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

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

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

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

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

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

# Origination: Local

Issues addressed:

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

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

# Origination: Network

# Issues Addressed:

- 1. Immigration & Fairness Doctrine
- 2. Terrorism
- 3. Presidential Politics
- 4. Middle East
- 5. Iraq
- 6. Gonzales Resignation

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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

9 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Spoke to students at the Maya Angelou Public Charter School about her job responsibilities and the world of media.

# **AUGUST**

Participation in the "Save A Life Saturday" blood drive for the American Red Cross. Bob Sellers, Anchor, Allison Seymour, Anchor, Hollis Morris, Reporter.

# **SEPTEMBER**

- Gurvir Dhindsa, Anchor/Reporter Honorary chairperson for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual "Evening Under the Stars" in Warrentown, VA to benefit the preservation and restoration of historic Old Town Warrenton.
- 20 Roby Chavez, Reporter Speaker at the IRS Office of Chief Counsel's Hispanic Heritage Month program.
- Will Thomas, Anchor/Reporter Appearance at the Washington Humane Society's Walk for Animals event.
- 24 Stacey Cohan, Reporter Hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in April Golf Tournament at Andrews Air Force Base.
- Tony Perkins, Weather Anchor Emcee for the Casey Cares 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock and Roll Bash to benefit programs for the Casey Cares Foundation.
- Allison Seymour, Anchor Appearance at Montgomery General Hospital's Family Festival Health and Wellness event.

# Produced the following PSA:

1. "Save A Life Saturday" blood drive for the American Red Cross

Fox News Sunday	
7/1/07	TOPIC: Immigration & Fairness Doctrine GUESTS: Michael Chertoff, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Gallagher, conservative talk radio host Mark Green, President of Air America Radio
7/8/07	TOPIC: Libby Sentence Commutation & Terror Attacks GUESTS: Rep. Chris Van Hollen, (D-MD), Rep. Chris Cannon, Rep. Peter Hoekstra, (R-MI)
7/15/07	TOPIC: Iraq GUESTS: Stephen Hadley, National Security Adviser Sen. Carl Levin, (D-MI)
7/22/07	TOPIC: National Intelligence Estimate & Terrorism GUESTS: Fran Townsend, Assistant to the President for Homeland and Counterterrorism. Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO) Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN)
7/29/07	TOPIC: Attorney General Gonzales & Presidential Politics GUESTS: Sen. Russ Feingold, (D-WI) Newt Gingrich, former Ho
8/5/07	TOPIC:  Middle East & Pakistan  GUESTS:  Condoleeza Rice,  Secretary of State
8/12/07	Iowa Straw Poll GUESTS: Mitt Romney, Republican presidential candidate and for Massachusetts Governor Ann Romney, wife of former Governor Mitt Romney
8/19/07	TOPIC:

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	GUESTS:
	Karl Rove, departing White House Deputy Chief of Staf
8/26/07	TOPIC:
	Iraq
	GUESTS:
	Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY)
	Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)
	Mike Huckabee, Republican Presidential Candidate
9/2/07	TOPIC:
	Gonzales Resignation
	GUESTS:
	Sen. Patrick Leahy, (D-VT)
	Sen. Arlen Specter, (R-PA)
	Ed Gillespie, Counselor to the President
9/9/07	TOPIC:
	Iraq, Bin Laden tape, & Politics
	GUESTS:
	Sen. Dianne Feinstein, (D-CA), Sen. Lindsay Graham.
	Fran Townsend, White House Homeland Security Advis
	Michael DuHaime, campaign manager for Republican p
	hopeful Rudy Giuliani
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9/16/07	TOPIC:
	Iraq
	GUESTS:
	Robert Gates,
	Defense Secretary
	Sen. Joe Biden, (D-DE)
9/23/07	TOPIC:
	Presidential politics
	GUESTS:
	Sen. Hillary Clinton, (D-NY), Newt Gingrich, former I
	Speaker
	Ken Burns, filmmaker, his seven-part PBS documentary
	War II.
9/30/07	TOPIC:
	2008 presidential race, Iraq & SCHIP
	GUESTS:
	Sen. Charles Schumer, (D-NY), Sen. Trent Lott, (R-M
	David Yepsen, Des Moines Register Political Columnist
	James Pindell,
	Boston Globe NH Political Correspondent

This Saturday, July 14, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Erie, Pennsylvania...ERIE COLLAR BOMBER INDICTMENT...AMERICA'S MOST WANTED can finally confirm what we have known for some time: the case of the Erie Collar Bomber is coming to an end. When AMW aired a special on the bizarre death of pizza delivery man Brian Wells this past January, producers with the show were made aware that indictments were soon to be handed down. And now, two people have been charged in the case: Marjorie Diehl-Armstrong and Kenneth Barnes. Authorities, speaking on the condition of anonymity, say AMW played a unique role in helping close this case.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=27382

Raleigh, North Carolina...UNKNOWN JENNIFER NIELSEN KILLER UPDATE... Police in Raleigh, North Carolina say that eight-month-pregnant mother Jennifer Nielsen was stabbed while delivering newspapers for USA Today. Police have confirmed that a knife was found a quarter of a mile away from the crime scene, but the search continues for Jennifer's murderer.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45931

Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER...On December 22, 2006 police in Cleveland, Texas made an unusual arrest. A man was wandering naked in a field, visibly intoxicated. As the officers were interviewing the man, 41-year-old William Greer, he said he had done some cocaine and confessed to accidentally shooting and killing his live-in girlfriend. Since the cops didn't have anything to prove what they were being told, they released Greer the next day. But now cops can't find him or the woman he says he killed.

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

**Huntingburg, Indiana...**JAVIER SANDOVAL-FLORES...Police in southern Indiana are looking for three men who are on the run for a deadly drive-by shooting. Cops say Javier Sandoval-Flores played a major role in the murder - he handed a shotgun to the alleged triggerman.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44766

**Prattville, Alabama...**ROBERT SZYMANSKI...John Hinton, 69, was found dead in his home -- his head in a pool of blood and hands bound behind his back. Cops discovered his car was last in the possession of Robert Szymanski, a transient who police say stole John's car and has a history of vehicle theft.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45904

Lauderhill, Florida...OMAR WILLIAMS...The cross country search for Omar Williams continues. Police say their fugitive killed his ex-girlfriend and an innocent co-worker of hers in 2004. Cops haven't stopped their search for this accused cold-blooded killer.

**Madill, Oklahoma...**JOSE BADILLO...He was a cop, entrusted with protecting a small Oklahoma community. Now, Oklahoma and Federal authorities are hunting down the cop turned accused sexual predator.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46392

**Elkton, Ohio...**DAVID GREEN...AMW has put "Daddy Dave" Green front and center throughout Cleveland, Ohio. Green was featured on digital billboards in multiple locations throughout the city starting in February. Now, because of those billboards, police have new information on Green, who escaped from the Federal Correctional Institution Camp in 2000.

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

**Fairfax County, Virginia**...JACK CLARK...Jack Clark was an associate pastor at his father's church in Herndon, Virginia, and he used this position to gain the trust of people in his congregation. According to police, Clark soon began abusing that trust when a young girl from his church started spending the night at his house -- and that was only the beginning of his fall from grace.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39777

Washington, DC...UNKNOWN CRYSTA SPENCER KILLER...Just a few blocks from the U.S. Capitol, a 6-year-old girl on her way to church was killed by a hit-and-run driver. Police know what the vehicle looks like, and they even have it on tape...but who was behind the wheel?

This Saturday, July 21, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Watchung, New Jersey...ALTERICK FINNEY CAPTURE...Two armed gunmen robbed a Verizon Wireless store, held the staff hostage and got away with thousands in cash. AMW.com had the surveillance footage, and an AMW tipster came through: suspected crook Alterick Finney is now behind bars. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=42617

**Brooklyn, New York...**JEAN SERAPHIN...Police say the search for accused killer Jean Seraphin has led them to Miami and Jacksonville, Florida. Now, police want to turn up the heat on Serpahin for what he is accused of doing to two brothers back in April 2002.

http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30460

**Tirana, Albania and Washington, D.C....**MARJAN RROKU...When two teenage Albanian sisters met Marjan Rroku at a Bible study group, they thought he was a great guy. But five years later he had taken the life of one sister and sent the other fleeing to the US. After a close encounter on a Washington D.C. Metro train, police fear the killer is in pursuit again.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41730

Bronx, New York...UNKNOWN SAMANTHA GUZMAN KILLERS...On Mother's Day 2006, senior Samantha Guzman was just weeks away from graduating and wearing her crown as prom queen, but a ruthless group of suspects cut her life short on the cold streets of the Bronx. There were many witnesses to the crime, which means someone out there knows who killed this high school sweetheart. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43705

Bronx, New York and Lancaster, Pennsylvania...JAMES MALAVE...Police say it's time to put a stop to James Malave's fast feet. This fugitive has been on the run since 1999, and in the past several years has evaded police on several occasions. He also faces serious charges for allegedly putting an untimely end to the lives of two people. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30450">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30450</a>

**Houston, Texas**...ALFREDO MARTINEZ...Cops say Alfredo Martinez dragged a young man to his death in the streets of Houston. Now detectives need help bringing the victim's family the justice they deserve.

**Stockton, California**...FIDEL ROSAS FELIX...Christopher Wettstein left work on his motorcycle just after 6pm on Friday, Sepember 8, 2006. He was heading home to celebrate the birthday of one of his three children...but Christopher never made it. What should have been a celebratory evening for the Wettsteins changed when, cops say, Fidel Rosas Felix made a U-turn directly in front of Christopher's motorcycle. Authorities believe that Felix fled the scene of the accident and now they're looking to put him behind bars for vehicular manslaughter. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44875

**Oregon...**DANIEL CHAFE...Cops say Daniel Chafe is a delusional pedophile and a pathological liar who uses fantasy, fear, and then force to rape and sodomize teenage girls that he befriends.

This Saturday, July 28, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Staten Island, New York...REBEKAH JOHNSON CAPTURE...After police picked up an elusive ex-commune member, wanted for executing a well-planned attack against a Staten Island commune founder, authorities searched an apartment where she was living and found an AK-47 and nearly 1000 rounds of ammo. On July 7, 2007 Rebekah Johnson entered a not guilty plea, and a New York judge ordered her held without bail pending trial.

http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39475

**Greensboro, North Carolina**...JUAN CARLOS RAMIREZ...Police say Juan Carlos Ramirez wanted one thing for Christmas, and when his ex-girlfriend, April Dawn Caldwell, wouldn't give it to him, he killed her. April's family says he then called them to explain why he did it — and kept calling.

http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45982

Pompano Beach, Florida...JEAN-MARIE JEAN-FRANCOIS...On the outside, cops say Jean-Marie Jean-Francois may have seemed like a friendly, church-going family man. But police say nothing could mask his obsession with voodoo, seduction and pain -- which eventually spiraled into a deadly mess. <a href="http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25775">http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25775</a>

Cape Coral, Florida...UNKNOWN ROBIN CORNELL AND LISA STORY KILLER...A retired NY detective has been hired by a Florida Police Department to lend a fresh set of eyes to a 17-year-old homicide. The Cape Coral Police are hoping that a man with 20 years of experience solving cases can finally close the case that has haunted Cape Coral since 1990: the double murder of Robin Cornell and Lisa Story. http://amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28120

**West Hartford, Connecticut...**VICTOR GERENA...Victor Gerena is charged with taking two co-workers hostage, injecting them with a mysterious substance and vanishing with a pile of money bags. Now, the FBI is offering a \$1,000,000 reward for information leading to his arrest. Recent leads put him in Cuba, but investigators believe he could now be back in the US.

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

**Detroit, Michigan...**IGOR KOUMLIKOV...Cops in Detroit say that Igor Koumlikov was so angry with Jan Jasinski seven years ago that he killed Jan in the wee hours of the morning. Then they say that Koumlikov buried the body in Jan's own backyard to conceal the evidence.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=28852

**Portland, Oregon...**UNKNOWN DOUGLAS ADAMSON KILLER...In September of 2006, the picturesque Columbia River Gorge that divides the states of Oregon and Washington became a grisly crime scene when body parts began washing ashore. Among the dismembered appendages was the hand of the victim, which allowed cops

to identify their John Doe as an unemployed truck mechanic, named Douglas Adamson. However, the murder mystery continues as cops still try to uncover who killed Douglas Adamson, and why.

This Saturday, August 4, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Warren County, New Jersey...SCOTT HORNICK CAPTURE...Although Scott Hornick never exercised a day in his life, cops say he managed to spend several years running from the law. Finally, his years of lies caught up with him -- and his greed is what did him in.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25680

Whitefield, New Hampshire...MARY NUNES MISSING...Mary Nunes went missing in the fall of 2004 just days before a child welfare hearing, and authorities say a horse named Nicky may be a major clue to finding her. http://www.amw.com/missing\_children/brief.cfm?id=44005

Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...When AMERICA'S MOST WANTED aired William Greer's story on Saturday night, tips flowed in like the Mississippi River. Tip after tip said the fugitive was in New Orleans, so cops are pounding the pavement in the French Quarter -- along with the AMW team. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43686">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43686</a>

**Albuquerque, New Mexico...**NEIL STAMMER...Neil Stammer has traveled the world as a professional juggler. But when he settled down in one town, police say he used his art of magic and juggling to cause people a lot of harm. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=37736">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=37736</a>

**New York City, New York...**YAHYA ABDUL-ALEEM...Yahya Abdul-Aleem is accused of shooting a man to death in New York City. Police say Abdul-Aleem is a known drug dealer who travels by train. He may be hiding in North Carolina.

**Lauderhill, Florida**...OMAR WILLIAMS...The cross-country search for Omar Williams continues. Police say their fugitive killed his ex-girlfriend and an innocent co-worker of hers in 2004; and cops haven't stopped their search for this accused cold-blooded killer. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46365

**Omaha, Nebraska**...LUIS MORQUECHO...In Nebraska, Luis Morquecho escaped from jail where he was awaiting trial for kidnapping charges. Morquecho has a military background and could be hiding in Nebraska or New York.

Encino, California...UNKNOWN HOWIE STEINDLER KILLERS...On March 9, 1977, Los Angeles police say that 72-year-old Howie Steindler was leaving his famous Main Street Gym to head home to Encino. Sadly, the boxing legend would never reach his front door. To this day police have only a few clues to go on and a 30-year-old composite sketch of who may have been responsible for Steindler's murder. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39677">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39677</a>

**Brooklyn, New York...**ANDRE NEVERSON...In July 2002, police say Andre Neverson let a feud with his sister and a bad breakup boil over into a pair of crimes that would

make him one of New York's most wanted fugitives. Authorities have cast a wide net for Neverson, but the key to finally tracking him down may be an ex-girlfriend, a video camera, and Neverson's closeup.

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

Webster, New York...XEROX CREDIT UNION KILLER...More than three years after an FBI impostor pulled off a devilishly clever scheme, authorities are still unsure of his whereabouts. They say they would like to put a name to the face of a cunning criminal who opened fire on a bank full of innocent people. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25784

Westville, Indiana...KELVIN FULLER...Indiana State Police investigators say that violent convicted criminal Kelvin Fuller has escaped from state prison there. So far, cops say Fuller has stolen a car, and beaten and robbed a woman. Now, cops say he may have also robbed a bank near Indianapolis. Authorities need your tips to bring him in before he can strike again.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47353

**Denver, Colorado...**RODOLFO GONZALEZ...On October 30, 2005, a tight group of friends celebrated Halloween with a party. But this wasn't just any party. The bash had a special theme -- "Crime Scene." But before night's end, an ironic twist turned the fake crime scene into a real one.

