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Episodes 3rd Quarter 2016:

- Sunday, July 3
- Sunday, July 10
- Sunday, July 17
- Sunday, July 24
- Sunday, July 31
- Sunday, August 7
- Sunday, August 14
- Sunday, August 21
- Sunday, August 28
- Sunday, September 4
- Sunday, September 11
- Sunday, September 18
- Sunday, September 25

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

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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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Origination: Network

3rd Quarter 2016 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report

July 3, 2016- September 25, 2016

July 3

2016/HRC & Benghazi

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

Terrorism

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

July 10

Dallas Police Violence

Charles Ramsey, Former Philadelphia Police Commissioner

Dallas Police Violence

Rev Jesse Jackson, Rainbow PUSH Coalition

2016/HRC

Tom Perez, Clinton Supporter

2016/Trump

Sen Jeff Session (R-AL), Chair, Trump National Security Committee

July 17

2016/Trump

Paul Manafort, Trump Campaign Chairman

2016/RNC

Reince Priebus, RNC Chairman

July 24

2016/HRC

Joel Benenson, Clinton Chief Strategist

2016/Trump

Paul Manafort, Trump Campaign Chairman

August 7

2016

Newt Gingrich, Trump Supporter/Former House Speaker/Fox News Contributor

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

Iran

Sen Tom Cotton (R-AR), Armed Service Committee

August 14

2016/Trump

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

2016/HRC

Sen Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Clinton Supporter

August 21

2016/Trump

Rudy Giuliani, Former New York City Mayor/Trump Campaign Advisor

2016/HRC

Sen Ben Cardin (D-MD), Clinton Supporter/Foreign Relations Committee

August 28

2016/Trump

Kellyanne Conway, Trump Campaign Manager

2016

Gary Johnson, Libertarian Presidential Nominee

September 4

2016/Trump

Dr Ben Carson, Trump Advisor

2016/HRC

Rep Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Clinton Supporter/Chairman of Black Caucus PAC

2016

Dr Jill Stein, Green Party Presidential Nominee

September 11

9/11 Anniversary/ Homeland Security

Jeh Johnson, Department of Homeland Security Secretary

2016

Newt Gingrich, Trump Supporter/Former House Speaker/Fox News Contributor
Rep Xavier Becerra (D-CA), Chair, House Democratic Caucus/Clinton Supporter

September 18

2016/HRC

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

2016/Trump

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

South Sudan

George Clooney, Actor/Activist
John Prendergast, Human Rights Activist

September 25

2016/Trump

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

2016/HRC

Joel Benenson, Clinton Chief Strategist

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

3Q 2016

*HEALTH
AUGUST 2016*

Va. health officials warn Tropical Smoothie Cafe customers of possible exposure to hepatitis A

By: fox5dc.com staff

Virginia's health department is warning customers who consumed smoothies at Tropical Smoothie Café locations across the state that they may be at risk of being exposed to hepatitis A.

The Virginia Department of Health said they are investigating a cluster of hepatitis A cases that have been causing illnesses and found that this strain has previously been associated to past outbreaks from frozen strawberries from Egypt.

In a news release, the Virginia Department of Health said in part,

“Individuals who consumed a smoothie from a Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Virginia that contained frozen strawberries, on August 5, 6, 7 or 8, 2016, may still benefit from vaccine or immune globulin to prevent hepatitis A. (Vaccine or immune globulin administered within two weeks of exposure to hepatitis A virus is effective at preventing the disease.) If you have had hepatitis A or have been vaccinated for hepatitis A, you are already immune and therefore not at risk for getting the disease. Anyone who consumed a smoothie after the frozen strawberries were removed from restaurants is not thought to be at risk for hepatitis A.”

Tropical Smoothie Café, which has 96 restaurant locations in Virginia, said on its website about the foodborne illness concern:

“Tropical Smoothie Cafe was notified by the Virginia Department of Health about several foodborne illnesses in the state linked to frozen strawberries sourced from Egypt. Our cafes and their food handling practices have not been implicated in any way – the health department believes this is a single product issue (strawberries) sourced from Egypt.

“Egyptian strawberries represent a fraction of our overall strawberries purchased, and were predominantly distributed to stores in the Virginia market. Today, our strawberries are primarily sourced from Mexico and California.

“However, in an abundance of caution, we voluntarily pulled all strawberries sourced from Egypt from every cafe in our system, not only the Virginia cafes.

“Our primary concern is for the safety and well-being of our guests and crew members and we will continue to cooperate with the health authorities.”

