

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

*Fox 5 Morning News* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00am-10:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

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

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

*Fox 5 News At Ten* – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00pm-11:00pm, 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. 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. 2009 Elections
3. Afghanistan
4. Healthcare Reform
5. NYC Terror Trial
6. Politics
7. Climate Change
8. H1N1

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

**Origination: Local**

Issues Addressed:

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

*America's Most Wanted*

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

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT**

### **OCTOBER**

- 7 Sherri Ly, Reporter – Served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Annual Gala of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Conference, CAPAL 20/20.
- 10 Will Thomas, Anchor/Reporter – Master of Ceremonies at the Walk for Animals on the National Mall, Constitution Gardens.

### **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Celebrity Auctioneer for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrity Auction and Soul Food Feast, presented by the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund and Washington DC Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Proceeds provide scholarships to seniors of D.C. public high schools.
- 14 Dave Feldman, Sports Anchor – Served as emcee for the National Kidney Awareness Run/Walk to raise funds and education about Kidney Disease.
- 20 Sue Palka, Weather Anchor – Served as emcee for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Business Network Foundation of Montgomery County's Annual Gala.

### **DECEMBER**

- 5 Allison Seymour, Anchor – Mistress of Ceremonies for the Washington D.C. Alumnae Foundation of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.'s 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Breakfast Fashion Show and Auction.
- 12 Stuff-A-Truck 2009 - Fox 5 Anchors and Reporters broadcast live from 4 locations in the Washington Metropolitan area from 5:00am until 11:00pm to help collect food and financial donations for the Capital Area Food Bank.

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

- Produced two :30 and two :10 psa's for the "Stuff-A-Truck" campaign to collect food and money for the Capital Area Food Bank.
- Produced a :30 and :20 psa for Fox 5's "Mentoring Monday" campaign.

FOX NEWS SUNDAY – 4<sup>th</sup> QTR

10/4/09 TOPIC:

Afghanistan

GUESTS:

Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN), Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Sen. Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

10/11/09 TOPIC:

Economy

GUESTS:

Gov. Jennifer Granholm (D-MI), Gov. Mitch Daniels (R-IN), Steve Wynn, Mark Zandi, Deborah Hersman.

10/18/09 TOPIC:

Health Care, White House vs. News Media

GUESTS:

Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), Sen. John Thune (R-SD), Terry McAuliffe, Karl Rove, Tanya Snyder.

10/25/09 TOPIC:

Afghanistan, White House Enemies List.

GUESTS:

Abdullah Abdullah, Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI), Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Bruce Josten, Mike Tuffin.

11/1/09 TOPIC:

Rush Limbaugh, NY 23rd District, White House.

GUESTS:

Rush Limbaugh, Carl Cameron, Major Garrett.

11/8/09 TOPIC:

Health Care, 2009 Elections, Fort Hood

GUESTS:

Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Rep. Mike Pence (R-IN), Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-CT), Bob McDonnell (R-VA).

11/15/09 TOPIC:

NYC Terror Trial, Politics, H1N1

GUESTS:

Fmr. NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani (R), Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Dr. Anthony Fauci

11/22/09 TOPIC:

Health Care Afghanistan

GUESTS:

Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Sen. Kit Bond (R-MO), Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA),  
Dr. Bernadine Healy, Chris Chocola.

11/29/09 TOPIC:

Health Care, Afghanistan, Politics

GUESTS:

Sen. Jon Kyl (R-AZ), Sen. Evan Bayh (D-IN), Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT), Gov. Mike Huckabee (R-AR), Maj.  
Gen. Carla Hawley.

12/6/09 TOPIC:

Afghanistan, Jobs Numbers

GUESTS:

Gen. David Petraeus, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), Sen. John Cornyn (R-TX), George Stevens.

12/13/09 TOPIC:

Economy, Health Care Jobs, Climate Change

GUESTS:

Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-MO), Sen. Judd Gregg (R-NH), Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA),  
Inez Tenenbaum.

12/20/09 TOPIC:

Health Care

GUESTS:

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Sen. Kent Conrad (D-ND), Morrill Worcester.

12/27/09 TOPIC:

Health Care

GUESTS:

Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC), Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), Sen. Richard Shelby (R-AL), TBD.

**This SATURDAY, October 3, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Pasadena, California...** MANUEL PENALOZA CAPTURE ... With charges of murder and carjacking waiting for him back in Los Angeles, Manuel Penaloza was one of the most wanted men on both sides of the US-Mexico border. After nearly three years on the run, he is now in custody. In August 2009, Penaloza was arrested in the state of Guerrero, Mexico at a residence close to his grandfather's house.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=47371>

**Dickinson, Texas ...** UNKNOWN JENNIFER SCHUETT ABDUCTOR... In 1990, eight-year-old Jennifer Schuett was kidnapped from her Texas home, raped and left for dead, but somehow beat the odds and survived. Now, at 27, Jennifer came to "America's Most Wanted" to tell John Walsh her horrific story, in hopes that the man who attacked her all those years ago will finally pay for his crime.

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

**Brenham, Texas...** BERNY MAYEL FIGUEROA... Alexia Lopez would be four-years-old now, if her life hadn't been cut short on March 11, 2008. Cops in Brenham, Texas say that 31-year-old Berny Figueroa, Alexia's babysitter, is responsible for her death.

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

**Louisville, Kentucky...** JOHN "KING OF POT" BOONE ... Though he's spent plenty of time behind bars for his crimes, marijuana kingpin Johnny Boone -- a top member of Kentucky's notorious "Cornbread Mafia" -- is on the lam once again. DEA agents say they found thousands of pot plants on his property, and the U.S. Marshals say they need your help to put this twisted drug lord back behind bars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59229>

**North Miami Beach, Florida...** ABRAHAM MPAKA ... Authorities say a loving mom was brutally stabbed to death by her boyfriend, a smooth-talking African named Abraham Mpaka. Cops say "he's a cold, calculating killer," and now they need your help to make him pay for his crime.

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

**Washington, DC...** ERIC TOTH... Washington, D.C. educator Eric Toth disappeared without a trace after cops discovered he had taken pornographic pictures of children. After a second airing on AMW, agents learned Toth had been hiding out in Phoenix, Arizona, but once again, he slipped through the dragnet.

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

**This SATURDAY, October 10, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Hot Springs, Virginia... BEACHER FERREL HACKNEY ...** Authorities in Virginia are searching for Beacher Ferrel Hackney, who they say shot and killed two people at The Homestead, a luxury resort in the Allegheny Mountains. Hackney fled on foot, and authorities say he should be considered armed and dangerous.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64348>

**Geneva, New York... ALFONSO J. WHITFIELD, JR. ...** Alfonso J. Whitfield, Jr. is wanted for brutally attacking his pregnant girlfriend with a kitchen knife. After the vicious assault, cops say he fled and is still at large. The courageous victim, Mercedes Macintosh, survived, and now she has launched an all-out effort to find Whitfield.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68493>

**Beaverton, Oregon... PHILIP LELAND RILEY ...** Police in Beaverton, Oregon are searching for a man who they say sexually assaulted a nine-year-old boy in the shower room of a local YMCA. Now the victim's family and police need your help locating him.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67676>

**Memphis, Tennessee...ROBERT LEE KING...** Federal law enforcement officials say Dorothy Smith had no idea what her estranged boyfriend Robert Lee King was capable of -- until one ill-fated night in December when cops say he completely snapped and stabbed her mother to death. Now, an accused killer is on the loose, and the U.S. Marshals have made him one of their 15 Most Wanted Fugitives.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65782>

**San Antonio, Texas ... JOSE "JOE" REYES AGUILAR ...** Cops in San Antonio, Texas say Jose Reyes Aguilar raped a young girl, starting when the victim was just 8-years-old. Now, they need your help in tracking down this monster who has already slipped through their fingers once before.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67575>

**Southern , California ... SUSAN BENDIGO ...** On July 9, 2009, federal and state authorities arrested 20 people for their suspected role in a Medi-Cal fraud that bilked California out of nearly \$4.6 million. Now, investigators are trying to track down one of the scheme's alleged ringleaders, Susan Bendigo.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67074>

**Lake City, Florida... UNKNOWN LINDA RAULERSON KILLER ...** Cops say Linda Raulerson was killed while working the evening shift at a local grocery store in Lake City, Florida. Detectives have since examined surveillance footage from that tragic evening, and hope to find something that will identify the killer.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57847>

**Forest Acres, South Carolina ... CHAD EARL SCHAFFNER ...** On September 12<sup>th</sup>, Chad Schaffner, also known as the "Palmetto Bandit," was captured. The FBI says that Schaffner has robbed ten banks since May. He was arrested in Kingdom City, Missouri after an astute retired highway patrol officer thought he recognized Schaffner and his car. The officer checked out the information on AMW.com and was able to confirm his instincts and call the local police.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=67592>

**Trenton, New Jersey ... LUIS ARMANDO LIMA-RIVERA ...** Luis Armando Lima-Rivera is wanted out of Trenton, N.J. for sexually assaulting an 8-year-old child. Several charges have been filed against Lima-Rivera, though police have not been able to locate him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67606>

**Los Angeles, California... ALAN MACHAIN...** Cesar Valenzuela had just started his job when he met Alan Machain. From the get-go, Cesar's family says he had a bad feeling about Machain. Cops say Cesar had the right idea about the 26-year-old gang member, who is now LAPD's prime suspect in Cesar's murder.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=65538>

**This SATURDAY, October 24, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Berkeley, California...RAFAEL CAMPBELL...**Cops say on May 16, 2009, 27-year-old Rafael Campbell was part of a gang that shot C.J. David to death, then killed Todd Perea and Floyd Ross in a horrific collision during a high speed police pursuit. Now they need your help in tracking down this alleged North Side Oakland (N.S.O.) gang member and bringing him to justice for the deaths of three innocent people.

**Chilcoot, California...NAZIRA CROSS...** On July 31 , 2008, cops say Nazira Cross poisoned her ex-husband Mike Cross. Police say she later buried his body at a ranch. The body was discovered after Cross told police where she'd buried Mike. Cops need your help to track down this accused cold-blooded killer.

