside Parkway in Loudoun County. Investigators say they have no suspects.

**3/27 DC Teacher Arrested**

Howard County police say a D.C. charter school teacher has been arrested on charges of bringing a teenage student to his Ellicott City home and sexually abusing him. Police say 57-year-old Ricardo Cuaderes picked up the 14-year-old boy from D.C. on a Saturday sometime between November and January. Detectives are still investigating exactly when the alleged sexual abuse occurred. Cuaderes is a teacher at Young America Works in northeast D.C., a public charter vocational high school. The boy recently told police he had sexual contact with Cuaderes. Cuaderes is charged with child sexual abuse and several sex offenses. He is being held in Howard County.

**3/26 Snow Ct. stabbings**

Police in Prince George's County are on the hunt for a killer after a double murder. Police say the attacker broke into a home here in Rosaryville, tied up two men and stabbed them to death. A woman who survived the attack called police. Investigators are asking for help finding a Cadillac Escalade taken in the attack. Police do not have a motive for the crime.

**3/26 Riverside Pkwy Death**

Police in Loudoun County are preparing to talk to neighbors tonight about a horrific crime. 57 year old William Bennett was killed and his wife critically hurt when they were beaten and left on a jogging trail near Riverside Parkway. The County Sheriff's Office believes the attacks were random but aren't ruling anything out.

**3/26 Middle school gangs**

In Fairfax County, seven teenagers are under arrest accused of gang activity at a local high school. Children as young as 13 are charged with trying to recruit their classmates at Franklin Middle School as gang members. The investigation started back in December when a student told a Student Resource Officer that he or she was being asked to join a gang. The Fairfax County Gang Division says it's unusual to catch and arrest this many for gang related crimes.

**3/26 April Fools Virus**

A vicious computer virus is set to go off on April First. It's called the Con-flicker-c virus and it may be hiding on your hard drive, gathering all your personal information. The virus could potentially affect 15 million computers worldwide. Computer experts consider it every serious. They advise updating existing anti-virus software and updating your computer through Microsoft.

**3/25 Pit Bull Attack**

A vicious pit bull attacked a man and his family as they tried to get into their home in Edgewater, Maryland. James Powell, his teenage son and wife were walking into the house when the dog ran up and attacked them. The dog then forced its way into the house and the family jumped on it, trying to keep it away from a child living there. Powell received 100 stitches after the attack. Police are investigating reports that the dog belonged to someone

living nearby. Police shot and killed the dog when it came at them.

### 3/25 Riverside Parkway death

Three days after a former Green Beret was murdered and his wife brutally beaten, police are still trying to solve this murder mystery. Investigators believe this may have been a random attack along a jogging trail in Leesburg, Virginia. William Bennett was killed and his wife remains in critical condition.

### 3/25 Good Guys attack

Today a judge handed down a harsh sentence, the maximum allowed for an attack inside a Northwest DC nightclub. Prosecutors say the night of the attack Vasile Graure was asked to leave Good Guys after taking a picture of one of the dancers. He then returned and set fire to Vladimire Anez, a club manager. 16 months later, Anez is still fighting for his life. The judge sentenced Graure to 30 years in prison.

### 3/24 Riverside Parkway Death

A Virginia neighborhood is living in fear after a man out for a walk with his wife is murdered. Police say all signs point to a random act of violence. The man's wife is in critical condition. They were discovered early Sunday morning in a quiet neighborhood in Leesburg. Now police are looking for a white van last seen near where the couple was attacked.

### 3/24 Donte Manning Anniversary

It's been four years since Donte Manning was shot as he played outside his Columbia Heights home. He died a month later. Even with \$125,000 in reward money and constant requests for tips, police still don't know who shot him. Neighbors saw the man on a bike open fire in the neighborhood but didn't recognize the man. A law enforcement source familiar with the case says leads stopped coming in a long time ago. The trail of the killer is now cold.

### 3/24 Teen Dating Violence

When it comes to preventing teen dating violence, most states don't make the grade. An organization called "Break the Cycle" is out with its report card on state laws. Virginia scored an "F" while DC & Maryland both got "Cs." Experts say the states need to do a better job of protecting minors from domestic violence and they're calling for better legislation.

### 3/23 Crofton Bank Robbed

A masked gunman blasted his way out of a Crofton before he even robbed it. Police say the man tried to rob the bank in Anne Arundel County but the clerk saw him pull on the mask and used a buzzer to lock the automatic doors. He was trapped between the set of outside doors and security doors inside. After shooting his way out, the man jumped into a getaway car. Police stopped the car and arrested two men on Route 50 in Bowie a short time later.

### 3/23 Maryland Avenue 3 dead

DC police say a mother and her two sons found stabbed to death in their Northeast home over the weekend died at the hands of the mother's boyfriend. Joseph Mays is facing three counts of murder. Tonight, the victims' family claims there was a history of violence in their relationship. The bodies of Erika Peters and her 2 sons, ages 10 & 11, were found Saturday. A 2 year old girl in the house wasn't hurt.

### 3/20 2 bodies investigation

For the first time, we're seeing what investigators are seeing as they search for clues in a pair of double murders in Prince George's County. Police are working around the clock to find out if the two mother daughter murder cases are related. These two cases have an Upper Marlboro neighborhood living in fear. The latest murders were discovered Monday with two bodies found inside a burning car. The first killing happened back on January 26th at a home not far away. America's Most Wanted provided video showing the inside of the house of the first murder, where the killer slipped into the home.

### 3/20 Iraq War Protest

An anti-war protest got out of hand last night right in front of our cameras. Today several police agencies are studying the fiasco as they prepare for a much bigger rally tomorrow. Police say bricks and pain were thrown during the march in downtown DC. Officers say they had no choice but to move in forcefully and make 2 arrests. Now officials are making sure they're prepared for the much larger protests planned in DC and Virginia tomorrow.

### 3/17 2 bodies in car

Police are investigating the bizarre deaths of two women in Maryland, found inside a burning car. That same car was stolen just minutes earlier from the same neighborhood. Police are combing through missing persons reports to try to find out who the victims are. Sources tell Fox 5 that they are looking at the possibility the victims could be a mother and daughter reported missing yesterday from the area.

### 3/17 Branch Avenue Shooting

In Prince George's County, police shot and killed a man early this morning outside a liquor store and sports bar on Branch Avenue in Hillcrest Heights. Cops say they had no choice but to open fire. Witnesses say the man was a regular but last night, he showed up with a gun and fired a shot inside the restaurant and threatened a woman. Then police say he came outside and officers shot him multiple times.

### 3/13 495 Fatal Accident

In a horrific accident on the Beltway on the Inner Loop near Forestville, a car hit the victim as his best friend watched. Now police say the driver of the car had alcohol in his system. The two men from out-of-state had pulled their car over on the shoulder of the Beltway to switch drivers. That's when a DC man driving a van hit and killed one of them. Fox 5 has learned the driver had been arrested for driving under the influence once before. Charges against him are pending.

### 3/12 FBI Tech Office Raid

The FBI raided a top level DC government office responsible for technology in the city. Tonight 2 people are under arrest, both a city employee and a technology consultant. They're both charged with corruption. Officials aren't saying what caused them to raid the office. The former leader of that office is now a high ranking technology leader for the White House. He is not charged and is not implicated in the raid.

### 3/12 Madoff Pleads Guilty

Bernard Madoff's lawyers are appealing a judge's decision to revoke his \$10 million bail and send him to jail to await sentencing. Madoff pleaded guilty Thursday to 11 felony counts including securities fraud and was immediately jailed. In court he said he was deeply sorry and ashamed for what he had done.

### 3/12 Sexting Arrests

Two high school students in Spotsylvania County are facing child pornography charges. Police say they found nude pictures of underage girls on the boys' cellphones. Tonight there's word more students... age 14 to 17... possibly in the next few days. Several schools in our area are considering educating kids about the dangers of sexting to avoid similar problems.

### 3/11 Double Homicide Arrest

A big arrest in Prince George's County. Police say they've solved the murders of a pregnant woman and her boyfriend. Investigators are only saying that the murder suspects are known to the family but aren't saying why they may have killed 40 year old Seth Aidoo and 36 year old Eunice Baah at the home in the gated Oak Creek Community in January. Both died from trauma to the upper body. Police say their case came together after pulling video from community surveillance tapes and talking to friends and relatives.

### 3/11 Spotsylvania sexting

An alarming new trend among young people now has two high school students facing child porn charges. Police in Spotsylvania County say this is the first case like this they've faced. Girls 16, 13 and 12 sent naked photos of themselves to teenage boys. Now the boys are in trouble for possessing child porn.

### 3/9 College park sex assault

An alleged rapist is off the streets in Prince George's County tonight thanks in part to a quick thinking police officer. Police describe it as a brutal crime. A student punched in the face, raped and left out on route 50 in Anne Arundel County on February 21st. Since then, police on campus have looked for a specific pickup truck. Early Saturday morning, Officer Joseph Lilly was watchign traffic when he spotted the vehicle. The man ran a stopsign and an officer pulled him over. That's when he was arrested.

### 3/6 Economy New Criminals.

The brutal economic times are leading some people to do desperate, even violent acts to get their bills paid on time. Police say these are people who wouldn't normally be involved in crime but the faltering economy has led them in that direction. Most recently, police in Prince George's County arrested a man who went from being a real estate investor to attempting to hold up a restaurant. Police say the new criminals are easier to catch but it's sad that the economic state has led people to do illegal things.

### 3/6 NW DC Bandit

A bandit is on the loose in the District. Investigators say the man robbed eight businesses in just two weeks, first casing the stores to see who is inside. At one store, President Cigars on Wisconsin Avenue, a clerk says he first walked in and asked to see some expensive cigars, then returned 40 minutes later to see if she was alone. Then he tried to rob the store but she screamed and he left with nothing. Police say he's choosing areas with different kinds of specialty stores then takes off on foot once he has the cash.

### 3/5 Two women rob bank

Police say a mother and her 16 year old daughter robbed a bank in Hagerstown and used some of the money to pay their back rent. A sergeant with the Washington County Sheriff's Department says this is the first time he can remember in 16 years that two women robbed a bank. They handed the teller a note that claimed they had a gun and demanded money. An anonymous tip led to the suspects.

### 3/4 Elderly Wallet Theft

A scam alert on the streets of Montgomery County. Police say a con artist is targeting the elderly. She stops and offers to give elderly people rides, then steals from them while they're in her car. One victim told us she stole \$120 from his wallet and credit cards. Police think it's happened in at least 2 more cases. Once she's stolen the money, she takes the people to an unfamiliar place and leaves them. One victim was dropped off on the shoulder of I-270.

### 3/4 Stimulus Scams

Web surfers looking for their stimulus rebates are being hit with a wave of potentation scams, according to the Federal Trade commission. The FTC says they are taking advantage of the President's Recovery plan to sell consumers expensive subscriptions they don't need. The government does not charge poeple to apply for a grant. The FTC calls the sites deceptive because it's not obvious that customers are buying more than a \$2 DC. They're actually signing up for a service that could cost them \$1000 a year.

### 3/4 PG Police Assault

The FBI is monitoring what has become an embarrassing situation for the Prince George's County Police Dept. Dash cam video shows 30 year old Rafeal Rodriguez being pepper sprayed and and slammed against the car by two Prince George's County officers. In a sworn statement the officers claimed they were assaulted but according to the representatives for the defendant, the tape shows a different story. State's Attorney Glenn Ivey says there is an investigation underway. The tape came to light when assault charges were dropped against Rodriguez. The new Police Chief says it's embarrassing.

### 3/3 Missing Intern Levy

DC police say they have finally solved the notorious murder of Chandra Levy, the intern who vanished in 2001 and was found dead in Rock Creek Park a year later. Early this morning, a warrant was issued for the man long suspected in the case, Ingmar Guandique, an immigrant from El Salvador. He is already serving a 10 year sentence for attacking joggers in the park.

### 3/3 Wanted Bank Robber

Police say a man in Virginia went from the boardroom to a bank bandit. 34 year old Bruce Higgins, Junior is accused in a bank holdup over the weekend and he could also be involved in a DC heist. Higgins was a Vice-President for a Lorton company but stopped working for them 2 years ago. The company would not comment on the reason he left.

### 3/3 Woodbridge Murder

Two men going door to door looking for work shoveling snow discovered a dead body in Woodbridge. They spotted the man inside the foyer of a home on Saxon Street. Police say the victim was shot to death. The 25 year old man was housesitting. Police have no suspects or motive for the killing.

### 3/2 Minnesota Ave. Shooting

DC Police are looking for two men who shot and killed a 14 year old boy because he wouldn't tell them where he lived. Arthur Daniels was with several other teens when they were confronted on Minnesota Avenue, NE. Police say the men wanted to know where the teens were from. When they ran away, one bullet struck Daniels in the back. The teens were on the way home from a church youth group.

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#### 1/29 Metro Board Meeting

Metro is putting a \$5 million dollar price tag on the extra services it provided during the Inauguration. It will ask for reimbursement from the federal government to pay for the huge bill. Metro carried more than a million passengers on Inauguration Day alone. Now that the big event is over, the agency says it will consider cutbacks in rail and bus service because of money problems.

#### 1/29 O'Malley State of the State

In his State of the State address, Gov. Martin O'Malley says Maryland faces a difficult year ahead due to economic challenges. But the governor is emphasizing that the state is well-positioned to power through the nation's recession. O'Malley says the vast majority of Maryland residents will be eligible for greater state tax refunds, because the state already has raised the personal exemption for all but the wealthiest Marylanders. The governor also says Maryland is leading the nation in the fight against the rising tide of foreclosures.

#### 1/21 Inauguration Trouble

Thousands of people holding tickets for the swearing in ceremony waited hours to get through security this morning. Many of them didn't making it, complaining about confusing directions and long lines at all the checkpoints. Hundreds were ordered to wait in a tunnel with no instructions on what to do next. Large crowds may have also played a role in the time it took paramedics to reach a woman who went into cardiac arrest near 2nd and D streets NW. A police officer and citizen took turns administering CPR as they waited up to 20 minutes for the ambulance.

#### 1/15 Swearing in Winner

Today, a few lucky people in Virginia got their hands on the hottest ticket in town: A ticket to President-elect Barack Obama's swearing in. Congressman Jim Moran got more than 17,000 requests for only 198 tickets. He gave them out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### 1/14 MD Legislature

The Maryland legislature began its annual 90 day session today in Annapolis. Delegates and Senators are facing grim prospects this year with a big deficit that will allow very little for new spending. There's even talk of furloughs for state employees, forcing them to take days off without pay. There's also a consideration of raising the gas tax for more revenue.

#### 1/12 Swearing in Tickets

The tickets for the swearing in ceremony at the Capitol arrived today. Congressional staffers needed photo ID and a certification letter to pick up the allotment for each office. A total of 240,000 inauguration tickets will be given out. DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton held a lottery to give out the tickets from her office. A national guard member randomly chose the winners.