The health department said anyone who has consumed a smoothie with frozen strawberries within in the last 50 days is advised to watch out for symptoms of hepatitis A, which may include jaundice, fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dark urine and light-colored stools. Exposure to the virus can occur through direct contact with another person with the infection or consuming food or drink contaminated with the virus.

For more information about hepatitis A, go to <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/epidemiology-fact-sheets/hepatitis-a/>

EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 2016

Gov. Hogan signs executive order for Maryland public schools to start after Labor Day

By: fox5dc.com staff

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed an executive order on Wednesday that will require schools in the state to start after Labor Day. Hogan signed the order on the Ocean City Boardwalk.

Hogan says the policy will take effect next year and it also will require the school year to end by June 15.

“Starting Maryland public schools after Labor Day is not just a family issue – it’s an economic and public safety issue that draws clear, strong, bipartisan support among an overwhelming majority of Marylanders,” said Governor Hogan. “Comptroller Franchot and I believe, and the people of Maryland strongly agree, that this Executive Order puts the best interests of Marylanders first, especially the well-being of our students. This action is long overdue, and it is simply the right thing to do.”

Hogan made the announcement with Comptroller Peter Franchot and local officials. The governor says the change will have economic benefits by extending the summer holiday season. He also says it will help prevent disruptions when schools without air conditioning are forced to cancel classes when it's too hot.

“I applaud Governor Hogan for signing today’s executive order,” said Comptroller Franchot.

Supporters on Wednesday signaled to the empty stands and shops along the boardwalk, as well as the half empty beach. “Small business, everybody knows is the backbone of this economy, but it's been tough. And one holiday weekend can help a small business survive three to six weeks over the winter,” said Bill Paulshock, owner of Bill's Seafood & Catering Co.

Not everybody feels the same way. The Maryland State Education Association released a statement accusing governor Hogan of putting tourism dollars ahead of education.

The statement said in part, “forcing all schools to begin after Labor Day won't help students do better - and research shows that it can worsen summer brain drain among students from poor socioeconomic backgrounds.”

Governor Hogan's office says two nonpartisan polls show more than 70% of Maryland residents support the idea.

CRIME

JULY 2016

DNC employee fatally shot in Northwest DC

By: Marina Marraco and fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - A Democratic National Committee employee was fatally shot over the weekend just about a block away from his D.C. home.

Seth Rich was killed early Sunday in the Bloomingdale neighborhood of Northwest D.C., police said. The 27-year-old man was gunned down in the 2100 block of Flagler Place at around 4:19 a.m. Sunday. A shot spotter heard the gunfire and alerted police. Rich was transported to the hospital where he died from his injuries.

Investigators believe this could have been a robbery attempt although nothing was stolen. No one witnessed the killing.

NC Chair Debbie Wasserman Schultz released the following statement regarding Rich's death:

“Our hearts are broken with the loss of one of our DNC family members over the weekend. Seth Rich was a dedicated, selfless public servant who worked tirelessly to protect the most sacred right we share as Americans – the right to vote. He saw the great potential of our nation and believed that, together, we can make the world a better place. He was a joy to have as a member of our team, and his talents, intelligence and enthusiasm will be deeply missed by the many friends, colleagues and coworkers who worked by his side in service to the highest ideals of our democracy. We send our deepest heartfelt sympathies to Seth's family, and we will keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we try to pick up the pieces and carry on the work that was so important to Seth and to us.”

Police officers and cadets canvassed the neighborhood Monday evening handing out flyers and hoping for a break in the case that has shaken this D.C. community.

“Right now, I think we are in a state of shock because of the death of this young man,” said one resident. “People used to feel very, very at ease until this period – the last five, six months.”

But neighbors said the violence has spiked, especially in nearby construction zones where DC Water has been working on flood relief. Just last week, a Howard University student was robbed at gunpoint.

“I was walking through this construction area, and as soon as I got into the construction area, there was a spotter that walked past me on my left,” said Brandon Alexander. “As soon as he passed me on my left, the shooter came out of basically the construction area with a gun, put it to my face and basically took everything I had.”

“They made me turn off [the] Find My iPhone [app], they made me turn off basically all the security protocols on my phone,” Alexander added, saying this all lasted about a minute and a half to two minutes.

Following the murder on Monday morning about a block away, another attempted robbery happened inside an occupied home. A resident of the home was able to scare away the would-be thieves. She was able to capture photos of the suspects on her phone.

