

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Origination: Local**

Issues addressed:

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

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

**Origination: Network**

Issues Addressed:

1. Economy
2. Future of the Republican Party
3. National Security
4. Swine Flu
5. Iraq/Afghanistan
6. Healthcare Reform

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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.

**Additional Programming**

WTTG aired a 30-minute program on the DTV transition on June 6, 2009 at 3:00pm and June 10, 2009 at 2:30pm. This program provided viewers with important information on the DTV transition, such as antenna requirements for digital tv, how to rescan for programming, how to get a coupon for a converter box, how to set up a converter box, and a phone number to call for additional questions.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT**

### **APRIL**

- 4 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Guest Reader with Tony Perkins at Hexagon’s final performance
- 21 Gwen Tolbart, Weather Anchor – Moderator and panelist for the Women and Film Video of Washington seminar “Role Models in Media”.
- 22 Will Thomas, Anchor/Reporter – Master of Ceremonies for the Link Up and Listen Gala 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration to support CrisisLink’s suicide hotline.
- 26 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Guest Speaker for the local chapter of Jack and Jill of Montgomery County Maryland “Mother/Daughter Tea.”
- 27 Nancy Krantz, Community Affairs Coordinator – attended the Maryland Mentoring Partnership’s MentorZing Gala and Silent Auction.

### **MAY**

- 1 Will Thomas, Anchor/Reporter – Gave welcoming remarks at the DC Child and Family Services Agency Third Annual Foster Youth Fashion Show.
- 2 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Read as part of the DC Public Library’s program “The Big Read Marathon” at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library.
- 7 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Emceed Emmy Nomination part for the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of NATAS
- 9 Laura Evans, Anchor – Model in a fashion show to benefit the Make A Wish Foundation’s “Mommy and Me Mother’s Day Fashion Show and Tea.”
- 12 Shawn Yancy, Anchor – Spoke to a group at the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of Mystery Writers of America about her experiences as a news anchor.
- 13 Laura Evans, Anchor – Participated on the host committee for the First Annual News Ladies “Bash for Cancer” to support the fight against Breast Cancer – the Race for the Cure, Susan G. Komen Foundation.

- 13 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Attended the Newsbabes bash for Breast Cancer fundraiser.
- 14 Laura Evans, Anchor – Moderated an event with Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, as she discussed her book “Know Your Power: A Message to America’s Daughters” at the Holton Arms School for girls in Bethesda, MD.
- 19 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Back up host to alex Trebek for the National Geographic Bee
- 27 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Attended a luncheon to plan and work on the Rammy, Washington Area Restaurant Awards.

## JUNE

- 3 Sherri Ly, Reporter – spoke at a vigil for the Asian American Journalists, Laura Ling & Euna Lee, who are detained in North Korea and are going to stand trial.
- 3 Laura Evans and Shawn Yancy, Anchors – Joined a handful of local and national news anchors and members of Congress to sing karaoke to raise money for Childhelp, which helps abused, neglected and at-risk children.
- 6 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Emcee for the Bark Ball for the Washington Humane Society.
- 7 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Emceed the RAMMY awards and dinner.
- 7 Will Thomas, Anchor/Reporter – Appeared at the Kids Enjoy Exercise Now Greater DC event (KEEN).
- 10 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Awards presenter for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Safety Awards luncheon to honor police, sheriffs, fire fighters and correction officers..
- 12 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Honorary Committee Member for the National Center for Children and Families 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Art and Soul Benefit Auction.
- 16 Chavez, Reporter - Master of Ceremonies for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Metro TeenAids Auction to raise money and awareness about DC’s HIV/AIDS epidemic.
- 26 Tucker Barnes, Weather Anchor – Conducted a tour of the studio and weather center for high school students.

**PSA's Produced:**

:30 psa for Big Tigger's HIV/AIDS Celebrity Classic

:30 psa about Signal Loss for the DTV transition

:20 psa on DTV Help Clinics in the area

**FOX NEWS SUNDAY**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2009**

- 4/5/09      **TOPIC:**  
Economy, Future of the  
GOP  
**GUESTS:**  
David Axelrod, Gov.  
Mark Sanford (R-SC),  
Newt Gingrich, Debbie  
Wasserman Schultz
- 4/12/09      **TOPIC:**  
Economy  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN),  
Sen. Tom Coburn (R-  
OK), Jenna Lee, Liz  
Claman, Archbishop  
Donald Wuerl.
- 4/19/09      **TOPIC:**  
Interrogation Memos,  
National Security  
**GUESTS:**  
Gen. Michael Hayden,  
Sen. Claire McCaskill  
(D-MO), Sen. Lindsey  
Graham (R-SC), Denyce  
Graves.
- 4/26/09      **TOPIC:**  
Interrogation Memos,  
First 100 Days  
**GUESTS:**  
Lawrence Summers,  
Sen. Kit Bond (R-SC),  
Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI),  
Maj. Gen. Carla  
Hawley-Bowland.
- 5/3/09      **TOPIC:**  
Swine Flu  
**GUESTS:**  
Janet Napolitano,  
Kathleen Sebelius, Dr.  
Richard Besser,
- 5/10/09      **TOPIC:**  
Iraq/Afghanistan, GOP  
**GUESTS:**  
Gen. David Petraeus,  
Newt Gingrich
- 5/17/09      **TOPIC:**  
Notre Dame, Iraq  
**GUESTS:**  
Rev. Frank Pavone, Rev.  
Richard McBrien, Sen.

5/24/09 Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Patty Stonesifer  
**TOPIC:**  
National Security, GOP  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ),  
Sen. Ben Nelson (D-NE),  
Karl Rove, Tom Day

5/31/09  
**TOPIC:**  
SCOTUS, GOP  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Lindsey Graham  
(R-SC), Sen. Arlen  
Specter (D-PA), Mitt  
Romney

6/7/09  
**TOPIC:**  
Economy  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Richard Shelby (R-  
AL), Austan Goolsbee,  
Fred Malek, Eric  
Schmidt, Michael Copps

6/14/09  
**TOPIC:**  
Healthcare Reform,  
Economy  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Chris Dodd (D-CT),  
Sen. Charles Grassley  
(R-IA), Thomas  
Donohue, Steve  
Chaconas

6/21/09  
**TOPIC:**  
Iran, GOP, Fatherhood  
**GUESTS:**  
Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN),  
Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-  
MI), Karim Sadjadpour,  
Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI),  
Sen. John McCain (R-  
AZ)

6/28/09  
**TOPIC:**  
Healthcare, Iraq  
**GUESTS:**  
Kathleen Sebelius, Sen.  
Mitch McConnell (R-  
KY), Gen. Ray Odierno.



This **SATURDAY**, April 4, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request video, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198.

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

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62974>

**Atlanta, Georgia...**UNKNOWN MAMADOU BARRY KILLERS CAPTURE...When the ATF busted three suspects, Jeremy Dunn, Marciell Easterling and Daquan Stevens, for the brutal murder of Atlanta businessman Mamadou Barry, they had no idea that the information these men had would lead to arrests in seven unsolved murder investigations.

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

**Sky Valley, California...**EDWARD LEBLANC...Friends and family say Kristin Miner was a shy, thoughtful and caring person who often doted on her friends' children. In 2007, when Kristin had fallen on tough times, she made a new friend-- a man named Edward LeBlanc. However, when Kristin turned up dead, authorities traced the clues back to LeBlanc, who is now the prime suspect in her murder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Hot Springs, Virginia...BEACHER HACKNEY...** Authorities in Virginia are searching for Beacher Ferrel Hackney, a resort worker who they say shot and killed two people at the Homestead, a luxury golf and spa destination in the Allegheny Mountains. Hackney fled on foot, and cops say he is considered armed and dangerous.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64348>

**West Los Angeles, California...UNKNOWN CARVELL BAKER KILLER...**Cops in west Los Angeles are trying to piece together a murder mystery involving a homeless man and the man who shot him in cold blood. Luckily, authorities were able to get surveillance video of the murderer before and after the incident, and they hope that the public can help identify a killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46346>

This **SATURDAY**, April 11, 2009, **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED** will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).

**North Miami Beach, Florida...ABRAHAM MPAKA...** Authorities say a single mother was brutally stabbed and killed by her boyfriend. Now, the victim's fourteen-year-old daughter and four-year-old son are left without a mother. The alleged killer is Abraham Mpaka, a smooth-talking con-artist who claims to speak three languages. "He's a cold, calculating killer," the police officer working the case said. "We're gonna make him pay for his crimes."

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62452>

**San Diego, California...JARED RAVIN YAFFE...** Authorities with the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force say at least one man -- Jared Yaffe -- paid a babysitter to get access to young children who he would then sexually molest. Authorities say the molested children's ages ranged from 3 to 10-years-old. Cops took down the babysitter, and have identified Yaffe as their next suspect in the now-exposed, alleged child sex ring.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=63344>

**Fort Wayne, Indiana...APRIL TINSLEY...** On April 1, 1988, eight-year-old April Tinsley disappeared from her hometown of Fort Wayne, Indiana. A few days later, a jogger found the sexually assaulted and suffocated body of the first grader dumped in southern DeKalb County, Indiana. While the case is considered cold, notes were left by the alleged killer, in 1990 and 2004, in and around the Fort Wayne area. These public messages have led authorities to believe the murderer is still out there.

**Boston, Massachusetts...GARDNER ART HEIST...** On March 18, 1990, two burglars disguised as police officers broke in to Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and stole 13 works of art valued at more than \$500 million. Despite several detectives and specialists investigating the case, it has been nearly 20 years and no one has been arrested in connection with the biggest property theft in U.S. history.

[http://www.amw.com/features/feature\\_story\\_detail.cfm?id=3268](http://www.amw.com/features/feature_story_detail.cfm?id=3268)

**Hot Springs, Virginia...BEACHER HACKNEY...** Authorities in Virginia are searching for Beacher Ferrel Hackney, a resort worker, who they say shot and killed two fellow employees at The Homestead, a luxury golf and spa destination in the Allegheny Mountains. Hackney fled on foot, and police say he should be considered armed and dangerous.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=64348>

This **SATURDAY**, April 25, 2009, **AMERICA'S MOST WANTED** will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).

**Albuquerque, New Mexico ...WESLEY WILLIAMS CAPTURE...** An airing of AMW has helped solve one of New Mexico's biggest murder mysteries. Police are charging Wesley Williams with a murder that went unsolved for nine years: the shooting death of Sandra Jean Brady, whose unidentified body was discovered buried in the desert outside Albuquerque.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=62701>

**Nationwide...GANG TECC Most Wanted...**With the rise in gang-related violence becoming a problem nationwide, *America's Most Wanted* is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Justice's GangTECC unit to announce a new "Most Wanted" list containing the worst of the worst gang bangers in the country. In addition to the announcement in the broadcast, information about the twelve fugitives will be unveiled on AMW.com this Saturday, April, 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 p.m. ET.

**Florida...JULIO BONACHEA...** Julio Bonachea is wanted for violent home invasions, armed robberies, attempted murder and for escaping from prisons in two different countries. Authorities across the state of Florida -- and overseas -- need your help to find him.

**Stone Mountain, Georgia ...DERRICK YANCEY...**Authorities say former DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy Derrick Yancey murdered his wife and another man, and then fled. He hasn't been seen since he cut off his ankle monitoring device. He is believed to be armed and dangerous.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64701>

**Woodstock, Ontario...VICTORIA STAFFORD MISSING...** Police in Canada have released a composite sketch of the woman seen on surveillance video with abducted 8-year-old Tori Stafford. While authorities have been searching local waterways and canvassing neighborhoods near Tori's home, cops say that the search for the little girl has expanded beyond Woodstock, Ontario.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=64826](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=64826)

**Albuquerque, New Mexico...MYSTERY BENEATH THE MESA...** When an Albuquerque resident and her dog went for a walk on the city's West side, the stroll took a grotesque turn when they found a human bone. The discovery would eventually lead investigators to what has become the nation's largest crime scene, spreading out over 100 acres. So far, the remains of eleven women and one unborn child have been unearthed from the desert, and cops have no leads to who might be responsible.

This **SATURDAY**, May 16, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Shawn McGuinn at 240-482-1149 or [smcguinn@amw.com](mailto:smcguinn@amw.com).

**Nationwide...** MEXICAN DRUG VIOLENCE INFECTS AMERICA... John Walsh and America's Most Wanted investigate the dark heart of the war on drugs, taking viewers to the source of the violence that's spilled over our borders and is infecting American cities. Thousands of people have been killed in Mexico, as the drug cartels battle the government and each other for control of a multi-billion dollar illicit business.

[http://www.amw.com/features/feature\\_story\\_detail.cfm?id=3397&mid=0](http://www.amw.com/features/feature_story_detail.cfm?id=3397&mid=0)

**Douglas, Arizona ...** JOAQUIN "CHAPO" GUZMAN-LOERA ... When Mexican authorities seized 23.5 tons of cocaine from a ship at a port in Manzanillo last year, governments north and south of the border bolstered search efforts for the man they say is responsible: one of the world's most notorious drug lords, Joaquin Guzman-Loera. The seizure -- deemed to be by far the largest in Mexico's history -- had an estimated street value of \$2.7 billion.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25154>

**Phoenix, Arizona...** PHOENIX GROUND ZERO... Phoenix, Ariz. is the nation's fifth largest city -- a fast-growing metropolis that's become Ground Zero for a unique problem that has law enforcement coming face to face with a new form of an age-old crime. In the Valley of the Sun, the new trend in kidnapping for ransom is criminals targeting other criminals. Because of Arizona's prime location on the U.S.-Mexico border, police say that most kidnap victims and suspects have ties back to Mexico's seedy underworld.

**Laredo, Texas...** JOSEPH GARCIA... At only 21-years-old, cops say accused killer Joseph Garcia is a member of the Zetas, the main enforcement group for the Mexican Gulf Drug Cartel. Police say Garcia killed for the first time in 2003, and in November of 2008, the U.S. Marshals named him to their 15 Most Wanted list.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52331>

**Phoenix, Arizona...** PHOENIX GUNS... A large number of the high-powered weapons smuggled into Mexico and used by killer drug cartels begin their journey south after being purchased in the U.S. Many of the weapons are sold by gun dealers in the four border states: California, New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona.

**Myrtle Beach, South Carolina...** BRITTANEE MARIE DREXEL... Brittanee Marie Drexel, a 17-year-old high school junior, disappeared during a spring break trip to Myrtle Beach, S.C. late last month. Cops have had little to go on but are now investigating a possible sighting of Brittanee at a convenience store just outside of Myrtle Beach.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=65194](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=65194)

**Skamania, Washington...** MICHAEL AND TEVEN COLLINS... Thanks to AMW tipsters, Michael Collins and his 16-year-old son Teven were captured in late March

after allegedly attacking a skier in Washington State and making off with his SUV. The Collins boys are charged with attempted murder and first degree robbery and are now awaiting trial.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63526>

This **SATURDAY**, May 23, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Shawn McGuinn at 240-482-1149 or [smcguinn@amw.com](mailto:smcguinn@amw.com).

**Hendersonville, North Carolina...** JAIME AROCHE... In 2005, a Hendersonville, N.C. teenager found her mother's dead body under a pile of dirty blankets in their home. Her mother's boyfriend, Jaime Aroche, was charged with the murder. Now, AMW is teaming up with cops to help find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54928>

**Middletown, Rhode Island...** JAMES BELL ... Parents near Providence, R.I., were in for the shock of their lives when they found out that James Bell -- the trusted gymnastics coach at a local YMCA -- was accused of molesting their children. What's more, cops say this is just one incident in a long history of sexual abuse and manipulation. Now, Bell has disappeared, and police are on the manhunt for a predator who they say is responsible for victimizing girls across the country.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39465>

**Clovis, California...** LOVEKESH KUMAR... Cops say in 2003, when Lovekesh Kumar's wife left him to move in with her parents, Kumar killed her and her mother. A short time later, in an apparent suicide attempt, police say Kumar threw himself into oncoming traffic in a busy California street before jumping into a car to escape.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25731>

**British Columbia, Canada...** KEVIN VERMETTE... In 1997, cops say Kevin Vermette started an argument with four fellow local gym users about the fitness room's musical selection. When the argument escalated, instead of taking his aggression out on the punching bags, police say Vermette killed the men in cold blood.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24125>

**Weld County, Colorado...** DARRIN DEVOE... Cops say Darin DeVoe was good at making friends. So good in fact, that they say he convinced 19 financially desperate people to invest their money in a fraudulent scam that in the end would only benefit DeVoe and his businesses. But now, cops say this con-artist's luck has run out. And after a grand jury handed down an indictment, he hit the road.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48457>

**East Tremont, New York...** ANTHONY VELEZ... Police say when Anthony Velez got into a fight over a drug dealer's territory in East Tremont, N.Y., he lost big time and left with a bruised ego. A week later, cops say Velez was ready for a rematch, but this time, he wasn't going to lose.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64719>

**Winnebago County, Wisconsin...** VINCENT BOYD... Vincent Boyd, a convicted sex offender, is accused of molesting his own cousins in 2003. Two years later, police say Boyd did it again. Now, cops in Wisconsin have come to America's Most Wanted for help in bringing him to justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63080>

**Rancho Cucamonga, California...** GEORGE AND LYNDA TAYLOR KILLER... Moments after returning home from dinner, Los Angeles County Judge George Taylor was shot and killed by an unknown assailant while he sat in his car. When George's wife, Lynda, rushed outside to see what happened – she too was murdered in cold blood. Now, cops are searching for clues in hopes of finding their killer.

**Concord, North Carolina...** SUNDROP HOMICIDE... Police are looking for the person who killed two people in a robbery at the Concord, N.C. Sundrop Bottling Company last June. Longtime employee Donna Barnhardt and job applicant Darrell Noles were shot to death, and the man who murdered them is still on the run.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58558>

**Houston, Texas...** HAPPY PHAM...Cops in Houston, Texas have been searching for 24-year-old Happy Tran Pham for more than two years. They say Pham was "unhappy" because the girl he was dating went back with her old boyfriend. Houston detectives believe Pham's jealousy led to the murder of 29-year-old Pierre Mai, and they have surveillance video of the crime.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56807>

**Peoria, Arizona...** 2009 AMW ALL-STAR WINNER... William Weigt, a detective with the Peoria, Ariz., Police Department, has been chosen as the 2009 *America's Most Wanted All-Star Contest* Grand Prize Winner. Weigt, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being shot by a suspect, will be profiled as the nation's top first responder on AMW this Saturday night.

<http://www.amw.com/allstar/2009/>



This **SATURDAY**, May 30, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing a special episode with the following case. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Shawn McGuinn at 240-482-1149 or [smcguinn@amw.com](mailto:smcguinn@amw.com).

**Missouri... DALE HELMIG...** For more than two decades, "America's Most Wanted" has profiled fugitives and asked the public to help cops chase them down. But in a special episode this Saturday, John Walsh will ask viewers to consider whether one man caught, tried and convicted of murder should NOT be behind bars. When police found the body of a Missouri woman floating in a river, with a cement block tied around her waist, they immediately suspected the victim's son, Dale Helmig. Prosecutors argued he killed his mother because she would no longer support him financially. A jury agreed, and he was sentenced to life in prison. But now there's evidence that Helmig may not have received a fair trial, and that the jury that convicted him may have been misled. In the special broadcast, John Walsh reconstructs the murder, the investigation and the trial, and asks whether the actual killer is still on the loose.

This **SATURDAY**, June 6, 2009, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request a video, please contact Shawn McGuinn at 240-482-1149 or [smcguinn@amw.com](mailto:smcguinn@amw.com).

**Detroit, Michigan... MUSTAPHA "CRAZY MO" ATAT...** In 2001, police say "Crazy Mo" Atat, a notorious Detroit street racer, instigated a race that left an innocent bystander dead. Now, cops say "Crazy Mo" has been spotted on TV, starring in a special about international drag racing. The problem is that the show was filmed in the United Arab Emirates -- a safe zone that has no extradition treaty with the U.S.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25656>

**Detroit, Michigan ... UNKNOWN DELTHEA BRYSON KILLER ...** On Detroit's East Side, Delthea Bryson and her 26-year-old daughter were unknowingly caught in the middle of an illegal street race. When one of the racers crashed into Delthea's car, she was killed in the blink of an eye. Now, cops need your help to track the deadly driver down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65503>

**Detroit, Michigan...TANGENA HUSSAIN...** On October 2, 2008, 24-year-old Jamrul Hussein was driving to the local mall to pick his girlfriend up. He had her daughter, Tangena Hussain, in the car at the time. On the way to the mall, Jamrul made a quick pit stop at a nearby gas station, but when he returned to the car, Tangena was nowhere to be found.

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**Columbia, South Carolina... CARLOS SAUCEDO...** Cops say after Carlos Saucedo was kicked out of a Columbia, South Carolina pool hall, he returned and shot the owner to death. Police say Saucedo is a heavy drug user and could now be living in California.

**Providence, Rhode Island... JONATHAN QUAWEAY ...** Jonathan Quaweay is wanted for wounding four people inside a Providence, Rhode Island strip club. Cops say Quaweay, who goes by the nickname "Q," could be living in Virginia and dealing drugs.