#### 1/12 Inauguration Roads

For anyone hoping to see the Inauguration and parade first-hand, the message is to arrive very early. The Mall is open to anyone who wants to witness the Inauguration on a jumbotron. For the parade route, you'll have to go through one of 13 security checkpoints and once the route is full, no one else will be allowed inside. Roads around the White House, Capitol and along the Mall will be closed to traffic starting at 4 am.

#### 1/5 Kaine to DNC

Virginia Governor Tim Kaine will be pulling double duty as both Governor and chair of the Democratic National Committee until 2010. Then, his role as governor is up and he can take over the party chairmanship full time. Virginians are questioning whether he can handle both high profile roles.

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**2/27 Marion Barry Transplant**

DC Councilman Marion Barry is out of the hospital after a successful kidney transplant last week. He had the surgery at Howard University Hospital. Barry introduced the donor, Kim Dickens, to the media as he was being released, and thanked her for the kidney. Dickens says she is glad she could donate to a beloved friend. Barry says he already feels better. He intends to be back at work Tuesday.

**2/24 DC Voting Rights**

For decades, DC has been fighting for voting representation in Congress. Today, an important vote leads the way for the city's Congressional Delegate to get a vote in the House. Senators voted 62 to 34 on a motion to proceed and allow a debate in Congress. It's not a done deal but the move is closer to succeeding than it ever has before.

**2/20 Marion Barry Kidney**

DC Councilman and former Mayor Marion Barry is undergoing kidney transplant surgery right now. The surgery started at 2:30 and will take several hours. Barry had some visitors come by to wish him well. His doctor tells us he's very fortunate because he has a living donor. Normally patients are on a waiting list for about 5 years. If all goes well, he should go home next week.

**2/20 VA Smoking Restrictions**

Lawmakers in traditionally tobacco-friendly Virginia have approved a ban on smoking in most bars and restaurants. Starting Dec. 1, smoking will be banned in most restaurants and bars, although it would be permitted in private clubs, on some outdoor patios and in separate ventilated rooms. Talking to the owner of an Irish pub in Fairfax, the owner says his bar already complies with a separate ventilated room. Customers we talked to say the restrictions are better than an all out ban.

**2/19 Marion Barry Kidney**

DC Councilman Marion Barry is scheduled to receive a kidney transplant at Howard University Hospital tomorrow. His office says a longtime family friend is donating the kidney but are not releasing any other information.

**2/18 MD Death Penalty**

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley today called the death penalty an ineffective tool in deterring violent crime, telling a State Senate Committee he wanted a fair yes or no vote on whether to repeal the law. The governor's plea comes just two weeks after a state commission recommended the death penalty be abolished because of racial and regional biases, huge financial costs as well as the possibility that an innocent person could be put to death.

**2/16 Slots at BWI**

Some Maryland lawmakers are proposing putting slots at BWI Airport. When voters approved the establishment of five slots parlors in Maryland, they were aimed at helping out ailing horse racing tracks. But with the bidding process to obtain the licenses off to a slow start, 10 state delegates are suggesting the airport as a good location. The bill would add up to 3000 machines. Voters would have to approve it as an amendment to the state Constitution. The Governor says he's against it.

**2/12 Bag Tax**

A new proposal in front of the DC City Council could charge you a 5 cent tax for every plastic bag you use. That's not just on bags at the grocery store but also the ones you get at fast food stores, drug stores or for restaurant take out. Several councilmembers support the plan. The money would be split between businesses and the city. The city would spend its share on cleaning up the Anacostia.

**2/06 Tysons Job Fair**

Local residents out of work know just how bad this economy is. They need jobs now! Today thousands of job seekers lined up in Tysons Corner for a job fair. Some of those at the fair are unemployed, others are looking to move up to a better position or are nervous about their own job stability.

2/4 Mayor Raided

Several Maryland legislators are hoping to require law enforcement agencies to issue monthly reports on SWAT team deployments after police raided the home and killed the dogs of an innocent Berwyn Heights mayor last summer. Police say a package containing 32 pounds of marijuana was sent to Mayor Cheye Calvo's home in late July by smugglers who hoped to have a courier pick it up quickly afterward. Officers kicked down the door and shot Calvo's dogs during the raid. Police later cleared Calvo and his wife of any wrongdoing and charged two unrelated people as suspects.

2/4 Cheaper Text Books

The Maryland State Senate is considering legislation to decrease the cost of textbooks by increasing competition, allowing students to shop for books at used book stores. The bill would also educate professors on ways to reduce the cost of the books that they require. Students spend about \$1000 books every year.

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### 3/31 Take Home cars

Fairfax County is now auditing its take home vehicles after a Fox 5 news investigation found that firefighters are getting cars, fuel and maintenance all paid for by taxpayers. They're supposed to be for firefighters to use to respond to emergencies when they're off duty but records show they're used only 15% of the time for that reason. The Fire Department gave lawmakers documents that claimed the vehicles never leave the country but Fox 5 found that some users drive as far as 125 miles a day for their commute.

### 3/24 Teen Dating Violence

When it comes to preventing teen dating violence, most states don't make the grade. An organization called "Break the Cycle" is out with its report card on state laws. Virginia scored an "F" while DC & Maryland both got "Cs." Experts say the states need to do a better job of protecting minors from domestic violence and they're calling for better legislation.

### 3/20 Fenty Budget 2010

More than 1000 DC government jobs could be on the chopping block, instead of school positions. The Fenty administration presented its proposed 2010 budget today. The Mayor says it's balanced despite tough times but many people may lose their jobs. There are no increases in income, property or sales taxes.

### 3/19 State of the District

Mayor Adrian Fenty today gave his address on the state of the District. While he promoted the city's progress in education, he emphasized that in the next year, a tight budget will be a way of life. He says the President's Economic Stimulus plan will help but in the coming year, the District will have to do more with less. The Mayor says the city has invested heavily in education and it's paying off with higher test scores and more students graduating.

### 3/12 FBI Tech Office Raid

The FBI raided a top level DC government office responsible for technology in the city. Tonight 2 people are under arrest, both a city employee and a technology consultant. They're both charged with corruption. Officials aren't saying what caused them to raid the office. The former leader of that office is now a high ranking technology leader for the White House. He is not charged and is not implicated in the raid.

### 3/11 Maryland Revenue

The state of Maryland is reporting that it's a billion dollars in the hole. The state comptroller says a continued slide in sales tax revenue coupled with a steep drop off in income tax payments is draining state coffers. The governor says Maryland has to find a way to make even deeper cuts to get rid of some of the budget deficit.

### 3/6 Barry kidney Transplant

DC Councilman Marion Barry is still recovering from his kidney transplant but at least he's back home. He was re-admitted to the hospital this week but returned home today just in time to celebrate his 73rd birthday. He stopped by the Wilson Building after leaving Howard University Hospital where he was met by fellow Council members and staff cheering and wishing him well. Barry says his strength is improving and he hopes to get back to work quickly, even though doctors are encouraging him to take his time.

### 3/4 Barry Kidney Transplant

DC Councilman Marion Barry is back in the hospital after complications from his kidney transplant. Doctors say he does not appear to be rejecting the organ but there were problems with a routine blood test. He is expected to be back out of the hospital by the end of the week.

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### 1/30 Giant Peanut Recall

The deadly salmonella outbreak linked to peanuts is now a criminal investigation. Today the FDA announced the government is launching a criminal case into the company behind the outbreak. 8 deaths and 500 illnesses are linked to eating tainted peanuts. Investigators believe the company shipped the products even after tests showed they may be tainted.

### 1/29 Stimulus plan Folo

Senate Democratic leaders are confident that they'll get at least some GOP support when the stimulus package that was approved by the House yesterday comes to the Senate floor for a vote next week. Not a single House Republican voted in favor of it. Several Senate conservatives attacked the measure at a news conference today. Oklahoma Republican Tom Coburn said it's "about spending money we don't have for things we don't need." And Nevada's John Ensign said he's looking for a measure that's likely to grow the economy and create jobs, instead just a "massive spending bill." President Barack Obama is suggesting that the House plan isn't perfect. He says he hopes it can be strengthened before it reaches his desk.

### 1/29 Ledbetter Law

Declaring that ending pay disparity is not just a women's issue, President Barack Obama signed legislation Thursday that gives workers more time to take their pay discrimination cases to court. Lilly Ledbetter, the Alabama woman whose story was the impetus behind the new law, stood alongside Obama as he signed the first bill of his presidency. Also in the East Room of the White House were labor, women's, civil rights advocates and members of Congress for whom the bill was a priority.

### 1/28 Obama Day 8

Later this evening, the House of Representatives is expected to pass its version of a more than \$800 billion economic stimulus plan. The vote is expected to go entirely along party lines, with Democrats supporting it and Republicans opposed. Even though Democrats outnumber Republicans and the plan will pass, it will be a disappointment to the President who had hoped for bipartisan support.

### 1/28 Holder Confirmation

The opposition to Eric Holder's nomination as Attorney General has backed off, now the full Senate will decide whether he gets the job. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 17 to 2 in favor of his confirmation. Republicans had blocked an easy confirmation have essentially had a change of heart. They're willing to gloss over his role in a controversial Clinton administration pardon saying he has admitted to making mistakes and everyone makes them.

### 1/22 Obama Hillary State

President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden visited the State Department today to emphasize that national security and foreign policy will not be on the back burner while the nation worries about the economic crisis. He named former Senator George Mitchell as his special envoy to the Middle East. This was Hillary Clinton's first day on the job as Secretary of State. She enjoys a positive reputation around the world which may make more countries willing to help the US.

### 1/22 Microsoft Layoffs

New unemployment claims jumped more than expected last week, back to a 26 year high. As more evidence of the worsening job front, software giant Microsoft announced it's eliminating 5000 jobs. Computer chip maker Intel also announced it's cutting jobs. At a White House press briefing, the press secretary said the President is working hard everyday to get the economy moving again as quickly as possible.

### 1/21 Money: Stimulus Plan

The Appropriations Committee hopes to get the stimulus plan on its way to the House floor tonight. Many members objected to the speedy moves because there hadn't been hearings on the bill and they were being asked to send a 258 page bill to the floor to spend \$850 billion. They were concerned that there isn't enough time to examine the details, ask questions and make changes.

### 1/21 Obama Day 1

Despite yesterday's grueling schedule and late night inaugural balls, Barack Obama managed to get up bright and early this morning to embark on a full schedule of Presidential activities. He first went to church for a

prayer service then returned to the oval office to make phone calls to leaders in the Middle East. He also told senior White House staff at a swearing in ceremony that he would be implementing a pay freeze on their salaries as he works to get the financial crisis under control. The President also signed an executive order preventing lobbyists from serving in the government agencies they lobbied.

#### 1/21 Inauguration Departure

All those out of towners who came to celebrate this historic inauguration are now headed home. This isn't an easy journey. All the major airports in our region are facing massive crowds and long security lines. Many people missed their flights just waiting to get through security. Travelers complained that the airlines and the airports weren't telling them what to do to make things easier.

#### 1/21 Inauguration Trouble

Thousands of people holding tickets for the swearing in ceremony waited hours to get through security this morning. Many of them didn't making it, complaining about confusing directions and long lines at all the checkpoints. Hundreds were ordered to wait in a tunnel with no instructions on what to do next. Large crowds may have also played a role in the time it took paramedics to reach a woman who went into cardiac arrest near 2nd and D streets NW. A police officer and citizen took turns administering CPR as they waited up to 20 minutes for the ambulance.

#### 1/21 Metro Lessons Learned

Officials at Metro say the local rail system carried a recordbreaking number of 1.1 million passengers on Inauguration Day. That's the highest number of trips ever recorded in a day. Now transit managers are analyzing what worked and what didn't. With passengers lined up even at the early 4am start time, it was clear that the early opening was a good idea. Drivers were asked to bring \$4 in cash to get into parking lots but handing over the money caused huge backups on nearby highways. When it became clear that was a problem, transit managers canceled the charges and threw open all the gates. Once people got on the trains, the trips to the Inauguration went relatively smoothly.

#### 1/20 Ted Kennedy

A sad turn to today's celebrations for the Inauguration. Senator Ted Kennedy collapsed at a luncheon following the swearing in. He has been treated in the past few months for a brain tumor. Doctors say the problem seems to be fatigue and he should go home from the hospital tomorrow.

#### 1/20 Crowd Enthusiasm

Heavy security and enormous crowds didn't dampen the enthusiasm of people who knew they were watching a moment in history. Many in the crowd we talked to say they'll remember this moment forever and wouldn't want to be anywhere else. A father says he had to bring his son to the Mall to see it so he would know that anything is possible.

#### 1/20 Watch Party

More than two million people made it to the Mall to watch the swearing in ceremony but others didn't want to brave the crowds. Friendship Baptist Church in Southwest hosted its own all-day watch party for anyone who wanted to attend. Some visitors were there from as far as California. About 50 people slept in the pews to make sure they were able to get in to the party.

#### 1/20 Inauguration crowd

More than 1 million people crammed onto the National Mall and along the inauguration parade route Tuesday to celebrate the swearing-in of the nation's first black president in what was one of the largest-ever gatherings in the nation's capital. On the National Mall, the crowd stretched nearly two miles -- from the Capitol to the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, where Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech. The bulk of the crowd was jammed into the area between the west front of the Capitol and the Washington Monument, where people stood shoulder-to-shoulder as Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th president. The crowd was so tightly packed that some people complained they felt claustrophobic.

#### 1/19 Inaugural Security

The security in place for the Inauguration is tighter than it has ever been. If the estimates are right, the District will be hosting the largest crowd in the history of the City. Planning has gone on for more than a year. The new security design has elevated towers on the Mall to look down on the crowd. Speakers have also been installed on top of the FBI as well as the Wilson Building to give security planners the ability to address the crowd

in case of emergency.

#### 1/19 Obama Today

President-elect Obama spent the morning getting his hands dirty, performing service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. He helped work on one of the dorms at the Sasha Bruce House in Northeast that provides help for homeless teenagers. Mr. Obama says community service will be a big part of his administration.

#### 1/19 Town Excitement

Visitors here for the Inauguration are ramping up the excitement in the District. They're packing the streets, shopping for souvenirs and filling restaurants and bars. Most of them agree there's an energy in the air that you can practically feel.

#### 1/16 Inaugural Security

Inauguration planners are so confident the coming Inaugural will be the largest in history, DC people will start counting people tonight. They're tapping information from 90 different agencies, watching the roads, rails and airports. So many people are descending on the city, police are relying on solid intelligence to ensure enough officers are in place to provide security.

#### 1/15 Holder Nomination

It appears this evening that DC's Eric Holder will win easy confirmation as Attorney General. Some had raised questions about Holder's fitness for the highest law enforcement job in the land because of his role in a controversial pardon issued by President Bill Clinton. Today, Holder appeared to satisfy Senators about that issue at his confirmation hearing.