This Saturday, August 11, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

**Pollock, Louisiana...**RICHARD MCNAIR UPDATE...On April 5, 2006, Richard McNair escaped from a federal pen in Louisiana. A local cop stopped McNair, but the killer from North Dakota convinced him he was a good-ole boy out for a jog. The dashboard cam was rolling and caught it all. Now AMW has an exclusive interview with that cop who met face-to-face with the elusive fugitive just hours after his escape. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=38335">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=38335</a>

**Newark, New Jersey...**UNKNOWN NEWARK STUDENT SHOOTER...A mysterious shooting late Saturday night left three college students dead, and a fourth seriously injured. Police are now looking at hastily-written text messages sent amongst the four victims in the moments before they were shot, hoping to find some hidden clues. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47466">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47466</a>

New York, New York...MICHAEL ALEXANDER CAPTURE...It took two tries to find Michael Alexander but NYPD has finally got him. An AMW tipster first told police that Michael Alexander was hiding out in a Brooklyn apartment. When police went to get him on May 29, 2007, they could smell the marijuana coming from his room, but Alexander had already jumped out the window. It took authorities another day to catch up to him. Alexander put up his hands and told police, "I'm tired of running." <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43500">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43500</a>

Raleigh, North Carolina; Guilderland, New York; Boston, Massachusetts...CARL DINATALE CAPTURE...Police say Carl Dinatale isn't the most creative felon who has allegedly robbed dozens of jewelry stores all along the East Coast. But, thanks to great police work and some help from AMW, the crooked thief is behind bars. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=36474

Tulsa, Oklahoma...VINCENT LEDOUX CAPTURE...For ten years, Vincent Ledoux was able to hide out and make a new life for himself. But thanks to an AMW viewer, the accused sexual predator is in custody, and AMW was there for the takedown. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43980">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=43980</a>

**Portales, New Mexico...**RAYMOND GATES CAPTURE...With the help of an AMW tipster, Raymond Gates is finally in police custody. New Mexico cops collaborated with the U.S. Marshals in Texas to take down the wanted sex offender on June 26, 2007, making him direct capture #950.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39806

Stuart, Florida...WALENTINA KNAPEK...Walentina Knapek is wanted in seven states for allegedly robbing stores of thousands of dollars in broad daylight. Cops haven't been able to catch her making stores' money disappear. Then, on Saturday, a strange thing happened: Salem, New Hampshire police locked up a woman named Irena Nowak for allegedly scamming a store clerk out of \$200. But despite many similarities, it wasn't

the woman AMW has hunted for years, and cops need your help to nab one of the country's Most-Wanted con artists.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24652

Tuscaloosa, Alabama and Colorado Springs, Colorado...UNKNOWN WEDDING DRESS ATTACKER UPDATE...Since the investigation began, cops wondered whether all these cases were linked. Now, cops in Madison have charged a man with making harassing phone calls. The question remains: is he the Wedding Dress Attacker? <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39229">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39229</a>

**Terre Haute, Indiana...**UNKNOWN BILLY BROSSMAN KILLER...It started out as a slow Friday night in a Terre Haute liquor store. But when a lone customer showed up the night turned deadly. A surveillance camera caught it all. Watch the tape and see if you can identify a murder suspect.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26689

Los Angeles, California...SOPHIE DAVID...When Sophie David arrived in Los Angeles in the early 1980's, she expected to live a life of luxury. As the daughter of a wealthy Ethiopian army officer, she was used to getting what she wanted. After her marriage fell apart, and her new relationship was starting to crumble as well, police say David took matters into her own hands. Cops say David killed her boyfriend, Fekade Ashine, then got in her car and calmly drove away. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26028">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=26028</a>

**Salt Lake City, Utah...**JESSI VEGA UPDATE...On November 15th, 1998, deer hunters found the body of Tricia Beristain on the roadside in a canyon outside Salt Lake City. Police later determined that Tricia had been dating Vega prior to her death. Evidence led them to charge him with her murder.

This Saturday, August 18, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Convington, Louisiana...ROY "BUBBA" MASSEY...Roy "Bubba" Massey was first featured on AMW back in 1992, and now he's back for more. Cops say Massey enjoys a good high-speed chase, but so far this AMW alum hasn't been able to outrun his reputation for trouble. After a stint in prison, police say Massey had no intention of going back behind bars -- even if it meant leading officers on a hair-raising ride along the streets of Covington, Louisiana.

**Newark, New Jersey**...UNKNOWN NEWARK STUDENT SHOOTERS UPDATE...New Jersey authorities are working around the clock in their search for 24-year-old Rodolfo Godinez, a Nicaraguan national wanted in connection with the execution style slaying of three college students in Newark.

Last week, police picked up two 15-year-old juveniles and 28-year-old Jose Carranza, an undocumented illegal immigrant from Peru. Cops say Carranza was out on \$150,000 bail at the time of the cold-blooded slayings on August 4. Carranza and two juveniles are charged with three counts of murder, four counts of first-degree robbery, one count of attempted murder, one count of conspiracy to commit robbery, and various weapons charges.

Now, the manhunt is on for Godinez and at least two other people believed to be involved in the brutal murders.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47466

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25457

**Pompano Beach, Florida**...UNKNOWN SGT. CHRIS REYKA KILLER...More than 200 investigators from the Broward County Sheriff's Office and other agencies are searching South Florida for the man responsible for the murder of veteran deputy Sgt. Chris Reyka early Friday morning. Sgt. Reyka will be laid to rest this week, but authorities need your help to bring his killer to justice.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47637

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47191

Austin, Texas...BOOK OF DAYS – UNKNOWN MICHAEL CAHILL KILLER... On Friday, April 13, 1979, 28-year-old, Michael Cahill found himself chasing his dream down the streets of Austin, Texas. He never came back, and 30 years later his friends are still trying to find out what happened. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44215

**Owensboro, Kentucky**...WILLIAM SANTOS...Police say illegal alien William Roberto Santos was considered a trusted member of his community, and was a dedicated member of his church. But police say this farm laborer had a dark secret, and it wasn't long before the whole community had figured out what he was really up to.

**Franklinville, New Jersey**...JUAN BAUTISTA...Nearly four years after Chris Applegate's life was destroyed by an accused drunk driver, her family has vowed to change the law they say allowed the suspect to get away.

This Saturday, September 1, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

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

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma...KENNETH COFER...AMW tipsters have provided several clues that investigators followed up on, but nothing concrete has panned out in the search for Kenneth Cofer. Cofer is accused of killing Larry Buchanan in an argument over patriotism after the 9/11 attacks.

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

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

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

Queens, New York...MAXIE DACOSTA...A suspected killer is on the loose after wriggling out of handcuffs and jumping from the third story of a New York police precinct. An all-out manhunt is underway for Maxie Dacosta, a 27-year-old Queens man who is being questioned in connection with a murder back in July. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48039">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48039</a>

Phoenix, Arizona...WILLIAM "BUBBA" RAY PLEMONS...Police say William Plemons has a reputation as a real romantic, at least until you get to know him better. Plemons carried on a series of relationships from behind bars, but according to authorities, he was more interested in money than love. When one woman threatened to unravel his alleged scheme, police say Plemons turned from Casanova into killer. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25828">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25828</a>

**Tustin, California...**JUAN PALACIOS...It's hard to believe that anyone would kill over a dispute concerning sixty bucks, but Tustin, California police say that's exactly what Juan Palacios did on January 5, 2003. Witnesses to the argument say that Palacios actually got his money, but cops say it was his wounded pride that led him to kill his coworker, Mario Santomaria.

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

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# AMERICA'S MOST WANTED 21st Season Premiere

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK teams with actress Pauley Perrette ("NCIS") on the 21<sup>st</sup> season premiere this Saturday on FOX. Pauley joins forces with host John Walsh to help find the killers of two young girls.

In addition, AMW's 21<sup>st</sup> season kickoff episode will profile the newest addition to the FBI's infamous Ten Most Wanted list. Tips from AMW viewers have led to the capture of 16 Top Ten fugitives over the years.

Columbia, South Carolina...DOMINIC LYDE & DERRICK BENJAMIN...Cops in South Carolina have arrested five suspects in one major armored car robbery -- to the tune of nearly \$10 million. But they say two other suspects are still on the run. Only one of them is older than 22, so what did they do with all that cash? They blew their loot on tattoos, fancy cars and strippers.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45257

Kennewick, Washington...KENNETH FREEMAN CAPTURE...Ken Freeman, a man accused of raping his daughter and posting videos of the abuse online, has challenged a U.S. request to extradite him from Hong Kong, his lawyer said. Freeman was arrested by police in China after he fled the United States in 2006, facing charges in Washington state on three counts of child rape and jumping bail while also facing federal charges of producing and distributing child pornography. Freeman's maximum sentence would be life imprisonment if convicted. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41919">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41919</a>

**Detroit, Michigan...**PAULEY PERRETTE FEATURE – UNKNOWN RAVEN JEFFRIES KILLER...On the night of August 4, 2006 7-year-old Raven Jeffries was playing outside of her home in Detroit, Michigan, when her brother says he stepped away from her for just a moment. The last time anyone saw the little girl riding her bike was around 8 p.m. that Friday. Just days after her disappearance, police say that her burned body was found in a field in a neighboring town.

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

**Prattville, Alabama**...PAULEY PERRETTE FEATURE – UNKNOWN SHANNON PAULK KILLER...After the six year anniversary of Shannon Paulk's death, police say it is more important than ever to find her killer. Two other girls have gone missing, and cops worry that a serial child killer might be on the loose... http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=40267

Long Beach, California...RICHARD GOLDBERG CAPTURE / FBI TEN MOST WANTED ADDITION...Notorious accused pedophile Richard Goldberg is now back in the U.S. after the FBI Top Tenner was picked up north of the border. Canadian authorities deported the accused predator and turned him over to U.S. officials. Marshals are expected to haul Goldberg back to California, where he stands accused of molesting six young girls and producing child pornography. In addition, AMW will be profiling the newest addition to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25405">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25405</a>

**Albuquerque, New Mexico**...JESSE JAMES INGRAM...Police say the details of the case are so strange, they can't release them to the public. Here's what we do know: Norma Moya was raped and killed in New Mexico, and the man who cops say killed her is on the loose -- and they need help finding him. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47964">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47964</a>

**Miami, Florida...**JELMO KIRKLAND – CAUGHT ON TAPE...The Citgo gas station in Miami Gardens, Florida was full of people on January 20, 2007, but police say that didn't stop a man known as "Skeebo" from pulling out a gun and opening fire on a car. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45852">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=45852</a>

This Saturday, September 15, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Manhattan, New York and Miami Beach, Florida...UNKNOWN NY/FL SERIAL RAPIST CAPTURE...AMW has repeatedly profiled the story of a courageous homeless woman who fought off a man who was raping her and in the process, grabbed the chain that dangled around his neck. The New York Police Department's Manhattan Special Victim's Unit has been just as vigilant - working with the victim and trying to find out who that chain belonged to. Nearly two years later that chain, and the DNA on it, has led to the arrest of 43-year-old Louis Alfonso. Cops have charged him with rape and attempted murder in the New York case, and believe he's responsible for a number of other vicious attacks.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=37690

Houston, Texas...WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...When AMW aired William Greer's story, tips flowed in like the Mississippi River. Tip after tip said the fugitive was in New Orleans, so cops pounded the pavement in the French Quarter -- and AMW was there to catch it all.

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

Nationwide...K'VILLE: BEHIND THE SCENES...AMW goes behind the scenes of K'Ville, one of the newest programs in FOX's fall lineup. K'Ville is a police drama set in New Orleans two years after Hurricane Katrina left the city in chaos and ruins. The show follows those select few left on the police force who are hoping to clean up the crime in New Orleans and bring the once vibrant city back to life.

New Orleans, Louisiana...UNKNOWN HELEN HILL KILLER...In New Orleans, a young filmmaker and her physician husband were awakened by an intruder -- and police say the next thing they knew, he opened fire. According to police, Dad did the only thing he could, acting as a human shield to protect his young son. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=42393

**Detroit, Michigan and Prattville, Alabama**...PAULEY PERRETTE UPDATE...AMW teamed up with Pauley Perrette, star of the primetime crime drama NCIS, to help investigators solve the murders of two young girls: Shannon Paulk in Prattville, Alabama, and Raven Jeffries in Detroit. Pauley traveled to our Crime Center Saturday night to watch the tips coming in first hand. She was touched by both stories because of her own family ties to the areas, and donated a \$10,000 reward to each case in hopes of finally solving these horrific crimes.

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

**Nationwide...**AMW SAFETY CENTER: OFF-CAMPUS SAFETY...For many students living away from home for the first time, it is easy to take certain things for granted. But personal safety is something that should never be overlooked. AMW tells the story of one young woman who narrowly avoided becoming a predator's victim, and offers street smart tips to keep you safe.

http://amw.com/safety/

Nationwide...BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY FEATURE...AMW puts new campus technology, such as bullet proof backpacks, to the test. We also visit the University of Maryland Eastern Shore Campus to learn about new Rave Wireless Technology, a system that sends alerts directly to student's cell phones. The importance of such technology was demonstrated not too long after the Virginia Tech shootings, when cops say a student, Shaun Warrick, stabbed one student, shot another, and then went on the run. All students were immediately alerted on their cell phones with a picture of Warrick and information about the incident, but he slipped out of sight and is still on the run today.

This Saturday, September 22, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Williamstown, Kentucky...ANTHONY ARTRIP...On June 24, 2007, cops say convicted bank robber Anthony Artrip made a bold escape from the Grant County Detention Center in Williamstown, Ky. According to police, Artrip scaled a basketball backboard in the recreation area and climbed all the way up to the ceiling. Since then, police say he's been on a robbery spree, with crimes reported in Michigan, West Virginia and North Carolina. Now, U.S. Marshals have added Artrip to their 15 Most Wanted list, and they are more determined than ever to get their hands on him. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46301">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46301</a>

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

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

Kennewick, Washington...KENNETH FREEMAN CAPTURE...Ken Freeman, a man accused of raping his daughter and posting videos of the abuse online, has challenged a U.S. request to extradite him from Hong Kong, his lawyer said. Freeman was arrested by police in China after he fled the United States in 2006, facing charges in Washington state on three counts of child rape and jumping bail while also facing federal charges of producing and distributing child pornography. Freeman's maximum sentence would be life imprisonment if convicted. http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41919

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

**New Braunfels, Texas...**HOTLINE UPDATE – JESSICA BIRGE MISSING...Police say they have found the body of missing nursing student Jessica Birge. On the morning of Sept. 19th, cops say dental records proved that remains found in the river just a day earlier do indeed belong to Jessica.

http://www.amw.com/missing\_persons/brief.cfm?id=48582

Princess Anne, Maryland...HOTLINE UPDATE - SHAUN WARRICK...Shaun Warrick, a former University of Maryland Eastern Shore student, is on the run for a violent attack on fellow students. Cops say in a fit of rage, he stabbed one victim, and shot two others. He hasn't been seen since last spring, but there's a chance we know where he may be hiding out.

New Baltimore, Michigan...UNKNOWN RON AND CHRISTINE JABALEE KILLER...Even as they lay dying from a killer's stab wounds, Ron and Christine Jabalee put up a strong fight. And it wasn't just a fight against their killer, but also a fight for justice. One or both of the Jabalee's actually wrote a message, using their own blood. No one is sure if the message was meant for cops or for the Jabalee's children because the killer saw the bloody message and washed it away, all but a few jumbled letters. <a href="http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47320">http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47320</a>

**Orlando, Florida**...DISNEY BOY HERO...Eleven-year-old David Silva set a fine example April 27, 2007 - an example we want to share with all of our viewers. David saw something suspicious, notified adults, and ultimately stopped a convicted child molester from claiming another victim.