**Lafayette, Louisiana... JAMES FRANCIS...** Last August, cops say James Francis and his brother went into a local grocery store to buy some beer. But when the store owner bagged the beers together instead of separately, police say Francis became furious, pulled out a gun, and shot the owner in the head at point blank range.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65689>

**St. Joseph County, Michigan... JAMES DUNCAN...** In 1991, James Duncan was convicted of a 3rd degree sexual assault. After his release from prison, he managed to stay out of trouble for over a decade – until cops say he raped his teenage stepdaughter. Now, Duncan is back on the run, and cops need help bringing him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64022>

**Newton Falls, Ohio... CLAUDIA HOERIG...** Claudia Hoerig and her husband had a rocky relationship. But it reached its worst in March of 2007 when cops say Hoerig shot her husband to death before fleeing to Brazil. Now, two Ohio Congressmen are asking for the government's help in bringing Hoerig back to the United States to face justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=44618>

**Chicago, Illinois... EDDIE HICKS...** Former Chicago cop Sgt. Eddie C. Hicks swore to uphold the law throughout his 30 years on the force. But for nearly ten of those years, police say Hicks was part of a racketeering scheme in which he and his crew stole drugs from area dealers, only to sell the loot back to a local peddler. Now this disgraced ex-cop is on the run, and police need help putting him behind bars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=52270>

**Oregon ... DANIEL CHAFE...** Cops say Daniel Chafe is a delusional pedophile and a pathological liar who uses fantasy, fear, and force to rape young girls he befriends. Police say Chafe tells elaborate stories about his life that are figments of his own imagination, and what he really has in mind is marrying as many women as possible and starting a cult.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30829>

**New Baltimore, Michigan... JABALEE DOUBLE HOMICIDE...** Ron and Christine Jabalee were savagely murdered in their own home on October 7, 2006, and their children are desperate for leads that will reveal why someone killed their beloved parents. One of the only clues left at the crime scene were a few jumbled letters written on the floor in blood – apparently a final attempt by the Jabalees to help cops identify their killer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47320>

**Unknown... INTERNET JOHN DOE #17...** The FBI's Innocent Images Program discovered a video posted on the Internet of an unidentified man molesting a young girl. The program has already apprehended 14 child pornographers. Now, police are asking for help to identify one more.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63725>

**Clovis, New Mexico...NOE TORRES ...** Noe Torres is accused of killing a 10-year-old boy -- it's a story AMW viewers are very familiar with. But last time we brought you the story we got a surprising call -- not from a tipster -- but from Torres himself. During the 30 minute phone call, Torres said he wanted to turn himself in to "America's Most Wanted." Twenty-four hours later, our crew headed to New Mexico to meet him, but Torres didn't show. Now, we're putting him on national TV again in hopes of closing the deal.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56475>

**Mansfield, Ohio...ROBBIE POTTER ...** The hunt is on for convicted sex offender Robbie Douglas Potter, who police say fled a halfway house in Mansfield, Ohio and is now on the road with his girlfriend and her 3-year-old daughter.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66142>

**Liberty County, Georgia...JASON HOWARD ...** In the early morning hours of March 27, 2009, a Macon, Ga. Police Sergeant arrested a man breaking into vehicles in a rental car lot. After running his fingerprints, cops realized that the suspect was Jason Howard – a mentally disturbed man wanted for brutally killing his parents in 2004.

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**Harlem, New York...** **CARLOS THOMPSON...** New York cops say rapper Carlos Thompson handed a .38-caliber revolver to a 13-year-old boy and ordered him to murder another teen. Now, more than a year later, Thompson is in custody.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55482>

**Stone Mountain, Georgia...** **DERRICK YANCEY...** Newly-released surveillance video shows Derrick Yancey, a former sheriff's deputy accused of killing his wife and another man, in his first hours on the run. Investigators say Yancey is seen buying a Greyhound bus ticket to California, but his whereabouts are now unknown.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64701>

**Whitewater, Wisconsin...** **RICKY HOWARD...** Cops in Whitewater, Wisc. say Ricky Howard is a perpetual danger to society. Throughout his life, Howard's been in and out of jail, but cops say in December of 1999, he reached a new low when he violently raped a 12-year-old girl. Nearly ten years later, Howard is still on the run and police need your help to find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63086>

**Garland, Texas...** **CESAR OROZCO...** Authorities are searching for Cesar Orozco, a man who they say shot and killed 26-year-old Joe Castillo last March. Police suspect that Orozco killed Castillo because he thought he was seeing his ex-wife.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64745>

**Nationwide...** **JOHN PARIGIAN...** After being convicted of wire fraud, cops say Boston con-man John Parigian rented a plane and vanished into thin air – literally. Now, police are piecing together his trail, and believe he could be hiding out in New York or Massachusetts.

**Atlanta, Georgia...** **VERNON COLEMAN...** The U.S. Marshals and the DEA have teamed up to bring down the Black Mafia Family, a major drug trafficking organization. They were successful in arresting all but one of the suspects, and the only straggler is Vernon Marcus Coleman, known as Big Wu on the streets.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64850>

**Anchorage, Alaska...** JOHN PEZZENTI KILLER... On December 3, 2007, detectives were called to a two-story shack in Anchorage, Alaska, where they found a body, soon identified as acclaimed wildlife photographer John Pezzenti, Jr. With no signs of forced entry or robbery, cops say John knew who pulled the trigger, and they hope that AMW viewers can help solve the murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58981>

**Nationwide...** PATRICIA PARDO... In 2000, cops say Patricia Pardo stole the identity of 17-year-old Joanna Saenz. Eight years later, Pardo was arrested but quickly disappeared after posting bond. Now, Joanna is determined to fight back and help police track down the woman they say changed her life forever. This Saturday, AMW will put Pardo on national TV in hopes of bringing her to justice.

**Houston, Texas...** TIMOTEO RIOS... In April of 2008, 39-year-old Tina Davila headed to a Cricket store in Houston, Texas to pay her cell phone bill. But before she got inside, cops say she was attacked in an attempted carjacking by Timoteo Rios. With her 4-month-old baby in the backseat, Tina fought back, but police say Rios stabbed Tina in the chest, killing her at the scene. Cops say Rios escaped in his own car, but that this was just the beginning of a crime spree that lasted all afternoon.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56339>

**Washington, D.C....** TOP COPS 2009... Once a year, the bravest and most heroic police officers -- the nation's TOP COPS -- are honored in a ceremony hosted by AMW Host John Walsh. This year's TOP COPS AWARDS showcased some truly inspiring stories, with the night's top honor going to a Georgia Police Officer who single handedly stopped an armed robbery and saved the life of a cashier who was taken hostage.

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**Nassau, Bahamas...** HENRY PIERRE... Just days after an AMW tipster led the Royal Bahamian Police to Henry Pierre, reports from the Bahamas say that the accused killer and suspected alien smuggler was set free, but rearrested a short time later. The fugitive's initial release came as a complete surprise to cops in Florida, as U.S. officials were working vigorously to extradite Pierre to face charges on American soil.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55595>**

**Nassau, Bahamas...** DEVON RUSSELL... Smuggling drugs, weapons and illegal aliens is big business along U.S. shores. In South Florida, federal, state and local law enforcement are taking on smugglers. Since 2005, more than 30 innocent men and women have died at sea near Florida's coastline as a result of smuggling. Henry Pierre, a suspected captain of a smuggling boat, is in custody, but cops are still searching for Devon Russell, a man who they say is a key player in the ring.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=55506>**

**Irving, Texas...** YASER SAID... Cops say in January of 2008, Yaser Said brutally murdered his teenage daughters as they sat in the back of his taxicab. Police suspect that Said abused his daughters for years, and finally went over the edge when he learned that one of them had a boyfriend.

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

**Miami, Florida...** GUSTAVO FALCON... Police and the media used the phrase "Cocaine Cowboys" when referring to the drug dealers who waged a war on the streets of Miami in the 1980s. More than a quarter-century later, Gustavo Falcon is the only accused kingpin still on the loose, and the U.S. Marshals need your help to rope him in.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=61019>**

**Queens, New York...** CRUZ GARCIA... Adriana Valderrama was a 23-year-old single mother, struggling to earn her way in a community of Mexican immigrants in Queens, N.Y. By contrast, police describe Cruz Garcia as a thug, who'd already been deported back to Mexico and returned to the U.S. After a scuffle at a New York nightclub, cops say Garcia fired a .44 into a crowd, striking Adriana, and ending her life.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57012>**

**Washington, D.C...** ERIC TOTH... The FBI says that Eric Toth is a compulsive liar who told parents he was a tutor who could help their children get into some of Washington, D.C.'s most distinguished private schools. Agents say Toth is actually a child pornographer who took disgusting photos of the children he was supposed to be

helping. Now, the FBI is concerned that there may be countless victims, since Toth spent almost all of his time around kids.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58823>**

**Woodbridge, Virginia...** MARCOS BANEGAS...Cops say in February of 2009, Marcos Banegas raped an 8-year-old girl. Banegas was last spotted in Virginia and has ties up and down the east coast. But police fear he may try to flee back to his native Honduras, and need help stopping him before he does.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63470>**

**St. George, Utah...** MARC CLIFTON BRYANT CAPTURE... Marc Clifton Bryant, a man convicted of raping a teen and torturing her with a heated screwdriver, has been sentenced to life in prison without parole. Bryant was arrested in Florida last September after the manager of the restaurant where he worked called the AMW hotline.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56665>**

**Hendersonville, North Carolina...** JAIME AROCHE... In 2005, a Hendersonville, N.C. teenager found her mother's dead body under a pile of dirty blankets in their home. Her mother's boyfriend, Jaime Aroche, was charged with the murder. Now, AMW is teaming up with cops to help find him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=54928>

**Middletown, Rhode Island...** JAMES BELL ... Parents near Providence, R.I., were in for the shock of their lives when they found out that James Bell -- the trusted gymnastics coach at a local YMCA -- was accused of molesting their children. What's more, cops say this is just one incident in a long history of sexual abuse and manipulation. Now, Bell has disappeared, and police are on the manhunt for a predator who they say is responsible for victimizing girls across the country.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=39465>

**Clovis, California...** LOVEKESH KUMAR... Cops say in 2003, when Lovekesh Kumar's wife left him to move in with her parents, Kumar killed her and her mother. A short time later, in an apparent suicide attempt, police say Kumar threw himself into oncoming traffic in a busy California street before jumping into a car to escape.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=25731>

**British Columbia, Canada...** KEVIN VERMETTE... In 1997, cops say Kevin Vermette started an argument with four fellow local gym users about the fitness room's musical selection. When the argument escalated, instead of taking his aggression out on the punching bags, police say Vermette killed the men in cold blood.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=24125>

**Weld County, Colorado...** DARRIN DEVOE... Cops say Darin DeVoe was good at making friends. So good in fact, that they say he convinced 19 financially desperate people to invest their money in a fraudulent scam that in the end would only benefit DeVoe and his businesses. But now, cops say this con-artist's luck has run out. And after a grand jury handed down an indictment, he hit the road.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=48457>

**East Tremont, New York...** ANTHONY VELEZ... Police say when Anthony Velez got into a fight over a drug dealer's territory in East Tremont, N.Y., he lost big time and left with a bruised ego. A week later, cops say Velez was ready for a rematch, but this time, he wasn't going to lose.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64719>

**Winnebago County, Wisconsin...** VINCENT BOYD... Vincent Boyd, a convicted sex offender, is accused of molesting his own cousins in 2003. Two years later, police say Boyd did it again. Now, cops in Wisconsin have come to America's Most Wanted for help in bringing him to justice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=63080>

**Rancho Cucamonga, California...** GEORGE AND LYNDA TAYLOR KILLER... Moments after returning home from dinner, Los Angeles County Judge George Taylor was shot and killed by an unknown assailant while he sat in his car. When George's wife, Lynda, rushed outside to see what happened -- she too was murdered in cold blood. Now, cops are searching for clues in hopes of finding their killer.

**Concord, North Carolina...** SUNDROP HOMICIDE... Police are looking for the person who killed two people in a robbery at the Concord, N.C. Sundrop Bottling Company last June. Longtime employee Donna Barnhardt and job applicant Darrell Noles were shot to death, and the man who murdered them is still on the run.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=58558>**

**Houston, Texas...** HAPPY-PHAM...Cops in Houston, Texas have been searching for 24-year-old Happy Tran Pham for more than two years. They say Pham was "unhappy" because the girl he was dating went back with her old boyfriend. Houston detectives believe Pham's jealousy led to the murder of 29-year-old Pierre Mai, and they have surveillance video of the crime.

**<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=56807>**

**Peoria, Arizona...** 2009 AMW ALL-STAR WINNER... William Weigt, a detective with the Peoria, Ariz. Police Department, has been chosen as the 2009 *America's Most Wanted All-Star Contest* Grand Prize Winner. Weigt, who was paralyzed from the chest down after being shot by a suspect, will be profiled as the nation's top first responder on AMW this Saturday night.

**<http://www.amw.com/allstar/2009/>**

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#### 4/30 Springbrook Students

Two students accused in a plot to bomb Springbrook High School in Silver Spring made their first court appearances today. A judge ordered them both held without bond. Prosecutors say 18 year old Yonata Getachew hated his guidance counselor and planned to attack her with a bag full of nails and rocks. They believe the principal was also a target because he supported the counselor. Lawyers claimed both teens have mental disabilities that made it impossible to plan such a nefarious plot.

#### 4/30 Springbrook Target

The principal at the center of a plot to attack Springbrook High School says business must go on as usual at the school so they can move forward. Two students were arrested Tuesday and charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder. The school resource office who is credited with disrupting the plot says one of the teens claimed they made several attempts to hammer a nail through a natural gas line which would help the bombs go off.

#### 4/27 Riverside Parkway death

Loudoun County police say they have solved a murder mystery. William Bennett was killed and his wife Cynthia critically injured when they were attacked on a path in the Lansdowne area last month. Tonight, police have four men in custody. The motive for the savage attack is believed to be a botched robbery. The Commonwealth's attorney says his office will consider the death penalty in the case.

#### 4/22 Capitol Police Facebook

Some US Capitol Police are under investigation after the department received an anonymous tip that several officers are members of a Facebook group with an explicit website group degrading women. US Capitol Police confirmed the investigation but refused to name the officer involved.

#### 4/21 Meter Maid Thief

An Alexandria City employee is facing embezzlement charges after being accused of stealing \$170,000. He's a parking meter repairman accused of stealing the money out of the meters he was fixing. Based on information in the search warrant affidavit, prosecutors say he was able to clean out about \$2000 a day at times from city meters for at least a year. Supervisors started investigating after noticing a steep drop in parking meter revenue last fall.

#### 4/21 Middletown Deaths

Police in Frederick County are giving more details on what happened in the deaths of a Middletown family. Investigators believe Francie Wood and her three children were killed between Thursday night and Friday morning in their sleep, then father Chris Wood took his own life Saturday morning after a babysitter stopped by. Documents reveal the family was having serious financial problems.

#### 4/20 Columbine 10 years later

10 years ago today, 12 students and a teacher died at Columbine High School in Colorado. Even after a decade, the community is still trying to heal the deep wounds. Hundreds of people gathered at the Columbine Memorial Sunday night to remember those who were lost. There's also a vigil planned for tonight.

#### 4/20 Middletown Deaths

A tragedy for a family in Middletown. Police say 34 year old Christopher Wood killed his wife and their 3 children. All the kids are under the age of 5. A relative found their bodies Saturday morning in their home.

#### 4/17 Ashburn Stabbing

There are gruesome new details in the murder of a Loudoun County woman. Authorities claim David Cavaleri strangled his girlfriend to death and kept her body in his apartment for 2 weeks. It happened in Ashburn just off Timber Ridge Terrace. Cavaleri called 911 on Wednesday and said he tried to kill himself. That's when they found the woman's body. Police say no one reported her missing because he logged onto her email account and sent messages to her friends and family pretending to be her. He also updated her social networking sites to make them think she was using them.

**4/16 Unattended car/child stolen**

Montgomery County Police say parents left a 5 year old alone in a van to run into a store and that's when a thief jumped in and drove away. It all started on Georgia Avenue in Wheaton but a bystander helped police stop the van before the kidnapper could get away. The van sideswiped several other cars. One of those drivers flagged down police, who quickly stopped the van. The child was returned unhurt to her parents.

**4/15 Gun store break in**

Police in Leesburg are concerned about a break in at a gunstore. Investigators aren't saying how many weapons or what types were stolen from the store. What worries them is that the weapons could be on the streets within 24 hours and in the hands of criminals. That's why there's such a concerted effort to find the one suspect and what he got away with from Loudoun Guns.

**4/15 Lakewood Elementary Abduction**

Police say anger drove a mother to kidnap her daughter's classmate. Police say she went to school to pick up her daughter yesterday and walked out with someone else's child at Lakewood Elementary in Rockville. Investigators say Xuhua Huang was upset because she went to the school to pick up her five year old daughter because she was sick, but she didn't like the way the girl was being treated. She apparently grabbed a child and tried to leave to see how the school would react if someone else's child was mistreated. Another parent intervened before she got far away with the little boy. Huang was arrested this morning.

**4/14 Rocks from Overpass.**

Police are stepping up patrols along Route 100 in Maryland, where someone is tossing rocks from a bridge on to cars below in Anne Arundel County. Since Friday, police have received 7 calls about rocks crashing onto cars or the road. So far, no one's been hurt.

**4/14 Herrington Drive Fire**

A Prince George's County firefighter walked out of the hospital six days after a fire nearly took his life. Daniel McGown was burned on his face and through his airway when he lost the mask of his breathing apparatus. He says he knows he's a fortunate man and was saved by the instincts of fellow firefighters who knew he was in deep trouble. Fire investigators believe the fire was intentionally set.

**4/13 NE DC police shooting**

Chaos on the streets of DC as a police chase turned into a shootout. It happened this afternoon near 2nd & K Streets. US Park Police were investigating a vehicle suspected of being part of a crime. The driver wouldn't pull over but ended up hitting a pole a few blocks away. Police say the driver then ran over an officer. Other officers fired on the suspect. he was hit at least once but still drove off. Police caught up with him a block later. The officer and the suspect are being treated for their injuries but they're expected to be okay.

**4/10 Synagogue Graffiti**

Swastikas and racial slurs were spray painted on a synagogue parking lot on Kings Valley Road in Damascus. The rabbi believes it happened between 9-10 last night while families were inside participating in a Seder service. Montgomery County police are stepping up patrols in the area.

**4/10 14th & Maryland Shooting**

A mother was gunned down during the morning rush hour near the busy intersection of 14th Street & Maryland Avenue NE. Police are passing out fliers to find out more about the victim. Right now, they are only saying that she was living nearby in a shelter for women and was shot to death in a parking lot.

**4/8 Herrington drive fire**

A Prince George's county firefighter is fighting for his life tonight. Daniel McGown was critically burned fighting a house fire overnight. It happened at a home on Harrington Drive in the Kettering neighborhood. Investigators say the fire is suspicious.

**4/7 New Crime Numbers**

New crime numbers are out from Fairfax County police. While the murder rate went up last year, police say the thing you need to worry about most is protecting your property. Thefts from autos jumped 80% in the Mason & McLean districts. Police say the jump in murders can be explained by the increase in murder suicides. They're



looking at ways to cut those crimes.

#### 4/6 Mortgage Scam crackdown

The Justice & Treasury Departments are teaming up with the treasury to crackdown on home loan fraud. As foreclosure rates skyrocket amid the credit crisis, scammers are taking advantage of homeowners in dire straits. Many plots use names similar to legit government programs, with the predatory companies often promising to restructure debt but eventually end up costing consumers money.

#### 4/6 Shell Drug Bust

An unusual drug bust in Anne Arundel County. Two men there are charged with selling drugs at a Shell gas station in Severna Park. Police shut the station down after finding five pounds of marijuana. Investigators say savvy customers who knew what to ask for could walk into the station and buy pot. Police also say they found \$13,000 in cash, a scale and even a little powder that cops believe is cocaine.

#### 4/3 NY Shooting spree

A deadly shooting rampage erupted inside an immigration center in Binghamton, NY. A man burst in during classes and killed 13 people, then himself. Another 26 people were wounded. Police have no idea on a motive for the attack.

#### 4/3 Miss Md Arrested

Police busted a Maryland beauty queen on drug charges in Germantown, accusing Tia Shorts and her boyfriend of dealing out of their home. Shorts is also charged with possessing cocaine and marijuana. Shorts was Miss Maryland USA in 2004.

#### 4/2 Armored Car Holdup

Three men are under arrest accused of a daring holdup in the middle of the day. Police say they ambushed an armored car at a Bank of America in Woodbridge yesterday. A resident noticed something suspicious and wrote down a car tag number, then went to the bank when heard the sirens. That's what helped police track down the getaway car for the robbers.

#### 4/2 Eddyspark Dr. Fire

Fairfax County authorities say two adults have been found dead in a burning single-family home in Herndon. Fire officials say the fire on Eddyspark Drive was reported by a neighbor, who was awakened by her dog, about 4 a.m. Thursday. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire and smoke coming from the front of the house and the roof. The bodies of the two adults were found on the second floor of the house. The victims have not yet been identified. Police are investigating the fire as possibly suspicious.