#### 1/14 Metro Inauguration

If you live in the District, it may be next to impossible to get on Metro to get to the Inauguration. The agency is expecting record crowds and trains may fill up long before they reach the city. Some downtown stops will be closed and other stations will be exit only. It's part of a massive regional effort to get people quickly and safely to the National Mall Inauguration Day.

#### 1/14 Inauguration Joint Task Force

The military is revealing some of its security plans for next week's inauguration. They will have more than 7,000 soldiers working within a joint task force providing medical support. Bomb sniffing dogs as well as a specialized unit trained to handle a chemical or biological attack will also be on the job. The task force is based in Southwest DC at Fort McNair.

#### 1/13 Inaugural Security

The Secret Service today called the inauguration for Barack Obama an unprecedented security event. Two major highways will be closed and more soldiers and police officers will be on duty than ever before. City and state leaders offered advice to anyone attending the events. You should make a plan, study your route and figure out how to get in and out of the city. You'll also have to choose whether you want to see the swearing in or the parade because it will be impossible to do both.

#### 1/13 Inaugural parade

Organizers are trying to make sure that anyone going to the swearing in or parade won't miss the other event. Jumbotron's will be placed at both locations so everyone can witness what's going on. Even then, it's going to be an endurance event. People are planning on arriving hours ahead of time. Expect long security lines and limited access to bathrooms.

#### 1/13 Tarp Money

President-elect Barack Obama appealed to Democrats in Congress on Tuesday to allow the use of an additional \$350 billion in federal bailout funds and vowed to veto any move to block the money. Obama backed up his plea with a promise to revise elements of the original bailout program that have drawn widespread criticism, pledging that billions will go toward helping homeowners facing foreclosure. Obama also urged lawmakers to act quickly on the massive economic stimulus measure that his aides have been negotiating with congressional officials. The legislation will blend federal spending with tax cuts, and could reach \$1 trillion.

#### 1/12 Bush News Conference

In a nostalgic final news conference, President George W. Bush defended his record vigorously and at times sentimentally Monday -- and admitted mistakes, too, including his optimistic Iraq speech before a giant "Mission Accomplished" banner in 2003. He disagreed with one reporter that America has a bruised image overseas and said the government's response to Hurricane Katrina was not slow. He will deliver a farewell address to the American people on Thursday night.

#### 1/12 Swearing in Tickets

The tickets for the swearing in ceremony at the Capitol arrived today. Congressional staffers needed photo ID and a certification letter to pick up the allotment for each office. A total of 240,000 inauguration tickets will be given out. DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton held a lottery to give out the tickets from her office. A national guard member randomly chose the winners.

#### 1/12 Inauguration Roads

For anyone hoping to see the Inauguration and parade first-hand, the message is to arrive very early. The Mall is open to anyone who wants to witness the Inauguration on a jumbotron. For the parade route, you'll have to go through one of 13 security checkpoints and once the route is full, no one else will be allowed inside. Roads around the White House, Capitol and along the Mall will be closed to traffic starting at 4 am.

#### 1/9 Unemployment Up

Grim news on the job front. The nation's unemployment rate surged higher, hitting 7.2% at the end of the year. That's one of the worst years in modern history, wiping out more than half a million jobs. A University of Maryland economist says the end is nowhere in sight.

#### 1/9 Inauguration Biz Closures

Some small DC business owners say they're effectively being shutdown during Inauguration Day and could lose thousands of dollars as a result. Business owners learned last night that in the area around the Convention Center, there are parking restrictions and checkpoints. The businesses say they cannot absorb being cut off from customers for 3 days.

#### 1/8 Obama Speech

In what was billed as a major economic address at George Mason University, President-elect Barack Obama outlined some of what he proposes to prevent the current recession from lingering for years. He is calling for a program of government spending and tax cuts expected to cost about \$800 billion dollars. It includes \$1000 tax cuts for 95% percent of working families.

#### 1/7 Roland Burris

What a difference a day makes for a man hoping to take a seat in the Senate. It appears that the US Senate is prepared to accept Roland Burris as the new member from Illinois, replacing President-elect Barack Obama. Senate leaders had vowed to oppose any nominee from Gov. Rod Blagojevich, since he is accused of trying to sell that seat to the highest bidder.

#### 1/6 Roland Burris Senate

Roland Burris says he is considering court action against Senate leadership, if they continue to fight his appointment to the Senate. He showed up at the Capitol today swarmed by reporters and cameras only to be turned away. Senate leaders have said they will not admit any candidate appointed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich. He is accused of trying to sell President-elect Barack Obama's Senate seat for personal gain.

#### 1/5 Economic stimulus Plan

President elect Barack Obama is in Washington and getting down to business. For his first full workday of 2009, he headed up Pennsylvania to the Capitol to push for passage of his economic stimulus plan.

#### 1/1 Inaugural Volunteers

With 19 days and counting before the Inauguration, if you want to be a volunteer, you still have time. The Presidential Inauguration Committee needs as many as 18,000 volunteers to help them pull off what could end up being the most attended Inaugural ever.

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#### 2/27 Obama Iraq

President Barack Obama drew a firm finish line in the Iraq war Friday, six years after the invasion he opposed and six weeks into his presidency. Obama said he will withdraw combat forces within 18 months. He sets the target date as August 31, 2010 when combat operations will end. The president also said as many as 50,000 US servicemembers will remain to train Iraqi police and to respond to specific counter-terrorism threats. The White House says to ensure stability, the withdrawal will see most of the troops return home near the end of the deadline.

#### 2/26 Obama 2010 Budget

President Barack Obama laid out the first budget of his administration, a massive \$3.5 trillion spending plan for 2010. He calls the budget a first step toward his promise to cut the \$1.7 trillion deficit by the end of this current term. The budget calls for tax hikes on single people earning more than \$200,000 and couples who earn more than \$250,000. The top Republican in the Senate Budget committee, Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, says the budget spends too much and cuts too little.

#### 2/26 Pentagon Coffins

The Obama administration is reversing an 18-year ban on news coverage of the return of war dead, allowing photographs of flag-covered caskets when families of the fallen troops agree, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday. Although details are still being worked out, the new policy will give families a choice of whether to admit the press to ceremonies at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware, the entry point into the United States for the caskets of overseas war dead. Critics had complained that banning the photographs hid the human cost of war.

#### 2/26 Cancer Vaccine

President Barack Obama has pledged to find a cure for cancer in our lifetime. A promising new treatment may be a step in the right direction. Scientists are testing a new vaccine that would use a patient's own immune system to flush out the disease.

#### 2/25 Obama Budget

President Barack Obama is promising to get tough on spending bills that are tacked onto the federal budget. They're often called "earmarks", hidden pet projects buried deep in spending bills. Last night, even as the President and Congress promised to reign in spending, one tax group says it expects more of the same. Taxpayers for Common Sense says the current spending bill for the rest of 2009 contains billions of dollars in what it calls unnecessary earmark spending.

#### 2/24 Obama Speech

A big night on Capitol Hill as the President prepares to deliver his first speech to Congress. This will not be a State of the Union, since that does not happen in a President's first term. Tonight's address will focus on the state of the battered economy. The President will detail his \$787 billion stimulus plan and outline his effort to stabilize the banking system and cut the federal deficit.

#### 2/23 Obama Governors

On the eve of his first address to Congress, President Barack Obama is rallying state governors to support his stimulus plan. The governors are in town for their regular meetings but some are signaling they may opt out of taking all the stimulus money coming their way. Fox 5 political analyst says there's debate inside the Republican Party questioning how far they should go in criticizing the stimulus program and what happens to them if it's successful.

#### 2/23 FFX Budget Cuts

Fairfax County is being forced to cut \$650 million dollars from its budgets. The county is slashing more than 500 positions including police and fire jobs, instituting a pay freeze and plans to shorten library hours. Fairfax County is dealing with the largest reduction in housing values it has ever seen. That means reduced revenue from property taxes. Falling consumer spending is also bringing in less sales tax money. That is leading to the massive budget shortfall.

#### 2/18 Value of Marriage

The federal government is launching a new \$5 million dollar advertising campaign on marriage. The Department of Health and Human Services will be running ads pushing people to educate themselves on making a

happy marriage. Some say the government should stay out people's marriages.

#### 2/18 Money Housing Plan

President Barack Obama has a new \$75 billion dollar plan to help pull the nation out of the housing crisis. The proposal calls for stopping foreclosures before they start, first by making payments more affordable for at-risk families before they fall behind. It also calls for some families who owe more than their home is worth to refinance to a cheaper rate. Third, the plan calls to create uniform guidelines for mortgage companies to rework troubled loans.

#### 2/17 Obama Stimulus Bill

President Obama today signed his \$787 billion stimulus bill into law. The President is calling it a victory for bipartisanship, despite only getting three Republican votes in the Senate and none in the house. Tonight, we're getting specifics on how the plan will affect jobs here in our area. The White House says the money will create more than 160,000 jobs in DC, Maryland and Virginia.

#### 2/17 Stimulus Bill

With the President's Stimulus bill now signed and delivered, taxpayers are reacting to the attempt to jumpstart the economy. Most of us will see another \$13 per paycheck. Some people say the amount is too small to make a difference but one single mother we talked to said an extra \$13 will go along way. That will allow her to buy more food to feed her family.

#### 2/12 Obama Day 23

Democrats and Republicans have reached an agreement on the stimulus bill, but that's not stopping the bickering on both sides. Republicans are still criticizing the amount of money being spent in the bill while House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is highlighting the tax cuts in the plan. A final vote on the compromise bill is set for Friday in the House, followed by a vote in the Senate. President Obama could sign it on Monday, which happens to be Presidents Day.

#### 2/11 Stimulus Deal

Late this afternoon, the House and Senate reached a compromise deal on the stimulus plan that could be on the President's desk within days. The final price tag? \$787 billion. The agreement came as a surprise to many on Capitol Hill who expected negotiations to carry on for days.

#### 2/10 Obama Stimulus

A victory for President Barack Obama's stimulus bill today as the US Senate voted in favor of the plan. As the President continued to push for his economic recovery plan in Florida today, there's still work to do in Washington. The President wanted bipartisan support for the economic plan but in the end, only 3 moderate Republicans voted for it. Now, with the plan passed, Congressional leaders have to hammer out big differences between the House and Senate versions.

#### 2/09 Obama Stimulus

President Obama is in an all-out blitz to get his economic stimulus plan passed. He's set to deliver his first primetime news conference tonight, focusing on the economy. Earlier today, he took his message right to the people, pushing his recovery plan in Elkhart, Indiana. Democrats have had the votes to pass the stimulus bill but the administration has seen the polls suggesting the public support for the bill is slipping. President Obama is returning to the roads to recapture some of the election energy and get more support behind his bill.

#### 2/5 Biden O'Malley Stimulus

Vice President Joe Biden headed to a Maryland commuter rail station today with Governor Martin O'Malley. The men weren't looking to travel. Biden was hoping to use the station to sell the administration's plan to spend billions on infrastructure. The station in Laurel needs dramatic improvements. Biden used the station as an example to push for public support for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan, with \$100 billion targeted at helping transit, roads and bridges. He says the plan would create or save 70,000 jobs.

#### 2/4 Stimulus Cuts

A Rasmussen Poll today shows support for the \$800 billion stimulus plan. Now just 37% of those favor the bill as it stands. Key opponents met with President Obama today and agreed to cut more than \$50 from the troubled measure. The news comes as President Obama continues his trips out of Washington to drum up public support for the plan. Today he was in Springfield, Illinois.

### 2/3 Daschle/Killifer Taxes

Two big picks for the Obama administration are out tonight after unpaid tax troubles sank their selections. Former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle stepped down as the nominee for Health and Human Services Secretary. Nancy Killifer also backed away from her position as the first Chief Performance Officer for the government.

### 2/2 Obama Cabinet

Fighting to salvage his Cabinet nomination, Tom Daschle pleaded his case Monday evening in a closed meeting with former Senate colleagues after publicly apologizing for failing to pay more than \$120,000 in taxes. President Barack Obama said he was "absolutely" sticking with his nominee for health secretary, and a key senator added an important endorsement. Nobody was predicting defeat for Daschle's nomination as secretary of health and human services, but it was proving an unsavory pill to swallow for senators who only last week confirmed Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary despite his separate tax-payment problems. It's an issue that strikes a nerve among lawmakers' constituents who are struggling with their own serious money problems.

### 2/2 Money Stimulus

Senate Republicans pressed for mortgage relief as well as larger tax cuts Monday as debate opened on the emergency economic stimulus measure atop President Barack Obama's agenda. Democrats came under pressure to reduce spending in the bill. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell says he's hopeful the bill will see significant changes and without it, there's little chance for bipartisan support.

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### 3/30 Obama Auto Bailout

President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant. President Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

### 3/27 President Obama War on Terror

Widening war in "the most dangerous place in the world," President Barack Obama launched a fresh effort Friday to defeat al-Qaida terrorists in both Pakistan and Afghanistan, defending his strategy with shades of the dire language of George W. Bush. Stirring echoes of Sept. 11 and making the war his own, Obama warned that al-Qaida is actively planning attacks on the United States from secret havens in Pakistan. He said he was setting new benchmarks and sending in 4,000 more troops, hundreds of civilians and increased aid for a six-year war that has seemed to be easing in Iraq but still has no end in sight.

### 3/26 Geithner report

Today Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner returned to Capitol Hill to press lawmakers to approve sweeping reforms to protect your money. The financial meltdown last Fall exposed huge holes in our government's ability to protect our financial system. Geithner is asking Congress to rewrite the rules putting certain investment products under government supervision. Companies that are deemed systemically important or too big to fail would be subject to the regulations.

### 3/23 Obama Bank Plan

The Obama administration unveiled its plan to help banks remove bad assets from their books. The President says the Public-Private investment program will buy banks bad mortgages and sell them to private investors, making it easier for consumers and small businesses to get loans.

### 3/20 Pres. Obama Special Olympics

President Barack Obama has apologized to the chairman of the Special Olympics for his late-night talk show quip equating his bowling skills to those of athletes with disabilities. Appearing on "The Tonight Show" Thursday, the president told host Jay Leno he'd been practicing at the White House's bowling alley but wasn't happy with his score of 129. Then he remarked: "It was like the Special Olympics or something." The audience laughed, but the White House quickly recognized the blunder. The Special Olympics, founded in 1968, is a global nonprofit organization serving 200 million individuals with intellectual disabilities. On his way back to Washington on Air Force One, Obama called the chairman of the Special Olympics, Tim Shriver, to say he was sorry - even before the taped program aired late Thursday night.

### 3/20 Iraq War Protest

An anti-war protest got out of hand last night right in front of our cameras. Today several police agencies are studying the fiasco as they prepare for a much bigger rally tomorrow. Police say bricks and pain were thrown during the march in downtown DC. Officers say they had no choice but to move in forcefully and make 2 arrests. Now officials are making sure they're prepared for the much larger protests planned in DC and Virginia tomorrow.