This Saturday, September 29, 2007, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: AMERICA FIGHTS BACK will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Rebecca Jungel at 240-482-1197.

Pasadena, California...MANUEL PENALOZA...On the evening of October 27, 2006, Heidi was heading home from a visit with her parents in Pasadena, California when her journey came to a sudden halt. Police say a vehicle in the oncoming lane crashed and Heidi rushed out to help the injured driver. However, her altruistic rescue attempt resulted in her being assaulted and carjacked by a 20-year-old gang member named Manuel Penaloza. Penaloza soon crashed Heidi's car and cops say he fled the scene on foot. Authorities searched Penaloza's car and knew that the investigation had only just begun when they discovered two people shot execution style in the abandoned vehicle.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47371

Daggett County, Utah...DANNY GALLEGOS AND JUAN CARLOS DIAZ-AREVALO ESCAPE...Two convicted murderers are on the loose after escaping from the Daggett County Jail near Manilla, Utah. Forty-nine year old Danny Martin Gallegos and 27-year-old Juan Carlos Diaz-Arevalo escaped in the middle of the afternoon on September 23, 2007. Now, authorities have mounted a massive search for the pair utilizing canine search teams and helicopters outfitted with infrared sights in an attempt to recapture the jail-breaking duo.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=49146

**Dallas, Texas...**UNKNOWN DALLAS BOOGEYMAN...After 19 attacks, investigators all over the Dallas area finally have what they've been looking for: the face of their elusive Boogey Man. One brave victim has given them the clue they need to hopefully find him before he strikes again.

http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48017

Madison, Wisconsin...LEO BURT...Thirty seven years ago the night sky was lit up in Madison, Wisconsin. Buildings shook and people 30 miles away could hear the blast next to Sterling Hall at University of Wisconsin. It was the worst case of domestic terrorism until the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. Of the four domestic terrorists, three were caught, convicted, and served their time. But one, Leo Burt, hasn't been seen or heard from since he fled the country. Leo's actions and escape from justice haunt Madison to this day, and has been dubbed "the Ghost of Wisconsin."

**Houston, Texas...**WILLIAM GREER UPDATE...The hunt for William Greer, a man whose bizarre murder confession was caught on tape, has picked up once again. A confirmed sighting in Kentucky has put cops hot on his trail – and the AMW team was right there to catch it all.

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

Las Cruces, New Mexico...UNKNOWN KATIE SEPICH KILLER CAPTURE (GABRIEL AVILA)...After years of hunting for Katie Sepich's killer, cops say they cracked the case with the help of a modern miracle: DNA testing. Police say a DNA match led them to a man who was already in jail for another crime.

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7/30 Dinsdale Dr. Double Murder

Montgomery County police say a father shot and killed his sons Monday morning in their townhouse. Thurmon Herring is charged with murder in the deaths of 18 year old Jeremy and 20 year old Justin. Police do not have a motive. Officers went

to the home after receiving a call from Herring around 9

a.m. He was found along a road in Rockville. Police say the monther was at work at the time of the murders.

7/30 Ocean City Infants

Investigators have found the bodies of four pre-term babies at a woman's home in Ocean City and they are still searching for more. Christy Freeman is charged with first degree murder in the death of a baby last week who appeared to have been stillborn. Police say last Thursday, Freeman went to the hospital where doctors discovered she had been pregnant. Investigators went back to her ome and found a pre-term baby wrapped in a towel. They then found the rest of the remains. Freeman is being held without bail.

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7/26 Bellefont Lane Shooting

The search if on for the gunman who killed a beloved Clinton, Maryland man. Those who knew him say he was targeted just from trying to keep the peace. Mike Morris was murdered Tuesday night in what may have been a case of retaliation. Neighbors say he had stopped a fight and one person ended up getting arrested. Two hours later, two armed men shot him in the head. One neighbors calls him an all around nice guy. He worked at Andrews Air Force base.

7/26 Park Employee Sex Assault

A manager at a Fairfax County Rec Center is in jail today after being charged with having sex with a minor. Its does not appear that children at county parks were involved. Tipped off by federal investigators, police searched Raymond Alexander's home Friday and seized a computer. He's been charged with several counts of child abuse but police say the abuse did not take place at any county recreation center. He's been an employee with the center since 1996. Alexander is now on administrative leave.

7/26 Vick Bond Hearing

Michael Vick pleaded not guilty today in Richmond to federal dogfighting allegations and was released without bond until his trial in November. Protestors packed the streets around the courthouse, screaming and booing as he walked into court. The Atlanta Falcons quarterback and three others entered their pleas in U-S District Court to charges involving competitive dogfighting, procuring and training pit bulls for fighting, and conducting the enterprise across state lines. Federal prosecutors allege the operation operated on Vick's property in Surry County. The judge released them all without requiring bond.

7/25 DC Crime Spike

DC residents say they've had enough. Last month, 23 people in DC were murdered, a 20% hike from June of last year. Just last week, there were a dozen shootings in just one night. Now, the community group Peacaholics are doing what they can to help. They're trying to change the code on the street, to make drive-bys shameful and encourage people to give up suspects to police. The Mayor also says he's extending the summer jobs program to give kids something to do and keep them off the streets.

7/24 Rape Charges Dropped

Disturbing new details on a child rape case, dismissed over the lack of a court translator. Fox 5 news has learned the accused rapist violated the terms of his release recently and his mother may have tried to intimidate witnesses. Montgomery County's top prosecutor is following up on a promise to appeal the dismissal of the case against Mahamu Kanneh. He's accused of repeatedly raping and molesting a 7 year old.

#### 7/24 Drug Cash MD Arrest

An alleged drug trafficker linked to Mexico's largest seizure of drug cash is behind bars in our area. Federal agents arrested him yesterday at a Maryland restaurant. He's wanted in Mexico on organized crime, drug trafficking and weapons charges. Police discovered 207million dollars at his Mexico City mansion in what U-S officials have called the world's biggest seizure of drug cash. His lawyers say they'll fight efforts to return him to Mexico because he wouldn't get a fair trial there. A spokesman for the Drug enforcement Administration says he was arrested on drug smuggling and money laundering charges.

#### 7/23 Gift Fraud Fraud

A new kind of fraud could take money out of your wallet. Cyber crooks who steal identities are now targeting gift cards. Many people sell unwanted gift cards online for a discount so they can get the cash. Now, the National Retail Federation says in some cases, the seller originally bought the gift cards with stolen credit card information. The store then cancels the value of the card and leaves the buyer without any value on the card. At the moment, it's tough to find a way to stop these cyber thieves.

# 7/23 Charges Dismissed

A man accused of raping and repeatedly molesting a 7-year-old girl is no longer facing charges because the court took too long to find an interpreter fluent in his native West African language. Police in Montgomery County arrested Mahamu Kanneh, a Liberian immigrant living in Gaithersburg, three years ago. Prosecutors at first maintained Kanneh could understand the proceedings without translation into Vai, his native language. They pointed out that Kanneh attended high school and community college in Montgomery and spoke to detectives in English. A court-appointed psychiatrist recommended an interpreter be appointed, and judges who handled subsequent hearings heeded that advice. But officials could not find a competent interpreter of Vai who would stay. Montgomery County Circuit Judge Katherine D. Savage dismissed the case last week, saying the delays had violated Kanneh's right to a speedy trial. Advocates for rape victims are furious. A State's attorney says the state will appeal the ruling.

#### 7/20 Woman in Man's Jail

There are big questions tonight on how a woman ended up being held in a male only section of the central cell block at DC Police Headquarters. DC Police say when someone is arrested they are patted down to check for guns and drugs but say there's not always a strip search. The gender mistake wasn't discovered until she arrived at the DC jail and there was a body cavity search. They movedh er to the female lock up after a medical evaluation. Mayor Fenty says he's wants to know how this could happen.

#### 7/20 DC Violent Night

A night of violence in DC with 12 people shot at 7 scenes. DC police don't believe all the shootings are related. Most of the gunfire was in just a 2 hour period. Police are now making a big push to make their presence known on the street. Officers in the 6th & 7th districts are working 12 hour shifts and K-9 units are on patrol. None of the shooting victims was seriously hurt.

#### 7/19 Baxter Gun Indictment

Former University of Maryland basketball star Lonny Baxter is fighting to stay out of prison. He pleaded guilty to federal gun charges today, his second gun related conviction in less than a year. He admitted to illegally shipping guns through Federal Express. He faces jail time or probation. Baxter will be sentenced in August.

#### 7/17 PG Police Drug Testing

Tonight, hundreds of people officers are in danger of getting yanked off the street. There's a big drug dilemma facing Prince George's County cops, corrections officers and sheriff's deputies. Nearly a quarter fo the department and dozens of deputies have not been properly drug tested. Now the State Commission that certifies all law enforcement officers is ordering retesting or the officers will be off the streets. The officers tested for five drugs, not seven. The lab left out bartituates and a type of tranquilizer. Prince George's County

says it's working on a plan to retest its officers.

#### 7/17 Metro Crimes

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Metro says it's seen a huge increase in thefts so far this year. Thieves are taking whatever they can. So far this year, the number of bike thefts has almost doubled at Metro stops compared to last year. It's such a big problem that Metro is even handing out free locks to help stop the stealing. Last year there were 199 thefts at metro stops, this year the number is already at 313. Ipods, laptops, brief cases and sports equipment have also disappeared. One commuter had his car window broken and a cup full of change stolen out of his car two months ago. Metro says there's more theft because more people are using Metro. Ridership is up about 2 million rides from last year.

## 7/17 First Street Shooting

A 15 year old boy is fighting for his life after someone shot him several times outside an apartment building in Southwest early this morning. DC police say the man pulled out a gun and shot the teen, then barricaded himself in an apartment with several others. Investigators say they don't have a motive for the shooting. The SiFax apartment building has been a trouble spot for crime in the past. Police are questioning one man but so far, there are no charges.

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#### 7/3 llegal fireworks

A big fireworks bust in the District is being called one of the largest illegal fireworks operations they've ever uncovered. That's not all. They also say they found drugs and illegal handguns. Ten people are under arrest and tens of thousands of illegal fireworks are off the street. The DC Fire Department is cracking down harder than ever on illegal fireworks in the District. This is just the beginning of a push to ban them completely.

#### 7/2 Iverson Assault trial

NBA star Allen Iverson is in town today defending himself against charges he and his security detail beat up two men at a DC bar in 2005. Iverson took the stand and told the court he's a target and believes the lawsuit filed against him is all about money.

#### 7/2 Ice Cream Truck Murder

Charles County police are lookig for a man who murdered a 13 year old girl as she rode in her mother's ice cream truck. Briona Porter was shot Friday night as her mom stopped to turn around in a Waldorf neighborhood. Charlene Woodland says a man approached them with a gun and demanded money. She didn't have any and that's when he opened fire, hitting Briona as her mother tried to drive away. Woodland drove until she found a police officer who rushed her daughter to the hospital. Briona died at the hospital. Police issues an arrest warrant for Kevin Warren but haven't been able to find him.

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# 8/29 Silver Spring Meth Lab

A startling discovery in Silver Spring. Police say they shut down a major drug operation after officers discovered a meth lab at an apartment complex on Sheffield Manor Court. Police went to the apartment looking for a child molestor. They found him and discovered the lab, too. Robert Lindsay is on Arizona's sex offender registry. He was wanted for failure to register in Maryland. Police are calling this one of the larger and more sophisticated clandestine meth lab. Neighbors say Lindsay just moved in a few months ago.

#### 8/29 Clinton 7/11 Homicide

A 16 year old boy who went to hang out with friends is dead after being shot in a 7-11 parking lot. He had told his mother he was going out for a walk but ended up about 15 miles from home where, just before 2 am, he was shot and killed by a gunman who took off on foot. Detectives hope a surveillance camera will give them clues to find the man.

#### 8/29 Bus Stop Robbery

A frightening robbery for students waiting for the bus to Potomac high school. One of the robbers pulled a handgun on the kids and demanded their cash. One frightened girl ran to a neighbor's house for help. The other students continued on to school too afraid to even tell their bus driver what happened. Once they got to school, they called their parents and police. None of the kids was hurt but now police are trying to find the robbers.

## 8/24 Q street stabbing

The two men convicted of killing Alan Senitt, an aspiring politician from England, apologize to the victims' parents today in DC Superior Court. Jeffrey Rice and Kristopher Piper each pleaded guilty to the crime that the prosecutor described as barbaric. Senitt's father says they do not accept the apology which came so long after the crime and was made in hopes of getting a lighter sentence. Alan Senitt and a female companion were in Georgetown when they were attacked by Rice, Piper and a 15 year old boy.

#### 8/24 Girard st 3 Shot

Police are investigating a triple shooting in Northwest that left the brother of a local celebrity dead. Tayvon Glover was the only victim who died in the shooting. His brother, Anwar, played Slim Charles in The Wire and appears on a local radio show. Glover's family is asking for anyone with information to help police find the killer. They also want a stop to the crime and the violence in the city. Police say they don't have any suspects.

# 8/24 Michael Vick

A surprise move in the plea deal for Michael Vick. We thought we wouldn't get deals on the plea agreement until Monday but prosecutors released it three days early. Vick is scheduled to be back in federal court in Richmond Monday where he will plead guilty to one court of conspiracy involving transportation dogs across state lines for dogfights. The plea deal shows how involved he was. He does not admit to personally killing any of the dogs or gambling on the operation. Vick bankrolled the entire operation and put the dogs through test fights and agreed which dogs should be killed. Prosecutors are recommending a sentence between 12 and 18 months but the judge could go higher or lower.

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# 8/17 Correction Officer Arrested

A sex scandal at the Prince William County jail. Tonight, a second corrections officer is charged with

having sex with an inmate. This comes a week after a high ranking corrections officer was arrested and accused of the same crime with the same inmate. A family member tipped off the jail that something inappropriate was going on behind bars. Officials don't believe the two female officers knew about each other.

#### 8/16 Bangor St. Double Shooting

Nearly a dozen gun shots fired during a double shooting killed one woman and seriously hurt another. It happened on Bangor Street Southeast. Police say they have a person of interest.

That's a neighborhood that's managed to escape violence for years, until now. Neighbors say they don't see much violence, despite many problems plaguing Southeast. The sound of a woman screaming brought people out to see what happened and that's where they found the victims. Neighbors say they're willing to help police in anyway they can.

#### 8/16 Abortion Drug

Court documents say an Eastern Shore man didn't want his girlfriend to have a baby so he slipped an abortion drug meant for cattle into her soda. Lauren Tucker told police the soda burned her throat but she kept drinking it because her boyfriend urged her to, saying it would calm her sick stomach. She's now under a doctor's care, although reports say her unborn baby is fine. William Sutton, the suspect, works at an organic dairy farm in Kent County. The court records say he admitted to using the drug to make his girlfriend miscarry.

## 8/16 Unsolved Murder Plea

A man already in prison for murdering a Prince George's County woman 13 years ago today pleaded guilty to three more killings in Anne Arundel County. Investigators used DNA to tie the crimes together. Alexander Watson began his killing spree in 1986 when he was just 17 years old. Watson was facing a death penalty trail before the families had a change of heart and asked the state to seek a plea deal. In an emotionally charged courtroom, the judge called him evil and dangerous before sentencing him to life in prison without parole. One of the victim's was a 13 year old girl walking to school. Families pushed for the the plea deal that would allow them to ask Watson questions. In an unprecedented meeting last week, he answered their questions all day long.