**Orange Park, Florida... UNKNOWN SOMER THOMPSON KILLER...** Police in Florida have spent two weeks trying to find out who abducted and murdered seven-year-old Somer Thompson. AMW has gone inside the investigation to reveal new clues that might finally bring her family some answers. [http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/case.cfm?id=68853](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/case.cfm?id=68853)

**Montrose, Colorado...MISSING PERSON: THOMAS JOSEPH BOYLAN...**Police in Montrose, Colorado are searching for 82-year-old Tom Boylan, who they say vanished on October 20, 2009. Tom has a heart condition and is in need of medication.. [http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=69096](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=69096)

**Dickinson, Texas...JENNIFER SCHUETT ATTACKER...**In 1990, eight-year-old Jennifer Schuett was kidnapped from her Texas home, raped and left for dead. But miraculously, she survived the ordeal. Now 27, Jennifer came to America's Most Wanted to tell John Walsh her horrific story, and on Oct. 13, 2009, the FBI announced that a suspect in her case was finally under arrest. <http://origin.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=64363&refresh=1>

**This SATURDAY, November 14, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Union County, New Jersey...LUQMAN ABDULLAH...**Luqman Abdullah was an honor student and track star at his New Jersey high school. But police say instead of using those talents to escape his crime-ridden neighborhood, he used them to run it -- outsmarting and outlasting rival drug dealers.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=69042>

**Tempe, Arizona...UNKNOWN DAVID LOPEZ KILLER...** Police say a man somehow befriended a 19-year-old on a bus, made his way into the young man's apartment, robbed him and stabbed him to death. He was seen by the teen's roommate and captured on the bus's video camera, but cops need your help to identify him.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68659>

**Sayerville, New Jersey... PRINCE ALVARADO....** He wanted to be a celebrity, and he called himself "God." Cops say aspiring D.J. Prince Alvarado won't get his time in the limelight; instead he will be hunted as a fugitive for trying to kill four people.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68840>

**Milton, Georgia...CAPTURE: KISHA RUTLEDGE...**U.S. Marshals arrested Kisha Rutledge at an apartment complex in Houston, Texas. Cops in Milton, Georgia say the escort service owner had one of her clients killed because he was paying his prostitutes directly, cutting out the vicious madam's commission.

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

**\*\*FIFTEEN SECONDS OF SHAME SEGMENTS\*\***

**Oakland, California... DAMON FERREIRA ....** Oakland Police detectives say they are rushing to put an end to the manhunt for Damon Joseph Ferreira, following a double murder in Oakland, California.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68807>

**Meredith, New Hampshire... JAMES HILL ....** After faking his own death and wrecking a stolen yacht, cops say someone spotted accused arsonist James Lyman Hill alive and well in southern Florida. Now, he's on the run once again, and police aren't going to fall for the same trick twice.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68934>

**Prince Frederick, Maryland... LARRY DEFFENBAUGH ....** As the owner of a Maryland cemetery, investigators say Larry Deffenbaugh ripped off more than 500 grieving families. He missed a court date in May 2009 -- and cops say he tried to fake his own death to get away.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67188>

**Cumming, Georgia... MARCUS TILLMAN ....** Cops say Marcus Tillman fled in the middle of his trial for molesting two young boys. He was convicted, but cops need your help to find him so he can serve the 40-year sentence for his disgusting crime.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=68622>

**This SATURDAY, November 21, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Escondido, California...JERRY TURCOTTE...** Jerry Turcotte, originally a Canadian National, is a "good guy" gone bad. Cops say that this former Quebec court constable turned to a more profitable occupation as a drug courier, smuggling significant and frequent loads of cocaine into the United States. Turcotte's luck has run out however, as Russian Authorities caught up with Turcotte in Kiev, Ukraine and took down this notorious drug smuggler.

**Newark, New Jersey...KUJITIM "TIMMY" LIKA AND MYFIT "MIKE" DIKA...** The FBI says that Kujtim "Timmy" Lika, an ethnic Albanian illegal immigrant from the former Yugoslavian republic of Macedonia, saw the United States as a land of infinite opportunity, and didn't mind breaking the law to achieve his goals. Myfit "Mike" Dika carried himself with an air of respectability, living with his family in a large home in a comfortable suburb. But the FBI calls Lika and Dika dangerous leaders in the Albanian mob, as well as importers of everything from heroin, oxycontin, untaxed cigarettes and other illicit products.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=69366>

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=69371>

**Steelton, Pennsylvania...MICKY MAYON...** Cops say that after Micky Mayon torched a judge's car, he became one of Steelton, Pennsylvania's most-wanted criminals. AMW.com carried his story for nearly a year, and it was one of your tips that took this lowlife down from half a world away, in Israel.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=58550>

**Alexandria, Virginia...JOHN HAMILTON...** For 20 years, John Hamilton was a trusted coach and neighbor in the bucolic Fort Hunt Area of Fairfax County, Virginia. In early 2009, however, someone came forward and claimed that Hamilton had abused them and countless others. Now, cops need your help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=68939>

**North Richland Hills, Texas...UNKNOWN MARIANNE WILKINSON KILLER...** When cops in North Richland Hills, Texas traveled to the United Kingdom in 2008 to meet with forensics expert Dr. John Bond, all they had was hope. They had been investigating the murder of 68-year-old Marianne Wilkinson. Now, they have new evidence, Dr. Bond was able to produce a fingerprint from a shell casing taken from the scene. Their next step: finding a match.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=59727>

**\*\*NO FIFTEEN SECONDS OF SHAME SEGMENT THIS WEEK\*\***

**This SATURDAY, November 28, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED will be airing the following cases. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Pueblo, Colorado ...LAWRENCE PUSATERI ...** Daril Cinquanta was a rookie Denver cop in 1971 when he was shot in the stomach by Lawrence Pusateri. Three years later, while serving time in prison, Pusateri escaped from a state hospital and Daril -- now retired from the force -- needs your help to solve his most personal case.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68327>

**Hillsboro, Oregon ... PAUL ERVEN JACKSON ...** Police believe that siblings Paul Jackson and Vance Roberts lured teenage girls to a homemade sex-torture chamber they built in the residence they once shared. While Roberts turned himself in and was sentenced to 108 years in prison, Jackson's still wanted, and cops hope AMW viewers can help put him behind bars.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=41948>

**Aurora, Colorado ... UNKNOWN AL KITE KILLER ...** People always talk about the perfect crime. But usually, a killer leaves a trail of evidence or an obvious motive. But what happens when a detective can find no motive, and all the evidence leads cops further from the killer?

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=37694>

**Denver, Colorado ... UNKNOWN SEAN MAY KILLER ....**Cops are on the hunt for the unknown gunman who murdered a Colorado prosecutor at his home and then fled. The pressure is on to find his killer and bring justice to his family.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68469>

**Fort Collins, Colorado ... ROBERT SNYDER ....** Robert Snyder may have been crowned a National Chess Master, but while amassing that winning record, cops say he was busy making unsuspecting children his pawns.

**Orange Park, Florida... SOMER THOMPSON....** Police say the body of a young child found in a Georgia landfill has been positively identified as missing seven-year-old Somer Thompson. The body was found in trash taken from the Orange Park, Fla. area. Searchers began scouring the area surrounding her home after her disappearance on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/case.cfm?id=68853](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/case.cfm?id=68853)

**\*\*FIFTEEN SECONDS OF SHAME SEGMENTS\*\* (May be replaced with Somer Thompson Segment)**

**Indianapolis, Indiana... JORGE VASQUEZ ....** Nine-year-old Lance Turner was outside playing with his friends, when he was struck by a neighbor's vehicle and dragged a few hundred feet. Cops say Jorge Vasquez fled the scene and now cops need your help in tracking him and making him accountable for the death of this innocent child.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62441>

**Lauderhill, Florida... OMAR WILLIAMS ....** Police say that in 2004, Omar Williams killed his ex-girlfriend and an innocent co-worker of hers. Now they need your help tracking this accused cold-blooded killer cross-country.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=46365>

**Watsonville, California ... MARIO LOZANO ....** Cops say gang member Mario Lozano, 21, thought his girlfriend's cousin was too meddlesome. For weeks, tension between Lozano and 17-year-old Isaac Guzman escalated until, cops say, Lozano stabbed his nemesis 37 times in broad daylight in the middle of a busy civic center.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=53147>

**Evansville, Indiana... LARRY HOHMAN ....** In September 1999, Larry Hohman was convicted of molesting two little boys. Years later, after his release, he failed to register as a sex offender, and cops need your help to track him down.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66692>

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**Sayreville, New Jersey / Sanford, Florida...PRINCE ALVARADO...**He wanted to be a celebrity, and he called himself "God." But minutes after AMW profiled him on Saturday night, tips from viewers brought Prince Alvarado down to Earth.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=68840>

**Jupiter, Florida...PAUL MICHAEL MERHIGE...** Thanksgiving is supposed to be a time for family to gather. But in Jupiter, Florida, cops say it was a chance for Paul Merhige to unleash pure evil on his family.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=69579>

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

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

**Collier County, Florida... ADJI DESIR- MISSING ....** On January 10, 2009, 6-year-old developmentally disabled Adji Desir disappeared from his grandmother's home in Florida. Police need your help to bring him home to his family.

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

**Detroit, Michigan... TANGENA HUSSAIN- MISSING ....** On October 2, 2008, 24-year-old Jamrul Hussein was driving to the local mall to pick up his girlfriend, and he had her daughter, Tangena Hussain, in the car. But on the way to the mall, Jamrul made a quick pit stop at a nearby gas station, and what happened next is a parent's worst nightmare.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=59869](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=59869)

**McCleary, Washington... LINDSEY J. BAUM - MISSING ....** On June 26, 2009, Lindsey Baum disappeared as she walked home from a nearby friend's house. Police are investigating a person of interest after initial interviews led them to deem him suspicious. An exhaustive search of the man's family property has not led to any significant developments so they need your help.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_children/brief.cfm?id=66559&refresh=1](http://www.amw.com/missing_children/brief.cfm?id=66559&refresh=1)

**New Albany, Mississippi...JANETAND RAMONE BARRETO...** To the outside, the small town of New Albany, Mississippi might look like Mayberry. But when Janet and Ramon Barreto brought their adopted 2 year-old daughter to the hospital in critical condition, doctors knew something was wrong. After the little girl died from her injuries, cops arrested the two and raided their home. What they found there changed the little town forever, and now the Barretos have disappeared.