### 3/19 AIG Congress Hearing

On Capitol Hill, the House has approved a bill that slaps a massive tax on recent bonuses paid to AIG executives. It's the latest fallout from the outrage that erupted after the insurance giant paid out \$165 million dollars in bonuses. The bill passed easily 328 to 93 but some critics complain the legislation is a cover up for mistakes made by the Obama administration. AIG has received billions in bailout cash.

### 3/17 AIG outrage

There is outrage tonight across the country with word that AIG, the insurance company that took \$180 billion in bailout money awarded millions of dollars in bonuses. At least 73 executives got a \$1 million each. Congress is threatening to slap the executives with huge taxes to get the money back.

### 3/16 Obama small business

Today President Barack Obama announced another bailout, this one to help small business owners. The

Small Business Administration says it typically guarantees about \$20 billion in loans. This past year that number fell to \$10 billion. That's because fewer banks are lending money and small businesses are having to navigate the economy without access to new loans. The administration will make the 21 largest banks that have accepted bailout money report how many loans they've given to small businesses. The White House is also moving to reduce small business lending fees and increase the number of loans backed by the SBA.

### 3/13 Stock market up

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As part of the economic stimulus plan, Amtrak is getting \$1.3 billion for some long overdue infrastructure improvements. Vice-President Joe Biden announced the boost for Amtrak. He was well-known for commuting on Amtrak from Delaware during his years as a Senator. An estimated 28 million passengers ride Amtrak every year. The improvements will fund improvements like bridges, signal systems, tracks and tunnels.

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### 3/6 Obama Economy

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## 1/30 Giant Peanut Recall

The deadly salmonella outbreak linked to peanuts is now a criminal investigation. Today the FDA announced the government is launching a criminal case into the company behind the outbreak. 8 deaths and 500 illnesses are linked to eating tainted peanuts. Investigators believe the company shipped the products even after tests showed they may be tainted.

## 1/29 Army Suicides

Suicides among U.S. soldiers rose last year to the highest level in decades, the Army announced Thursday. At least 128 soldiers killed themselves in 2008. But the final count is likely to be considerably higher because 15 more suspicious deaths are still being investigated and could also turn out to be self-inflicted, the Army said. A new training and prevention effort will start next week. And Col. Elspeth Ritchie, a psychiatric consultant to the Army surgeon general, made a plea for more U.S. mental health professionals to sign on to work for the military.

## 1/20 Ted Kennedy

A sad turn to today's celebrations for the Inauguration. Senator Ted Kennedy collapsed at a luncheon following the swearing in. He has been treated in the past few months for a brain tumor. Doctors say the problem seems to be fatigue and he should go home from the hospital tomorrow.

## 1/13 Vicks VapoRub

A popular cold and cough treatment that's been around for years may do more harm than good. Research out of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center found that the ingredients in Vicks can be irritants that stimulate mucus production and cause airway inflammation. That can have serious side effects in infants and small children. The label advises people to consult a doctor before using on children under 2.

## 1/2 Free Generic Drugs

The high costs of housing, food and medicine are a challenge for consumers in this economy. Now a local grocery store, Giant, is giving consumers a break. The chain is offering certain generic antibiotics for free, at least until March.

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#### 2/26 Cancer Vaccine

President Barack Obama has pledged to find a cure for cancer in our lifetime. A promising new treatment may be a step in the right direction. Scientists are testing a new vaccine that would use a patient's own immune system to flush out the disease.

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#### 2/20 Marion Barry Kidney

DC Councilman and former Mayor Marion Barry is undergoing kidney transplant surgery right now. The surgery started at 2:30 and will take several hours. Barry had some visitors come by to wish him well. His doctor tells us he's very fortunate because he has a living donor. Normally patients are on a waiting list for about 5 years. If all goes well, he should go home next week.

#### 2/20 Kidney Transplant Sidebar

DC Councilman Marion Barry is going through his kidney transplant surgery this afternoon. Doctors say taking a kidney from a female donor and transplanting it will take six to eight hours. Doctors say once the surgery is complete, he should get his strength back right away and feel better within hours. Barry is lucky to have a friend willing to donate. The National Kidney Foundation says nearly 4,000 patients died in 2006 while waiting for a transplant.

#### 2/20 VA Smoking Restrictions

Lawmakers in traditionally tobacco-friendly Virginia have approved a ban on smoking in most bars and restaurants. Starting Dec. 1, smoking will be banned in most restaurants and bars, although it would be permitted in private clubs, on some outdoor patios and in separate ventilated rooms. Talking to the owner of an Irish pub in Fairfax, the owner says his bar already complies with a separate ventilated room. Customers we talked to say the restrictions are better than an all out ban.

#### 2/12 Autism Ruling

Questions over whether vaccines cause autism has been the focus of heated debate for years. Today, a special court in DC ruled that scientific evidence is overwhelming that vaccines are not to blame. Thousands of parents were trying to win damages at the US Court for Federal Claims in Washington. A series of rulings have been released from that court concluding that available science does not support a connection between vaccines and autism. At least one parent activist group criticized the finding.

#### 2/11 Salmonella Scare

Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are trying to get to the bottom of the salmonella outbreak linked to peanut butter. Today, health officials testified before a house committee. The man they really wanted to hear from, the President of the Peanut Corporation of America refused to testify. Some information did come out of the hearing. The FDA found on 12 separate occasions between June 2007 and September 2008, products from the company testified by private labs were found to be contaminated with salmonella. On 6 of those occasions, the FDA found the company had already shipped the product and the owner conducted no subsequent testing.

#### 2/5 Peanut Butter Hearings

Lawmakers on the Hill want jail time over the 8 deaths linked to salmonella tainted peanut butter. The outbreak is traced back to Peanut Corporation of America. FDA say they were investigating the plane before they were certain that peanuts were to blame. More than 500 people in 43 states got sick in the outbreak. The company denied any wrongdoing saying the plant received regular visits and inspections. There is a criminal investigation going on to determine if the company broke any laws. Many lawmakers also want to overhaul the FDA which they say is underfunded.

#### 2/4 Local Peanut Recall

The peanut recall is hitting close to home for one local company. Garbers Ice Cream, a Winchester company, joined the growing list of businesses voluntarily recalling products in response to a salmonella outbreak. The recall now includes more than 1000 peanut products and continues to grow.

2/2 VA Flu season

A weekly survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows Virginia is the first state in the nation to report a widespread outbreak of the flu. The CDC says the chronic winter illness might spread rapidly after a relatively slow start this season.

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### 3/31 Pistachio Warning

Federal food officials are warning people not to eat any food containing pistachios because of possible contamination by salmonella, in another food scare sure to rattle consumers already upset by the contamination of peanuts with the same bacteria. The Food and Drug Administration said central California-based Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella Inc., the nation's second-largest pistachio processor, was voluntarily recalling more than 2 million pounds of its roasted nuts shipped since last fall.

### 3/16 DC HIV Rate

At least 3 percent of residents in the nation's capital are living with HIV or AIDS and every mode of transmission is on the rise, according to a report released Monday by D.C. health officials. The findings in the 2008 epidemiology report by the D.C. HIV/AIDS Administration point to a severe epidemic that's impacting every race and sex across the population and neighborhoods. The report updates a landmark 2007 study that discovered the epidemic had moved from affecting a mostly gay population to a general one, and that it disproportionately affected blacks. The study found that the number of HIV and AIDS cases jumped 22 percent from the 12,428 reported in 2006. Almost 1 in 10 residents between 40 and 49 are living with the virus, and black men had the highest infection rate at almost 7 percent, the report said. It added that 3 percent of black women in D.C. have HIV. The virus was most often transmitted by men having sex with men, followed by heterosexual transmission and injection drug use, the report said.

### 3/16 Food Labels

The government is trying to take the guess work out of finding out where your food came from. New rules go into effect on monday showing the area of origin for beef, meats, fruits and vegetables. The new rules are coming after widespread food recalls.

### 3/13 Workplace Stress

With the economy struggling and so many people worried about their jobs, experts say you should do what you can do destress at work. Strategies include putting pictures you love and calming items on your desk. You may also want to skip out of office get together if everyone stands around and complains and worries about work. Outside the office, try to stay busy and maybe even volunteer to help lower your stress level.

### 3/12 Unsafe Baby products

A disturbing new report claims that many baby products could be tainted with chemicals. Some are even raising cancer concerns. The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics and the Environmental Working Group are complaining that even small amount of contaminants will build up over a lifetime to create a risk of illnesses. They're specifically worried about a chemical in products like Johnson's Baby Shampoo and Banana Boat Kids Sunblock. Industry representatives say the groups are accusing consumer activists of being misleading and pushing a political agenda. They claim the levels are below anything that could be dangerous.

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### 3/4 Barry Kidney Transplant

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1/28 DC Schools Decision

Some parents are upset at DC's decision to open schools two hours late today instead of closing them all day. Some parents say that put kids in danger because many sidewalks were coated with ice, even though the streets are clear. DC Public Schools are defending the decision.

1/28 UMD Student Arrest

Police in Prince George's County arrested a student and another man in connection with an armed robbery near the University of Maryland. Police say they had surveillance video of the man who robbed a student near Ratsie's on January 10th. They didn't have anyone's name until a fight broke out on campus a few days later. Surveillance pictures from that fight matched the suspects they were looking for in the robbery. 20 year old Antuane Allen, a junior, and 20 year old Jewison Hurtault are both out on bail on armed robbery charges.

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#### 2/27 Black History Scuba

A District man's passion for swimming and diving has made an impact here in DC and all over the world. In 1959, Dr. Jose Jones tried to join a white diving club in DC and was told he would not be admitted. So he formed his own club, Underwater Adventure Seekers, with just six members. 50 years later, the National Association fo Black Scuba divers has 42 clubs and more than 2,000 members. Many of those he trains are children. Jones says the group has never charged anyone anything to learn how to dive.

#### 2/26 Oxon Hill Sex Assault

Students who attend Oxon Hill High School are being warned to stay away from a wooded area where two teenagers were sexually assaulted. An armed man forced the girls to strip after encountering them on a path in the woods. School officials say theyve told students time and time again to stay out of that area. The gunman forced the 15 and 17 year old out of the woods and they ran for help. Police are still looking for the suspect.

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#### 2/24 FFX School Start Times

The Fairfax County School Board is asking for community input tonight on a proposal to start school later. The idea is based on studies that show later start times are a boost to kids' health and behavior. Some parents complain that changing schedules would jeopardize after school activities and is too disruptive for transportation and day care issues.

#### 2/24 Arctic Teacher

A local teacher is headed out on a major field trip. Ms. Julie Schneider, who teaches 2nd grade at Barrett Elementary in Arlington, won a change to help researchers in the Arctic document global warming. With the help of a web cam, Ms. Schneider will be able to communicate with her students while she's in the Arctic. She's hoping to be able to teach them lessons and make an impact on their lives that they just wouldn't get from a textbook.

#### 2/18 College Grad Jobs

A college degree used to guarantee a good job but not anymore. Unemployment is rising even among college graduates. This year, college grads will have more competition for fewer jobs. Last month, unemployment for college educated workers hit the highest level in more than 15 years.

#### 2/13 School Sex Offender

The pastor of a Bethesda church is defending his decision to hire a convicted sex offender, allowing him to live and work around young children. Travis Buffing was convicted of possessing child porn. He now works as a janitor at "The Church in Bethesda", which runs a nursery school. Parents are outraged and some are pulling their kids from the school. Pastor Todd Thomas calls Buffington a friend and says he's trying to find a solution that will work for everyone. He acknowledges that he knew about Buffington's past conviction.

#### 2/10 Cardozo Fight

A wild brawl at a DC high school brought out police and ambulances. When the dust cleared at Cardozo High School, 16 juveniles and an 18 year old had been arrested. 5 students had to go to the hospital. Police say the brawl was sparked by a hair pulling incident yesterday.

#### 2/9 Mogo School Budget

The Montgomery School system is feeling the pinch that is hurting school systems across the country. The board today passed it's \$2.13 billion budget which comes with \$35 million in cuts. If the budget passes, it calls for eliminating 17 kindergarden and 20 special ed teaching positions. 70 positions in the central office would be cut along with 168 other jobs across the school district. The county council has the final say on all budgets. It will vote in May.

#### 2/4 Cheaper Text Books

The Maryland State Senate is considering legislation to decrease the cost of textbooks by increasing competition, allowing students to shop for books at used book stores. The bill would also educate professors on ways to reduce the cost of the books that they require. Students spend about \$1000 books every year.

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3/30 College Tuition Finding a way to pay for college is tougher than ever. The faltering economy means scholarship money is not as plentiful as it was before. There is money out there is you know where to look. A Hamilton Financial Aid director says it's important to apply early. Grant money is based on a form called the Faf-sa and you'll need your latest tax information to fill it out. It's best to apply for scholarships early too. The financial aid director emphasizes that parents should not pay for information on financial aid. It's all available for free online.

#### 3/27 DC Teacher Arrested

Howard County police say a D.C. charter school teacher has been arrested on charges of bringing a teenage student to his Ellicott City home and sexually abusing him. Police say 57-year-old Ricardo Cuaderes picked up the 14-year-old boy from D.C. on a Saturday sometime between November and January. Detectives are still investigating exactly when the alleged sexual abuse occurred. Cuaderes is a teacher at Young America Works in northeast D.C., a public charter vocational high school. The boy recently told police he had sexual contact with Cuaderes. Cuaderes is charged with child sexual abuse and several sex offenses. He is being held in Howard County.

#### 3/26 Middle school gangs

In Fairfax County, seven teenagers are under arrest accused of gang activity at a local high school. Children as young as 13 are charged with trying to recruit their classmates at Franklin Middle School as gang members. The investigation started back in December when a student told a Student Resource Officer that he or she was being asked to join a gang. The Fairfax County Gang Division says it's unusual to catch and arrest this many for gang related crimes.

#### 3/19 State of the District

Mayor Adrian Fenty today gave his address on the state of the District. While he promoted the city's progress in education, he emphasized that in the next year, a tight budget will be a way of life. He says the President's Economic Stimulus plan will help but in the coming year, the District will have to do more with less. The Mayor says the city has invested heavily in education and it's paying off with higher test scores and more students graduating.

#### 3/19 Mrs. Obama's Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, First Lady Michelle Obama organized a big celebration at DC schools. Famous women, including Sheryl Crowe and Alicia Keys, visited DC schools. But it was Mrs. Obama herself who delivered the biggest and best surprise for students at Anacostia High School. They didn't know she was even coming when she arrived to surprise them. Students were thrilled to meet her and hear her speech.

#### 3/12 Sexting Arrests

Two high school students in Spotsylvania County are facing child pornography charges. Police say they found nude pictures of underage girls on the boys' cellphones. Tonight there's word more students... age 14 to 17... possibly in the next few days. Several schools in our area are considering educating kids about the dangers of sexting to avoid similar problems.

#### 3/6 War Memorial Restoration

One of the least visited places in the District got some much needed attention today. Middle school students from DC and Texas assembled at the monument to the service members from the District who fought in World War One. The students swept and cleaned the area. The students from Texas got involved after a project with photos of World War One veterans. That led to an intensive study of the conflict, a fundraiser for a memorial and this field trip to DC.