A District Heights man charged with raping two teenage girls while they were swimming at Sandy Point State Park. The 18-year-old woman and the 13-year-old girl reported the rapes Sunday evening to Maryland Natural Resources Police. Officers arrested and charged 33-year-old Juan Payz Reyes with two counts of first-degree rape. He is being held without bond at the Anne Arundel Detention Center. The victims were part of a group outing from Sheppard Pratt Mental Hospital and told a counselor what happened. The group's bus driver saw the suspect and pinned in his car so he couldn't drive away.

# 8/13 Sex Assault 9 year old

A man who was accidentally released from police custody after being charged with sexually assaulting a 9-year-old girl has turned himself in. John Henri Palmont turned himself in to the Prince George's County Jail at about 2 p.m. The Corrections Director calls what happened an escape but Palmont's defense attorneys say correctional officers came into his room, released his handcuffs and said he was free to go. Palmont is accused of sexually assaulting a 9 year old girl at gunpoint in the Capital Heights apartment complex where they both live then hurt himself trying to escape arrest.

The Correctionsal Officers Union says there were three inmates at Prince George's Hospital that night and Palmont received release papers meant for someone else.

# 8/13 Shirley Street Acid

The search is on in Northern Virginia for the person who set off explosives of a home in Woodlawn. The blast along Shirley Street sent one woman to the hospital for observation. Police believe she was overcome by acid furnes. Fairfax County fire officials blocked off much of the neighborhood while they investigated. The bomb squad even used a robot to check out the family's mailbox.

## 8/13 Guns on Campus

A George Mason senior is leading the charge to allow guns on campus. Andrew Dysart is worried about the same thing happening at Mason that happened at Virginia Tech. He's organized a group "Students for

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Concealed Carry on Campus." It's not a recognized organization at Mason because the school says he hasn't filed the proper paperwork. Some students worry that guns on campus on could increase the chance of violence instead of keeping them safe. Mason officials say they have taken steps to make the campus safer after the Virginia Tech killings.

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# 8/9 Gaithersburg Robbery Assault

A Gaithersburg man was viciously beaten early this morning as he walked from his car to his home. The attackers apparently wanted to rob him. The victim now has stitches in his head and on his hand where the men beat him with a metal pipe. It happened at the Washingtonian Woods condo community just after midnight. Detectives are still looking for suspects.

# 8/7 Police Station shooting

The father of a teenager who killd two Fairfax County police officers pleaded guilty today to federal firearms charges. Brian Kennedy admitted to making a false statement in connection with the purchase of an assault weapon as well as unlawfully possessing as many as 20 firearms while using marijuana. Kennedy's 18 year old son Michael used seven of those guns for a rampage at the Sully Station that killed two police officers.

#### 8/7 Prince Wm. Guns stolen

A bandit broke in to a Prince William County gun store overnight and made off with several handguns. He got away but was captured on camera breaking into the store. On the tape, he seemed to know what he was looking for. Detectives are still lokoing for the suspect.

## 8/7 M Street NE Teen Shot

Police in the District are still looking for the gunman who shot a teenage boy twice in the back. He survived the shooting early this morning in Northeast. This happens as DC police are in the middle of an 'All Hands on Deck' initiative to reduce crime in the city.

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## 8/1 Man Approaches Child

Police are warning parents in Northern Virginia that an accused child predator has has contact with hundreds of kids. Jamal Wheeler worked inside an Arlington school last year as a lunchroom monitor. Now he's accused of luring a 13 year old boy to a quiet area off Lee Highway. The boy ran away and called his mom on a cellphone. The Arlington Traditional School says he was subject to a background check before being hired and his record was clean.

#### 8/1 Shellford Lane Shooting

Corporal Keith Washington turned himself in today on charges he shot two unarmed delivery people inside his home. One died. Washington says he's an innocent man. White maintains that the other two attacked him and he was just defending himself. Washington's attorneys are calling for a special prosecutor in the case, saying the indictmen was politically motivated. Washington was once in charge of Homeland Security for Prince George's County.

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## 9/25 Keith Washington

A Prince George's police officer charged with murder apparently had a history of instability. Corporal Keith Washington is charged with shooting two furniture deliverymen in his home earlier this year, killing one of them. Fox 5 has confirmed that Washington was placed on restricted duty for more than a year in the mid-90's and ha filed a Workman's Compensation case. The Washington Post obtained the case file which incles reports from one psychiatrist who, according to the paper, described Washington's fits of rage. Neither Washington's attorney nor the Prince George's County police department are commenting tonight. His murder trial is set to begin next January.

## 9/25 Columbia Road Shooting

An employee of the Safeway in Adams Morgan was shot and critically wounded as she left work early this morning. Investigators say she was shot by another woman who was lying in wait. Police sources say the women knew each other but so far, there's no one in custody. DC police say the woman stood outside the front door of the sore with a gun waiting for a food clerk she knew.

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#### 9/24 Frederick townhouse deaths

It's been six months since four children were found murdered and their father was found hanged in a Frederick townhouse. The mother, Deysi Benitez is still missing and her trail has grown cold. The townhouse is being repossessed, and no one has claimed their three cars or furnishings. Frederick police think Benitez is probably alive. They say there is nothing indicating she's not. The theory is based largely on a rumor -- a thirdor fourth-hand report that Benitez left town with a friend the week before the bodies were found in March. Unconfirmed reported sightings led investigators to believe Benitez may have returned to Central America, but local authorities haven't found her, and aren't looking.

#### 9/24 Stolen Venus

A statue of Venus disappeared outside a Northwest DC hotel. Now the hotel is offering a free night's stay as a reward for anyone who brings her home. The statue is one of 9 at the hotel and vanished last Wednesday night. It's a heavy statue so the hotel staff believes someone in the neighborhood must have seen her carted away. Hotel workers are handing out flyers alerting everyone in the area to keep an eye out.

# 9/21 DC Cop shoots teen

There is new information in the shooting death of Deonte Rawlings. The 14 year old was killed Monday night by an off-duty DC police office in what police say was an exchange of gunfire. The FBI is now taking the lead in the investigation, a somewhat unusual move made at the request of the US Attorney's office. Mayor Adrian Fenty, the US Attorney and an FBI representative gathered near the crime scene to make the announcement, reinforcing to the public that everything was being done to conduct a fair and impartial investigation.

#### 9/21 Missing VA Woman

Police departments in Northern Virginia are working a missing persons case that has them puzzled. A young woman with both Saudi and American citizenship apparently vanished Sunday evening. Her family is terrified that someone has kidnapped or hurt Faten Mawyah. The woman lives with her Mom and sisters in Warrenton. She had car trouble Sunday night and neither she nor her vehicle have been seen since.

# 9/20 DC Cop Shoots Teen

Police found a missing piece of evidence in the shooting of a DC teenager. Three days after an off duty officer shot and killed 14 year old Deonte Rawlings, police have recovered the mini-bike police say he was riding

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when he shot at the officer. The gun he allegedly used is still missing. We also learned today that the Shot Spotter System might have recorded the shooting. That's a system of microphones set up around Southeast to listen for the sounds of gunfire. That piece of evidence could be extremely valuable in the investigation. The gun is a 45 caliber handgun which has a much different sound than the 9 milliment the officer used. If it's on tape, it could show whether the teen did shoot first.

## 9/19 DC Police Shooting

New developments in case of a 14 year old shot by an off duty officer. The United States attorney's office will investigate this week's fatal shooting of Deonte Rawlings. Police say 14-year-old Deonte Rawlins shot at the officer first after the officer saw Rawlins on a stolen mini bike. But police have found neither the gun the teen allegedly used, nor the mini bike.

#### 9/18 DC Police shoot teen

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier is promising a full investigation into the officer-involved fatal shooting of a 14-year-old last night in Southeast Washington. Police say Deonte Rawlins was shot last night when two-off duty officers went to investigate a report that a mini bike was taken from the garage of one of the officers' home during a burglary. Police say the officers saw Rawlins on the stolen mini bike and when they confronted him, police say Rawlins fired at the officers and ran down the street. One of the officers returned fire, shooting Rawlins in the head. The teen died at Children's Hospital. Police say the second officer did not fire. Both officers have been placed on leave with pay pending a police investigation.

# 9/17 College Park Assaults

Police at the University of Maryland are still looking for a man who is attacking women in their own beds while they sleep. They're hoping a thousand dollar reward will help get tips to find him. Police today held a second meeting to warn students on and off campus to be on guard and keep their doors locked. The sexual predator attacked four women last Thursday. Police believe he first started as a peeping tom then the crimes escalated to sexual assaults.

# 9/14 UMD Attacks

College co-eds are on alert in College Park after a rapist attacked four young women in their beds. It happened just outside the gates of the University of Maryland in off campus apartments. Police had a security meeting today to notify students about the case. Investigators say the man went through an unlocked door and windows to get into the apartments.

#### 9/13 False Police Report

First, two DC police officers lost track of their prisoner, then they got busted for lying about it. We've already told ou about 6 inmates who've mistakenly been released from DC custody since December but now police are the ones charged in a cover up. According to charging documents, two officers admitted making up a story that detailed how a criminal just walked away while they were supposed to be guarding him. The two officers were supposed to guard a prisoner who was being held at Howard University Hospital. Both officers have been stripped of their guns, their police powers and face a court date this fall.

## 9/12 W Street Homicide

Despite the best efforts of his mother and his family, an 18 year old College Park man was found dead in Northwest. Rashawn Winslow's mother had moved him from the neighborhood a couple of years ago when she noticed he wasn't moving with a bad crowd. His cousin is a leader of Peaceaholics who also tried to do what he could to keep Winslow out of trouble. Ron Moten says despite every possible attempt to save him, Winslow just couldn't tear himself away from the streets.

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## 9/10 Baby Found in Trash Cam

Sanitation workers in Great Falls made a horrific discovery. Fairfax County police say an infant's body was found in the container portion of a garbage truck. Police were called at about 9 a.m. Saturday. Investigators

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believe the body came from Sterling. So far, they have no leads on where the baby's mother is.

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# 9/4 Wishing Rock Body

Anne Arundel County police are talking to a person of interest in the case of a girl missing since 1976. Lt. David Waltemeyer said police began investigating in May when family filed a missing persons report on Karen Kamsch, who was living with her grandparents in 1976 when she disappeared. Police said they have learned Kamsch was abused and have labeled her a missing person who could be a homicide victim. Waltemeyer said it's odd that some family members aren't cooperative and he said they believe someone close to her was involved in her disappearance. Police say the family didn't file a missing person report until this year because they thought one had been filed decades ago, but authorities didn't have any record of a report.

## 9/4 Firehouse Prostitution

New details today about a possible sex scandal in DC's fire department. The Paramedics Union says the accusations include sex for overtime. According to the union leader, female EMTs, who make significantly less money than firefighters, were being coerced into having sex with supervisors in exchange for overtime. Now DC Mayor Adrian Fenty, plus the police and fire chiefs, are speaking out. They say these are serious allegations they're investigating to assure the public trust.

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# 7/19 Loudoun Immigration

Illegal immigrants in Loudoun County don't have to worry about an immediate crackdown by local government. Tuesday night, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution instructing county government staff to advise on ways to identify illegal immigrants and what services illegals should be denied. Today, the chairman called a news conference to emphasize that no decisions have been made on the steps they're going to take. Some estimates put the number of illegal immigrants in Loudoun County at about 15,000. An advocate for the county's Hispanic community expressed relief at the announcement. However, local advocates of a crackdown on illegal immigrants say they hope the board will follow through on the tough language in the resolution, saying the problems are real.

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# 8/7 Drought Relief Request

Drought conditions have Loudoun County asking for help. The county is so dry they need money to keep businesses afloat. Farmers and local lawmarker are askign the governor to declare Loudoun a drought disaster to give them a chance to apply for financial assistance.

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## 9/25 Horses and Slots

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley made it official today. He says legalizing slot machines at horse racing tracks and other locations will be a significant part of his revenue raising package. The state is facing a \$1.7 billion dollar budget deficit and money from slots would make up about a third of that. A five year effort to legalize slots has failed because of strong opposition fo those who fear the negative impact of legalized gambling.

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# 9/24 Wegmans in Prince George's County

Wegman's is working to open another grocery store in the DC area, this one in Prince George's County. Today, the County Council gave the upscale chain the greenlight despite one man's attempts to block the project. He says traffic will be too bad at the new shopping area, which could also include a Costco. But some are questioning his complaints because he's a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union but Wegman's is non-union. The store could be up and running by 2009.

#### 9/20 O'Malley tax talk

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is proposing a tax hike and a property tax cut to get the state's budget in order. Democrats in charge of the government and the legislature apparently agree that taxes are going to have to be raised. To bring in more money, he proposed raising the sales tax to 6 percent but wants to give homeowners a 3 percent cut in the property tax. That comes a day after he proposed an increase in the income tax on families making more than \$200,000. Many lower income families would get tax cuts. The number two Republican in the state Senate is calling this a magic show, distracting everyone with plans for tax cuts and hikes all at the same time.

# 9/14 Effi Barry Funeral

Former DC first lady Effi Barry was remembered today as elegant, compassionate and fiercely loyal. The District said goodbye to her today as one of the city's most beloved first ladies. During the service, Marion Barry publicly thanked his former wife for sticking by him during his cocaine trial. The loving, personal tribute from her son received a standing ovation. Barry died from complications of leukemia at age 63.

### 9/13 Mark Warner Announces

Mark Warner announced today he will seek the Democratic nomination for US Senate in Virginia. The former governor had been weighing whether to run for governor again in 2009 but decided on the Senate where he could replace retiring Republican John Warner.

## 9/11 Navy Vet Driver Fees

The Commonwealth Attorney General reduced the ticket for a Navy Vet fighting abusive driver fees in Virginia. That means he no longer has to pay a \$1000 fine for speeding but that doesn't change the law for everyone. The man's attorney says he doesn't believe state and local officials want to see a battle over the legality of the new law. The AG's office says changing the case had nothing to do with avoiding a showdown.

# 09/10 VA Hot Lanes

The Virginia Department of Transportation has sealed the deal to ease congestion on the Beltway in Northern Virginia. Construction will begin early next year on high occupancy toll lanes but the deal doesn't come without controversy. The Smarter Growth Coalition is complaining about the deal to get the lanes built. The company building the lanes will get to set the price for the next 80 years, despite the use of \$400 million in taxpayer funding. The group wants the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Virginia General Assembly to review the deal. Construction is expected to take five years.

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#### 7/23 Impeachment March

Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan is campaigning to remove President Bush from office and may soon campaign for a seat in Congress. Today, she lead an impeachment march from Arlington National Cemetery to the US Capitol, accompanied by a small crowd. Sheehan had said she was retiring from the anti-war movement to lead a more normal life but now claims the President's decision to commute Scooter Libby's perjury sentence forced her back into the headlines. She gave House Speaker Nancy Pelosi until midnight tonight to start impeachment proceedings or Sheehan says she will announce that she's running for Pelosi's seat. Pelosi has repeatedly rejected any attempt at impeachment hearings.

## 7/18 Iraq Vote

A marathon, all night debate on the War in Iraq ended in a stalemate. Democrats got a majority to support a bill that would begin withdrawing troops in four months but eventually fell short of the 60 votes they needed. Democrats did not expect to win this vote since it was designed to put pressure on Republicans. They are increasingly uneasy about the war but are reluctant to abandon the President. Four Republicans did vote with the Democrats for troop withdrawal. More defections are expected in September unless the progress report on the war shows dramatic progress. If enough Republicans side with the Democrats, President Bush may be forced to agree with the troop withdrawals.

## 7/3 Libby Commutation

A big controversy is erupting over President Bush's decision to spare convicted White House aide Scooter Libby from jail. The President commuted his two and a half year prison sentence before he ever served a day. Libby was convicted of perjury and conspiracy in the CIA leak case involving Valerie Plame. President Bush says he is not ruling out a pardon for Libby.