DC Water CEO and general manager George Hawkins said in a statement regarding the recent crimes in the Bloomingdale neighborhood:

Dear Residents,

I am deeply saddened to hear about the recent street robberies and the shooting death of a resident in Bloomingdale. I know the fear that such acts engender – I was held up at gunpoint several years ago in a nearby neighborhood – and members of the community are rightly concerned about these horrific crimes. We are also concerned for the safety of our workers who are in the neighborhood every day building critical new infrastructure to safeguard Bloomingdale against flooding.

We have strived to be good neighbors during our First Street Tunnel project, and we will uphold that commitment until the work is done later this summer. I have called Chief Lanier to offer our assistance to try and deter crime in Bloomingdale. I have also asked our team to explore any and all measures to enhance security around our construction sites in the neighborhood. Working with the project's contractors, we are taking the following actions:

- Checking and repairing lighting - During the project, lights were added to better illuminate sidewalks around our construction staging areas. Residents have reported some of these lights are out. Electricians are checking to ensure the lights are functioning properly, and if not, making the necessary repairs.*
- Improve visibility – Beginning immediately, workers are removing the noise blankets that shield nearby homes from the construction areas. This will hopefully increase visibility and eliminate blind spots that could allow criminals to surprise victims or escape capture. The blankets can be rehung as needed for noise suppression during heavy construction.*
- Additional patrols – DC Water is working to supplement security around the construction staging areas. This will include off-duty police officers or private security personnel.*
- Free transportation for residents – The tunnel project continues to offer free rides in the neighborhood on request for residents who call the 24 hour hotline at 1-844-FST-INFO [1-844-378-4636].*

No one should have to fear walking down the street in their own neighborhood. We will continue to work with MPD to respond to this very troubling and tragic series of crimes.

There is a \$25,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest and conviction in the deadly shooting of Rich. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the police at 202-727-9099. Anonymous information may be submitted to the department's TEXT TIP LINE by text messaging 50411.

TRANSPORTATION
AUGUST 2016

As Metro ridership declines, transit system to discuss proposal to change

By: fox5dc.com staff

WASHINGTON - A new proposal from Metro calls for major changes to the system's opening and closing times.

WAMU transportation reporter and FOX 5 contributor, Martin Di Caro, says the transit system is considering reducing operating hours on nights and weekends to allow more time for crews to perform maintenance work.

SERVICE HOURS PROPOSAL:

	Scenario A	Scenario B	Scenario C
Mon - Thurs	5am-midnight	5am-11:30pm	5am-11:30pm
Fri	5am-midnight	5am-midnight	5am-1am
Sat	7am-midnight	7am-midnight	7am-1am
Sun	7am-10pm	7am-11:30pm	8am-11pm

As Metro ridership declines, transit system to discuss proposal to change operating times

D.C., Maryland and Virginia have pushed back against this proposal, Di Caro says, and alternatives to the new service times will be discussed. Di Caro says a decision is expected in the next few months.

A new report also says Metro ridership is down to levels not seen in more than a decade. Di Caro says poor service combined with maintenance work, travel alternatives and the rise of telemarketing have worked to whittle away ridership figures.

Di Caro says 15 million fewer trips were made on the rail lines during the last fiscal year and is looking at a budget deficit next year of nearly \$150 million dollars. "They're only few ways to do

something about that. You can raise fares and/or cut service and/or ask the taxpayers and all the jurisdictions to cough up more money,” he said.

The chairman of the metro board Jack Evans told FOX 5 that he isn't on board with closing metro so early on weekends. Evans says late night service has to be restored after safetrack. He wants it to go back to 3am for those going out Friday and Saturday nights. Evans says he agrees with metro's management not to extend service for sporting events.

Safetrack has a long way to go, these permit changes need to go through public hearings - a committee vote and then a full board vote.

http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/board_of_directors/board_docs/090816_4AMetrorailHours ofServiceTOPOST.pdf

HOUSING

AUGUST 2016

Natural gas involved in Silver Spring apartment explosion that left 7 dead; 3 positively identified

By: Lauren DeMarco and fox5dc.com staff

SILVER SPRING, Md. - Authorities said an explosion and fire at a Silver Spring apartment complex last week was caused by natural gas and started in the building's meter room and involved natural gas.

Officials from the Montgomery County police and fire departments along with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the National Transportation Safety Board revealed the new details during a news conference Friday at a Silver Spring community center near the site of the Aug. 10 explosion at the Flower Branch Apartments.

Officials said they interviewed more than 100 witnesses, dug through the debris, reconstructed gas lines and looked through surveillance footage to confirm the cause that happened at the apartment complex located on Piney Branch Road and Arliss Street.