#### 3/5 Students Mouths Taped

A teacher is accused of taping students' mouths shut in Prince George's County. The kids go to Kingsford Elementary School in Mitchellville. A Prince George's County spokesperson says a counselor spotted a student with tape over his mouth and said a teacher put it there. When officials went to the classroom to investigate, they say six other students had their mouths taped shut. One grandparent says it was a joke, but school officials are taking it seriously. The teacher is on desk duty and is not allowed to have contact with students until the investigation is over.

### 3/2 Snow DC Schools

While most schools in our area closed because of the weather, DC public schools remained open. Some parents and teachers are criticizing the decision, saying it put students at risk. The Teachers' Union President also complained, saying that attendance for teachers and students was way down, questioning whether opening for the day was worthwhile. Mayor Adrian Fenty says there's no reason teachers and kids couldn't make it in since the snow stopped by midday. Schools opened on a 2 hour delay.

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#### 1/13 Tarp Money

President-elect Barack Obama appealed to Democrats in Congress on Tuesday to allow the use of an additional \$350 billion in federal bailout funds and vowed to veto any move to block the money. Obama backed up his plea with a promise to revise elements of the original bailout program that have drawn widespread criticism, pledging that billions will go toward helping homeowners facing foreclosure. Obama also urged lawmakers to act quickly on the massive economic stimulus measure that his aides have been negotiating with congressional officials. The legislation will blend federal spending with tax cuts, and could reach \$1 trillion.

#### 1/12 Mortgage Rates

Mortgage rates are hovering around historic lows with some borrowers able to secure rates below 5%. That's triggering a rush of calls from homeowners, hoping to refinance but not everyone can cash in on the low rates. High housing costs and falling home values in the DC area, plus tighter standards have shut out about 80% of the callers to one mortgage office who are hoping to refinance.

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#### 2/23 FFX Budget Cuts

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#### 2/18 Money Housing Plan

President Barack Obama has a new \$75 billion dollar plan to help pull the nation out of the housing crisis. The proposal calls for stopping foreclosures before they start, first by making payments more affordable for at-risk families before they fall behind. It also calls for some families who owe more than their home is worth to refinance to a cheaper rate. Third, the plan calls to create uniform guidelines for mortgage companies to rework troubled loans.

#### 2/10 PW Home Lottery

Prince William County is one of the hardest hit areas in the DC region for dropping home prices. Now officials there are trying to turn that into something good by helping public servants afford homes of their own. The county is running a lottery to give each winner about \$4500 to use to buy a lower interest rate or make a down payment on a home. 167 won assistance from the lottery program.

#### 2/9 Beltway Burden

Many families are trying to save money by living farther outside the beltway and driving a longer distance to work. Now an online calculator from the Urban Land Institute can show you just how well that works out for you. The calculator shows the tipping point is about 15-17 miles where a longer commute begins to cost you more money than you save on your housing payment. You have to factor in gas and time costs that can eventually outweigh the cheaper housing price.

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### 3/23 Obama Bank Plan

The Obama administration unveiled its plan to help banks remove bad assets from their books. The President says the Public-Private investment program will buy banks bad mortgages and sell them to private investors, making it easier for consumers and small businesses to get loans.

### 3/23 Real Estate Refinancing

The local housing market is showing signs of hope in spring sales. Local realtor Veronica Seva-Gonzalez says housing are selling now and sometimes it's happening quickly. However, things are much different than 3 years ago when bidding wars ruled. Prices are down about \$30,000 in the last year. Home sales are up nationwide.

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#### 1/29 Waple Lane Shooting

Police say a man has barricaded himself inside an Alexandria townhouse after shooting and injuring a woman during an apparent domestic dispute. Alexandria police spokeswoman Ashley Hildebrandt says the woman was shot about 11 a.m. in the Cameron Station neighborhood and was taken to the hospital. The severity of her injuries is unclear.

Hildebrandt says a child was let out of the home and is safe. Police have closed down several streets in the neighborhood as a precaution while officers attempt to get the man out of the home safely.

#### 1/22 Plastic Bags Ban

The Virginia General Assembly is considering banning plastic bags at grocery stores and retailers. Lawmakers say fewer plastic bags would be better for the environment and for farmers. Some farmers have complained that the bags get caught in their cotton equipment and damage the machines and the crop. Legislators are also considering an option that would require stores to recycle the bags.

#### 1/21 N. Capitol Street Fire

One woman is dead and a teenager was injured after a rowhouse fire in Northwest this morning. It happened on North Capitol street. Neighbors smelled smoke and the sound of breaking glass around 7 am and ran to help. A 14 year old boy has critical injuries and an elderly wheelchair bound woman died at the scene. A man who lived there was able to escape with minor injuries.

#### 1/20 Inauguration Trouble

Thousands of people holding tickets for the swearing in ceremony waited hours to get through security this morning. Many of them didn't making it, complaining about confusing directions and long lines at all the checkpoints. Hundreds were ordered to wait in a tunnel with no instructions on what to do next. Large crowds may have also played a role in the time it took paramedics to reach a woman who went into cardiac arrest near 2nd and D streets NW. A police officer and citizen took turns administering CPR as they waited up to 20 minutes for the ambulance.

#### 1/20 Watch Party

More than two million people made it to the Mall to watch the swearing in ceremony but others didn't want to brave the crowds. Friendship Baptist Church in Southwest hosted its own all-day watch party for anyone who wanted to attend. Some visitors were there from as far as California. About 50 people slept in the pews to make sure they were able to get in to the party.

#### 1/19 Inaugural Security

The security in place for the Inauguration is tighter than it has ever been. If the estimates are right, the District will be hosting the largest crowd in the history of the City. Planning has gone on for more than a year. The new security design has elevated towers on the Mall to look down on the crowd. Speakers have also been installed on top of the FBI as well as the Wilson Building to give security planners the ability to address the crowd in case of emergency.

#### 1/19 Obama Today

President-elect Obama spent the morning getting his hands dirty, performing service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. He helped work on one of the dorms at the Sasha Bruce House in Northeast that provides help for homeless teenagers. Mr. Obama says community service will be a big part of his administration.

#### 1/19 Coming to DC

With an unprecedented number of people expected to attend Tuesday's Inauguration, there is unparalleled limitations when it comes to getting around. Roads will be restricted, bridges closed and crowded transportation. Already people are beginning to arrive and cope with the extra headaches. Organizers are warning everyone to leave early and stay patient.

#### 1/19 Town Excitement

Visitors here for the Inauguration are ramping up the excitement in the District. They're packing the streets, shopping for souvenirs and filling restaurants and bars. Most of them agree there's an energy in the air that you can practically feel.

#### 1/15 Swearing in Winner

Today, a few lucky people in Virginia got their hands on the hottest ticket in town: A ticket to President-elect Barack Obama's swearing in. Congressman Jim Moran got more than 17,000 requests for only 198 tickets. He gave them out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

#### 1/15 DC Celebs

With the Inauguration coming up, celebrities are expected to be here for the celebration. TMZ says it has three staff photographers who will be here to snap the stars as they party.

#### 1/12 Swearing in Tickets

The tickets for the swearing in ceremony at the Capitol arrived today. Congressional staffers needed photo ID and a certification letter to pick up the allotment for each office. A total of 240,000 inauguration tickets will be given out. DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton held a lottery to give out the tickets from her office. A national guard member randomly chose the winners.

#### 1/12 Missing 13 year old

A physically and mentally disabled 13 year old was found dead last week and now it appears that someone killed her. Police were out in force today handing out fliers hoping for a tip that could lead them to Lexie Glover's killer. Last week, Lexie ran away from her in the parking lot of the Manassas Central Library. Her body was found 8 miles away in a Woodbridge creek.

#### 1/12 Inauguration Roads

For anyone hoping to see the Inauguration and parade first-hand, the message is to arrive very early. The Mall is open to anyone who wants to witness the Inauguration on a jumbotron. For the parade route, you'll have to go through one of 13 security checkpoints and once the route is full, no one else will be allowed inside. Roads around the White House, Capitol and along the Mall will be closed to traffic starting at 4 am.

#### 1/9 Shaquita Bell

The saga of Shaquita Bell, an Alexandria woman abducted and murdered in 1996 ended in part today with the sentencing of the man who says he killed her. Michael Dickerson, Bell's former boyfriend, promised to lead police to her body in exchange for a plea agreement. So far, an extensive search has turned up nothing. Police suspected Dickerson killed her because she knew too much about another murder he committed. Investigators aren't sure if he will live up to his end of the plea deal. Dickerson apologized to Bell's family in court.

#### 1/9 Inauguration Biz Closures

Some small DC business owners say they're effectively being shutdown during Inauguration Day and could lose thousands of dollars as a result. Business owners learned last night that in the area around the Convention Center, there are parking restrictions and checkpoints. The businesses say they cannot absorb being cut off from customers for 3 days.

#### 1/9 Missing 13 year old

The search for a missing 13 year old is apparently at a tragic end. Police believe they found the body of Lexie Glover in a Woodbridge creek. The disabled girl ran away from her mother Tuesday in the parking lot of a Manassas library. Police aren't saying how she died.

#### 1/2 Jackson St Fire

More heartbreak tonight for a couple who lost five friends and family members in a fire in their home. Today, they lost their 11 year old child who succumbed to his injuries. Michelle and Oscar Wilson returned to the house today to see the spot where a fire killed their son, nephew, her father, and three members of her extended family.

#### 1/1 Inaugural Volunteers

With 19 days and counting before the Inauguration, if you want to be a volunteer, you still have time. The Presidential Inauguration Committee needs as many as 18,000 volunteers to help them pull off what could end up

being the most attended Inaugural ever.

1/1 Jackson St. fire

A fire inside a home on Jackson Street in DC killed five people inside the house. In all, nine people were inside celebrating New Year's and a birthday. Two kids died and another boy is in critical condition. Investigators say the fire started in the home's electrical system.

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#### 2/27 Black History Scuba

A District man's passion for swimming and diving has made an impact here in DC and all over the world. In 1959, Dr. Jose Jones tried to join a white diving club in DC and was told he would not be admitted. So he formed his own club, Underwater Adventure Seekers, with just six members. 50 years later, the National Association fo Black Scuba divers has 42 clubs and more than 2,000 members. Many of those he trains are children. Jones says the group has never charged anyone anything to learn how to dive.

#### 2/27 Local Soldier Death

The Pentagon says a soldier from Potomac, Maryland is among four who were killed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Twenty-nine-year-old Captain Brian M. Bunting died Tuesday when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Bunting was a West Point graduate and leaves behind a wife and 20 month old son. People who remembered him at Bullis High School in Potomac called him charismatic and said he could light up a room.

#### 2/27 Missing DC Woman

Family and friends are holding a vigil tonight for Pamela Butler, the woman who disappeared from her home on 4th St, NW two weeks ago. Police say they have no evidence of a crime and no reason to believe she left on her own. Her family says surveillance cameras in her home show her boyfriend arriving and leaving several times, but never show Butler leaving. He tells Fox 5 that he broke up with Butler and was returning her things. Police say he is being cooperative but is refusing to take a polygraph test.

#### 2/26 Oxon Hill Sex Assault

Students who attend Oxon Hill High School are being warned to stay away from a wooded area where two teenagers were sexually assaulted. An armed man forced the girls to strip after encountering them on a path in the woods. School officials say theyve told students time and time again to stay out of that area. The gunman forced the 15 and 17 year old out of the woods and they ran for help. Police are still looking for the suspect.

#### 2/26 Md Utility Bills

For weeks, we've told you about angry customers complaining about skyhigh electric and gas bills. Today the Maryland Public Utilities Commission held an all day hearing demanding that companies explain the rate hikes. Pepco, BGE and Washington Gas all say the bills are up because the weather has been cold. They say customers are consuming more energy and need to learn to conserve. Customers attended the hearing but were not allowed to speak.

#### 2/25 Operation Xcelerator

52 people, including 14 in Maryland, were arrested today in connection with a major Mexican drug trafficking organization. The cartel is blamed for smuggling thousands of pounds of cocaine, heroin, marijuana and other drugs into the US, some of it distributed in Prince George's County and DC. The pre-dawn raids were centered in California, Minnesota and Maryland. Today's arrests are part of a two year long effort known as Operation Xcelerator.

#### 2/25 Oxon Hill Sex Assault

Two teenaged girls were forced to undress in the woods and were then sexually assaulted by a lone gunman yesterday in Oxon Hill. It happened in an area right next to a public library. Witnesses say the two girls came stumbling out of the woods naked yesterday around 4 o'clock. Family and friends say they are high school students at Oxon Hill High. Police are still looking for suspects.

#### 2/25 Bailout Bill

A video classifieds group, Bailoutbooth.com gave away a total of \$50,000 to people willing to share their hard luck stories. 500 people lined up inside Union Station to get the money. Among the stories, one man needed brakes on his car, another was unemployed. A man in a booth called Bailout Bill gave everyone either \$50 or \$100. The company says it was more effective to get the message about their business out this way instead of blowing it all on expensive TV ads. The company will not reveal the sponsor that's giving them the money for the nationwide giving spree. The group had one give away in New York and plans others in Boston and Chicago.

#### 2/24 FFX School Start Times

The Fairfax County School Board is asking for community input tonight on a proposal to start school later. The idea is based on studies that show later start times are a boost to kids' health and behavior. Some parents

complain that changing schedules would jeopardize after school activities and is too disruptive for transportation and day care issues.

#### 2/24 Missing Intern Levy

Four days after learning DC police were seeking an arrest warrant in the murder of Chandra Levy, the evidence against the suspect is still under warrant. It may be several more days before prosecutors show their hand. The Levy investigation is just one of several cold cases reopened by Police Chief Cathy Lanier. In the weeks after she became Chief two years ago, she began meeting with family members of victims who asked to see her. Moved by their stories, she reopened several cases to see if investigators could make any more progress.

#### 2/23 FFX Budget Cuts

Fairfax County is being forced to cut \$650 million dollars from its budgets. The county is slashing more than 500 positions including police and fire jobs, instituting a pay freeze and plans to shorten library hours. Fairfax County is dealing with the largest reduction in housing values it has ever seen. That means reduced revenue from property taxes. Falling consumer spending is also bringing in less sales tax money. That is leading to the massive budget shortfall.

#### 2/20 Hancock Fatal Fire

Clarence Meyers is now charged in a deadly fire that killed his girlfriend's 12 and 15 year old daughters. Neighbors say he tried to save the girls but police say he's no her. He's charged with multiple counts of arson and murder. Police say Meyers confessed to setting the home in Hancock, Maryland on fire hoping to get donations from the community. Investigators believe he set the fire in the basement and it got out of hand. Family members say he and his girlfriend were both out of work.

#### 2/19 Missing DC Woman

There is new information tonight in the mysterious disappearance of a DC woman. Pamela Butler vanished from her home late last week. Today, police searched her Northwest home and a park where she was known to go jogging. Police say they found nothing but do have plans to search it again. Investigators say they have found no evidence of foul play.