#### 4/1 Mortgage Protest

Dozens of families protested today outside a loan modification company in Vienna, Virginia, claiming they lost thousands of dollars to the company and now their homes are in foreclosure. The Shmuckler Group's offices were raided by the FBI this past Monday, seizing all computers and documents. Company president Howard Shmuckler says his company is still open for business and willing to help customers. However the families who are protesting outside say the company took thousands of dollars from them promising to help get a lower mortgage and didn't do anything to help. Shmuckler denies that.

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**5/29 Youth center Opens**

The notorious Laurel Juvenile Detention Center known as Oak Hill is now closed for good. Instead, a brand new facility known as New Beginnings is opening nearby. The old center was plagued with problems like bad living conditions, teens running away, and accusations of violent staff members. New Beginnings has state of the art dorm room units and the barbed wire fences have now been replaced with detention grade windows.

**5/29 Body at high school**

Bernard Bellamy, the man accused of running over and killing his pregnant teenage girlfriend, was in court today on murder charges. Court documents included new evidence, including threats he allegedly made by text message, telling her he didn't want the baby and she needed to do something about it. Valicia Demery was found dead at the school field on Mother's Day.

**5/28 Charles County stabbing**

A Maryland family is searching for answers in their young sons's murder. 17 year old Antonio McVicker was out walking with a friend near his home in Charles County last night when he was attacked. The friend ran to McVicker's house to alert his parents to what had happened. They say he had never been in any trouble and don't know who would have wanted to attack him.

**5/27 Speed Camera Agent**

A self-proclaimed secret agent is targeting speed cameras in the Potomac area. He's putting up bright red signs warning people that the cameras are ahead. He claims the cameras aren't for public safety but are instead raising revenue for local jurisdictions. Montgomery County police say the signs are probably not legal but not something they would prosecute him for.

**5/27 PG DC 3 shot**

Tonight the families of 3 people gunned down in 2 separate shootings are searching for answers. Both murders happened early Tuesday morning, one in Northwest DC, the other at a home in Fort Washington. Police believe the murders are connected.

**5/26 Coach Arrested**

Accusations tonight against a trusted youth baseball coach. Fairfax County Police arrested volunteer coach John Hamilton. He's accused of sexually abusing a boy 12 years ago. His alleged victim has just come forward after claiming he saw Hamilton with another young man and worried for his safety. Police are asking for anyone else who could be a victim to come forward.

**5/20 Herndon Bank Robbery**

An armed bank robber in Herndon tried to hold up the BB&T but two men tackled him before he could get away. Police say the man was trying to collect the money he had demanded from tellers when two men confronted him, tackled him, then knocked the gun out of his hands. The men held the suspect down until police arrived. No one was hurt.

**5/19 PG Teens Summer**

It won't be long before schools are out for the summer and Prince George's County is trying to offer teens more recreational programs to help them stay out of trouble. They're expanding their Safe Summer Initiative. The activities will be free with everything from basketball to laser tag to hop hop dance. The goal is to keep kids engaged in constructive activities and away from violence.

**5/19 DC Missing Woman**

For the first time, we're getting a look inside the home where Pamela Butler disappeared three months ago. Police spent weeks searching the home for any information but say there's no evidence she vanished on her own and no evidence of foul play. Butler's brother showed us the security cameras around the house and say none of them captured anything unusual.

**5/19 Centreville Sex Assault**

A warning tonight for women in one Northern Virginia community. Police in Centreville released a sketch of a man who may be behind a pair of terrifying attacks, breaking into homes in the middle of the night and assaulting teenage girls. The first attack happened just over a week ago, then another one this weekend about a mile away. Police are canvassing the neighborhood with flyers to warn residents.

**5/18 DC Gang Free**

A new plan is pushing to get gangs out of the District. Mayor Adrian fenty wants police to identify known gang members so the city can ban them from conducting any kind of business in designation sections of DC. The ACLU as well as the Public Defenders Office says the law is written to broadly and could be abused.

**5/18 DC FL Child sex arrest**

A DC man, Tanner Stickney, is charged with what police call a cross country trip to have sex with a young boy. According to just released court documents, two weeks ago, an FBI agent was monitoring Yahoo instant messenger when someone sent him 130 images of child porn. When the FBI arrested the sender, he tipped them off that Stickney was planning to travel to Florida to have sex with a young child. Court documents claim that agents searched Stickney's apartment and found a video camera with images of Stickney performing sex acts on a young boy.

**5/14 Seven Locks Rd Ad**

For day 4 of the Jose Garcia Perlera trial, a DNA expert testified that he's what's called a "major contributor" to DNA found in the home of Mary Havenstein. The 63 year old was found dead in her house in Bethesda last Fall. Perlera is charged with attacking older women in their homes and robbing them. Havenstein is the only victim who died.

**5/13 Craigslist Erotic Ads**

Craigslist is cracking down on adult-oriented ads on its site. The Erotic Services section will be removed completely and Craigslist will screen every post that appears on its adult section. That comes after a man is accused of murdering a masseuse he met online.

**5/13 Seven Locks Road Death**

One of the victims terrorized in a Montgomery County crime spree today came face to face with her accused attacker in court. Prosecutors say Jose Garcia Perlera broke into the homes of older women, hog-tied them and beat some of them. He's also accused of killing 63 year old Mary Havenstein during a robbery in her home last fall. Today, another victim shared her story of being tied up and left for days during the robbery. Ann Wolf says Perlera hit her over the head with a gun outside her home.

**5/13 Md Soldier Killed**

A Maryland man is one of five soldiers killed in an attack at Baghdad's Camp Liberty. Private First Class Michael Yates was allegedly gunned down by a fellow US soldier on a rampage. Army Sergeant John Russell is accused of the shooting at a stress clinic. The victim is from Federalsburg on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

**5/12 Seven Locks Rd Death**

The trial started today for a man accused in a deadly Montgomery county crime spree. Jose Garcia-Perlera is facing 15 charges, including murder. Prosecutors say he was behind a string of home invasions targeting elderly women who were hog-tied and robbed and some of them even beaten. 63 year old Mary Havenstein was found dead in her Bethesda home last fall.

**5/11 Teacher Drug Dealer**

A former Montgomery County high school teachers pleaded guilty to drug charges and admitted she gave drugs to a student. Theresa Duarte pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of cocaine today. She taught at Wooten High School and is facing up to 20 years in prison.

**5/11 Body at High School**

A disturbing discovery at a local high school. 19 year old Valerecia Demery was found dead near the football field at Forestville Military Training Academy, where both the victim, and the suspect graduated. Police believe Bernard Bellamy killed his girlfriend because she was pregnant and left here there. Her family members say he had asked her not to have the baby.

**5/8 Peterson Arrest**

Years after Drew Peterson's third wife was found dead in a bathtub, the former police sergeant is now charged in her death. Peterson is still a suspect in the disappearance of his fourth wife. The investigation into what happened to her is what lead police to ask questions about the death of his third wife.

5/7 Police Trapped in Hole

A Sheriff's Deputy in Prince George's County is recovering from serious injuries after falling into a deep ravine. Investigators say it happened while he was chasing several suspects near Parkdale High School in Riverdale. The teens were reportedly caught breaking into someone's home by a homeowner. After a call to 911, the sheriff's deputy was helping in the chase. A technical rescue team was called out to get him out of the deep ravine. Police have one suspect in custody but are still searching for others.

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#### 6/24 Prince George's County robberies

A wild crime spree in Prince George's county with 7 robberies and carjackings in just 20 minutes. They all happened in the Hyattsville and Landover Hills area early this morning. Another incident later in the morning could be connected. Police are looking for 3 or 4 suspects.

#### 6/22 Berwyn Heights Mayor

The mayor of a small town in Prince George's County is suing the Police and Sheriff's Departments after his dogs were shot and killed during an undercover operation last year. Shay Calvo and his wife want the departments to change the way they handle raids. Last July, swat officers burst into his home, surprised his mother-in-law and shot his dogs during an undercover drug raid. The family was cleared of any wrongdoing but the Sheriff says his deputies acted properly.

#### 6/18 Columbia Heights Shooting

Two people were shot today right outside the Columbia Heights Metro station near the popular Target store there. Police are still hunting for the gunman tonight. Both victims are expected to survive.

#### 6/18 Sage Way Home Invasion

Montgomery County police say three armed men forced their way into a home on Sage Way in Germantown just after midnight then tied up a family. One man was assaulted during the attack, while a couple of other people were asleep in the house. He was taken to the hospital but in speaking to Fox 5 said he was okay. The attackers are still on the loose.

#### 6/18 Bootleg Beer Bust

In Maryland, 400 cases of beer worth \$10,000 were stolen and then resold. No one paid taxes on it so the state is cracking down. Police say the beer was taken from a wholesaler by employees. Two store operators and two beer truck delivery drivers are charged. Prince George's County police say they expect more arrests.

#### 6/17 Ager Road Bodies

Two bodies were found buried between a church and school yesterday in Hyattsville, Maryland. Now police have made a quick arrest in one of the cases. Police believe the bodies came from two separate, unrelated murders committed by homeless people. The area is known to be a spot where vagrants lived. 29 year old Jose Henriquez is charged with one of the murders but police are still looking for the suspect in the second murder.

#### 6/17 Crofton Homicide

New details tonight in the death of a Maryland teen. Last month, 14 year old Christopher Jones was found dead near his Crofton home. Police say he'd been in a fight and died from his injuries. Now the medical examiners office says he died from blunt force trauma. A 16 year old is charged as an adult in his death. The medical examiners report says Jones was punched several times in the neck and jaw.

#### 6/17 Sex Offender Runs Play

A former drama teacher and convicted sex offender has directed a play in Frederick, Maryland involving kids, now the theater group is hiring him back again. Samn Huffer is directing the production of Annie for the Fredericktowne Players. Maryland State Delegate Rick Weldon is in the play and says he is satisfied that children are protected from any danger. Huffer pleaded guilty to child pornography and cocaine possession in 2001 and served nearly 2 years in prison.

#### 6/16 Vacationer Killed

A Virginia man was shot and killed by police while on vacation in Miami Beach this weekend. Hussein Shehada was killed Sunday morning. The officer who shot him is on paid leave pending the investigation. Shehada's family believes it was a deadly case of mistaken identity. Police were looking for two men walking with a gun when they stopped Shehada and his brother who officers say fit the descriptions. Somehow, Shehada ended up shot. His girlfriend was with him and says he was not armed.

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power to take that person into custody for hanging out in public space, intimidating neighbors or being in the presence of someone who is in possession of guns or drugs. Other council members complain that could lead to sweeping lockups of citizens, especially minorities.

#### 6/16 Carter Assassination Plot

A close call for former President Jimmy Carter with word of a foiled assassination attempt. He is in the Gaza Strip, trying to persuade Hamas leaders to cooperate with Israel. During the meeting, two roadside bombs were discovered along the same route the former President was supposed to take.

#### 6/16 PW Bus station shooting

A war of words may have been what triggered a deadly double shooting at a bus terminal in Prince William County. Police say a bus driver shot and killed 2 men, including a coworker, at the PRTC station in Woodbridge yesterday. Police say the suspect, Glen Wade and Darnell McPherson had argued earlier in the day and it continued near the bus depot. Police say Wade pulled out a gun and shot McPherson and another man. After a manhunt, Wade turned himself in to police last night.

#### 6/15 PW Bus Station Shooting

In Woodbridge, police are on the hunt for a killer after a shooting at a bus station. Two people were killed outside a commuter bus depot. Both men were shot in the employee parking lot at the First Transit bus station. The suspect ran away on foot.

#### 6/15 Holocaust other guards

Tonight for the first time we are getting a first hand account from the two guards who shot suspect James Von Brunn at the Holocaust Museum. Officers Jason McCuiston and Harry Weeks say it had been a quiet day until Von Brunn showed up with a gun. When he fired, they say children were running for cover. When the gunfire stopped, the 2000 visitors inside the museum were safe but the security team lost Officer Stephen Johns. His fellow guards remember him as a man who probably saved lives as the first person to encounter Von Brunn.

#### 6/12 Holocaust Museum Reopens

This is an emotional day at the US Holocaust Museum, reopening for the first time since a deadly shooting. Huge crowds showed up to support the museum as it moves on in the wake of tragedy.

#### 6/12 Holocaust Shooting Suspect

The FBI is continuing to look into the background of Holocaust Museum shooting suspect James Von Brunn. Agents believe he acted alone, killing Special Officer Stephen Johns with a 22 caliber rifle. Von Brunn is under 24 hour guard at George Washington Hospital. Law enforcement sources say he is unable to speak because a bullet hit him in the jaw.

#### 6/11 Holocaust shooter

The FBI is searching for answers in the deadly shooting at the US Holocaust Museum. Tonight, murder charges are filed against 88 year old James Von Brunn, a self-described white supremacist accused of bursting into the museum and shooting a museum security guard. Von Brunn has a long history of writings about white supremacy and claims the holocaust is a myth created by Jews.

#### 6/11 Holocaust Shooting Suspect

James Von Brunn most recently lived with his son in Annapolis but few people knew him there. That's because he spent much of the last decade about 30 miles away in Easton, Maryland. An art gallery owner says she once witnessed his temper first hand. Laura Era co-owns the Troika Art gallery. Era says Von Brunn blew up at her when she refused to display his work 12 years ago and stormed out of her gallery. She says he recently showed up again upset because of a biracial wedding taking place in a nearby city park.

#### 6/11 Domestic Terrorism

When the name of the gunman suspected in the shooting at the Holocaust Museum was released, it was not a surprise to groups that monitor domestic terrorism. James Von Brunn's name was already on their list. Groups like the Anti-Defamation League had been watching him because of his website filled with hateful, racist postings and Holocaust denials.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Shooting

A devastating act of violence in a place of remembrance. A gunman walked into the US Holocaust Museum near the National Mall and shot one guard to death. The gunman was then wounded. The suspected gunman is

identified as James Von Brunn, an 88 year old self-described white supremacist. Investigators searched what was believed to be his car parked nearby and found notebook paper with a list of other locations, including the US Capitol, The White House and a Fox News location. Sources emphasize they don't know if these were other intended targets.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Museum Shooting

Witnesses at the Holocaust Museum describe a scene of chaos in the minutes after the shooting started. One described an elderly man in a brown overcoat who opened fire. Some tourists hid behind exhibits while others ran for fire. Many of those inside praised the security guards who stopped the gunman who had already shot one of their colleagues.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Guard

39 year old Stephen Johns, who lost his life in the Holocaust Museum shooting, is being hailed as a hero tonight. He grew up in Prince George's County and worked as a guard for the Wackenhut company. He leaves behind his parents, a wife, and an 11 year old son.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Shooter

Federal authorities are being very careful as they look for clues in James Von Brunn's apartment. They fear the man accused in the Holocaust Museum shooting may have booby trapped his apartment in Annapolis. A neighbor says he's not being allowed back in his home because there are concerns there could be explosives in Von Brunn's apartment.

#### 6/9 Holbrook st shooting

Park police officers shot and killed an armed man on Holbrook street last night. Now community rumors are making police even more concerned about this investigation. A large crowd estimated at around 200 people spilled into the streets minutes after the shooting in the Trinidad neighborhood. Rumors began circulating that the man was shot multiple times in the back. That story is still unconfirmed but Police Chief Lanier said on the scene last night they wanted to find out the truth and get word out to quell any rumors.

#### 6/10 Guantanamo Detainee

The first Guantanamo detainee to arrive on US soil has pleaded not guilty. The Al-Qaeda suspect charged in the 1998 bombings of 2 American Embassys in Africa entered his plea in Federal Court in Manhattan this afternoon. This is the first test of the Obama administration's controversial plan to bring detainees to trial in the US.

#### 6/9 Findley's Wife

Nearly a year after a Prince George's County police officer was killed in the line of duty and his accused killer found dead in his jail cell, the officer's wife is breaking her silence. Just days ago, Prince George's County prosecutors announced no murder charges would be filed in the death of Ronnie White. The accused cop killer was found dead in his jail cell, strangled to death. White was arrested for running down Sergeant Richard Findley with a truck, killing him. Kelly Findley says the past year has been a blur. She says the hardest part is that her husband's life and death is now unfortunately linked to that of his accused killer.

#### 6/08 Mogo Speed cameras

The Montgomery County speed camera program is raking in nearly a million dollars a month and drawing complaints from drivers. Now the county is requesting that taxpayers spend another \$3 million to pay for the 30 new cameras that are up and running. Officials say the cameras save lives and reduce speeds.

#### 6/4 Sun trust

Concerns tonight over what may be the largest credit card breach in history. Cyber crooks stole tens of millions of debit and credit cards late last year but card holders are just now finding out about it. The company is called Heartland Payment Systems and processes transactions between the merchant and your bank. Sun Trust bank customers are reporting that they didn't find out about the problem until their cards were rejected and discovered that the bank had cancelled the cards as a precaution.

#### 6/3 Landover 4 shot

A graduation celebration turned to tragedy in Landover. Friends say a large group kids gathered in the neighborhood on Continental Place after Flowers High School graduation when someone started shooting. 19 year old Shai Caldwell, a mother with a one year old daughter, was killed. Three other people were also hurt but are expected to survive.

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#### 4/27 Local swine flu preps

Maryland's governor says swine flu isn't here yet but he has no doubts it will be at some point. The state is preparing by setting up a response room in Baltimore at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The people there are communicating with Health Departments all over the state, monitoring symptoms and working to make sure proper testing is available in cases that could be swine flu.

#### 4/20 Fenty Box Seats

A controversy is erupting between the DC City Council and the Mayor over box seats to the Nationals games. Councilman Kwame Brown today introduced legislation that would force the mayor to sell the tickets at public auction. The Council had complained that the Mayor is keeping all the tickets and not sharing with the Council. His spokeswoman says he has no comment.

#### 4/14 Maryland Energy Stimulus

Maryland is using federal stimulus dollars to create new fund to help homeowners give their homes energy efficient upgrades. The average cost for those changes usually range between \$5000 and \$10,000. The state is putting \$13 million dollars of its stimulus money into a fund to give homeowners low interest loans to make the improvements.

#### 4/9 Fenty Kids basketball

A recreational official claims he was fired from his job for saying DC Mayor Adrian Fenty's children had signed up in the wrong league. He believed the boys were too old to be in the League. Three sources say the twins were moved to the age appropriate league and played most of the season in the older kids Pony Division. The official says his firing was retaliation and he's suing. Mayor Fenty says since this is a personnel matter, he cannot comment.

#### 4/6 Mental Health Shutdown

The District is shutting down its mental health clinics and sending mentally ill patients to private clinics for treatment. The move could save the city millions of dollars but some patients worry the cost cutting move will hurt the city's most vulnerable residents. The District's Department of Mental Health says the change will also help people with mental illness, depression and anxiety disorders who are uninsured and can't afford care. Four thousand patients will be transitioned to private care in the next year.

#### 4/6 UMD Porn Film

Students at the University of Maryland are vowing to show an X-rated movie on campus, despite threats from a state lawmaker to strip millions from the schools budget. Last week, the University canceled an on-campus screening of an adult film after a conservative state senator threatened to cut the budget. Students say this is an issue of free speech and say they'll show it tonight no matter what.



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**5/28 FFX School parking fees**

Tough times are prompting the Fairfax County schools to hike parking rates for students. Next year, students will have to pay \$50 more to park in a school lot, up from \$150 this year. Because of money problems, the school system has already cut 800 jobs.

**5/19 VA Gubernatorial Debate**

With less than a month to go before Virginia's Democratic Primary, the three candidates for Governor went head to head in their last debate before the election. Former Democratic Chairman Terry McAuliffe, State Senator Creigh Deeds and former State Delegate Brian Moran are all trying for Virginia's top job.

**5/14 DC Foster Program**

A new program in the District is reaching out to foster kids who go through foster care but are never adopted, providing the safety net they desperately need. The program is setting the kids up with older mentors to help them find places to live and get support on a continuing basis.

**5/11 DC Budget Parking**

You'll soon have a bigger chance of getting a parking ticket on Saturday or in residential areas with a new parking crackdown. DC is stepping up its parking enforcement because of the city's budget shortfall. The extra tickets are expected to generate \$7 million ifor next fiscal year.

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#### 6/24 Metro Cap Hill Reax

A big reaction from Capitol Hill on this crash. Congress announced late today it will fork over \$34 million for Metro to replace its oldest cars like the one involved in this accident. Senate sources told Fox 5 the money will be released almost immediately and will allow Metro to purchase 52 new rail cars. Metro says it has wanted to replace the oldest 1000 series cars but haven't had the money to do that.

#### 6/24 Take Home Audit

A Fox 5 investigation is getting results. Fairfax County is changing how its employees use take home vehicles after we discovered your taxpayer dollars were paying for perks. Fairfax County lets more than 500 government employees taken government-owned vehicles home but when we caught high-ranking fire officials appearing to abuse that privilege, the county launched a three month audit. This week, the County-wide audit revealed the fire department had underreported the number of vehicles it used in the take home program. Supervisor Pat Herrity says the audit provides a good starting point for next year's expected budget cuts. The fire department will stop using six take home cars, a new mileage restriction will prevent vehicles from traveling more than 30 miles outside county lines and log book employees are supposed to fill out must now provide more detail.