### 7/2 Suspect Chinese Imports

Another recall of products imported from China began today. This time it's recalled tires that can come apart while driving. This is just the latest in an alarming series of recalls of Chinese goods. Now some members of Congress are calling for changes to better protect American consumers. A Senate committee plans to investigate the health and safety problems and what can be done to prevent them. The Consumer Federation of America blames budget cuts to the Food and Drug Administration and the Customs Service. The group claims the agencies just don't have the resources to keep up with the hundreds of billions of dollars in imports.

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# 8/28 Craig Follow

There may be a whole new batch of troubles for embattled US Senator Larry Craig. Just a day after saying he did nothing while getting arrested and pleaded guilty after an airport sex sting, now the Senator's own statement may open up a new can of legal woes. he could face ethics charges after saying his signed sworn guilty plea was false. Two of his Republican Senate colleagues, John McCain & Norm Coleman both called on him to resign. Craig did agree to step down from his Senate committee posts.

# 8/24 Wives Attack Hillary

Hillary Clinton as already made history as the first female candidate with a very good shot at winning the Presidency. Most candidates have avoided attacking her personally, to avoid being mean to a woman. However, the wives of both John Edwards and Barack Obama have criticized her. Elizabeth Edwards has also

# 8/9 Army Nurse Killed

The first Army nurse killed in combat since Vietnam was laid to rest today at Arlington National Cemetery. Army Captain Maria Ortiz was buried with full military honors. The 40 year old was killed by a mortar attack in Baghdad's Green Zone, supposedly one of the safest areas.

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## 9/24 Iran President in the US

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad appeared at Columbia University today as protestors took to the street against his visit. During his speech, he questioned the official version of the Sept. 11 attacks and defended the right to cast doubt on the Holocaust in a tense appearance Monday at Columbia. The school's president accused the hard-line leader of behaving like a petty and cruel dictator.

Ahmadinejad smiled at first but appeared increasingly agitated, decrying the "insults" and "unfriendly treatment." Columbia President Lee Bollinger and audience members took him to task over Iran's human-rights record and foreign policy, as well as Ahmadinejad's statements denying the Holocaust and calling for the disappearance of Israel.

## 9/21 Candidates Court NRA

Republican presidential candidates are taking shots at front-runner Rudy Giuliani. They're trying to court the National Rifle Association speaking to gun owners at a conference here in DC. As mayor of New York City, he sued the gun industry, giving his presidential rivals plenty of ammunition. John McCain and Fred Thompson both criticized his lawsuit. Giuliani himself even distanced himself from the gun lawsuit, saying the right to bear arms is just as important in the Constitution as the right to free speech.

## 9/19 Approval Ratings

President Bush's approval rating has dropped below 30 percent in the latest poll. That's pretty good, if you compare it to the public's attitudes about Congress. Only 11 percent approve of the job they're doing. Political analysts say that's because there seems to be a lot of partisan politics. The Democrats who control Congress don't seem to worried. They think the voters will blame Republicans when they go to the polls in the next election.

### 9/14 War March Preview

Thousands of people opposed to the Iraq War are expected to gather outside the White House tomorrow for a protest. The rally starts at noon at Lafayette Park. From there, protestors will march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. Another group, Families United for Our Troops and Their Mission will turn out for a counterprotest. Capitol police say they are prepared to make arrests for anyone violating the law.

# 9/13 Presidential address

Tonight, President Bush will address the nation on his plan in Iraq. He is expected to reject calls to leave Irag but approve gradual reductions from their highest levels of the war. The Democratic response is expected to argue that after four and a half years, it's time for a faster troop withdrawal. Senate Dems are reportedly considering legislation to limit the troops mission in Iraq, hoping that's a compromise that frustrated GOP members will support.

## 9/10 Petraeus Testimony

Gen. David Petraeus told Congress on Monday he envisions the withdrawal of roughly 30,000 U.S. troops by next summer, beginning with a Marine contingent later this month. In long-awaited testimony, the commanding general of the war said last winter's buildup in U.S. troops had met its military objectives "in large measure." As a result, he told a congressional hearing and a nationwide television audience, "I believe that we will be able to reduce our forces to the pre-surge level ... by next summer without jeopardizing the security gains we have fought so hard to achieve." Testifying in a military uniform bearing four general's stars and a chestful of medals, Petraeus said he had already provided his views to the military chain of command. Anti-war protestors disrupted today's testimony. At least four people were arrested.

# OH Congressman Dead

Ohio Congressman Paul Gillmor was found dead in his apartment in Arlington today. Staff members found his body, after he didn't show up for work. Police say they do not think there's foul play; the Congressman had had heart problems. Gillmor, who represented the Bowling Green area, had spent nearly 20 years in Congress. He first won his House seat back in 1988, after eking out a 27-vote victory in the primary. He led legislative efforts to cleanup brownfields and enact

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# 7/30 Weight Loss Challenge

A Baltimore company is working hard to get healthy employees. Agora, a newsletter publishing company, lets employees work out during company time. They even provide free personal trainers and nutritional lessons. They're also helping employees quit smoking. Agora justifies the cost of the program in hopes of lower insurance costs.

## 7/26 Dog Food Warning

The FDA is expanding a food recall over fears of botulism. Now, not only are millions of cans of canned food affected, dog owners should get rid of brands of dog food. Food and Drug Administration investigators believe the company

failed to properly cook some or all the products, allowing the Clostridium botulinum bacteria to survive the canning process.

The bacteria produce a toxin that causes botulism, a muscle-paralyzing disease.

### 7/26 VA Power Lines

A fierce fight is brewing in Fauquier County over power transmission lines. Residents of rural communities are battling Dominion Virginia power over their plans to stretch the lines. Neighbors complain they will spoil the beauty of their rolling hills. They're also worried about the effects of 500-thousand volt lines on their health and the environment. VA Dominion insists there a need for more power lines and if they don't get them built, there won't be enough lines to meet the need by 2011. That would require rolling blackouts. The owners complain the company spends nothing on conservation and should start looking at that, first.

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## 7/24 FDA Food Recall

The government is warning people to immediately throw away 90 different canned products from hotdog chili, corned beef hash and dog food. They were produced at a plant linked to a botulism outbreak. Castleberry's Food Company temporarily closed the plant which produced the tens of millions of cans of food. So far, four people have goten sick. Botulism is a serious disease that paralyzes muscles and can be fatal.

## 7/19 DC Water Toxic Chemical

A new claim tonight that the water coming out of your tap is toxic, especially to pregnant women. But, the Washington Aquaduct which provides water to Arlington, Falls Church and the District says there's nothing to worry about. An environmental group tested tap water across the city says there's a high level of chlorine. The Aquaduct says the test was just after the water system's annual chlorine flushing. The Aquaduct and WASA says their monthly testing is more accurate and is in accordance with federal guidelines. The Water Authority says it issues a warning to people on dialysis and those with aquariums because of the temporarily high levels or chlorine. They insist there's no need for more warnings.

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## 8/6 Poisonout Plastic?

There are new fears that a type of tough plastic could be bad for your health. Bisphenol A is used in 90 percent of baby bottles and other household products. The National Toxicology Program is hosting a panel of experts to review research and determine the risk to the public. The National Resources Defense Council says research shows that low levels of the chemical are causing disturbances in lab animals.

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## 9/19 Camp Lyfe

For the first time, a camp in Arizona is helping kids fight the obesity epidemic. At Camp Lyfe, kids learned how to eat better, how much to eat and got moving! The camp took them out of their normal routines to teach them about healthier living. Camp Lyfe's director says they had an amazing response but could only take 25 kids. They're planning to have another camp next summer.

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## 9/14 Car Weight Limit

If you want to stay safe behind the wheel, make sure you know how much weight your car is supposed to handle. It's not something most drivers know, but every car is equipped with a sticker that shows how much weight it's supposed to carry. When that's exceeded, the tires may bow out and provide less friction and less stability on the road. The limit isn't always high. The ultra-luxury Corvette only allows 423 pounds.

## 9/14 UMD Attacks

College coeds are on alert in College Park after an attacker sexually assaulted four young women off campus Thursday night. It happened as they lay sleeping in their beds. Police held a meeting on security concerns with students today. The attacker got in through unlocked doors and windows so police are warning everyone to make sure they lock their homes at all times.

# 9/14 Toy Recall Letter

The nation's largest toy retailer is taking matters into its own hands when it comes to toy recalls. This week, Toys-R-Us sent a letter to millions of customers to reassure them about toy safety. The letter went outto customers on their email list and was posted on the store's website. The CEO of the company outlined new measures to remove recalled toys and notify its customers. They will send out recall notices to online customers and are looking at more ways to alert store customers. In recent months, millions of toys have been pulled because of lead paint and magnets that pose a choking hazard.

# 9/12 Toy Safety

Lawmakers, the CPSC and toy companies are all making changes because of the tainted toys from China. At a Senate hearing today, the CPSC told the panel it needs to be more proactive in finding out what's being used to make toys. The CEO of Mattel admitted his company made a mistake by not monitoring the subcontractors in China. At toy stores today, shoppers said they are changing their habits by looking at where toys are made but are still buying toys made in China.

# 9/12 270 baby born

A pregnant woman, headed to the hospital and stuck in traffic on 270, gave birth to her baby on the highway this morning. A nurse driving by happened to see the woman's husband trying to help her in the car and pulled over to help. Nurse Tammi Fischer helped deliver the baby just as paramedics arrived. The baby and mother are fine. Fischer is just getting back into her nursing career after taking ten years off to raise her own children. She says this has made her consider a career as a paramedic.

# 9/4 Trampoline Dangers

More parents are buying trampolines for their families to enjoy but that's causing a jump in injuries. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the most common trampoline injuries are broken arms and legs but in some cases, there have been spinal cord injuries and even death. In 2006, more than 200,000 people were treated for trampoline related injuries. Some insurance companies will now cancel a policy if a home has a trampoline.

# 9/4 Toy Recall

The third major recall by Mattel Inc. of lead-tainted Chinese toys has left the world's largest toymaker fighting to maintain its reputation as company shares fell sharply Wednesday. Mattel announced late Tuesday it was recalling 800,000 toys, including 675,000 accessories for one of the company's biggest sellers, the Barbie doll. Also part of the recall, the third in just over a month, were 90,000 units of Mattel's GeoTrax locomotive line and about 8,900 Big Big World 6-in-1 Bongo Band toys, both from the company's Fisher-Price brand.

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## 7/30 DC School Transition

Students showing up for classes at some DC public schools in four weeks will see obvious changes. They aren't as drastic as Mayor Fenty first promised but a new "School Opening Task Force" is stepping up a fix-up blitz that is already underway. That doesn't mean everything will be fixed. The Fenty team is promising to inspect and fix air conditioning units but when classes begin, as many as half the classrooms won't have air. School chancellor Michelle Rhee says she has already stopped the hiring of anyone whose job doesn't directly relate to improvement of student achievement.

# 7/24 DC School Status

DC Public Schools will begin their academic year in fewer than five weeks. We promised we would check on the progress of Mayor Fenty's new school administration throughout the summer. Today, we found out that the school system expects all 147 school buildings to be open on the first day. 16 of the schools need new principals so the new chancellor is appointing interim principals until she can make more permanent choices. The former school superintendant had promised that all the textbooks owuld be ready for students but the new administration isn't so sure. They're currently auditing to see where they stand.

## 7/2 DC School Chancellor

A confirmation hearing for the new DC School Chancellor lasted all day and is now moving into the evening. Michelle Rhee is up for the job of the new leader of the schools under Mayor Adrian Fenty. The main question appears to be does she have the experience to take over the troubled schools. She has not been a superintendent before. A high profile list of supports, including the Chancellor of the New York City schools all vouched for her at the hearing.

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# 8/17 PG Teachers Shortage

Classes start Monday but the Prince George's County School System is still 155 teachers short. That is better than last year when there were nearly 300 vacancies on the first day. There will be some substitute teachers filling in. The trouble is finding full time teachers to fill the spots with a starting salary of \$43,000 a

## 8/15 Teacher in Space

This is Day 8 for the Space Shuttle Endeavour and two astronauts took the time to give a few science lessons to students here on Earth. Students from Challenger Centers all over the country were chosen to be part of the lesson after winning a poster contest. One of those centers is in Alexandria. Some students even got to ask the astronauts questions. Barbara Morgan is a former teacher who is part of the Shuttle Endeavour crew.

### 8/1 DC Skl Extreme Makeover

A couple of DC schools, playgrounds and Veteran's Centers got an extreme makeover today, thanks to hundreds of private sector employees who rolled up their sleeves and went to work as volunteers. Most of those volunteers are from the software company SAP, which finished an annual sales meeting in DC. Employees have the option of staying an extra 24 hours and putting in a service day.

# 8/1 Man Approaches Child

Police are warning parents in Northern Virginia that an accused child predator has has contact with hundreds of kids. Jamal Wheeler worked inside an Arlington school last year as a lunchroom monitor. Now he's accused of luring a 13 year old boy to a quiet area off Lee Highway. The boy ran away and called his mom on a cellphone. The Arlington Traditional School says he was subject to a background check before being hired and his record was clean.

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### 9/25 Desperate Seller

With a new report out from the National Realtors Association showing that the housing market is as slow as it's been in five years, sellers are having to pull out all the stops to get buyers interested. An Alexandria woman is doing everything she can to sell her home. She's not a real estate agent but she is determined. The house has been on the market since June and not one person has been out to look at it. Now, to find a buyer, she's plastered signs all over the area and she's actually walking along Army-Navy Drive to find customers. BJ Dewey says she's even dropped her asking price from \$750,00 to \$675,000 but she's not going any lower.

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## 9/20 O'Malley tax talk

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is proposing a tax hike and a property tax cut to get the state's budget in order. Democrats in charge of the government and the legislature apparently agree that taxes are going to have to be raised. To bring in more money, he proposed raising the sales tax to 6 percent but wants to give homeowners a 3 percent cut in the property tax. That comes a day after he proposed an increase in the income tax on families making more than \$200,000. Many lower income families would get tax cuts. The number two Republican in the state Senate is calling this a magic show, distracting everyone with plans for tax cuts and hikes all at the same time.

#### 9/12 Mortgage Tax Checks

The bankruptcy filing of American Home Mortgage has caused some homeowners' escrow accounts to simply vanish. Now counties are going after property owners to get them to pay up twice. Freddie Mac pulled all their customers' tax money from AHM before it filed for bankruptcy but now, the company is refusing to turn over customers' files. Freddic Mac has no idea whose taxes to pay and when. That could put 4500 Freddie Mac customers homes for tax sale if the bills aren't paid on time. In Maryland, AHM borrowers can't even find out where their money is. AHM has told customers escrow accounts were accidentally frozen in their bankruptcy filings and the tax bills will be paid soon. But customers say their accounts are in the red, even though they're still paying money.

### 9/11 Mortgage Tax Checks

About a dozen Frederick County homeowners are being told they'll have to pay their property taxes again. Their escrow accounts with American Home Mortgage vanished after the company declared bankruptcy last month. The Frederick County Treasury Department says the county has no choice but to bill homeowners directly for the tax payments after checks from the company bounced. They families have to come up with somewhere between \$2000 and \$9000 by the end of the month or face more penalties. Experts say it's illegal for a company to move escrow money out of customers' accounts for anything other than tax payments. American Home Mortgage did not return our calls.

### 9/07 Foreclosure Issues

At a time when all eyes are on the struggling housing market, one group claims how much you pay for a home loan could depend on your race. A new study of Washington area "refinancing loans" finds that white borrowers tend to get a better deal than minority borrrowers. The housing activist group ACORN blames, in part, the mortgage brokers that encourage people to agree to refinancing deals. ACORN is behind the financing study. They say 47% of African American borrowers got more expensive refinancing loans.

