

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

*Fox 5 Morning News* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:30am-10am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

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

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

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

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

**Origination: Local**

Issues addressed:

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

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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. Economy
2. Virginia Governor's Race
3. Afghanistan
4. Healthcare Reform
5. National Security
6. Apollo 11

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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.

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## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT**

### **JULY**

18 Will Thomas, Anchor – Attended the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Recognition Ceremony for the Child and Family Services Agency.

### **AUGUST**

5 Micheline Bowman, News Coordinator – Panelist on the Professional Development Workshop at Bowie State University.

### **SEPTEMBER**

17 Laura Evans, Anchor – Guest speaker to talk about breast cancer at the We Can Row D.C. Potomac Boat Club.

27 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Mistress of Ceremonies for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon for the National Congress of Black Women.

28 Will Thomas, Anchor – Spoke to students at the American University Mass Communications Class on how to write for broadcast and on anchoring.

30 Laura Evans, Anchor – Attended a luncheon to benefit Suited for Change, a non-profit group that helps disadvantaged women.

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### **PSA's Produced:**

:30 & :20 psa for the Capital Area Food Bank's "Skip Lunch Feed A Bunch" campaign  
:30 & :15 psa for the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk."

**FOX NEWS SUNDAY – JULY-SEPTEMBER 2009**

**7/5/09 TOPIC:**

Palin Resignation, Afghanistan, Health Care

**GUESTS:**

Lt. Gov. Sean Parnell (R-AK), Karl Rove, Fmr. Gov. Mike Huckabee (R-AR), Adm. Mike Mullen, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Rep. John Boehner (R-OH)

**7/12/09 TOPIC:**

Sotomayor, Right Now

**GUESTS:**

Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Rep. Eric Cantor (R-VA)

**7/19/09 TOPIC:**

Economy, Apollo 11

**GUESTS:**

OMB Director Peter Orszag, Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH), Buzz Aldrin.

**7/26/09 TOPIC:**

Economy

**GUESTS:**

Robert Gibbs, Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ)

**8/2/09 TOPIC:**

Economy, Health Care, Right Now.

**GUESTS:**

Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC), Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN).

**8/9/09 TOPIC:**

Afghanistan, Health Care, Economy

**GUESTS:**

NSA Director Gen. Jim Jones, Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)

**8/16/09 TOPIC:**

Health Care

**GUESTS:**

Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), J. James Rohack AMA, John Rother AARP

**8/23/09 TOPIC:**

VA "Death Book", Health Care Reform

**GUESTS:**

Jim Towey, Tammy Duckworth, Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), Tom Day.

**8/30/09 TOPIC:**

CIA Interrogations, VA "Death Book" Update

**GUESTS:**

Fmr. Vice President Dick Cheney

**9/6/09 TOPIC:**

Health Care Reform

**GUESTS:**

Newt Gingrich, John Podesta, Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Howard Dean.

**9/13/09 TOPIC:**

Health Care Reform

**GUESTS:**

Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Rep. Joe Wilson (R-SC), Andy Stern.

**9/20/09 TOPIC:**

ACORN, Economy

**GUESTS:**

Bertha Lewis ACORN CEO, Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA), Fred Smith FedEx CEO, Steve Odland Office Depot CEO, John Chambers Cisco CEO, Jeffrey Post.

**9/27/09 TOPIC:**

Afghanistan, VA Governor's Race

**GUESTS:**

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO), Bob McDonnell (R), James O'Keefe

Subject: What's on AMW 7/11/09? Show 989

This SATURDAY, July 11, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Shawn McGuinn at 240-482-1149 or [smcguinn@amw.com](mailto:smcguinn@amw.com).

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Nationwide... MONGOL RAID... In October of 2008, the ATF, Las Vegas P.D. and L.A. County Sheriff's office conducted "Operation Black Rain" aimed at taking down members of the Mongols Motorcycle Gang. So far, 73 of the 75 Mongols targeted have been arrested. Now, AMW is teaming up with the ATF to track down Renato Gomez and Peter Soto – the two remaining Mongols on the run.

Indianapolis, Indiana... JOHN SNYDER... As John Snyder's marriage crumbled, cops say his sanity went along with it: police tell AMW that he's a neo-Nazi activist, and that after an argument over visitation rights for his son, he handcuffed his wife to a bed and committed one of the most violent and depraved sexual assaults they've ever seen.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63769>

Cowlitz County, Washington... BENJAMIN PINGLE... Benjamin Pingle was found guilty of beating one of his baby daughters to death in January of 2006 -- when she was just 12 weeks old. His grandfather bailed him out while his conviction was on appeal and cops say Pingle subsequently went on the run in May of 2009. Now, his grandfather stands to lose his home if Pingle isn't apprehended.

Aurora, Colorado... ARTUR MARTIROSYAN ... Artur Martirosyan went on the run in 1998 after cops say he and three accomplices killed six people in Aurora, Colorado. A short time later, he was arrested, but released due to insufficient evidence. Now, police have what they need to put him behind bars – all they have to do is find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24650>

Wollaston, Massachusetts... TUEN "DICKIE" LEE... There were few clues to help police target the attacker who viciously raped a woman in Massachusetts -- except for the suspect's foul breath, which the victim immediately recognized. She says the smell could only be from the manager at the sushi restaurant where she worked: Accused "Bad Breath Rapist" Tuen "Dickie" Lee.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49197>

Houston, Texas... ALFREDO MARTINEZ... In April of 2007, Cops say Alfredo Martinez seemingly picked a random fight with a group of motorcyclists in Houston, Texas. The situation escalated, and cops say Martinez ran over one of the young men with his pickup truck, and dragged him to his death under the carriage of his vehicle.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46843>

Nationwide... MICHAEL CHAVES... Someone killed trucker Dale Anderson while he was waiting for his next job at a truck stop in Branford, Conn. After the murder, the man Dale spent all his time with at the truck stop – Michael Chaves -- was nowhere to be found. Now police need help tracking Chaves down in hopes of finding out what happened to Dale in his final hours.

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This SATURDAY, July 18, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).

Conroe, Texas...GLEN HOLMES ...In 2006, Cops say Glen Holmes Jr. killed a man after carjacking him in Conroe, Texas. According to police, Holmes then held up a drive-thru Mexican restaurant, demanding tacos to go. Now, cops say Holmes may be lying low in New Orleans or Houston, and they need help finding him.

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

Washington, D.C....OMAR GARRIS... Cops say Omar Garris, a suspected D.C. gang member, opened fire on three innocent bystanders after mistaking them for neighborhood rivals who killed his brother. Police say Garris wounded two of his three intended targets, but luckily, they all survived. Garris could still be hiding out in the D.C. area.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64943>

Kansas City, Kansas...ERNESTO ROJAS FERNANDEZ ... On February 8, 2009, cops say Ernesto Fernandez shot and killed his girlfriend while she slept at his home. Shortly after, police say Fernandez called 9-1-1 to confess his crime. Now, authorities think he may be hiding out in Mexico.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64442>

Burlington, Vermont...EDWARD CAMPBELL...Edward Campbell, a repeat offender, has once again been charged for illegally distributing Oxycontin in Burlington, Vt. Cops say Campbell was the kingpin of a small drug organization, and they're hoping that AMW can help force him to close up shop for good.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66521>

South Padre Island, Texas...DENNIS WAYNE CAPPS... In what started as a robbery, cops say Dennis Wayne Capps bludgeoned a man with a frying pan and then beat him to death with a television inside of a Texas mobile home. Authorities say that Capps should be considered extremely dangerous, and that he was recently added to the Texas Department of Public Safety's Top Ten Most Wanted list.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65410>

Plantation, Florida...PIERRE DOMVILLE CAPTURE...Cops say Pierre Domville lured a 15-year-old girl to his apartment and brutally raped her. Less than two months later, after being featured on "America's Most Wanted," Domville, himself, called the AMW hotline to turn himself in.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=65817>

Fort Wayne, Indiana...UNKNOWN APRIL TINSLEY KILLER...More than 20 years ago, Fort Wayne, Indiana was rattled when 8-year-old April Tinsley was raped and murdered. Now, her killer is still on the loose, taunting police and leaving sadistic messages for neighborhood children.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64668>

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...ALEXIS FLORES... On July 29, 2009, cops say Alexis Flores raped and murdered 5-year-old Iriana Dejesus before dumping her body in a Philadelphia apartment complex. On each anniversary of Iriana's murder, her mother hosts a small celebration to honor her daughter's life. Last year, AMW pitched in to make the celebration bigger and better than ever. As the tragic anniversary approaches again, we're hoping to give Iriana's mom a new reason to celebrate, by putting Flores behind bars.

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

Michigan City, Indiana... MARK BOOHER and LANCE BATTREAL... Earlier this week, cops say convicted killers Mark Booher and Charles Smith, and convicted rapist Lance Battreal escaped from the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City. Within 24 hours, Smith landed back behind bars, but police need help catching Booher and Battreal before somebody gets hurt.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66747>

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**Los Angeles, California...**JOSE LUIS SAENZ... Detectives in Los Angeles are searching for an alleged Cuatro Flats gang member, Jose Luis Saenz. Cops say that on July 25, 1998, Saenz killed two rival gang members, as well as his girlfriend, Sigreta Hernandez. Since then he has been charged with a series of murders, and ten years later, cops say Saenz resurfaced to kill an associate -- whose murder is caught on tape.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57722>

**Stafford County, Virginia...**HENRY "DROOPY" MENJIVAR... Cops in Stafford County, Va., along with U.S. Marshals, are looking for Henry "Droopy" Menjivar, a man they say is a member of the deadly "MS-13" street gang. Authorities say Menjivar set out on July 18, 2006 to raise his stature within his crew at any cost. He and three of his fellow MS-13 gang members are believed to have killed Shannah Angeles, after luring her to a wooded area of Northern Virginia.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47432>

**Queens, New York...**DANNY "D-KNIFE" WILLIAMS... Cops say that on May 28, 2002, Danny Williams became enraged during an argument with two alleged acquaintances from his neighborhood of Queens, New York. Williams then shot at the unarmed men, killing one and permanently injuring another.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40300>

**Davidson County, North Carolina...**JAIME ALBERTO BARBA...Cops say in April 2006, two young sisters approached their mother and revealed that for several months they had been repeatedly taken advantage of by Jaime Alberto Barba. Their mother reported these horrific acts to the police but by that time Barba was long gone. Police believe that Barba may be hiding in Mexico, Texas, or Spartanburg, SC.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54908>

**Chicago, Illinois...**ORVILLE JEROME COCHRAN... U.S. Marshals are searching for notorious motorcycle gang leader Orville J. Cochran. They say that Cochran participated in the distribution of marijuana and cocaine, racketeering, and the murder of Hell's Angels member, Jack Castle. After finding out about his pending charges, cops say Cochran fled Chicago. Cochran was reportedly spotted in Canada, but he may have returned to the Chicago area. <http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26478>

**Anchorage, Alaska...**ARIEL BEAU PATRICK... On September 29, 2007, Jamaal Barras was attacked by two men with a metal rod and a baseball bat. Police say that surveillance cameras show the two suspects attacking Barras and then running off. Since the attack, one man has been arrested and charged with murder but Patrick is still on the run. Police say they believe Patrick has fled to Central America.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53736>

**Capture...**JESSE JAMES HOLLYWOOD...After four years on the run, Jesse James Hollywood was captured on March 8, 2005 and is now behind bars for his connection to the kidnapping and murder of 15-year-old Nicholas Markowitz in the summer of 2000. It took only two days for a Santa Barbara, California jury to find Hollywood guilty of first degree murder and kidnapping. He was sentenced to life without parole.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24947>

**Detroit, Michigan...**FRED "HIGHWAY" ALBA WERT...Cops say on March 1, 1993, in a jealous rage, Fred Wert killed his ex-girlfriend's boyfriend and then ran. Wert disappeared and wasn't seen again until police were able to link him to the rape of a young girl in June of 1997. Under the alias of Billy Ray Shugart, Wert was fingerprinted which gave police enough evidence to prove his identity and link the two cases. By then it was too late, Wert had fled again.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=35745>

**Cleveland, Ohio...**FETHI "BASHIR" JELASSI... For eight years, the FBI Field Office in Cleveland, OH has searched desperately for fugitive Fethi Jelassi. They have collected enough evidence to convict him of the June 22, 2000 murders of David Settle and his mother on. Jelassi has numerous global contacts, which makes cops wonder if he is even in the United States.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25288>

**New Orleans, Louisiana...**CALVIN R. SINCLAIR...on July 4, 2001, Detectives say Calvin Sinclair went to the home of his girlfriend, Shantel Armstrong, to settle a discrepancy about money. After the couple started to argue, Shantel's mother, Dorothea made an attempt to stop the argument. Sinclair allegedly shot and killed both women and left the scene. Sinclair was last seen in New York but detectives believe that he may still be in New Orleans.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25450>

**Capture...**THOMAS GLEASON... Thomas Gleason, a BMX coach accused of molesting the young members of his team, is finally behind bars. After six years on the run, Gleason turned himself into authorities on Saturday, June 7, 2008, after being profiled *America's Most Wanted*.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51044>

**This SATURDAY, August 1, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Milton, Georgia...KISHA RUTLEDGE...**Cops in Milton, GA. say escort service owner Kisha "Key" Rutledge became enraged when she found out a client, Keith Brown, had been paying his prostitutes directly which cut out her commission. Rutledge is believed to be responsible for the June 12, 2007 murder of Brown.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54657>

**Atlanta, Georgia...UNKNOWN VERNON FORREST KILLER...** On the night of July 25, 2009, in Atlanta, Georgia, boxing champion Vernon Forrest was at a gas station when he was robbed at gunpoint. Investigators say Forrest took out his own gun and ran after the robber. No one is sure of what actually happened between the two men but cops later found Forrest dead.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67167>

**Loudoun County, Virginia...UNKNOWN ERICA SMITH KILLER...** On the afternoon of July 29, 2002, 14-year-old Erica Smith received a phone call and left her home. Eleven days later police found her body near her suburban Northern Virginia home. She had been murdered.

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

**Las Vegas, Nevada...JENNY LIANG...** Police say that Jenny Liang has a violent history with the men in her life. According to Las Vegas police, her jealousy boiled over to murder when she shot her wealthy boyfriend in the head in October of 2000. Cops say Liang skipped to Hong Kong, but she may come back to Nevada for her kids.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25428>

**Tucson, Arizona...MICHELLE COMSTOCK...**December 1, 1990, Michelle Comstock drove while intoxicated and killed 5-year-old Colin Gunning. After the accident Comstock disappeared. Comstock was convicted of manslaughter in absentia in 1992. Seventeen years later, cops still haven't caught up with this elusive fugitive.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26204>

**Los Angeles, California...SOPHIE DAVID...** On July 10, 1991, Police say Sophie David was furious with her boyfriend Fekade Ashine for cheating on her. They also say David shot and killed Ashine at his home in Los Angeles, California then drove away.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26028>

**Tate County, Mississippi...WILLIAM WILLINGHAM...**On Dec. 22, 1998, cops say Willie Willingham tied up his girlfriend and left her defenseless against him as he raped her daughter in the next room. Willingham then fled but was indicted on March 4, 1999 for rape and kidnapping before a federal warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution was issued.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66866>

**Greene County, Ohio...FREDDY DIAZ...**Cops in Beavercreek Ohio, are in search of Freddy Diaz and his unknown female accomplice. They are believed to be the pair shown on surveillance tape stealing tens of thousands of dollars worth of merchandise at a Beavercreek mall in May 2005.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=65191>

**Milwaukee, Wisconsin...**ROBERT DARREL DAVIDSON...Robert Davidson is accused of molesting two children in 1997. Davidson fled town and investigators believe he may be trying to start a new life with an old girlfriend, Jean Jape, who is also the mother of one of the victims.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28132>

**Denver, Colorado...**AUDLEY EARL ANGLIN... When 52-year-old Percy Sierra became bingo friends with Audley Earl Anglin, she never imagined that their close friendship would end in her death. On March 13, 2008, police in Denver say Anglin stabbed Percy to death because of a dispute over gambling money.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63084>

**Houston, Texas...**JACQUELINE LEBARON...Jacqueline LeBaron and her brother Aaron Lebaron took over their family church after their father died in Prison. On June 27, 1988, the FBI alleges the Lebaron siblings killed Mark and Duane Chynowith. The LeBarons murdered the two brothers because they decided to leave the extreme church and its violent ways.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26226>

**Captured...**HEATHER TALLCHIEF...Heather Tallchief turned herself in to Las Vegas authorities on Sept. 15, 2005 after more than 10 years on the run. She was wanted for stealing \$3 million dollars on Oct. 1, 1993. Tallchief pled guilty to her charges on November 30, 2005 in federal court but her accomplice, Roberto Solis is still on the run. Police are still on the hunt for Solis and the missing \$3 million dollars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26377>

**This SATURDAY, August 8, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Miami, Florida...** JULIO BONACHEA ...Julio Bonachea is wanted for violent home invasions, armed robberies, attempted murder and, for the second time, prison escape. Authorities across the state of Florida -- and overseas -- need your help to find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64634>

**Captured...** RICARDO LECKY ... America's Most Wanted took down Ricardo Lecky's alleged partner in crime in June 2009. Now, a month later, AMW teamed up with a tipster, the U.S. Marshals Service and a local south Florida police department to nab him. Now, cops say the alleged ringleader of a horrific sexual assault of a 15-year-old Florida girl is behind bars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66079>

**Captured ...** BENNY DWAYNE HORTON... Benny Dwayne Horton, a man wanted in Texas for allegedly killing two people in a fatal car crash on August 26, 2005, is finally in custody. Cops arrested Horton in Calhoun, La. on July 17, 2009 thanks to an AMW tipster.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58389>

**Captured...** UNKNOWN VERNON FORREST KILLER ... Boxing champion Vernon Forrest was shot and killed after an attempted robbery in Georgia. Now, Atlanta man Demario Ware has been arrested in relation to the case and police are looking for others.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67167>

**Sacramento, California...** YURY TAYLOR... For close to 30 years, hundreds of children passed through the classrooms of California elementary school teacher Yury Taylor. In 2007, Taylor resigned from his job, and the reason was shocking: police tell AMW that for two years Taylor sexually abused one of his young students.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63464>

**Los Angeles, California...** ARMANDO ALBARRAN ... It was just before dawn on August 2, 2008 when Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy Juan Escalante was headed to work at L.A.'s Men's Central Jail. Gunshots rang out, and Escalante became the latest victim of warring gangs in the Cypress Park neighborhood. Now the fourth suspect, Armando Albarran, is wanted for his alleged connection in this L.A. Deputy's murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65036>

**Las Vegas, Nevada...** ROBERT STEVEN JACKSON ... It was just after 3 am on the Vegas strip when a fight between rival gangs broke out at Margaritaville, a Sin City watering hole. Cops say in the middle of the fracas was a gang member named Robert Steven Jackson who unleashed a barrage of bullets that wounded four people.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64741>

**Phoenix, Arizona...** CESAR GERVACIO RODRIGUEZ ...Cops tell AMW that Cesar Gervacio Rodriguez has a history of letting his nasty temper get the best of him: on August 7, 2008, when Rodriguez got into a heated argument with one his roommates over a utility bill, the brawl ended in a flurry of bullets -- and now Phoenix, Ariz. police are hoping that AMW tipsters can help them catch a suspected killer. <http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58411>

**Fordyce , Arkansas...**HUMBERTO FORTANELLI... Police say Humberto Fontanelli and his cellmate Shannon Ray escaped from a Fordyce, Ark. prison on New Year's Eve 2007. Cops picked up Shannon Ray four days later, but say that Fortanelli is still on the run. AMW sat down with Ray and got a first-hand look at exactly how the escape went down, and where his co-partner in crime, Humberto Fortanelli, could be hiding out.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=51966>

**Sarasota, Florida...** GLEN STARK CHAMBERS ... Florida detectives are giving a cold case a fresh look. Glen Chambers was sentenced to death for killing his girlfriend years ago, but he managed to escape from two different prisons. Now, cops need your help find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64811>

**Michigan City, Indiana...** LARRY "ELWOOD" W. WOODS... Everyone thought Larry Woods' fate was sealed when he was sentenced to more than a century in jail for shooting his boss. But cops say Woods had different plans: Indiana State Police say that Woods escaped from prison in a garbage truck and hasn't been seen since.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25234>

**Palm Springs, California...** GLEN STEWART GODWIN ... Glen Stewart Godwin became the only man to ever escape from Folsom State Prison in 1987, and investigators haven't seen the convicted murderer since. Now, the FBI would like to see this two-time prison escapee and perennial FBI Top Tenner return to where he belongs -- behind bars.

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

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma...** MELVIN URBINA... Cops in Oklahoma, City say that this accused child predator hit the road after he stole the innocence of an 11-year-old girl. Now, they are in a race against the clock, searching for Urbina before he harms anyone else.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67380>

**Clovis, New Mexico...** EDWARD SALAS ... On Aug. 23, 2008, eight men escaped from a New Mexico prison. Since then, police have arrested all of the escapees except the most dangerous of them all -- Edward Salas. Before escaping, Salas was set to do life behind bars for the murder of a 10-year-old boy.

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



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**Dallas, Texas...** MICHAEL CHAVES ...Michael Chaves is wanted for probation violation stemming from narcotics charges in Texas. More recently however, he is wanted by the Branford Connecticut police to be questioned in the case of the Dale Anderson truck stop murder that took place in Branford. A recent tipster claimed Chaves was sleeping in the back of the tipster's tractor-trailer; Chaves escaped but not before the tipster noticed that Chaves now shaves his head bald. <http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66660>

**Escondido, California...** AMBER DUBOIS ... Authorities in Southern California are looking at a possible link between two molestations and the disappearance of Amber Dubois. Police say that a maroon or burgundy colored pick-up truck can be seen on surveillance camera footage entering and exiting the parking lot of Amber's school on the day she went missing. Now, police are looking at a pickup truck used by a man in two recent San Diego area molestations as a possible clue in the Dubois case.  
[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=63583](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=63583)

**Campo, California...** UNKNOWN ROBERT ROSAS KILLER(S)...On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas responded to a possible incursion at the U.S.-Mexican border in Campo, CA. Investigators say that Agent Rosas was confronted by a group of individuals and was shot multiple times execution style. Officials believe that one of the suspects suffered a gunshot wound during the incident and that the killers are Mexican nationals who frequent the Campo, CA area. Investigators are especially interested in hearing about anyone on either side of the border who sought medical treatment for gunshot wounds.

**Merrillville, Indiana...** MARK WEINBERGER... Mark Weinberger is wanted for 22 counts of Healthcare Fraud. All his life, Dr. Mark Weinberger believed he could do anything if he had enough power, money and resources. Unfortunately for him, the lies he told, the secrets he kept and the sacrifices he made along the way have come back to haunt him in a big way: the FBI says they need your help to track down this narcissistic playboy before anyone else dies as a result of his negligence and deceit.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58715>

**Florida...** OPERATION ORANGE TREE ...During the first state-wide sweep dubbed "Operation Orange Tree," cops seized dozens of computers, and busted 77 men accused of downloading pornography featuring children. The secret weapon to finding these guys was a new, high-tech software program recently made available to law enforcement.  
[http://www.amw.com/features/feature\\_story\\_detail.cfm?id=3473](http://www.amw.com/features/feature_story_detail.cfm?id=3473)

**Sykesville, Pennsylvania...** JOEY OFFUTT (FEMALE) ...Pennsylvania State Police arrived at the scene of a house fire in Sykesville in the early morning hours of July 12, 2007. After the flames were finally extinguished, police say they found a lot more than smoke and fire damage. They found the burned remains of an infant, who was later identified as Joey's child. Authorities are still struggling to answer all the questions left over from that day.  
[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=48408](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=48408)

This **SATURDAY, August 22, 2009**, **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED** will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Nicole Cates at 240-482-1149 or [ncates@amw.com](mailto:ncates@amw.com).

**North Charleston, South Carolina...**DAN WILLIAM HIERS JR....Dan Hiers – a former cop, accused murderer and child molester – is on the U.S. Marshal's 15 Most Wanted List. Shortly after an 11-year-old girl accused Hiers of sexual abuse, cops say he killed his wife, stole her car and fled. Hiers hasn't been seen since.

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

**Blairsville, Georgia...**KRISTI LEIGH CORNWELL...Investigators say that on August 11, 2009, Kristi Leigh Cornwell was exercising on a rural road in Blairsville, Georgia when she was abducted. Cops say she was walking while talking on the phone to her boyfriend when she told him that she was stepping off the road to avoid an oncoming car; that's when her boyfriend told police there was a struggle.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=67615](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=67615)

**Oklahoma City, Oklahoma...**KENNETH MARSHALL COFER...The fugitive task force in Oklahoma City hasn't forgotten about Kenneth Cofer – and neither has "America's Most Wanted". Cofer is wanted for murder in the first degree that occurred when Oklahoma City resident and victim Larry Buchanan confronted Cofer for his Anti-American sentiments. Cofer ended the argument by shooting Larry Buchanan and fleeing the scene. Cofer hasn't been seen since the day of the murder.