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#### 6/11 VA Rasmussen

In the race for Governor in Virginia, a poll taken one day after the primary election shows a slim margin for the Democratic candidate. That's a big departure from polls before the primary, when none of the three Democrats running was favored to beat Republican Bob McDonnell. He was running unopposed in the Republican primary.

#### 6/10 VA Governor's Race

Last night, Democratic voters in Virginia chose Creigh Deeds to go up against Republican Bob McDonnell in the general election. McDonnell ran unopposed in the primary while Deeds fought it out against two opponents. McDonnell says he's rested and ready for a fight to lead Virginia. Deeds opponents appeared at a news conference with him to show their support.

#### 6/10 Ice Cream Plant Closing

A tough blow in an already tough economy. An ice cream plant in Hagerstown Maryland is closing forcing nearly 500 workers to find new jobs. The Unilever North American company makes several brands of ice cream but the company decided the plant wasn't the most efficient place to make the products. The plant is expected to close in 2011.

#### 6/9 VA Primary

Voters across Virginia are heading to the polls to choose a Democratic candidate for Governor. Creigh Deeds, Terry McAuliffe and Brian Moran are in a three man race while Republican Bob McDonnell is running unopposed.

#### 6/08 Mogo Speed cameras

The Montgomery County speed camera program is raking in nearly a million dollars a month and drawing complaints from drivers. Now the county is requesting that taxpayers spend another \$3 million to pay for the 30 new cameras that are up and running. Officials say the cameras save lives and reduce speeds.

#### 6/08 VA Politics

Tomorrow, Virginia voters will head to the polls to choose a Democratic candidate for Governor, while the Republican is running unopposed. Today all three Democrats campaigned in our area.

#### 6/3 DC Boys & Girls Clubs

DC is going to buy 3 Boys and Girls Club facilities in the city to keep them going. Budget cuts put

programs in danger and even led to one club being padlocked. The city will own the buildings and community non profit groups can bid on whether they could provide services in them. Club board members and groups working out of the buildings seem happy with the deal.

#### 6/2 DC Bag tax

Today the DC Council unanimously voted to tack a nickel tax on most paper or plastic bags you get in stores. It's part of an effort to cut down on trash polluting city streets and waterways. The money will go to clean up the Anacostia. DC will hand out reusable bags for free and plans to make sure many are distributed to seniors and low income residents through places like the Capital City Food Bank. The fee starts in January.

#### 6/2 VA Governors Race

With less than a week to go before the primary in Virginia's Governor's race and money is a big issue. While Republican Bob McDonnell has outpaced the Democrats the last 2 months, Democrat Terry McAuliffe has banked more cash than his 2 rivals. Political analysts caution that big fundraising efforts don't always result in victories.

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#### 4/30 Chrysler bankruptcy

After months of struggling to stay alive on government loans, Chrysler finally succumbed to bankruptcy Thursday, pinning its future on a top-to-bottom reorganization and plans to build cleaner cars through an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat. The nation's third-largest car manufacturer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York after a group of creditors defied government pressure to wipe out Chrysler's debt. The company plans to emerge in as little as 30 days as a leaner, more nimble company, probably with Fiat as the majority owner. In return, the federal government agreed to give Chrysler up to \$8 billion in additional aid and to back its warranties.

#### 4/28 Specter Changes Parties

Veteran Republican Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania is switching parties, advancing his own hopes of winning a new term next year while pushing Democrats one step closer to a 60-vote filibuster-resistant majority. Specter made the announcement Tuesday afternoon. Specter is a 79-year-old veteran of five Senate terms, and was one of only a handful of moderate Republicans left in Congress in a party made up largely of conservatives.

#### 4/27 Money: Auto Industry

The auto industry is revealing new details on how companies are restructuring to continue getting government loans. GM today laid out its deepest cuts yet, slashing 21,000 hourly jobs, phasing out the Pontiac brand, and giving the government more than half its stock to pay off debts. GM stands to get another \$11.6 billion from the government if its restructuring plans are approved.

#### 4/23 Money: Credit cards

In a meeting with credit card executives, President Obama called for eliminating some of the abusive fees levied on customers. This week, The House Financial Services Committee passed a bill that would limit the ability to raise interest rates, require bills to be mailed 25 days before the due date, and give customers 45 day notice of rate hikes.

#### 4/22 Biden Recovery Act

Today, to mark Earth Day, Vice-President Biden is touting green transportation jobs to drive a stronger economy. Biden pushed the administration's messages that the country does not have to choose between ecology and economy. He spoke to a crowd of Metro mechanics at the transit agency's maintenance facility in New Carrollton. He announced more federal aid for greener transit vehicles to help the domestic economy.

#### 4/15 Tax Day Tea Party

Anti-tax protestors are braving the rain here at home to complain about taxes. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the White House hoping to have their voices heard. One of the organizing groups complained that tax code is too complicated. Others were worried about higher taxes in the future.

#### 4/10 Obama Economic Advisors

Today the top White House economic advisors updated the President on the struggling economy. President Barack Obama says his economic team sees glimmers of hope but we're not anywhere done with the financial problems.

#### 4/7 White House HIV Aids

A call for action from the White House after sobering new statistics on HIV & AIDS. In DC alone, the HIV/AIDS rate is higher than it is in West Africa. The White House is launching a 5 year, \$45 million communications campaign to get the disease back on the national radar screen as a major health threat. There is a perception that AIDS is not as serious as it used to be because more people are living longer with newer & better drugs. The CDC points out that 14,000 Americans still die of AIDS each year.

#### 4/7 Obama Iraq Visit

President Barack Obama capped off his first overseas trip as President with a surprise stop in Iraq. The visit comes just weeks after announcing a major policy shift, including reducing the number of troops there. He met with Prime Minister Nouri Al Maliki as well as his top commander. The President also stopped to meet US

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troops and thank them for their service.

#### 4/6 Mortgage Scam crackdown

The Justice & Treasury Departments are teaming up with the treasury to crackdown on home loan fraud. As foreclosure rates skyrocket amid the credit crisis, scammers are taking advantage of homeowners in dire straits. Many plots use names similar to legit government programs, with the predatory companies often promising to restructure debt but eventually end up costing consumers money.

#### 4/6 Obama Turkey

President Barack Obama is in Turkey on the last leg of his 8 day European trip. Earlier today, he addressed the Turkish Parliament calling the nation a critical strategic power. The President also stressed that the US is not at war with Islam. He says unless both sides try and work together, the relationship between the US government and the larger Muslim work will remain stuck in past differences.

#### 4/3 Capital City Security

A warning on Captol Hill today that the District remains a terrorist target. A House sub-committee also warned that surrounding counties need to do more to prepare for a disaster. A panel of experts told Congress that the area has made great strides in emergency preparedness but much more work needs to be done. One of the big concerns is that residents throughout the Capital area have not done enough planning of their own to map out how they would get out of the area in the event of a manmade or natural disaster.

#### 4/2 G-20 Summit Obama

Today the world's financial powers pledged more than \$1 trillion for emergency loans to combat spreading chaos. But they rebuffed President Barack Obama's bid for new stimulus spending and made no guarantees of success. Besides promising \$1.1 trillion for lending to less-well-off countries -- an effort to contain the economic contagion and prop up remaining markets for bigger nations' exports -- the Group of 20 industrial and developing countries vowed major efforts to clean up banks' tattered balance sheets and get credit flowing again and to tighten regulation over hedge funds and other financial high-flyers in the U.S. and elsewhere.

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#### 5/27 Sotomayor Hearings

There's a fight shaping up on Capitol Hill over President Obama's nominee for the Supreme Court. Republicans already concede they don't have enough votes to keep Sonia Sotomayor off the high court, but that doesn't mean her confirmation hearings will be smooth sailing. Republicans say they need time to read her opinions and speeches before getting to the hearings, so they don't want to confirmation process to start as quickly as Democrats.

#### 5/26 North Korea Nukes

News reports say there are signs North Korea has restarted its nuclear plant. A mass-circulation newspaper in South Korea reports that U.S. spy satellites have detected steam coming from a reprocessing facility at North Korea's main Yongbyon nuclear plant. The paper cites an unidentified South Korean government source. The report came two days after the North carried out an underground nuclear test. North Korea has said it had begun reprocessing spent nuclear fuel rods to harvest weapons-grade plutonium at the Yongbyon plant in protest of international criticism of its April 5 rocket launch. Late Tuesday, local time, North Korea test-fired another short-range missile in a night launch. It was the third missile fired on Tuesday.

#### 5/26 Supreme Court Nominee

Today the President revealed his pick to fill a spot on the nation's highest court. He named Federal Appeals Court Judge Sonia Sotomayor to replace retiring Justice David Souter. If confirmed, she would become the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice.

#### 5/20 Gitmo Vote

A proposal to close Guantanamo Bay and the question of what to do with the 240 suspected terrorists held there has set off a potential showdown between Congress and the White House. President Obama ordered Gitmo closed by next January but lawmakers say they haven't received any details from the President. Today the Senate overwhelmingly agreed to strip \$80 million from a war spending bill. The President had asked for the money to begin the process of closing the facility.

#### 5/19 Credit Card Rules

Today the Senate voted to reign in excessive fees and interest rate hikes from credit card companies. The bill could be on the President's desk by the end of the week. If he signs it, credit card companies would have 9 months to change the way they do business. The bill requires 45 days notice to raise interest rates, bans universal default which hikes the interest on existing debt and prohibits interest on debt that's already been repaid, known as double cycle billing.

#### 5/19 Fuel Economy

President Obama is cracking down on emissions from cars and trucks, trying to cut down on dependence on foreign oil. Today, he outlined the first federal program aimed at limiting gas emissions while improving fuel efficiency at the same time. Under the historic changes, cars would have to get 39 miles per gallon by 2016, trucks would have to get 30 miles per gallon.

#### 5/14 Mortgage Help

As the number of job losses continues to grow, even more families are in danger of losing their homes. Today the Treasury Department announced its program to halt foreclosures is seeing success in its efforts to keep 9 million Americans in their homes. 58,000 homeowners have been through the program so far.

#### 5/14 Chrysler Dealers Closing

The auto crisis is claiming hundreds of local jobs. Nearly 800 Chrysler dealerships nation wide, including 35 here in our area, are getting the bad news today that they are closing. Chrysler notified the dealerships that they will end their affiliation with the companies on June 9th. That's an effort to save money to get out of bankruptcy protection.

#### 5/12 Robo Calls

Hundreds of thousands of Americans are complaining about a barrage of robo-calls from companies claiming their car warranties are about to expire. Now two senators are calling for the FCC to shut the companies down for violating the telemarketing and consumer protection laws. The Better Business Bureau has received

300,000 complaints about these calls in the last 2 years.

#### 5/12 Chesapeake Clean up

President Barack Obama is helping clean up the Chesapeake bay. Today he signed an Executive Order accelerating plans to clean up the national treasure and make it a model for clean up efforts around the country. The order puts the EPA in charge and sets new deadlines and benchmarks that must be reached along the way.

#### 5/11 Obama Health care

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#### 5/6 Car Incentives

Consumers could get up to \$4,500 each to help replace old gas-guzzling cars - as long as they turn in their old ones - under a plan that's gained strong support from the White House and leaders of Congress. The "Cash for clunkers" movement has proved so strong that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is seriously considering making it part of the emergency Iraq and Afghanistan war-spending bill. The House of Representatives is expected to vote on the war-funding measure by Friday, probably without the "cash for clunkers" language, which the Senate is expected to add next week when it debates the legislation.

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#### 5/5 Money Bank Tests

Today the 19th largest banks in the country received their grades from the government stress tests meant to judge the health of the financial institutions. The Federal Reserve is judging the banks' health over the next 2 years based on two scenarios. First, under February's economic conditions and second, if the recession deepens and even more borrowers can't pay back mortgage, credit card and commercial loans. The banks have two days to decide on their game plans before the results are released to the public.

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## 6/26 Obama Merkel Iran

President Barack Obama's criticism of Iran escalated Friday into an unusually personal war of words. To Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's demand he apologize for meddling, Obama shot back that the regime should "think carefully" about answers owed to protesters it has arrested, bludgeoned and killed. The president spoke at an East Room news conference capping his third set of meetings with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, one of several European leaders who spoke out more forcefully, more quickly than Obama on the unrest in Iran that followed the disputed June 12 elections.

## 6/25 GOP Sanford Fallout

A Washington-based government ethics group says it will file an official complaint against South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford. The group says Sanford violated South Carolina's Constitution by not naming a replacement in his absence. Sanford disappeared for days without telling anyone where he was going. He reappeared Wednesday and confessed that he had been with a mistress in Argentina.

## 6/24 Metro Cap Hill Reax

A big reaction from Capitol Hill on this crash. Congress announced late today it will fork over \$34 million for Metro to replace its oldest cars like the one involved in this accident. Senate sources told Fox 5 the money will be released almost immediately and will allow Metro to purchase 52 new rail cars. Metro says it has wanted to replace the oldest 1000 series cars but haven't had the money to do that.

## 6/24 SC Gov Presser

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford admitted today that he disappeared for several days to visit a mistress in Argentina. For days, people had wondered where he was, until staff members claimed he was hiking the Appalachian Trail. In a press conference today, he said that was untrue and he was meeting a woman he'd been having an affair with for the past year. Sanford is married and has four young sons.

## 6/23 Obama Presser

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## 6/22 Iran Latest

On the streets of Tehran today, riot police attacked hundreds of demonstrators with tear gas. The country's Supreme Leader had threatened to crush any more protests over the disputed June 12th Presidential Election. The former Crown Prince of Iran spoke in DC today saying the new uprising for democracy cannot be stopped.

## 6/18 Iran Latest

The tense situation in Iran is getting worse by the day. Protestors today staged a Day of Mourning with hundreds of thousands of people in the streets protesting the outcome of the country's elections and to remember those killed in demonstrations. Demonstrators are complaining that President Ahmadinejad was not the true winner. This is the fifth straight day of protests.

## 6/17 Iran Protests

Chaos in the streets of Iran as the election outrage continues. Iranian bloggers are defying government orders and posting amateur videos of the protests in the streets. Some videos appear to show members of the Revolutionary Guard firing at a crowd of demonstrators. Protestors are upset over the results of the Presidential election that show the current President as an overwhelming winner.

## 6/17 Health Reform

Moves today on a National Health Care bill. The Senate is looking at ways to pay for the overhaul. A bipartisan compromise also came from a panel of three former leaders of the US Senate. They want to allow states the option of establishing plans of their own. The panel suggests levying taxes on private health insurance that provides rich benefits to pay for the compromise plan.

## 6/16 Carter Assassination Plot

A close call for former President Jimmy Carter with word of a foiled assassination attempt. He is in the



Gaza Strip, trying to persuade Hamas leaders to cooperate with Israel. During the meeting, two roadside bombs were discovered along the same route the former President was supposed to take.

#### 6/16 Health Care Reform

The debate over health care reform is picking up steam in Congress. There are at least five major bills on Capitol Hill that would change the way health care is financed. Among them, the Wyden-Bennett plan requires all adults to buy insurance for themselves and dependent children. The Coburn-Burr plan uses tax credits as incentives for health insurance. The John Dingell plan establishes a national health insurance program. Many Republicans are worried about too much government control, while Democrats say the time for change is now.

#### 6/16 Texting Rates

The popularity of text messages is exploding and so is the price. Lawmakers on Capitol Hill want to know if the charges are unfair and are holding hearing to find out if customers are being charged too much. The price per message went up 100% in about three years, now to about 20 cents per message. Consumer advocates say there's no good reason for the rate hike but cell companies claim they give consumers plenty of choices.

#### 6/15 Iran election

Three days of protests in Iran have now turned deadly and the White House is concerned about the growing violence. Massive crowds angered by the reelection of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad have filled the streets of Tehran. Militia members have now reportedly opened fire on protestors killing one and injuring several others. Supporters of defeated candidate Mir Hossein Mousavi are claiming the election was fixed.

#### 6/12 Iran election

The White House and leaders around the world are keeping a close watch on developments in Iran. Results from elections there are expected within hours. Massive turnout forced polls to stay open late as voters chose between hardline President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad or his three opponents. President Obama is hopeful that diplomatic efforts could get a boost after the election.

#### 6/10 Guantanamo Detainee

The first Guantanamo detainee to arrive on US soil has pleaded not guilty. The Al-Qaeda suspect charged in the 1998 bombings of 2 American Embassys in Africa entered his plea in Federal Court in Manhattan this afternoon. This is the first test of the Obama administration's controversial plan to bring detainees to trial in the US.

#### 6/03 Defective Cars

Consumer advocates are warning GM & Chrysler customers that they won't be able to claim damages against either of the companies if they are injured in an accident. With the companies filing for bankruptcy, a court could wipe out all liability for the companies in case of a defective car.

#### 6/2 GM Day 2

In bankruptcy court today, General Motors' attorney said the company has only \$2 billion in cash left and wants the judge to move as quickly as possible. But dealers and members of Congress have a few questions about the deal. They're asking if GM has really made enough cuts to warrant a bankruptcy approval. Dealers are complaining about the part of the deal that allows GM to slash the number of dealerships across the country.

#### 6/1 GM Bankruptcy

Today is the end of an era for an American icon. General Motors filed for bankruptcy hoping it will help turn the troubled company around. GM hopes to emerge from bankruptcy where it will be a smaller company with fewer brands. It will also be 60% owned by the American public. President Obama says the government hopes to get the company back on its feet quickly and then get out quickly. The reorganization could cost thousands of workers their jobs as the company cuts back on production and slashes dealerships around the country.

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#### 4/28 Swine Flu Prevention

Cuba has become the first country to issue a travel ban to Mexico, where it appears the outbreak began. The US is advising travelers to cancel any non-essential trips to Mexico. But many of the US cases are in people who haven't visited Mexico. Doctors say it's important to contact your physician as soon as you notice any symptoms since the sooner you are treated, the sooner you can recover. Here in the US, swine flu seems to be treatable with anti-viral drugs.

#### 4/28 Swine flu

School systems all over our area are reaching out to parents worried about the swine flu. Arlington County is urging parents to keep sick kids home. So far there are no confirmed cases of swine flu in our area.

#### 4/28 Swine Flu latest

Health officials in California are investigating what may be the first US death from the swine flu virus, while hundreds of school kids in New York are possibly sick with swine flu. Health officials say this is serious but a just a cause for concern, not alarm. As a precaution to stop the virus, some schools in New York, Texas, California, South Carolina and Ohio are closing. In Mexico, more than 150 people have died from the virus.

#### 4/27 Live for less: Medications

All week long, we're helping viewers find a way to spend less money on some of life's essentials. People taking medications have to have the drugs to stay healthy but they can take a huge chunk out of the budget. You can save money by splitting your pills, with a doctor's okay. The physician can prescribe larger doses that you can cut in half with pill splitters, making a one month supply into a two month supply. Buying medicines online can also reduce costs. For people in need, most drug companies also have programs to help them pay for medicines or provide them for free.

#### 4/27 Local swine flu preps

Maryland's governor says swine flu isn't here yet but he has no doubts it will be at some point. The state is preparing by setting up a response room in Baltimore at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The people there are communicating with Health Departments all over the state, monitoring symptoms and working to make sure proper testing is available in cases that could be swine flu.

#### 4/27 Swine Flu

The US government is urging preparedness over panic in fears over the swine flu. Today, confirmed cases more than doubled in the US, most of them coming from students at a New York area high school who went to Mexico on Spring break. Only one person is in the hospital. Mexico is still the center of the outbreak. Suspected swine flu deaths have topped 140 with more than 1000 people sick.

#### 4/20 Video Game Addiction

A new study shows kids are getting hooked on video games, turning child's play into a real grown-up problem. The research found that more than 8% of kids from 8-18 can get so obsessed with playing games that they exhibit symptoms similar to that of an addict. Doctors advise more parental involvement to make sure kids aren't getting too involved in the games and still have social interactions outside of games.

#### 4/17 EPA Climate Change

The Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases are a danger to public health and welfare, taking the first step to regulating pollution linked to climate change. Such regulation would have widespread economic and social impact, from requiring more fuel efficient automobiles to limiting carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and industrial sources, changing the way the nation produces energy.

#### 4/16 Bed Bugs

A bed bug battle is unfolding in the District. Health officials are taking action after Fox 5 exposed serious problems at a city managed apartment building. Last night, we told viewers about a bed bug infestation at Claridge Towers in Northwest, run by the DC Housing Authority. An 82 year old man made a heartbreaking plea for help, saying the bugs are everywhere in his small unit. You could see them crawling all over. Exterminators

showed up today and told us this case is bad, but not the worst they'd ever seen. DC's Housing Authority says it's inspecting all 462 buildings in its system.

#### 4/15 Prevent Bed Bugs

The creepy problem of bedbugs is making a nationwide comeback. It's so bad, a national summit has convened in DC to tackle the problem. Several Fox 5 viewers have come forward claiming that their homes are infested with bedbugs, including some in a city-operated home for the elderly in Northwest. The city says it does its best to respond to every report of bedbug infestation. They promised to answer these complaints.