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#### 7/26 VA Power Lines

A fierce fight is brewing in Fauquier County over power transmission lines. Residents of rural communities are battling Dominion Virginia power over their plans to stretch the lines. Neighbors complain they will spoil the beauty of their rolling hills. They're also worried about the effects of 500-thousand volt lines on their health and the environment. VA Dominion insists there a need for more power lines and if they don't get them built, there won't be enough lines to meet the need by 2011. That would require rolling blackouts. The owners complain the company spends nothing on conservation and should start looking at that, first.

## 7/25 DC Crime Spike

DC residents say they've had enough. Last month, 23 people in DC were murdered, a 20% hike from June of last year. Just last week, there were a dozen shootings in just one night. Now, the community group Peacaholics are doing what they can to help. They're trying to change the code on the street, to make drive-bys shameful and encourage people to give up suspects to police. The Mayor also says he's extending the summer jobs program to give kids something to do and keep them off the streets.

## 7/24 Pets with Disabilities

A couple in Calvert County is caring for an extraordinary group of animals. Now there's a new book documenting their incredible stories. Their journey started when their dog was hit by a car at six months old. The vet suggested putting him to sleep but they couldn't do it. Instead they got him a set of wheels and now they run a rescue group called "Pets with Disabilities." Some pets were injured in accidents, others were born with problems. They adopt the pets out to people who will devote the time to caring for the animals.

### 7/23 Front Royal Driver Fees

Front Royal's town council will meet tonight and on the agenda, they're considering a move to protect drivers from huge driving fines. Virginia imposed the fees on July 1st. If you're caught driving 20 miles above the posted speed limit, you'll pay a thousand dollars. For a DUI, the cost is \$3000. A local attorney & town councilman is sponsoring a resolution to prevent people from paying. The way it works is if you're pulled over by a Front Royal officer, you'd still be prosecuted in the county's court. If you're found guilty, you wouldn't automatically have to face the serious civil penalty. It would be up to a judge to decide. Virginia's Attorney General says it's not a legal move.

### 7/20 K st No gas folo

We've reported this week on horrid conditions at the Temple Courts Apartments. Today, District officials moved in for an all-out effort to help residents at a complex that even the Mayor calls uninhabitable. A gas line left many of them without heat or water for days. That's not all. Broken elevators forced a double amputee to make her way, practically crawling up the stairs. Now, police officers, and city agencies with health and family resource officers came in to help them. The city is trying to move all the residents out, renovate the building and move them back in. Not all the neighbors trust that that will actually happen.

### 7/20 Potter Diagon Alley

After years of speculation and questions, finally the mystery will be solved. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" comes out in just a few hours. Fans can't wait; many bookstores here and across the country are having big parties ahead of the midnight release. Shops in Silver Spring turned into "Diagon Alley for the occasion" with stores all along the row getting into the spirit.

# 7/19 Loudoun Immigration

Illegal immigrants in Loudoun County don't have to worry about an immediate crackdown by local government. Tuesday night, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution instructing county government staff to advise on ways to identify illegal immigrants and what services illegals should be denied. Today, the chairman called a news conference to emphasize that no decisions have been made on the steps they're going to take. Some estimates put the number of illegal immigrants in Loudoun County at about 15,000. An advocate for the county's Hispanic community expressed relief at the announcement. However, local advocates of a crackdown on illegal immigrants say they hope the board will follow through on the tough language in the resolution, saying the problems are real.

### 7/19 Jacko in Town

The King of Pop is playing tourist this week in DC. Michael Jackson's been spotted at several museums around town. He's visited the Air and Space Museum and the National Zoo. His appearance isn't a surprise. He was house hunting on the Eastern Shore just a few weeks ago.

## 7/19 Local steam pipes

There are miles of underground tunnels in DC that carry a network of steam pipes just like the one that exploded yesterday in New York City. One person died and moret han 30 others were hurt in that explosion. Just a few years ago, we had a similar problem. Two people did when steam exploded in front of the New Executive Office Building. The Federal General Services Administration keeps track of the safety of DC pipes. It says the chances are unlikely that we'll have another problem. They use electric powered pump through the system to keep the steam lines free of water, which can trigger the explosions. The agency also does regular inspection and maintenance.

#### 7/18 K St. No Gas

Residents at the troubled Temple Courts Housing Complext in Northwest say they don't have gas for cooking, no hot water, no air conditioning and now they're beign asked to make appointments at the rental office to take showers. The district is buying the property to recondition it but residents say the management and DC are dragging their feet. Former mayor Tony Williams planned to rebuild without the residents having to move. Now Adrian Fenty wants to relocate them and bring them back after the area is developed. The residents are nervous he won't keep that promise. Fenty says the city is also working on restoring the gas & water service.

# 7/18 Potter Book Out

Harry Potter fans have 2 more days to wait for book 7, but a Davidsonville man is already reading the highly anticipated novel. He ordered it online and it was shipped to him early by mistake! The publisher has spent millions of dollars to keep the ending secret.

### 7/17 Best Places to Live

Money Magazine is out with its annual list of Best Places to Live and Olney, Maryland is at the top for our area. This year, the magazine focused on smaller cities with a good quality of living. Money Magazine listed it at 17, claiming it maintains some of its "old time charm."

## 7/17 Loudoun Illegals

Loudoun County lawmakers passed resolution today that would restrict county services for illegal immigrants. The resolution is sponsored by the six Republicans on Loudoun's nine-member Board of Supervisors. It is similar to one that was passed in Prince William County a week ago. The supervisors say they are ordering county agencies to comply with federal law and make sure people getting public benefits live in the country legally. If they can't prove it, they'll be denied those benefits.

## 7/2 Heightened 4th Security

Security will be extremely tight for the festivities on the 4th of July. Tents are already up for security checkpoints. Metro is also pumping up security and so are the airports many tourists will fly into. More officers, K9 patrols, and random vehicle searches are now part of the plan. Park Police say they'll be using the same security measures as last year.

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## 8/29 DC Fire Hydrants

The DC Fire Department is on the verge of completing a citywide test of all the District's fire hydrants. The mayor ordered those tests back in April when firefighters discovered the hydrants closest to a fire in Georgetown were not working. A subsequent inspection found that more than a thousand hydrants were out of service. The Lieutenant in charge of the task force says part of the problem ist hat agencies responsible for keeping them in shape failed to provide regular maintenance.

#### 8/29 Richest State

According to the US Census Bureau, Maryland is the richest state in the country. With a median income of more than \$94,000, Howard County is the richest county in the state and the third richest in the entire country. Economic development officials say it's easy to explain the attraction to the county. It's a convenient commute to DC and Baltimore which offer high paying jobs.

#### 8/17 Market Watch

After a rough week on Wall Street, stocks rebounded today, finishing up 230 points. To help investors, the National Association of Personal Financial Advisors offered free advice all day today by phone. Kiplinger's Financial magazine also gave free tips. They're stressing that the voilatility in this market should not deter anyone from saving money.

## 8/17 High School Musical Mania

This is a huge night for young people here and all over the country. Tweens can't wait for the sequel to Disney's blockbuster "High School Musical." Tonight, a sequel airs on the Disney channel. Kids are hosting parties for everyone to get together and watch. Drama students and teachers are particularly excited about the attention it's focusing on drama and getting more kids involved.

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# 8/13 Jet Debris

A piece of an airplane headed to Dulles broke off in flight and landed at a park in Boyds, Maryland. The family that discovered it called 911 to report the large chunk of metal. The FAA says the piece fell from United Express flight 7350 as it prepared to land Sunday night. The piece was the left landing gear door. United says no one on the plane was ever in danger. Aviation experts say it's a rare event. The FAA has the plane piece and is looking into maintenance records to figure out why it fell off.

# 8/9 Beckham fans

The day is finally here for DC soccer fans. David Beckham is in town with the LA Galaxy for tonight's game. There's still no word whether he will play tonight since he's missed a couple of weeks with an ankle injury. RFK is sold out for the game. DC United supporters are excited for the attention and want fans to come out and celebrate, as long as the United wins.

### 8/7 Busy A/C Repair

The men and women who keep our air conditioners fixed and running are really on the run today. Anyone whose air isn't working correctly want it fixed as quickly as possible. The repair guy we spoke to says it's important to make sure your filters are always clean. If they're not, your unit will have to work too hard to heat the space.

## 8/7 Bay Rescue

Four Maryland men spent a choppy several hours in the Chesapeake bay before the Coast Guard and local emergency workers rescued them. The four had boated out from Deal headed for Annapolis when their boat sank. The owner managed to call 911 and clung to a pole sticking out of the water. The three other men

drifted north, two of them holding on to life jackets. After three hours, they were all rescued.

# 8/1 Route 214 Bridge Closing

Just to make bad traffic in our area worse, a major thoroughfare between Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties is closing. 72 years ago, when the Patuxent River Bridge was built, Route 214 was a rural road. Now it carries 11,000 vehicles a day. Starting Monday, August 6, the bridge will close for five months for structural repairs. Business owners along the road are worried that will cripple their businesses since drivers will have to take an extra 15 mile detour around the area.

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# 9/24 Wegmans in Prince George's County

Wegman's is working to open another grocery store in the DC area, this one in Prince George's County. Today, the County Council gave the upscale chain the greenlight despite one man's attempts to block the project. He says traffic will be too bad at the new shopping area, which could also include a Costco. But some are questioning his complaints because he's a member of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union but Wegman's is non-union. The store could be up and running by 2009.

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# 9/21 National Harbor

A multi-million dollar development deal is getting hung up over alcohol. National Harbor on the waterfront in Prince George's County is expected to open in April but the hotel that anchors the deal has failed to secure a liquor license. The General Assembly shot down a bill that would have created a special license for the property. Insiders tell Fox 5 the liquor license issue is the result of political infighting. County Executive Jack Johnson and his staff call the situation "embarassing." Everyone we spoke to believes the situation will be worked out in time for the opening next spring.

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# 9/20 Crosswalk Times

Crosswalk lights are supposed to give people enough time to walk from one curb to the other but that's not always the case, according to a new national study. The federal guidelines for traffic safety used in most communities estimate that peole will cross the street at a speed of about four feet per second. But the study from AAA Safety Foundation found that people over 65 take longer to cross. Parts of the study were conducted at intersections in Montgomery County. The study concludes that about 15% of older pedestrians routinely fail to cross intersections in the allotted time. Multiple sources told us that federal researchers have come to the same conclusion. Within months, the Federal Highway Administration is expected to change its guidelines lengthening cross walk times. DC is already beginning to make the change.

On the grounds of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, a piece of history is coming to live. A new exhibit depicts the life of the majority of slaves. The exhibit shows the tiny rooms that the families lived in, barely surviving on little more than rations. Descendants of Washington's slaves attended the opening of the exhibit. One says he's comforted knowing their lives will be honored with a slave cabin, showing the injustices that they lived through.

# 9/19 Bowie Student Found

The woman who spotted a missing Bowie State student on the side of the road was honored today by the county. 18 year old Julian McCormick spent seven days in a wrecked car until climbing up an embankment. That's where Leigh Ann Hess saw him lying beside the road injured. She says she's honored to be a part of his survival story. McCormick is still recovering in the hospital. His parents say they'd love to meet Hess to thank her.

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College co-eds are on alert in College Park after a rapist attacked four young women in their beds. It happened just outside the gates of the University of Maryland in off campus apartments. Police had a security meeting today to notify students about the case. Investigators say the man went through an unlocked door and windows to get into the apartments.

### 9/12 W Street Homicide

Despite the best efforts of his mother and his family, an 18 year old College Park man was found dead in Northwest. Rashawn Winslow's mother had moved him from the neighborhood a couple of years ago when she noticed he wasn't moving with a bad crowd. His cousin is a leader of Peaceaholics who also tried to do what he could to keep Winslow out of trouble. Ron Moten says despite every possible attempt to save him, Winslow just couldn't tear himself away from the streets.

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### 7/25 TSA Alert

The Transportation Security Administration is telling air travelers not to panic, even though a TSA bulletin was leaked that says terrorists may be practicing to get explosive parts on board airplanes. Suspicious items were seized at airports in Baltimore, Milwaukee, Houston, and San Diego recently. At BWI, security officials found what looked like a block of cheese in a plastic bag and a cellphone charger taped together. It may have been an effort to see whether parts that look like a bomb could get through.

## 7/23 Front Royal Driver Fees

Front Royal's town council will meet tonight and on the agenda, they're considering a move to protect drivers from huge driving fines. Virginia imposed the fees on July 1st. If you're caught driving 20 miles above the posted speed limit, you'll pay a thousand dollars. For a DUI, the cost is \$3000. A local attorney & town councilman is sponsoring a resolution to prevent people from paying. The way it works is if you're pulled over by a Front Royal officer, you'd still be prosecuted in the county's court. If you're found guilty, you wouldn't automatically have to face the serious civil penalty. It would be up to a judge to decide. Virginia's Attorney General says it's not a legal move.

# 7/18 Springfield Interchange

After 8 years of detours and traffic delays, the \$676 million dollar Springfield Interchange project is finally finished. Virginia officials held a dedication ceremony for the roadwork today. The project to separate three roadways and reduce gridlock turned into Virginia's most ambitious project ever. It started in 1994 but by 2002, that budget had tripled. A federal audit blamed VDOT for underestimating costs and mismanaging funds. The project includes 50 ramps and separate lanes for local and long distance traffic. It can handle about 550,000 cars a day.

#### 7/17 Metro Crimes

Metro says it's seen a huge increase in thefts so far this year. Thieves are taking whatever they can. So far this year, the number of bike thefts has almost doubled at Metro stops compared to last year. It's such a big problem that Metro is even handing out free locks to help stop the stealing. Last year there were 199 thefts at metro stops, this year the number is already at 313. Ipods, laptops, brief cases and sports equipment have also disappeared. One commuter had his car window broken and a cup full of change stolen out of his car two months ago. Metro says there's more theft because more people are using Metro. Ridership is up about 2 million rides from last year.

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### 8/24 Concrete Falls on Bridge

Chunks of concrete crashed down onto the B-W parkway shuttling the lanes in both directions for hours. The pieces of concrete dropped from the underside of the bridge that carries traffic on Maryland Route 193, or Greenbelt Road, over

the parkway. The debris fell onto the parkway's northbound lanes. The Federal Highway Administration inspected the bridge this afternoon and declared it safe.

## 8/24 Mogo Traffic Deadbeats

Montgomery County's police department is now publishing the names of wanted drivers on the internet. They've got almost 9000 names of people who didn't appear in court on traffic charges. Privacy experts are concerned about the fact that birth dates are also published. The county says that is to distinguish people who have the same names.

# 8/14 Distracted Driver Crash

A close call for a family of four today. A car hopped the curb and barely missed them. the only thing that stopped the car from hitting them was a street sign. The sign fell on top of a man and hit a stroller carrying a toddler. Police say for some reason the 62 year old driver was distracted. Witnesses say the car come dangerously close to the family walking at the Kentlands. The driver was charged with failure to maintain control.

#### 8/14 Burtonsville Accident

There is new information tonight in the accident involving five construction workers hit by a van as they sat beside the road. A second worker has now died. The driver of the ban has been ordered held without bond. The workers were hit as they rested on a guardrail near the Montgomery Howard County line. The driver originally fled the scene but turned himself in last night. He told police he ran away because he had no license and was scared.

#### 8/13 Whitehurst Freeway

The discovery of a crack in the ram to the Whitehurst Freeway has forced it to close for the next two weeks. That's going to slow the commute for drivers who use the route to get around Georgetown. The freeway carries heavy commuter traffic off K street out of Foggy Bottom and around congested Georgetown. Transportation officials decided to fix the problem now while many people are on vacation and schools are still out.