**Conroe, Texas ... ARCADE JOSEPH COMEAUX ....** The Texas departments of Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Texas Rangers, and the U.S. Marshals are on the hunt for Arcade Comeaux, an escaped inmate with a violent past. They tell AMW that Comeaux could possibly be receiving help after handcuffing two prison guards and locking them in a corrections van.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=69607>

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**Los Angeles, California ...JOSE LUIS SAENZ ...** Ten years after authorities say Cuatro Flats gang member Jose Luis Saenz killed three people - including his child's mother - the FBI have added Saenz to their Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. They are determined to bring this fugitive to justice and hope that new clues will help them track down this accused rapist and murderer.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=57722>

**Fort Smith, Texas ...JOHN KOLBEK...** While Tony Alamo might be in jail for transporting minors over state lines for sex, another dangerous member of the church is still on the run. Cops say John Kolbek helped keep the Alamo followers in line... by beating them into submission.

**Los Angeles, California ...JESUS CATALAN...** After confirming DNA evidence in a murder, L.A. cops revealed Jesus Catalan as their main suspect. On August 28, 2009, Catalan allegedly murdered 24-year-old Paulina Ibarra in her Hollywood, California apartment. The fierce beauty also happened to be transgender. Now they need your help to find this accused killer.

**Charlotte, North Carolina ...KYLE FLEISCHMANN-MISSING...** Charlotte, N.C. police say they still want to speak with absolutely anyone who was at or near the Buckhead Saloon or Fuel Pizza in Uptown Charlotte on November 8, 2007, the night 24-year-old Kyle Fleischmann disappeared without a trace.

[http://www.amw.com/missing\\_persons/brief.cfm?id=50773](http://www.amw.com/missing_persons/brief.cfm?id=50773)

**Berkeley, California...RAFAEL J. CAMPBELL CAPTURE...** You'd think since he appeared on AMW, triple-murder suspect Rafael Campbell would have laid low, but he couldn't outrun the fugitive task force and their two canines who tracked him down in Sacramento, California.

<http://www.amw.com/captures/brief.cfm?id=66939>

**\*\*FIFTEEN SECONDS OF SHAME SEGMENTS\*\***

**Angleton , Texas ... MARGARET LORRAIN SMITH ...** Margaret Lorraine Smith -- a woman who cops say hired a hit man to kill her husband of nearly 28 years -- is nowhere to be found. They say Smith was a no-show at her trial in August 2009, and cops need your help to find her.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67713>

**Aurora, Colorado... DANIEL EVARISTO HERNANDEZ-RAMOS...**Cops say 20-year-old Daniel Hernandez-Ramos may have a baby face, but don't be fooled -- he's wanted for sadistically assaulting a small child. They say Hernandez-Ramos skipped town after a warrant was issued for his arrest in Aurora, Colorado.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67884>

**Amarillo, Texas... NGOC VAN TRAN ...**October of 1996, cops say a manager at an Amarillo apartment complex was doing a routine check of the parking lot when she noticed a car without a parking sticker. Upon further inspection of the vehicle, the manager was overwhelmed by a pungent odor and discovered fluid dripping from the trunk. Once police popped the trunk, they made a shocking discovery: a rotting corpse. This victim was later identified as Tran's girlfriend who had previously reported his abusive and threatening behavior to authorities.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68841>

**Amarillo, Texas...** ODIS WILLIAMS...Friends and family say Reverend Odis James Williams seemed to be a knowledgeable religious scholar and man of God. However, in July 2009, that facade crumbled around him when, authorities say, two female relatives came forward with allegations of years of sexual abuse.

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**Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi ...TRUCK DRIVER SERIAL KILLER ...**In 2004, the Oklahoma Bureau of Investigation detected a crime pattern: the bodies of murdered women were being dumped along the Interstate 40 corridor in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi. The FBI has announced their Highway Serial Killings Initiative to raise awareness about these cases. AMW reviews this initiative and the various cases the show has confirmed are connected.

**Dallas, Texas ...MICHAEL CHAVES...**After a broadcast in July 2009, an AMW tipster called the hotline from the open road, claiming that a man matching the description of Michael Chaves was sleeping in the back of his tractor-trailer. The suspect escaped the truck -- but not before the tipster noticed what police believe is Chaves' shiny new 'do. Chaves is still on the run - and cops still want to talk to him about the killing of a fellow lumper.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=66660>

**Albuquerque, New Mexico ...WEST MESA BONE COLLECTOR...**In February of 2009, New Mexico police uncovered the bodies of 11 women and one unborn child in a mass grave. Nearly a year later, cops have made progress -- they've identified all but one of the victims. But they still need help catching a killer.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64720>

**Newton, Ohio ...CLAUDIA CRISTINA HOERIG...** It's a crime that's prompted action in Congress. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), and Rep. John Boccieri (D-Ohio) pushed for a resolution they hope will bring fugitive Claudia "Cris" Hoerig back to the United States to face justice. Authorities in Youngstown, Ohio have been searching for Hoerig since they say she killed her husband in cold blood in March 2007. She may have fled to her native Brazil.  
<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 your help to bring him down.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/case.cfm?id=52270>

**Unknown, Oregon... DANIEL CLEMENT CHAFE ...**Cops in Oregon say Daniel Chafe is a delusional pedophile and a pathological liar who uses fantasy, fear, and then force to rape and sodomize teenage girls who he befriends.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30829>

**North Charleston and Goose Creek, South Carolina... DAN HIERS...**Dan Hiers -- a former cop, accused murderer and child molester -- is on the U.S. Marshals' 15 Most Wanted List. Cops say he killed his wife, stole her car, and fled, and he hasn't been seen since.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=30956>

**This SATURDAY, December 26, 2009 on AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: Host John Walsh will be revealing his personal "Ten Most Wanted" Fugitives from 2009, who are all still on the run. If you have any questions or would like to request clips, please contact Geri West at 240-482-1198 or [gwest@amw.com](mailto:gwest@amw.com).**

**Apple Valley, Minnesota...APPLE VALLEY BANK ROBBER ...** If at first you don't succeed, then try, try again. An unknown -- and persistent -- Midwestern bank robber took that advice to heart, terrorizing a bank manager's family before walking away with the loot.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=68051>

**Brenham, Texas ...BERNY FIGUEROA ...** For Sandra Lopez, March 11, 2008, started like any other day, but by evening there would be heart-wrenching tragedy. Police say Sandra's 2-year-old daughter, Alexia Lopez, was fatally beaten while under the care of her babysitter, Berny Figueroa. Now cops and Sandra are hoping that your tips will bring this accused child killer to justice.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64350>

**St. Thomas, Virgin Islands ...EMMANUEL VANDERHORST ...** When they saw a woman being beaten, four good Samaritans rushed to her rescue. They saved her, but couldn't save themselves. All were gunned down in a revenge shooting that was cold and calculated. Police now believe that one of the suspects, Emmanuel Polanco Vanderhorst, escaped to the continental United States.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64384>

**Lancaster, California ...JESUS CHUY CANALES ...** Family members tell AMW that Lucy Preciado was tired of her husband and ready to move out. She was tired of his laziness, the heated arguments, and his mistreatment of the children. But Lucy never made it out the door. Cops say her husband impaled her with a sword right in front of their kids. Investigators believe their suspect may have fled as far as El Salvador and they need your help in tracking him down.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=62974>

**Hot Springs, Virginia ...BEACHER HACKNEY ...** Cops say Beacher Hackney, a janitor at the luxurious Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia, was a ticking time bomb ready to blow. Police say he exploded on March 21, 2009 in the resort's kitchen. Hackney allegedly shot two of his supervisors to death during the busy dinner shift, then casually walked out of the hotel vanishing into the night. Now, he's been added to John Walsh's Dirty Dozen.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=64348>

**\*\*FIFTEEN SECONDS OF SHAME SEGMENTS\*\***

**Stafford County, Virginia ...HENRY "DROOPY" MENJIVAR ...** Cops in Stafford County, Virginia, along with U.S. Marshals, are looking for Henry "Droopy" Menjivar, a man they say is a member of the deadly "MS-13" street gang. Authorities say Menjivar set out on July 18, 2006 to raise his stature within his crew at any cost...even if it included murder.  
<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=47432>

**Chilcoot, California ...NAZIRA CROSS ...** Within weeks of meeting Nazira Ugalde, Reno, Nevada, entrepreneur and businessman Mike Cross married the new love of his life. But after eight years of marriage, police say that love turned into embezzlement, deception, and murder. They are now looking for Mike's doting wife.

<http://www.amw.com/fugitives/brief.cfm?id=67394>

**North Miami Beach, Florida ...ABRAHAM MPAKA ...** She was a loving mom under the spell of a smooth talking African named Abraham Mpaka. But police say Abraham was a jealous man with a secret past. Coty Paul, the mother of two, was brutally stabbed to death as she was watching a religious TV show. The cop working the case says, "We are going to make him pay for his crime."

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

**Los Angeles, California...JOSE LUIS SAENZ...** He is an alleged gang-banger who changes aliases like shirts. The FBI says Jose Luis Saenz n October, is a deadly man who has murdered several people, including his girlfriend. He has just made the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List.

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**10/29 Motel Rape**

Montgomery County Police say a 24-year-old housekeeper was raped while she was cleaning a room at a motel in Gaithersburg on Thursday afternoon. It happened just after noon at the Motel 6 on Quince Orchard Road. Investigators say the motel room door was open and her cart was sitting outside the room where the attack took place. According to police, the victim heard the door slam and a masked man she didn't know came into the room with her. They say he raped her, and then got away in a green, four-door vehicle.

**10/28 Sinclair Elementary Vandalism**

Two students behind a racist display at a school now may be kicked out for good. It happened back in August, and now Prince William County Schools says the boys should be expelled. Their mother says the punishment is unjust and is fighting back tonight. Rae Roach is appealing the expulsion. On Wednesday night, a school board committee will hear her case and decide when or if they'll be allowed to go back to school. Roach says her two sons were stupid-- not racist-- when they sprawled a swastika, KKK, and white power in sod across an elementary school with four other friends. Prince William County Schools wants to expel both boys for a year the same punishment as bringing a gun to school.

**10/28 NE Teen Shot**

DC Police have doubled the reward for information in the murder of Kenyetta Nicholson-Stanley, a high school senior gunned down on October 8 by masked men aiming for someone else. The 17-year-old girl was sitting on a playground in the 500 block of Edgewood Street Northeast when police say two men came around a corner. It was just after 8 p.m. when police say the masked men opened fire, missing their intended target and hitting the teen once in the head instead. Police say the men were angry with the armed guards who patrol the complex and wanted to settle a score.