#### 4/13 Smart Pills

A new concern tonight for parents of teens and college students. Doctors say more teens are taking legal drugs in order to get better grades. The drugs, used to treat ADHD, can keep people awake and able to focus for long periods of time. Some students are using it to study for finals or get more classwork done. Doctors are worried about students becoming addicted to the drugs with long term use.

#### 4/13 Mogo Measles Case

Montgomery County health officials are worried a patient with contagious measles may have exposed others. He was an unvaccinated adult who had been out of the country and infected a colleague. That colleague visited Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and infected an infant who was also in the emergency room at the same time. A fourth case is another adult who was not infected at the hospital.

#### 4/8 Lyme disease

Reports of lyme disease are on the rise in our region. They've nearly doubled in the District and more than doubled in Virginia and Maryland from 2006 to 2007. The disease is spread through deer ticks. Health officials believe some of the problem is in development into

what used to be deer territory.

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#### 4/6 Mental Health Shutdown

The District is shutting down its mental health clinics and sending mentally ill patients to private clinics for treatment. The move could save the city millions of dollars but some patients worry the cost cutting move will hurt the city's most vulnerable residents. The District's Department of Mental Health says the change will also help people with mental illness, depression and anxiety disorders who are uninsured and can't afford care. Four thousand patients will be transitioned to private care in the next year.

#### 4/3 FFX Rabid animal attacks

A health alert in Fairfax County where rabid raccoons have attacked 3 people. The attacks happened earlier this week in McLean. One raccoon tried to attack a 12 year old as he and his brother were leaving for a school fundraiser. Earlier this week, animal control officers also found a rabid cat in Oakton. Rabies is deadly in humans if not treated. Rabid animals are often aggressive, often foaming at the mouth.

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#### 5/11 Restaurants salt

U.S. consumer advocacy group is raising the alarm about the amount of salt in meals at some fast-food and table-service restaurants, warning that some have over a day's worth of sodium -- and sometimes even three days' worth. The Center for Science in the Public Interest released a report Monday detailing which restaurants pack their meals with sodium.

#### 5/6 Counseling by Texting

Alexandria is using a new strategy to counsel teens on pregnancy protection. Public health experts are setting up a teen text message line to give out frank information to teens who have questions. Teens text in their questions and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy workers will answer them. The campaign hopes it will help youngsters who might be too embarrassed to ask questions face-to-face.

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#### 5/5 Student Gallup Poll

A new Gallup poll quizzed more than 70,000 students on their perceptions of their own engagement, hope and well-being - all factors linked by research to academic success. The poll, which was conducted in more than 300 schools, found that those issues are all key factors that drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. In a disturbing result, the poll found that 1 in 3 students are struggling or suffering and half say they have no hope. Researchers say communities need to pay attention to these results because they tell an important story about America's students and why so many of them drop out of school.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

Rockville High, one of the local schools shut down by the swine flu, now has a second probably case of the illness. The school will still reopen tomorrow along with all the others shut down by the outbreak.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

All the Maryland schools closed by the Swine Flu epidemic now have the all-clear to reopen beginning tomorrow. State health officials say that's because the flu does not seem to be as serious as once thought and is not spreading quickly through schools.

#### 5/4 Swine Flu MD Schools

The Swine Flu outbreak is giving thousands of Maryland students an unplanned vacation. 5 Maryland schools are now closed as a precaution from spreading the flu. Parents of younger kids are now scrambling to find day care. County officials are also working to find a way to get food to kids who typically rely on meals they get at schools.

#### 5/4 MD Swine Flu

There are more local confirmed cases in the Swine Flu outbreak. Health officials now know for sure that there are 4 cases in Maryland, the first definite cases in the state. Health investigators are still looking into 11 other probable cases in Maryland. There are now 4 confirmed cases in the District and 3 in Virginia.

#### 5/1 Kids Triathlon

Two brothers in Kensington are raising money to help Make-A-Wish by competing in a triathlon. 12 year old Geoff and his brother Andrew raised more than a thousand dollars for the organization last year and hope to do much even better this year. Each wish costs about \$7500 and the brothers hope they can make enough money to cover the cost of 3 wishes.

#### 5/1 Hydroxycut dangers

Government health officials warned dieters and body builders Friday to immediately stop using Hydroxycut, a widely sold supplement linked to cases of serious liver damage and at least one death. The Food and Drug Administration said the company that makes the dietary supplement has agreed to recall 14 Hydroxycut products. Available in grocery stores and pharmacies, Hydroxycut is advertised as made from natural ingredients. At least 9 million packages were sold last year, the FDA said.

#### 5/1 Swine Flu fears

Fears of the swine flu is making it hard for pharmacies and drug stores to keep hand sanitizers and face masks in stock. Some people are worried about getting swine flu while others believe the risk is being blown out of proportion. The Maryland Swine Flu advisory board says it's a delicate balancing act of informing the public without creating unnecessary alarm.

#### 5/1 Swine Flu

A possible case of swine flu is shutting down a Montgomery County High School. Classes and extracurricular activities are cancelled at Rockville High since a child who attends there may be infected. The county's health director says students should stay at home while the school is closed and not socialize.

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## 6/17 Health Reform

Moves today on a National Health Care bill. The Senate is looking at ways to pay for the overhaul. A bipartisan compromise also came from a panel of three former leaders of the US Senate. They want to allow states the option of establishing plans of their own. The panel suggests levying taxes on private health insurance that provides rich benefits to pay for the compromise plan.

## 6/16 Zicam Alert

A consumer alert out tonight on the cold remedy Zicam. The FDA is warning that the drug can damage your sense of smell. It's warning all patients to stop using it immediately. The FDA says it has received more than 130 reports that people lost their sense of smell after using the products and the effects appear to be permanent. Zicam's maker says no one has ever won a court case against the product because there's no known link between Zicam and a loss of a sense of smell.

## 6/16 Health Care Reform

The debate over health care reform is picking up steam in Congress. There are at least five major bills on Capitol Hill that would change the way health care is financed. Among them, the Wyden-Bennett plan requires all adults to buy insurance for themselves and dependent children. The Coburn- Burr plan uses tax credits as incentives for health insurance. The John Dingell plan establishes a national health insurance program. Many Republicans are worried about too much government control, while Democrats say the time for change is now.

## 6/11 Flu Pandemic

The World Health Organization is declaring swine flu a pandemic. This is the first global flu epidemic in 14 years. Infections of the H1N1 virus have climbed to nearly 30,000 cases worldwide.

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#### 4/13 Smart Pills

A new concern tonight for parents of teens and college students. Doctors say more teens are taking legal drugs in order to get better grades. The drugs, used to treat ADHD, can keep people awake and able to focus for long periods of time. Some students are using it to study for finals or get more classwork done. Doctors are worried about students becoming addicted to the drugs with long term use.

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#### 4/2 U of Md Walk Out

Hundreds of students at the University of Maryland walked out of class today to demand better funding for their college and a higher quality of education. The students are in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and they say it is overcrowded and underfunded. The students claim this isn't a problem with underfunding because the money exists, it's just being distributed improperly. Some faculty members are supporting the students in their complaints.



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#### 5/14 DC Foster Program

A new program in the District is reaching out to foster kids who go through foster care but are never adopted, providing the safety net they desperately need. The program is setting the kids up with older mentors to help them find places to live and get support on a continuing basis.

#### 5/11 Teacher Drug Dealer

A former Montgomery County high school teachers pleaded guilty to drug charges and admitted she gave drugs to a student. Theresa Duarte pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of cocaine today. She taught at Wooten High School and is facing up to 20 years in prison.

#### 5/8 College Grads

With few employers hiring and the highest unemployment in years, college students preparing to graduate have big questions about their futures. Talking to students at Howard and American Universities, many seem to be surprisingly upbeat and optimistic about their prospects in this market.

#### 5/6 Counseling by Texting

Alexandria is using a new strategy to counsel teens on pregnancy protection. Public health experts are setting up a teen text message line to give out frank information to teens who have questions. Teens text in their questions and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy workers will answer them. The campaign hopes it will help youngsters who might be too embarrassed to ask questions face-to-face.

#### 5/5 Student Gallup Poll

A new Gallup poll quizzed more than 70,000 students on their perceptions of their own engagement, hope and well-being - all factors linked by research to academic success. The poll, which was conducted in more than 300 schools, found that those issues are all are key factors that drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. In a disturbing result, the poll found that 1 in 3 students are struggling or suffering and half say they have no hope. Reseachers say communities need to pay attention to these results because they tell an important story about America's students and why so many of them drop out of school.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

Rockville High, one of the local schools shut down by the swine flu, now has a second probably case of the illness. The school will still reopen tomorrow along with all the others shut down by the outbreak.

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All the Maryland schools closed by the Swine Flu epidemic now have the all-clear to reopen beginning tomorrow. State health officials say that's because the flu does not seem to be as serious as once thought and is not spreading quickly through schools.

#### 5/4 Swine Flu MD Schools

The Swine Flu outbreak is giving thousands of Maryland students an unplanned vacation. 5 Maryland schools are now closed as a precaution from spreading the flu. Parents of younger kids are now scrambling to find day care. County officials are also working to find a way to get food to kids who typically rely on meals they get at schools.

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## 6/10 Mogo Schools Graduates

The Montgomery County school system has earned new bragging rights. More than 80% of its students graduate from high school. Those results have landed the school district at the top of a national list. The Superintendent credits employees for the nation's highest graduation rate.

## 6/3 Mrs. Obama Graduation

A student at a DC charter school wrote to the White House to request Mrs. Obama as a graduation speaker and today she got her wish. Mrs. Obama spoke at the graduation of the Washington Science Mathematics Technology charter school, one of only 2 commencement ceremonies the First Lady is attending this year. She urged graduates to push aside their fears to reach their goals.

## 6/3 DC Boys &amp; Girls Clubs

DC is going to buy 3 Boys and Girls Club facilities in the city to keep them going. Budget cuts put programs in danger and even led to one club being padlocked. The city will own the buildings and community non profit groups can bid on whether they could provide services in them. Club board members and groups working out of the buildings seem happy with the deal.

## 6/2 Mrs. Obama Graduation

A DC girl's efforts are paying off. She wrote one letter to the White House and got Mrs. Obama to speak at the graduation of her DC charter school tomorrow. Jasmine Williams wants the First Lady to speak to draw attention to her successful inner city school and break stereotypes. 98% of her classmates go on to college.

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#### 4/6 Mortgage Scam crackdown

The Justice & Treasury Departments are teaming up with the treasury to crackdown on home loan fraud. As foreclosure rates skyrocket amid the credit crisis, scammers are taking advantage of homeowners in dire straits. Many plots use names similar to legit government programs, with the predatory companies often promising to restructure debt but eventually end up costing consumers money.

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As the number of job losses continues to grow, even more families are in danger of losing their homes. Today the Treasury Department announced its program to halt foreclosures is seeing success in its efforts to keep 9 million Americans in their homes. 58,000 homeowners have been through the program so far.

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#### 4/30 14th Street Rehab

Commuters who drive into DC are about to face a serious headache. The main route into the city is about to undergo a 2 year rehabilitation headache. That's the heavily traveled 14th Street Bridge, with 200,000 vehicles a day using it to cross. The inbound span will be affected most although engineers say during rush hour, they can keep all four lanes into the city. Transportation officials are advising drivers to carpool on the HOV bridge, use Metro or adjust your work hours if you can.

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Loudoun County police say they have solved a murder mystery. William Bennett was killed and his wife Cynthia critically injured when they were attacked on a path in the Lansdowne area last month. Tonight, police have four men in custody. The motive for the savage attack is believed to be a botched robbery. The Commonwealth's attorney says his office will consider the death penalty in the case.

#### 4/23 Metro Nationals

Since baseball came back to DC, the city government has picked up the tab for late night Metro rail service when games run long. Earlier this month, though, the city sent a letter to Metro saying because of financial challenges, DC would no longer pay for extra service. After a rain delay forced a late game Monday, the Nationals called Metro for late service but balked at paying the fee. Ultimately, Metro ran the trains anyway so they didn't strand customers. Now the city has relented and agreed to pay for late train service for fans... at a cost of about \$27000 per hour. Other sports teams in the city pay their own fees.

#### 4/23 Person hit by a train

An eighth grader on his way to school was struck and killed by a train this morning. Police say 14 year old Prince Tyere was walking on the tracks near Laurel. There's a clear footpath worn near the tracks that show it's a popular but dangerous shortcut. Prince's sister says he missed the bus and decided to walk.

#### 4/22 Capitol Police Facebook

Some US Capitol Police are under investigation after the department received an anonymous tip that several officers are members of a Facebook group with an explicit website group degrading women. US Capitol Police confirmed the investigation but refused to name the officer involved.

#### 4/22 Freddie Mac suicide

The Chief Financial Officer of troubled mortgage giant Freddie Mac is dead from an apparent suicide. 41 year old David Kellerman was found in his Reston home just before 5am. Law enforcement sources say they are

investigating this as an apparent hanging.

#### 4/21 Middletown Deaths

Police in Frederick County are giving more details on what happened in the deaths of a Middletown family. Investigators believe Francie Wood and her three children were killed between Thursday night and Friday morning in their sleep, then father Chris Wood took his own life Saturday morning after a babysitter stopped by. Documents reveal the family was having serious financial problems.

#### 4/20 Middletown Deaths

A tragedy for a family in Middletown. Police say 34 year old Christopher Wood killed his wife and their 3 children. All the kids are under the age of 5. A relative found their bodies Saturday morning in their home.

#### 4/17 ICC Environment

After two generations of debate, the InterCounty Connector is now under construction, and the managers of the project are trying to tread lightly on the environment. The 19-mile roadway will ultimately connect Shady Grove in Montgomery County with Route 1 in Prince George's County. Many opponents said the road would permanently ruin hundreds of acres of Maryland wetlands. A total of 15 percent of the overall budget of the project will be spent on environmental mitigation or stewardship, says ICC spokeswoman Fran Counihan. Some of the mitigation measures look familiar: black fencing designed to hold back runoff. But there are also stone filtration dams in low-lying areas, and plastic fencing along the boundary is made of a smaller-than-usual mesh so that box turtles won't get caught up in it.

#### 4/16 Unattended car/child stolen

Montgomery County Police say parents left a 5 year old alone in a van to run into a store and that's when a thief jumped in and drove away. It all started on Georgia Avenue in Wheaton but a bystander helped police stop the van before the kidnapper could get away. The van sideswiped several other cars. One of those drivers flagged down police, who quickly stopped the van. The child was returned unhurt to her parents.

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#### 4/15 Tax Day Tea Party

Anti-tax protestors are braving the rain here at home to complain about taxes. Hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the White House hoping to have their voices heard. One of the organizing groups complained that tax code is too complicated. Others were worried about higher taxes in the future.

#### 4/15 Gun store break in

Police in Leesburg are concerned about a break in at a gunstore. Investigators aren't saying how many weapons or what types were stolen from the store. What worries them is that the weapons could be on the streets within 24 hours and in the hands of criminals. That's why there's such a concerted effort to find the one suspect and what he got away with from Loudoun Guns.

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#### 4/14 Maryland Energy Stimulus

Maryland is using federal stimulus dollars to create new fund to help homeowners give their homes energy efficient upgrades. The average cost for those changes usually range between \$5000 and \$10,000. The state is putting \$13 million dollars of its stimulus money into a fund to give homeowners low interest loans to make the improvements.

#### 4/14 Rocks from Overpass.

Police are stepping up patrols along Route 100 in Maryland, where someone is tossing rocks from a bridge on to cars below in Anne Arundel County. Since Friday, police have received 7 calls about rocks crashing onto cars or the road. So far, no one's been hurt.

#### 4/14 Herrington Drive Fire

A Prince George's County firefighter walked out of the hospital six days after a fire nearly took his life. Daniel McGown was burned on his face and through his airway when he lost the mask of his breathing apparatus. He says he knows he's a fortunate man and was saved by the instincts of fellow firefighters who knew he was in deep trouble. Fire investigators believe the fire was intentionally set.

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Swastikas and racial slurs were spray painted on a synagogue parking lot on Kings Valley Road in Damascus. The rabbi believes it happed between 9-10 last night while families were inside participating in a Seder service. Montgomery County police are stepping up patrols in the area.

#### 4/10 14th & Maryland Shooting

A mother was gunned down during the morning rush hour near the busy intersection of 14th Street & Maryland Avenue NE. Police are passing out fliers to find out more about the victim. Right now, they are only saying that she was living nearby in a shelter for women and was shot to death in a parking lot.

#### 4/8 Lyme disease

Reports of lyme disease are on the rise in our region. They've nearly doubled in the District and more than doubled in Virginia and Maryland from 2006 to 2007. The disease is spread through deer ticks. Health officials believe some of the problem is in development into what used to be deer territory.

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4/7 White House HIV Aids

A call for action from the White House after sobering new statistics on HIV & AIDS. In DC alone, the HIV/AIDS rate is higher than it is in West Africa. The White House is launching a 5 year, \$45 million communications campaign to get the disease back on the national radar screen as a major health threat. There is a perception that AIDS is not as serious as it used to be because more people are living longer with newer & better drugs. The CDC points out that 14,000 Americans still die of AIDS each year.

4/7 New Crime Numbers

New crime numbers are out from Fairfax County police. While the murder rate went up last year, police say the thing you need to worry about most is protecting your property. Thefts from autos jumped 80% in the Mason & McLean districts. Police say the jump in murders can be explained by the increase in murder suicides. They're looking at ways to cut those crimes.

4/6 Mental Health Shutdown

The District is shutting down its mental health clinics and sending mentally ill patients to private clinics for treatment. The move could save the city millions of dollars but some patients worry the cost cutting move will hurt the city's most vulnerable residents. The District's Department of Mental Health says the change will also help people with mental illness, depression and anxiety disorders who are uninsured and can't afford care. Four thousand patients will be transitioned to private care in the next year.

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4/3 Capital City Security

A warning on Capitol Hill today that the District remains a terrorist target. A House sub-committee also warned that surrounding counties need to do more to prepare for a disaster. A panel of experts told Congress that the area has made great strides in emergency preparedness but much more work needs to be done. One of the big concerns is that residents throughout the Capital area have not done enough planning of their own to map out how they would get out of the area in the event of a manmade or natural disaster.

4/3 FFX Rabid animal attacks

A health alert in Fairfax County where rabid raccoons have attacked 3 people. The attacks happened earlier this week in McLean. One raccoon tried to attack a 12 year old as he and his brother were leaving for a school fundraiser. Earlier this week, animal control officers also found a rabid cat in Oakton. Rabies is deadly in humans if not treated. Rabid animals are often aggressive, often foaming at the mouth.

4/2 Eddyspark Dr. Fire

Fairfax County authorities say two adults have been found dead in a burning single-family home in Herndon. Fire officials say the fire on Eddyspark Drive was reported by a neighbor, who was awakened by her dog, about 4 a.m. Thursday. Firefighters arrived to find heavy fire and smoke coming from the front of the house and the roof. The bodies of the two adults were found on the second floor of the house. The victims have not yet been identified. Police are investigating the fire as possibly suspicious.

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Bernard Bellamy, the man accused of running over and killing his pregnant teenage girlfriend, was in court today on murder charges. Court documents included new evidence, including threats he allegedly made by text message, telling her he didn't want the baby and she needed to do something about it. Valicia Demery was found dead at the school field on Mother's Day.

**5/28 FFX School parking fees**

Tough times are prompting the Fairfax County schools to hike parking rates for students. Next year, students will have to pay \$50 more to park in a school lot, up from \$150 this year. Because of money problems, the school system has already cut 800 jobs.

**5/28 Charles County stabbing**

A Maryland family is searching for answers in their young sons's murder. 17 year old Antonio McVicker was out walking with a friend near his home in Charles County last night when he was attacked. The friend ran to McVicker's house to alert his parents to what had happened. They say he had never been in any trouble and don't know who would have wanted to attack him.

**5/27 Speed Camera Agent**

A self-proclaimed secret agent is targeting speed cameras in the Potomac area. He's putting up bright red signs warning people that the cameras are ahead. He claims the cameras aren't for public safety but are instead raising revenue for local jurisdictions. Montgomery County police say the signs are probably not legal but not something they would prosecute him for.

**5/27 PG DC 3 shot**

Tonight the families of 3 people gunned down in 2 separate shootings are searching for answers. Both murders happened early Tuesday morning, one in Northwest DC, the other at a home in Fort Washington. Police believe the murders are connected.

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**5/19 DC Missing Woman**

For the first time, we're getting a look inside the home where Pamela Butler disappeared three months ago. Police spent weeks searching the home for any information but say there's no evidence she vanished on her own and no evidence of foul play. Butler's brother showed us the security cameras around the house and say none of them captured anything unusual.

**5/19 Centreville Sex Assault**

A warning tonight for women in one Northern Virginia community. Police in Centreville released a sketch of a man who may be behind a pair of terrifying attacks, breaking into homes in the middle of the night and assaulting teenage girls. The first attack happened just over a week ago, then another one this weekend about a mile away. Police are canvassing the neighborhood with flyers to warn residents.