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

**Lee County, Florida...**TROY LANE BOLIN...Police say although fugitive Troy Lane Bolin might be a thin, scruffy looking guy, he's as dangerous as child predators come. Bolin is wanted for molesting two young girls repeatedly over the course of several years.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45978>

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

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

**Bradenton, Florida...**CAREY PRICE...Cops say this drunk driver lost control and hit three construction workers. One worker was killed and left behind a wife and four children. Now, Carey Price is on the run after he failed to show up for his day in court.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30262>

**Desert Hot Springs, California...**REYNA NAVAR ...When Maria Exberger broke off her short relationship with Miguel Gonzalez, nothing could have prepared her for the harrowing life and death situations that would soon follow. Cops tell AMW that Gonzalez and his partner-in-crime, Reyna Navar, not only kidnapped Maria, they shot her in the face, and left her for dead in a San Bernardino, California alley way. Although Miguel Gonzalez is believed to be dead, Reyna Navar is on the run and was last seen in the Coachella Valley, California area.

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

**Metairie, Louisiana...** EDMUNDO CERDA-ANIMA...The manhunt for accused killer Edmundo Cerda-Anima has led agents south of the border. Investigators believe the former Hurricane Katrina contractor may be in Mexico working in construction. Cops are eager to catch the man accused of sexually assaulting and murdering a mother of two.

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

**Phoenix, Arizona...** WILLIAM "BUBBA" RAY PLEMONS ...William Plemons is wanted for kidnapping and murder in Phoenix, Arizona. Plemons had a reputation as a real romantic who was actually more interested in money than love. Shortly after Plemons' wife, Ermalinda Macatangay realized Plemons was draining her savings account, Ermalinda was found dead in her house. She had been strangled and severely beaten. Plemons has been on the run since.

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

**Emeryville and Pleasanton, California...** DANIEL ANDREAS SAN DIEGO...FBI agents are searching for the man who they say used violence to advance his own radical agenda for animal rights. He is currently included on the Most Wanted Terrorists List and law enforcement officials across the nation are on the hunt for San Diego for his role in two bombings in the Emeryville and Pleasanton, California areas.

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

**This SATURDAY, August 29, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**St. Thomas, VI ... ALBION DEE FRETT...** Cops in the U.S. Virgin Islands say former FBI agent Wilfred Baptiste, Jr.'s brother, Richard, was gunned down in a robbery gone bad by Albion Dee Frett. Now, John Walsh is working with Wilfred to solve the toughest case of his career.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64417>

**St. Thomas, VI... EMMANUEL POLANCO VANDERHORST ...** When local restaurant patrons heard a woman being beaten, they rushed to her rescue. Three people were killed immediately in the firestorm that followed, and another later succumbed to his injuries. Police now believe that one of the suspects, Emmanuel Polanco Vanderhorst, escaped to the continental United States.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64384>

**Fort Smith, AR ... UNKNOWN MELISSA WITT KILLER...** On January 13, 1995, cops in Arkansas made a gruesome discovery in the Ozarks: the body of beloved Fort Smith teenager Melissa "Missy" Witt. Now, John Walsh and the AMW team are working to hunt down her killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59549>

**West Palm Beach, FL... DAVID KEVIN JONES...** Palm Beach County Sheriff's detectives say David Jones sexually assaulted a ten-year-old girl in West Palm Beach multiple times during a one month period.

**Harrisburg, PA ... LEMUEL MONGE MARRERO JR....** When Lemuel Monge Marrero Jr. heard that his brother got beat up in a fight, he set out to get revenge; but cops say Marrero Jr. didn't have his facts straight and targeted the wrong guy: Jonathan Martinez. Despite Martinez's attempt to surrender, cops say that Marrero Jr. shot him four times in broad daylight, killing him instantly and then fled the scene.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66651>

**Wixom, MI ... ARTAN "TONY" SULSTAROVA ...** In the western Detroit suburb of Wixom, Michigan, a card game went horribly awry, and by the night's end, a young man brutally lost his life. Ever since, cops have been trying to find his killer, and they need your help to bring this alleged murderer to justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64953>

**Mountain City, GA ... DANIEL "DANNY" PEREZ SOTO ...** Cops say that after a woman was savagely assaulted in front of her 20-month-old child, her attacker fell asleep. The victim called police, and when officers woke him up, he came after them and jumped through a bedroom window allowing him to escape.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66600>

**New Jersey ... UNKNOWN BABY BONES KILLER ...** The skeletal remains of a child known only as "Baby Bones" were found in the woods near a New Jersey theme park. Now cops need your help to figure out who she was and catch her killer.

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

**Blairsville, GA ... KRISTI LEIGH CORNWELL- MISSING...** Investigators say that on August 11, 2009, Kristi Leigh Cornwell was exercising on a rural road in Blairsville, Georgia. when she

was abducted. Cops say she was talking on the phone to her boyfriend when she told him that she was going to step off the road to avoid an oncoming car; that's when her boyfriend told police there was a struggle. Investigators are aggressively working to track down leads on her case, including tips from the AMW hotline that you've submitted to us.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=67615](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=67615)

**Philadelphia, PA ... UNKNOWN BEAU REINHOLD ZABEL KILLER...** This week, America's Most Wanted is hitting the pavement with cops in Philadelphia to find the person who shot 23-year-old Beau Zabel, an aspiring math teacher, to death for his iPod.

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

**Albuquerque, NM... WEST MESA BONE COLLECTOR ...** After police uncovered the bodies of 11 women and one unborn child in a New Mexico grave, they are still searching for the identities of four women. Now, dental records may be key in helping cops identify at least one of the unknown four.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64720>

**This SATURDAY, September 12, 2009 on the AMERICA'S MOST WANTED Season Premiere will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Brenham, Texas...**BERNY MAYEL FIGUEROA....Alexia Lopez would be 4 years old now, if her life hadn't been cut short on March 11, 2008. Cops in Brenham, Texas say that's because 31-year-old Berny Figueroa, Alexia's babysitter, beat her to death. Now an accused female killer is on the loose.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64350>

**Dickerson, Texas...**UNKNOWN JENNIFER SCHUETT ATTACKER....In 1990, eight-year-old Jennifer Schuett was kidnapped from her Texas home, raped and left for dead, but somehow beat the odds and survived. Now, 20 years later, Jennifer has come to John Walsh and America's Most Wanted to tell her horrific story in hopes that the man who attacked her years ago will finally pay for his crime.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64363>

**Plainfield, New Jersey...**WELDER "DARIO" MORENTE DUBON... Plainfield, N.J. police have issued a warrant for the arrest of 21-year-old Welder Morente Dubon, who they say fatally beat Joseph Tremarco to death with a pipe during an argument.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55760>

**Sullivan, Illinois...**HERMAN ARTHUR CARROLL SR... Herman Carroll is wanted for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child. Years after this repeat offender hit the road, cops have not forgotten about him, and they hope that a new push of publicity will land this walking, talking nightmare behind bars for good.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25820>

**Del City, Oklahoma...**HAROLD DEAN THOMPSON JR... Back in 1999, cops say crooked pharmacist Harold Dean Thompson Jr. distributed large quantities of pseudoephedrine to dope runners, and cops need your help to find him. The drug is a key component of methamphetamine.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62619>

**Pelham Manor, New York...**GIFTON "MICHAEL" CONSTANTINE COUSINS... For Jason Campbell, caddying was a way to find the business connections he needed to make his entrepreneurial dreams come true. But cops say another caddy, Gifton "Michael" Cousins, turned that dream into a nightmare when Cousins attacked Jason Campbell, stabbing him repeatedly over a heated argument.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65249>

**Borden, Indiana...**RAUL CRUZ (JUAN DE LA ROSA)....Raul Cruz allegedly killed a former coworker, Ronald Miller, by beating him to death with a bedpost. Cruz is a career criminal with a rap sheet that spans more than seven states and over 12 aliases. Police believe Cruz is probably working on a small horse farm, possibly in South Carolina.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67550>

**This SATURDAY, September 19, 2009 on the AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Apple Valley, Minnesota...APPLE VALLEY BANK ROBBER....**On August 30, 2007, an unknown caller contacted TCF Bank saying there was a bomb on the roof of the building and warned the manager not to alert authorities. Although this was a false alarm and his first attempt failed, the bank robber appeared to be undeterred. He later kidnapped the bank manager's loved ones and held them for ransom until she met his demands.

**Grand Rapids, Michigan...JUAN "CHATO" ENRIQUE REYES....** What started out as a gunfight amongst feuding neighbors turned into a deadly scene of utter chaos in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Now, cops need your tips to locate the two men who they say are responsible for shattering so many lives that fateful night.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61286>

**Wyoming, Michigan...ERIC REYES SANTIAGO....**Cops in western Michigan are on the hunt for two brothers. They say their late-night shooting spree left one man dead and another injured in September 2007. The brothers may have hit the road together, but in their wake, they've destroyed a multitude of lives.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61287>

**Tampa, Florida...KAREEM HACK....** Cops say Kareem Hack offered a woman in dire financial straits \$20 to have sex with her young children. She called the police, and they arrested Hack in a high-tech sting operation, but cops say he cut off his electronic ankle bracelet and fled before trial -- and law enforcement needs your help to catch him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59920>

**Danville and Rantoule, Illinois...SCOTT JAMES BRINEGAR....** Police say Scott Brinegar attempted to rob a bank in North Carolina after his successful string of other robberies in Virginia. This time, the bankers didn't fall for his scam.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24150>

**Brenham, Texas...DANIEL RIVERA KILLER....**It was after midnight on February 22, 2009 when Daniel Rivera was shot to death by an unknown assailant. Investigators are struggling to find a motive for this mindless killing and need your help to solve this horrific murder.

**Abington, Pennsylvania...MICHAEL BURKE....** On November 19, 2004, officers from the Abington Police Department arrested Michael Burk for the repeated rape and assault of two young girls. After failing to appear for a court date in 2007, Burk disappeared. Now, authorities need your help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66637>

**Pahrump, Nevada...JAIME ALBARRAN....** A convenience store in Pahrump, Nevada was the scene of a deadly robbery. Within a matter of minutes, cops say Jaime Albarran killed clerk Valentyna Kram, emptied the register and fled -- and it was all caught on tape.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62517>

**Hammond, Indiana...**CHRISTOPHER RAY McFULSON.... In December 2006, cops in Hammond, Ind. say Christopher Ray McFulson committed a vile act against his girlfriend's teenage daughter. Ten months later, a warrant was issued for his arrest -- but by then, he'd vanished.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63051>

**Frostproof, Florida...**BRIAN DALE ANDREWS.... Two doting grandparents are dead, and cops believe that a serial drunk driver is to blame. Police need your help in tracking down this repeat offender before he drives down more innocent victims.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64927>

**Fresno, California...**JEFFREY MARSHALL.... When the short courtship of Elizabeth "Lynne" Waterson and Jeffrey Marshall ended, the ambitious, beautiful Lynne continued to deflect Marshall's unwanted advances. For months, cops say an obsessed Marshall stalked his former girlfriend and refused to take no for an answer until one day in April 2007, when he took his twisted infatuation to a deadly breaking point.

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

**Great Neck, New York...**SPIRO GERMENIS.... What kind of person could rip off the elderly, the handicapped, and his own father-in-law? Feds say that Spiro Germenis swindled millions from the most vulnerable, and the people who loved him the most.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65159>



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## 7/31 Fairfax Exposere Case

More women in Northern Virginia say they were attacked. The first incident happened about 2 weeks ago on the WO & D Train in Vienna. Yesterday, two more attacks were reported this time in nearby Fairfax County. Now investigators are working to find out if the cases are connected.

## 7/30 270 Multiple car crash

A guilty plea today from the man charged in a deadly hit and run accident on I-270 in Rockville. Police say Michael Eaton was speeding and crashed into the rear of a Jeep Cherokee last August. One of the children in that car, Jasmin Warr, died in the crash. She was with her grandparents and another child. Prosecutors say he continued driving for 1000 feet, then took off running. He turned himself in the next day.

## 7/30 6th st 4 st

Today, officials released 6 hours of a recorded interview with Banita Jacks, the mother convicted yesterday of killing her four daughters and living with them in a Southeast rowhouse. The videotape was evidence during her trial. The tape is an interview taken at MPD headquarters the day her children's bodies were found. She claims she didn't kill the kids and instead they didn't wake up. Jacks also told detectives if she told them what really happened, they'd think she was crazy. Jacks will be sentenced later this fall.

## 7/29 6th St 4 Dead

A judge has found a District of Columbia woman guilty of killing her four daughters.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Frederick H. Weisberg convicted 34-year-old Banita Jacks on Wednesday. Weisberg decided the case himself after Jacks waived her right to a jury trial. Jacks was found guilty of four counts of felony murder, three counts of premeditated first-degree murder and other charges. She was acquitted of one count of premeditated first-degree murder. U.S. Marshal deputies discovered the girls' decomposing bodies in January 2008 while carrying out an eviction at Jacks' southeast Washington row house. The girls are believed to have been ages 5 to 16 when they were killed.

## 7/29 Eagles Nest Ct. shooting

Montgomery County police have identified a man shot by a county officer. The shooting happened Wednesday about 3 a.m. on Eagle's Nest Court in Germantown. Thirty-nine-year-old Eliodoro Hernandez was shot and killed. Police say two officers went to the apartment complex after someone called 911 about 2:40 a.m. but hung up or was disconnected before speaking to a dispatcher. Police say Officer Jesse Dickensheets fired his weapon twice; one of the shots caused Hernandez's death. A BB gun resembling a semiautomatic handgun and an eight-to-10-inch carving knife was found near Hernandez's body, but police said it was unclear whether he had fired the gun.

## 7/29 76 year old Murder

DC police are looking for the killers who beat an elderly man in Southeast. 76 year old Clarence Daws was beaten while walking to a store to check his lottery ticket last week. He died several days later. Police do not have any suspects.

## 7/27 Police chief DUI

The attorney for Alexandria Police Chief David Baker says his client "has no intention to resign."

Baker was charged with drunken driving after he was involved in a car accident in Arlington over the weekend. Attorney James Clark says Baker "should be held to a higher standard." But he says the police chief also hopes to persuade the public that he shouldn't be judged by "the worst half-hour in his life." Baker failed four field sobriety tests. About two hours after the accident, he took a breath test that registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, more than twice the legal limit. The complaint says Baker told police he had drunk two beers about 20 minutes before the accident.

## 7/27 6th St 4 Dead

Dramatic closing arguments in the Banita Jacks trial. Since there is no jury, the judge is deliberating the case. The US Attorney called the house where the 4 girls bodies were found a "prison of torture." She claims Jacks mistreated her children, cut her children off from the world and killed them. Jacks claims the girls' died in their sleep. Her lawyer acknowledged there are a lot of things that don't make sense but the government did not make its case that Jacks killed her children.

## 7/27 Bradley Blvd Car Fire

Police in Bethesda are investigating a body found inside a burning car. The call came in around 4 am. The KIA minivan was scorched from the inside out. Investigators say they're considering any possibilities.

7/27 Michael Vick reinstated

Today the NFL commissioner reinstated player Michael Vick, who has finished serving his two month sentence for running a dogfighting ring. The former Atlanta Falcons quarterback can participate in preseason practices, workouts, meetings and can play in the two final preseason games. Vick does not have a team to play for yet.

7/22 6th St 4 Dead

In the trial of a DC mother accused of murdering her 4 daughters, today the judge heard from people who'd reached to help the family. Kathy Lopes, a school social worker, testified that she was extremely concerned that the oldest daughter had stopped showing up at school. Lopes went to the house but Banita Jacks refused to allow her to see Brittany. Prosecutors believe Brittany was the first child killed in the spring of 2007. Lopes says she was so concerned about seeing the conditions the other 3 kids were living in, she made repeated calls to police, child and family services, the courts and 311 to get someone to check on the children. After the girls were found dead, a DC officer checked up on the family and in one report says he did see a teenager at the home but now says he didn't. He says he was messed up about the case and it was wishful thinking.

7/23 6th St 4 Dead

Testimony today in the Banita Jacks trial focused on how long her daughters were dead before US Marshal's discovered their bodies inside their rowhouse. A forensic etymologist says based on insectors in their bodies, the Jacks girls died not before April 2007 but not after October 2007. Their bodies were found in January 2008.

7/21 6th St 4 Dead

In the trial of a mother accused of killing her four daughters, a police officer testified that he reached out to offer support to Banita Jacks.

7/20 Gambling Ring Probe

Prince George's County Police confirmed that federal agents are investigating some of their officers. The Washington Post is reporting that the FBI is looking into some Washington area police officers involved in a high stakes gambling ring. The Police Department says the officers are not on patrol duty but the officials are deeply concerned about the allegations.

7/20 6th St 4 Dead

Today brought some of the most disturbing evidence of far in the Banita Jacks trial. She's the DC mother accused of killing her 4 daughters and living with their bodies. Police brought evidence to the courthouse in large cardboard boxes. The items, taken from Jacks' house, have such a strong odor the judge asked a court reporter sitting next to them if she needed to take a break. The evidence included a knife found near the body of oldest daughter Brittany Jacks. The Medical Examiner believes she was stabbed to death but because of the decomposition of her body, her cause of death is undetermined.

7/17 FFX Heroin Ring

Today a federal judge sentenced the leader of a huge heroin ring to 26 years in prison. Antonia Harper pleaded guilty to distributing heroin tied to at least four overdose deaths. The case helped reveal a hidden drug epidemic in Northern Virginia.

7/17 Greenbelt Rd Shooting

A wild shootout with an off-duty police officer ended with three people in the hospital, including in the officer and a child. Last night in Greenbelt, police say the altercation started with a heated argument between two roommates, one of them a military police officer. The officer went outside for help but police say the roommate grabbed the officer's gun, followed him out and started shooting. That was around 7 o'clock. An off-duty Capitol police officer was off-duty and showed up and exchanged gunfire with the suspect. A stray bullet went into an apartment, hitting a 12 year old girl. The officer hit the suspect multiple times. Everyone is expected to survive.

7/17 6th St 4 Dead

Neighbors living next door to one of the most horrific crime scenes in DC history testified today at the Banita Jacks trial. She is accused of killing her four daughters and living with their bodies for months. One

neighbor claims he heard a loud fight from the house. Others testified they smelled a horrible odor from the house more than four months before the girls' bodies were found.

#### 7/16 Manassas Park Brutality

A routine traffic stop ended with a woman under arrest and covered with bumps and bruises, claiming discrimination and police brutality. Agueda Dominguez says it all started when a Manassas Park Police Officer pulled her over in February.

#### 7/14 6th St 4 Dead

In pretrial hearings for the Banita Jacks case, attorneys continued to argue whether a videotape should be admitted into evidence for the trial. Jacks is accused of living for months with the bodies of her four daughters in a Southeast rowhome until they were found in January 2008. . Dominguez says the officer pepper sprayed her, hit her and threw her on the ground when she wouldn't sign a traffic summons. She is an immigrant from El Salvador and says she didn't understand the commands. Today in court, a judge agreed that she didn't understand the officer and found her not guilty of obstructing justice and driving without a license. Dominguez may file a civil suit against the officer.

#### 7/13 6th St 4 Dead

Disturbing new details are coming out on the Banita Jacks case, the mother accused of living for months with the bodies of her four daughters in a Southeast rowhome. Jacks' daughters were found dead in January 2008. During the pretrial hearing, the court saw a videotape recorded the day those girls were found. In it, Jacks claimed she hadn't eaten since October and that everyone in her household was weak and disoriented, including her daughters. She also refused to explain what happened to her children, saying it would sound crazy. Lawyers are arguing over whether the tape is admissible as evidence.

#### 7/9 Trinidad Checkpoints

The US Court of Appeals unanimously ruled today that military style checkpoints used in Trinidad last summer are unconstitutional. DC imposed the checkpoints last year after a spike in violence. Only residents who could prove they lived in the neighborhood were allowed through. While some residents liked the extra security, others complained the checkpoints were discriminatory.

#### 7/8 495 Double Fatal

A drunk driver is blamed in a Beltway crash that killed two people. Police say the driver who caused the accident at the Clara Barton Parkway and 495 took off and crashed again near the American Legion Bridge. Investigators also say Kelly Russ Loos was drunk when she crashed her car near the Georgetown Pike. Tonight, we are learning about her long history of driving problems. Court records show he has had numerous run ins with the law, including being charged with driving on a suspended license, failure to obey a traffic signal, driving with a suspended out of state license and driving an uninsured vehicle. Two men died in the crash.

#### 7/8 New Beginnings

Pressure is mounting on DC Mayor Adrian Fenty to step up security at the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center in Laurel. Six juveniles have escaped and were recaptured on Sunday. Now neighbors are asking for a warning system to alert them when there's an escape.

#### 7/8 Cyber Attack

A widespread cyber attack targeted the Federal government, including a long list of agencies nearly knocked out by the attack. The online assault began July 4th, affecting sites in the US and South Korea. Some sites shut down, others limited access. The White House, Pentagon, New York Stock Exchange, and Secret Service websites were all affected. All are back up and running as of last night. It's not clear yet who is responsible for the attack.

#### 7/6 New Beginnings

Six teenagers escaped from the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center this weekend, barely a month after the 46million dollar center opened. New Beginnings opened in May and is billed as a new alternative to Oak Hill, a juvenile facility marred with numerous escapes and deplorable living conditions. At New Beginnings, in the past two weeks there have been two riots, the walls busted out and windows smashed. Sunday, 6 juveniles escaped and were found in a nearby community. Guards and officials are calling for changes to keep everyone safe.

7/6 Missing 13 year old

In court today, the mother of a 13 year old, found dead in a creek pleaded guilty. Freeda Glover admitted to felony murder in the death of her adopted daughter, Lexie. The little girl was a special needs child. In court, four school bus employees and attendants said they had reported seeing the girl crawling into the trunk of her mother's car one day, and seeing her show up wearing only a diaper. Allegations of abuse against Glover began in 2004 with reports that the girl had bruises on her. The Prince William County Police Department released a report saying it has discovered deficiencies in several areas and is working on ways to improve. Three staff members have been disciplined because of the case.

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**8/31 Double Hit and Run**

Two women who were struck by a hit and run driver over the weekend. Tonight, their families are pleading for the driver to face the consequences. The women were hit in the crosswalk and dragged for more than 80 feet and have serious injuries.

**8/28 DCFD Obstruction**

A DC firefighter charged with obstruction of justice faced a judge today. Dominique Taylor is accused of lying to a Grand Jury about a shooting that police say she witnessed more than 2 years ago. She's accused of standing by as her boyfriend shot the father of her child and didn't help him. Prosecutors claim Taylor lied to police and then before a grand jury. Today a judge ruled that there's enough evidence for the case to go to trial.

**8/28 Kidnapped Girl Found**

Authorities are searching the home where a California man allegedly held a kidnapped girl captive in his backyard for 18 years. Investigators are also looking for evidence in the murders of several prostitutes whose bodies were dumped near an industrial park where Phillip Garrido worked during the 1990s. Garrido and his wife have been charged with kidnapping 11-year-old Jaycee Lee Dugard in 1991.

**8/27 DCFD Obstruction**

A DC firefighter is under arrest; charged with obstructing justice in a shooting police say she witnessed more than 2 years ago. Court documents say that Dominique Taylor was in uniform outside her apartment in May 2007 when a man she knew was shot. Witnesses say her boyfriend shot the father of her baby as they stood outside the apartment, then she refused to help the injured man. Taylor is accused of lying to investigators, then police say she continued to tell those lies under oath to the Grand Jury, including saying that she could not identify the shooter.

**8/25 Teacher/Drug Porn Arrest**

Fauquier County Middle School teacher Scott Howe is under arrest, charged with making child porn , crimes against nature and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Police say his victim is a 15 year old boy, one of his former students. Police were originally called to his home after someone reported seeing pot plants in his backyard. After obtaining a search warrant, police say they found computers, video cameras, and sexual related items including child porn. He's being held without bond.

**8/25 Babysitter Stabbed**

A disturbing scene inside a Falls Church home. A 60 year old woman and the two year old she was babysitting were stabbed inside an apartment. They both have life-threatening injuries. Police arrested the suspect just outside the complex. He apparently rented a room from the woman. Police don't know what prompted the stabbing.

**8/24 Guantanamo Interrogations**

Today, Attorney General Eric Holder ordered a criminal probe of past interrogations of terror suspects. The Justice Department released a 2004 report by the CIA Inspector General detailing how far interrogators went. In one case, a suspect was told his children would be killed, another detainee was told his mother would be raped in front of him. Holder is poised to reopen nearly a dozen prisoner abuse cases which could expose CIA officials to criminal charges.

**8/21 DC Police Overtime**

Fox 5 has learned the Department of Justice is looking into allegations that more than 200 DC Police officers have been fraudulently obtaining overtime, signing into court when cases were not scheduled. Some are even accused of forging documents. So far, 2 detectives have been placed on leave in connection with the probe.