**10/26 Va Gang Report**

Gang related crime in Northern Virginia is down since 2004, but officials are concerned that middle schools are emerging as centers of gang activity and recruitment, according to a report from the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. In 2007, according to the report, middle schools accounted for about 35 percent of gang offenses in the area's public schools, compared with about 27 percent in 2003. Still, gang offenses in public schools in 2007 were down about 37 percent from a high point the year before, the report said.

**10/22 Korean Exorcism**

Police in Fairfax County believe a teenager murdered in her own home last year may be the victim of an exorcism. She died in Centreville in July last year. An autopsy showed 18 year old Rayoung Kim died from blunt force traums and asphyxiation. In recent court documents, Kim's brother told officers that he, his mother and two other people were performing a religious ritual on her. Police claim that ritual may have been an ancient Korean rite used to exorcise evil spirits.

**10/21 Child Abuse State Dept**

An alarming trend in child abuse and neglect. A new report shows that more children are dying. The report indicates a 35% increase in deaths over a 7 year period. On Capitol Hill, child welfare advocates rallied for more funding for social workers to keep an eye on families who are at risk.

**10/21 Safeway Shooting**

A 16 year old boy is fighting for his life after a shooting in a busy grocery store parkign lot. Witnesses report the teen was standing with friends outside the Safeway on Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road in Petworth last night when a man opened fire. Police are still looking for a suspect.

**10/20 Mogo Kids Killed**

A Montgomery County mother is talking to Fox 5's Sherri Ly about her unimaginable losses. Her husband killed their three children, drowning them in a hotel bathtub in Baltimore. He's now pleading guilty. Amy Castillo says she contemplated suicide after she lost her children but says her faith gave her strength to go on.

**10/20 Md Defense Spy**

A former Nasa & government scientist living in Chevy Chase is accused of attempted espionage. Federal agents say Dr. Stewart Nozette was attempting to sell US secrets for cash. He faced a judge today on those charges. This isn't his first legal problem. Today, Fox 5's Paul Wagner learned that he has been under

investigation in one way or another for years. In fact, he had his top secret clearance stripped. Two years ago, feds raided his home and seized a lap top, hard drive and a safe.

#### 10/16 Chandra Levy

There's new information tonight in the murder of Chandra Levy, the DC intern who disappeared in the summer of 2001 and was found dead a year later. Ingmar Guandique is charged in the crim. Today, prosecutors said they plan to use allegations Guandique carried out numerous rapes and robberies in the DC area before he was arrested for attacking two women in Rock Creek Park in 2001.

#### 10/15 Apricot Lane Death

Two Potomac teenagers are charged in a cold blooded crime. Police say they lured a man down a jogging trail and beat him to death with a shovel. The suspects were just 15 and 17 years old at the time and now they're being held without bond. Police have not said why the victim, 57 year old Ali Zare, would agree to meet 17 year old Emily Geller at a jogging trail miles from his home.

#### 10/15 Child Porn Infant

A local Army major is charged with child porn. Daniel Wolverton is accused of taking still pictures and videotaping himself sexually assaulting an infant and posting the pictures on the web. He lives on South Irving Street in Arlington. His neighbors are shocked at the charges. The child is a boy about 6 months old.

#### 10/14 Clay Terrace Shooting

Two teens are dead after a massive shootout between two rival gangs on Clay Terrace in Northeast yesterday. In all, five people were hit in the shootout. Sources say one of them was the son of a DC police officer. 14 year old Davonta Artis was also shot and killed. Investigators say he was on his way home from school and was caught in the crossfire. Police are still looking for suspects.

#### 10/13 Clay Terrace Shooting

At least five people were shot last this afternoon on Clay Terrace in Northeast. Police are on the scene still looking for the shooters.

#### 10/12 Bethesda Shooting

Investigators are working to track down the masked gunman who shot an IMF economist at his own home. Police now say Ashoka Mody's job with the International Monetary Fund probably did not have anything to do with the attack. Mody is still in the hospital but has recovered enough to meet with detectives.

#### 10/12 911 Call Wait

A woman claims that she called 911 at 5:49 in the morning after a break in in her home but police didn't show up until 7:09am. That hour plus wait is raising questions about Montgomery County's response time. Rebecca Smondroski says burglars broke in and ransacked the home, stealing electronics and a car while her family slept. Rebecca says she called police, was put on hold by a sergeant and after a shift change, an officer was finally dispatched. Montgomery County police say they're taking the matter seriously and are investigating.

#### 10/12 10th St Shooting

An 18 year old is in stable condition after being shot on a quiet street in Northeast DC. Around 6:30 last night, two suspect riding on bikes shot at the 18 year old victim on H Street. The victim appeared to be conscious after he was hit. Neighbors say they are scared since they don't usually have trouble on their street.

#### 10/9 NE Teen shot in head

A 17 year old girl shot in the head last night has died. She was talking to two security guards at an apartment complex playground when two masked men came around the corner and opened fire. Police believe the armed guards were the intended targets and the teen just happened to be in the way. Police are still looking for the shooters.

#### 10/9 Bethesda Shooting

A gunman wearing a mask followed a man into his garage in Bethesda and shot him. Tonight the shooter is still on the loose and the victim is in critical condition at the hospital. It happened in a quiet neighborhood along Milwood Road. Ashoka Mody has worked for the IMF since 2001. Police don't know if Mody was the target or just the victim of a random crime. Neighbors are scared that there's a killer on the loose.

#### 10/8 Bowie Girl Murdered

25 year old McDonald Abraham is charged with the murder of Stacey Seaton, a teenager found shot to death in a park in 2005. A court affidavit says McDonald wanted Seaton dead because he believed she was behind the theft of drugs and money from his apartment. Investigators say they believed McDonald was behind the murder back when it happened, but it took a witness coming forward for them to prove it.

#### 10/7 Mildred Muhammad

The ex-wife of DC sniper John Muhammad is speaking out a month before his scheduled execution. In her new memoir, titled Scared Silent, Mildred Muhammad describes how John changed from a loving husband into an abusive one. She says the first Gulf War changed his personality and he became emotionally and mentally abusive. She is remarried and continues to run the organization she started to help survivors of domestic abuse.

#### 10/7 Cop Killer parole

A convicted cop killer is staying behind bars. Today a Prince George's County judge denied a motion to reconsider his sentence. Donovan Strickland claimed he had a plea deal and accused the judge of renegeing.

#### 10/7 Manassas Sex Assaults

Two women violently attacked in one day less than two blocks from one another. It happened in the Coverstone area of Manassas yesterday. Police believe the same man attacked both women. One of the women has several broken bones after the man attacked her on a trail around 6 am. The other woman was punched and fought the man off as she got out of her car. Investigators say women in the area need to take precautions until this dangerous suspect is caught.

#### 10/6 NY Terror Probe

New details tonight in the alleged terror plot in New York that was broken up by the feds. Attorney General Eric Holder says the plot was one of the most serious in the US since the 9/11 terror attacks. Najibulla Zazi is charged with conspiring to detonate bombs in the US. Authorities say he had strong ties to senior Al-Qaeda leadership.

#### 10/6 Hummer Rd Body

An arrest tonight in the murder of a Korean woman. Danny Kim was arrested in Ohio and charged with murdering 53 year old Chung Auh. She was killed back in July in Fairfax. Auh was found dead of massive trauma to the upper body. She was in her home where she practiced accupuncture and grew oriental herbs. Police are crediting the Korean community with helping to bring in tips and solve the case.

#### 10/5 Car into Bedroom

A van crashed through a wall in the Carrolton East Apartments in Lanham, right into the bedroom of an apartment. Robert Scriber lives there and says he had just gotten out of bed to get ready and the van landed right where he had been. Investigators say a man was teaching a friend to drive when the van shifted into drive, shot over the sidewalk and slammed into the building at high speed. Police arrested the two men in the van.

#### 10/2 Cop Killer Parole

A convicted cop killer wants his sentence of life in prison changed. He claims a judge renegeed on a deal. Donovan Strickland was convicted of killing an off duty officer 12 years ago. Today, a Prince George's County judge listened to the case to decide if the sentence should be reconsidered. Donovan claimed he pleaded guilty because he believed the judge would reduce his sentence later but when the case came up for reconsideration, the judge said no deal. An appeals court ordered the new hearing. A decision is expected Wednesday.

#### 10/2 Graham Chief Arrested

The taxicab scandal that rocked City Hall got even bigger today. 37 people, most of them taxi drivers, are now indicted and charged with conspiracy to commit bribery. The case started with the arrest of DC Councilman Jim Graham's Chief of Staff Ted Loza. He has pleaded not guilty.

#### 10/1 Riverdale Teen Killed

A 16 year old was shot and killed while walking down the street just blocks from his home in Riverdale, Maryland. A friend with him was hit in the arm and is already out of the hospital. His family says the teen who died, Marcos Medina, got in a fight a few days ago and never explained what happened. They don't know if that fight had anything to do with his death or not. Police are looking for three men seen leaving the scene.

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#### 11/30 Football Player Killed

The community is mourning the loss of a star high school football player in Howard County. Steven Dankos, 17, was killed in a drunk-driving accident early Sunday morning. At the site where Dankos lost his life early Sunday morning, his friends built a small memorial with his football jersey, flowers, and dozens of personal notes. The 17 year old was a popular kid and a talented linebacker for River Hill High School. He was killed when the truck he was riding in, driven by 22-year-old David Dixon Erdman, struck a stone pillar on Folly Quarter Road in Howard County and flipped over. Police say the driver was drunk and has since been charged with homicide. Another passenger was also injured. Dankos' classmates say this teaches them all about the dangers of drinking and driving. At River Hill High School on Monday, the principal had a crisis team of counselors on hand to speak to the shaken students. It's a tough loss for these young kids who are having a difficult time dealing with such a tragic loss.