#### 2/19 Marion Barry Kidney

DC Councilman Marion Barry is scheduled to receive a kidney transplant at Howard University Hospital tomorrow. His office says a longtime family friend is donating the kidney but are not releasing any other information.

#### 2/19 Metro Budget

The situation with Metro's budget is so dire some are calling it a crisis. The transit authority is already slashing jobs, now it may have to cut services, too. Before cutting \$81 million in jobs, the agency faced a \$154 million budget gap. Now the total is \$73 million. Metro wants to eliminate duplicate bus service and have passengers wait longer between trains, plus close some station mezzanines. Some members of the board are against the cuts and say Metro needs to work harder to minimize service reductions.

#### 2/17 Obama Stimulus Bill

President Obama today signed his \$787 billion stimulus bill into law. The President is calling it a victory for bipartisanship, despite only getting three Republican votes in the Senate and none in the house. Tonight, we're getting specifics on how the plan will affect jobs here in our area. The White House says the money will create more than 160,000 jobs in DC, Maryland and Virginia.

#### 2/17 Dog Park

A fight is unfolding over a proposed DC dog park in an affluent Northwest neighborhood. Some are complaining they don't want barking dogs in an area near a playground. Others are upset about the price, a million dollars to build the new facility. The Neighborhood Advisory Commission for the area is meeting tonight to talk about the plans for the dog park.

#### 2/17 Geronimo's Great grandson

One hundred years after American Indian leader Geronimo's death, his descendants are fighting to get his remains back. Today, his great-grandson filed a lawsuit in US District Court demanding his grandfather's remains be returned from an Apache cemetery in Fort Sill, Ok. His family wants him moved back to the place he was born in Southern New Mexico.

#### 2/16 The Economic Downturn

The economic downturn is impacting more families than originally though. All you have to do is look at any of the region's food banks for proof. The Southern Maryland Food Bank says the need is so great they have trouble keeping the shelves full. The food bank says the people that gave donations last year are the people who are coming in for help this year. The Southern Maryland Food Bank is in charge of making sure 32 pantries get the food they need. Fewer items being donated and the greater need has forced the food bank to start limiting items for the first time in 25 years.

#### 2/13 Triangle Triple Murder

A Virginia man is accused of killing his family tonight. Police found his wife and two step-children inside their home in Triangle last night. All three had been shot. Neighbors say they had no indication there were any signs of trouble with the family. Police say Carillo Dean used a handgun to kill his wife Elizabeth, 13 year old Connor and 14 year old Brittany. He then called police to report the crime and waited for officers to arrive. Dean is charged with murder.

#### 2/13 School Sex Offender

The pastor of a Bethesda church is defending his decision to hire a convicted sex offender, allowing him to live and work around young children. Travis Buffing was convicted of possessing child porn. He now works as a janitor at "The Church in Bethesda", which runs a nursery school. Parents are outraged and some are pulling their kids from the school. Pastor Todd Thomas calls Buffington a friend and says he's trying to find a solution that will work for everyone. He acknowledges that he knew about Buffington's past conviction.

#### 2/12 School Sex Offender

Parents at a Bethesda nursery school are upset that a convicted sex offender is working at the church that runs the day care. They say the pastor who hired Travis Buffington knew all about his background. Buffing lives on the grounds of the church and works as a janitor despite being convicted for possessing child porn. Parents claim the pastor defended his decision by telling the parents he wasn't a threat. Parents and the school had a tense meeting last night. No one from the school would comment today.

#### 2/12 Lincoln Birthday

Today marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln. With celebrations all over the country, the Lincoln Memorial on the National Mall was the place to be. Members of the fourth grade class at Strong John Thomson Elementary School memorized the Gettysburg Address to recite it. There was also patriotic music and the ceremonial presentation of wreaths.

#### 2/11 Ford's Theatre Reopens

A DC site linked to one of the darkest periods in our history is opening its doors again. After a year and a half of renovations, Ford's Theatre, site of Lincoln's Assassination, is open again. The theatre has been completely remodeled with modern seats but the second floor box, where John Wilkes Booth shot Lincoln has been preserved as is.

#### 2/10 PGPD Justice Oversight

The Prince George's County police department is stepping out from the shadows of a Justice Department investigation. The DOJ oversight began in October 200 after an alleged pattern of excessive force within the department and canine unit. Under the terms of the agreement, the department was forced to address all aspects of its use of force. Today the DOJ announced it was officially closing the investigation after saying the department had made significant strides.

#### 2/4 Mayor Raided

Several Maryland legislators are hoping to require law enforcement agencies to issue monthly reports on SWAT team deployments after police raided the home and killed the dogs of an innocent Berwyn Heights mayor last summer. Police say a package containing 32 pounds of marijuana was sent to Mayor Cheye Calvo's home in late July by smugglers who hoped to have a courier pick it up quickly afterward. Officers kicked down the door and shot Calvo's dogs during the raid. Police later cleared Calvo and his wife of any wrongdoing and charged two unrelated people as suspects.

#### 2/4 Pepco/BGE Rates

The utility companies are blaming cold weather for soaring bills. Many people are getting an unwelcome surprise when they go to the mailbox, bills sometimes double what they expected. A family we spoke to saw a \$319 increase from December. BGE says it wants to hear from customers but one we talked to said she tried, but

no one ever returned her call. Customers are convinced that weather isn't the only issue.

#### 2/2 Veirs Mill Road

A local teenager died in a horrific crash this weekend. The car he was riding in veered off the road and hit a tree. 17 year old Thiago Andrade was killed at the scene. Police are investigating whether street racing caused the crash. Witnesses say the car, and another one, appeared to be racing at a high rate of speed.

#### 2/2 Phelps Bong Picture

A British newspaper says a photo showing Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps was taken at a party during a visit to the University of South Carolina. News of the World said the picture was taken during a November house party while Phelps was visiting the University of South Carolina. During that trip, he attended one of the school's football games and received a big ovation when he was introduced to the crowd. Phelps has acknowledged "regrettable" behavior and "bad judgment".

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### 3/31 Take Home cars

Fairfax County is now auditing its take home vehicles after a Fox 5 news investigation found that firefighters are getting cars, fuel and maintenance all paid for by taxpayers. They're supposed to be for firefighters to use to respond to emergencies when they're off duty but records show they're used only 15% of the time for that reason. The Fire Department gave lawmakers documents that claimed the vehicles never leave the country but Fox 5 found that some users drive as far as 125 miles a day for their commute.

### 3/31 Conflicker virus

A nasty computer virus is expected to ramp up its efforts tomorrow, just in time for April Fools Day. Experts say the Conflicker worm is no joke. It can hijack computers even without users noticing. But there are easy ways to figure out whether a computer has the Conflicker worm. There are also free tools to get rid of it. Among other things, the worm blocks PCs from accessing the antivirus vendors' and Microsoft's Web sites. That keeps its PC victims from getting updates about the worm and downloading removal tools. If you can surf the Internet freely except for sites owned by Microsoft or antivirus vendors, that's a good sign your computer is infected.

### 3/30 Bethesda Metro Derail

Metro is conducting emergency inspections on all its tracks after two trains derailed on the Red Line Friday. Metro is blaming the problem on a cracked rail. Crews worked all weekend to replace 2,000 feet of track at the Bethesda Metro. Metro says that same area had just been inspected days earlier and again the morning of the incident. The latest inspections since then have revealed new problems on blue line trains. Those repairs were made this morning.

### 3/30 Meteor booster rocket?

The National Weather Service says there is no evidence of any naturally occurring phenomenon to explain bright lights in the eastern sky that prompted hundreds of calls to the service and emergency officials. Callers from Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina described brilliant, streaking lights followed by an explosion-like sound around 9:45 p.m. Sunday. Callers reported seeing "great balls of fire" lighting up the sky in shades of yellow, white orange and blue. Some described the explosion as sounding like thunder. The US Naval Observatory believes it was space junk burning through the atmosphere from a Russian booster rocket that launched last week.

### 3/27 Easter Egg Roll Tix

A big surprise today for a DC family. The White House called to offer tickets to the Easter Egg Roll. Trista Dunlap was on Fox 5 last night, talking about the trouble she was having getting tickets after spending all day online. Someone at the White House saw our story and called reporter Sherri Ly. She put the White House in contact with the family. The White House employee offered her tickets for her and her children. Dunlap was thrilled. She said she wanted to be there for the historic moment with the first African American president. The Dunlaps will also get a tour of the White House

### 3/27 Riverside Pkwy death

Fear in a Virginia neighborhood is turning to anger. Thousands of residents turned out for a meeting in Landsdowne for a commuuty meeting. They're looking for answers in the murder mystery that left a former Green Beret dead and his wife clinging to life. The FBI and CIA are involved in the case. William and Cynthia Bennett were attacked alongside Riverside Parkway in Loudoun County. Investigators say they have no suspects.

### 3/26 Middle school gangs

In Fairfax County, seven teenagers are under arrest accused of gang activity at a local high school. Children as young as 13 are charged with trying to recruit their classmates at Franklin Middle School as gang members. The investigation started back in December when a student told a Student Resource Officer that he or she was being asked to join a gang. The Fairfax County Gang Division says it's unusual to catch and arrest this many for gang related crimes.

### 3/26 Riverside Pkwy Death

Police in Loudoun County are preparing to talk to neighbors tonight about a horrific crime. 57 year old William Bennett was killed and his wife critically hurt when they were beaten and left on a jogging trail near

Riverside Parkway. The County Sheriff's Office believes the attacks were random but aren't ruling anything out.

### 3/26 Easter Egg Roll Tickets

In past years, thousands of people lined up to get tickets for the White House Easter Egg Roll. Now, the White House is changing the ticket policy, leaving millions of people logging on for a coveted ticket to the event. The tickets are being given out randomly throughout the day and early evening. Right now, many hopefuls are getting screens advising them to keep trying.

### 3/25 Pit Bull Attack

A vicious pit bull attacked a man and his family as they tried to get into their home in Edgewater, Maryland. James Powell, his teenage son and wife were walking into the house when the dog ran up and attacked them. The dog then forced its way into the house and the family jumped on it, trying to keep it away from a child living there. Powell received 100 stitches after the attack. Police are investigating reports that the dog belonged to someone living nearby. Police shot and killed the dog when it came at them.

### 3/24 Donte Manning Anniversary

It's been four years since Donte Manning was shot as he played outside his Columbia Heights home. He died a month later. Even with \$125,000 in reward money and constant requests for tips, police still don't know who shot him. Neighbors saw the man on a bike open fire in the neighborhood but didn't recognize the man. A law enforcement source familiar with the case says leads stopped coming in a long time ago. The trail of the killer is now cold.

### 3/24 Riverside Parkway Death

A Virginia neighborhood is living in fear after a man out for a walk with his wife is murdered. Police say all signs point to a random act of violence. The man's wife is in critical condition. They were discovered early Sunday morning in a quiet neighborhood in Leesburg. Now police are looking for a white van last seen near where the couple was attacked.

### 3/20 2 bodies investigation

For the first time, we're seeing what investigators are seeing as they search for clues in a pair of double murders in Prince George's County. Police are working around the clock to find out if the two mother daughter murder cases are related. These two cases have an Upper Marlboro neighborhood living in fear. The latest murders were discovered Monday with two bodies found inside a burning car. The first killing happened back on January 26th at a home not far away. America's Most Wanted provided video showing the inside of the house of the first murder, where the killer slipped into the home.

### 3/20 Fenty Budget 2010

More than 1000 DC government jobs could be on the chopping block, instead of school positions. The Fenty administration presented its proposed 2010 budget today. The Mayor says it's balanced despite tough times but many people may lose their jobs. There are no increases in income, property or sales taxes.

### 3/20 Iraq War Protest

An anti-war protest got out of hand last night right in front of our cameras. Today several police agencies are studying the fiasco as they prepare for a much bigger rally tomorrow. Police say bricks and pain were thrown during the march in downtown DC. Officers say they had no choice but to move in forcefully and make 2 arrests. Now officials are making sure they're prepared for the much larger protests planned in DC and Virginia tomorrow.

### 3/17 2 bodies in car

Police are investigating the bizarre deaths of two women in Maryland, found inside a burning car. That same car was stolen just minutes earlier from the same neighborhood. Police are combing through missing persons reports to try to find out who the victims are. Sources tell Fox 5 that they are looking at the possibility the victims could be a mother and daughter reported missing yesterday from the area.

### 3/17 Job survival guide

4200 people lined up for a job fair at Fed Ex Field today with employers from all fields there to hire new employees. Employmentguide.com brought the 50 employers to the building for this event. Job seekers were able to make valuable connections with corporations and hiring managers.

### 3/16 DC HIV Rate

At least 3 percent of residents in the nation's capital are living with HIV or AIDS and every mode of

transmission is on the rise, according to a report released Monday by D.C. health officials. The findings in the 2008 epidemiology report by the D.C. HIV/AIDS Administration point to a severe epidemic that's impacting every race and sex across the population and neighborhoods. The report updates a landmark 2007 study that discovered the epidemic had moved from affecting a mostly gay population to a general one, and that it disproportionately affected blacks. The study found that the number of HIV and AIDS cases jumped 22 percent from the 12,428 reported in 2006. Almost 1 in 10 residents between 40 and 49 are living with the virus, and black men had the highest infection rate at almost 7 percent, the report said. It added that 3 percent of black women in D.C. have HIV. The virus was most often transmitted by men having sex with men, followed by heterosexual transmission and injection drug use, the report said.

### 3/11 Redlight Camera

Red Light cameras in New Carrollton are snapping pictures of drivers whether they run a red light or just stop in the wrong spot. The Police Chief says Maryland law demands that drivers stop before entering an intersection. Drivers are getting ticketed if they are too far into the intersection. The Police Chief says it's just something drivers need to get used to.

### 3/9 College park sex assault

An alleged rapist is off the streets in Prince George's County tonight thanks in part to a quick thinking police officer. Police describe it as a brutal crime. A student punched in the face, raped and left out on route 50 in Anne Arundel County on February 21st. Since then, police on campus have looked for a specific pickup truck. Early Saturday morning, Officer Joseph Lilly was watchign traffic when he spotted the vehicle. The man ran a stopsign and an officer pulled him over. That's when he was arrested.

### 3/6 War Memorial Restoration

One of the least vistied places in the District got some much needed attention today. Middle school students from DC and Texas assembled at the monument to the service members from the District who fought in World War One. The students swept and cleaned the area. The students from Texas got involved after a project with photos of World War One veterans. That led to an intensive study of the conflict, a fundraiser for a memorial and this field trip to DC.

### 3/5 Students Mouths Taped

A teacher is accused of taping students' mouths shut in Prince George's County. The kids go to Kingsford Elementary School in Mitchellville. A Prince George's County spokesperson says a counselor spotted a student with tape over his mouth and said a teacher put it there. When officials went to the classroom to investigate, they say six other students had their mouths taped shut. One grandparent says it was a joke, but school officials are taking it seriously. The teacher is on desk duty and is not allowed to have contact with students until the investigation is over.