**8/21 Two Dead Eviction?**

An apparent murder suicide in Prince William County. In Dumfries, police discovered a man and his wife dead in their bed. Neighbors say they had lost their home due to foreclosure and were in the process of being evicted. Police aren't saying who fired the gun.

**8/18 Pizza Mart Murder**

D.C. police said a man found dead inside a Northeast Washington pizza restaurant was a victim of

homicide. The man, whose identity was withheld by police pending notification of his family, was found dead about 1 p.m. inside the Pizza Mart in the 2300 block of Fourth Street, in the Edgewood neighborhood. A police spokeswoman said the victim worked at the restaurant, which was not open at the time his body was discovered. The spokeswoman, Traci Hughes, declined to say what wounds the man had suffered. A fire department spokesman said that there was evidence of a small fire near the body but that the victim apparently died of "traumatic injuries" unrelated to the fire.

#### 8/17 Homebuilder Indicted

A developing accused of duping some Prince George's County families out of thousands of dollars and their dream homes is headed to prison. Leon Coleman took payments for homes that he never built. A judge sentenced him to jail for 12 years and he must pay more than half a million dollars in restitution to his victims. Ten Maryland families believed he was building their homes in an undeveloped subdivision called Kings Grant in Largo. He bought the property with a bank loan but didn't get it surveyed. The land is on a flood plain.

#### 8/17 Saks Shoplifter

Montgomery County police tracked down a shoplifter suspected of stealing a \$2400 designer dress from Saks 5th Avenue in Chevy Chase. When investigators first released the surveillance video, they suspected the thief was a man wearing women's clothes. They now say Jonathan Bradley is the suspect in the dress theft. Earlier this month, surveillance video showed the suspect walking through Saks, disarming a security device, then used a can of pepper spray on a security guard to get away.

#### 8/14 Mogo Fire Arrest

The wife of a Montgomery County firefighter accused of trying to solicit sex from a 16 year old girl is speaking out. The firefighter was caught in a sting and the teenage girl was really a cop. Lieutenant Wayne Mothershead is a high ranking member of the department and is denying all charges against him. His wife Kimberly says she knows her husband is not guilty. She's upset that prosecutors are spreading false information against him that will hurt his reputation.

#### 8/14 Meade St. Explosion

An explosive device detonated inside a US Postal box at the corner of Meade and 49th Streets in Northeast DC around 10 o'clock last night, near the Brown Middle School. Firefighters say the debris scattered as far as 60 feet. A bomb sniffing dog was brought in to search for a second device just in case. Police are still looking for a motive and suspects.

#### 8/14 Vick to Eagles

With his prison time behind him, Michael Vick is joining the Philadelphia Eagles. The move is already stirring up controversy on and off the field. Protestors lined up outside Eagles camp to complain about the signing. Vick says he has made mistakes and apologized and promised to be an ambassador for the NFL.

#### 8/13 Seven Locks Road Death

The man convicted in a string of home invasions that left an elderly woman dead got the toughest possible sentence. A judge sentenced Jose Garcia Perlera to life in prison without parole. Perlera targeted elderly women in the home invasions, then tied them up and left them after robbing the homes.

#### 8/11 Stolen Goods Yard Sale

Thieves stole thousands of dollars of items from a woman's home in Anne Arundel County. The victim then discovered the items for sale at a neighbor's yard sale. The suspect, David Perticone, admits he took the items and tried to sell them. He claims he thought the house was abandoned and the items would be thrown away. Perticone also claims that he and his girlfriend were involved in drugs. He is charged with theft.

#### 8/7 DC Guns in Public

DC is facing another handgun lawsuit, this time from people who want to be allowed to carry guns in public. Currently under DC law, residents can keep a permitted gun locked up in their homes, but plaintiffs are arguing their rights to self defense should extend outside the house. One of the lawyers whose case knocked down the city's longstanding gun ban filed the suit in US District Court yesterday.

#### 8/7 FFX Burglaries Linked

Fairfax County police are linking a troubling string of burglaries across the county. The thieves have hit 16

homes since April. Police say the homes are usually in neighborhoods heavily populated by people of Middle Eastern or Asian descent and have religious symbols displayed. Police are warning residents to keep their doors and windows locks and alarms on during the day, even if they're at home.

#### 8/4 Saks Shoplifter

Authorities say they are searching for a shoplifter who used pepper spray against a store security guard. Montgomery County police provided images on Tuesday of a person, possibly a man dressed as a woman, who is accused of stealing a \$2,000-Chanel dress from the Saks Fifth Avenue store on Wisconsin Avenue in Chevy Chase. Police say the suspect entered the store Thursday and removed the dress from a rack before placing it into a large bag. They say a security officer, who tried to stop the person from leaving, was sprayed in the eyes with pepper spray. Officials say the suspect was last seen running toward the Friendship Heights Metro station.

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#### 9/30 Man, daughter gang arrests

A Fairfax father and daughter are in custody, charged with gang recruitment in a school. Police say Theodore Olds, 43, used his daughter to recruit gang members inside Fairfax High School. She would do it in person, by phone and in text messages. Fairfax City police say the recruitment came to light last spring when a confidential informant approached the school resource officer.

#### 9/29 Marleigh Rd Home Invasion

The hunt is on for suspects in a deadly home invasion. The attack sent shockwaves through a quite community along Marleigh Drive in Bowie. Early Sunday morning, Tyrone Richardson was separated from his wife and four kids and taken to the garage where three gunmen tied him up, beat him and demanded money. When they didn't get what they wanted, Richardson's family says he was told to say his prayers and then stabbed to death. Police are looking for suspects.

#### 9/28 Body on Playground

A gruesome discovery at a Landover Hills, Maryland school Monday morning just as children were arriving for class. Prince George's County Police say school employee discovered a body on the school's playground. As parents arrived at the school to pick up their kids Monday afternoon, it was the first time many heard about this body being found. Others were notified by email. A body found naked and, according to a witness at the scene, partially burned, was found Monday morning around 7:30 a.m. on the school's playground. Police say the Hispanic male in his 20s or 30s died of trauma.

#### 9/25 Graham Chief Arrested

Federal authorities are still working the case against Ted Loza, the Chief-of-Staff for DC Councilman Jim Graham, who is accused of accepting bribes in exchange for pushing taxi cab legislation. A search warrant shows that when federal authorities searched his office, they were looking for information about several other organizations including United Fleet Management and Fiesta DC. Why investigators are looking into these groups is still unclear. Graham says he has been questioned about Loza and promised authorities his full cooperation.

#### 9/24 FFX Mortgage Fraud

Local and federal authorities busted what they're calling the biggest mortgage fraud operation in Fairfax County history. They arrested 20 people today in a scheme that involves real estate agents, mortgage brokers and 35 hours valued at more than 20 million dollars.

#### 9/24 Chief Arrested

Councilman Jim Graham is reacting to news that his Chief-of-Staff Ted Loza has been arrested on bribery charges. He says he recently learned of the investigation and indictment not from the FBI but from Loza himself. Graham says he is extremely troubled by the charges. Graham says he has assured the FBI that the investigation will get the full cooperation from his staff.

#### 9/24 Graham Chief Arrested

The chief of staff to D.C. Council member Jim Graham was arrested on bribery charges accused of taking \$1,500 in payoffs in exchange for pushing taxicab legislation. Today, federal agents searched the Councilman's office looking for evidence. Ted Loza has worked with Graham for years. Graham introduced legislation that would have benefited the informant, authorities said. The council member is not charged in the indictment and denied any wrongdoing.

#### 9/23 Federal Building Security

Security concerns in DC are could force more street changes near the White House. There's a proposal to make a block of F Street in front of the Treasury Department on way because of fears someone could crash into the building with a truck bomb. Cars driving Westbound could reach a high rate of speed to get to the building. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says she's against changing F Street. The Obama Administration says it plans to ask DDot to withdraw the F Street proposal because they don't think making it one way is the best security solution.

#### 9/23 Illegal Explosives

A Bethesda teenager pleaded guilty to charges that he had bomb making materials along with weapons and a map of Camp David. Collin McKenzie Gude also admitted to having a variety of chemicals, batteries and



igniters capable of making an improvised explosive device. What he intended to do with the items is still unclear.

#### 9/23 FFX Missing Woman

Police arrested two people in murder of a woman who disappeared nearly a year ago. Ericka Yancey disappeared from her apartment last November. A property manager at the complex in Herndon discovered a trail of blood from the parking lot to the dumpster. Now, police have arrested two suspected killer, Marcus Williams and Michael Thomas. Williams was a roommate of the victim.

#### 9/22 Terror Warning

Terror warnings tonight in cities nationwide. The FBI and Homeland Security sent out alerts yesterday, even though they way there are no specific plots. They are warning that public transit systems, sports venues, entertainment complexes and hotels to be are attractive targets to groups like Al-Qaeda. Here in our area, major sporting stadiums like Nationals Park in DC and Fedex Field in Landover would fall under the bulletin. The head of Homeland Security in Prince George's County, where Fedex Field is, says the stadium is normally under tight security anyway.

#### 9/22 FFX Teacher Arrested

A Fairfax County teacher is charged with having sex with a 15 year old boy. Prosecutors believe 27 year old Valerie Roesler was carrying on a sexual relationship with the teenager for months. According to an affidavit, police say the teen sent her text messages wanting to know if they were going to have sex. Sources claim the two met at the school where Roesler worked before moving to Fairfax and that she was his teacher. A spokesperson for the school system says that Roesler had passed a background check and had been hired as a Special Education teacher. Fairfax County police said they found her with the boy just before 2 am Sunday, doubleparked in a lot in a residential area of Gunston Hill Lane.

#### 9/21 17 yo accused of murder

The search for a missing woman ends in a gruesome discovery. Police found Rosa Vasquez in a container in her backyard. Investigators say her daughter's 17 year old boyfriend, Ivo Portillo, killed her and left here there. The 13 year old daughter admitted helping Portillo sneak into the home because her mother did not approve of him. She claims Portillo was hiding in the basement when she left for school. Portillo is charged with murder.

#### 9/17 Masonic Lodge Closing

Complaints from neighbors at a Masonic Lodge led DC to yank the public hall license from the King Solomon Temple. The lodge is a service organization that rents out ballroom space to groups for functions. Neighbors complain that the parties spill out into a quite, nice neighborhood on Rhode Island Avenue. One person was shot after a party at the Lodge.

#### 9/17 FFX Home Invasion

The hunt is on tonight for 5 masked men who burst into a Fairfax home, terrorizing a family. Investigators say they broke in an tied up a man and woman while a little boy was in the house. No one was hurt but police believe the men broke in to rob the family.

#### 9/16 Terror Investigation

Despite terror raids in New York, with federal agents looking for bombs and links to Al-Qaida, the FBI chief says there's no imminent danger to the public. Meanwhile, a Colorado airport shuttle driver is denying charges that he's part of a plot even though the FBI had him under surveillance.

#### 9/16 Swann Street Homicide

3 years since a local lawyer was found murdered in a Dupont Circle home, police still haven't charged anyone in his death. But, new court documents are raising questions about the stories of the three men who lived in the house where Robert Wone died. Joseph Price, Victor Zaborsky and Dylan Ward have all claimed from the very beginning an intruder entered the house on Swann Street that August night, grabbed a knife from the kitchen, went to the second floor guestroom where Wone was sleeping and stabbed him to death. But now, court documents show a police officer signed a statement saying one of the men told her that they heard a noise, went downstairs and found Wone bleeding on the patio and took him upstairs to bed and called police.

#### 9/15 SOMD Drug Ring

Police busted a major Southern Maryland drug ring. Investigators believe over the past three years, the

operation distributed as much as 5 kilos of cocaine throughout Saint Mary's County and pulled in a profit of \$1.5 million. 12 men are under arrest and in federal court facing numerous charges.

#### 9/15 Castle Blvd Homicide

A family is hoping their plea for information will help solve a murder mystery in Silver Spring. More than a week ago, a woman was shot to death outside her apartment. Simone White was a Jamaican immigrant working two jobs to make a life for herself. Her boss at the Crowne Plaza, where she was a telephone operator, called her an ideal employee. She had just left work when she was killed. Police have no suspects.

#### 9/14 Just St Homicide

A drive by shooting in the District killed a 16 year old boy. Antonio Ward had gone into the neighborhood on Just street to buy a pet snake when he was killed. His mother believes the shooting was in retaliation for a fight last month. Ward's family used to live in that neighborhood.

#### 9/14 Arlington Bus Stop

A bold attack on a woman in an Arlington neighborhood. Police say a man armed with a stun gun tried to abduct her. She was in the 2000 block of North Quincy Street early yesterday morning when it happened. Police are still searching for a suspect.

#### 9/14 Trenton Place shooting

Police shot and killed a suspect who claimed he killed a relative then approached officers with knives. The man called 911 and said he killed a family member at an apartment on Trenton Place. When officers arrived, he went into the street and refused to drop his weapons. Police fired several times. They have not found any evidence that he killed anyone.

#### 9/11 Calvert Child Death

Today Renee Bowman pleaded guilty to killing her 2 daughters and putting their bodies in a freezer. She is accused of killing the adopted daughters in Montgomery County and moving the bodies in a freezer when she relocated to Lusby. The situation came to light when a third girl, a 7 year old, was found wandering the neighborhood. Prosecutors say neighbors found the girl and got help for her. Doctors say she had 80 injuries including broken bones and human bite marks.

#### 9/11 PG Fatal Hit and Run

Police in Prince George's County are trying to track down a driver in a deadly hit and run in Lanham last night. Police say the driver struck a pedestrian on Route 450 and kept going. The victim, 36 year old Jose Perez-Simenthal, lived only about a mile away. Police have posted a reward for information.

#### 9/9 Castle Blvd Homicide

Investigators in Silver Spring are trying to find out who killed a 37 year old woman near her apartment on Castle Boulevard. Simone White's body was found on an elevated sidewalk. Police have no information on suspects.

#### 9/9 Minister Indicted

A youth minister is accused of having sex with a 15 year old member of her church. The teen's mother says she was supposed to be counseling the boy against premarital sex. The minister worked at Saint Matthias United Methodist Church in Stafford County. Neighbors described Jennifer Brennan as a devoted wife and mother of two.

#### 9/7 Woodbridge Domestic

A man is accused of taking his wife hostage at gunpoint. The owner of the home where it all happened may have saved the woman's life by wrestling the gun away from her husband. Police say Torris Cowan and his estranged wife had a history of domestic problems. Early Sunday morning, they got into a fight outside the townhouse and neighbors called police. When officers arrived, Cowan had his wife held hostage and refused to let her go. He went back to the townhouse trying to get in. When the homeowner opened the door suddenly, he fell in and dropped the gun. Two shots were fired and no one was hurt. Police arrived to help as the homeowner wrestled the gun away.

#### 9/4 Peaceaholics Sex Assault

A mentor hired by Peaceaholics and placed in Spingarm High School has been convicted of sexually

assaulting a 15 year old girl at the school. Barry Harrison was hired despite having served 20 years in prison for murder. At the time of his arrest, the co-founders of Peaceaholics said the background check had not turned up the conviction. The group is still supporting him, saying they do not believe the girl's allegations.

#### 9/3 Univ Blvd Murder

A manhunt is underway for two men wanted in connection with the murder of a Silver Spring man shot to death in his driveway Sunday. Now the victim's family wants to know how one of the suspects checked himself out of the hospital and got away. The suspect could barely walk and was being treated for a gunshot wound to his right leg but signed himself out of Washington Hospital Center. Police are still trying to piece together what happened during the shooting. 63 year old Clarence Rankine was killed.

#### 9/2 Georgetown Cuddler

On the first day of classes for students at Georgetown University, police are continuing their hunt for a predator on the prowl. Twice in the last two days, a serial attacker has broken into homes and climbed in bed with students. There have been nearly a dozen of that attacks over the past year. Georgetown Police and MPD are repeating their warnings for students and everyone else in the community to make sure they lock their doors and windows.

#### 9/2 Holocaust Shooting

For the first time, the suspect in the deadly Holocaust Museum shooting appeared in court to face murder charges. 89 year old James Von Brunn was critically wounded by a guard during the shootings and has not been able to get out of the hospital until now. Today, federal prosecutors claimed the attack was a suicide mission meant to spread fear. Von Brunn walked into the Museum and started shooting, killing guard Stephen Johns and sending tourists running for their lives.

#### 9/2 PG Police Pursuit

A suspect wanted in connection with the murder of 2 women in Anne Arundel County is dead, shot and killed by an officer. Prince George's County police tried to pick him up in Upper Marlboro and that's when they say he took off, leading them on a chase into the District. Investigators say Theodore Blanton stopped his car and got out with a gun. Police chased him on foot and shot him. Police believe he killed his estranged wife and her sister.

#### 9/1 14th St Woman Killed

A break in the search for a killer who shot a woman to death as she walked home from work. Police say they've arrested a 17 year old gang member in the killing. Investigators claim he was firing at rival gang members but struck Deborah Brown, killing her with a single bullet.

#### 9/1 Georgetown Cuddler

The so-called Georgetown Cuddler has struck twice in two days, just at the beginning of the Fall semester. Police say the attacks seem to follow the same patterns as last year. There have been close to a dozen of the attacks in the last year. In the most recent attacks, students woke up to find the man cuddled up to them while they slept. He took off when the students screamed. Georgetown says it's stepping up campus security but it's still up to students to make sure their doors and windows are locked.

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#### 7/20 Tax Holiday Repeal

In this time of belt-tightening, the DC Government is saving hundreds of thousands of dollars by canceling the August Tax Free Week. That program did allow you to buy many items under \$100 without paying sales tax. Families are upset that canceling the program will cost them more money as they get kids ready for school. Business owners are worried shoppers will buy in Virginia, instead, which is still having its tax free shopping days.

#### 7/16 Fenty Budget

Hundreds of teachers in DC public charter schools are wondering if they'll get paid tomorrow. Charter schools that were banking on their traditional July payment were told yesterday that the city might not be able to cough up the funds. In a letter to Mayor Fenty, DC Council Chairman Vincent Gray expressed regret that the schools got last minute notice that the city was planning to reduce first quarter payments because the fiscal 2010 budget wasn't balanced. The Fenty administration is promising to tap into the city's Rainy Day fund to help the charters meet payroll.

#### 7/13 Marion Barry Contract

New and serious allegations against DC Councilmember Marion Barry. A woman claims she was fired after accusing Barry of fraud, forgery and the misuse of funds. Sharon Wise is a longtime friend of Barry's who claims money set aside for a non-profit program she worked on was misappropriated. She also claims her signature was forged on documents she never saw or approved of. Councilman David Catania says he wants an investigation. Barry denies the claims.

#### 7/13 Manny Acta Fired/Nationals

A big shake up at Nationals Park. Manager Manny Acta was fired yesterday after two and a half seasons with the team. The Nationals went into the All-Star break with the worst record in the majors. The attendance is at the bottom of the league, not exactly what the District hoped for when it built a \$700 million ballpark for the Nationals. Now it looks like the city's investment is not paying off as expected. In 2006, a District report projected a windfall for the city. The promised revitalization in the area hasn't materialized, either.

#### 7/10 Marion Barry Contract

After Marion Barry's arrest and complaints on giving a city contract to a girlfriend, the DC Council says it's ready to consider ethics rules for members. Late this afternoon, the council also revealed that they will bring in Bob Bennett, a high profile DC lawyer, to investigate whether the contract Barry awarded to his then girlfriend were legal.

#### 7/9 Trinidad Checkpoints

The US Court of Appeals unanimously ruled today that military style checkpoints used in Trinidad last summer are unconstitutional. DC imposed the checkpoints last year after a spike in violence. Only residents who could prove they lived in the neighborhood were allowed through. While some residents liked the extra security, others complained the checkpoints were discriminatory.

#### 7/8 Marion Barry Arrested

More drama today in the arrest of DC Councilman Marion Barry. First it was the stalking charges, then questions about whether Barry should have given his then-girlfriend a government contract. Now, Barry is facing questions over several voicemail messages he left on his former girlfriend's answering machine. The City Paper says it obtained the voice mails which were recorded by the woman's husband. The voicemails shows a rocky relationship. No DC Councilmembers would comment on the latest happenings in the case.

#### 7/8 New Beginnings

Pressure is mounting on DC Mayor Adrian Fenty to step up security at the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center in Laurel. Six juveniles have escaped and were recaptured on Sunday. Now neighbors are asking for a warning system to alert them when there's an escape.

#### 7/6 Marion Barry Arrest

Marion Barry claims his arrest on stalking charges is all a big misunderstanding. He claims the woman, Donna Watts, is not credible. Barry claims the two have been in a relationship and she has already recanted a large part of the allegation that led to his arrest. Barry says the two were headed to the beach Saturday but turned around in Annapolis and they had dinner at her house. Later in the evening, Barry was driving home and Watts

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flagged down police and made her allegations that he was stalking her. Watts is not commenting.

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#### 8/31 DC Daycare problems

Dozens of DC child care workers are in danger of losing their jobs. Centers are being shut down in a move to privatize the system, now families left scrambling for child care are sounding the alarm. This isn't a money issue since it's a federally funded program. That's why so many parents are confused on why the mayor wants to privatize child care. Mayor Fenty has eliminated the budget for early childhood and out of school time programs for next fiscal year, closing at least 20 DC child care centers. DC Councilmember Harry Thomas calls what's going on "outrageous" and is vowing action. A workers' union is also filing a lawsuit against the district. Some parents say they haven't been able to find replacement child care and are having to take time off work.

#### 8/26 MD Budget Cuts

Governor Martin O'Malley is cutting hundreds of millions of dollars from the Maryland budget. He announced some of the places the money is coming from. Montgomery and Prince George's Counties were supposed to get \$33 million total for things like repair, bus service and sidewalks. Now, they'll have to make do with less than \$2 million each. Cities and Counties took a huge hit in this budget reduction so citizens can expect to see a lot of reduced services.

#### 8/26 DC Ski Facilities

After a multi-million dollar modernization of schools, nearly 100 custodians and maintenance workers are being laid-off in the District. The layoffs come as the city is in the midst of long overdue updates of the crumbling facilities and grappling with a major budget shortfall. The mayor refused to comment on the layoffs.

#### 8/25 O'Malley Budget Cuts

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley wants to slash more than \$450 million from the State's budget. This isn't the first time he's had to cut the budget this year. O'Malley will introduce specific details on the cuts tomorrow, when he addresses the Board of Public Works. We do know that 70,000 workers will be getting several unpaid days off and their union is complaining about the furloughs. The Friday before Labor Day will be the first furlough day.

#### 8/24 PEPCO High Bills

After hundreds of complaints about high Pepco bills over the past year, the Office of the People's Counsel says it may have answers. The counsel believes it's possible that faulty Pepco meters may be to blame for many outrageous bills. Pepco says there's no basis for the Counsel's report. It claims out of 234 records it provided, only 2 had meter issues. The Counsel's report will now go before the DC Public Service Commission.

#### 8/21 Creigh Deeds

Recent polls in the Virginia governor's race show Republican Bob McDonnell with a lead over Democrat Creigh Deeds. Deeds is hoping to gain support in Northern Virginia, which could put him over the top. Today he campaigned in Fairfax, the most populated county in the Commonwealth. He worked to define himself and his plans for Virginia. He also launched three new commercials.

#### 8/19 VA Budget Cuts

Today, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine revealed that the Commonwealth is going to have to cut another billion and a half dollars from the budget. No spending area, including schools will be exempt. The governor asked every agency to draw up a list of proposed cuts. The Department of Transportation is expected to take the biggest hit.

#### 8/10 Va Gov's Race abortion

Virginia's Democratic candidate for Governor is taking aim at the Republican challenger's prolife record. Today, Democrat Creigh Deeds claimed that if elected, he would protect a woman's right to choose. The latest average of polls by Real Clear Politics has McDonnell ahead by 10 points.

#### 8/7 DC Guns in Public

DC is facing another handgun lawsuit, this time from people who want to be allowed to carry guns in public. Currently under DC law, residents can keep a permitted gun locked up in their homes, but plaintiffs are arguing their rights to self defense should extend outside the house. One of the lawyers whose case knocked down the city's longstanding gun ban filed the suit in US District Court yesterday.

8/7 Cafritz Home fire

A week and a half after a huge fire destroyed a Northwest DC mansion, we now know why firefighters had trouble getting enough water to fight the fire. There are no side streets in the area, preventing firefighters from getting to most hydrants in the area. Instead, they had to pump water uphill from McArthur Boulevard. The water lines are also small, limiting the amount of water available for firefighters. The city is looking at ways to fix the problems in case of another emergency.

8/4 Fenty Kids School

Mayor Adrian Fenty confirmed today that he's sending his 8 year old twin sons to public school. Fenty was criticized when he was first elected for sending the boys to private school. He promised that when they finished the Kindergarten through 3rd grade program they are in, the boys would go to public school. He won't say which program they are attending.

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#### 9/29 DC School Layoffs

Students at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts walked out of class Tuesday after hearing some of their teachers may be laid off. The students claim they don't have any details but have heard that some arts teachers may have to go. The President of the Washington Teachers Union is just as frustrated if not more. George Parker says he understands there's a \$40 million shortfall but is upset that the school system just hired 900 new teachers this summer.