#### 11/30 State Dinner Crash

The couple who crashed the Obama administration's first state dinner communicated with a senior Pentagon official about going to the event, but the official denies that she helped the couple get in. Michele Jones, a special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Gates, said in a written statement issued through the White House on Monday evening that she never said or implied she would get Michaele and Tareq Salahi into the Nov. 24 White House dinner. This is the latest twist in the unfolding mystery of how the two reality show wannabes managed to get into the highly secured event and shake hands with President Barack Obama. Also on Monday, a House committee chairman asked the couple and Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan to testify at a hearing Thursday on the incident. The White House issued Jones' statement after questions were raised about communications between the administration and the couple prior to the dinner.

#### 11/25 9 year old shot suspect

Police tell FOX 5 that the man who has been charged in the murder of a 9-year-old boy who was shot earlier this month in his Northwest D.C. apartment building was found hanged at the D.C. Jail on Wednesday afternoon. Josue Pena, 26, was charged with the first-degree murder of 9-year-old Oscar Fuentes, who was shot through the door of his family's apartment. He was later arrested and had been in jail since. Jail officials say Pena was found in his cell just after 1 p.m. He was immediately taken to Howard University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. They said the cause of death was cardiac arrest by asphyxiation.

#### 11/24 Man on Van K Street

The intersection of Connecticut Avenue NW and K Street NW was closed Tuesday after a man protesting an injustice by the government threw two Molotov cocktails. Just before 2 p.m., witnesses say the man pulled into the intersection, got out of his van and lit two fire bombs before throwing them into the street. He then climbed on top of the van and unfurled his sign. As dozens gathered to watch, police asked him to step down. He refused, telling officers they would have to come up after him. Within minutes, with the help of a fire department step ladder, police had the man in custody. He offered no resistance. As officers took him off in cuffs, a bomb-sniffing dog reacted to the debris left in the street from the spent Molotov cocktail. That's when the bomb squad moved in. Police later identified the man as Kyung Song Kil. He remained in jail late Tuesday night.

#### 11/24 Moskowitz murder

The Metropolitan Police Department Tuesday announced it has charged a suspect in the 1997 murder of a 25-year-old woman at her home in Adams Morgan. Frederick Edward Morton, 57, was arrested at a federal prison in Allenwood, Pennsylvania, where he's been locked up since July on a violation of probation. Court records show Morton has a criminal history dating back to 1987, with burglary being the primary crime. On January 21, 1997, MPD officials say Morton broken into the Biltmore Street NW row house where Sharon Moskowitz had been living. Police say Morton strangled Moskowitz with her own scarf. She had interrupted a burglary and paid for it with her life. Five hours after the murder, Morton was allegedly seen using Moskowitz's credit card to buy groceries at a D.C. supermarket. He was caught on surveillance video. Police could see his face. But for nearly 13 years, they did not know his name. This fall, police were able to enhance the video images from another surveillance camera at another supermarket where a man was seen using Moskowitz's credit card. The U.S. Secret Service did the digital enhancement. Fox 5 and other D.C. TV stations broadcast the video. And on Tuesday, D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier and Mayor Adrian Fenty announced the cold case has been cracked.

#### 11/23 Md Woman Fort Hood

The highest-ranking person killed in the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas was laid to rest at Arlington

National Cemetery on Monday. Lt. Colonel Juanita Warman lived in Havre de Grace, Maryland, and specialized in helping soldiers adjust to the psychological effects of war. But Lt. Col Warman lost her life as she was preparing to put her life's work into action in Iraq. A cold rain fell as the U.S. Army's caisson platoon brought the casket of Lt. Col. Warman to its final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. The full military honors, the U.S. Army Band, and the firing party are consistent with other burials there, but this death was different. Lt. Col. Warman did not lose her life to enemy fire. Instead, she was one of 13 people murdered at Fort Hood, allegedly at the hands of fellow U.S. Army Officer Major Nidal Hassan. Lt. Col. Warman was 55 years old. Her husband Phillip, daughters Tawnya and Melissa accepted flags on her behalf.

#### 11/20 NE School Stabbing

D.C. police say a 17-year-old student has been stabbed during school fight. Cmdr. Linda Brown says the fight involved two students Friday afternoon in a hallway at Young America Works Public Charter School in northeast Washington. The stabbing victim suffered serious injuries. The second student has been arrested. Police were working to find out the cause of the fight and how the knife ended up in the building.

#### 11/20 Takoma Park Sex Assault

The Takoma Park community is on the alert and police are looking for a suspect in the sexual assault of a woman that took place Thursday on the Sligo Creek Stream Valley Trail. It happened around dusk on Thursday not far from the Carroll Avenue Bridge. The trail is popular, but not well-lit. The Sligo Creek Trail is inside a beautiful park, and it is well-used by joggers, bikers and walkers, who were all stunned to hear someone was sexually assaulted there.

#### 11/19 Georgia Avenue Homicide

D.C. Police have made an arrest of a 51-year-old shop owner on Georgia Avenue NW. A second suspect is still on the loose and police say they are close to finding the other suspect. They say 45-year-old Andres Lopez is charged with murder. D.C. Police say he is known to police and is a repeat offender. The fugitive task force has been looking for Lopez after a warrant went out for his arrest. Lopez was arrested just five blocks from the murder scene. Sources say witness descriptions, surveillance tapes and information from the community all helped.

#### 11/19 Fort Hood Hearing

Trying to avert another tragedy like the Fort Hood shootings, Defense Secretary Robert Gates named a former Army secretary and former Navy chief to review a broad range of Pentagon programs, ranging from medical and personnel policies to how well military bases are secured. Army Secretary Togo West and former chief of naval operations Adm. Vernon Clark will head the 45-day review. The review will try to find gaps in procedures for identifying service members who could pose threats to others, he said. It also will assess personnel programs, medical screenings and release and discharge policies, as well as the department's stateside security programs at bases and other facilities. The military's ability to respond to incidents with mass casualties will also be considered. Reports claim the shooting suspect, Major Nidal Hasan, gave the military plenty of reasons to investigate his behavior and take action before he killed 13 people.

#### 11/19 Operation Santa Over

Starry-eyed children writing letters to the jolly man at the North Pole this holiday season likely won't get a response from Santa Claus or his helpers. The U.S. Postal Service is dropping a popular national program begun in 1954 in the small Alaska town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year. Replies come with North Pole postmarks. Last year, a postal worker in Maryland recognized an Operation Santa volunteer there as a registered sex offender. The postal worker interceded before the individual could answer a child's letter, but the Postal Service viewed the episode as a big enough scare to tighten rules in such programs nationwide.

#### 11/18 Food Zone

Prince George's County Police say a Fort Washington, Maryland merchant who shot and killed a gunman in his store is a hero. Police say two masked gunmen entered The Food Zone convenience mart on Livingston Road and announced a robbery. But their plan went horribly wrong when the store owner grabbed one of the guns and opened fire. John Jang came back to his store early Wednesday morning where he told reporters his side of the story. He says he doesn't think he is a hero. In fact, he regrets what happened. Jang says he was simply defending himself against a very aggressive gunman.

#### 11/17 9 yr old shot

D.C. Police made an arrest Tuesday morning in connection with the fatal shooting of a 9 year old inside a

Northwest Washington apartment building. Josue Pena, 26, who has no fixed address, is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Saturday night shooting and was ordered held without bond as he faced a judge in D.C. Superior Court. Court sketches show the man dressed in a black jacket and green shirt. Josue Pena was found in a storage room in Hyattsville. City leaders announced the big catch.

#### 11/17 Mogo Teacher Robber

A Montgomery County science teacher is in big trouble with the law after allegedly robbing a pharmacy, and then a bank just 90 minutes later. Police say Brendon Friedman's crime spree went down this past Friday, and now he's behind bars. A number of parents say Friedman, 41, of North Bethesda was going through some serious personal issues when he committed these crimes. The Montgomery County Police are just happy he's off the streets and didn't harm anybody.

#### 11/16 Rockville Attempted Rape

An Aspen Hill woman is recovering after a man brutally attacked her and tried to rape her. It happened over the weekend near a bus stop on Bel Pre Road and Grand Pre Road in Montgomery County. The especially violent attempted rape has women in Aspen Hill looking over their shoulders and taking precautions. Around 7:30 p.m. Saturday night, police say a 25-year-old woman got off a bus at a stop along Bel Pre Road near Grand Pre Road. When the woman got off the bus, so did the suspect. That's when police say he followed her and tried to pull her into the woods. The suspect was able to drag the woman into the nearby woods, and then police say violently attacked her. After the woman was able to get free, she then went after her attacker. Police say in these kinds of circumstances, it is important to fight back.

#### 11/13 Route 1 police shooting

Fairfax County Police are investigating an officer-involved shooting that left one man dead on Friday. It happened along Route 1 near Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria. Police say the whole incident began with a traffic stop. Police say an officer responded to a call for a traffic stop on Route 1 and Fort Hunt Road around 12:30 p.m. They say during that traffic stop, a police officer fired his weapon and shot a person involved in the traffic stop.

#### 11/13 Sniper's son speaks

Three days after his father's execution, the 27-year-old son of D.C. sniper John Allen Muhammad said Friday that he doesn't want to be judged by the crimes of a father he didn't really know until the shooting spree. Striking an almost defensive chord, Lindbergh Williams told reporters, "I am the son of the D.C. sniper, but not him. You see what I'm saying? I am my own man and make my own decisions." Muhammad was put to death Tuesday in Virginia for killing Dean Harold Meyers at a gas station during an October 2002 shooting spree that left 10 people dead and terrorized Maryland, Virginia and the District over a three-week period.

#### 11/13 All Hands on Deck

All Hands on Deck is going forward this weekend in the District despite a ruling from an arbitrator they should stop. D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier is appealing the decision that said the initiative violated not only the officers' union contract but city law as well. The seventh All Hands on Deck kicked off at 6 a.m. Friday. Later in the day in Northwest D.C., Mayor Adrian Fenty and Chief Lanier defended the initiative. They say the effort is vital in putting officers on the street in high-crime areas at a time when they are most needed.

#### 11/12 Benning Road Shooting

A new witness is stepping forward to say D.C. Police may have killed the wrong person in a gas station shooting back in August. Paul Christmas says 25-year-old Salvador Buruca was no threat to police at the Shell Station in the 3300 block of Benning Road this past summer. He says Buruca did not have a gun and was raising his hands when an officer shot him multiple times around 3am on August 27th. Christmas says he doesn't understand why police didn't go after two men he saw running from the station. At the time, police said Buruca was armed and refused an order to drop his gun, and that's why an officer, who feared for his life, shot him. Buruca died later in the hospital. His family has hired attorneys and is considering suing the police department. We asked police if they wanted to respond to the eyewitness account of what happened. They e-mailed FOX 5 a statement that said, the investigation is still pending with Internal Affairs. Police also would not reveal the name of the officer involved in the shooting.