**5/18 DC Gang Free**

A new plan is pushing to get gangs out of the District. Mayor Adrian fenty wants police to identify known gang members so the city can ban them from conducting any kind of business in designation sections of DC. The ACLU as well as the Public Defenders Office says the law is written to broadly and could be abused.

**5/14 DC Foster Program**

A new program in the District is reaching out to foster kids who go through foster care but are never adopted, providing the safety net they desperately need. The program is setting the kids up with older mentors to help them find places to live and get support on a continuing basis.

#### 5/14 Seven Locks Rd Ad

For day 4 of the Jose Garcia Perlera trial, a DNA expert testified that he's what's called a "major contributor" to DNA found in the home of Mary Havenstein. The 63 year old was found dead in her house in Bethesda last Fall. Perlera is charged with attacking older women in their homes and robbing them. Havenstein is the only victim who died.

#### 5/13 Seven Locks Road Death

One of the victims terrorized in a Montgomery County crime spree today came face to face with her accused attacker in court. Prosecutors say Jose Garcia Perlera broke into the homes of older women, hog-tied them and beat some of them. He's also accused of killing 63 year old Mary Havenstein during a robbery in her home last fall. Today, another victim shared her story of being tied up and left for days during the robbery. Ann Wolf says Perlera hit her over the head with a gun outside her home.

#### 5/13 Md Soldier Killed

A Maryland man is one of five soldiers killed in an attack at Baghdad's Camp Liberty. Private First Class Michael Yates was allegedly gunned down by a fellow US soldier on a rampage. Army Sergeant John Russell is accused of the shooting at a stress clinic. The victim is from Federalsburg on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

#### 5/12 Chesapeake Clean up

President Barack Obama is helping clean up the Chesapeake bay. Today he signed an Executive Order accelerating plans to clean up the national treasure and make it a model for clean up efforts around the country. The order puts the EPA in charge and sets new deadlines and benchmarks that must be reached along the way.

#### 5/12 Seven Locks Rd Death

The trial started today for a man accused in a deadly Montgomery county crime spree. Jose Garcia-Perlera is facing 15 charges, including murder. Prosecutors say he was behind a string of home invasions targeting elderly women who were hog-tied and robbed and some of them even beaten. 63 year old Mary Havenstein was found dead in her Bethesda home last fall.

#### 5/11 Obama Health care

President Obama is meeting with health care groups today in an effort to start reforming health care. The Obama administration says health care reform could save a family of 4 \$2500 a year. There were few details on how this savings could be achieved but the industry says it wants to be part of the solution. Under the threat of legislation, a coalition of hospitals, doctors, drug companies and insurers are working to come up with its own cost containment measures.

#### 5/11 Teacher Drug Dealer

A former Montgomery County high school teachers pleaded guilty to drug charges and admitted she gave drugs to a student. Theresa Duarte pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of cocaine today. She taught at Wooten High School and is facing up to 20 years in prison.

#### 5/11 Body at High School

A disturbing discovery at a local high school. 19 year old Valerecia Demery was found dead near the football field at Forestville Military Training Academy, where both the victim, and the suspect graduated. Police believe Bernard Bellamy killed his girlfriend because she was pregnant and left here there. Her family members say he had asked her not to have the baby.

#### 5/8 Building Explosion

After an explosion at a Prince George's County strip mall yesterday, several buildings are condemned. There isn't much left to the structures damaged in the explosion. Six firefighters and a gas worker were injured but crews had managed to evacuate all the buildings of shoppers and workers before the blast. There were reports of a natural gas smell in the area. The Fire Department believes there were probably three different explosions from three different ignition sources.

#### 5/7 Metro Rail Food Kiosk

The Metro transit agency may be looking to change its policy on no eating or drinking on the trains. Metro is considering allowing vendors to sell food inside stations, along with opening other small businesses. It's part of a money making plan to help the agency. Some customers are concerned that allowing food could make the trains dirtier and less comfortable.

#### 5/7 Building Explosion

Five firefighters and a gas worker were hurt in an explosion at the Penn-Mar Shopping Center in Forestville. The building exploded late this afternoon after reports of the smell of natural gas. Firefighters evacuated the buildings before the blast. Investigators are still looking for the cause of the leak and explosion.

#### 5/6 Counseling by Texting

Alexandria is using a new strategy to counsel teens on pregnancy protection. Public health experts are setting up a teen text message line to give out frank information to teens who have questions. Teens text in their questions and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy workers will answer them. The campaign hopes it will help youngsters who might be too embarrassed to ask questions face-to-face.

#### 5/6 Swine Flu vaccine

With concerns over the swine flu, many people are asking about a vaccine to protect themselves. The government says researchers already know a lot about the virus and are in a good position to make a vaccine if they need to. The trouble may be in getting the vaccine out to the people. The government has to decide whether there's a need for the vaccine, who would get it, and how it should be distributed. It's not clear whether the vaccine could be combined with the regular flu vaccine or if you'd need a second shot followed by a swine flu booster after that.

#### 5/6 Florida Ave watermain

A busted water main caused a huge problem in the District. The gushing water buckled the pavement along Florida Avenue in Northwest DC. A portion of that busy street is still closed and will likely stay that way for awhile. Workers are trying to dig down to the main so that they can replace the pipe. Only one business is still without water.

#### 5/5 Student Gallup Poll

A new Gallup poll quizzed more than 70,000 students on their perceptions of their own engagement, hope and well-being - all factors linked by research to academic success. The poll, which was conducted in more than 300 schools, found that those issues are all key factors that drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. In a disturbing result, the poll found that 1 in 3 students are struggling or suffering and half say they have no hope. Researchers say communities need to pay attention to these results because they tell an important story about America's students and why so many of them drop out of school.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

Rockville High, one of the local schools shut down by the swine flu, now has a second probably case of the illness. The school will still reopen tomorrow along with all the others shut down by the outbreak.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

All the Maryland schools closed by the Swine Flu epidemic now have the all-clear to reopen beginning tomorrow. State health officials say that's because the flu does not seem to be as serious as once thought and is not spreading quickly through schools.

#### 5/4 Swine Flu MD Schools

The Swine Flu outbreak is giving thousands of Maryland students an unplanned vacation. 5 Maryland schools are now closed as a precaution from spreading the flu. Parents of younger kids are now scrambling to find day care. County officials are also working to find a way to get food to kids who typically rely on meals they get at schools.

#### 5/4 MD Swine Flu

There are more local confirmed cases in the Swine Flu outbreak. Health officials now know for sure that there are 4 cases in Maryland, the first definite cases in the state. Health investigators are still looking into 11 other probable cases in Maryland. There are now 4 confirmed cases in the District and 3 in Virginia.

#### 5/1 Kids Triathlon

Two brothers in Kensington are raising money to help Make-A-Wish by competing in a triathlon. 12 year

old Geoff and his brother Andrew raised more than a thousand dollars for the organization last year and hope to do much even better this year. Each wish costs about \$7500 and the brothers hope they can make enough money to cover the cost of 3 wishes.

5/1 Swine Flu fears

Fears of the swine flu is making it hard for pharmacies and drug stores to keep hand sanitizers and face masks in stock. Some people are worried about getting swine flu while others believe the risk is being blown out of proportion. The Maryland Swine Flu advisory board says it's a delicate balancing act of informing the public without creating unnecessary alarm.

5/1 Swine Flu

A possible case of swine flu is shutting down a Montgomery County High School. Classes and extracurricular activities are cancelled at Rockville High since a child who attends there may be infected. The county's health director says students should stay at home while the school is closed and not socialize.

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#### 6/26 Eastern Market reopens

The \$22 million renovation of Eastern Market is over. It reopened after being rebuilt following a fire more than two years ago. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty cut the ribbon this morning.

#### 6/26 McMillan Funeral

The train operator killed this week in a Washington rail crash was a hero who saved lives, the Metro transit agency's general manager said Friday. John Catoe told relatives, friends and colleagues who gathered at a Washington church that 42-year-old Jeanice McMillan of Springfield, Va., will be known as the Metro hero. Federal investigators have said there is evidence that McMillan applied an emergency brake before her train plowed into another, killing her and eight passengers. Monday's crash was the deadliest in the rail system's 33-year history. Bishop Glen Staples of the Temple of Praise, where the service was held, said McMillan saved others by applying the brakes even as her own death was imminent. Hundreds attended the memorial service at McMillan's church in southeast Washington, including D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty. Many Metro employees wore their uniforms and black arm bands.

#### 6/26 Michael Jackson Investigation

An autopsy on the body of pop star Michael Jackson is planned for today, though results are not likely to be final until toxicology tests are completed. The process could take several days and sometimes weeks. However, Los Angeles County Coroner Investigator Jerry McKibben says if a cause can be determined by the autopsy, they will announce the results. Jackson died yesterday at UCLA Medical Center after being stricken at his rented Los Angeles home. Paramedics tried to resuscitate him for nearly three-quarters of an hour, then rushed him to the hospital, where doctors continued to work on him. Jackson, who was 50, was preparing for what would have been a series of 50 concerts starting July 13 in London.

#### 6/26 Michael Jackson

A local woman is talking about her connection to Michael Jackson. Yvonne Stewart has met him several times since her uncle is legendary Motown singer Smokey Robinson. Stewart says her uncle met Michael when he was still a young boy and he couldn't imagine that he was meeting the future King of Pop.

#### 6/26 Metro Investigation

After the deadly Metro crash Monday, officials said they have temporarily reassigned the superintendent of the automatic control system that is supposed to prevent train crashes. The striking train was operating in automatic mode, which means it was primarily controlled by a computer. Metro says it's a precaution until the end of the investigation, not an indication he did anything wrong. The National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday that Metro's signaling system failed to detect a test train stopped in the same place as one that was struck during this week's deadly crash. Test results indicate the oncoming train involved in Monday's crash may have lacked information that another train was stopped on the tracks ahead. About 70 people were injured.

#### 6/25 Metro Board Meeting

Federal investigators are back on the scene of the deadly metro crash looking for clues. They're examining rails and electronic circuits in the area of the crash that has become the focus of the investigation. Metro is also taking its own steps to ensure the safety of its trains. The agency says it will inspect all rail circuits across the system, and make changes to older model trains.

#### 6/25 Red Line Cracked Rail

More trouble on the tracks today left passengers delayed and frustrated. Crews found two cracked rails on two separate lines. The red and green lines have major delays while the rails are being fixed.

#### 6/24 Metro Train Crash

New details tonight in the investigation into Monday's deadly Metro crash. There's more evidence that the driver hit the emergency brake moments before the crash. Investigators also say they looked at circuits which control the trains and found five of the six operated per standard but one of them had anomalies and that's what investigators are paying close attention to now.

#### 6/24 Metro Cap Hill Reax

A big reaction from Capitol Hill on this crash. Congress announced late today it will fork over \$34 million for Metro to replace its oldest cars like the one involved in this accident. Senate sources told Fox 5 the money will

be released almost immediately and will allow Metro to purchase 52 new rail cars. Metro says it has wanted to replace the oldest 1000 series cars but haven't had the money to do that.

#### 6/24 Metro More Victims

9 people from all walks of life were killed in the Metro crash. In honor of all those victims, flags around the District are flying at half staff today. Two of the victims are General David Wherley and his wife Ann, who are being remembered for their devotion to their community and their country. Major General David Wherley was the commanding General at the DC National Guard Armory until his retirement a year ago.

#### 6/24 Prince George's County robberies

A wild crime spree in Prince George's county with 7 robberies and carjackings in just 20 minutes. They all happened in the Hyattsville and Landover Hills area early this morning. Another incident later in the morning could be connected. Police are looking for 3 or 4 suspects.

#### 6/24 Take Home Audit

A Fox 5 investigation is getting results. Fairfax County is changing how its employees use take home vehicles after we discovered your taxpayer dollars were paying for perks. Fairfax County lets more than 500 government employees taken government-owned vehicles home but when we caught high-ranking fire officials appearing to abuse that privilege, the county launched a three month audit. This week, the County-wide audit revealed the fire department had underreported the number of vehicles it used in the take home program. Supervisor Pat Herrity says the audit provides a good starting point for next year's expected budget cuts. The fire department will stop using six take home cars, a new mileage restriction will prevent vehicles from traveling more than 30 miles outside county lines and log book employees are supposed to fill out must now provide more detail.

#### 6/24 Metro Union Presser

The Metro Workers Union is calling for three new safety changes following Monday's crash, including asking the transit authority to address concerns about the potential hazards of the Series 1000 trains. They're asking for the cars to be placed in the center, not the front or rear of the trains. The Union also asked that the authority allow operators to operate trains in manual mode to assure they can stop in time until safety issues have been resolved. The Union also wants Metro to stop mandating speed levels and allow operators to go at speeds they feel are safe.

#### 6/23 Metro Train Crash

Tonight, we know that the Metro train crash killed 9 people, with the death toll rising dramatically overnight. Investigators are looking at the data recorders from the struck train to try to learn more about what happened in the minutes before the crash. The striking train had older cars and did not have data recorders on board. It's standard operating procedure for Metro trains to operate in automatic mode during rush hour, so investigators have to find out if the train was in automatic and whether the system failed. The FBI's Evidence Response Team is helping the NTSB gather some of the crucial clues from the crash site.

#### 6/23 Metro driver

We are learning more about the Metro driver who was killed when her train slammed into another. 42 year old Jeanice McMillan of Springfield had worked for Metro since January 2007. She had just become a driver in December. McMillan's mother says she always told her daughter to say a prayer before starting a shift. Neighbors placed a good bye letter and flowers outside her door at her apartment in Springfield.

#### 6/23 Metro Service Update

A day after the Metro crash, the Red Line is still closed between the Silver Spring and Rhode Island Avenue stations. Riders are having to get off and take a Metro bus to reach one of the closed stops or continue their trips. Some riders are reporting long delays to get around the closed areas.

#### 6/23 Metro Board Meets

Monday's Metro crash is raising concerns about the safety of Metro's rail cars. For more than a decade now, the National Transportation Safety Board says Metro has ignored its recommendations to reinforce or replace its oldest rail cars. Today NTSB officials are calling that unacceptable. Metro says it has aggressively tried to replace the cars but the cost to do that would be about a billion dollars.

#### 6/22 River Rescue Resumes

A family is launching a desperate search along the Potomac after two family members were swept away on Sunday. Cousins Abdul Doraney and Asad Nabatzuh were with other family members hiking along the Billy Goat



Trail near Great Falls when they decided to jump in for a swim. Searchers are calling this a recovery mission.

#### 6/22 Metro Crash

A Metro train slammed into another train at the Fort Totten station at around 5pm this afternoon. Crews are working to get people out of the wreckage and transport victims to the hospital. Four people have died in the crash. Metro trains across the system are operating at reduced speeds, with the Red Line facing long delays with people having to take buses to get around the closed stations.

#### 6/18 PG Fire Cuts

Deep budget cuts are forcing Prince George's County fire stations to shift protection around the country. Stations in 10 communities have to make staff adjustments meaning fewer firefighters at times in certain hours. The department is trying to cut down on overtime. None of the stations has been closed and the department is telling citizens not to worry. Some local residents are concerned about the possibility that help may not be there when they need it.

#### 6/17 Sex Offender Runs Play

A former drama teacher and convicted sex offender has directed a play in Frederick, Maryland involving kids, now the theater group is hiring him back again. Samn Huffer is directing the production of Annie for the Fredericktowne Players. Maryland State Delegate Rick Weldon is in the play and says he is satisfied that children are protected from any danger. Huffer pleaded guilty to child pornography and cocaine possession in 2001 and served nearly 2 years in prison.

#### 6/16 DC Anti-Crime Bill

A heated debate and a tough decision today for the DC Council. They want to satisfy residents who are fed up with crime and want the city to crackdown on gang violence. But some worry the proposal to get tough on crime would violate civil liberties. Jack Evans introduced an amendment that if a judge found clear and convincing evidence that a particular gang exists and a certain person is in the gang, police would have additional power to take that person into custody for hanging out in public space, intimidating neighbors or being in the presence of someone who is in possession of guns or drugs. Other council members complain that could lead to sweeping lockups of citizens, especially minorities.

#### 6/15 Holocaust other guards

Tonight for the first time we are getting a first hand account from the two guards who shot suspect James Von Brunn at the Holocaust Museum. Officers Jason McCuiston and Harry Weeks say it had been a quiet day until Von Brunn showed up with a gun. When he fired, they say children were running for cover. When the gunfire stopped, the 2000 visitors inside the museum were safe but the security team lost Officer Stephen Johns. His fellow guards remember him as a man who probably saved lives as the first person to encounter Von Brunn.

#### 6/15 Stan Fey Road Fire

A fire in the middle of the night leveled a million dollar mansion in Prince George's County. The roof had already caved in even before firefighters arrived. The real challenge came from getting water to the fire. Tanker trucks from Bowie and Anne Arundel County were used to transport water from a hydrant on 301 to a temporary pool where it was dumped and pumped to a tower truck to extinguish the flames. The neighborhood had no hydrants, so it took firefighters a good 5 to 10 minutes to get a steady stream of water onto the house. At this point, there's no cause for the fire. No one was hurt.

#### 6/15 Montgomery County speed bumps

Montgomery County is considering adding even more speed humps in neighborhoods to force drivers to slow down. The proposal sailed through the committee meeting this morning and is now set for the full council to discuss. Some council members say the humps are effective in getting people to slow down. Other members want to look at other ways to slow traffic, like speed cameras.

#### 6/12 Holocaust Museum Reopens

This is an emotional day at the US Holocaust Museum, reopening for the first time since a deadly shooting. Huge crowds showed up to support the museum as it moves on in the wake of tragedy.

#### 6/12 Holocaust Shooting Suspect

The FBI is continuing to look into the background of Holocaust Museum shooting suspect James Von

Brunn. Agents believe he acted alone, killing Special Officer Stephen Johns with a 22 caliber rifle. Von Brunn is under 24 hour guard at George Washington Hospital. Law enforcement sources say he is unable to speak because a bullet hit him in the jaw.

#### 6/11 Holocaust shooter

The FBI is searching for answers in the deadly shooting at the US Holocaust Museum. Tonight, murder charges are filed against 88 year old James Von Brunn, a self-described white supremacist accused of bursting into the museum and shooting a museum security guard. Von Brunn has a long history of writings about white supremacy and claims the holocaust is a myth created by Jews.

#### 6/11 Holocaust Shooting Suspect

James Von Brunn most recently lived with his son in Annapolis but few people knew him there. That's because he spent much of the last decade about 30 miles away in Easton, Maryland. An art gallery owner says she once witnessed his temper first hand. Laura Era co-owns the Troika Art gallery. Era says Von Brunn blew up at her when she refused to display his work 12 years ago and stormed out of her gallery. She says he recently showed up again upset because of a biracial wedding taking place in a nearby city park.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Shooting

A devastating act of violence in a place of remembrance. A gunman walked into the US Holocaust Museum near the National Mall and shot one guard to death. The gunman was then wounded. The suspected gunman is identified as James Von Brunn, an 88 year old self-described white supremacist. Investigators searched what was believed to be his car parked nearby and found notebook paper with a list of other locations, including the US Capitol, The White House and a Fox News location. Sources emphasize they don't know if these were other intended targets.

#### 6/10 Holocaust Museum Shooting

Witnesses at the Holocaust Museum describe a scene of chaos in the minutes after the shooting started. One described an elderly man in a brown overcoat who opened fire. Some tourists hid behind exhibits while others ran for fire. Many of those inside praised the security guards who stopped the gunman who had already shot one of their colleagues.

#### 6/10 Ice Cream Plant Closing

A tough blow in an already tough economy. An ice cream plant in Hagerstown Maryland is closing forcing nearly 500 workers to find new jobs. The Unilever North American company makes several brands of ice cream but the company decided the plant wasn't the most efficient place to make the products. The plant is expected to close in 2011.

#### 6/10 Mogo Schools Graduates

The Montgomery County school system has earned new bragging rights. More than 80% of its students graduate from high school. Those results have landed the school district at the top of a national list. The Superintendent credits employees for the nation's highest graduation rate.

#### 6/9 Holbrook st shooting

Park police officers shot and killed an armed man on Holbrook street last night. Now community rumors are making police even more concerned about this investigation. A large crowd estimated at around 200 people spilled into the streets minutes after the shooting in the Trinidad neighborhood. Rumors began circulating that the man was shot multiple times in the back. That story is still unconfirmed but Police Chief Lanier said on the scene last night they wanted to find out the truth and get word out to quell any rumors.

#### 6/9 VA Primary

Voters across Virginia are heading to the polls to choose a Democratic candidate for Governor. Creigh Deeds, Terry McAuliffe and Brian Moran are in a three man race while Republican Bob McDonnell is running unopposed.

#### 6/08 Mogo Speed cameras

The Montgomery County speed camera program is raking in nearly a million dollars a month and drawing complaints from drivers. Now the county is requesting that taxpayers spend another \$3 million to pay for the 30 new cameras that are up and running. Officials say the cameras save lives and reduce speeds.

6/4 Kids struck by lightning

A Little League tragedy in Virginia. 12 year old Clow Gross Matos and a friend were playing catch last night after referees called the game because of a storm at the field in Spotsylvania County. The lightning killed Clow and badly hurt his friend. His father says he was trying to get the boys off the field when they were hit.