#### 9/29 Howard Co Healthcare

As Congress debates health care reform, officials in Howard County, Maryland may have already found the right prescription. This year, they launched an experimental program for the uninsured. It's the first of its kind in the country and it could be a model for the nation. On January 1, 2009 it launched an experimental program for the uninsured, the first of its kind in the country. Since the program started, Howard County has helped more 2,000 people sign up for federal and state assistance and provided health care for hundreds of others. It provides health care to those who can't afford health insurance but make too much to qualify for Medicaid. For a family of four to qualify, a family's income must be \$32,000 - \$66,000 a year. It is not insurance, but the plan does provide emergency and inpatient care through Howard county general hospital, six primary care visits and access to a network of specialists.

#### 9/25 Graham Chief Arrested

Federal authorities are still working the case against Ted Loza, the Chief-of-Staff for DC Councilman Jim Graham, who is accused of accepting bribes in exchange for pushing taxi cab legislation. A search warrant shows that when federal authorities searched his office, they were looking for information about several other organizations including United Fleet Management and Fiesta DC. Why investigators are looking into these groups is still unclear. Graham says he has been questioned about Loza and promised authorities his full cooperation.

#### 9/24 DC Teacher Protest

A protest is underway to try to stop DC Public School leaders from firing teachers based on how students perform. Protestors say teachers feel disrespected by what's been going on with DC Public Schools. They say they won't understand why Chancellor Michelle Rhee hired over 900 new teachers this summer and one month into the school year there is a budget shortfall of \$40 million. Because of budget issues, school leaders will be cutting staff based on student achievement.

#### 9/24 Chief Arrested

Councilman Jim Graham is reacting to news that his Chief-of-Staff Ted Loza has been arrested on bribery charges. He says he recently learned of the investigation and indictment not from the FBI but from Loza himself. Graham says he is extremely troubled by the charges. Graham says he has assured the FBI that the investigation will get the full cooperation from his staff.

#### 9/24 Graham Chief Arrested

The chief of staff to D.C. Council member Jim Graham was arrested on bribery charges accused of taking \$1,500 in payoffs in exchange for pushing taxicab legislation. Today, federal agents searched the Councilman's office looking for evidence. Ted Loza has worked with Graham for years. Graham introduced legislation that would have benefited the informant, authorities said. The council member is not charged in the indictment and denied any wrongdoing.

#### 9/22 Teens Indoor Tanning

Howard County Executive Kenneth Ulman and Health Officer Dr. Peter Beilenson formally introduced a regulation Tuesday that would make it illegal for children younger than 18 to use tanning beds, which some studies suggest cause melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. If the county's board of health passes the measure, Howard County would be the first in the country to keep minors out of tanning beds.

#### 9/21 PG Layoffs

Prince George's County is having to make big budget cuts to cope with the financial mess. That means more than 100 county employees will be getting pink slips before the end of the year. County Executive Jack Johnson says he had no choice but to cut jobs to close a \$22 million dollar budget gap.

#### 9/16 Cafritz Fire/Hydrants

The DC Council is holding a hearing trying on problems with fire hydrants in the District. A Northwest mansion burned last month and firefighters had trouble getting enough water. There were no hydrants on the



street and no access roads to get water from other streets.

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## 7/31 Cash for Clunkers

The House voted overwhelmingly Friday to rush \$2 billion into the popular but financially strapped "cash for clunkers" car purchase program, heeding calls from consumers eager to keep taking advantage of thousands of dollars in trade-in incentives. House members approved the measure 316-109 within hours of learning from Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood that the program was running out of money. President Barack Obama said he was encouraged by the House action to keep alive a program that had "succeeded well beyond our expectations." Senate action is likely next week, ensuring the program won't be affected by the sudden shortage of cash.

## 7/29 Health care Overhaul

After weeks of turmoil, House Democrats reached a shaky peace with the party's rebellious rank-and-file conservatives Wednesday and cleared the way for a vote in September on sweeping health care legislation. Bipartisan Senate negotiators reported progress, too, on a bill to extend coverage to 95 percent of all Americans without raising federal deficits.

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## 7/27 Obama China Talks

President Obama is trying to improve relations with the Far East, kicking off two days of high level talks with Chinese leaders. The meetings cover a broad range of issues including everything from the global economic crisis to nuclear proliferation.

## 7/24 Professor arrested

President Obama is softening his stance after claiming that Cambridge, MA police "acted stupidly" by arrested Professor Henry Louis Gates, Junior. The President walked into the White House news briefing and admitted he ratcheted up the controversy over the arrest. He said he wanted to clarify that he believed Gates and Officer James Crowley overreacted during the incident but that his own comments did not help with the debate over racial profiling in America. He also invited both men to the White House for a beer to discuss what happened.

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## 723 Obama Gates comments

The President's comments on controversial arrest are adding fuel to the fire. President Obama says the Cambridge, MA police acted stupidly in arresting Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates, Junior in his own home. A neighbor had reported that someone was breaking into the house. Gates was arriving home from a trip and had trouble getting into his house.

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#### 7/16 Sotomayor Hearings

Day 4 of hearings for Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor brought out some tough critics. The pair of firefighters at the center of a controversial reverse discrimination ruling by the judge told their side of the story. She ruled against a group of Connecticut firefighters who claimed they were discriminated against in 2004 when their promotions test results were thrown out because no minorities had taken the test. Sotomayor said she ruled that way because of a precedent set by the Supreme court and the Second Circuit. The firefighters claimed her personal views influenced her decision.

#### 7/13 Sotomayor Confirmation Hearings

An historic day on Capitol Hill. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor delivered an emotional opening statement in day one of the confirmation hearings. Democrats signaled that they intend to defend Judge Sotomayor from accusations that she's a liberal activist judge while Republicans say they're concerned over her statements that her race and gender have influenced her decisions.

#### 7/10 GM Bankruptcy

Today General Motors emerged from bankruptcy protection after just 40 days. The new GM will cut 20% of its salaried positions by the end of the year. The automaker also received another 20 billion dollars in federal aid and plans to repay government loans ahead of the 2015 deadline. GM emerged from bankruptcy much faster than anyone expected.

#### 7/8 Cyber Attack

A widespread cyber attack targeted the Federal government, including a long list of agencies nearly knocked out by the attack. The online assault began July 4th, affecting sites in the US and South Korea. Some sites shut down, others limited access. The White House, Pentagon, New York Stock Exchange, and Secret Service websites were all affected. All are back up and running as of last night. It's not clear yet who is responsible for the attack.

#### 7/8 Obama G8 Summit

There are big issues on the table for President Obama, attending the G8 summit in Italy. He and other world leaders are working on a response to international problems like North Korea, Iran and climate change. They're also working on strategies to combat the global financial mess.

#### 7/6 Obama Russia

President Obama is in Moscow, working on Russian-American relations in a 2 day summit. He met with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, where they announced they've struck a deal on a road map for a future treaty that could reduce nuclear weapons for the two nations by as much as 50%.

#### 7/1 Obama Health Care

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#### 8/31 Afghan Report

The United States and NATO need a new strategy to defeat the Taliban, the top commander in Afghanistan said Monday as he delivered a classified assessment that is widely seen as the groundwork for a fresh request to add more American forces next year. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said the nearly 8-year-old war is winnable, but his report is expected to be a blunt appraisal of the Taliban's increasing tactical prowess and diminishing popular support in Afghanistan for both the foreign-led war effort and the fragile, corruption-riddled central government.

#### 8/28 Kennedy Burial Preps

Staff at Arlington National Cemetery are preparing for Senator Ted Kennedy's burial tomorrow. Sidewalks are being roped off for the crowds expected to view the funeral motorcade along Memorial Bridge. Senator Kennedy's gravesite is just a short walk away from the spots where his brothers, President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert Kennedy, were laid to rest in the 1960s.

#### 8/27 Kennedy Arrangements

Sen. Ted Kennedy's body was moved from his family home in Hyannis Port, MA to the JFK Presidential Library in Boston, while thousands of people lined the streets to pay their respects. Starting at 6 o'clock tonight, his body will lie in repose at the Library allowing the public a chance to file through. After a memorial service Friday night, a funeral is scheduled for Saturday morning. The Senator's body will then be flown to Andrews Air Force base. After a procession through DC, he will be laid to rest near his brothers at Arlington National Cemetery.

#### 8/26 Kennedy Local

While Senator Ted Kennedy's home was in Massachusetts, he spent much of his adult life in Washington, DC. Flowers piled up in his office on Capitol Hill as locals and tourists stopped by to pay their respects. DC Attorney General John Alden grew up in Massachusetts and remembers how he went out of his way to help his constituents. He attended church services in Chevy Chase and always donated one of his paintings to a church fundraiser.

#### 8/26 Kennedy Obit

Senator Ted Kennedy lost his battle with brain cancer overnight in his Massachusetts home. He's being remembered for his impact on major legislation over 47 years in the Senate and his place as the head of the Kennedy family. Kennedy was diagnosed with a brain tumor in May 2008.

#### 8/24 Guantanamo Interrogations

Today, Attorney General Eric Holder ordered a criminal probe of past interrogations of terror suspects. The Justice Department released a 2004 report by the CIA Inspector General detailing how far interrogators went. In one case, a suspect was told his children would be killed, another detainee was told his mother would be raped in front of him. Holder is poised to reopen nearly a dozen prisoner abuse cases which could expose CIA officials to criminal charges.

#### 8/24 Cash for Clunkers

If you want to get in on the Cash for Clunkers program, you've only got until 8 o'clock tonight to make a deal for your new car. Late today, the government did give dealers an extension to file the paperwork for all the deals they're making. They now have until noon tomorrow to submit the proper documentation to be reimbursed for the \$3500 or \$4500 rebates on some cars.

#### 8/17 Health care

Town hall meetings devoted to health care are erupting in protests and screaming all over the country. This weekend, Obama administration officials opened the door to abandoning the government option and instead looking at health insurance cooperatives to compete with private insurers. President Obama is still saying he believes a public option is a must. At a town hall meeting in Philadelphia today, Senator Arlen Specter says he is also fighting for the government run plan.

#### 8/13 Money: Stimulus

Maryland, DC and Virginia are getting a combined \$167 million dollars for transportation projects from the federal stimulus package. That's adding up to about 150 road improvement projects in Maryland alone. Summer

is already primetime for road construction and drivers complain they are noticing the extra time they're spending in traffic with the new projects added to the load.

#### 8/6 Sotomayor Confirmed

Sonia Sotomayor won confirmation Thursday as the nation's first Hispanic Supreme Court justice, a history-making Senate vote that capped a summer-long debate heavy with ethnic politics and hints of high court fights to come. The third woman in court history, she'll be sworn in Saturday as the 111th justice and the first nominated by a Democrat in 15 years. The Senate vote was 68-31 to confirm Sotomayor, President Barack Obama's first Supreme Court nominee, with Democrats unanimously behind her but most Republicans lining up in a show of opposition both for her and for the president's standards for a justice.

#### 8/4 Journalists Released

Two American journalists jubilantly reunited with family and friends early Wednesday upon returning to the United States with former President Bill Clinton, whose diplomatic trip to North Korea secured their release nearly five months after their arrests. The jet carrying Euna Lee and Laura Ling, reporters for Al Gore's San Francisco-based Current TV, and Clinton arrived at Burbank's Bob Hope Airport at dawn. Clinton met with communist leader Kim Jong Il on Tuesday to secure the women's release. Lee emerged from the jetliner first and was greeted by husband Michael Saldate and 4-year-old daughter Hana. She hugged the girl and picked her up before all three embraced in a crushing hug as TV networks beamed the poignant moment live. Ling embraced her husband, Iain Clayton, as teary family members crowded around.

#### 8/3 Cash For Clunkers

The popular but overwhelmed "cash for clunkers" program is still rolling ahead, but the White House says the Senate better approve \$2 billion without delay or the big rebates for car buyers could be history by week's end. Senate skeptics appear to be in no hurry. The Obama administration pointed to environmental gains made during the first week of the program, which gives rebates of as much as \$4,500 to motorists who trade in gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles. The White House also highlighted recovery news from Ford Motor Co., which reported its first U.S. sales increase in nearly two years.

#### 8/3 Middle Class Taxes

President Barack Obama remains committed to not raising taxes on U.S. families earning less than \$250,000 despite some conflicting statements from senior members of his economic team, the president's spokesman said Monday. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs restated the assurance after Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and National Economic Council Director Larry Summers appeared to leave open the possibility Obama would tap middle-class Americans' income. Geithner and Summers sidestepped questions on Obama's intentions about taxes. Geithner said the White House was not ready to rule out a tax hike to reduce the federal deficit; Summers said Obama's proposed health care overhaul needs funding from somewhere.

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#### 9/30 Terror Hearing

The Department of Homeland Security is talking for the first time about the recent arrest of several terror suspects but not everyone is singing the department's praises. Some analysts think the department needs to broaden its scope. The director of the FBI said today that recent arrests are proof that the US anti-terror capabilities are working and have become more sophisticated. But US officials say homegrown terrorists are a growing concern.

#### 9/30 Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is the subject of a two-day summit that the Department of Transportation kicked off today. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood warned more than 200 attendees about the dangers of distracted driving and pledged to take action at the federal level to combat this "menace to society."

#### 9/28 Iran Missile tests

Iran tested its longest-range missiles Monday and warned they can reach any place that threatens the country, including Israel, parts of Europe and U.S. military bases in the Mideast. The launch capped two days of war games and was condemned as a provocation by Western powers, which are demanding Tehran come clean about a newly revealed nuclear facility it has been secretly building.

#### 9/23 Federal Building Security

Security concerns in DC are could force more street changes near the White House. There's a proposal to make a block of F Street in front of the Treasury Department one way because of fears someone could crash into the building with a truck bomb. Cars driving Westbound could reach a high rate of speed to get to the building. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says she's against changing F Street. The Obama Administration says it plans to ask DDot to withdraw the F Street proposal because they don't think making it one way is the best security solution.

#### 9/23 Obama UN Address

President Obama has a blunt message for world leaders today. Speaking before the United Nations, he said that people cannot expect America to solve the world's problems alone. He says it's time for all nations to take a share of responsibility for global challenges like terrorism, Middle East peace and the reduction of nuclear weapons. This is his first address to the UN General Assembly since taking office.

#### 9/22 Baucus Bill

A Senate Committee began debating the Baucus Health Bill today. That's a response to the President's health care plan that does not contain the controversial Public Option for healthcare. It also won't provide coverage for illegal immigrants or fund abortions with federal money.

#### 9/22 Airline Passengers

Airline passengers who were trapped on tarmacs "like sardines in a can" had their opportunity to air their grievances Tuesday at an unofficial Capitol Hill hearing that shared some of the characteristics of those flights. The hearing was sponsored by advocates of the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights. The hearing was sponsored by advocates of the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, which would require airlines to give passengers the option of leaving a plane after it has sat on the ground for three hours. The proposal, which lacked adequate support in 2007 and 2008, has gained steam this year because of several highly publicized incidents, including a nearly six-hour overnight wait involving a regional jet in Rochester, Minnesota. The star witness for the passenger advocates was Robert Crandall, former chairman and chief executive of American Airlines, who spoke in support of the three-hour limit. He favors a looser four-hour limit until 2011 to give the industry time to adjust operating procedures.

#### 9/22 Obama Mideast Peace

President Obama is in New York tonight trying to help make peace in the Middle East. During his visit to speak before the United Nations, he also met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. The two sides are at a standstill surrounding Israeli settlement construction. Netanyahu has refused to free construction on the West Bank and in Jerusalem. The Palestinians hope to build a state there with East Jerusalem as its capital and say Israel must honor the agreements reached in previous talks.

#### 9/22 Terror Warning

Terror warnings tonight in cities nationwide. The FBI and Homeland Security sent out alerts yesterday,

even though they way there are no specific plots. They are warning that public transit systems, sports venues, entertainment complexes and hotels to be are attractive targets to groups like Al-Qaeda. Here in our area, major sporting stadiums like Nationals Park in DC and Fedex Field in Landover would fall under the bulletin. The head of Homeland Security in Prince George's County, where Fedex Field is, says the stadium is normally under tight security anyway.

#### 9/21 Money: Unemployment

House lawmakers are moving fast to extend unemployment benefits for thousands of jobless Americans. The 13 week extension would help people in places hit the hardest, including the District. New numbers show the unemployment rate in DC has reached more than 11%, nearly 2 points higher than the national average.

#### 9/21 Afghanistan Strategy

Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top American and NATO commander in Afghanistan, urgently asked for more troops in a memo leaked to the Washington Post. He claims that there's no certainty that the US will win the war even with the troops but almost certainly can't do it without more manpower. The President is considering whether to call for more troops.

#### 9/21 Obama Healthcare

Today the President headed to Troy, New York to promote his plan for health care reform. That area has been hard hit by the recession and the president tried out a new argument in favor of reform. He told an audience at Hudson Valley Community College that new investments in health care and research would lead to new jobs for people currently looking for work.

#### 9/17 President Obama at College Park

President Obama is making his health care pitch to a college crowd. He's been criss-crossing the country trying to drum up support for a plan to change the way health insurance is bought and sold in this country. Today's stop was in College Park at the University of Maryland. The President says if his plan passes, the reforms would make it easier to buy coverage, keep coverage and reduce costs that are run up by people who don't have health insurance.

#### 9/16 Baucus Health care

After months of haggling, Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus finally unveiled the panel's health care reform bill. Right now, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are picking apart the Senate's 10 year health care fix. The price tag on this proposal is about \$856 billion. The Baucus plan does not have a public option and instead calls for non-profit cooperates to compete with private insurers.

#### 9/15 Rep. Wilson Comments

South Carolina Congressman Joe Wilson is feeling the heat from his outburst during President Obama's speech earlier this month. He yelled "you lie" at the President during an address to Congress. Tonight, the House of Representatives has voted on a Resolution of Disapproval for his actions. He has apologized to the White House in a phone call.

#### 9/14 Cardin Health Care

Maryland Senator Ben Cardin today met with the people on the front lines of the health care fight, talking to doctors and nurses to hear what they're worried about. One nurse says she sees too many patients who come in for treatment at an end stage for their disease because they didn't have insurance to get proper health care. A doctor believed Congress hadn't done enough to hear from doctors and nurses when making the health care plans.

#### 9/11 Coast Guard Training

A scare on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Reports surfaced that the Coast Guard fired 10 rounds on a boat near the Pentagon, but that never actually happened. Some broadcast reports fueled the fears that even led to flights at Reagan National Airport being grounded. The Coast Guard says this was all a training mission and defended its decision to hold the exercise on 9/11 not far from where the President was delivering a speech.

#### 9/10 Obama Healthcare

The White House continued the hard sell today on health care reform. This follows the President's big speech before Congress and the nation last night. His address is getting high marks but it's unclear whether one

big speech can sway public opinion on such a crucial issue. A Thursday poll from Rasmussen Reports shows only 44% favoring the President's health care reforms while a slight majority are opposed to it.

#### 9/8 Congress Health

Congress is back at work tonight in the battle over health care reform. The key question tonight is whether the President will insist on having a government run insurance plan to compete with private insurers, which is the so-called public option. The White House isn't saying but the President will reveal his plans when he addresses Congress tomorrow night.

#### 9/8 VA Schools President

Today President Obama delivered his back to school speech to the nation's kids. He gave the speech from Wakefield High School in Arlington, telling students to stay in school and work on their goals, even if there are parts of it they don't enjoy. Students were also told their own success or failure will determine whether we as a nation meet our challenges in the future. Some schools across the country refused to show the speech because they feared it would be political.

#### 9/7 Obama School speech

The President is set to give a speech to the nation's school kids tomorrow, a speech that's drawn controversy and protest. Today, the White House released the text of that speech he's going to give in Arlington, Virginia and be broadcast to many schools across the country. In it, he will call on students to stay in school and work to achieve their goals.

#### 9/3 Biden Recovery Act

Vice President Joe Biden says the economic stimulus has been a bigger success than anyone thought it would be. The Vice President is promoting economic recovery while President Obama works on what to say in his primetime health care address to Congress next week. It's been 200 days since the Obama administration and Congress launched the \$787 billion Recovery Act. In a speech at the Brookings Institution in Northwest, Biden quoted analysts saying the stimulus has created or saved 500,000 to 750,000 jobs.

#### 9/2 Obama Health Care

President Obama is considering an address to Congress next week according to a report out tonight from Politico. It comes at a time when the President has been facing critics who've charged that while he's talked a lot about healthcare reform, he hasn't been clear about what he wants to do.



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#### 7/30 Swine Flu Preps

Fears of swine flu outbreaks have local schools getting ready. Many experts predict the virus could make a strong comeback this fall but a vaccine is still in the works. Loudoun County School officials met today with the Health Department to discuss preliminary plans for how and where to get school age children vaccinated. It's the first of many meetings leading up to the start of the school year September 8th. In addition, the school system is also working on plans to isolate children who have the H1N1 virus.

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#### 7/23 Swine Flu Summer camp

The Swine Flu is spoiling summer camp for thousands of kids across the US, including some here in Maryland and Virginia. Dozens of camps are reporting outbreaks leading to health precautions and even closures. The American Camp Association is posting online videos for parents to show them what symptoms to look for in their kids and the CDC is encouraging camps to establish contingency plans for childrens who come to camps showing symptoms.

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#### 7/22 UMD Swine Flu Fears

The US government is asking for volunteers to test a new vaccine against the swine flu. The University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore is one of 8 medical centers that will begin testing the swine flu vaccine next month. The H1N1 vaccine has already made hundreds of people sick in our area. Scientists aren't sure what to expect as the weather gets colder and flu season really starts. They're hoping this experimental vaccine that's already developed will work.

#### 7/21 Kids Quarantined

8 local teenagers are in the hospital in China after being diagnosed with swine flu. Dozens of their classmates are being quarantined in hospitals in Beijing. The students are part of a cultural visit to China from the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland. All the students in the hospital with symptoms are expected to be released soon. They're being given the option of extending their stay or going home early.

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#### 8/28 DC STD Testing

The DC Department of Health is recommending that everyone ask their doctors for an HIV test when they go in for checkups. It's part of a new ad campaign to increase testing for HIV AIDS. As many as half of all people who have AIDS in the District don't know they're infected. The new HIV testing campaign comes as the DC School system is stepping up testing for other sexually transmitted diseases among high school students. A pilot program in 8 schools last year found a significant number of teenagers infected with STDs.

#### 8/27 Kids Swine Flu Vaccine

Doctors across the country are working quickly to test a swine flu vaccine. Clinical trials are already underway including here at the University of Maryland where researchers are testing the vaccine on children. Parents have enrolled their kids in the study to help find out if the vaccine will be effective. Participants get 2 shots and a blood test, in exchange for a \$40 gift card to Target.

#### 8/26 PG Schools swine flu

Prince George's County schools are developing an emergency plan to deal with a possible outbreak for the swine flu. The plans include mass vaccinations, isolation rooms for sick kids and online classes if schools are forced to close.

#### 8/19 Swine Flu Conference

Leaders from across the world gathered right here in DC today to tackle swine flu fears. They're gearing up for a possible widespread outbreak in the Fall. They're working on recommendations to cut the risk of spreading the flu.

#### 8/18 Swine Flu Vaccine

As the government prepares to fight swine flu, there won't be as many vaccine doses available by mid-October as first thought. The vaccine is egg based and the swine flu vaccine requires more eggs to make than the regular flu vaccine. Several supplies have had a hard time finishing up their work on the regular flu vaccine which delayed the production of a swine flu shot.

#### 8/17 Meet NIH Leader

An influential geneticist who wears his faith on his sleeve says that as the new director of the National Institutes of Health he won't inject his religious convictions into medical research while pushing cutting-edge science into better bedside care. Dr. Francis Collins says he needs to focus on science and has no religious agenda for the NIH. In taking the reins of the NIH, Collins - best known for unraveling the human genetic code - said he wants a practical focus for the nation's premier research agency, that new discoveries may even help save precious health care dollars.

#### 8/17 Health care

Town hall meetings devoted to health care are erupting in protests and screaming all over the country. This weekend, Obama administration officials opened the door to abandoning the government option and instead looking at health insurance cooperatives to compete with private insurers. President Obama is still saying he believes a public option is a must. At a town hall meeting in Philadelphia today, Senator Arlen Specter says he is also fighting for the government run plan.

#### 8/14 DC Obesity Prevention

A former gang member is returning to the streets of DC to help with obesity prevention. Laurel van Der Pool is now a chef and is teaching a class to kids from DC's Ward 8 on making healthier food choices. The kids say it's helping. One student says he chooses more fruits and vegetables since taking the class.

#### 8/13 Bee Stings

Nearly two dozen kids are being treated for bee stings after two separate attacks in Rock Creek Park. Fire department spokesman Pete Piringer says officials responded to the Rock Creek Nature Center on Glover Road in northwest Washington about noon Thursday. Piringer says eight children and adults were evaluated for bee stings. Two children who were stung multiple times were taken to a hospital. A few hours later, Piringer says crews responded again to the nature center after a report of another 14 children, between ages 5 and 12, also stung by bees. He says paramedics are evaluating those children, who apparently had been on a trail.