#### 11/11 NE Bus Stop Shooting

The man shot and killed on a Metro bus in Northeast Wednesday was the brother of 14-year-old Deonte Rawlings, who was killed by police in 2007. His older brother, 21-year-old George Rawlings, was shot multiple times as he boarded the bus. His family thinks the shooting was a hit. An attorney for the victim says Rawlings

was hunted down. For the last weeks, he was in hiding after he was threatened and warned he'd be killed. It was a brazen daytime shooting on busy H Street in Northeast. Police say he had just returned from a funeral for a friend murdered on Halloween, and was shot in the doorway of the bus. The Rawlings' family attorney says George was thought to be a witness to that killing, and had been in hiding until Wednesday.

#### 11/10 Muhammad Execution

Convicted sniper John Muhammad is scheduled to be executed tonight and the Supreme Court has declined to consider his appeal. Virginia Governor Tim Kaine also rejected to request to spare his life. It's been seven years since he and accomplice Lee Boyd Malvo were captured after an intense manhunt. The sniper attacks left 10 people dead and terrorized the entire region.

#### 11/10 Stolen Library Books

Twelve people have been indicted for stealing books from the Prince George's County Library System. Prosecutors say it wasn't just a few books, it was a lot of books-- 822 books, to be exact. They estimate the value of the stolen volumes at \$87,220.65. The investigation began when an employee at the Hyattsville Branch noticed one patron had checked out dozens of high value books which were long overdue. Managers contacted Hyattsville police who began a probe. During the investigation, police at the University of Maryland Baltimore County announced arrests for the theft and resale of books from the campus library. That got officials at Harford Community College interested, and campus police there discovered a similar pattern. Five people have been charged with theft in Harford County.

#### 11/10 Ft Hood Latest

Investigators say the Fort Hood gunman acted alone when he opened fire last week, killing 13 people and injuring dozens more. Major Nidal Hasan will face charges in a military court.

#### 11/09 Scotus on sniper

In just over 24 hours, convicted sniper John Allen Muhammad is set to be executed. Today, the Supreme Court refused to block that execution. D.C. area sniper John Allen Muhammad is set to be executed by lethal injection at the Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, Virginia. Muhammad's lawyers claim their client is mentally ill, and should not be put to death. They have also asked Virginia Governor Tim Kaine for clemency.

#### 11/09 Georgia Avenue Homicide

People gathered outside a D.C. liquor store, leaving flowers and notes, still in disbelief over the robbery and murder of the store's owner this weekend. On Monday, police fanned out across the neighborhood trying to track leads in the case. Customers say Rufina Hernandez, the 51-year-old store owner, was a nice lady. If you didn't have enough money, she'd let you pay later. That's why her murder during an armed robbery has so many people puzzled.

#### 11/06 Fort Hood Shooting

A moment of silence at Fort Hood today in honor of the 13 people killed in a mass shooting. At the White House, President Obama was briefed on the investigation by FBI Director Robert Mueller. The US Army's criminal investigation officials are looking at Nidal Hasan's blogs that compared suicide bombers to soldiers who throw themselves on grenades to save others.

#### 11/06 Suspect: Mosque

Army Major Nidal Hasan, the named suspect in the murderous rampage at Ft. Hood, Texas, apparently avoided political discussions when he attended prayer services at his mosque in Silver Spring, Maryland. Hasan was a devout Muslim. When posted at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, he would attend the Muslim Community Center on New Hampshire Avenue seven days a week, according to members.

#### 11/06 Suspect Work Place

The U.S Army refused to comment Friday about Major Nidal Hasan while he lived in the Washington, D.C. area. The Army did release a timeline of Hasan's service while in the military. In 1991, Hasan joined the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, where he earned his medical degree. In 2003, Hasan then moved to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to carry out his residency.

#### 11/06 Suspect Family

While the families of victims of the tragedy at the Army post in Fort Hood, Texas try to deal with their grief, the family of the suspect is trying to come to grips with what happened as well. They say they knew Dr. Nidal Malik Hasan was unhappy in the Army, but they never could have imagined this. News organizations were camped

out at a home in Falls Church where Hasan's relatives live beginning early Friday morning. The relatives of Hasan aren't talking to the media, but they are talking to the FBI. The family of the suspected gunman is still in seclusion in the Falls Church home. Those who live nearby describe them as good neighbors and good citizens.

#### 11/06 Bethesda Shooting

The wife of an International Monetary Fund economist spoke out for the first time Friday about the attack on her husband. She asked the public for help in solving a crime she says has traumatized and shaken her family. Dr. Ashoka Mody was shot multiple times as he pulled into the garage of his Bethesda home the night of October 8. Montgomery County Police have ruled out robbery as a motive as well as the doctors work with the IMF, but they have stopped just short of calling it a hit. Holding what she described as prayers in her hands, Jyothsna Mody spoke from the heart asking someone to come forward.

#### 11/06 Muslim Americans

The bloodbath at Fort Hood, Texas has thrust America's Muslim community into the spotlight. In the District, many of them-- including military veterans-- condemn the shootings, and have offered insight into what might have provoked Nidal Malik Hasan. At The Masjid Muhammad, a mosque on 4th Street in Northwest D.C., the imam presiding over services read a letter offering condolences to all family members "affected by this horrific event." Just about everyone interviewed by FOX 5 stressed that one Muslim cannot speak for all Muslims. Some vets said they did feel discrimination in the military, and could understand the major's reluctance to go to Afghanistan. Others said people should look beyond his religion for answers to the violence.

#### 11/5 Fort Hood Massacre

An army psychiatrist has shot and killed 12 soldiers at Fort Hood Texas army base. In the attack at an army processing centre, 31 others were wounded. The shooter, Major Nidal Malik Hasan, was in stable condition after having been shot several times by security officers following the shootings. Hasan worked at the base as a psychiatrist, and had previously worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

#### 11/3 16th St Homicide

D.C. Police say the beloved owner of a U Street corridor restaurant was murdered. The body of Norah Amaya, who co-owned Coppi's Organic, was found in her Northwest Washington apartment on Monday night, and investigators say she died of strangulation. Amaya's body was found in her apartment around 9 p.m. on Monday night. It didn't appear that anyone had broken into her apartment on 16th Street NW. So far, investigators have made no arrest.

#### 11/2 Howard Party Homicide

Howard County police say two men have been charged for a shooting at a Halloween party that left one man dead and another wounded. Police say two others were injured at the party in Columbia early Sunday, but investigators don't believe the injuries were related to the shooting. Police say 22-year-old Devin O'Brian Dixon of Elkridge has been charged with the murder of Aaron Brice and the attempted murder of Nathaniel Quick. Police say Quick may be paralyzed as a result of the shooting.

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#### 12/31 Regional Crime Report

The Washington area is much safer now than it was in 2008. Following a national trend in which violent crime overall is down 4.4 percent, homicides are down in every county in the region. The one exception is Alexandria, where the number of homicides increased by one.

#### 12/31 Explosives on Plane

U.S. security chiefs briefed President Barack Obama on Thursday about missteps in the lead-up to the attempted Detroit jetliner bombing as lawmakers joined the White House in racing to find out what went wrong. The Senate Intelligence Committee announced Jan. 21 hearings as part of an investigation to begin sooner. "We will be following the intelligence down the rabbit hole to see where the breakdown occurred and how to prevent this failure in the future," said Sen. Kit Bond of Missouri, top Republican on the committee. "Somebody screwed up big time."

#### 12/31 Afghan Attack

The CIA said Thursday that seven of its employees were killed and six others wounded in a homicide bombing at a base in Afghanistan. The Associated Press has learned that one of them was the chief of the CIA's post in Afghanistan's southeastern Khost Province. CIA Director Leon Panetta said in a message to agency staff that the casualties sustained in Wednesday's strike at Forward Operating Base Chapman were the result of a terrorist attack. Initial reports indicated that eight American civilians had been killed. There was no explanation for the discrepancy in Panetta's message, which was released by the CIA in an unusual step a day after one of the deadliest attacks on the agency in its history.

#### 12/30 Explosives on Plane

President Barack Obama says the intelligence community had information that it should have been pieced together before the Christmas Day attempted terror attack on a Detroit-bound airliner. Obama says the security system failed to connect the dots. He's due an early report from his homeland security and counterterrorism adviser tomorrow on how a man with suspected ties to al-Qaida was able to board the Northwest Airlines flight with explosives. His criticism comes as senior U.S. officials tell The Associated Press that intelligence authorities are looking at conversations between the suspect and at least one al-Qaida member. One official says a link between the suspect's planning and al-Qaida's goals is becoming more clear.

#### 12/30 TSA Scanners

The Christmas Day attack on a jetliner over Detroit, combined with technological improvements to protect people's sense of modesty, could lead to dramatically wider use of full-body scanners that can see through travelers' clothing. Dutch officials said Wednesday they will immediately begin using the machines at Amsterdam's airport, where the Nigerian accused of trying to blow up the Northwest Airlines plane began his flight. And a key European lawmaker also called for greater use of the scanners, which are designed to spot explosives and other non-metallic objects that a metal detector would miss. In the U.S., the Transportation Security Administration has not said whether it will accelerate its plans to roll out the machines. TSA already operates 40 of them in U.S. airports, has bought an additional 150 and plans to buy 300 more.

#### 12/30 Court House shooting

Authorities in Fauquier County say an inmate shot one deputy and stabbed another in a holding cell at the county courthouse in Warrenton, Virginia on Wednesday afternoon. According to investigators, 30-year-old George Golder Phillips, II was taken to the courthouse for a routine hearing, and an incident took place in a holding cell area between Phillips and the two deputies. Deputies said Deputy Thomas Leake, 41, a veteran law enforcement officer who has been with the sheriff's department for two years, went into the holding cell and was immediately attacked by Phillips, who stabbed him near the eye with a self-made instrument that he had concealed from authorities. As he struggled with Deputy Leake, Phillips was able to get a hold of his gun. Authorities say when Master Deputy Charles Embrey, 38, went into the cell to help Deputy Leake, Phillips shot him in the upper leg. Both injured deputies were able to subdue Phillips. Deputy Embrey was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment, and deputy Leake was treated at Fauquier Hospital. Both are in stable condition.