Several residents have said there were frequent complaints about the smell of gas leading up to the devastating blast and fire. But Clark Melillo, president of Kay Management Company, said they have an elaborate system of recording complaints.

“Since the beginning of the year, we have had two complaints – one in January and one in May for the smell of gas,” he said. “Both complaints were investigated. A technician went to their apartment with an electronic sniffer and found no gas. It had dissipated by the time we were there.”

Melillo also addressed another report of gas back in July.

“Everybody knows there was another report on July 25th. The fire company came out – a 911 call – and they found no source, no leak of gas,” Melillo said.

But Adriene Boye, the resident who made that 911 call that day, is now pursuing a civil lawsuit.

“We have information that the management company was repeatedly told that there was a gas leak and that they should look into it,” said attorney Joseph Cammarata.

“I believe this could have been avoided,” said Boye.

The investigation into the explosion, led by the NTSB, will continue because officials said there were several possible ignition sources inside that meter room. But they do not believe that this was a criminal act.

In the meantime, police said the process of identifying the seven bodies found in the debris is slow. It requires DNA and dental records. But they have positively identified three of the victims – Augusto Jimenez Sr., Maria Auxiliadorai Castellon-Martinez and Saul Paniagua

For the families with loved ones still missing, the identification process is agonizing.

The NTSB, which reviews gas pipeline safety, said it will be at the Silver Spring complex for a few more days as the investigation process continues.

COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2016

National Night Out celebrated across DC region as communities try to build positive relationships

By: Tisha Lewis

WOODBIDGE, Va. - It was National Night Out on Tuesday and on the heels of controversial police encounters nationwide, the annual party has a renewed focus – creating positive relationships between the police and the community.

It is not always easy for police to change preconceived notions about them in the community and vice versa, but consider National Night Out an olive branch.

“Kids need to see who protects us in our community,” said Delvon McCormick, a Woodbridge, Va., resident.

And not just when there is bad news.

“We need this more often, not just once a year,” said Sonya Warner.

McCormick and Warner both live in Woodbridge where a Tuesday night block party was held in Prince William County. It was just one of similar bashes happening across the country to promote police-community partnerships amid high tensions between police and particularly members of the African American community.

"I don't want to teach him that he has to fear certain things," said Warner, the mother of a 4-year-old son. "I want him to feel protected, be able to socialize with anybody and don't see the injustice, so hopefully communities like this keep doing this more often so you are not in a situation of being scared to talk to our fellow neighbors and officers and know that we are together."

National Night Out is just a start in improving police-community relationships. Police in Prince William County said they have not experienced some of the tensions seen in other areas of the country. Even so, they are still impacted by it.

"Some of the negative comments toward police do affect us, but our community is strong and our community has always been supportive of us and we appreciate that support and it has shown almost every single day," said Prince William County Police Sgt. Jonathan Perok. "Especially in times like we have had, it is very important that we continue these communications and to continue to be a part of these events where we can come out and get into the communities and talk first-hand with our residents."

ENVIRONMENT

AUGUST 2016

Prince George's Hospital Center transfers babies from NICU to another hospital after bacteria found

By: fox5dc.com staff

CHEVERLY, Md. - Prince George's Hospital Center will begin the disinfecting process after three babies in its neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) tested positive for a harmful and potentially deadly bacteria.

The hospital closed down its NICU and has transferred nine babies in that unit to Children's National Medical Center in Washington D.C. after three of the current neonatal patients recently tested positive for *Pseudomonas*, a bacterium that can cause infections in humans.

The hospital said the positive bacteria cases have only affected patients in the NICU and were detected during routine screening of the babies.

"What we noticed was that there was a cluster of positive swabs that were above what our normal is," said Dr. Carnell Cooper, chief medical officer for Dimensions Healthcare System. "Because of that, we then began our investigation."

Dr. Cooper said they have found no association in their investigation between the recent deaths of two infants at the hospital and the bacteria.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), "Serious *Pseudomonas* infections usually occur in people in the hospital and/or with weakened immune systems. Infections of the blood, pneumonia, and infections following surgery can lead to severe illness and death in these people."

"Pseudomonas aeruginosa is a type of bacteria that is commonly encountered in the health care setting," said Dr. Kerri Thom, an infectious disease physician and associate hospital epidemiologist at the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine. "This bacteria can be found in patients without infection. Patients have this bacteria on their skin or gastrointestinal tract but are not sick as a result or it can cause a variety of types of infections, particularly in patients who have weakened immune systems."