#### 8/10 Va Gov's Race abortion

Virginia's Democratic candidate for Governor is taking aim at the Republican challenger's prolife record. Today, Democrat Creigh Deeds claimed that if elected, he would protect a woman's right to choose. The latest average of polls by Real Clear Politics has McDonnell ahead by 10 points.

#### 8/7 Swine Flu schools

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#### 8/3 Middle Class Taxes

President Barack Obama remains committed to not raising taxes on U.S. families earning less than \$250,000 despite some conflicting statements from senior members of his economic team, the president's spokesman said Monday. White House press secretary Robert Gibbs restated the assurance after Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and National Economic Council Director Larry Summers appeared to leave open the possibility Obama would tap middle-class Americans' income. Geithner and Summers sidestepped questions on Obama's intentions about taxes. Geithner said the White House was not ready to rule out a tax hike to reduce the federal deficit; Summers said Obama's proposed health care overhaul needs funding from somewhere.

#### 8/3 Kids & Vitamin D

New studies reveal that millions of kids may have disturbingly low levels of vitamin D, which can lead to higher risks of developing diabetes, bone problems and heart disease. Doctors say kids are staying indoors playing video games more instead of playing outside. Short amounts of exposure to the sun can provide a child with enough vitamin D. Some doctors advise having kids outside for 3 minutes a day or taking a vitamin D supplement.

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#### 9/29 Howard Co Healthcare

As Congress debates health care reform, officials in Howard County, Maryland may have already found the right prescription. This year, they launched an experimental program for the uninsured. It's the first of its kind in the country and it could be a model for the nation. On January 1, 2009 it launched an experimental program for the uninsured, the first of its kind in the country. Since the program started, Howard County has helped more 2,000 people sign up for federal and state assistance and provided health care for hundreds of others. It provides health care to those who can't afford health insurance but make too much to qualify for Medicaid. For a family of four to qualify, a family's income must be \$32,000 - \$66,000 a year. It is not insurance, but the plan does provide emergency and inpatient care through Howard county general hospital, six primary care visits and access to a network of specialists.

#### 9/24 AIDS Vaccine

An exciting breakthrough in the fight against HIV and AIDS. For the first time, scientists have found a vaccine that prevents the infection. It's a huge step forward especially in DC which now has the highest rate of HIV infection in the country. In trials in Thailand, the vaccine prevented infection in 31% of people. Now researchers are working to find out why it worked for some people but not others.

#### 9/22 Teens Indoor Tanning

Howard County Executive Kenneth Ulman and Health Officer Dr. Peter Beilenson formally introduced a regulation Tuesday that would make it illegal for children younger than 18 to use tanning beds, which some studies suggest cause melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. If the county's board of health passes the measure, Howard County would be the first in the country to keep minors out of tanning beds.

#### 9/22 Baucus Bill

A Senate Committee began debating the Baucus Health Bill today. That's a response to the President's health care plan that does not contain the controversial Public Option for healthcare. It also won't provide coverage for illegal immigrants or fund abortions with federal money.

#### 9/21 Obama Healthcare

Today the President headed to Troy, New York to promote his plan for health care reform. That area has been hard hit by the recession and the president tried out a new argument in favor of reform. He told an audience at Hudson Valley Community College that new investments in health care and research would lead to new jobs for people currently looking for work.

#### 9/17 President Obama at College Park

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#### 9/16 Flu Vaccine Pregnancy

The FDA approved swine flu vaccine will debut next month with 200 million available doses. Pregnant women are among the high risk groups at the top of the list of the vaccine. Some expectant mothers aren't sure they want to get the vaccine since it's so new. Doctors worry that will put them at special risk for complications of swine flu.

#### 9/16 Baucus Health care

After months of haggling, Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus finally unveiled the panel's health care reform bill. Right now, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are picking apart the Senate's 10 year health care fix. The price tag on this proposal is about \$856 billion. The Baucus plan does not have a public option and instead

calls for non-profit cooperates to compete with private insurers.

#### 9/14 Cardin Health Care

Maryland Senator Ben Cardin today met with the people on the front lines of the health care fight, talking to doctors and nurses to hear what they're worried about. One nurse says she sees too many patients who come in for treatment at an end stage for their disease because they didn't have insurance to get proper health care. A doctor believed Congress hadn't done enough to hear from doctors and nurses when making the health care plans.

#### 9/10 Get Your Flu Shot

We've all heard a lot about the swine flu shot that should be ready to go this fall, but doctors say you shouldn't forget your regular flu shot now. Seasonal flu can still be dangerous, sending one out of every 1200 people to the hospital.

#### 9/10 Breast Cancer One Day

A potential breakthrough in the battle against a disease that killed more than 40,000 women last year. Trials are underway on a treatment that could cure patients in one day. The experimental procedure is called intraoperative radiation therapy. The patient gets a strong dose of targeted radiation immediately after the cancerous tumor is taken out. When the patient wakes up from surgery, the cancer is gone. Only 11 patients have had the treatment. More trials are planned.

#### 9/10 Obama Healthcare

The White House continued the hard sell today on health care reform. This follows the President's big speech before Congress and the nation last night. His address is getting high marks but it's unclear whether one big speech can sway public opinion on such a crucial issue. A Thursday poll from Rasmussen Reports shows only 44% favoring the President's health care reforms while a slight majority are opposed to it.

#### 9/8 Congress Health

Congress is back at work tonight in the battle over health care reform. The key question tonight is whether the President will insist on having a government run insurance plan to compete with private insurers, which is the so-called public option. The White House isn't saying but the President will reveal his plans when he addresses Congress tomorrow night.

#### 9/8 Rabid Bats Warning

In Prince George's County, officials are warning about a surge in the number of rabid bats found in the county. Already, one person has been bitten and is on antibiotics. Ten bats with rabies have already been found this year. Health officers say the bats will be acting out of the ordinary if they're infected.

#### 9/8 UMD Swine Flu

A swine flu surge is underway at the University of Maryland. The school says it's seen 172 students with suspected swine flu since classes began a week ago.

#### 9/7 DC Fire EMS Calls

DC firefighters say they're finding themselves responding to far more health emergencies than actual fires. They estimate as many as 80% of their calls are for sick patients. In many cases, the patients don't have insurance and can't see a regular doctor and wait until the last minute to get help. The firefighters are calling for officials to find a better use of resources, saying it costs a lot of money to send four men, an ambulance and a firetruck to take someone to the hospital.

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#### 9/4 Lemonade Fundraiser

12 year old Abby and her 10 year old brother Jake and their neighbor Taylor are selling lemonade in their Alexandria neighborhood to raise money for a nonprofit brain injury group. The group has helped their father since he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They've raised hundreds of dollars in just one day, with people driving from all over just to buy a glass of lemonade. The kids will be camping outside tonight to sell lemonade to their late night customers. The stand will be open all weekend.

9/3 Swine flu study

Sobering new numbers about the swine flu's youngest victims. A new CDC study shows about one in 13 people who've died of swine flu in the US have been children and 80% of them were 5 or older.

9/2 Obama Health Care

President Obama is considering an address to Congress next week according to a report out tonight from Politico. It comes at a time when the President has been facing critics who've charged that while he's talked a lot about healthcare reform, he hasn't been clear about what he wants to do.

9/1 Airlines Swine Flu

Airlines are on alert, doing what they can do to prevent the spread of the swine flu. US airlines already have standing policies to deny boarding to passengers who are too seriously ill to travel, and that includes swine flu. Now, airlines are also taking precautionary steps like making hand sanitizer available to passengers and crew. Southwest removed pillows and blankets to stop the spread of germs. A George Washington University doctor says the risks of infection on a plane are overblown and he doesn't believe that a plane is any more contagious than Metro or any other place that's crowded with people.

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### 7/30 Swine Flu Preps

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### 7/16 Fenty Budget

Hundreds of teachers in DC public charter schools are wondering if they'll get paid tomorrow. Charter schools that were banking on their traditional July payment were told yesterday that the city might not be able to cough up the funds. In a letter to Mayor Fenty, DC Council Chairman Vincent Gray expressed regret that the schools got last minute notice that the city was planning to reduce first quarter payments because the fiscal 2010 budget wasn't balanced. The Fenty administration is promising to tap into the city's Rainy Day fund to help the charters meet payroll.

### 7/6 New Beginnings

Six teenagers escaped from the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center this weekend, barely a month after the 46million dollar center opened. New Beginnings opened in May and is billed as a new alternative to Oak Hill, a juvenile facility marred with numerous escapes and deplorable living conditions. At New Beginnings, in the past two weeks there have been two riots, the walls busted out and windows smashed. Sunday, 6 juveniles escaped and were found in a nearby community. Guards and officials are calling for changes to keep everyone safe.

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#### 8/31 DC Daycare problems

Dozens of DC child care workers are in danger of losing their jobs. Centers are being shut down in a move to privatize the system, now families left scrambling for child care are sounding the alarm. This isn't a money issue since it's a federally funded program. That's why so many parents are confused on why the mayor wants to privatize child care. Mayor Fenty has eliminated the budget for early childhood and out of school time programs for next fiscal year, closing at least 20 DC child care centers. DC Councilmember Harry Thomas calls what's going on "outrageous" and is vowing action. A workers' union is also filing a lawsuit against the district. Some parents say they haven't been able to find replacement child care and are having to take time off work.

#### 8/28 DC STD Testing

The DC Department of Health is recommending that everyone ask their doctors for an HIV test when they go in for checkups. It's part of a new ad campaign to increase testing for HIV AIDS. As many as half of all people who have AIDS in the District don't know they're infected. The new HIV testing campaign comes as the DC School system is stepping up testing for other sexually transmitted diseases among high school students. A pilot program in 8 schools last year found a significant number of teenagers infected with STDs.

#### 8/27 PG Schools Schedule

A confusing first week back to class in Prince George's County schools. As many as 8000 students returned to school to find out there are problems with their schedules. Some are sitting in auditoriums waiting, just to find out when they'll be assigned to classes. Prince George's County school officials say a new computer system software is to blame. The superintendent apologized and says they're working to get everyone in the correct classes.

#### 8/26 DC Skl Facilities

After a multi-million dollar modernization of schools, nearly 100 custodians and maintenance workers are being laid-off in the District. The layoffs come as the city is in the midst of long overdue updates of the crumbling facilities and grappling with a major budget shortfall. The mayor refused to comment on the layoffs.

#### 8/26 PG Schools swine flu

Prince George's County schools are developing an emergency plan to deal with a possible outbreak for the swine flu. The plans include mass vaccinations, isolation rooms for sick kids and online classes if schools are forced to close.

#### 8/25 Teacher/Drug Porn Arrest

Fauquier County Middle School teacher Scott Howe is under arrest, charged with making child porn , crimes against nature and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Police say his victim is a 15 year old boy, one of his former students. Police were originally called to his home after someone reported seeing pot plants in his backyard. After obtaining a search warrant, police say they found computers, video cameras, and sexual related items including child porn. He's being held without bond.

#### 8/24 DCPS First Day

Thousands of students headed back to school today in the District. The start of the school year did have a few bumps. School officials say some parents waited for the last minute to register their kids, leading to delays in getting them enrolled. DC schools did do a much better job in getting some children signed up early. Last year, 15,000 were enrolled by the first day of school, this year 37,000 were ready to go on the first day.

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#### 8/4 Fenty Kids School

Mayor Adrian Fenty confirmed today that he's sending his 8 year old twin sons to public school. Fenty was criticized when he was first elected for sending the boys to private school. He promised that when they finished the Kindergarten through 3rd grade program they are in, the boys would go to public school. He won't say which program they are attending.



#### 8/4 Year Round Schools

12 years ago, Fairfax County started its year round schools program at one school. Now it has expanded to five other schools in the county. Some teachers believe year round schools are better because students don't have a long break to forget what they've learned. Students at Timber Elementary, a year round school, have pass rates of higher than 95% for most state standardized tests. About half the kids at Timber are eligible for free lunches.

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#### 9/30 Man, daughter gang arrests

A Fairfax father and daughter are in custody, charged with gang recruitment in a school. Police say Theodore Olds, 43, used his daughter to recruit gang members inside Fairfax High School. She would do it in person, by phone and in text messages. Fairfax City police say the recruitment came to light last spring when a confidential informant approached the school resource officer.

#### 9/29 War on Germs

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#### 9/29 DC School Layoffs

Students at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts walked out of class Tuesday after hearing some of their teachers may be laid off. The students claim they don't have any details but have heard that some arts teachers may have to go. The President of the Washington Teachers Union is just as frustrated if not more. George Parker says he understands there's a \$40 million shortfall but is upset that the school system just hired 900 new teachers this summer.

#### 9/28 Body on Playground

A gruesome discovery at a Landover Hills, Maryland school Monday morning just as children were arriving for class. Prince George's County Police say school employee discovered a body on the school's playground. As parents arrived at the school to pick up their kids Monday afternoon, it was the first time many heard about this body being found. Others were notified by email. A body found naked and, according to a witness at the scene, partially burned, was found Monday morning around 7:30 a.m. on the school's playground. Police say the Hispanic male in his 20s or 30s died of trauma.

#### 9/24 DC Teacher Protest

A protest is underway to try to stop DC Public School leaders from firing teachers based on how students perform. Protestors say teachers feel disrespected by what's been going on with DC Public Schools. They say they won't understand why Chancellor Michelle Rhee hired over 900 new teachers this summer and one month into the school year there is a budget shortfall of \$40 million. Because of budget issues, school leaders will be cutting staff based on student achievement.

#### 9/22 FFX Teacher Arrested

A Fairfax County teacher is charged with having sex with a 15 year old boy. Prosecutors believe 27 year old Valerie Roesler was carrying on a sexual relationship with the teenager for months. According to an affidavit, police say the teen sent her text messages wanting to know if they were going to have sex. Sources claim the two met at the school where Roesler worked before moving to Fairfax and that she was his teacher. A spokesperson for the school system says that Roesler had passed a background check and had been hired as a Special Education teacher. Fairfax County police said they found her with the boy just before 2 am Sunday, doubleparked in a lot in a residential area of Gunston Hill Lane. The school system says she resigned today.

#### 9/17 President Obama at College Park

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#### 9/11 Bertie Backus Memorial

Today a community remembered a teacher and student who were killed in the 9/11 attacks. Asia Cottom and teacher Sarah Clarke were on their way to California for a field trip and were on the flight that crashed into the Pentagon. Even though Backus Elementary School is now closed, member of the community returned to pay tribute to them

#### 9/8 UMD Swine Flu

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#### 9/8 VA Schools President

Today President Obama delivered his back to school speech to the nation's kids. He gave the speech from Wakefield High School in Arlington, telling students to stay in school and work on their goals, even if there are parts of it they don't enjoy. Students were also told their own success or failure will determine whether we as a nation meet our challenges in the future. Some schools across the country refused to show the speech because they feared it would be political.

#### 9/7 Troops to Teachers.

Thousands of American service members leaving the military are finding a new way to serve our country. They're part of Troops to Teachers, a federal program that helps pay veterans to get teacher certification. Retired Lt. Colonel Jim McClellan is one of those who've gone through the program. Now he is a special education teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Virginia.

#### 9/7 Obama School speech

The President is set to give a speech to the nation's school kids tomorrow, a speech that's drawn controversy and protest. Today, the White House released the text of that speech he's going to give in Arlington, Virginia and be broadcast to many schools across the country. In it, he will call on students to stay in school and work to achieve their goals.

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#### 9/4 Howard U Protests

The new semester is just starting but already some Howard University students are protesting conditions at the school. About 400 students protested outside the Administration building with a long list of complaints, ranging from slow paperwork to administrators to insufficient compliance with requirements for disabled people. University leaders met with student demonstrators and say they are taking the demands very seriously. The University president will meet with student leaders next Tuesday.

#### 9/4 Peaceaholics Sex Assault

A mentor hired by Peaceaholics and placed in Spingarm High School has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 15 year old girl at the school. Barry Harrison was hired despite having served 20 years in prison for murder. At the time of his arrest, the co-founders of Peaceaholics said the background check had not turned up the conviction. The group is still supporting him, saying they do not believe the girl's allegations.

#### 9/1 Brinkley Road Struck by Car

A tragic trip to school for two teenager, both hit by a car. Just after 7 this morning, a car hit them on Brinkley Road in Temple Hills, near Crossland High School. Other students saw it happen and rush to help the injured teens. A 14 year old girl is in critical condition. The other student is recovering. Police are surveying the damage to the car to try to figure out what happened.

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#### 8/24 PEPSCO High Bills

After hundreds of complaints about high Pepco bills over the past year, the Office of the People's Counsel says it may have answers. The counsel believes it's possible that faulty Pepco meters may be to blame for many outrageous bills. Pepco says there's no basis for the Counsel's report. It claims out of 234 records it provided, only 2 had meter issues. The Counsel's report will now go before the DC Public Service Commission.

#### 8/17 Homebuilder Indicted

A developing accused of duping some Prince George's County families out of thousands of dollars and their dream homes is headed to prison. Leon Coleman took payments for homes that he never built. A judge sentenced him to jail for 12 years and he must pay more than half a million dollars in restitution to his victims. Ten Maryland families believed he was building their homes in an undeveloped subdivision called Kings Grant in Largo. He bought the property with a bank loan but didn't get it surveyed. The land is on a flood plain.

#### 8/10 Energy Savings

During the hottest part of summer, air conditioners are running overtime and the costs are piling up. Heating and cooling make up about 56% of energy use in a typical home but there are things you can do to save money and still stay comfortable. You can start by getting a programmable thermostat, leaving the home warmer when you're not home and programming it to cool off before you return. Switching to compact fluorescent bulbs will also save energy and give off less heat than incandescent bulbs. Seal any leaks in your home to keep the cool air in.

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9/24 FFX Mortgage Fraud

Local and federal authorities busted what they're calling the biggest mortgage fraud operation in Fairfax County history. They arrested 20 people today in a scheme that involves real estate agents, mortgage brokers and 35 hours valued at more than 20 million dollars.

9/17 Masonic Lodge Closing

Complaints from neighbors at a Masonic Lodge led DC to yank the public hall license from the King Solomon Temple. The lodge is a service organization that rents out ballroom space to groups for functions. Neighbors complain that the parties spill out into a quite, nice neighborhood on Rhode Island Avenue. One person was shot after a party at the Lodge.

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#### 7/31 Cafritz Home Fire

A homeowner is getting the first look at the remains of her home after a huge fire. Peggy Cooper Cafritz lost her home and a priceless art collection in Wednesday night's fire on Chain Bridge Road in Northwest. Cafritz says she is staying with neighbors and was with friends on Martha's Vineyard when she got word about the fire. Investigators still don't know what caused the fire.

#### 7/30 270 Multiple car crash

A guilty plea today from the man charged in a deadly hit and run accident on I-270 in Rockville. Police say Michael Eaton was speeding and crashed into the rear of a Jeep Cherokee last August. One of the children in that car, Jasmin Warr, died in the crash. She was with her grandparents and another child. Prosecutors say he continued driving for 1000 feet, then took off running. He turned himself in the next day.

#### 7/30 6th st 4 st

Today, officials released 6 hours of a recorded interview with Banita Jacks, the mother convicted yesterday of killing her four daughters and living with them in a Southeast rowhouse. The videotape was evidence during her trial. The tape is an interview taken at MPD headquarters the day her children's bodies were found. She claims she didn't kill the kids and instead they didn't wake up. Jacks also told detectives if she told them what really happened, they'd think she was crazy. Jacks will be sentenced later this fall.

#### 7/30 Cafritz Fire

The large northwest Washington home destroyed by fire Wednesday night belonged to Peggy Cooper Cafritz, a community activist and former D.C. Board of Education president. Cafritz's priceless art collection was destroyed in the blaze. The collection was featured recently in Oprah Winfrey's magazine. One firefighter suffered a minor injury while fighting the blaze, which burned for hours. Firefighters had problems with the water supply, forcing them to draw water from neighboring areas and attack the fire from the exterior. Fire Chief Dennis Rubin says it took nearly two hours to find a steady stream of water. He says the department will be talking with the D.C. Water and Sewer Authority about the problem. Rubin says it will likely be a week before the cause of the fire is known.

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#### 7/29 6th St 4 Dead

A judge has found a District of Columbia woman guilty of killing her four daughters.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Frederick H. Weisberg convicted 34-year-old Banita Jacks on Wednesday. Weisberg decided the case himself after Jacks waived her right to a jury trial. Jacks was found guilty of four counts of felony murder, three counts of premeditated first-degree murder and other charges. She was acquitted of one count of premeditated first-degree murder. U.S. Marshal deputies discovered the girls' decomposing bodies in January 2008 while carrying out an eviction at Jacks' southeast Washington row house. The girls are believed to have been ages 5 to 16 when they were killed.

#### 7/29 76 year old Murder

DC police are looking for the killers who beat an elderly man in Southeast. 76 year old Clarence Daws was beaten while walking to a store to check his lottery ticket last week. He died several days later. Police do not have any suspects.

#### 7/27 6th St 4 Dead

Dramatic closing arguments in the Banita Jacks trial. Since there is no jury, the judge is deliberating the case. The US Attorney called the house where the 4 girls bodies were found a "prison of torture." She claims Jacks mistreated her children, cut her children off from the world and killed them. Jacks claims the girls' died in their sleep. Her lawyer acknowledged there are a lot of things that don't make sense but the government did not make its case that Jacks killed her children.

#### 7/27 Bradley Blvd Car Fire

Police in Bethesda are investigating a body found inside a burning car. The call came in around 4 am. The KIA minivan was scorched from the inside out. Investigators say they're considering any possibilities.

#### 7/27 Police chief DUI

The attorney for Alexandria Police Chief David Baker says his client "has no intention to resign."

Baker was charged with drunken driving after he was involved in a car accident in Arlington over the weekend.

Attorney James Clark says Baker "should be held to a higher standard." But he says the police chief also hopes to persuade the public that he shouldn't be judged by "the worst half-hour in his life." Baker failed four field sobriety tests. About two hours after the accident, he took a breath test that registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, more than twice the legal limit. The complaint says Baker told police he had drunk two beers about 20 minutes before the accident.

#### 7/24 Chopper crash

Investigators are looking for answers in a deadly helicopter crash. Four people died when the chopper plunged onto Interstate 70 in Hagerstown. Advanced Helicopters, Inc owned it. The helicopter was flying from Hagerstown back to its home base in Frederick, Maryland. It was in Hagerstown for a charity fundraiser, giving rides to help fund a group that helps troubled youth.

#### 7/24 Helicopter Victims

The helicopter crash in Hagerstown claimed the lives of four victims. Niall Booth, Kim Felix, Jeffrey Nordaas and George Tudor, Junior all died in the accident and they're being remembered for helping others. They were in Hagerstown for a fundraiser, giving helicopter rides to raise money for a charity.

#### 7/23 6th St 4 Dead

Testimony today in the Banita Jacks trial focused on how long her daughters were dead before US Marshal's discovered their bodies inside their rowhouse. A forensic etymologist says based on insectors in their bodies, the Jacks girls died not before April 2007 but not after October 2007. Their bodies were found in January 2008.

#### 7/23 Metro Trains collide

Today Federal investigators announced that a section of the Metro Rail near the site of last month's crash may have started having problems as far back as 2007. The NTSB reported that on the same section of track, part of the circuitry that keeps trains separated had been replaced five days before the deadly crash. In that five day period, computerized records show the section of track sometimes failed to detect the presence of trains. The NTSB also revealed that another piece of circuitry had been replaced in the same section 18 months ago and the circuit's train occupancy signal had been intermittently fluctuating since the replacement was installed in 2007. Metro claims that fluctuations does not necessarily mean a failure to detect trains for 18 months. Just a month ago, the crash on the red line killed 9 people and hurt about 70 others.

#### 7/22 Metro Trains Collide

Tests on Metro's rail system show there are still problems with the automatic system that keeps trains from colliding. The system is the main focus of the investigation into the crash that killed 9 people last month. Metro is analyzing the system along four stretches of track. Metro managers say some of the anomalies are small. Passengers say they're worried about the new reports.

#### 7/22 6th St 4 Dead

In the trial of a DC mother accused of murdering her 4 daughters, today the judge heard from people who'd reached to help the family. Kathy Lopes, a school social worker, testified that she was extremely concerned that the oldest daughter had stopped showing up at school. Lopes went to the house but Banita Jacks refused to allow her to see Brittany. Prosecutors believe Brittany was the first child killed in the spring of 2007. Lopes says she was so concerned about seeing the conditions the other 3 kids were living in, she made repeated calls to police, child and family services, the courts and 311 to get someone to check on the children. After the girls were found dead, a DC officer checked up on the family and in one report says he did see a teenager at the home but now says he didn't. He says he was messed up about the case and it was wishful thinking.