#### 12/28 DC Homicide Rate

The District is about to end 2009 with the lowest number of murders in 45 years. You have to go back to 1964 to find a lower number. Murders in the District are down 25 percent. Why is this happening? Its a phenomenon that has generated a number of theories with several different reasons. In a one on one interview with Fox 5 Monday, DC Police Chief Cathy Lanier said it all has to do with focusing on a small group of violent

offenders and working closely with the community. "The first is focusing on those repeat violent gun offenders, said Chief Cathy Lanier in an interview in her office Monday. "It's a small number of people who consistently carry guns and engage in repeat violent gun offenses. If you can focus on those people and get them off the street that is the number one key ingredient." The second key component, the Chief says, is a good relationship with the community. Building a trust and delivering with results.

#### 12/28 Plane Stolen/Crashed

Court documents allege that a homeless man charged with stealing a single-engine plane in Frederick is a dangerous schizophrenic. Calvin Cox's former wife made the claim in a petition for a temporary protective order that was granted Dec. 18 -- 10 days before Cox allegedly stole and wrecked a Piper Super Cub at Frederick Municipal Airport. The order was served on the 51-year-old Cox Monday at the Frederick County jail. Therese Ann Schooley wrote that Cox recently learned where she lives and had been coming to her home. A hearing on a final protective order is set for next Tuesday. An assistant public defender who represented Cox at a bond review hearing Tuesday declined to comment on the case.

#### 12/28 Explosives on Plane

The U.S. government tightened airline security as it searches for answers to how a 23-year-old Nigerian man eluded extensive systems intended to prevent attacks like his botched Christmas Day effort to blow up a Northwest flight from overseas. The TSA security directive applied to U.S.-bound flights from overseas, according to a transportation security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly. The official said passengers traveling internationally could see increased screening at gates and when they check bags, as well as other measures on flights such as stowing carryons and personal items before the plane lands.

#### 12/28 passenger security

The Christmas Day security scare on board an Amsterdam to Detroit flight is prompting changes at airports across the country Monday morning. The Obama administration has ordered investigations into the two areas of aviation security -- how travelers are placed on watch lists and passengers screened -- as critics continued to question how a young man on a watchlist with a U.S. visa in his pocket and a powerful explosive hidden on his body was allowed to board a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit.

#### 12/24 Missing 11 yo girl

The Wicomico County Sheriffs Office has charged a 30-year-old Salisbury man in the disappearance of an 11-year-old girl who is still missing. Sarah Haley Foxwell was last seen Tuesday night at her home and Sheriff Mike Lewis announced Wednesday night that family acquaintance Thomas James Leggs of Salisbury, a registered sex offender, has been charged with kidnapping and burglary. Dive teams searched a local pond Wednesday night and law enforcement agencies from across the region are continuing the search Thursday, helping the sheriffs office search for Foxwell in several square miles of dense woods.

#### 12/23 Fatal SE Ped Ax

Police say a 50-year-old woman was killed Tuesday night after she was hit by a car while she waited at a Metrobus stop in D.C., and investigators believe the driver of the car was high on drugs at the time of the accident. Investigators say Mary Jones, a mother of four, was on her way to work when she was killed. According to police, the driver was on PCP and speeding before leaving the road and hitting Jones as she stood at the bus stop on Southern Avenue SE. In fact, they believe Glendale Ogburn of Forestville, Maryland was doing 50 mph in a 25 mph zone when his Cadillac struck Jones. Police say Ogburn never touched his brakes, and when they arrived at the hospital, he was so high he had no idea what happened. Ogburn has been charged with second-degree murder.

#### 12/22 12th Street Peds struck

Metro Police are investigating the death of a pedestrian who was on the sidewalk when two cars collided. It happened at the corner of 12th Street and Rhode Island Avenue in Northeast D.C. Police are unclear at this point what led to the tragic accident. The accident wreckage is astounding. Two cars collided at the corner of 12th Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW. In their path just standing on the sidewalk was a man who became caught in the middle. He was hit and killed.

#### 12/17 Diamond dealer robbed

Thieves robbed a salesperson of several hundred thousand dollars worth of diamonds at gunpoint. The man was getting out of his car in a Fairfax County Sheraton parking lot when three masked gunmen approached him and robbed him. The stolen diamonds were loose and not set in jewelry. Police say they are exploring all options, including a possible inside job.

**12/16 2 Shot in SE DC**

Arvel Alston's family members walked out of the D.C. Courthouse angry and outraged after listening to the detailed allegations that D.C. Police Officer Reggie Jones assisted in Alston's murder. "Words just can't express the way I feel, also my family," said Arvel's sister, Tracy Jackson. According to court documents, on November 30, Alston met with a group of other men to set up a robbery. Alston told one of the men in the room his son had a police officer who was going to assist in the robbery. Alston and the others walked into the backroom of a detail shop in Suitland, Maryland, and Officer Jones was there wearing a police vest. They left after the meeting, and one of the robbers got in a marked police car with Officer Jones and Arvel Alston. They drove to 4th Street Southeast where the robbery was going to take place. Then on December 1, Arvel Alston and the group met again in Suitland with the police officer to discuss the plan to rob one man, kidnap him and take him back to his home in Ft. Washington to burglarize his home. Two of the men then got into a marked police car and drove to 4th Street. Alston and the group started the robbery, while the officer acted as a lookout. The robbery attempt was botched and turned into a fight. Arvel Crawford, Alston's son, ended up accidentally shooting his father.

**12/16 PW Co serial rapist**

Authorities in four states are seeking a man accused of a series of rapes over the last 13 years. Most of the sexual assaults occurred locally, in both Maryland and in Virginia. The most recent of the incidents started in a shopping center in Dale City, Virginia. DNA testing has linked the assailant to rapes in Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, and to a peeping tom incident in Rhode Island. After trick-or-treating in a residential neighborhood in Dale City, three teenage girls were hanging out in the parking lot of a shopping center on Dale Blvd. A man with a gun approached them, ordered them to a wooded area behind the stores, told them to lie on the ground, and then authorities say he raped two of the three girls. DNA evidence gathered from the victims has linked the assailant to 13 separate crimes, almost all of them sexual assaults. The crime spree began 12 years ago in Prince George's County, Maryland.

**12/15 Murder Exoneration**

A man who spent 28 years behind bars for a rape and murder he said he didn't commit walked out of a federal prison in Arizona on Tuesday with \$75 and a bus ticket to Ohio after DNA testing showed he was innocent. The conviction of Donald Eugene Gates, 58, was based largely on the testimony of an FBI forensic analyst whose work later came under fire and a hair analysis technique that has been discredited. Gates was convicted of killing a Georgetown University senior in 1981.

**12/15 Flowers HS Fight**

Police in Prince George's County say a fight at a local high school ended with students in custody on Tuesday. The violence broke out at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. Police were called in and when it was all over, 17 people were under arrest. Investigators say the incident started when a person who does not attend Flowers High School came to school dressed in a school uniform. They say he got into the building and started a fight with someone from another neighborhood.

**12/14 Operation Holiday Hoax**

Federal officials claim that buying knockoff brand name good is actually costing American jobs. Operation Holiday Hoax lasted for a week, with federal authorities seizing 700,000 counterfeit items. Officials say the holiday season is typically when the US is flooded with fake items and that's why they are cracking down now. The head of the Motion Picture Association says his industry has lost so much money to bootlegging that it's costing jobs in the industry.

**12/14 Murder Exoneration**

A D.C. man found guilty in a vicious 1981 murder is hoping to earn his freedom after newly found evidence appears to exonerate him. Donald Gates was convicted of raping and shooting 21-year-old Catherine Schilling as she walked home from work. The Georgetown coed was taking a shortcut through Rock Creek Park when she was attacked the night of June 22, 1981. Gates has always maintained his innocence, and now DNA evidence appears to prove it.

**12/7 DC Police Toy Thieves**

One year after four D.C. police officers were placed on leave after they were suspected of stealing from the Toys for Tots program, the case remains under investigation. No charges have been filed against the four, who have lost their police powers but are still being paid. No one would talk on the record about the case Monday, but according to law enforcement sources, the U.S. Attorney's Office is still trying to decide whether to prosecute the four. The officers were working in the Toys for Tots program last December when internal affairs discovered what

police described as questionable behavior. Some of the donated toys had been taken out of the Boys and Girls Clubs and were found off-site, allegedly in the possession of the suspended officers.

#### 12/4 Pepco Worker Shot

D.C. police say a Pepco worker was shot in the neck after a group of teenagers harassed his maintenance crew. Police say the 52-year-old man was seriously wounded in the shooting Thursday night, but he was conscious at the scene in northwest Washington and is expected to live. He was taken to a nearby hospital. Pepco officials say the man was part of a crew repairing an underground line. Police say five teens started harassing the crew and the man got into a shoving match with at least one teen. Police say other workers broke up the confrontation, but the teens returned and one brandished a gun. After another exchange, police say the teen fired, striking the worker. Police say the teens fled and no arrests had been made.

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#### 10/26 Speed/Light Cameras

Preliminary numbers show speed and red light cameras are generating record revenue in the District. According to AAA Midatlantic, DC brought in \$36.4 million in fines last fiscal year. There are 8 fixed and mobile speed cameras around the city. IN 2007, the city brought in \$17.8 million in speed and red light camera fines. Several people we spoke to claimed the camera program was just a program to make cash for the District.

#### 10/26 Gay Marriage

Hundreds of people crowded into the Wilson Building today to be part of the debate over same sex marriage. A majority of DC Councilmembers say they support the Religious Freedom and Civil Marriage Equality Amendment Act of 2009 which would allow gay couples in the District to legally marry for the first time. Nearly 300 people have signed up to testify before a committee hearing today.

#### 10/16 DC Teacher Layoffs

There are calls tonight to impeach Mayor Adrian Fenty over the mass layoffs in the DC Public School system. More than 100 people testified today before a special council oversight hearing. Some Council members are accusing the Mayor and Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee of misleading them about the budget and mismanaging school funds. they say Fenty and Rhee have been unfair and disrespectful to teachers. One top union leader is calling on the lawmakers to amend the city charter to give themselves the legislative authority to impeach Mayor Fenty.