The hospital is working with the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine along with state and county officials to find the source of the bacteria.

"In most cases, there is no single source of contamination identified with Pseudomonas aeruginosa," said Dr. Thom. "However, in many cases, a water source can be implicated, and we do know Pseudomonas aeruginosa is often found in water systems."

The hospital said it has not been using water in the NICU for several days and will begin the disinfection process of the plumbing that leads into the NICU on Wednesday. The hospital has also contracted a water company to obtain and analyze water samples in multiple areas of the facility.

Based on the current water samples, hospital officials said there are no concerns about the water in other parts of the building. The hospital plans on reopening the NICU when treatment and water retesting is completed.

In a statement, Prince George's Hospital Center said:

Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC) has begun a process to transfer the 9 current patients in its neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) to other hospitals due to three recent positive patient surveillance cultures for the presence of bacterium Pseudomonas. While three current neonatal patients tested positive for the presence of the organism in the process of vigilant surveillance protocols, all are clinically asymptomatic for any active infection with the bacterium. Pseudomonas is caused by strains of bacteria found widely in the environment; the most common type causing infections in humans is called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

PGHC has been in active consultation with public health authorities, epidemiologists and infectious disease experts, and is acting out of an abundance of caution in the best interest of our most vulnerable patient population. We have been monitoring all NICU patients very closely for several days. The positive patient culture results are limited to the NICU at this time.

The hospital is working collaboratively with public health authorities as well as epidemiology and infection control experts from the Prince George's County Health Department, the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, and the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine to identify the root cause of the Pseudomonas and to help prevent future exposures.

Our highest priority is the safety and well-being of all of our patients and their families, as well as our valued team of caregivers. We realize that this situation is a source of concern to families, staff and the community. All parties should be assured of our commitment to manage this transfer process and concurrent investigation as smoothly as possible, and to provide many layers of support.

We acknowledge that there are many questions and concerns about this matter, and we will work diligently to answer them thoroughly and thoughtfully. While the investigation into the positive bacterium cultures is ongoing by qualified experts, our top immediate priority is the safe and efficient transfer of patients and providing support to our NICU families and staff.

We look forward to resuming admissions to the NICU very soon and returning it to full service for our community.

Prince George's County Executive Rushern Baker released a statement saying:

"I have offered Dimensions Healthcare Systems, the University of Maryland Medical System, and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the full support and resources of the Prince George's County Government to assist with this matter and we currently are monitoring ongoing developments.

"The precaution of moving the nine infants that were in the NICU to other hospitals while this situation is investigated and resolved is prudent. I am confident that the healthcare professionals who are handling this matter, which I understand is fairly common in hospitals, will ensure that the health and welfare of the hospital's patients is not compromised.

"I know that this situation is very alarming and stressful for the parents of the babies in the NICU, and my thoughts and prayers go out to them at this time. The Prince George's County Government is committed to assisting the hospital in any way possible, if needed to protect the health and safety of all the patients, staff, and visitors to the facility."

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission released a statement regarding Prince George's Hospital Center:

"In light of the recent story involving the presence of bacterium *Pseudomonas* at Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC), WSSC is providing its water quality sampling protocol and latest results.

"The Commission has a strict testing protocol for water which includes the collection of water samples from 90 locations across the two counties on a weekly basis.

"The nearest regular sampling location to PGHC is a few minutes away in Cheverly. A water sample was collected on August 3, 2016. The sample showed the chlorine residual to be within the required regulations. There were no coliform bacteria detected in any of the WSSC samples.

"WSSC does not test specifically for the presence of bacterium *Pseudomonas* but does test for total coliform.

"WSSC has reached out to the Prince George's County Health Department to provide assistance.

"In its 98-year history, WSSC has never had a drinking water quality violation."

CHILDREN
AUGUST 2016

By: Laura Evans

WASHINGTON - There is a new epidemic hitting kids right in the eye and it may be a symptom of all that screen time.

The numbers are skyrocketing for myopia, a condition that allows people to see things clearly up close, but distant objects are blurry. It is also known as nearsightedness.

But a new center just for kids has opened up in Bethesda and Tysons Corner to help.

Dr. Andrew Morgenstern is examining a child looking for signs of myopia. More and more children are developing the irreversible eye condition these days. So what is causing it?

Doctors say it is due to increased screen time and less time outdoors. Researchers don't know for sure, but say there is something about sun exposure that helps with eye development while something about the screens are having a detrimental effect.