#### 7/22 UMD Swine Flu Fears

The US government is asking for volunteers to test a new vaccine against the swine flu. The University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore is one of 8 medical centers that will begin testing the swine flu vaccine next month. The H1N1 vaccine has already made hundreds of people sick in our area. Scientists aren't sure what

to expect as the weather gets colder and flu season really starts. They're hoping this experimental vaccine that's already developed will work.

#### 7/20 6th St 4 Dead

Today brought some of the most disturbing evidence of far in the Banita Jacks trial. She's the DC mother accused of killing her 4 daughters and living with their bodies. Police brought evidence to the courthouse in large cardboard boxes. The items, taken from Jacks' house, have such a strong odor the judge asked a court reporter sitting next to them if she needed to take a break. The evidence included a knife found near the body of oldest daughter Brittany Jacks. The Medical Examiner believes she was stabbed to death but because of the decomposition of her body, her cause of death is undetermined.

#### 7/20 Tax Holiday Repeal

In this time of belt-tightening, the DC Government is saving hundreds of thousands of dollars by canceling the August Tax Free Week. That program did allow you to buy many items under \$100 without paying sales tax. Families are upset that canceling the program will cost them more money as they get kids ready for school. Business owners are worried shoppers will buy in Virginia, instead, which is still having its tax free shopping days.

#### 7/17 6th St 4 Dead

Neighbors living next door to one of the most horrific crime scenes in DC history testified today at the Banita Jacks trial. She is accused of killing her four daughters and living with their bodies for months. One neighbor claims he heard a loud fight from the house. Others testified they smelled a horrible odor from the house more than four months before the girls' bodies were found.

#### 7/17 Greenbelt Rd Shooting

A wild shootout with an off-duty police officer ended with three people in the hospital, including in the officer and a child. Last night in Greenbelt, police say the altercation started with a heated argument between two roommates, one of them a military police officer. The officer went outside for help but police say the roommate grabbed the officer's gun, followed him out and started shooting. That was around 7 o'clock. An off-duty Capitol police officer was off-duty and showed up and exchanged gunfire with the suspect. A stray bullet went into an apartment, hitting a 12 year old girl. The officer hit the suspect multiple times. Everyone is expected to survive.

#### 7/16 Metro Trains collide

Metro's General Manager says the agency is wasting no time in finding an emergency back-up system for the automatic control system for the trains. The system is suspected of failing, causing the deadly crash last month. GM John Catoe says he will suspend the normal buying process for the back up system to move forward quickly. 9 people died in the crash.

#### 7/14 6th St 4 Dead

In pretrial hearings for the Banita Jacks case, attorneys continued to argue whether a videotape should be admitted into evidence for the trial. Jacks is accused of living for months with the bodies of her four daughters in a Southeast rowhome until they were found in January 2008. Dominguez says the officer pepper sprayed her, hit her and threw her on the ground when she wouldn't sign a traffic summons. She is an immigrant from El Salvador and says she didn't understand the commands. Today in court, a judge agreed that she didn't understand the officer and found her not guilty of obstructing justice and driving without a license. Dominguez may file a civil suit against the officer.

#### 7/13 6th St 4 Dead

Disturbing new details are coming out on the Banita Jacks case, the mother accused of living for months with the bodies of her four daughters in a Southeast rowhome. Jacks' daughters were found dead in January 2008. During the pretrial hearing, the court saw a videotape recorded the day those girls were found. In it, Jacks claimed she hadn't eaten since October and that everyone in her household was weak and disoriented, including her daughters. She also refused to explain what happened to her children, saying it would sound crazy. Lawyers are arguing over whether the tape is admissible as evidence.

#### 7/13 Marion Barry Contract

New and serious allegations against DC Councilmember Marion Barry. A woman claims she was fired after accusing Barry of fraud, forgery and the misuse of funds. Sharon Wise is a longtime friend of Barry's who claims money set aside for a non-profit program she worked on was misappropriated. She also claims her signature was forged on documents she never saw or approved of. Councilman David Catania says he wants an investigation.



Barry denies the claims.

#### 7/13 Manny Acta Fired/Nationals

A big shake up at Nationals Park. Manager Manny Acta was fired yesterday after two and a half seasons with the team. The Nationals went into the All-Star break with the worst record in the majors. The attendance is at the bottom of the league, not exactly what the District hoped for when it built a \$700 million ballpark for the Nationals. Now it looks like the city's investment is not paying off as expected. In 2006, a District report projected a windfall for the city. The promised revitalization in the area hasn't materialized, either.

#### 7/10 Marion Barry Contract

After Marion Barry's arrest and complaints on giving a city contract to a girlfriend, the DC Council says it's ready to consider ethics rules for members. Late this afternoon, the council also revealed that they will bring in Bob Bennett, a high profile DC lawyer, to investigate whether the contract Barry awarded to his then girlfriend were legal.

#### 7/9 Trinidad Checkpoints

The US Court of Appeals unanimously ruled today that military style checkpoints used in Trinidad last summer are unconstitutional. DC imposed the checkpoints last year after a spike in violence. Only residents who could prove they lived in the neighborhood were allowed through. While some residents liked the extra security, others complained the checkpoints were discriminatory.

#### 7/8 New Beginnings

Pressure is mounting on DC Mayor Adrian Fenty to step up security at the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center in Laurel. Six juveniles have escaped and were recaptured on Sunday. Now neighbors are asking for a warning system to alert them when there's an escape.

#### 7/8 DC Traffic Cash

A new study revealed that traffic in the DC area is getting worse. DC drivers sit in traffic an average of 62 hours a year, three hours more this year. Only drivers in LA waste more time in traffic. In most states across the country, congestion actually eased.

#### 7/6 New Beginnings

Six teenagers escaped from the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center this weekend, barely a month after the 46million dollar center opened. New Beginnings opened in May and is billed as a new alternative to Oak Hill, a juvenile facility marred with numerous escapes and deplorable living conditions. At New Beginnings, in the past two weeks there have been two riots, the walls busted out and windows smashed. Sunday, 6 juveniles escaped and were found in a nearby community. Guards and officials are calling for changes to keep everyone safe.

#### 7/1 Metro crash

Federal investigators claim Metro was aware of trouble on the tracks days before a crash that killed 9 people. One train slammed into the rear of another while it was stopped near the Fort Totten Station. Metro says its train detection system collapsed but that may not be the case. It seems that recent repair work may have damaged the circuits. The NTSB says Metro knew the circuits were messed up and not properly reporting trains up to 5 days before the crash.

#### 7/1 Metro red Line

Days of service disruptions are taking their toll on the Red Line. Since last month's deadly crash, trains are limited to speeds of no more than 35 miles per hour as a precaution. That means trains are moving more slowly and there are fewer trains traveling along the routes, leading to more crowded cars. Some metro employees have reported seeing shoving and fist fights because of the frustration.

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**8/31 DC Daycare problems**

Dozens of DC child care workers are in danger of losing their jobs. Centers are being shut down in a move to privatize the system, now families left scrambling for child care are sounding the alarm. This isn't a money issue since it's a federally funded program. That's why so many parents are confused on why the mayor wants to privatize child care. Mayor Fenty has eliminated the budget for early childhood and out of school time programs for next fiscal year, closing at least 20 DC child care centers. DC Councilmember Harry Thomas calls what's going on "outrageous" and is vowing action. A workers' union is also filing a lawsuit against the district. Some parents say they haven't been able to find replacement child care and are having to take time off work.

**8/31 Double Hit and Run**

Two women who were struck by a hit and run driver over the weekend. Tonight, their families are pleading for the driver to face the consequences. The women were hit in the crosswalk and dragged for more than 80 feet and have serious injuries.

**8/28 DC STD Testing**

The DC Department of Health is recommending that everyone ask their doctors for an HIV test when they go in for checkups. It's part of a new ad campaign to increase testing for HIV AIDS. As many as half of all people who have AIDS in the District don't know they're infected. The new HIV testing campaign comes as the DC School system is stepping up testing for other sexually transmitted diseases among high school students. A pilot program in 8 schools last year found a significant number of teenagers infected with STDs.

**8/27 Kids Swine Flu Vaccine**

Doctors across the country are working quickly to test a swine flu vaccine. Clinical trials are already underway including here at the University of Maryland where researchers are testing the vaccine on children. Parents have enrolled their kids in the study to help find out if the vaccine will be effective. Participants get 2 shots and a blood test, in exchange for a \$40 gift card to Target.

**8/27 PG Schools Schedule**

A confusing first week back to class in Prince George's County schools. As many as 8000 students returned to school to find out there are problems with their schedules. Some are sitting in auditoriums waiting, just to find out when they'll be assigned to classes. Prince George's County school officials say a new computer system software is to blame. The superintendent apologized and says they're working to get everyone in the correct classes.

**8/27 DCFD Obstruction**

A DC firefighter is under arrest, charged with obstructing justice in a shooting police say she witnessed more than 2 years ago. Court documents say that Dominique Taylor was in uniform outside her apartment in May 2007 when a man she knew was shot. Witnesses say her boyfriend shot the father of her baby as they stood outside the apartment, then she refused to help the injured man. Taylor is accused of lying to investigators, then police say she continued to tell those lies under oath to the Grand Jury, including saying that she could not identify the shooter.

**8/26 PG Schools swine flu**

Prince George's County schools are developing an emergency plan to deal with a possible outbreak for the swine flu. The plans include mass vaccinations, isolation rooms for sick kids and online classes if schools are forced to close.

**8/25 Teacher/Drug Porn Arrest**

Fauquier County Middle School teacher Scott Howe is under arrest, charged with making child porn , crimes against nature and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Police say his victim is a 15 year old boy, one of his former students. Police were originally called to his home after someone reported seeing pot plants in his backyard. After obtaining a search warrant, police say they found computers, video cameras, and sexual related items including child porn. He's being held without bond.

**8/25 Babysitter Stabbed**

A disturbing scene inside a Falls Church home. A 60 year old woman and the two year old she was babysitting were stabbed inside an apartment. They both have life-threatening injuries. Police arrested the suspect just outside the complex. He apparently rented a room from the woman. Police don't know what

prompted the stabbing.

#### 8/24 PEPCO High Bills

After hundreds of complaints about high Pepco bills over the past year, the Office of the People's Counsel says it may have answers. The counsel believes it's possible that faulty Pepco meters may be to blame for many outrageous bills. Pepco says there's no basis for the Counsel's report. It claims out of 234 records it provided, only 2 had meter issues. The Counsel's report will now go before the DC Public Service Commission.

#### 8/24 DCPS First Day

Thousands of students headed back to school today in the District. The start of the school year did have a few bumps. School officials say some parents waited for the last minute to register their kids, leading to delays in getting them enrolled. DC schools did do a much better job in getting some children signed up early. Last year, 15,000 were enrolled by the first day of school, this year 37,000 were ready to go on the first day.

#### 8/19 Wilson Blvd Car Accident

500 people are still without power after a car accident along Wilson Boulevard in Arlington knocked down utility poles. Wilson Boulevard is closed starting at George Mason Drive. Power crews hope to have the problem restored tonight. Most businesses in the area closed without power but at the Ballston Animal Hospital, vets had to finish a surgery in progress using flashlights.

#### 8/18 Metro Rail Crack

A cracked rail on the Red Line is slowing Metro this afternoon. Trains are sharing a track through the area while crews work to repair the problem. This is adding to the delays Metro already has in place, running trains at slower speeds since June's deadly accident.

#### 8/18 Pizza Mart Murder

D.C. police said a man found dead inside a Northeast Washington pizza restaurant was a victim of homicide. The man, whose identity was withheld by police pending notification of his family, was found dead about 1 p.m. inside the Pizza Mart in the 2300 block of Fourth Street, in the Edgewood neighborhood. A police spokeswoman said the victim worked at the restaurant, which was not open at the time his body was discovered. The spokeswoman, Traci Hughes, declined to say what wounds the man had suffered. A fire department spokesman said that there was evidence of a small fire near the body but that the victim apparently died of "traumatic injuries" unrelated to the fire.

#### 8/17 VA Hot Lanes Project

This is the first morning that many commuters will find the ramp from the Beltway to Route 123 northbound closed for the HOT lane construction project. The closing is scheduled to last through September. The detours will delay commuters during rush hour for the next 6 weeks or so. This is all so VDOT can build high occupancy toll lanes to ease traffic.

#### 8/17 Saks Shoplifter

Montgomery County police tracked down a shoplifter suspected of stealing a \$2400 designer dress from Saks 5th Avenue in Chevy Chase. When investigators first released the surveillance video, they suspected the thief was a man wearing women's clothes. They now say Jonathan Bradley is the suspect in the dress theft. Earlier this month, surveillance video showed the suspect walking through Saks, disarming a security device, then used a can of pepper spray on a security guard to get away.

#### 8/14 Mogo Fire Arrest

The wife of a Montgomery County firefighter accused of trying to solicit sex from a 16 year old girl is speaking out. The firefighter was caught in a sting and the teenage girl was really a cop. Lieutenant Wayne Mothershead is a high ranking member of the department and is denying all charges against him. His wife Kimberly says she knows her husband is not guilty. She's upset that prosecutors are spreading false information against him that will hurt his reputation.

#### 8/14 Meade St. Explosion

An explosive device detonated inside a US Postal box at the corner of Meade and 49th Streets in Northeast DC around 10 o'clock last night, near the Brown Middle School. Firefighters say the debris scattered as far as 60 feet. A bomb sniffing dog was brought in to search for a second device just in case. Police are still looking for a motive and suspects.

**8/13 Money: Stimulus**

Maryland, DC and Virginia are getting a combined \$167 million dollars for transportation projects from the federal stimulus package. That's adding up to about 150 road improvement projects in Maryland alone. Summer is already primetime for road construction and drivers complain they are noticing the extra time they're spending in traffic with the new projects added to the load.

**8/13 Spring Valley**

A disturbing discovery in a DC neighborhood. Workers cleaning up an old weapons area in the Northwest area of Spring Valley found a flash with the chemical agent mustard gas in it. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says the Army Corps of Engineers has promised to keep working in the area until the clean up is finished. The Army Corps of Engineers say the chemical never posed a threat to the community.

**8/13 Seven Locks Road Death**

The man convicted in a string of home invasions that left an elderly woman dead got the toughest possible sentence. A judge sentenced Jose Garcia Perlera to life in prison without parole. Perlera targeted elderly women in the home invasions, then tied them up and left them after robbing the homes.

**8/11 Stolen Goods Yard Sale**

Thieves stole thousands of dollars of items from a woman's home in Anne Arundel County. The victim then discovered the items for sale at a neighbor's yard sale. The suspect, David Perticone, admits he took the items and tried to sell them. He claims he thought the house was abandoned and the items would be thrown away. Perticone also claims that he and his girlfriend were involved in drugs. He is charged with theft.

**8/11 Metro Too Long Trains**

More trouble for Metro tonight. Back on July 31st, a 10 car train made it through five stations back before a passenger noticed the train appeared to be too long. The passenger notified the operator who checked the train and confirmed the extra cars. Metro says there were no passengers on the last two cars of the Green Line train, which was immediately taken out of service. So far, one Metro worker who had some responsibility for the movement of the train has tested positive for drugs. The investigation is continuing.

**8/11 Eunice Kennedy Shriver**

Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a member of the Kennedy family and founder of Special Olympics has died at 88. Tonight, she's being remembered by people around the world for her work to help those with mental disabilities. At Special Olympics headquarters in DC, visitors signed a special condolence book in her honor. The Pope and President Obama both paid tribute to her work today.

**8/10 Metro Trains Collide**

A Metro train operator avoided a serious accident when the train's automatic control system malfunctioned. The incident happened three months before June's deadly crash. The operator had to slam on the emergency brake to avoid running through a stop and into another train. Metro says the Orange Line train failed to stop and the operator deployed the emergency brake with another train about 500 feet away. Metro claims this was not a near miss. It appears a track sensor is being investigated, which is the same problem that's linked to June's deadly crash.

**8/7 Cafritz Home fire**

A week and a half after a huge fire destroyed a Northwest DC mansion, we now know why firefighters had trouble getting enough water to fight the fire. There are no side streets in the area, preventing firefighters from getting to most hydrants in the area. Instead, they had to pump water uphill from McArthur Boulevard. The water lines are also small, limiting the amount of water available for firefighters. The city is looking at ways to fix the problems in case of another emergency.

**8/7 FFX Burglaries Linked**

Fairfax County police are linking a troubling string of burglaries across the county. The thieves have hit 16 homes since April. Police say the homes are usually in neighborhoods heavily populated by people of Middle Eastern or Asian descent and have religious symbols displayed. Police are warning residents to keep their doors and windows locks and alarms on during the day, even if they're at home.

**8/6 Snakes House fire**

Fairfax County firefighters say 26 nonpoisonous snakes died in a blaze in the Kingstowne area. There were no injuries to people, but a family of five was displaced. The fire was reported about 8:40 a.m. Thursday. Firefighters found heavy smoke upon arrival at the single-family, two-story home. Officials say the accidental fire was caused by an extension cord. Damage is estimated at \$90,000. Animal control officers helped firefighters rescue snakes and other reptiles that survived the blaze. An Eagle Scout who lived in the home owned the snakes and used them in community education.

#### 8/4 Metro doors Open

Metro riders claim the doors of a train suddenly opened as it was moving down the tracks at the height of Monday's evening rush. Metro says it's investigating and the train has been removed and is going through a complete inspection.

#### 8/3 Cash For Clunkers

The popular but overwhelmed "cash for clunkers" program is still rolling ahead, but the White House says the Senate better approve \$2 billion without delay or the big rebates for car buyers could be history by week's end. Senate skeptics appear to be in no hurry. The Obama administration pointed to environmental gains made during the first week of the program, which gives rebates of as much as \$4,500 to motorists who trade in gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles. The White House also highlighted recovery news from Ford Motor Co., which reported its first U.S. sales increase in nearly two years.

#### 8/3 Fire at Fire Station

Firefighters returning from a false alarm in Prince George's County instead found a blaze in their own firetruck engine. Just before 2 a.m. Monday, firefighters based at the Boulevard Heights firehouse discovered thick, black smoke pouring from their engine. They tried to use chemicals to douse the flames. A deputy chief canceled an automatic fire alarm, thinking they could handle the blaze. But minutes later, they were calling for backup. Officials say the flames spread to the firehouse ceiling, despite a sprinkler system. By 2:30 a.m., the flames were out, and no one was injured. Department spokesman Mark Brady says the fire caused about \$75,000 in damage to the truck and \$7,000 in damage to the firehouse. Investigators have not determined what sparked the blaze, but they believe it was accidental.

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#### 9/30 Man, daughter gang arrests

A Fairfax father and daughter are in custody, charged with gang recruitment in a school. Police say Theodore Olds, 43, used his daughter to recruit gang members inside Fairfax High School. She would do it in person, by phone and in text messages. Fairfax City police say the recruitment came to light last spring when a confidential informant approached the school resource officer.

#### 9/29 DC School Layoffs

Students at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts walked out of class Tuesday after hearing some of their teachers may be laid off. The students claim they don't have any details but have heard that some arts teachers may have to go. The President of the Washington Teachers Union is just as frustrated if not more. George Parker says he understands there's a \$40 million shortfall but is upset that the school system just hired 900 new teachers this summer.

#### 9/29 Howard Co Healthcare

As Congress debates health care reform, officials in Howard County, Maryland may have already found the right prescription. This year, they launched an experimental program for the uninsured. It's the first of its kind in the country and it could be a model for the nation. On January 1, 2009 it launched an experimental program for the uninsured, the first of its kind in the country. Since the program started, Howard County has helped more 2,000 people sign up for federal and state assistance and provided health care for hundreds of others. It provides health care to those who can't afford health insurance but make too much to qualify for Medicaid. For a family of four to qualify, a family's income must be \$32,000 - \$66,000 a year. It is not insurance, but the plan does provide emergency and inpatient care through Howard county general hospital, six primary care visits and access to a network of specialists.

#### 9/29 Marleigh Rd Home Invasion

The hunt is on for suspects in a deadly home invasion. The attack sent shockwaves through a quite community along Marleigh Drive in Bowie. Early Sunday morning, Tyrone Richardson was separated from his wife and four kids and taken to the garage where three gunmen tied him up, beat him and demanded money. When they didn't get what they wanted, Richardson's family says he was told to say his prayers and then stabbed to death. Police are looking for suspects.

#### 9/28 Body on Playground

A gruesome discovery at a Landover Hills, Maryland school Monday morning just as children were arriving for class. Prince George's County Police say school employee discovered a body on the school's playground. As parents arrived at the school to pick up their kids Monday afternoon, it was the first time many heard about this body being found. Others were notified by email. A body found naked and, according to a witness at the scene, partially burned, was found Monday morning around 7:30 a.m. on the school's playground. Police say the Hispanic male in his 20s or 30s died of trauma.

#### 9/25 DC Fire Hydrants

DC Councilmembers are demanding answers on low water pressure in some neighborhoods, especially after a July fire that destroyed a Northwest mansion. Firefighters couldn't get enough water to save the home of Peggy Cooper Cafritz. Fire chief Dennis Rubin says the department is already in discussions with WASA about what they can do to make progress on the low pressure

#### 9/24 FFX Mortgage Fraud

Local and federal authorities busted what they're calling the biggest mortgage fraud operation in Fairfax County history. They arrested 20 people today in a scheme that involves real estate agents, mortgage brokers and 35 hours valued at more than 20 million dollars.

#### 9/24 DC Teacher Protest

A protest is underway to try to stop DC Public School leaders from firing teachers based on how students perform. Protestors say teachers feel disrespected by what's been going on with DC Public Schools. They say they won't understand why Chancellor Michelle Rhee hired over 900 new teachers this summer and one month into the school year there is a budget shortfall of \$40 million. Because of budget issues, school leaders will be cutting staff based on student achievement.

#### 9/23 Federal Building Security

Security concerns in DC are could force more street changes near the White House. There's a proposal to make a block of F Street in front of the Treasury Department on way because of fears someone could crash into the building with a truck bomb. Cars driving Westbound could reach a high rate of speed to get to the building. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says she's against changing F Street. The Obama Administration says it plans to ask DDot to withdraw the F Street proposal because they don't think making it one way is the best security solution.

#### 9/23 FFX Missing Woman

Police arrested two people in murder of a woman who disappeared nearly a year ago. Ericka Yancey disappeared from her apartment last November. A property manager at the complex in Herndon discovered a trail of blood from the parking lot to the dumpster. Now, police have arrested two suspected killer, Marcus Williams and Michael Thomas. Williams was a roommate of the victim.

#### 9/22 Terror Warning

Terror warnings tonight in cities nationwide. The FBI and Homeland Security sent out alerts yesterday, even though they way there are no specific plots. They are warning that public transit systems, sports venues, entertainment complexes and hotels to be are attractive targets to groups like Al-Qaeda. Here in our area, major sporting stadiums like Nationals Park in DC and Fedex Field in Landover would fall under the bulletin. The head of Homeland Security in Prince George's County, where Fedex Field is, says the stadium is normally under tight security anyway.

#### 9/22 FFX Teacher Arrested

A Fairfax County teacher is charged with having sex with a 15 year old boy. Prosecutors believe 27 year old Valerie Roesler was carrying on a sexual relationship with the teenager for months. According to an affidavit, police say the teen sent her text messages wanting to know if they were going to have sex. Sources claim the two met at the school where Roesler worked before moving to Fairfax and that she was his teacher. A spokesperson for the school system says that Roesler had passed a background check and had been hired as a Special Education teacher. Fairfax County police said they found her with the boy just before 2 am Sunday, doubleparked in a lot in a residential area of Gunston Hill Lane. The school system says she resigned today.

#### 9/21 Money: Unemployment

House lawmakers are moving fast to extend unemployment benefits for thousands of jobless Americans. The 13 week extension would help people in places hit the hardest, including the District. New numbers show the unemployment rate in DC has reached more than 11%, nearly 2 points higher than the national average.

#### 9/21 PG Layoffs

Prince George's County is having to make big budget cuts to cope with the financial mess. That means more than 100 county employees will be getting pink slips before the end of the year. County Executive Jack Johnson says he had no choice but to cut jobs to close a \$22 million dollar budget gap.

#### 9/21 17 yo accused of murder

The search for a missing woman ends in a gruesome discovery. Police found Rosa Vasquez in a container in her backyard. Investigators say her daughter's 17 year old boyfriend, Ivo Portillo, killed her and left here there. The 13 year old daughter admitted helping Portillo sneak into the home because her mother did not approve of him. She claims Portillo was hiding in the basement when she left for school. Portillo is charged with murder.

#### 9/17 Vermont Avenue Farmer's Market

Lady Michelle Obama celebrated the opening of a new farmers market near the White House today. It was part of her ongoing effort to encourage Americans to eat healthier, fresher foods. Local farmers are selling produce and other goods out of the market on Vermont Avenue Northwest between H and I Streets every Thursday.