### 3/4 PG Police Assault

The FBI is monitoring what has become an embarrassing situation for the Prince George's County Police Dept. Dash cam video shows 30 year old Rafeal Rodriguez being pepper sprayed and slammed against the car by two Prince George's County officers. In a sworn statement the officers claimed they were assaulted but according to the representatives for the defendant, the tape shows a different story. State's Attorney Glenn Ivey says there is an investigation underway. The tape came to light when assault charges were dropped against Rodriguez. The new Police Chief says it's embarrassing.

### 3/3 Cherry Blossom Festival

Today organizers for the 2009 Cherry Blossom Festival announced new details on this year's celebration. First Lady Michelle Obama is the honorary chairwoman. The festival goes from March 28th to April 12th. The festival committee expects the peak bloom dates will occur from April 3rd to the 9th. The festival brings more than a million visitors to DC every year.

### 3/2 Minnesota Ave. Shooting

DC Police are looking for two men who shot and killed a 14 year old boy because he wouldn't tell them where he lived. Arthur Daniels was with several other teens when they were confronted on Minnesota Avenue, NE. Police say the men wanted to know where the teens were from. When they ran away, one bullet struck Daniels in the back. The teens were on the way home from a church youth group.

### 3/2 Snow DC Schools

While most schools in our area closed because of the weather, DC public schools remained open. Some parents and teachers are criticizing the decision, saying it put students at risk. The Teachers' Union President also complained, saying that attendance for teachers and students was way down, questioning whether opening for the day was worthwhile. Mayor Adrian Fenty says there's no reason teachers and kids couldn't make it in since the snow stopped by midday. Schools opened on a 2 hour delay.

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#### 1/29 Beltway Potholes

The ice and snow we've had opened up dozens of potholes on the Beltway, including several near University Boulevard in Maryland. Drivers slowing down to avoid slamming into them and work to repair the holes backed up traffic for 8 miles earlier today. Crews repaired most of the potholes along the busy stretch but traffic is still moving slowly.

#### 1/29 Metro Board Meeting

Metro is putting a \$5 million dollar price tag on the extra services it provided during the Inauguration. It will ask for reimbursement from the federal government to pay for the huge bill. Metro carried more than a million passengers on Inauguration Day alone. Now that the big event is over, the agency says it will consider cutbacks in rail and bus service because of money problems.

#### 1/21 Metro Lessons Learned

Officials at Metro say the local rail system carried a recordbreaking number of 1.1 million passengers on Inauguration Day. That's the highest number of trips ever recorded in a day. Now transit managers are analyzing what worked and what didn't. With passengers lined up even at the early 4am start time, it was clear that the early opening was a good idea. Drivers were asked to bring \$4 in cash to get into parking lots but handing over the money caused huge backups on nearby highways. When it became clear that was a problem, transit managers canceled the charges and threw open all the gates. Once people got on the trains, the trips to the Inauguration went relatively smoothly.

#### 1/21 Inauguration Departure

All those out of towners who came to celebrate this historic inauguration are now headed home. This isn't an easy journey. All the major airports in our region are facing massive crowds and long security lines. Many people missed their flights just waiting to get through security. Travelers complained that the airlines and the airports weren't telling them what to do to make things easier.

#### 1/20 495 Tire Fatal

Investigators are still trying to figure out a bizarre accident on the Beltway. Police say a wheel and tire broke free from a truck being towed near the College Park exit. It bounced across the median, struck a tractor trailer traveling on the Inner Loop then bounced back to the outer loop and landed on a Honda Civic in the far right lane. The tire crused the roof and windshield, killing the driver inside. Investigators believe she died instantly.

#### 1/19 Coming to DC

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#### 1/15 Metro Inaug Security

Metro's managers are asking people to consider not transferring lines at crowded downtown stations on Inauguration Day. In fact, Metro may actually forbid such transfers. Managers are worried about crowded platforms that could be impossible to make your way through. Metro is advising that you get off at the yellow line stop closest to your destination.

#### 1/15 NY plane down

A plane that had just taken off from Laguardia Airport headed to Charlotte, NC crashed right into the Hudson River. New York is experiencing frigid temperatures. Boats in the area rushed to the scene to pluck passengers out of lifeboats and off of the wings of the plane. No one was killed. Investigators say the plane hit a flock of geese and the impact disabled both of its engines.

#### 1/14 Metro Inauguration

If you live in the District, it may be next to impossible to get on Metro to get to the Inauguration. The agency is expecting record crowds and trains may fill up long before they reach the city. Some downtown stops will be closed and other stations will be exit only. It's part of a massive regional effort to get people quickly and safely to the National Mall Inauguration Day.

#### 1/12 Inauguration Roads

For anyone hoping to see the Inauguration and parade first-hand, the message is to arrive very early. The Mall is open to anyone who wants to witness the Inauguration on a jumbotron. For the parade route, you'll have to go through one of 13 security checkpoints and once the route is full, no one else will be allowed inside. Roads around the White House, Capitol and along the Mall will be closed to traffic starting at 4 am.

#### 1/8 Black Ice Accident

A ten car pile-up unfolded on Interstate 270 today, one of our busiest roads. A sheet of black ice made it nearly nearly impossible for drivers to be aware of the danger before they were already sliding. Cars flipped off the road and 12 people were taken to the hospital.

#### 1/8 Metro Inauguration

In an effort to make more room on subway trains Inauguration Day, Metro will establish 23 special bus corridors into downtown Washington. Metro expects about 300,000 people to take the bus on Inauguration Day. They're hoping the extra buses will draw riders away from the packed Metro trains.

#### 1/7 River Road Water Main

The first responders who rescued 9 people from a rush of water on River Road were honored today by Montgomery County. When a huge water main broke in December, it swamped cars in several feet of fast running water. The helicopter crews and paramedics put themselves in danger and got everyone out safely.

#### 1/2 Metro Transfers

You can still pay cash to ride Metro buses on Monday, but you will not be able to transfer for free unless you use a Smartrip Card. Metro is phasing out paper transfers. Some social service workers are concerned that people who need them can't afford the \$5 fee for a Smartrip card.

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#### 2/19 Metro Budget

The situation with Metro's budget is so dire some are calling it a crisis. The transit authority is already slashing jobs, now it may have to cut services, too. Before cutting \$81 million in jobs, the agency faced a \$154 million budget gap. Now the total is \$73 million. Metro wants to eliminate duplicate bus service and have passengers wait longer between trains, plus close some station mezzanines. Some members of the board are against the cuts and say Metro needs to work harder to minimize service reductions.

#### 2/18 Metro Stimulus

Thanks to the new federal stimulus package, Metro officials say they have \$230 million dollars worth of repair projects that can be started in the new few weeks. The includes fixing the platform at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station that's being held up by wood beams and metal jacks, a temporary fix. Metro says while the money seems like a fortune, it's just the beginning of what they'll need to fix everything. Metro estimates it will need \$11 billion over the next ten years to maintain a state of good repair.

#### 2/17 Buffalo Crash

Federal investigators are searching for the cause of a deadly plane crash near Buffalo, New York. The commuter plane plunged into a house, killing 49 people on board and one man inside his home. Investigators have to work quickly to clear all evidence from the scene. A snowstorm is coming that could blanket the area.

#### 2/13 Deadly Plane Crash

Investigators have recovered the two flight data recorders from a plane crash site near Buffalo, New York. The Continental Airlines flight crashed into a home, killing all 49 people on the plane and one man inside the house. One of the victims was a 9/11 widow headed to Buffalo to celebrate what would have been her husband's 58th birthday. She met with President Obama just last week as part of a victims' group.

#### 2/9 Beltway Burden

Many families are trying to save money by living farther outside the beltway and driving a longer distance to work. Now an online calculator from the Urban Land Institute can show you just how well that works out for you. The calculator shows the tipping point is about 15-17 miles where a longer commute begins to cost you more money than you save on your housing payment. You have to factor in gas and time costs that can eventually outweigh the cheaper housing price.

#### 2/5 Biden O'Malley Stimulus

Vice President Joe Biden headed to a Maryland commuter rail station today with Governor Martin O'Malley. The men weren't looking to travel. Biden was hoping to use the station to sell the administration's plan to spend billions on infrastructure. The station in Laurel needs dramatic improvements. Biden used the station as an example to push for public support for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan, with \$100 billion targeted at helping transit, roads and bridges. He says the plan would create or save 70,000 jobs.

#### 2/3 Frederick Cab Murder

There are new clues tonight in the murder of a Frederick cab driver. He was shot and killed a week ago in Baltimore. Stephen Mauk was buried this weekend. Police say the killers gave what's called a "dummy address." They used a real address but didn't come from the address. They walked up from somewhere else.

#### 2/2 Veirs Mill Road

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### 3/31 Take Home cars

Fairfax County is now auditing its take home vehicles after a Fox 5 news investigation found that firefighters are getting cars, fuel and maintenance all paid for by taxpayers. They're supposed to be for firefighters to use to respond to emergencies when they're off duty but records show they're used only 15% of the time for that reason. The Fire Department gave lawmakers documents that claimed the vehicles never leave the country but Fox 5 found that some users drive as far as 125 miles a day for their commute.

### 3/30 Obama Auto Bailout

President Barack Obama asserted unprecedented government control over the auto industry Monday, bluntly rejecting turnaround plans by General Motors Corp. and Chrysler, demanding fresh concessions for long-term federal aid and raising the possibility of quick bankruptcy for either ailing auto giant. President Obama took the extraordinary step of announcing the government will back new car warranties issued by both GM and Chrysler, an attempt to reassure consumers their U.S.-made purchases will be protected even if the companies don't survive.

### 3/30 Bethesda Metro Derail

Metro is conducting emergency inspections on all its tracks after two trains derailed on the Red Line Friday. Metro is blaming the problem on a cracked rail. Crews worked all weekend to replace 2,000 feet of track at the Bethesda Metro. Metro says that same area had just been inspected days earlier and again the morning of the incident. The latest inspections since then have revealed new problems on blue line trains. Those repairs were made this morning.

### 3/13 495 Fatal Accident

In a horrific accident on the Beltway on the Inner Loop near Forestville, a car hit the victim as his best friend watched. Now police say the driver of the car had alcohol in his system. The two men from out-of-state had pulled their car over on the shoulder of the Beltway to switch drivers. That's when a DC man driving a van hit and killed one of them. Fox 5 has learned the driver had been arrested for driving under the influence once before. Charges against him are pending.

### 3/13 Amtrak Money

As part of the economic stimulus plan, Amtrak is getting \$1.3 billion for some long overdue infrastructure improvements. Vice-President Joe Biden announced the boost for Amtrak. He was well-known for commuting on Amtrak from Delaware during his years as a Senator. An estimated 28 million passengers ride Amtrak every year. The improvements will fund improvements ilke bridges, signal systems, tracks and tunnels.

### 3/11 Redlight Camera

Red Light cameras in New Carrollton are snapping pictures of drivers whether they run a red light or just stop in the wrong spot. The Police Chief says Maryland law demands that drivers stop before entering an intersection. Drivers are getting ticketed if they are too far into the intersection. The Police Chief says it's just something drivers need of get used to.

### 3/3 Southern Maryland Snow

The southern Maryland area is the hardest hit in yesterday's snow storm and people there are still coping with about a foot of snow. The snow plows and crews are still busy getting the roads and public parking lots cleared in Saint Mary's County. The Public Works Department says it spent \$56,000 on equipment and \$15,000 in overtime for crews who worked 14 hour shifts.

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1/22 Plastic Bags Ban

The Virginia General Assembly is considering banning plastic bags at grocery stores and retailers. Lawmakers say fewer plastic bags would be better for the environment and for farmers. Some farmers have complained that the bags get caught in their cotton equipment and damage the machines and the crop. Legislators are also considering an option that would require stores to recycle the bags.

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2/12 Bag Tax

A new proposal in front of the DC City Council could charge you a 5 cent tax for every plastic bag you use. That's not just on bags at the grocery store but also the ones you get at fast food stores, drug stores or for restaurant take out. Several councilmembers support the plan. The money would be split between businesses and the city. The city would spend its share on cleaning up the Anacostia.

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### 3/30 Meteor booster rocket?

The National Weather Service says there is no evidence of any naturally occurring phenomenon to explain bright lights in the eastern sky that prompted hundreds of calls to the service and emergency officials. Callers from Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina described brilliant, streaking lights followed by an explosion-like sound around 9:45 p.m. Sunday. Callers reported seeing "great balls of fire" lighting up the sky in shades of yellow, white orange and blue. Some described the explosion as sounding like thunder. The US Naval Observatory believes it was space junk burning through the atmosphere from a Russian booster rocket that launched last week.

### 3/26 Derelict Barge

A derelict barge is sitting in the water between Fairfax and Prince William Counties, exposing 56 feet of rusted, twisted metal to anyone who passes by. Environmental teams have checked it to see if the barge is leaking any chemicals or posing a hazard. So far, tests have shown no problems but officials want it moved because it's an eyesore. The trouble is that the barge has been there for so many years, no one knows who owns it anymore. The community will have to come up with the tens of thousands of dollars it will take to move it.

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## 1/28 DC Schools Decision

Some parents are upset at DC's decision to open schools two hours late today instead of closing them all day. Some parents say that put kids in danger because many sidewalks were coated with ice, even though the streets are clear. DC Public Schools are defending the decision.

## 1/28 UMD Student Arrest

Police in Prince George's County arrested a student and another man in connection with an armed robbery near the University of Maryland. Police say they had surveillance video of the man who robbed a student near Ratsie's on January 10th. They didn't have anyone's name until a fight broke out on campus a few days later. Surveillance pictures from that fight matched the suspects they were looking for in the robbery. 20 year old Antuane Allen, a junior, and 20 year old Jewison Hurtault are both out on bail on armed robbery charges.

## 1/14 Missing 13 year old

Police aren't calling the death of 13 year old Lexie Glover murder, but they say they have figured out what happened to her. The mentally and physically disabled girl was found dead in a creek in Woodbridge days after disappearing in Manassas. Police arrested her mom last night. She is now charged with felony child neglect and making a false police report.

## 1/13 Georgetown sex assault

Georgetown University officials are warning women again to make sure their doors are locked. Someone broke into a student's townhome on Prospect Street and stood beside her bed. The woman woke up to find him there. This is the latest in a string of break-ins and sexual assaults. Even though no one was hurt here, other women have been groped and assaulted. Police aren't sure if the cases are connected.

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## 1/13 Vicks VapoRub

A popular cold and cough treatment that's been around for years may do more harm than good. Research out of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center found that the ingredients in Vicks can be irritants that stimulate mucus production and cause airway inflammation. That can have serious side effects in infants and small children. The label advises people to consult a doctor before using on children under 2.