“Screen time is a reality for our children,” said Dr. Erin Stahl, a pediatric myopia expert. “My kids at least are handed iPads at school. They use them a lot during the day and then they are expected to do homework at night. And then you have the addition of playing video games or texting friends, so screen time isn't going away.”

She said the key is catching it early.

“Up until now, it's always just been treated with glasses, and in children, it gets worse over time,” Dr. Stahl said.

Treehouse Eyes, a brand new center and the only one in the country focused only on myopia, treats the problem with prescription eye drops or special contacts to help stop the progression.

“The younger you are when you start to become nearsighted, the higher the likelihood that you will become more severely nearsighted later in life,” said Dr. Morgenstern.

“The incidence of myopia has increased 60 percent in the last 30 years,” Stahl said.

“As an eye doctor in Washington D.C., it's alarming. It's really alarming,” Morgenstern said.

Doctors say acting early, a few drops of prevention and limiting screen time where possible while promoting outside play can all go a long way in protecting your vision long-term.

Dr. Stahl said she tells her patients to watch their screen time and make it meaningful. She also recommends outdoor play because it is good for visual development and overall development.

NATIONAL POLITICS
AUGUST 2016

Veterans hold rally on Capitol Hill calling on GOP to withdraw endorsement of Trump

By: Tom Fitzgerald

WASHINGTON - A group of veterans gathered at the U.S. Capitol on Thursday seeking to dump Trump. They are calling on Republicans to withdraw their presidential endorsement of Donald Trump.

The organizers behind this are the liberal-progressive activist group Move On. They claim that this event was strictly non-political because it focused on the opinions of U.S. military veterans. But in reality, there was a whole lot of politics at work here.

On Thursday, a group of former military personnel representing service in the Marines, the Army and the Navy along with ordinary citizens all arrived carrying boxes they said represented 100,000 signatures asking the Republican Party to rescind its endorsement of Trump.

The group cites Trump's recent comments made about the Gold Star family of U.S. Army Capt. Humayan Khan, a Muslim American soldier killed in Iraq, questions over Trump's fundraisers for veterans and Trump's comments that John McCain himself is not a war hero because he was captured in Vietnam.

"Donald Trump's reckless ignorance about America's responsibilities in the world shocks me to the core," said U.S. Marine Corps veteran Alexander McCoy.

"When Donald Trump attacks the Khan family, he attacks all military families," said Crystal Kravens, a U.S. Army veteran.

"Please be courageous and brave as you have been in the past and please rescind your endorsement of Donald Trump," said Navy veteran Jim Lyons.

But it turns out there was a little stage craft at work in all of this. The so-called boxes full of petition signatures were actually completely empty when we checked them out. The organizers later explained the signatures had been placed onto a hard drive, which was brought to Sen. McCain's office on Thursday even though the Senate is in recess.

While they had lots to say about Trump, they got tightlipped when asked about Hillary Clinton. Despite Clinton having voted in favor of the war in Iraq, being Secretary of State during the beginnings of ISIS, her handling of the Benghazi embassy attack and the mishandling of classified emails, this group, who had no registered Republicans among them, refused to say if they would endorse her or say how she would do as commander-in-chief.

LOCAL POLITICS
JULY 2016

DC mayor travels to RNC to push for statehood

By: Tom Fitzgerald

CLEVELAND - At the Republican National Convention on Tuesday, Donald Trump has been nominated as the Republican nominee for President of the United States. But the mayor of the nation's capital also traveled to the convention trying to spread the message of D.C. statehood.

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser is trying to reach out to Republicans who are staunch supporters for state's rights to see if they would work with D.C. officials on the issue to help them become the 51st state and possibly forge some unity between the District of Columbia and Republicans in Congress who now control the House of Representatives.

“Our job here today is to talk to the American people who are coming to this convention where there are delegates to this convention,” said Bowser. “And what we find out a lot is that they don't know that the residents of their own capital city, unlike any capital city in the world, don't have a vote in Congress. So we have to do some educating.”

In addition to statehood, Bowser said Washington D.C. would like to host one of these political conventions. It has always been difficult for D.C. to be considered a host site because not only is the federal government already located here, but Democrats and Republicans every four years go out and run against Washington, so having a political convention in D.C. is a tough sell.

Bowser also said it does not have to be a Democratic National Convention, and if a Republican National Convention was interested in coming to Washington D.C., they would take whatever they could get. She said it would be good for business, good for the District of Columbia and good for the United States' image of the nation's capital.