#### 8/13 Jet Debris

A piece of an airplane headed to Dulles broke off in flight and landed at a park in Boyds, Maryland. The family that discovered it called 911 to report the large chunk of metal. The FAA says the piece fell from United Express flight 7350 as it prepared to land Sunday night. The piece was the left landing gear door. United says no one on the plane was ever in danger. Aviation experts say it's a rare event. The FAA has the plane piece and is looking into maintenance records to figure out why it fell off.

## 8/9 GA Avenue Light

# 8/6 Stop Red Light Running

A national organization is behind a new push to stop red light runners. The National Campaign to Stop Red Light Runners is calling for more cameras at intersections around the country to catch the lawbreakers.

### 8/6 Rte 50 pedestrian bridge

Busy Route 50 in Seven Corners is one of the most dangerous areas in Fairfax County. In 2006, 3 people died while crossing it. Now construction is set to begin on a footbridge to make crossing safer for pedestrians. Some pedestrians think the 7 million dollar investment to build it would be better served replanning all of Seven Corners into a pedestrian friendly environment.

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Just to make bad traffic in our area worse, a major thoroughfare between Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties is closing. 72 years ago, when the Patuxent River Bridge was built, Route 214 was a rural road. Now it carries 11,000 vehicles a day. Starting Monday, August 6, the bridge will close for five months for structural repairs. Business owners along the road are worried that will cripple their businesses since drivers will have to take an extra 15 mile detour around the area.

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### 9/24 Union Station Outage

MTA says Penn, Camden and the Brunswick Lines were affected by the electrical outage at Union station. The trains shut down during the middle of rush hour for about an hour until power was restored.

#### 9/20 Crosswalk Times

Crosswalk lights are supposed to give people enough time to walk from one curb to the other but that's not always the case, according to a new national study. The federal guidelines for traffic safety used in most communities estimate that peole will cross the street at a speed of about four feet per second. But the study from AAA Safety Foundation found that people over 65 take longer to cross. Parts of the study were conducted at intersections in Montgomery County. The study concludes that about 15% of older pedestrians routinely fail to cross intersections in the allotted time. Multiple sources told us that federal researchers have come to the same conclusion. Within months, the Federal Highway Administration is expected to change its guidelines lengthening cross walk times. DC is already beginning to make the change.

## 9/17 Dulles Air tower

Major changes at Dulles International Airport may make the skies friendlier for passengers. A new air traffic control tower is expected to help reduce delays and move more planes through the airport. the state of the art facility is the first part in a multi-billion dollars improvement project. The tower is twice as high as the old one and more than twice the size, giving controllers more room to work. Dulles gave tours of the facility today which opened in July.

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#### 9/14 New Screening machine

There are new screening machines at Reagan National Airport but you probably haven't noticed them. They look like the old xray machines that are used to screen carry on bags but these new machines give a more precise look at what's inside the bags. One TSA worker says there's no question in his mind that the new machines are definitely speeding up the process of checking bags.

## 9/10 Navy Vet Driver Fees

The Commonwealth Attorney General reduced the ticket for a Navy Vet fighting abusive driver fees in Virginia. That means he no longer has to pay a \$1000 fine for speeding but that doesn't change the law for everyone. The man's attorney says he doesn't believe state and local officials want to see a battle over the legality of the new law. The AG's office says changing the case had nothing to do with avoiding a showdown.

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## 7/26 The Drought

Local produce is getting harder to find as the drought continues in across Maryland. Governor Martin O'Malley is seeking federal disaster aid to bail out farmers who are in danger of losing everything. Disaster aid would help make low interest loans available so they don't lose their farms. The Governor is confident that the Federal government will agree to the disaster declaration.

#### 7/26 WSSC Grease Patrol

Restaurant grease is causing problems in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. It's clogging up the sewer system after going down the drain. Now inspectors with WSSC are going on grease patrol to make sure all restaurants properly trap and dispose of their grease. The Environmental Protection Agency says grease that's clogging pipes causes almost half of all sewer overflows and basement back ups.

#### 7/26 VA Power Lines

A fierce fight is brewing in Fauquier County over power transmission lines. Residents of rural communities are battling Dominion Virginia power over their plans to stretch the lines. Neighbors complain they will spoil the beauty of their rolling hills. They're also worried about the effects of 500-thousand volt lines on their health and the environment. VA Dominion insists there a need for more power lines and if they don't get them built, there won't be enough lines to meet the need by 2011. That would require rolling blackouts. The owners complain the company spends nothing on conservation and should start looking at that, first.

# 7/24 Drought Woes

More than half of Virginia is in a drought and some of the people feeling the consequences are farmers. Their crops are drying up and if they don't get water soon, the situationcould be critical. Less produce will drive up prices for everyone at the market. Several counties have already asked the federal government for disaster relief.

# 7/23 Potomac Polluters

Four million people get their drinking water from the Potomac River but a report by a local environmental group says it's being treated like a sewer. The Potomac Riverkeeper group is targeting dozens of industrial plants and companies in the Mid- Atlantic and threatening to take some offenders to court. The group says much of the pollution makes its way downstream and causes algae to form. The group's report also says the water near the US Capitol can be polluted with raw sewage, fecal matter and cancer causing PCBs.

# 7/19 DC Water Toxic Chemical

A new claim tonight that the water coming out of your tap is toxic, especially to pregnant women. But, the Washington Aquaduct which provides water to Arlington, Falls Church and the District says there's nothing to worry about. An environmental group tested tap water across the city says there's a high level of chlorine. The Aquaduct says the test was just after the water system's annual chlorine flushing. The Aquaduct and WASA says their monthly testing is more accurate and is in accordance with federal guidelines. The Water Authority says it issues a warning to people on dialysis and those with aquariums because of the temporarily high levels or chlorine. They insist there's no need for more warnings.

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## 8/31 Eco Bags

A new designer shopping bag hit the market and it's already got shoppers lined up to get one. The "I'm not a plastic bag" canvas bag went on sale in New York for only \$15. People lined up around the block to get one but not everybody wanted one for shopping. Some are hitting ebay for more than \$200. The design company says it just wanted to help inspire people to stop using the plastic.

## 8/24 Green Electronics

Too many comptures and other electronics are ending up in landfills and that's a problem for the environment. Some components include contaminants like mercury or lead that can leak out into the soil. A company in Wisconsin is taking old computers, televisions, and electronics and refurbishing them or stripping them for parts to keep them out of landfills. They're then resold for a new life.

#### 8/20 Solar baseball

# 8/16 GM's Eflex

General Motors is showing off it's new electric car, the Volt. GM says the car has a stylish body and interior, will reach speeds up to 120 mph and can run for 40 miles without a drop of gas. You have to plug the car into the garage at night. This is one of several cars set to hit the market in the next few years. The Volt is due out in 2010 and GM says it'll cost \$30,000.

## 8/7 Bulb Idsposal.

Compact florescent light bulbs are great ways to save energy and money but if you're not careful with them, you can hurt the planet and maybe even yourself. The new bulbs can last up to ten times longer than regular but there is mercury inside. That is extremely toxic. When you get rid of those bulbs, you should take them to your local hazardous waste disposal center instead of tossing them in the trash.

# 8/7 Drought Relief Request

Drought conditions have Loudoun County asking for help. The county is so dry they need money to keep businesses afloat. Farmers and local lawmarker are askign the governor to declare Loudoun a drought disaster to give them a chance to apply for financial assistance.

## 8/6 Kudzu

Researchers looking for better ways to fuel cars are looking at kudzu as a possible option. They're studying whether the fast growing Southern weed could be turned into biofuel.

### 8/1 Drought Good for Wine

While the drought in our area is disastrous for some crops, wine growers expect a great harvest. Grapes benefit from dry weather with sweeter, healthier fruit. The best situation from grape growers is for dry conditions to actually last through harvest time in October. That could give them the best wine in years.

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Pet owners hoping for more environmentally friendly pet products now have more choices. From beds made from recycled products to toys made with organic fabrics and natural dyes, more products are coming onto the market. That even includes earth friendly cat littler. Most kitty litter is clay based. Nearly 2 million pounds of kitty litter end up in landfills every year. The new litters are made entirely out of biodegradable materials like corn, wheat, compressed pea pods and pine. The cost difference is usually just a few cents per pound.

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## 9/19 River Mystery Material

Huge clumps of some kind of dark, dense material is floating in the Choptank River in Talbot County. Residents are complaining the substance is polluting the water and worry that it could be dangerous to boaters. Some of the pieces are as large as a small car. The Maryland Department of Environment is investigating. So far, they say they haven't ruled anything out.

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### 9/13 Worm Poop

A New Jersey company is selling waste and it turns out lots of people are willing to pay for it. It started as a crazy idea in a college dorm room that blossomed into a eco-revolutionary business. Instead of going to investors, Tom Szaky and Jon beyer entered and won several business plans contests until they had enough money to get off the ground. Now the company uses about a billion worms to make waste and turn it into ready to use plant and grass fertilizer.

## 9/10 Recycled House

In many parts of the country, older homes are torn down and their materials discarded to make way for large new homes. Now in Dallas, new homes are rising from the rubble from those that came before them. A home builder says he takes everything from old homes that can be used again and gives it away to charity. The new homes are then built with the latest in 'green technology', to save energy once a family lives there. Even though the homes are bigger, the builder says many of them use far less energy than the small homes they are replacing.

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# 9/7 Clean Candles

An Alabama business owner says he's selling candles for the home that are cleaner and brighter than regular candles. He uses only food grade wax, both bees wax and soy wax, to make the candles. He also suggest using lead-free wicks to reduce the amount of soot and smoke released inside your home.

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## 7/30 DC School Transition

Students showing up for classes at some DC public schools in four weeks will see obvious changes. They aren't as drastic as Mayor Fenty first promised but a new "School Opening Task Force" is stepping up a fix-up blitz that is already underway. That doesn't mean everything will be fixed. The Fenty team is promising to inspect and fix air conditioning units but when classes begin, as many as half the classrooms won't have air. School chancellor Michelle Rhee says she has already stopped the hiring of anyone whose job doesn't directly relate to improvement of student achievement.

## 7/30 Dinsdale Dr. Double Murder

Montgomery County police say a father shot and killed his sons Monday morning in their townhouse. Thurmon Herring is charged with murder in the deaths of 18 year old Jeremy and 20 year old Justin. Police do not have a motive. Officers went

to the home after receiving a call from Herring around 9

a.m. He was found along a road in Rockville. Police say the monther was at work at the time of the murders.

# 7/30 Ocean City Infants

Investigators have found the bodies of four pre-term babies at a woman's home in Ocean City and they are still searching for more. Christy Freeman is charged with first degree murder in the death of a baby last week who appeared to have been stillborn. Police say last Thursday, Freeman went to the hospital where doctors discovered she had been pregnant. Investigators went back to her ome and found a pre-term baby wrapped in a towel. They then found the rest of the remains. Freeman is being held without bail.

## 7/26 Park Employee Sex Assault

A manager at a Fairfax County Rec Center is in jail today after being charged with having sex with a minor. Its does not appear that children at county parks were involved. Tipped off by federal investigators, police searched Raymond Alexander's home Friday and seized a computer. He's been charged with several counts of child abuse but police say the abuse did not take place at any county recreation center. He's been an employee with the center since 1996. Alexander is now on administrative leave.

# 7/25 DC Crime Spike

DC residents say they've had enough. Last month, 23 people in DC were murdered, a 20% hike from June of last year. Just last week, there were a dozen shootings in just one night. Now, the community group Peacaholics are doing what they can to help. They're trying to change the code on the street, to make drive-bys shameful and encourage people to give up suspects to police. The Mayor also says he's extending the summer jobs program to give kids something to do and keep them off the streets.

## 7/24 DC School Status

DC Public Schools will begin their academic year in fewer than five weeks. We promised we would check on the progress of Mayor Fenty's new school administration throughout the summer. Today, we found out that the school system expects all 147 school buildings to be open on the first day. 16 of the schools need new principals so the new chancellor is appointing interim principals until she can make more permanent choices. The former school superintendant had promised that all the textbooks owuld be ready for students but the new administration isn't so sure. They're currently auditing to see where they stand.

# 7/24 Rape Charges Dropped

Disturbing new details on a child rape case, dismissed over the lack of a court translator. Fox 5 news has learned the accused rapist violated the terms of his release recently and his mother may have tried to intimidate witnesses. Montgomery County's top prosecutor is following up on a promise to appeal the dismissal of the case against Mahamu Kanneh. He's accused of repeatedly raping and molesting a 7 year old.

## 7/23 Harry Potter Sales

8 million copies of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows sold this Saturday set a new US record. Kids and grownups rushed to the book stores to get their copy of the last installment of the series, now they're getting down to the business of reading nearly 800 pages. Around town today, we spotted an economist and a young girl sitting just feet away, both plowing through the book. Another girl, a 13 year old tourist says she's also reading the book on her road trip but isn't carrying it with her while she's sightseeing.

## 7/23 Charges Dismissed

A man accused of raping and repeatedly molesting a 7-year-old girl is no longer facing charges because the court took too long to find an interpreter fluent in his native West African language. Police in Montgomery County arrested Mahamu Kanneh, a Liberian immigrant living in Gaithersburg, three years ago. Prosecutors at first maintained Kanneh could understand the proceedings without translation into Vai, his native language. They pointed out that Kanneh attended high school and community college in Montgomery and spoke to detectives in English. A court-appointed psychiatrist recommended an interpreter be appointed, and judges who handled subsequent hearings heeded that advice. But officials could not find a competent interpreter of Vai who would stay. Montgomery County Circuit Judge Katherine D. Savage dismissed the case last week, saying the delays had violated Kanneh's right to a speedy trial. Advocates for rape victims are furious. A State's attorney says the state will appeal the ruling.

# 7/20 Potter Diagon Alley

After years of speculation and questions, finally the mystery will be solved. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" comes out in just a few hours. Fans can't wait; many bookstores here and across the country are having big parties ahead of the midnight release. Shops in Silver Spring turned into "Diagon Alley for the occasion" with stores all along the row getting into the spirit.

#### 7/18 Potter Book Out

Harry Potter fans have 2 more days to wait for book 7, but a Davidsonville man is already reading the highly anticipated novel. He ordered it online and it was shipped to him early by mistake! The publisher has spent millions of dollars to keep the ending secret.

## 7/18 Gotta Go Mitts

A Maryland mother has invented a new product to help parents: Gotta Go mitts. The plastic mittens are used for young children to avoid germs when they're using public bathrooms. Stephanie Dellamura was using plastic sandwich bags for her kids when she decided to create her own product. A package of 20 pairs goes for about \$5.

# 7/17 UMD Baby Lab

Researchers at the University of Maryland are working to find out what goes on inside a baby's mind. They're trying to measure learning in babies. They use velocro mitts on a four month old to see how they pick things up and move them around. Babies at that age usually can't grasp items with their hands. They also record babies looking at items and see how they follow the items. This could have real world applications where doctors are able to intervene when kids don't learn at the usual rate.

### 7/17 First Street Shooting

A 15 year old boy is fighting for his life after someone shot him several times outside an apartment building in Southwest early this morning. DC police say the man pulled out a gun and shot the teen, then barricaded himself in an apartment with several others. Investigators say they don't have a motive for the shooting. The SiFax apartment building has been a trouble spot for crime in the past.

# 7/3 Bilingual Babies

Some parents don't want to wait for the school years to expose their kids to a new language. There are now classes for babies to learn a new language. Little Linguist programs are popping up all over the country, including here in Alexandria. Language experts say that since children's brains are still forming, it's much easier for them to learn a second language. Repetition and reinforcement are keys to language success.