## 1/12 Missing 13 year old

A physically and mentally disabled 13 year old was found dead last week and now it appears that someone killed her. Police were out in force today handing out fliers hoping for a tip that could lead them to Lexie Glover's killer. Last week, Lexie ran away from her in the parking lot of the Manassas Central Library. Her body was found 8 miles away in a Woodbridge creek.

## 1/12 Autistic Sex Assault

Montgomery County Police have a charged a 61-year-old Silver Spring man with sexually abusing an 11-year-old autistic boy in his care. Police say Abdul Kudsy had inappropriate contact with the boy and

photographed the partially clothed boy at the child's Bethesda home. Kudsy was arrested Friday night and charged with sexual abuse of a minor and third-degree sexual offenses. He is being held on \$500,000 bond.

Police began investigating at the end of December. The family hired Kudsy in September to help the child with social skills and to provide supervision.

1/9 Missing 13 year old

The search for a missing 13 year old is apparently at a tragic end. Police believe they found the body of Lexie Glover in a Woodbridge creek. The disabled ran away from her mother Tuesday in the parking lot of a Manassas library. Police aren't saying how she died.

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1/2 Jackson St Fire

More heartbreak tonight for a couple who lost five friends and family members in a fire in their home. Today, they lost their 11 year old child who succumbed to his injuries. Michelle and Oscar Wilson returned to the house today to see the spot where a fire killed their son, nephew, her father, and three members of her extended family.

1/1 Jackson St. fire

A fire inside a home on Jackson Street in DC killed five people inside the house. In all, nine people were inside celebrating New Year's and a birthday. Two kids died and another boy is in critical condition. Investigators say the fire started in the home's electrical system.

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**2/27 Black History Scuba**

A District man's passion for swimming and diving has made an impact here in DC and all over the world. In 1959, Dr. Jose Jones tried to join a white diving club in DC and was told he would not be admitted. So he formed his own club, Underwater Adventure Seekers, with just six members. 50 years later, the National Association fo Black Scuba divers has 42 clubs and more than 2,000 members. Many of those he trains are children. Jones says the group has never charged anyone anything to learn how to dive.

**2/26 Oxon Hill Sex Assault**

Students who attend Oxon Hill High School are being warned to stay away from a wooded area where two teenagers were sexually assaulted. An armed man forced the girls to strip after encountering them on a path in the woods. School officials say theyve told students time and time again to stay out of that area. The gunman forced the 15 and 17 year old out of the woods and they ran for help. Police are still looking for the suspect.

**2/25 Oxon Hill Sex Assault**

Two teenaged girls were forced to undress in the woods and were then sexually assaulted by a lone gunman yesterday in Oxon Hill. It happened in an area right next to a public library. Witnesses say the two girls came stumbling out of the woods naked yesterday around 4 o'clock. Family and friends say they are high school students at Oxon Hill High. Police are still looking for suspects.

**2/25 Flu Fears**

Sad news today out of Howard County where a local teenager has died from the flu. The Frederick County Health Department is investigating the death of another teenaged boy, to determine if the flu also caused his death. It's unusual for the flu to be deadly. According to the Centers for Disease Control, there have only been 9 pediatric deaths from the flu this entire 4 month season. The Maryland Health Commission says the young Howard County victim was not killed by a virulent strain of the flu, instead the illness had a very rapid course for a routine, seasonal case of the flu. Doctors say it's not too late to get a flu shot.

**2/24 FFX School Start Times**

The Fairfax County School Board is asking for community input tonight on a proposal to start school later. The idea is based on studies that show later start times are a boost to kids' health and behavior. Some parents complain that changing schedules would jeopardize after school activities and is too disruptive for transportation and day care issues.

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**2/23 Missing 13 year old**

The mother of a 13 year old with autism, left to die in a creek, was in court today. She's charged with making a false police report. Two women who knew her daughter, Lexie, were outside the courthouse today. They worked on the school bus that Lexie rode. The women are furious that mother Alfreda Glover is not in jail. Glover first said Lexie broke away from her in a public library parking lot in Prince William County and ran away. Investigators say Glover knew all along the child was not missing. Last week, an autopsy revealed the girl was alive when someone placed her in the creek. She was mentally and physically handicapped.

**2/20 Hancock Fatal Fire**

Clarence Meyers is now charged in a deadly fire that killed his girlfriend's 12 and 15 year old daughters. Neighbors say he tried to save the girls but police say he's no her. He's charged with multiple counts of arson and murder. Police say Meyers confessed to setting the home in Hancock, Maryland on fire hoping to get donations from the community. Investigators believe he set the fire in the basement and it got out of hand. Family members say he and his girlfriend were both out of work.

**2/20 Teen Story**

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#### 2/19 Missing 13 year old

There is startling new information in the death of a 13 year old girl found dead in a Woodbridge creek in January. The autopsy on Lexie Glover is complete. The medical examiner says whoever put her in the creek did it while she was still alive. She died from drowning and exposure. The girl had autism and a number of other medical problems. When she was first missing, her mom, Alfreeda Glover reported her missing and even pleaded for help. Now she's charged with filing a false report. Investigators think Glover knew she was in the creek all along. Prosecutors now say they'll try to build a murder case against her.

#### 2/18 College Grad Jobs

A college degree used to guarantee a good job but not anymore. Unemployment is rising even among college graduates. This year, college grads will have more competition for fewer jobs. Last month, unemployment for college educated workers hit the highest level in more than 15 years.

#### 2/13 Triangle Triple Murder

A Virginia man is accused of killing his family tonight. Police found his wife and two step-children inside their home in Triangle last night. All three had been shot. Neighbors say they had no indication there were any signs of trouble with the family. Police say Carillo Dean used a handgun to kill his wife Elizabeth, 13 year old Connor and 14 year old Brittany. He then called police to report the crime and waited for officers to arrive. Dean is charged with murder.

#### 2/13 School Sex Offender

The pastor of a Bethesda church is defending his decision to hire a convicted sex offender, allowing him to live and work around young children. Travis Buffing was convicted of possessing child porn. He now works as a janitor at "The Church in Bethesda", which runs a nursery school. Parents are outraged and some are pulling their kids from the school. Pastor Todd Thomas calls Buffington a friend and says he's trying to find a solution that will work for everyone. He acknowledges that he knew about Buffington's past conviction.

#### 2/12 School Sex Offender

Parents at a Bethesda nursery school are upset that a convicted sex offender is working at the church that runs the day care. They say the pastor who hired Travis Buffington knew all about his background. Buffing lives on the grounds of the church and works as a janitor despite being convicted for possessing child porn. Parents claim the pastor defended his decision by telling the parents he wasn't a threat. Parents and the school had a tense meeting last night. No one from the school would comment today.

#### 2/12 Autism Ruling

Questions over whether vaccines cause autism has been the focus of heated debate for years. Today, a special court in DC ruled that scientific evidence is overwhelming that vaccines are not to blame. Thousands of parents were trying to win damages at the US Court for Federal Claims in Washington. A series of rulings have been released from that court concluding that available science does not support a connection between vaccines and autism. At least one parent activist group criticized the finding.

#### 2/10 Cardozo Fight

A wild brawl at a DC high school brought out police and ambulances. When the dust cleared at Cardozo High School, 16 juveniles and an 18 year old had been arrested. 5 students had to go to the hospital. Police say the brawl was sparked by a hair pulling incident yesterday.

#### 2/9 Mogo School Budget

The Montgomery School system is feeling the pinch that is hurting school systems across the country. The board today passed its \$2.13 billion budget which comes with \$35 million in cuts. If the budget passes, it calls for eliminating 17 kindergarten and 20 special ed teaching positions. 70 positions in the central office would be cut along with 168 other jobs across the school district. The county council has the final say on all budgets. It will vote in May.

#### 2/4 Cheaper Text Books

The Maryland State Senate is considering legislation to decrease the cost of textbooks by increasing competition, allowing students to shop for books at used book stores. The bill would also educate professors on ways to reduce the cost of the books that they require. Students spend about \$1000 books every year.

2/3 Gaither St. Homicide

A 16 year old Suitland High School student is dead and police are looking for his killer. Duane Hopkins, Jr. was gunned down on Gaither Street in Temple Hills. Neighbors heard gunshots last night. Police didn't find the body until around 7 this morning.

2/2 Veirs Mill Road

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**3/30 College Tuition**

Finding a way to pay for college is tougher than ever. The faltering economy means scholarship money is not as plentiful as it was before. There is money out there is you know where to look. A Hamilton Financial Aid director says it's important to apply early. Grant money is based on a form called the Faf-sa and you'll need your latest tax information to fill it out. It's best to apply for scholarships early too. The financial aid director emphasizes that parents should not pay for information on financial aid. It's all available for free online.

**3/27 Easter Egg Roll Tix**

A big surprise today for a DC family. The White House called to offer tickets to the Easter Egg Roll. Trista Dunlap was on Fox 5 last night, talking about the trouble she was having getting tickets after spending all day online. Someone at the White House saw our story and called reporter Sherri Ly. She put the White House in contact with the family. The White House employee offered her tickets for her and her children. Dunlap was thrilled. She said she wanted to be there for the historic moment with the first African American president. The Dunlaps will also get a tour of the White House.

**3/27 DC Teacher Arrested**

Howard County police say a D.C. charter school teacher has been arrested on charges of bringing a teenage student to his Ellicott City home and sexually abusing him. Police say 57-year-old Ricardo Cuaderes picked up the 14-year-old boy from D.C. on a Saturday sometime between November and January. Detectives are still investigating exactly when the alleged sexual abuse occurred. Cuaderes is a teacher at Young America Works in northeast D.C., a public charter vocational high school. The boy recently told police he had sexual contact with Cuaderes. Cuaderes is charged with child sexual abuse and several sex offenses. He is being held in Howard County.

**3/26 Middle school gangs**

In Fairfax County, seven teenagers are under arrest accused of gang activity at a local high school. Children as young as 13 are charged with trying to recruit their classmates at Franklin Middle School as gang members. The investigation started back in December when a student told a Student Resource Officer that he or she was being asked to join a gang. The Fairfax County Gang Division says it's unusual to catch and arrest this many for gang related crimes.

**3/26 Easter Egg Roll Tickets**

In past years, thousands of people lined up to get tickets for the White House Easter Egg Roll. Now, the White House is changing the ticket policy, leaving millions of people logging on for a coveted ticket to the event. The tickets are being given out randomly throughout the day and early evening. Right now, many hopefuls are getting screens advising them to keep trying.

**3/24 Donte Manning Anniversary**

It's been four years since Donte Manning was shot as he played outside his Columbia Heights home. He died a month later. Even with \$125,000 in reward money and constant requests for tips, police still don't know who shot him. Neighbors saw the man on a bike open fire in the neighborhood but didn't recognize the man. A law enforcement source familiar with the case says leads stopped coming in a long time ago. The trail of the killer is now cold.

**3/24 Teen Dating Violence**

When it comes to preventing teen dating violence, most states don't make the grade. An organization called "Break the Cycle" is out with its report card on state laws. Virginia scored an "F" while DC & Maryland both got "Cs." Experts say the states need to do a better job of protecting minors from domestic violence and they're calling for better legislation.

**3/23 Maryland Avenue 3 dead**

DC police say a mother and her two sons found stabbed to death in their Northeast home over the weekend died at the hands of the mother's boyfriend. Joseph Mays is facing three counts of murder. Tonight, the victims' family claims there was a history of violence in their relationship. The bodies of Erika Peters and her 2 sons, ages 10 & 11, were found Saturday. A 2 year old girl in the house wasn't hurt.

**3/19 Mrs. Obama's Women's History Month**

In honor of Women's History Month, First Lady Michelle Obama organized a big celebration at DC schools.

Famous women, including Sheryl Crowe and Alicia Keys, visited DC schools. But it was Mrs. Obama herself who delivered the biggest and best surprise for students at Anacostia High School. They didn't know she was even coming when she arrived to surprise them. Students were thrilled to meet her and hear her speech.

### 3/12 Sexting Arrests

Two high school students in Spotsylvania County are facing child pornography charges. Police say they found nude pictures of underage girls on the boys' cellphones. Tonight there's word more students... age 14 to 17... possibly in the next few days. Several schools in our area are considering educating kids about the dangers of sexting to avoid similar problems.

### 3/12 Unsafe Baby products

A disturbing new report claims that many baby products could be tainted with chemicals. Some are even raising cancer concerns. The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics and the Environmental Working Group are complaining that even small amount of contaminants will build up over a lifetime to create a risk of illnesses. They're specifically worried about a chemical in products like Johnson's Baby Shampoo and Banana Boat Kids Sunblock. Industry representatives say the groups are accusing consumer activists of being misleading and pushing a political agenda. They claim the levels are below anything that could be dangerous.

### 3/11 Spotsylvania sexting

An alarming new trend among young people now has two high school students facing child porn charges. Police in Spotsylvania County say this is the first case like this they've faced. Girls 16, 13 and 12 sent naked photos of themselves to teenage boys. Now the boys are in trouble for possessing child porn.

### 3/9 College park sex assault

An alleged rapist is off the streets in Prince George's County tonight thanks in part to a quick thinking police officer. Police describe it as a brutal crime. A student punched in the face, raped and left out on route 50 in Anne Arundel County on February 21st. Since then, police on campus have looked for a specific pickup truck. Early Saturday morning, Officer Joseph Lilly was watching traffic when he spotted the vehicle. The man ran a stop sign and an officer pulled him over. That's when he was arrested.

### 3/6 War Memorial Restoration

One of the least visited places in the District got some much needed attention today. Middle school students from DC and Texas assembled at the monument to the service members from the District who fought in World War One. The students swept and cleaned the area. The students from Texas got involved after a project with photos of World War One veterans. That led to an intensive study of the conflict, a fundraiser for a memorial and this field trip to DC.

### 3/5 Students Mouths Taped

A teacher is accused of taping students' mouths shut in Prince George's County. The kids go to Kingsford Elementary School in Mitchellville. A Prince George's County spokesperson says a counselor spotted a student with tape over his mouth and said a teacher put it there. When officials went to the classroom to investigate, they say six other students had their mouths taped shut. One grandparent says it was a joke, but school officials are taking it seriously. The teacher is on desk duty and is not allowed to have contact with students until the investigation is over.

### 3/2 Snow DC Schools

While most schools in our area closed because of the weather, DC public schools remained open. Some parents and teachers are criticizing the decision, saying it put students at risk. The Teachers' Union President also complained, saying that attendance for teachers and students was way down, questioning whether opening for the day was worthwhile. Mayor Adrian Fenty says there's no reason teachers and kids couldn't make it in since the snow stopped by midday. Schools opened on a 2 hour delay.

### 3/2 Minnesota Ave. Shooting

DC Police are looking for two men who shot and killed a 14 year old boy because he wouldn't tell them where he lived. Arthur Daniels was with several other teens when they were confronted on Minnesota Avenue, NE. Police say the men wanted to know where the teens were from. When they ran away, one bullet struck Daniels in the back. The teens were on the way home from a church youth group.