6/3 Landover 4 shot

A graduation celebration turned to tragedy in Landover. Friends say a large group kids gathered in the neighborhood on Continental Place after Flowers High School graduation when someone started shooting. 19 year old Shai Caldwell, a mother with a one year old daughter, was killed. Three other people were also hurt but are expected to survive.

6/3 Mrs. Obama Graduation

A student at a DC charter school wrote to the White House to request Mrs. Obama as a graduation speaker and today she got her wish. Mrs. Obama spoke at the graduation of the Washington Science Mathematics Technology charter school, one of only 2 commencement ceremonies the First Lady is attending this year. She urged graduates to push aside their fears to reach their goals.

6/3 DC Boys & Girls Clubs

DC is going to buy 3 Boys and Girls Club facilities in the city to keep them going. Budget cuts put programs in danger and even led to one club being padlocked. The city will own the buildings and community non profit groups can bid on whether they could provide services in them. Club board members and groups working out of the buildings seem happy with the deal.

6/2 DC Bag tax

Today the DC Council unanimously voted to tack a nickel tax on most paper or plastic bags you get in stores. It's part of an effort to cut down on trash polluting city streets and waterways. The money will go to clean up the Anacostia. DC will hand out reusable bags for free and plans to make sure many are distributed to seniors and low income residents through places like the Capital City Food Bank. The fee starts in January.

6/2 Mrs. Obama Graduation

A DC girl's efforts are paying off. She wrote one letter to the White House and got Mrs. Obama to speak at the graduation of her DC charter school tomorrow. Jasmine Williams wants the First Lady to speak to draw attention to her successful inner city school and break stereotypes. 98% of her classmates go on to college.

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#### 4/30 14th Street Rehab

Commuters who drive into DC are about to face a serious headache. The main route into the city is about to undergo a 2 year rehabilitation headache. That's the heavily traveled 14th Street Bridge, with 200,000 vehicles a day using it to cross. The inbound span will be affected most although engineers say during rush hour, they can keep all four lanes into the city. Transportation officials are advising drivers to carpool on the HOV bridge, use Metro or adjust your work hours if you can.

#### 4/30 Chrysler bankruptcy

After months of struggling to stay alive on government loans, Chrysler finally succumbed to bankruptcy Thursday, pinning its future on a top-to-bottom reorganization and plans to build cleaner cars through an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat. The nation's third-largest car manufacturer filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York after a group of creditors defied government pressure to wipe out Chrysler's debt. The company plans to emerge in as little as 30 days as a leaner, more nimble company, probably with Fiat as the majority owner. In return, the federal government agreed to give Chrysler up to \$8 billion in additional aid and to back its warranties.

#### 4/23 Money: Auto Industry

The auto industry is revealing new details on how companies are restructuring to continue getting government loans. GM today laid out its deepest cuts yet, slashing 21,000 hourly jobs, phasing out the Pontiac brand, and giving the government more than half its stock to pay off debts. GM stands to get another \$11.6 billion from the government if its restructuring plans are approved.

#### 4/23 Metro Nationals

Since baseball came back to DC, the city government has picked up the tab for late night Metro rail service when games run long. Earlier this month, though, the city sent a letter to Metro saying because of financial challenges, DC would no longer pay for extra service. After a rain delay forced a late game Monday, the Nationals called Metro for late service but balked at paying the fee. Ultimately, Metro ran the trains anyway so they didn't strand customers. Now the city has relented and agreed to pay for late train service for fans... at a cost of about \$27000 per hour. Other sports teams in the city pay their own fees.

#### 4/23 Person hit by a train

An eighth grader on his way to school was struck and killed by a train this morning. Police say 14 year old Prince Tyere was walking on the tracks near Laurel. There's a clear footpath worn near the tracks that show it's a popular but dangerous shortcut. Prince's sister says he missed the bus and decided to walk.

#### 4/22 Biden Recovery Act

Today, to mark Earth Day, Vice-President Biden is touting green transportation jobs to drive a stronger economy. Biden pushed the administration's messages that the country does not have to choose between ecology and economy. He spoke to a crowd of Metro mechanics at the transit agency's maintenance facility in New Carrollton. He announced more federal aid for greener transit vehicles to help the domestic economy.

#### 4/17 ICC Environment

After two generations of debate, the InterCounty Connector is now under construction, and the managers of the project are trying to tread lightly on the environment. The 19-mile roadway will ultimately connect Shady Grove in Montgomery County with Route 1 in Prince George's County. Many opponents said the road would permanently ruin hundreds of acres of Maryland wetlands. A total of 15 percent of the overall budget of the project will be spent on environmental mitigation or stewardship, says ICC spokeswoman Fran Counihan. Some of the mitigation measures look familiar: black fencing designed to hold back runoff. But there are also stone filtration dams in low-lying areas, and plastic fencing along the boundary is made of a smaller-than-usual mesh so that box turtles won't get caught up in it.

#### 4/17 EPA Climate Change

The Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases

are a danger to public health and welfare, taking the first step to regulating pollution linked to climate change. Such regulation would have widespread economic and social impact, from requiring more fuel efficient automobiles to limiting carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and industrial sources, changing the way the nation produces energy.

#### 4/14 Rocks from Overpass.

Police are stepping up patrols along Route 100 in Maryland, where someone is tossing rocks from a bridge on to cars below in Anne Arundel County. Since Friday, police have received 7 calls about rocks crashing onto cars or the road. So far, no one's been hurt.

#### 4/7 New Crime Numbers

New crime numbers are out from Fairfax County police. While the murder rate went up last year, police say the thing you need to worry about most is protecting your property. Thefts from autos jumped 80% in the Mason & McLean districts. Police say the jump in murders can be explained by the increase in murder suicides. They're looking at ways to cut those crimes.

#### 4/6 Airline Quality Ratings

The government is out tonight with its new airline quality ratings and things are looking up. In 2008, the airline industry had its best performance in 4 years. Hawaiian Airlines led the way for all overall quality followed by discount carriers Airtran and Jetblue. The ratings are based on analysis from the US Department of Transportation.

#### 4/3 Capital City Security

A warning on Capitol Hill today that the District remains a terrorist target. A House sub-committee also warned that surrounding counties need to do more to prepare for a disaster. A panel of experts told Congress that the area has made great strides in emergency preparedness but much more work needs to be done. One of the big concerns is that residents throughout the Capital area have not done enough planning of their own to map out how they would get out of the area in the event of a manmade or natural disaster.

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#### 5/28 FFX School parking fees

Tough times are prompting the Fairfax County schools to hike parking rates for students. Next year, students will have to pay \$50 more to park in a school lot, up from \$150 this year. Because of money problems, the school system has already cut 800 jobs.

#### 5/28 Metro Board Food

Metro is moving ahead with plans to install sales kiosks at stations all over the system. The board voted to approve the plan but rejected an idea to sell frozen food at the stands. Metro's managers wanted to have meals that people could pick up to cook at home. There was concern over allowing any kind of food or drinks since Metro bans all eating and drinking on the trains.

#### 5/27 Speed Camera Agent

A self-proclaimed secret agent is targeting speed cameras in the Potomac area. He's putting up bright red signs warning people that the cameras are ahead. He claims the cameras aren't for public safety but are instead raising revenue for local jurisdictions. Montgomery County police say the signs are probably not legal but not something they would prosecute him for.

#### 5/19 Fuel Economy

President Obama is cracking down on emissions from cars and trucks, trying to cut down on dependence on foreign oil. Today, he outlined the first federal program aimed at limiting gas emissions while improving fuel efficiency at the same time. Under the historic changes, cars would have to get 39 miles per gallon by 2016, trucks would have to get 30 miles per gallon.

#### 5/18 Gas Prices

Triple A says gas prices have increased 25 cents a gallon over the last three weeks. Some refinery outages in March have put pressure on the East Coast supply. Other reports that the economy is rebounding is also increasing demand. Forecasters don't expect a return to \$4 gas soon, though. Despite the price hikes, we're still paying about \$23 per tank than last May.

#### 5/14 Chrysler Dealers Closing

The auto crisis is claiming hundreds of local jobs. Nearly 800 Chrysler dealerships nation wide, including 35 here in our area, are getting the bad news today that they are closing. Chrysler notified the dealerships that they will end their affiliation with the companies on June 9th. That's an effort to save money to get out of bankruptcy protection.

#### 5/11 DC Budget Parking

You'll soon have a bigger chance of getting a parking ticket on Saturday or in residential areas with a new parking crackdown. DC is stepping up its parking enforcement because of the city's budget shortfall. The extra tickets are expected to generate \$7 million ifor next fiscal year.

#### 5/7 Metro Rail Food Kiosk

The Metro transit agency may be looking to change its policy on no eating or drinking on the trains. Metro is considering allowing vendors to sell food inside stations, along with opening other small businesses. It's part of a money making plan to help the agency. Some customers are concerned that allowing food could make the trains dirtier and less comfortable.

#### 5/6 Car Incentives

Consumers could get up to \$4,500 each to help replace old gas-guzzling cars - as long as they turn in their old ones - under a plan that's gained strong support from the White House and leaders of Congress. The "Cash for clunkers" movement has proved so strong that Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., is seriously considering making it part of the emergency Iraq and Afghanistan war-spending bill. The House of Representatives is expected to vote on the war-funding measure by Friday, probably without the "cash for clunkers" language, which the Senate is expected to add next week when it debates the legislation.

#### 5/6 Florida Ave watermain

A busted water main caused a huge problem in the District. The gushing water buckled the pavement along Florida Avenue in Northwest DC. A portion of that busy street is still closed and will likely stay that way for awhile. Workers are trying to dig down to the main so that they can replace the pipe. Only one business is still

without water.

#### 5/1 Chrysler Fiat

Chrysler says it's making deep cuts to restructure and try to stay out of bankruptcy. Those cuts include closing five more plants and laying off employees. Despite the risk of the company entering bankruptcy protection, some buyers are still willing to purchase Chrysler vehicles. One said he wasn't worried about getting good service or warranty protection even if the company had to file for bankruptcy.

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#### 6/26 McMillan Funeral

The train operator killed this week in a Washington rail crash was a hero who saved lives, the Metro transit agency's general manager said Friday. John Catoe told relatives, friends and colleagues who gathered at a Washington church that 42-year-old Jeanice McMillan of Springfield, Va., will be known as the Metro hero. Federal investigators have said there is evidence that McMillan applied an emergency brake before her train plowed into another, killing her and eight passengers. Monday's crash was the deadliest in the rail system's 33-year history. Bishop Glen Staples of the Temple of Praise, where the service was held, said McMillan saved others by applying the brakes even as her own death was imminent. Hundreds attended the memorial service at McMillan's church in southeast Washington, including D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty. Many Metro employees wore their uniforms and black arm bands.

#### 6/26 Metro Investigation

After the deadly Metro crash Monday, officials said they have temporarily reassigned the superintendent of the automatic control system that is supposed to prevent train crashes. The striking train was operating in automatic mode, which means it was primarily controlled by a computer. Metro says it's a precaution until the end of the investigation, not an indication he did anything wrong. The National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday that Metro's signaling system failed to detect a test train stopped in the same place as one that was struck during this week's deadly crash. Test results indicate the oncoming train involved in Monday's crash may have lacked information that another train was stopped on the tracks ahead. About 70 people were injured.

#### 6/25 Metro Board Meeting

Federal investigators are back on the scene of the deadly metro crash looking for clues. They're examining rails and electronic circuits in the area of the crash that has become the focus of the investigation. Metro is also taking its own steps to ensure the safety of its trains. The agency says it will inspect all rail circuits across the system and make changes to older model trains.

#### 6/25 Red Line Cracked Rail

More trouble on the tracks today left passengers delayed and frustrated. Crews found two cracked rails on two separate lines. The red and green lines have major delays while the rails are being fixed.

#### 6/25 Metro Rider Habits

Ridership is back up after Monday's accident but some passengers are still nervous about hopping on the trains. Some commuters are trying to avoid the front and back cars but others say they're not changing their habits because the chance of an accident is rare.

#### 6/24 Metro Train Crash

New details tonight in the investigation into Monday's deadly Metro crash. There's more evidence that the driver hit the emergency brake moments before the crash. Investigators also say they looked at circuits which control the trains and found five of the six operated per standard but one of them had anomalies and that's what investigators are paying close attention to now.

#### 6/24 Metro Cap Hill Reax

A big reaction from Capitol Hill on this crash. Congress announced late today it will fork over \$34 million for Metro to replace its oldest cars like the one involved in this accident. Senate sources told Fox 5 the money will be released almost immediately and will allow Metro to purchase 52 new rail cars. Metro says it has wanted to replace the oldest 1000 series cars but haven't had the money to do that.

#### 6/24 Metro More Victims

9 people from all walks of life were killed in the Metro crash. In honor of all those victims, flags around the District are flying at half staff today. Two of the victims are General David Wherley and his wife Ann, who are being remembered for their devotion to their community and their country. Major General David Wherley was the commanding General at the DC National Guard Armory until his retirement a year ago.

#### 6/24 Take Home Audit

A Fox 5 investigation is getting results. Fairfax County is changing how its employees use take home



vehicles after we discovered your taxpayer dollars were paying for perks. Fairfax County lets more than 500 government employees taken government-owned vehicles home but when we caught high-ranking fire officials appearing to abuse that privilege, the county launched a three month audit. This week, the County-wide audit revealed the fire department had underreported the number of vehicles it used in the take home program. Supervisor Pat Herrity says the audit provides a good starting point for next year's expected budget cuts. The fire department will stop using six take home cars, a new mileage restriction will prevent vehicles from traveling more than 30 miles outside county lines and log book employees are supposed to fill out must now provide more detail.

#### 6/24 Metro Union Presser

The Metro Workers Union is calling for three new safety changes following Monday's crash, including asking the transit authority to address concerns about the potential hazards of the Series 1000 trains. They're asking for the cars to be placed in the center, not the front or rear of the trains. The Union also asked that the authority allow operators to operate trains in manual mode to assure they can stop in time until safety issues have been resolved. The Union also wants Metro to stop mandating speed levels and allow operators to go at speeds they feel are safe.

#### 6/23 Metro Train Crash

Tonight, we know that the Metro train crash killed 9 people, with the death toll rising dramatically overnight. Investigators are looking at the data recorders from the struck train to try to learn more about what happened in the minutes before the crash. The striking train had older cars and did not have data recorders on board. It's standard operating procedure for Metro trains to operate in automatic mode during rush hour, so investigators have to find out if the train was in automatic and whether the system failed. The FBI's Evidence Response Team is helping the NTSB gather some of the crucial clues from the crash site.

#### 6/23 Metro driver

We are learning more about the Metro driver who was killed when her train slammed into another. 42 year old Jeanice McMillan of Springfield had worked for Metro since January 2007. She had just become a driver in December. McMillan's mother says she always told her daughter to say a prayer before starting a shift. Neighbors placed a good bye letter and flowers outside her door at her apartment in Springfield.

#### 6/23 Metro Service Update

A day after the Metro crash, the Red Line is still closed between the Silver Spring and Rhode Island Avenue stations. Riders are having to get off and take a Metro bus to reach one of the closed stops or continue their trips. Some riders are reporting long delays to get around the closed areas.

#### 6/23 Metro Board Meets

Monday's Metro crash is raising concerns about the safety of Metro's rail cars. For more than a decade now, the National Transportation Safety Board says Metro has ignored its recommendations to reinforce or replace its oldest rail cars. Today NTSB officials are calling that unacceptable. Metro says it has aggressively tried to replace the cars but the cost to do that would be about a billion dollars.

#### 6/22 Metro Crash

A Metro train slammed into another train at the Fort Totten station at around 5pm this afternoon. Crews are working to get people out of the wreckage and transport victims to the hospital. Four people have died in the crash. Metro trains across the system are operating at reduced speeds, with the Red Line facing long delays with people having to take buses to get around the closed stations.

#### 6/17 Alex red light cams

Alexandria is launching its new red light camera program today. For the first few weeks, drivers snapped running red lights will get a warning ticket but after that, they'll have to pay a \$50 fine. Many drivers believe this is just a way for the city to make money but AAA Mid-Atlantic says studies show the cameras do prevent accidents.

#### 6/16 PW Bus station shooting

A war of words may have been what triggered a deadly double shooting at a bus terminal in Prince William County. Police say a bus driver shot and killed 2 men, including a coworker, at the PRTC station in Woodbridge yesterday. Police say the suspect, Glen Wade and Darnell McPherson had argued earlier in the day and it continued near the bus depot. Police say Wade pulled out a gun and shot McPherson and another man. After a manhunt, Wade turned himself in to police last night.

#### 6/15 PW Bus Station Shooting

In Woodbridge, police are on the hunt for a killer after a shooting at a bus station. Two people were killed outside a commuter bus depot. Both men were shot in the employee parking lot at the First Transit bus station. The suspect ran away on foot.

#### 6/15 Montgomery County speed bumps

Montgomery County is considering adding even more speed humps in neighborhoods to force drivers to slow down. The proposal sailed through the committee meeting this morning and is now set for the full council to discuss. Some council members say the humps are effective in getting people to slow down. Other members want to look at other ways to slow traffic, like speed cameras.

#### 6/08 Mogo Speed cameras

The Montgomery County speed camera program is raking in nearly a million dollars a month and drawing complaints from drivers. Now the county is requesting that taxpayers spend another \$3 million to pay for the 30 new cameras that are up and running. Officials say the cameras save lives and reduce speeds.

#### 6/4 Unsafe Trucks

Police in Fairfax County are stopping trucks and conducting inspections meant to keep highways safe. This is all part of the national "Operation Roadcheck" underway until midnight. Police targeted Route 28 just off 566 to pull over big rig drivers to inspect the trucks.

#### 6/03 Defective Cars

Consumer advocates are warning GM & Chrysler customers that they won't be able to claim damages against either of the companies if they are injured in an accident. With the companies filing for bankruptcy, a court could wipe out all liability for the companies in case of a defective car.

#### 6/2 GM Day 2

In bankruptcy court today, General Motors' attorney said the company has only \$2 billion in cash left and wants the judge to move as quickly as possible. But dealers and members of Congress have a few questions about the deal. They're asking if GM has really made enough cuts to warrant a bankruptcy approval. Dealers are complaining about the part of the deal that allows GM to slash the number of dealerships across the country.

#### 6/1 GM Bankruptcy

Today is the end of an era for an American icon. General Motors filed for bankruptcy hoping it will help turn the troubled company around. GM hopes to emerge from bankruptcy where it will be a smaller company with fewer brands. It will also be 60% owned by the American public. President Obama says the government hopes to get the company back on its feet quickly and then get out quickly. The reorganization could cost thousands of workers their jobs as the company cuts back on production and slashes dealerships around the country.

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#### 4/17 ICC Environment

After two generations of debate, the InterCounty Connector is now under construction, and the managers of the project are trying to tread lightly on the environment. The 19-mile roadway will ultimately connect Shady Grove in Montgomery County with Route 1 in Prince George's County. Many opponents said the road would permanently ruin hundreds of acres of Maryland wetlands. A total of 15 percent of the overall budget of the project will be spent on environmental mitigation or stewardship, says ICC spokeswoman Fran Counihan. Some of the mitigation measures look familiar: black fencing designed to hold back runoff. But there are also stone filtration dams in low-lying areas, and plastic fencing along the boundary is made of a smaller-than-usual mesh so that box turtles won't get caught up in it.

#### 4/17 EPA Climate Change

The Environmental Protection Agency has concluded that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases are a danger to public health and welfare, taking the first step to regulating pollution linked to climate change. Such regulation would have widespread economic and social impact, from requiring more fuel efficient automobiles to limiting carbon dioxide emissions from power plants and industrial sources, changing the way the nation produces energy.

#### 4/14 Maryland Energy Stimulus

Maryland is using federal stimulus dollars to create new fund to help homeowners give their homes energy efficient upgrades. The average cost for those changes usually range between \$5000 and \$10,000. The state is putting \$13 million dollars of its stimulus money into a fund to give homeowners low interest loans to make the improvements.

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5/12 Chesapeake Clean up

President Barack Obama is helping clean up the Chesapeake bay. Today he signed an Executive Order accelerating plans to clean up the national treasure and make it a model for clean up efforts around the country. The order puts the EPA in charge and sets new deadlines and benchmarks that must be reached along the way.

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6/2 DC Bag tax

Today the DC Council unanimously voted to tack a nickel tax on most paper or plastic bags you get in stores. It's part of an effort to cut down on trash polluting city streets and waterways. The money will go to clean up the Anacostia. DC will hand out reusable bags for free and plans to make sure many are distributed to seniors and low income residents through places like the Capital City Food Bank. The fee starts in January.

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#### 4/30 Springbrook Students

Two students accused in a plot to bomb Springbrook High School in Silver Spring made their first court appearances today. A judge ordered them both held without bond. Prosecutors say 18 year old Yonata Getachew hated his guidance counselor and planned to attack her with a bag full of nails and rocks. They believe the principal was also a target because he supported the counselor. Lawyers claimed both teens have mental disabilities that made it impossible to plan such a nefarious plot.