### 7/2 DC School Chancellor

A confirmation hearing for the new DC School Chancellor lasted all day and is now moving into the

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evening. Michelle Rhee is up for the job of the new leader of the schools under Mayor Adrian Fenty. The main question appears to be does she have the experience to take over the troubled schools. She has not been a superintendent before. A high profile list of supports, including the Chancellor of the New York City schools all vouched for her at the hearing.

# 7/2 Happy Marriage

Looking at the key to a happy marriage, DC's Pew Center has just released an interesting new study. They claim that people sharing the chores in a marriage leads to happiness more than having kids does. Faithfulness topped the list of what makes people happy, then a good sexual relationship, sharing household chores. Children listed 8th out of 9 on the list.

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## 8/29 Clinton 7/11 Homicide

A 16 year old boy who went to hang out with friends is dead after being shot in a 7-11 parking lot. He had told his mother he was going out for a walk but ended up about 15 miles from home where, just before 2 am, he was shot and killed by a gunman who took off on foot. Detectives hope a surveillance camera will give them clues to find the man.

### 8/29 Bus Stop Robbery

A frightening robbery for students waiting for the bus to Potomac high school. One of the robbers pulled a handgun on the kids and demanded their cash. One frightened girl ran to a neighbor's house for help. The other students continued on to school too afraid to even tell their bus driver what happened. Once they got to school, they called their parents and police. None of the kids was hurt but now police are trying to find the robbers.

## 8/24 Daddy Dolls

Two military wives are finding a way to ease the burden for the children of military families. They've created a business called "Daddy Dolls". They make dolls to represent the parents serving overseas so the kids can hug them whenever they want.

## 8/24 Toddler Wandering

Neighbors in Capitol Heights found a toddler swinging on the playground without an adult in sight. School officials at John Howard Elementary also saw him when students went inside after the morning bell. The school staff believed he wandered from down down the street so they brought him inside while police searched the neighborhood. 5 hours later, police say the little boy's brother showed up at the school. He had been babysitting, fell asleep, then realized the little boy was missing. Their mom was at work. Police are not going to file any charges.

## 8/17 High School Musical Mania

This is a huge night for young people here and all over the country. Tweens can't wait for the sequel to Disney's blockbuster "High School Musical." Tonight, a sequel airs on the Disney channel. Kids are hosting parties for everyone to get together and watch. Drama students and teachers are particularly excited about the attention it's focusing on drama and getting more kids involved.

## 8/17 PG Teachers Shortage

Classes start Monday but the Prince George's County School System is still 155 teachers short. That is better than last year when there were nearly 300 vacancies on the first day. There will be some substitute teachers filling in. The trouble is finding full time teachers to fill the spots with a starting salary of \$43,000 a year.

## 8/16 Toy Recall Xmas Testing

It's only August but that massive toy recall could ruin Christmas for retailers. 9 million toys made in China are off the shelves and the recall couldn't come at a worse time for toy stores whoich are starting to stock up for the holidays. There are concerns that another large recall could keep retailers from having large supplies of toys on the shelves. The holiday season is where most stores make the bulk of their sales for the year.

# 8/15 Teacher in Space

This is Day 8 for the Space Shuttle Endeavour and two astronauts took the time to give a few science lessons to students here on Earth. Students from Challenger Centers all over the country were chosen to be part of the lesson after winning a poster contest. One of those centers is in Alexandria. Some students even got to ask the astronauts questions. Barbara Morgan is a former teacher who is part of the Shuttle Endeavour crew.

The cost of child care can be as much as a mortgage and that's more than many people can afford these days. A new survey shows one in four women are delaying or deciding not to have children because daycare costs too much. A DC anti-crime group says there's another cost. If parents can't get affordable child care, the kids may hang out on the streets and start on a life of crime.

### 8/14 Another Mattel Recall

Mattel is recalling millions of potentially hazardous toys and warns more products could be swept up in the recall. Nine million toys made in China are being recalled because of lead pain and tiny magnets that could be swallowed by children. This is the second massive toy recall due to lead paint from China. A Mattel executive says the company is stepping up its product safety testing and the more stringent standards could mean more toy recalls.

### 8/14 State Park Rape

A District Heights man charged with raping two teenage girls while they were swimming at Sandy Point State Park. The 18-year-old woman and the 13-year-old girl reported the rapes Sunday evening to Maryland Natural Resources Police. Officers arrested and charged 33-year-old Juan Payz Reyes with two counts of first-degree rape. He is being held without bond at the Anne Arundel Detention Center. The victims were part of a group outing from Sheppard Pratt Mental Hospital and told a counselor what happened. The group's bus driver saw the suspect and pinned in his car so he couldn't drive away.

# 8/13 Sex Assault 9 year old

A man who was accidentally released from police custody after being charged with sexually assaulting a 9-year-old girl has turned himself in. John Henri Palmont turned himself in to the Prince George's County Jail at about 2 p.m. The Corrections Director calls what happened an escape but Palmont's defense attorneys say correctional officers came into his room, released his handcuffs and said he was free to go. Palmont is accused of sexually assaulting a 9 year old girl at gunpoint in the Capital Heights apartment complex where they both live then hurt himself trying to escape arrest.

The Correctionsal Officers Union says there were three inmates at Prince George's Hospital that night and Palmont received release papers meant for someone else.

## 8/13 Guns on Campus

A George Mason senior is leading the charge to allow guns on campus. Andrew Dysart is worried about the same thing happening at Mason that happened at Virginia Tech. He's organized a group "Students for Concealed Carry on Campus." It's not a recognized organization at Mason because the school says he hasn't filed the proper paperwork. Some students worry that guns on campus on could increase the chance of violence instead of keeping them safe. Mason officials say they have taken steps to make the campus safer after the Virginia Tech killings.

## 8/1 DC Ski Extreme Makeover

A couple of DC schools, playgrounds and Veteran's Centers got an extreme makeover today, thanks to hundreds of private sector employees who rolled up their sleeves and went to work as volunteers. Most of those volunteers are from the software company SAP, which finished an annual sales meeting in DC. Employees have the option of staying an extra 24 hours and putting in a service day.

# 8/1 Man Approaches Child

Police are warning parents in Northern Virginia that an accused child predator has has contact with hundreds of kids. Jamal Wheeler worked inside an Arlington school last year as a lunchroom monitor. Now he's accused of luring a 13 year old boy to a quiet area off Lee Highway. The boy ran away and called his mom on a cellphone. The Arlington Traditional School says he was subject to a background check before being hired and his record was clean.

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### 9/25 Pee Wee Walker

A 5 year old Silver Spring boy is at the top of his favorite game. Chris Jones was recently named the number one youth duckpin bowler in the entire country. His mom says he first picked up a ball at a year old. He now averages about 89 a game with a high score of 121. Duckpins are half the size of regular bowling pins and the ball only weighs about 3 pounds.

## 9/25 Walker Jones

DC officials have identified the mysterious substance that forced the evacuation of an elementary school this mornig. Several students at Walker Jones were taken to Children's Hospital for observation. The rest were bused to different locations until the end of the day. It turns out pepper spray is behind the incident. The Mayor says evacuating the entire school was the right response. The Mayor's office says he's put out the world that anything involving the health and safety of children is a top priority.

### 9/24 Frederick townhouse deaths

It's been six months since four children were found murdered and their father was found hanged in a Frederick townhouse. The mother, Deysi Benitez is still missing and her trail has grown cold. The townhouse is being repossessed, and no one has claimed their three cars or furnishings. Frederick police think Benitez is probably alive. They say there is nothing indicating she's not. The theory is based largely on a rumor -- a thirdor fourth-hand report that Benitez left town with a friend the week before the bodies were found in March. Unconfirmed reported sightings led investigators to believe Benitez may have returned to Central America, but local authorities haven't found her, and aren't looking.

### 9/21 Peanut Free nats

The Washington Nationals are winding up their final games at RFK this weekend before the new stadium opens next year. One group of fans usually unable to enjoy baseball games in person got to do that last Sunday. The Nats opened up a Peanut-Free Zone for a group of 50 fans. Many are allergic to peanuts and have severe reactions to even breathing peanut smells. The Nationals accommodated the families in an auxiliary press box and cleaned the space the night before and the morning of the game. The team allowed them to bring their own food to make sure it was a totally peanut free day.

## 9/21 DC Cop shoots teen

There is new information in the shooting death of Deonte Rawlings. The 14 year old was killed Monday night by an off-duty DC police office in what police say was an exchange of gunfire. The FBI is now taking the lead in the investigation, a somewhat unusual move made at the request of the US Attorney's office. Mayor Adrian Fenty, the US Attorney and an FBI representative gathered near the crime scene to make the announcement, reinforcing to the public that everything was being done to conduct a fair and impartial investigation.

## 9/20 DC Cop Shoots Teen

Police found a missing piece of evidence in the shooting of a DC teenager. Three days after an off duty officer shot and killed 14 year old Deonte Rawlings, police have recovered the mini-bike police say he was riding when he shot at the officer. The gun he allegedly used is still missing. We also learned today that the Shot Spotter System might have recorded the shooting. That's a system of microphones set up around Southeast to listen for the sounds of gunfire. That piece of evidence could be extremely valuable in the investigation. The gun is a 45 caliber handgun which has a much different sound than the 9 milliment the officer used. If it's on tape, it could show whether the teen did shoot first.

# 9/19 Camp Lyfe

For the first time, a camp in Arizona is helping kids fight the obesity epidemic. At Camp Lyfe, kids learned how to eat better, how much to eat and got moving! The camp took them out of their normal routines to teach them about healthier living. Camp Lyfe's director says they had an amazing response but could only take 25 kids. They're planning to have another camp next summer.

# 9/19 DC Police Shoot Teen

New developments in case of a 14 year old shot by an off duty officer. The United States attorney's office will investigate this week's fatal shooting of Deonte Rawlings. Police say 14-year-old Deonte Rawlins shot at the officer first after the officer saw Rawlins on a stolen mini bike. But police have found neither the gun the teen allegedly used, nor the mini bike.

## 9/19 Bowie Student Found

The woman who spotted a missing Bowie State student on the side of the road was honored today by the county. 18 year old Julian McCormick spent seven days in a wrecked car until climbing up an embankment. That's where Leigh Ann Hess saw him lying beside the road injured. She says she's honored to be a part of his survival story. McCormick is still recovering in the hospital. His parents say they'd love to meet Hess to thank her.

### 9/18 DC Police shoot teen

D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier is promising a full investigation into the officer-involved fatal shooting of a 14-year-old last night in Southeast Washington. Police say Deonte Rawlins was shot last night when two-off duty officers went to investigate a report that a mini bike was taken from the garage of one of the officers' home during a burglary. Police say the officers saw Rawlins on the stolen mini bike and when they confronted him, police say Rawlins fired at the officers and ran down the street. One of the officers returned fire, shooting Rawlins in the head. The teen died at Children's Hospital. Police say the second officer did not fire. Both officers have been placed on leave with pay pending a police investigation.

## 9/14 Toy Recall Letter

The nation's largest toy retailer is taking matters into its own hands when it comes to toy recalls. This week, Toys-R-Us sent a letter to millions of customers to reassure them about toy safety. The letter went outto customers on their email list and was posted on the store's website. The CEO of the company outlined new measures to remove recalled toys and notify its customers. They will send out recall notices to online customers and are looking at more ways to alert store customers. In recent months, millions of toys have been pulled because of lead paint and magnets that pose a choking hazard.

# 9/14 UMD Attacks

College co-eds are on alert in College Park after a rapist attacked four young women in their beds. It happened just outside the gates of the University of Maryland in off campus apartments. Police had a security meeting today to notify students about the case. Investigators say the man went through an unlocked door and windows to get into the apartments.

## 9/12 Toy Safety

Lawmakers, the CPSC and toy companies are all making changes because of the tainted toys from China. At a Senate hearing today, the CPSC told the panel it needs to be more proactive in finding out what's being used to make toys. The CEO of Mattel admitted his company made a mistake by not monitoring the subcontractors in China. At toy stores today, shoppers said they are changing their habits by looking at where toys are made but are still buying toys made in China.

# 9/12 270 baby born

A pregnant woman, headed to the hospital and stuck in traffic on 270, gave birth to her baby on the highway this morning. A nurse driving by happened to see the woman's husband trying to help her in the car and pulled over to help. Nurse Tammi Fischer helped deliver the baby just as paramedics arrived. The baby and mother are fine. Fischer is just getting back into her nursing career after taking ten years off to raise her own children. She says this has made her consider a career as a paramedic.

# 9/12 W Street Homicide

Despite the best efforts of his mother and his family, an 18 year old College Park man was found dead in Northwest. Rashawn Winslow's mother had moved him from the neighborhood a couple of years ago when she noticed he wasn't moving with a bad crowd. His cousin is a leader of Peaceaholics who also tried to do what he could to keep Winslow out of trouble. Ron Moten says despite every possible attempt to save him, Winslow just couldn't tear himself away from the streets.

## 9/10 Baby Found in Trash Cam

Sanitation workers in Great Falls made a horrific discovery. Fairfax County police say an infant's body was found in the container portion of a garbage truck. Police were called at about 9 a.m. Saturday. Investigators believe the body came from Sterling. So far, they have no leads on where the baby's mother is.

## 9/10 Bowie Student Found

A local college student who was missing for a week was found Saturday. Julian McCormick was apparently trapped in his upside-down Honda Civic at the bottom of a ravine. The 18-year-old somehow survived by catching minnows with his shoes and drinking creek water. His legs are badly hurt but he still managed to climb up to Powder Mill Road in Beltsville. He's dehydrated and banged up, but officials say he'll be OK. Leigh Ann Hess of Bowie was riding in a car at about 5 p.m. when she spotted McCormick lying by the road, bleeding from his head. McCormick was able to tell her his name and that he had been in an accident, but he didn't know how long he'd been there.

## 9/4 Missing Bowie Student

A local college freshman is missing and police have few clues to find him. 18 year old Julian McCormick was last seen at band practice at Bowie State University on Saturday. He left to go visit a girlfriend and hasn't been seen since. Friends and family are hoping someone with information will help bring him home.

## 9/4 Trampoline Dangers

More parents are buying trampolines for their families to enjoy but that's causing a jump in injuries. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the most common trampoline injuries are broken arms and legs but in some cases, there have been spinal cord injuries and even death. In 2006, more than 200,000 people were treated for trampoline related injuries. Some insurance companies will now cancel a policy if a home has a trampoline.

# 9/4 Toy Recall

The third major recall by Mattel Inc. of lead-tainted Chinese toys has left the world's largest toymaker fighting to maintain its reputation as company shares fell sharply Wednesday. Mattel announced late Tuesday it was recalling 800,000 toys, including 675,000 accessories for one of the company's biggest sellers, the Barbie doll. Also part of the recall, the third in just over a month, were 90,000 units of Mattel's GeoTrax locomotive line and about 8,900 Big Big World 6-in-1 Bongo Band toys, both from the company's Fisher-Price brand.

# 9/4 Missing Girl

Anne Arundel County police are talking to a person of interest in the case of a girl missing since 1976.

Lt. David Waltemeyer said police began investigating in May when family filed a missing persons report on Karen Kamsch, who was living with her grandparents in 1976 when she disappeared. Police said they have learned Kamsch was abused and have labeled her a missing person who could be a homicide victim.

Waltemeyer said it's odd that some family members aren't cooperative and he said they believe someone close to her was involved in her disappearance. Police say the family didn't file a missing person report until this year because they thought one had been filed decades ago, but authorities didn't have any record of a report.