#### 9/17 Masonic Lodge Closing

Complaints from neighbors at a Masonic Lodge led DC to yank the public hall license from the King Solomon Temple. The lodge is a service organization that rents out ballroom space to groups for functions. Neighbors complain that the parties spill out into a quite, nice neighborhood on Rhode Island Avenue. One person was shot after a party at the Lodge.

#### 9/17 FFX Home Invasion

The hunt is on tonight for 5 masked men who burst into a Fairfax home, terrorizing a family. Investigators say they broke in and tied up a man and woman while a little boy was in the house. No one was hurt but police believe the men broke in to rob the family.

#### 9/17 Columbia Heights Metro

A teenager was hit and killed by a Metro train near the Columbia Heights station this afternoon, forcing delays on the Green and Yellow lines and closing the station down. Police say the victim is between 14 and 16 years old. Metro believes the teen may have intentionally jumped in front of the train. Investigators are talking to witnesses to determine exactly what happened.

#### 9/15 DC Car Inspections

Car safety inspections are now history in DC. The city says it will stop checking cars out to make sure they're safe for the road. They will still perform vehicle emissions testing so you can't skip the trip to the inspection station completely. Stopping the safety checks will save the District a lot of money. AAA says it's still a bad move because more unsafe cars will be on the streets.

#### 9/15 SOMD Drug Ring

Police busted a major Southern Maryland drug ring. Investigators believe over the past three years, the operation distributed as much as 5 kilos of cocaine throughout Saint Mary's County and pulled in a profit of \$1.5 million. 12 men are under arrest and in federal court facing numerous charges.

#### 9/15 Castle Blvd Homicide

A family is hoping their plea for information will help solve a murder mystery in Silver Spring. More than a week ago, a woman was shot to death outside her apartment. Simone White was a Jamaican immigrant working two jobs to make a life for herself. Her boss at the Crowne Plaza, where she was a telephone operator, called her an ideal employee. She had just left work when she was killed. Police have no suspects.

#### 9/14 Just St Homicide

A drive by shooting in the District killed a 16 year old boy. Antonio Ward had gone into the neighborhood on Just street to buy a pet snake when he was killed. His mother believes the shooting was in retaliation for a fight last month. Ward's family used to live in that neighborhood.

#### 9/14 Trenton Place shooting

Police shot and killed a suspect who claimed he killed a relative then approached officers with knives. The man called 911 and said he killed a family member at an apartment on Trenton Place. When officers arrived, he went into the street and refused to drop his weapons. Police fired several times. They have not found any evidence that he killed anyone.

#### 9/11 Bertie Backus Memorial

Today a community remembered a teacher and student who were killed in the 9/11 attacks. Asia Cottom and teacher Sarah Clarke were on their way to California for a field trip and were on the flight that crashed into the Pentagon. Even though Backus Elementary School is now closed, member of the community returned to pay tribute to them

#### 9/11 Calvert Child Death

Today Renee Bowman pleaded guilty to killing her 2 daughters and putting their bodies in a freezer. She is accused of killing the adopted daughters in Montgomery County and moving the bodies in a freezer when she relocated to Lusby. The situation came to light when a third girl, a 7 year old, was found wandering the neighborhood. Prosecutors say neighbors found the girl and got help for her. Doctors say she had 80 injuries including broken bones and human bite marks.

#### 9/11 PG Fatal Hit and Run

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mission and defended its decision to hold the exercise on 9/11 not far from where the President was delivering a speech.

#### 9/9 Castle Blvd Homicide

Investigators in Silver Spring are trying to find out who killed a 37 year old woman near her apartment on Castle Boulevard. Simone White's body was found on an elevated sidewalk. Police have no information on suspects.

#### 9/9 Minister Indicted

A youth minister is accused of having sex with a 15 year old member of her church. The teen's mother says she was supposed to be counseling the boy against premarital sex. The minister worked at Saint Matthias United Methodist Church in Stafford County. Neighbors described Jennifer Brennan as a devoted wife and mother of two.

#### 9/8 Rabid Bats Warning

In Prince George's County, officials are warning about a surge in the number of rabid bats found in the county. Already, one person has been bitten and is on antibiotics. Ten bats with rabies have already been found this year. Health officers say the bats will be acting out of the ordinary if they're infected.

#### 9/8 UMD Swine Flu

A swine flu surge is underway at the University of Maryland. The school says it's seen 172 students with suspected swine flu since classes began a week ago.

#### 9/8 VA Schools President

Today President Obama delivered his back to school speech to the nation's kids. He gave the speech from Wakefield High School in Arlington, telling students to stay in school and work on their goals, even if there are parts of it they don't enjoy. Students were also told their own success or failure will determine whether we as a nation meet our challenges in the future. Some schools across the country refused to show the speech because they feared it would be political.

#### 9/7 Troops to Teachers.

Thousands of American service members leaving the military are finding a new way to serve our country. They're part of Troops to Teachers, a federal program that helps pay veterans to get teacher certification. Retired Lt. Colonel Jim McClellan is one of those who've gone through the program. Now he is a special education teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Virginia.

#### 9/7 DC Fire EMS Calls

DC firefighters say they're finding themselves responding to far more health emergencies than actual fires. They estimate as many as 80% of their calls are for sick patients. In many cases, the patients don't have insurance and can't see a regular doctor and wait until the last minute to get help. The firefighters are calling for officials to find a better use of resources, saying it costs a lot of money to send four men, an ambulance and a firetruck to take someone to the hospital.

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A suspected swine flu surge at the University of Maryland. On Friday, the school had 64 suspected cases. Tonight, nearly 100 students might have the virus. The school doesn't know if the students have regular flu or swine flu. The sick students are being treated at the health clinic on campus.

#### 9/7 Woodbridge Domestic

A man is accused of taking his wife hostage at gunpoint. The owner of the home where it all happened may have saved the woman's life by wrestling the gun away from her husband. Police say Torris Cowan and his estranged wife had a history of domestic problems. Early Sunday morning, they got into a fight outside the townhouse and neighbors called police. When officers arrived, Cowan had his wife held hostage and refused to let her go. He went back to the townhouse trying to get in. When the homeowner opened the door suddenly, he fell in and dropped the gun. Two shots were fired and no one was hurt. Police arrived to help as the homeowner wrestled the gun away.

#### 9/4 Lemonade Fundraiser

12 year old Abby and her 10 year old brother Jake and their neighbor Taylor are selling lemonade in their

Alexandria neighborhood to raise money for a nonprofit brain injury group. The group has helped their father since he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They've raised hundreds of dollars in just one day, with people driving from all over just to buy a glass of lemonade. The kids will be camping outside tonight to sell lemonade to their late night customers. The stand will be open all weekend.

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#### 9/4 Howard U Protests

The new semester is just starting but already some Howard University students are protesting conditions at the school. About 400 students protested outside the Administration building with a long list of complaints, ranging from slow paperwork to administrators to insufficient compliance with requirements for disabled people. University leaders met with student demonstrators and say they are taking the demands very seriously. The University president will meet with student leaders next Tuesday.

#### 9/4 Peaceaholics Sex Assault

A mentor hired by Peaceaholics and placed in Spingarm High School has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 15 year old girl at the school. Barry Harrison was hired despite having served 20 years in prison for murder. At the time of his arrest, the co-founders of Peaceaholics said the background check had not turned up the conviction. The group is still supporting him, saying they do not believe the girl's allegations.

#### 9/3 Redskins Tickets

The Washington Redskins are suing some ticket holders for tens of thousands of dollars. The Washington Post is reporting that since 2005, the Skins have sued 125 people for not fulfilling ticket contracts. The report says that in some cases, the fans tried to work out other deals with the team but were forced into hefty payments instead. Others admit they did not hire lawyers or even show up in court when their matters got that far. A Forbes Magazine report out today calls the team the most profitable in the NFL.

#### 9/3 Univ Blvd Murder

A manhunt is underway for two men wanted in connection with the murder of a Silver Spring man shot to death in his driveway Sunday. Now the victim's family wants to know how one of the suspects checked himself out of the hospital and got away. The suspect could barely walk and was being treated for a gunshot wound to his right leg but signed himself out of Washington Hospital Center. Police are still trying to piece together what happened during the shooting. 63 year old Clarence Rankine was killed.

#### 9/3 Metro Bus Hits Pedestrian

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#### 9/2 Georgetown Cuddler

On the first day of classes for students at Georgetown University, police are continuing their hunt for a predator on the prowl. Twice in the last two days, a serial attacker has broken into homes and climbed in bed with students. There have been nearly a dozen of that attacks over the past year. Georgetown Police and MPD are repeating their warnings for students and everyone else in the community to make sure they lock their doors and windows.

#### 9/2 Holocaust Shooting

For the first time, the suspect in the deadly Holocaust Museum shooting appeared in court to face murder charges. 89 year old James Von Brunn was critically wounded by a guard during the shootings and has not been able to get out of the hospital until now. Today, federal prosecutors claimed the attack was a suicide mission meant to spread fear. Von Brunn walked into the Museum and started shooting, killing guard Stephen Johns and sending tourists running for their lives.

#### 9/2 PG Police Pursuit

A suspect wanted in connection with the murder of 2 women in Anne Arundel County is dead, shot and killed by an officer. Prince George's County police tried to pick him up in Upper Marlboro and that's when they say he took off, leading them on a chase into the District. Investigators say Theodore Blanton stopped his car and got out with a gun. Police chased him on foot and shot him. Police believe he killed his estranged wife and her sister.

9/1 Money DC Fios

More choices and more competition when it comes to cable television, phone and internet service. The District has struck a deal to allow Verizon FIOS across the city. As part of the deal, Verizon will give the city some free government and educational channels. It could take 9 years to get FIOS out to the whole city. Anacostia residents will be the first in the city to have access to fiber optic service.

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9/1 Georgetown Cuddler

The so-called Georgetown Cuddler has struck twice in two days, just at the beginning of the Fall semester. Police say the attacks seem to follow the same patterns as last year. There have been close to a dozen of the attacks in the last year. In the most recent attacks, students woke up to find the man cuddled up to them while they slept. He took off when the students screamed. Georgetown says it's stepping up campus security but it's still up to students to make sure their doors and windows are locked.

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#### 7/31 Cash for Clunkers

The House voted overwhelmingly Friday to rush \$2 billion into the popular but financially strapped "cash for clunkers" car purchase program, heeding calls from consumers eager to keep taking advantage of thousands of dollars in trade-in incentives. House members approved the measure 316-109 within hours of learning from Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood that the program was running out of money. President Barack Obama said he was encouraged by the House action to keep alive a program that had "succeeded well beyond our expectations." Senate action is likely next week, ensuring the program won't be affected by the sudden shortage of cash.

#### 7/30 270 Multiple car crash

A guilty plea today from the man charged in a deadly hit and run accident on I-270 in Rockville. Police say Michael Eaton was speeding and crashed into the rear of a Jeep Cherokee last August. One of the children in that car, Jasmin Warr, died in the crash. She was with her grandparents and another child. Prosecutors say he continued driving for 1000 feet, then took off running. He turned himself in the next day.

#### 7/29 Metro Trains Colide

Federal investigators say adjustments were made to the system that detects trains at the site of last month's deadly Metro train crash after a piece of equipment was replaced. The National Transportation Safety Board said that the process for replacing the equipment before the accident called for changes to the track circuit signal strength. The equipment, known as an impedance bond, communicates information such as speed and distance between the tracks, trains and operations control center. One impedance bond was replaced five days before the June 22 crash and failed periodically before it. Another was replaced in 2007 and intermittently malfunctioned. Investigators are looking into whether the adjustments may have affected the system's performance.

#### 7/27 Cash for Clunkers

The Car Allowance Rebate System, commonly referred to as Cash for Clunkers kicked off on Friday. The buyer program, which offers shoppers incentives worth \$3,500 to \$4,500, is designed to help consumers purchase new fuel efficient vehicles and boost the economy. Congress approved the CARS program last month to revitalize auto sales and attempt to retire some inefficient cars and trucks. The National Traffic Safety Administration reports at least 500 deals for payment submitted so far. That comes out to about 2 million dollars, with about 998 million left in the pot.

#### 7/27 Police chief DUI

The attorney for Alexandria Police Chief David Baker says his client "has no intention to resign." Baker was charged with drunken driving after he was involved in a car accident in Arlington over the weekend. Attorney James Clark says Baker "should be held to a higher standard." But he says the police chief also hopes to persuade the public that he shouldn't be judged by "the worst half-hour in his life." Baker failed four field sobriety tests. About two hours after the accident, he took a breath test that registered a blood-alcohol level of 0.19, more than twice the legal limit. The complaint says Baker told police he had drunk two beers about 20 minutes before the accident.

#### 7/24 Chopper crash

Investigators are looking for answers in a deadly helicopter crash. Four people died when the chopper plunged onto Interstate 70 in Hagerstown. Advanced Helicopters, Inc owned it. The helicopter was flying from Hagerstown back to its home base in Frederick, Maryland. It was in Hagerstown for a charity fundraiser, giving rides to help fund a group that helps troubled youth.

#### 7/24 Helicopter Victims

The helicopter crash in Hagerstown claimed the lives of four victims. Niall Booth, Kim Felix, Jeffrey Nordaas and George Tudor, Junior all died in the accident and they're being remembered for helping others. They were in Hagerstown for a fundraiser, giving helicopter rides to raise money for a charity.

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last month to revitalize auto sales and attempt to retire some inefficient cars and trucks. At local car dealers, we found consumers lined up but dealers were frustrated with all the red tape that's taken hours to get through. Officials say the problems and delays are expected to ease in the coming days.

#### 7/23 Metro Trains collide

Today Federal investigators announced that a section of the Metro Rail near the site of last month's crash may have started having problems as far back as 2007. The NTSB reported that on the same section of track, part of the circuitry that keeps trains separated had been replaced five days before the deadly crash. In that five day period, computerized records show the section of track sometimes failed to detect the presence of trains. The NTSB also revealed that another piece of circuitry had been replaced in the same section 18 months ago and the circuit's train occupancy signal had been intermittently fluctuating since the replacement was installed in 2007. Metro claims that fluctuations does not necessarily mean a failure to detect trains for 18 months. Just a month ago, the crash on the red line killed 9 people and hurt about 70 others.

#### 7/22 Metro Trains Collide

Tests on Metro's rail system show there are still problems with the automatic system that keeps trains from colliding. The system is the main focus of the investigation into the crash that killed 9 people last month. Metro is analyzing the system along four stretches of track. Metro managers say some of the anomalies are small. Passengers say they're worried about the new reports.

#### 7/16 Metro Trains collide

Metro's General Manager says the agency is wasting no time in finding an emergency back-up system for the automatic control system for the trains. The system is suspected of failing, causing the deadly crash last month. GM John Catoe says he will suspend the normal buying process for the back up system to move forward quickly. 9 people died in the crash.

#### 7/10 GM Bankruptcy

Today General Motors emerged from bankruptcy protection after just 40 days. The new GM will cut 20% of its salaried positions by the end of the year. The automaker also received another 20 billion dollars in federal aid and plans to repay government loans ahead of the 2015 deadline. GM emerged from bankruptcy much faster than anyone expected.

#### 7/8 495 Double Fatal

A drunk driver is blamed in a Beltway crash that killed two people. Police say the driver who caused the accident at the Clara Barton Parkway and 495 took off and crashed again near the American Legion Bridge. Investigators also say Kelly Russ Loos was drunk when she crashed her car near the Georgetown Pike. Tonight, we are learning about her long history of driving problems. Court records show he has had numerous run ins with the law, including being charged with driving on a suspended license, failure to obey a traffic signal, driving with a suspended out of state license and driving an uninsured vehicle. Two men died in the crash.

#### 7/8 DC Traffic Cash

A new study revealed that traffic in the DC area is getting worse. DC drivers sit in traffic an average of 62 hours a year, three hours more this year. Only drivers in LA waste more time in traffic. In most states across the country, congestion actually eased.

#### 7/1 Metro crash

Federal investigators claim Metro was aware of trouble on the tracks days before a crash that killed 9 people. One train slammed into the rear of another while it was stopped near the Fort Totten Station. Metro says its train detection system collapsed but that may not be the case. It seems that recent repair work may have damaged the circuits. The NTSB says Metro knew the circuits were messed up and not properly reporting trains up to 5 days before the crash.

#### 7/1 Metro red Line

Days of service disruptions are taking their toll on the Red Line. Since last month's deadly crash, trains are limited to speeds of no more than 35 miles per hour as a precaution. That means trains are moving more slowly and there are fewer trains traveling along the routes, leading to more crowded cars. Some metro employees have reported seeing shoving and fist fights because of the frustration.

#### 7/1 Diesel cars

The increase in gas prices from May to June helped boost the sales of hybrid cars and compact vehicles

last month. US Automakers are finally seeing some stabilization return to the market. A drop in the price of diesel fuel is also prompting a resurgence in the popularity of diesel engines.

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#### 8/31 Double Hit and Run

Two women who were struck by a hit and run driver over the weekend. Tonight, their families are pleading for the driver to face the consequences. The women were hit in the crosswalk and dragged for more than 80 feet and have serious injuries.

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#### 8/19 VA Budget Cuts

Today, Virginia Governor Tim Kaine revealed that the Commonwealth is going to have to cut another billion and a half dollars from the budget. No spending area, including schools will be exempt. The governor asked every agency to draw up a list of proposed cuts. The Department of Transportation is expected to take the biggest hit.

#### 8/19 Wilson Blvd Car Accident

500 people are still without power after a car accident along Wilson Boulevard in Arlington knocked down utility poles. Wilson Boulevard is closed starting at George Mason Drive. Power crews hope to have the problem restored tonight. Most businesses in the area closed without power but at the Ballston Animal Hospital, vets had to finish a surgery in progress using flashlights.

#### 8/18 VA Hot Lanes

Construction on Virginia's highly anticipated Hot Lanes project is on hold. The project along I-395 and 95 hit a road block when the public private partnership failed to secure a deal on financing. Virginia is hoping a new deal will deliver the money in time to break ground early next year.

#### 8/18 Metro Rail Crack

A cracked rail on the Red Line is slowing Metro this afternoon. Trains are sharing a track through the area while crews work to repair the problem. This is adding to the delays Metro already has in place, running trains at slower speeds since June's deadly accident.

#### 8/17 VA Hot Lanes Project

This is the first morning that many commuters will find the ramp from the Beltway to Route 123 northbound closed for the HOT lane construction project. The closing is scheduled to last through September. The detours will delay commuters during rush hour for the next 6 weeks or so. This is all so VDOT can build high occupancy toll lanes to ease traffic.

#### 8/13 Money: Stimulus

Maryland, DC and Virginia are getting a combined \$167 million dollars for transportation projects from the federal stimulus package. That's adding up to about 150 road improvement projects in Maryland alone. Summer is already primetime for road construction and drivers complain they are noticing the extra time they're spending in traffic with the new projects added to the load.

#### 8/11 Metro Too Long Trains

More trouble for Metro tonight. Back on July 31st, a 10 car train made it through five stations back before a passenger noticed the train appeared to be too long. The passenger notified the operator who checked the train and confirmed the extra cars. Metro says there were no passengers on the last two cars of the Green Line train, which was immediately taken out of service. So far, one Metro worker who had some responsibility for the movement of the train has tested positive for drugs. The investigation is continuing.

#### 8/10 Metro Trains Collide

A Metro train operator avoided a serious accident when the train's automatic control system malfunctioned. The incident happened three months before June's deadly crash. The operator had to slam on the

emergency brake to avoid running through a stop and into another train. Metro says the Orange Line train failed to stop and the operator deployed the emergency brake with another train about 500 feet away. Metro claims this was not a near miss. It appears a track sensor is being investigated, which is the same problem that's linked to June's deadly crash.

#### 8/7 Metro Repairs

A weekend of work on Metro is expected to cause delays on every line. This weekend, there's maintenance that could add about a half hour to most rides throughout the system. Even after the weekend is over, though, you could still run into delays. Metro is using August to work on a lot of problems while demand is down because Congress is not in session. That could last through the end of the month.

#### 8/4 Metro doors Open

Metro riders claim the doors of a train suddenly opened as it was moving down the tracks at the height of Monday's evening rush. Metro says it's investigating and the train has been removed and is going through a complete inspection.

#### 8/3 Cash For Clunkers

The popular but overwhelmed "cash for clunkers" program is still rolling ahead, but the White House says the Senate better approve \$2 billion without delay or the big rebates for car buyers could be history by week's end. Senate skeptics appear to be in no hurry. The Obama administration pointed to environmental gains made during the first week of the program, which gives rebates of as much as \$4,500 to motorists who trade in gas guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles. The White House also highlighted recovery news from Ford Motor Co., which reported its first U.S. sales increase in nearly two years.



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#### 9/30 Distracted Driving

Distracted driving is the subject of a two-day summit that the Department of Transportation kicked off today. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood warned more than 200 attendees about the dangers of distracted driving and pledged to take action at the federal level to combat this "menace to society."

#### 9/29 Toyota Recall

Toyota has announced its largest ever recall in the United States. They're concerned about floor mats in 3.8 million vehicles. Drivers of those cars are advised to remove the floor mats immediately and don't replace it. The government says the mats could interfere with the accelerator and cause a crash. Toyota started investigating after a crash in California last month. Investigators believe a floor mat got snagged in a gas pedal leading to a crash that killed 4 family members.

#### 9/25 Graham Chief Arrested

Federal authorities are still working the case against Ted Loza, the Chief-of-Staff for DC Councilman Jim Graham, who is accused of accepting bribes in exchange for pushing taxi cab legislation. A search warrant shows that when federal authorities searched his office, they were looking for information about several other organizations including United Fleet Management and Fiesta DC. Why investigators are looking into these groups is still unclear. Graham says he has been questioned about Loza and promised authorities his full cooperation.

#### 9/24 Graham Chief Arrested

The chief of staff to D.C. Council member Jim Graham was arrested on bribery charges accused of taking \$1,500 in payoffs in exchange for pushing taxicab legislation. Today, federal agents searched the Councilman's office looking for evidence. Ted Loza has worked with Graham for years. Graham introduced legislation that would have benefited the informant, authorities said. The council member is not charged in the indictment and denied any wrongdoing.

#### 9/23 Federal Building Security

Security concerns in DC are could force more street changes near the White House. There's a proposal to make a block of F Street in front of the Treasury Department on way because of fears someone could crash into the building with a truck bomb. Cars driving Westbound could reach a high rate of speed to get to the building. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says she's against changing F Street. The Obama Administration says it plans to ask DDot to withdraw the F Street proposal because they don't think making it one way is the best security solution.

#### 9/22 Airline Passengers

Airline passengers who were trapped on tarmacs "like sardines in a can" had their opportunity to air their grievances Tuesday at an unofficial Capitol Hill hearing that shared some of the characteristics of those flights. The hearing was sponsored by advocates of the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights. The hearing was sponsored by advocates of the Airline Passenger Bill of Rights, which would require airlines to give passengers the option of leaving a plane after it has sat on the ground for three hours. The proposal, which lacked adequate support in 2007 and 2008, has gained steam this year because of several highly publicized incidents, including a nearly six-hour overnight wait involving a regional jet in Rochester, Minnesota. The star witness for the passenger advocates was Robert Crandall, former chairman and chief executive of American Airlines, who spoke in support of the three-hour limit. He favors a looser four-hour limit until 2011 to give the industry time to adjust operating procedures.

#### 9/17 Columbia Heights Metro

A teenager was hit and killed by a Metro train near the Columbia Heights station this afternoon, forcing delays on the Green and Yellow lines and closing the station down. Police say the victim is between 14 and 16 years old. Metro believes the teen may have intentionally jumped in front of the train. Investigators are talking to witnesses to determine exactly what happened.

#### 9/15 DC Car Inspections

Car safety inspections are now history in DC. The city says it will stop checking cars out to make sure they're safe for the road. They will still perform vehicle emissions testing so you can't skip the trip to the inspection station completely. Stopping the safety checks will save the District a lot of money. AAA says it's still a bad move because more unsafe cars will be on the streets.

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#### 9/10 Metro Worker Hit

Another accident in a string of trouble for Metro this summer. A worker was hit between the Braddock Road and Reagan National Airport Stations. That forced long delays on the blue and yellow line. The employee is a communications worker. He is critically hurt.

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#### 9/1 Airlines Swine Flu

Airlines are on alert, doing what they can do to prevent the spread of the swine flu. US airlines already have standing policies to deny boarding to passengers who are too seriously ill to travel, and that includes swine flu. Now, airlines are also taking precautionary steps like making hand sanitizer available to passengers and crew. Southwest removed pillows and blankets to stop the spread of germs. A George Washington University doctor says the risks of infection on a plane are overblown and he doesn't believe that a plane is any more contagious than Metro or any other place that's crowded with people.

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**8/13 Spring Valley**

A disturbing discovery in a DC neighborhood. Workers cleaning up an old weapons area in the Northwest area of Spring Valley found a flash with the chemical agent mustard gas in it. DC Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton says the Army Corps of Engineers has promised to keep working in the area until the clean up is finished. The Army Corps of Engineers say the chemical never posed a threat to the community.