#### 4/30 Springbrook Target

The principal at the center of a plot to attack Springbrook High School says business must go on as usual at the school so they can move forward. Two students were arrested Tuesday and charged with conspiracy to commit first degree murder. The school resource office who is credited with disrupting the plot says one of the teens claimed they made several attempts to hammer a nail through a natural gas line which would help the bombs go off.

#### 4/28 Taylor Swift Concert

Students at Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria were rocking today instead of studying. Country and pop music star Taylor Swift put on a private concert for the school. Students won the concert in a national text messaging contest.

#### 4/28 Swine flu

School systems all over our area are reaching out to parents worried about the swine flu. Arlington County is urging parents to keep sick kids home. So far there are no confirmed cases of swine flu in our area.

#### 4/23 Person hit by a train

An eighth grader on his way to school was struck and killed by a train this morning. Police say 14 year old Prince Tyere was walking on the tracks near Laurel. There's a clear footpath worn near the tracks that show it's a popular but dangerous shortcut. Prince's sister says he missed the bus and decided to walk.

#### 4/21 Middletown Deaths

Police in Frederick County are giving more details on what happened in the deaths of a Middletown family. Investigators believe Francie Wood and her three children were killed between Thursday night and Friday morning in their sleep, then father Chris Wood took his own life Saturday morning after a babysitter stopped by. Documents reveal the family was having serious financial problems.

#### 4/20 Video Game Addiction

A new study shows kids are getting hooked on video games, turning child's play into a real grown-up problem. The research found that more than 8% of kids from 8-18 can get so obsessed with playing games that they exhibit symptoms similar to that of an addict. Doctors advise more parental involvement to make sure kids aren't getting too involved in the games and still have social interactions outside of games.

#### 4/20 Columbine 10 years later

10 years ago today, 12 students and a teacher died at Columbine High School in Colorado. Even after a decade, the community is still trying to heal the deep wounds. Hundreds of people gathered at the Columbine Memorial Sunday night to remember those who were lost. There's also a vigil planned for tonight.

#### 4/20 Middletown Deaths

A tragedy for a family in Middletown. Police say 34 year old Christopher Wood killed his wife and their 3 children. All the kids are under the age of 5. A relative found their bodies Saturday morning in their home.

#### 4/16 Unattended car/child stolen

Montgomery County Police say parents left a 5 year old alone in a van to run into a store and that's when a thief jumped in and drove away. It all started on Georgia Avenue in Wheaton but a bystander helped police stop the van before the kidnapper could get away. The van sideswiped several other cars. One of those drivers flagged

down police, who quickly stopped the van. The child was returned unharmed to her parents.

#### 4/15 Lakewood Elementary Abduction

Police say anger drove a mother to kidnap her daughter's classmate. Police say she went to school to pick up her daughter yesterday and walked out with someone else's child at Lakewood Elementary in Rockville. Investigators say Xuhua Huang was upset because she went to the school to pick up her five year old daughter because she was sick, but she didn't like the way the girl was being treated. She apparently grabbed a child and tried to leave to see how the school would react if someone else's child was mistreated. Another parent intervened before she got far away with the little boy. Huang was arrested this morning.

#### 4/13 Smart Pills

A new concern tonight for parents of teens and college students. Doctors say more teens are taking legal drugs in order to get better grades. The drugs, used to treat ADHD, can keep people awake and able to focus for long periods of time. Some students are using it to study for finals or get more classwork done. Doctors are worried about students becoming addicted to the drugs with long term use.

#### 4/13 White House Egg roll

Thousands of kids and their families headed to the White House today to be part of the annual Easter Egg Roll. Tickets were in high demand for the first Easter Egg Roll since President Obama took office.

#### 4/9 Fenty Kids basketball

A recreational official claims he was fired from his job for saying DC Mayor Adrian Fenty's children had signed up in the wrong league. He believed the boys were too old to be in the League. Three sources say the twins were moved to the age appropriate league and played most of the season in the older kids Pony Division. The official says his firing was retaliation and he's suing. Mayor Fenty says since this is a personnel matter, he cannot comment.

#### 4/8 DC School recruitment

DC is launching a new campaign to get parents to consider sending their kids to public schools. Enrollment has declined for decades as students abandoned the system for private and charter schools. DC is touting new achievements, like an increased graduation rate, less truancy, and better test scores.

#### 4/3 FFX Rabid animal attacks

A health alert in Fairfax County where rabid raccoons have attacked 3 people. The attacks happened earlier this week in McLean. One raccoon tried to attack a 12 year old as he and his brother were leaving for a school fundraiser. Earlier this week, animal control officers also found a rabid cat in Oakton. Rabies is deadly in humans if not treated. Rabid animals are often aggressive, often foaming at the mouth.

#### 4/1 Local Dog Attacks

In the District, a pitbull attacked a mother in Northeast as she tried to protect her child from the dog.

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#### 5/29 Youth center Opens

The notorious Laurel Juvenile Detention Center known as Oak Hill is now closed for good. Instead, a brand new facility known as New Beginnings is opening nearby. The old center was plagued with problems like bad living conditions, teens running away, and accusations of violent staff members. New Beginnings has state of the art dorm room units and the barbed wire fences have now been replaced with detention grade windows.

#### 5/29 Body at high school

Bernard Bellamy, the man accused of running over and killing his pregnant teenage girlfriend, was in court today on murder charges. Court documents included new evidence, including threats he allegedly made by text message, telling her he didn't want the baby and she needed to do something about it. Valicia Demery was found dead at the school field on Mother's Day.

#### 5/28 FFX School parking fees

Tough times are prompting the Fairfax County schools to hike parking rates for students. Next year, students will have to pay \$50 more to park in a school lot, up from \$150 this year. Because of money problems, the school system has already cut 800 jobs.

#### 5/27 Charles County stabbing

A Maryland family is searching for answers in their young sons's murder. 17 year old Antonio McVicker was out walking with a friend near his home in Charles County last night when he was attacked. The friend ran to McVicker's house to alert his parents to what had happened. They say he had never been in any trouble and don't know who would have wanted to attack him.

#### 5/26 Coach Arrested

Accusations tonight against a trusted youth baseball coach. Fairfax County Police arrested volunteer coach John Hamilton. He's accused of sexually abusing a boy 12 years ago. His alleged victim has just come forward after claiming he saw Hamilton with another young man and worried for his safety. Police are asking for anyone else who could be a victim to come forward.

#### 5/19 PG Teens Summer

It won't be long before schools are out for the summer and Prince George's County is trying to offer teens more recreational programs to help them stay out of trouble. They're expanding their Safe Summer Initiative. The activities will be free with everything from basketball to laser tag to hop hop dance. The goal is to keep kids engaged in constructive activities and away from violence.

#### 5/19 Centreville Sex Assault

A warning tonight for women in one Northern Virginia community. Police in Centreville released a sketch of a man who may be behind a pair of terrifying attacks, breaking into homes in the middle of the night and assaulting teenage girls. The first attack happened just over a week ago, then another one this weekend about a mile away. Police are canvassing the neighborhood with flyers to warn residents.

#### 5/18 DC FL Child sex arrest

A DC man, Tanner Stickney, is charged with what police call a cross country trip to have sex with a young boy. According to just released court documents, two weeks ago, an FBI agent was monitoring Yahoo instant messenger when someone sent him 130 images of child porn. When the FBI arrested the sender, he tipped them off that Stickney was planning to travel to Florida to have sex with a young child. Court documents claim that agents searched Stickney's apartment and found a video camera with images of Stickney performing sex acts on a young boy.

#### 5/14 DC Foster Program

A new program in the District is reaching out to foster kids who go through foster care but are never adopted, providing the safety net they desperately need. The program is setting the kids up with older mentors to help them find places to live and get support on a continuing basis.

#### 5/11 Teacher Drug Dealer

A former Montgomery County high school teachers pleaded guilty to drug charges and admitted she gave drugs to a student. Theresa Duarte pleaded guilty to one count of distribution of cocaine today. She taught at



Wooten High School and is facing up to 20 years in prison.

#### 5/11 Body at High School

A disturbing discovery at a local high school. 19 year old Valerecia Demery was found dead near the football field at Forestville Military Training Academy, where both the victim, and the suspect graduated. Police believe Bernard Bellamy killed his girlfriend because she was pregnant and left here there. Her family members say he had asked her not to have the baby.

#### 5/8 College Grads

With few employers hiring and the highest unemployment in years, college students preparing to graduate have big questions about their futures. Talking to students at Howard and American Universities, many seem to be surprisingly upbeat and optimistic about their prospects in this market.

#### 5/7 Police Trapped in Hole

A Sheriff's Deputy in Prince George's County is recovering from serious injuries after falling into a deep ravine. Investigators say it happened while he was chasing several suspects near Parkdale High School in Riverdale. The teens were reportedly caught breaking into someone's home by a homeowner. After a call to 911, the sheriff's deputy was helping in the chase. A technical rescue team was called out to get him out of the deep ravine. Police have one suspect in custody but are still searching for others.

#### 5/6 Counseling by Texting

Alexandria is using a new strategy to counsel teens on pregnancy protection. Public health experts are setting up a teen text message line to give out frank information to teens who have questions. Teens text in their questions and the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy workers will answer them. The campaign hopes it will help youngsters who might be too embarrassed to ask questions face-to-face.

#### 5/5 Student Gallup Poll

A new Gallup poll quizzed more than 70,000 students on their perceptions of their own engagement, hope and well-being - all factors linked by research to academic success. The poll, which was conducted in more than 300 schools, found that those issues are all are key factors that drive students' grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. In a disturbing result, the poll found that 1 in 3 students are struggling or suffering and half say they have no hope. Reseachers say communities need to pay attention to these results because they tell an important story about America's students and why so many of them drop out of school.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

Rockville High, one of the local schools shut down by the swine flu, now has a second probably case of the illness. The school will still reopen tomorrow along with all the others shut down by the outbreak.

#### 5/5 Swine Flu MD

All the Maryland schools closed by the Swine Flu epidemic now have the all-clear to reopen beginning tomorrow. State health officials say that's because the flu does not seem to be as serious as once thought and is not spreading quickly through schools.

#### 5/4 Swine Flu MD Schools

The Swine Flu outbreak is giving thousands of Maryland students an unplanned vacation. 5 Maryland schools are now closed as a precaution from spreading the flu. Parents of younger kids are now scrambling to find day care. County officials are also working to find a way to get food to kids who typically rely on meals they get at schools.

#### 5/1 Kids Triathalon

Two brothers in Kensington are raising money to help Make-A-Wish by competing in a triathalon. 12 year old Geoff and his brother Andrew raised more than a thousand dollars for the organization last year and hope to do much even better this year. Each wish costs about \$7500 and the brothers hope they can make enough money to cover the cost of 3 wishes.

#### 5/1 Swine Flu

A possible case of swine flu is shutting dow a Montgomery County High School. Classes and extracurricular activities are cancelled at Rockville High since a child who attends there may be infected. The county's health director says students should stay at home while the school is closed and not socialize.

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**6/17 Crofton Homicide**

New details tonight in the death of a Maryland teen. Last month, 14 year old Christopher Jones was found dead near his Crofton home. Police say he'd been in a fight and died from his injuries. Now the medical examiners office says he died from blunt force trauma. A 16 year old is charged as an adult in his death. The medical examiners report says Jones was punched several times in the neck and jaw.

**6/17 Sex Offender Runs Play**

A former drama teacher and convicted sex offender has directed a play in Frederick, Maryland involving kids, now the theater group is hiring him back again. Samn Huffer is directing the production of Annie for the Fredericktowne Players. Maryland State Delegate Rick Weldon is in the play and says he is satisfied that children are protected from any danger. Huffer pleaded guilty to child pornography and cocaine possession in 2001 and served nearly 2 years in prison.

**6/10 Mogo Schools Graduates**

The Montgomery County school system has earned new bragging rights. More than 80% of its students graduate from high school. Those results have landed the school district at the top of a national list. The Superintendent credits employees for the nation's highest graduation rate.

**6/09 Children of Soldiers**

After seven years of war, most children of combat troops are showing more fear, anxiety and behavioral problems, according to the Pentagon's most sweeping survey of the effects of war on military children. Six out of 10 U.S. military parents told researchers their children have increased levels of fear and anxiety when a parent is sent to war, according to a survey of more than 13,000 military spouses of active-duty servicemembers.

**6/4 Kids struck by lightning**

A Little League tragedy in Virginia. 12 year old Clow Gross Matos and a friend were playing catch last night after referees called the game because of a storm at the field in Spotsylvania County. The lightning killed Clow and badly hurt his friend. His father says he was trying to get the boys off the field when they were hit.

**6/3 Landover 4 shot**

A graduation celebration turned to tragedy in Landover. Friends say a large group kids gathered in the neighborhood on Continental Place after Flowers High School graduation when someone started shooting. 19 year old Shai Caldwell, a mother with a one year old daughter, was killed. Three other people were also hurt but are expected to survive.

**6/3 Mrs. Obama Graduation**

A student at a DC charter school wrote to the White House to request Mrs. Obama as a graduation speaker and today she got her wish. Mrs. Obama spoke at the graduation of the Washington Science Mathematics Technology charter school, one of only 2 commencement ceremonies the First Lady is attending this year. She urged graduates to push aside their fears to reach their goals.

**6/3 DC Boys & Girls Clubs**

DC is going to buy 3 Boys and Girls Club facilities in the city to keep them going. Budget cuts put programs in danger and even led to one club being padlocked. The city will own the buildings and community non profit groups can bid on whether they could provide services in them. Club board members and groups working out of the buildings seem happy with the deal.

**6/2 Mrs. Obama Graduation**

A DC girl's efforts are paying off. She wrote one letter to the White House and got Mrs. Obama to speak at the graduation of her DC charter school tomorrow. Jasmine Williams wants the First Lady to speak to draw attention to her successful inner city school and break stereotypes. 98% of her classmates go on to college.

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4/4 DTV Conversion

When TV stations switch over to digital TV in two months, as many as 14 million Americans could be left without a signal. Despite massive efforts to get everyone on board, the FCC says many people have not prepared for the switch. Tonight, the DTV transition team is taking their effort to the street to get people ready. Several organizations in our area are working 7 days a week to spread the word on how to make sure you don't lose tv service. Before the DC United game at RFK Stadium, workers passed out fliers to encourage fans who had not received a converter box to sign up for a coupon to get one for a discount.

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**5/21 DTV Test**

A nationwide DTV test today is alerting viewers if they're not ready for the switchover. On June 12th, every tv station in the country will begin broadcasting a digital signal instead of analog. Some older TVs that don't have satellite or cable service or a special converter box won't be able to see any programming. If you have questions about the switchover, we have a live phone bank open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm to help.

**5/21 DTV Guest**

To get ready for the switch to digital TV, four nationwide tests are set for today. If you watch the test and can't see a picture, you'll need to make changes in order to keep service after June 12th. Cable or satellite TV or a converter box will be required to get a picture on most older televisions. We have a phone bank set up this morning to answer questions after the tests. The switchover was delays from February to June. On Fox 5 Morning News, FCC Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein joined us live to talk about the switch. He says the delay was helpful to get more people prepared for the change.

**5/20 DTV Test**

The switch to digital is less than a month away after being postponed until June 12th. A nationwide test is set for tomorrow to alert any viewers who may not be ready. If you can't see our picture during the test, it means you need a special converter box to continue to receive a signal. We will have a phone bank ready to answer your questions tomorrow afternoon.

**5/19 DTV Reminder**

Just a reminder, the conversion to digital TV is just weeks away. The switch happens June 12th. To get ready, we'll have four tests on Thursday so viewers can see whether they need to get a converter box to receive programming after the switchover. You can call in to a phone bank if you have questions about the switch.

**5/18 DTV Reminder**

You've got less than a month to get ready for digital TV. June 12th, stations all over the country, including Fox 5, will switch from an analog to a digital signal. Some older TVs without satellite or cable service will need a special converter box to get a signal. On Thursday, we'll have four tests so you can see if your TV is ready or not. A special phone bank will also be open if you need to answer questions.

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#### 6/15 DTV Transition

Help centers were flooded with phone calls over the weekend from people who weren't prepared for the switch to digital TV. The switch from analog to digital interrupted service for hundreds of thousands of customers who didn't have cable or satellite televisions. The FCC says nearly a third of the people phoning in wanted help operating their digital converter boxes.

#### 6/13 Old TV Recycling

Even though the DTV transition is complete, the job is far from over. Many people used the switch as an opportunity to upgrade to a newer model TV. DC Mayor Adrian Fenty wants to remind anyone who has an old TV sitting around that the District will recycle their unwanted televisions if they bring them to one of the 2 transfer stations. Those include the Fort Totten Transfer Station or the Benning Road Station.

#### 6/12 DTV Switch

This is a monumental day in TV history with the conversion from analog to a digital signal. With the push of a button, Fox 5 and our sister station My 20 went digital at 12:01 today. It's the biggest change for TV since we went from black and white to color. Tonight we have a phone bank set up in case you have questions about the switch, or are having trouble with your TV. The FCC has also posted flyers in public areas to help anyone who isn't sure what to do.

#### 6/12 DTV Conversion

When it comes to the DTV conversion, millions of people still aren't ready. Albuquerque, Dallas and Sacramento have the most work to do. The District ranks 17th on Neilsen's list of cities that are the least ready.

#### 6/12 DTV Phone Bank

With the DTV switch happening at 12:01pm, that could leave hundreds of thousands of viewers without TV service. You need a special converter box, cable or satellite signal to get a picture with older TVs. To help viewers, we have a special phone bank set up to answer questions about converting to the new digital signal.

#### 6/11 DTV Conversion

With the digital conversion set for tomorrow, analog TV signals will be shut down for good. A new poll says 2.2 million households are still not prepared. They'll lose all tv signals tomorrow unless they can get a converter box set up. In DC, the Center for Aging is helping out senior citizens, installing the boxes for them.

#### 6/10 DTV Conversion

This Friday, June 12th, WTTG and tv stations all over the country will turn off their analog signals. Anyone with an older TV who doesn't have cable or satellite service or a converter box will lose the signal. You won't see programming but you will see information on how to get a digital signal. That will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for a month.

#### 6/10 DTV Conversion Help

When stations switch to digital signals on June 12th, older TVs that use antennas won't get over the air channels anymore. If you're not ready, it's still not too late. At local Best Buy stores, converter boxes are flying off the shelves. The FCC has also set up DTV help centers to show people what to do once they have the boxes. The biggest mistake in setting up the boxes is failing to scan for channels. You'll also need to have a VHF & UHF antenna or you'll only see channels 1-13.

#### 6/9 DTV Transition

Just a reminder, the DTV switch is coming June 12th. Fox 5, like stations around the country, is switching to a digital signal. Anyone with an older TV who doesn't have cable or satellite service or a converter box will lose the signal. You won't see programming but you will see information on how to get a digital signal. That will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for a month.

#### 6/8 DTV Reminder

If you haven't prepared for the digital switch, you've only got a few days to get ready. This Friday, June 12th, WTTG and tv stations all over the country will turn off their analog signals. Anyone with an older TV who doesn't have cable or satellite service or a converter box will lose the signal. You can still buy a converter box to keep the service.

#### 6/7 DTV Transition

Here's a reminder for viewers that the DTV switch is coming up on June 12th. After that, you'll need a converter box to get programming if you use an antenna for your tv.

#### 6/6 DTV Workshop

The DTV transition is coming June 12th. Today, to get ready, the Martin Luther King Library in Northwest is holding a special workshop. That includes a last minute tutorial to help people navigate the changes and make sure their TVs will support the new signal.

#### 6/5 DTV Test

The countdown to digital TV is just seven days away. Today, another test will help viewers find out if their TVs are ready or if they still have work to do. If you can't see the picture during the test and get a message instead, you'll need to get a converter box to continue to get your TV signal after June 12th. Our phone bank is ready this afternoon to answer any questions you have about the switch.

#### 6/05 DTV Transition

When stations switch to digital signals on June 12th, older TVs that use antennas won't get over the air channels anymore. That could leave hundreds of thousands of viewers without TV service. You need a special converter box, cable or satellite signal to get a picture with older TVs.

#### 6/4 DTV Transition

Here's a reminder for viewers that the DTV switch is coming up on June 12th. After that, you'll need a converter box to get programming if you use an antenna for your tv. We've got another test coming up today so you can see if your TV is ready or if you need to make preparations for the switch.

#### 6/3 DTV Test

If you're not sure if you're ready for the DTV switch, we'll help you find out! Today, we'll have three tests of the new digital signal. If you tune in and see the signal everything's ready. If you get a message, you'll need a converter box to keep getting programming after June 12th.

#### 6/2 DTV Test

We're a little more than a week away from the nationwide switch to DTV. Friday, June 12th, WTTG and tv stations all over the country will turn off their analog signals. Anyone with an older TV who doesn't have cable or satellite service or a converter box will lose the signal. You can still buy a converter box to keep the service.

#### 6/1 DTV Test

Friday, June 12th, WTTG and tv stations all over the country will turn off their analog signals. Anyone with an older TV who doesn't have cable or satellite service or a converter box will lose the signal. We'll have tests over the next two weeks to help you figure out if you need to make changes or if your tv is ready to go.