**8/13 Bee Stings**

Nearly two dozen kids are being treated for bee stings after two separate attacks in Rock Creek Park. Fire department spokesman Pete Piringer says officials responded to the Rock Creek Nature Center on Glover Road in northwest Washington about noon Thursday. Piringer says eight children and adults were evaluated for bee stings. Two children who were stung multiple times were taken to a hospital. A few hours later, Piringer says crews responded again to the nature center after a report of another 14 children, between ages 5 and 12, also stung by bees. He says paramedics are evaluating those children, who apparently had been on a trail.

**8/10 Energy Savings**

During the hottest part of summer, air conditioners are running overtime and the costs are piling up. Heating and cooling make up about 56% of energy use in a typical home but there are things you can do to save money and still stay comfortable. You can start by getting a programmable thermostat, leaving the home warmer when you're not home and programming it to cool off before you return. Switching to compact fluorescent bulbs will also save energy and give off less heat than incandescent bulbs. Seal any leaks in your home to keep the cool air in.

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9/17 Vermont Avenue Farmer's Market

Lady Michelle Obama celebrated the opening of a new farmers market near the White House today. It was part of her ongoing effort to encourage Americans to eat healthier, fresher foods. Local farmers are selling produce and other goods out of the market on Vermont Avenue Northwest between H and I Streets every Thursday.

9/8 Rabid Bats Warning

In Prince George's County, officials are warning about a surge in the number of rabid bats found in the county. Already, one person has been bitten and is on antibiotics. Ten bats with rabies have already been found this year. Health officers say the bats will be acting out of the ordinary if they're infected.

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## 7/30 270 Multiple car crash

A guilty plea today from the man charged in a deadly hit and run accident on I-270 in Rockville. Police say Michael Eaton was speeding and crashed into the rear of a Jeep Cherokee last August. One of the children in that car, Jasmin Warr, died in the crash. She was with her grandparents and another child. Prosecutors say he continued driving for 1000 feet, then took off running. He turned himself in the next day.

## 7/30 6th st 4 st

Today, officials released 6 hours of a recorded interview with Banita Jacks, the mother convicted yesterday of killing her four daughters and living with them in a Southeast rowhouse. The videotape was evidence during her child. The tape is an interview taken at MPD headquarters the day her children's bodies were found. She claims she didn't kill the kids and instead they didn't wake up. Jacks also told detectives if she told them what really happened, they'd think she was crazy. Jacks will be sentenced later this fall.

## 7/30 Swine Flu Preps

Fears of swine flu outbreaks have local schools getting ready. Many experts predict the virus could make a strong comeback this fall but a vaccine is still in the works. Loudoun County School officials met today with the Health Department to discuss preliminary plans for how and where to get school age children vaccinated. It's the first of many meetings leading up to the start of the school year September 8th. In addition, the school system is also working on plans to isolate children who have the H1N1 virus.

## 7/29 6th St 4 Dead

A judge has found a District of Columbia woman guilty of killing her four daughters.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Frederick H. Weisberg convicted 34-year-old Banita Jacks on Wednesday. Weisberg decided the case himself after Jacks waived her right to a jury trial. Jacks was found guilty of four counts of felony murder, three counts of premeditated first-degree murder and other charges. She was acquitted of one count of premeditated first-degree murder. U.S. Marshal deputies discovered the girls' decomposing bodies in January 2008 while carrying out an eviction at Jacks' southeast Washington row house. The girls are believed to have been ages 5 to 16 when they were killed.

## 7/27 6th St 4 Dead

Dramatic closing arguments in the Banita Jacks trial. Since there is no jury, the judge is deliberating the case. The US Attorney called the house where the 4 girls bodies were found a "prison of torture." She claims Jacks mistreated her children, cut her children off from the world and killed them. Jacks claims the girls' died in their sleep. Her lawyer acknowledged there are a lot of things that don't make sense but the government did not make its case that Jacks killed her children.

## 7/23 6th St 4 Dead

Testimony today in the Banita Jacks trial focused on how long her daughters were dead before US Marshal's discovered their bodies inside their rowhouse. A forensic etymologist says based on insectors in their bodies, the Jacks girls died not before April 2007 but not after October 2007. Their bodies were found in January 2008.

## 7/23 Swine Flu Summer camp

The Swine Flu is spoiling summer camp for thousands of kids across the US, including some here in Maryland and Virginia. Dozens of camps are reporting outbreaks leading to health precautions and even closures. The American Camp Association is posting online videos for parents to show them what symptoms to look for in their kids and the CDC is encouraging camps to establish contingency plans for childrens who come to camps showing symptoms.

## 7/22 6th St 4 Dead

In the trial of a DC mother accused of murdering her 4 daughters, today the judge heard from people who'd reached to help the family. Kathy Lopes, a school social worker, testified that she was extremely concerned that the oldest daughter had stopped showing up at school. Lopes went to the house but Banita Jacks refused to allow her to see Brittany. Prosecutors believe Brittany was the first child killed in the spring of 2007. Lopes says she was so concerned about seeing the conditions the other 3 kids were living in, she made repeated calls to police, child and family services, the courts and 311 to get someone to check on the children. After the girls were found dead, a DC officer checked up on the family and in one report says he did see a teenager at the home but now says he didn't. He says he was messed up about the case and it was wishful thinking.

#### 7/21 Kids Quarantined

8 local teenagers are in the hospital in China after being diagnosed with swine flu. Dozens of their classmates are being quarantined in hospitals in Beijing. The students are part of a cultural visit to China from the Confucius Institute at the University of Maryland. All the students in the hospital with symptoms are expected to be released soon. They're being given the option of extending their stay or going home early.

#### 7/20 Tax Holiday Repeal

In this time of belt-tightening, the DC Government is saving hundreds of thousands of dollars by canceling the August Tax Free Week. That program did allow you to buy many items under \$100 without paying sales tax. Families are upset that canceling the program will cost them more money as they get kids ready for school. Business owners are worried shoppers will buy in Virginia, instead, which is still having its tax free shopping days.

#### 7/20 6th St 4 Dead

Today brought some of the most disturbing evidence of far in the Banita Jacks trial. She's the DC mother accused of killing her 4 daughters and living with their bodies. Police brought evidence to the courthouse in large cardboard boxes. The items, taken from Jacks' house, have such a strong odor the judge asked a court reporter sitting next to them if she needed to take a break. The evidence included a knife found near the body of oldest daughter Brittany Jacks. The Medical Examiner believes she was stabbed to death but because of the decomposition of her body, her cause of death is undetermined.

#### 7/17 6th St 4 Dead

Neighbors living next door to one of the most horrific crime scenes in DC history testified today at the Banita Jacks trial. She is accused of killing her four daughters and living with their bodies for months. One neighbor claims he heard a loud fight from the house. Others testified they smelled a horrible odor from the house more than four months before the girls' bodies were found.

#### 7/17 Greenbelt Rd Shooting

A wild shootout with an off-duty police officer ended with three people in the hospital, including in the officer and a child. Last night in Greenbelt, police say the altercation started with a heated argument between two roommates, one of them a military police officer. The officer went outside for help but police say the roommate grabbed the officer's gun, followed him out and started shooting. That was around 7 o'clock. An off-duty Capitol police officer was off-duty and showed up and exchanged gunfire with the suspect. A stray bullet went into an apartment, hitting a 12 year old girl. The officer hit the suspect multiple times. Everyone is expected to survive.

#### 7/13 6th St 4 Dead

Disturbing new details are coming out on the Banita Jacks case, the mother accused of living for months with the bodies of her four daughters in a Southeast rowhome. Jacks' daughters were found dead in January 2008. During the pretrial hearing, the court saw a videotape recorded the day those girls were found. In it, Jacks claimed she hadn't eaten since October and that everyone in her household was weak and disoriented, including her daughters. She also refused to explain what happened to her children, saying it would sound crazy. Lawyers are arguing over whether the tape is admissible as evidence.

#### 7/8 New Beginnings

Pressure is mounting on DC Mayor Adrian Fenty to step up security at the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center in Laurel. Six juveniles have escaped and were recaptured on Sunday. Now neighbors are asking for a warning system to alert them when there's an escape.

#### 7/6 New Beginnings

Six teenagers escaped from the New Beginnings Youth Rehabilitation Center this weekend, barely a month after the 46million dollar center opened. New Beginnings opened in May and is billed as a new alternative to Oak Hill, a juvenile facility marred with numerous escapes and deplorable living conditions. At New Beginnings, in the past two weeks there have been two riots, the walls busted out and windows smashed. Sunday, 6 juveniles escaped and were found in a nearby community. Guards and officials are calling for changes to keep everyone safe.

#### 7/6 Missing 13 year old

In court today, the mother of a 13 year old, found dead in a creek pleaded guilty. Freeda Glover admitted to felony murder in the death of her adopted daughter, Lexie. The little girl was a special needs child. In court, four

school bus employees and attendants said they had reported seeing the girl crawling into the trunk of her mother's car one day, and seeing her show up wearing only a diaper. Allegations of abuse against Glover began in 2004 with reports that the girl had bruises on her. The Prince William County Police Department released a report saying it has discovered deficiencies in several areas and is working on ways to improve. Three staff members have been disciplined because of the case.

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**8/31 DC Daycare problems**

Dozens of DC child care workers are in danger of losing their jobs. Centers are being shut down in a move to privatize the system, now families left scrambling for child care are sounding the alarm. This isn't a money issue since it's a federally funded program. That's why so many parents are confused on why the mayor wants to privatize child care. Mayor Fenty has eliminated the budget for early childhood and out of school time programs for next fiscal year, closing at least 20 DC child care centers. DC Councilmember Harry Thomas calls what's going on "outrageous" and is vowing action. A workers' union is also filing a lawsuit against the district. Some parents say they haven't been able to find replacement child care and are having to take time off work.

**8/28 DC STD Testing**

The DC Department of Health is recommending that everyone ask their doctors for an HIV test when they go in for checkups. It's part of a new ad campaign to increase testing for HIV AIDS. As many as half of all people who have AIDS in the District don't know they're infected. The new HIV testing campaign comes as the DC School system is stepping up testing for other sexually transmitted diseases among high school students. A pilot program in 8 schools last year found a significant number of teenagers infected with STDs.

**8/27 Kids Swine Flu Vaccine**

Doctors across the country are working quickly to test a swine flu vaccine. Clinical trials are already underway including here at the University of Maryland where researchers are testing the vaccine on children. Parents have enrolled their kids in the study to help find out if the vaccine will be effective. Participants get 2 shots and a blood test, in exchange for a \$40 gift card to Target.

**8/27 PG Schools Schedule**

A confusing first week back to class in Prince George's County schools. As many as 8000 students returned to school to find out there are problems with their schedules. Some are sitting in auditoriums waiting, just to find out when they'll be assigned to classes. Prince George's County school officials say a new computer system software is to blame. The superintendent apologized and says they're working to get everyone in the correct classes.

**8/26 DC Ski Facilities**

After a multi-million dollar modernization of schools, nearly 100 custodians and maintenance workers are being laid-off in the District. The layoffs come as the city is in the midst of long overdue updates of the crumbling facilities and grappling with a major budget shortfall. The mayor refused to comment on the layoffs.

**8/26 PG Schools swine flu**

Prince George's County schools are developing an emergency plan to deal with a possible outbreak for the swine flu. The plans include mass vaccinations, isolation rooms for sick kids and online classes if schools are forced to close.

**8/25 Teacher/Drug Porn Arrest**

Fauquier County Middle School teacher Scott Howe is under arrest, charged with making child porn, crimes against nature and possession with intent to distribute marijuana. Police say his victim is a 15 year old boy, one of his former students. Police were originally called to his home after someone reported seeing pot plants in his backyard. After obtaining a search warrant, police say they found computers, video cameras, and sexual related items including child porn. He's being held without bond.

**8/25 Babysitter Stabbed**

A disturbing scene inside a Falls Church home. A 60 year old woman and the two year old she was babysitting were stabbed inside an apartment. They both have life-threatening injuries. Police arrested the suspect just outside the complex. He apparently rented a room from the woman. Police don't know what prompted the stabbing.

**8/24 DCPS First Day**

Thousands of students headed back to school today in the District. The start of the school year did have a few bumps. School officials say some parents waited for the last minute to register their kids, leading to delays in getting them enrolled. DC schools did do a much better job in getting some children signed up early. Last year, 15,000 were enrolled by the first day of school, this year 37,000 were ready to go on the first day.



#### 8/14 Mogo Fire Arrest

The wife of a Montgomery County firefighter accused of trying to solicit sex from a 16 year old girl is speaking out. The firefighter was caught in a sting and the teenage girl was really a cop. Lieutenant Wayne Mothershead is a high ranking member of the department and is denying all charges against him. His wife Kimberly says she knows her husband is not guilty. She's upset that prosecutors are spreading false information against him that will hurt his reputation.

#### 8/14 DC Obesity Prevention

A former gang member is returning to the streets of DC to help with obesity prevention. Laurel van Der Pool is now a chef and is teaching a class to kids from DC's Ward 8 on making healthier food choices. The kids say it's helping. One student says he chooses more fruits and vegetables since taking the class.

#### 8/13 Bee Stings

Nearly two dozen kids are being treated for bee stings after two separate attacks in Rock Creek Park. Fire department spokesman Pete Piringer says officials responded to the Rock Creek Nature Center on Glover Road in northwest Washington about noon Thursday. Piringer says eight children and adults were evaluated for bee stings. Two children who were stung multiple times were taken to a hospital. A few hours later, Piringer says crews responded again to the nature center after a report of another 14 children, between ages 5 and 12, also stung by bees. He says paramedics are evaluating those children, who apparently had been on a trail.

#### 8/7 Swine Flu schools

The federal government is giving parents and schools advice on dealing with possible swine flu this fall. The illness is expected to infect a large number of people the next time around. The government report urges schools to only close in drastic cases and suggests students stay home from school until 24 hours after their fever is gone.

#### 8/5 Snakes House fire

Fairfax County firefighters say 26 nonpoisonous snakes died in a blaze in the Kingstowne area. There were no injuries to people, but a family of five was displaced. The fire was reported about 8:40 a.m. Thursday. Firefighters found heavy smoke upon arrival at the single-family, two-story home. Officials say the accidental fire was caused by an extension cord. Damage is estimated at \$90,000. Animal control officers helped firefighters rescue snakes and other reptiles that survived the blaze. An Eagle Scout who lived in the home owned the snakes and used them in community education.

#### 8/4 Year Round Schools

12 years ago, Fairfax County started its year round schools program at one school. Now it has expanded to five other schools in the county. Some teachers believe year round schools are better because students don't have a long break to forget what they've learned. Students at Timber Elementary, a year round school, have pass rates of higher than 95% for most state standardized tests. About half the kids at Timber are eligible for free lunches.

#### 8/4 Fenty Kids School

Mayor Adrian Fenty confirmed today that he's sending his 8 year old twin sons to public school. Fenty was criticized when he was first elected for sending the boys to private school. He promised that when they finished the Kindergarten through 3rd grade program they are in, the boys would go to public school. He won't say which program they are attending.

#### 8/3 Kids & Vitamin D

New studies reveal that millions of kids may have disturbingly low levels of vitamin D, which can lead to higher risks of developing diabetes, bone problems and heart disease. Doctors say kids are staying indoors playing video games more instead of playing outside. Short amounts of exposure to the sun can provide a child with enough vitamin D. Some doctors advise having kids outside for 3 minutes a day or taking a vitamin D supplement.

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**9/30 Man, daughter gang arrests**

A Fairfax father and daughter are in custody, charged with gang recruitment in a school. Police say Theodore Olds, 43, used his daughter to recruit gang members inside Fairfax High School. She would do it in person, by phone and in text messages. Fairfax City police say the recruitment came to light last spring when a confidential informant approached the school resource officer.

**9/29 War on Germs**

Local athletic teams are doing everything they can to prevent swine flu germs from spreading in their facilities. At Fairfax High School, the athletic trainer treats every surface with a spray to kill germs, then uses a special anti-microbial coating to all high-touch surfaces. The coating is put on all soft surfaces, like uniforms and wraps, before they're washed. The sports surface anti-microbial system is also used by organizations like the US Military and the Washington Redskins.

**9/29 DC School Layoffs**

Students at the Duke Ellington School of the Arts walked out of class Tuesday after hearing some of their teachers may be laid off. The students claim they don't have any details but have heard that some arts teachers may have to go. The President of the Washington Teachers Union is just as frustrated if not more. George Parker says he understands there's a \$40 million shortfall but is upset that the school system just hired 900 new teachers this summer.

**9/28 Body on Playground**

A gruesome discovery at a Landover Hills, Maryland school Monday morning just as children were arriving for class. Prince George's County Police say school employee discovered a body on the school's playground. As parents arrived at the school to pick up their kids Monday afternoon, it was the first time many heard about this body being found. Others were notified by email. A body found naked and, according to a witness at the scene, partially burned, was found Monday morning around 7:30 a.m. on the school's playground. Police say the Hispanic male in his 20s or 30s died of trauma.

**9/24 DC Teacher Protest**

A protest is underway to try to stop DC Public School leaders from firing teachers based on how students perform. Protestors say teachers feel disrespected by what's been going on with DC Public Schools. They say they won't understand why Chancellor Michelle Rhee hired over 900 new teachers this summer and one month into the school year there is a budget shortfall of \$40 million. Because of budget issues, school leaders will be cutting staff based on student achievement.

**9/22 Teens Indoor Tanning**

Howard County Executive Kenneth Ulman and Health Officer Dr. Peter Beilenson formally introduced a regulation Tuesday that would make it illegal for children younger than 18 to use tanning beds, which some studies suggest cause melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer. If the county's board of health passes the measure, Howard County would be the first in the country to keep minors out of tanning beds.

**9/23 Illegal Explosives**

A Bethesda teenager pleaded guilty to charges that he had bomb making materials along with weapons and a map of Camp David. Collin McKenzie Gude also admitted to having a variety of chemicals, batteries and igniters capable of making an improvised explosive device. What he intended to do with the items is still unclear.

**9/22 FFX Teacher Arrested**

A Fairfax County teacher is charged with having sex with a 15 year old boy. Prosecutors believe 27 year old Valerie Roesler was carrying on a sexual relationship with the teenager for months. According to an affidavit, police say the teen sent her text messages wanting to know if they were going to have sex. Sources claim the two met at the school where Roesler worked before moving to Fairfax and that she was his teacher. A spokesperson for the school system says that Roesler had passed a background check and had been hired as a Special Education teacher. Fairfax County police said they found her with the boy just before 2 am Sunday, doubleparked in a lot in a residential area of Gunston Hill Lane. The school system says she resigned today.

**9/21 17 yo accused of murder**

The search for a missing woman ends in a gruesome discovery. Police found Rosa Vasquez in a container in her backyard. Investigators say her daughter's 17 year old boyfriend, Ivo Portillo, killed her and left her there.

The 13 year old daughter admitted helping Portillo sneak into the home because her mother did not approve of him. She claims Portillo was hiding in the basement when she left for school. Portillo is charged with murder.

#### 9/17 President Obama at College Park

President Obama is making his health care pitch to a college crowd. He's been criss-crossing the country trying to drum up support for a plan to change the way health insurance is bought and sold in this country. Today's stop was in College Park at the University of Maryland. The President says if his plan passes, the reforms would make it easier to buy coverage, keep coverage and reduce costs that are run up by people who don't have health insurance.

#### 9/17 FFX Home Invasion

The hunt is on tonight for 5 masked men who burst into a Fairfax home, terrorizing a family. Investigators say they broke in and tied up a man and woman while a little boy was in the house. No one was hurt but police believe the men broke in to rob the family.

#### 9/17 Columbia Heights Metro

A teenager was hit and killed by a Metro train near the Columbia Heights station this afternoon, forcing delays on the Green and Yellow lines and closing the station down. Police say the victim is between 14 and 16 years old. Metro believes the teen may have intentionally jumped in front of the train. Investigators are talking to witnesses to determine exactly what happened.

#### 9/16 Flu Vaccine Pregnancy

The FDA approved swine flu vaccine will debut next month with 200 million available doses. Pregnant women are among the high risk groups at the top of the list of the vaccine. Some expectant mothers aren't sure they want to get the vaccine since it's so new. Doctors worry that will put them at special risk for complications of swine flu.

#### 9/14 Just St Homicide

A drive by shooting in the District killed a 16 year old boy. Antonio Ward had gone into the neighborhood on Just street to buy a pet snake when he was killed. His mother believes the shooting was in retaliation for a fight last month. Ward's family used to live in that neighborhood.

#### 9/11 Bertie Backus Memorial

Today a community remembered a teacher and student who were killed in the 9/11 attacks. Asia Cottom and teacher Sarah Clarke were on their way to California for a field trip and were on the flight that crashed into the Pentagon. Even though Backus Elementary School is now closed, member of the community returned to pay tribute to them

#### 9/11 Calvert Child Death

Today Renee Bowman pleaded guilty to killing her 2 daughters and putting their bodies in a freezer. She is accused of killing the adopted daughters in Montgomery County and moving the bodies in a freezer when she relocated to Lusby. The situation came to light when a third girl, a 7 year old, was found wandering the neighborhood. Prosecutors say neighbors found the girl and got help for her. Doctors say she had 80 injuries including broken bones and human bite marks.

#### 9/8 UMD Swine Flu

A swine flu surge is underway at the University of Maryland. The school says it's seen 172 students with suspected swine flu since classes began a week ago.

#### 9/8 VA Schools President

Today President Obama delivered his back to school speech to the nation's kids. He gave the speech from Wakefield High School in Arlington, telling students to stay in school and work on their goals, even if there are parts of it they don't enjoy. Students were also told their own success or failure will determine whether we as a nation meet our challenges in the future. Some schools across the country refused to show the speech because they feared it would be political.

#### 9/7 Troops to Teachers.

Thousands of American service members leaving the military are finding a new way to serve our country. They're part of Troops to Teachers, a federal program that helps pay veterans to get teacher certification. Retired Lt. Colonel Jim McClellan is one of those who've gone through the program. Now he is a special education teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Virginia.

#### 9/7 Obama School speech

The President is set to give a speech to the nation's school kids tomorrow, a speech that's drawn controversy and protest. Today, the White House released the text of that speech he's going to give in Arlington, Virginia and be broadcast to many schools across the country. In it, he will call on students to stay in school and work to achieve their goals.

#### 9/7 UMD Swine Flu

A suspected swine flu surge at the University of Maryland. On Friday, the school had 64 suspected cases. Tonight, nearly 100 students might have the virus. The school doesn't know if the students have regular flu or swine flu. The sick students are being treated at the health clinic on campus.

#### 9/4 Lemonade Fundraiser

12 year old Abby and her 10 year old brother Jake and their neighbor Taylor are selling lemonade in their Alexandria neighborhood to raise money for a nonprofit brain injury group. The group has helped their father since he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They've raised hundreds of dollars in just one day, with people driving from all over just to buy a glass of lemonade. The kids will be camping outside tonight to sell lemonade to their late night customers. The stand will be open all weekend.

#### 9/4 Howard U Protests

The new semester is just starting but already some Howard University students are protesting conditions at the school. About 400 students protested outside the Administration building with a long list of complaints, ranging from slow paperwork to administrators to insufficient compliance with requirements for disabled people. University leaders met with student demonstrators and say they are taking the demands very seriously. The University president will meet with student leaders next Tuesday.

#### 9/4 Peaceaholics Sex Assault

A mentor hired by Peaceaholics and placed in Spingarm High School has been convicted of sexually assaulting a 15 year old girl at the school. Barry Harrison was hired despite having served 20 years in prison for murder. At the time of his arrest, the co-founders of Peaceaholics said the background check had not turned up the conviction. The group is still supporting him, saying they do not believe the girl's allegations.

#### 9/3 Swine flu study

Sobering new numbers about the swine flu's youngest victims. A new CDC study shows about one in 13 people who've died of swine flu in the US have been children and 80% of them were 5 or older.

#### 9/2 Georgetown Cuddler

On the first day of classes for students at Georgetown University, police are continuing their hunt for a predator on the prowl. Twice in the last two days, a serial attacker has broken into homes and climbed in bed with students. There have been nearly a dozen of that attacks over the past year. Georgetown Police and MPD are repeating their warnings for students and everyone else in the community to make sure they lock their doors and windows.

#### 9/1 Brinkley Road Struck by Car

A tragic trip to school for two teenager, both hit by a car. Just after 7 this morning, a car hit them on Brinkley Road in Temple Hills, near Crossland High School. Other students saw it happen and rush to help the injured teens. A 14 year old girl is in critical condition. The other student is recovering. Police are surveying the damage to the car to try to figure out what happened.

#### 9/1 Georgetown Cuddler

The so-called Georgetown Cuddler has struck twice in two days, just at the beginning of the Fall semester. Police say the attacks seem to follow the same patterns as last year. There have been close to a dozen of the attacks in the last year. In the most recent attacks, students woke up to find the man cuddled up to them while they slept. He took off when the students screamed. Georgetown says it's stepping up campus security but it's still up to students to make sure their doors and windows are locked.