#### 10/13 McDonnell vs Deeds

Three weeks from tonight, Virginia voters will choose a new governor. Tonight, Democrat Creigh Deeds is taking back an accusation that made last night against opponent Bob McDonnell during their debate. Deeds called McDonnell a 'liar' but now says that was the wrong choice of words. McDonnell claims that Deeds has been lying about his record for weeks. McDonnell is holding onto his lead at 50% to 42% according to a new Rasmussen poll.

#### 10/8 DC School Layoffs

District Public School teachers fired and escorted from their classrooms by police right in front of their students aren't happy about it. Today they're taking to the streets to protest. The teachers want more explanation for why they were let go. The school system says it laid off teachers who were underperforming. The city is using the layoffs to help bridge a \$44 million budget shortfall.

#### 10/7 DC Teacher Layoffs

The head of the Teachers Union is telling the 200 teachers laid off in DC that he is filing a lawsuit against the city. What's in the lawsuit and what he is asking for is still unclear but teachers are hoping for an injunction and a better explanation for why they lost their jobs. DC Councilman Marion Barry has called for an investigation by the Inspector General.

#### 10/6 Deeds Mocked

The billionaire co-founder of BET, Sheila Johnson, is apologizing for mocking a speech impediment of Creigh Deeds, the Virginia Democratic candidate for governor. She made fun of his stutter during a fundraiser she threw for Republican candidate Bob McDonnell. Today both candidates appeared at a town forum in Loudoun County, but not at the same time.

#### 10/6 DC Schools Layoffs

More protests today over the District's decision to lay off hundreds of teachers. Today, angry crowds took their concerns directly to City Hall. City leaders made the move to bridge a 44 million dollar budget shortfall. Students say the layoffs have disrupted their classes.

#### 10/6 Barry in Hospital

Former DC Mayor Marion Barry is back in the hospital. The councilman was admitted to Howard University for dehydration. He had a kidney transplant back in February.

#### 10/5 VA Gov Race

With less than a month to go in the race for Virginia governor, Republican Bob McDonnell seems to be bouncing back in the polls. His numbers took a hit after a graduate paper he wrote shed light on his views on

wmoen, birth control and homosexuals. Today, both McDonnell and rival Democrat Creigh Deeds were back out on the campaign trail.

#### 10/2 Graham Chief Arrested

The taxicab scandal that rocked City Hall got even bigger today. 37 people, most of them taxi drivers, are now indicted and charged with conspiracy to commit bribery. The case started with the arrest of DC Councilman Jim Graham's Chief of Staff Ted Loza. He has pleaded not guilty.

#### 10/2 DC School Layoffs

Nearly 400 dc public school employees are now out of a job. 200 of those workers are teachers. The DC school system made the announcement about the layoffs this afternoon. They're trying to cut money to close a budget gap.

#### 10/1 DC School Layoffs

The Fenty administration says layoffs are coming soon for DC public school teachers. The Mayor says Chancellor Michelle Rhee is going through evaluations with principals and seeing which teachers haven't met the standards and will be let go. Students, parents, and the DC Teachers Union are upset that the layoffs are coming. The Teachers Union says layoffs will mean bigger classes and a disruption for students.

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#### 11/24 DC Teacher Layoffs

A D.C. Superior Court judge has declined to halt the layoffs of D.C. school teachers announced earlier this year. Judge Judith Bartnoff issued her ruling Tuesday. The Washington Teacher's Union had asked the judge to stop the layoffs while the union challenges the layoffs in court. D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee laid off approximately 400 D.C. public school employees after the school year started. She said she was responding to budget cuts, a statement the union challenged.

#### 11/18 Vincent Gray Construction

The chairman of the D.C. Council is fighting back against accusations that he used his influence for repairs and renovations to his home. Vincent Gray says he called a friend for help. That friend is the head of a construction and property management company. William C. Smith and Company does a lot of work with the District government. This all began with an investigation by *The Washington Times*. The paper reports that Vincent Gray had repairs done at his home over the summer by William C. Smith and Company. The company does not typically do home repairs. The paper claims Gray never paid for the work at his home until it started asking questions. The chairman said he never received an invoice until October 30. Gray says he paid the bill a week later. The home in question is on Branch Avenue in Southeast Washington. Gray sat down with FOX 5 on Wednesday to explain why he contacted Chris Smith, the top man at William C. Smith and Company for help. Gray says that he's been friends with Chris Smith for many years, and was only looking for some advice from a friend who knew construction.

#### 11/17 DC Parks Contract

Work on parks and recreation centers across the District may have to stop. Funding for the projects has been frozen. It's the latest fallout over tens of millions of dollars in questionable contracts by Mayor Adrian Fenty's administration. At a D.C. council oversight hearing, council members were agitated by the answers they were getting from city officials. They're following the trail of \$85 million in parks contracts, some of which went to contractors tied to the mayor. The money for the projects was funneled from the Department of Parks and Recreation, through the deputy mayor's office of Planning and Economic Development and into the hands of the D.C. Housing Authority. By law, the council must approve contracts over a \$1 million, but that didn't happen. The Fenty Administration claims it was perfectly legal.

#### 11/09 Fenty Bikes w cops

D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty is riding on the defensive after video of him biking with a police escort has surfaced. Safety advocates say it also raises serious questions. In it, the mayor appears to run red lights and clog traffic over several months. Nobody likes to sit in traffic, and the video shows the mayor himself may be responsible for congestion. Many wonder why Mayor Fenty isn't using his newly-created bike lanes instead of the open highway.

#### 11/04 VA Governor Winner

Republican Bob McDonnell is taking back the Virginia governor's office after eight years of Democratic control. McDonnell wooed independent voters Tuesday to win a landslide election for governor just a year after the state bucked tradition and voted for Barack Obama. McDonnell, a conservative former state attorney general, had about 60 percent of the vote with most precincts reporting. The election largely turned on independent voters. Exit polls showed those voters preferred McDonnell by nearly a 2-1 ratio over Democrat Creigh Deeds. The election marked a shift from 2008, when independents in the state split about evenly between the parties.

#### 11/2 Va Governors Race

The two candidates for Virginia gover are crisscrossing the Commonwealth tonight in a last ditch effort to grab support. Republican Candidate Bob McDonnell ahs a double digit lead over Democrat Creigh Deeds but Deeds says he's come from behind before, and he'll do it again.

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## 12/21 DC Snow

The DC government is winning praises tonight for its response to the snow storm. It wasn't perfect but residents say it has been a long time since DC handled a snow storm this well. Mayor Fenty says much of the credit goes to DDOT and DPW for getting the roads cleared.

## 12/18 DC Gay Marriage

D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty has signed legislation legalizing same-sex marriages in the District of Columbia. About 200 people gathered at All Soul's Unitarian Church on 16th Street for the ceremonial signing on Friday. Members of the crowd cheered and hugged as the mayor signed the bill. Fenty called the occasion an, "historic and extraordinary moment in the nation's capital." The D.C. Council had passed the legislation by an 11-2 margin earlier. Many of the councilmembers showed up for the bill signing.

## 12/15 DC Gay Marriage

Today the DC Council made history by voting to approve same sex marriage. DC now joins 5 other states that have sanctioned gay marriage. The vote went 11-2 and Mayor Adrian Fenty says he will sign the legislation. There is still a 30 day congressional review.

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## 12/2 DC Parks Contract

New information tonight in the controversy over questionable contracts for the DC Parks and Rec Department. One of Mayor Adrian Fenty's friends was a no-show at a DC Council hearing today, despite being subpoenaed. The Mayor has also named a new Director of Parks and Recreation to replace the one whose nomination was rejected by the Council.

## 12/2 State Dinner crashers

There are new questions tonight about the accused White House party crashers and the charitable foundation they created. Tarek & Michaele Salahi's charitable foundation, the Journey for the Cure, was not registered with Virginia for nearly 4 years, according to the state Department of Agriculture and Consumer services. Two weeks ago, the foundation was finally registered. The Foundation is supposed to be holding the Annual America's Polo Cup to benefit the MS Foundation. Today the Multiple Sclerosis foundation announced that it is severing all ties with the Salahis.

## 12/1 DC Gay Marriage

In an historic move, the DC Council today voted overwhelmingly to legalize civil marriages for gay couples. It's not a done deal yet. A second and final vote is scheduled in two weeks. Nobody is surprised that the bill passed but opponents of gay marriage say they'll keep fighting.

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#### 10/28 Sen Brooke Honored

An historic moment in history took place Wednesday in the Capitol Rotunda when President Barack Obama presented the Congressional Gold Medal to former Massachusetts Senator Edward Brooke. It is the highest award Congress can bestow for lifetime achievements and contributions to society. Brooke was the first African American to be elected to the U.S. Senate since reconstruction. He is also a native son, born and raised in Washington, D.C. Brooke attended Shaw Junior High School and Dunbar High School. He graduated from Howard University, before getting a law degree at Boston University.

#### 10/28 Natl defense afghan

Violent attacks in Afghanistan have killed several UN workers, including an American security guard. It's an ominous sign as the country prepares for next month's runoff election and as President Obama considers a potential troop surge. Today the President signed a \$680 billion dollar defense spending bill into law. He says it helps put an end to some wasteful spending on defense projects.

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#### 10/27 DEA Agents Killed

The Drug Enforcement Administration has identified the three agents killed Monday in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan, the agency's first fatalities in its counter-narcotics operations in that country. All three men are from the D.C. Region. They were Special Agent Forrest Leamon, Special Agent Chad Michael and Special Agent Michael Weston. The men were assigned to the agency's fight against the opium trade in Afghanistan, which often funds insurgent activity. DEA employees learned the names of the men in an email. The DEA began operations in Afghanistan in 2005, but in the past year launched plans to greatly expand the effort, from about a dozen agents to nearly 80.

#### 10/21 Child Abuse State Dept

An alarming trend in child abuse and neglect. A new report shows that more children are dying. The report indicates a 35% increase in deaths over a 7 year period. On Capitol Hill, child welfare advocates rallied for more funding for social workers to keep an eye on families who are at risk.

#### 10/15 Obama New Orleans

Insisting he's "just getting started," President Barack Obama defended his administration Thursday against complaints from some residents of the hurricane-ravaged Gulf Coast that federal help in recovering from the 2005 disasters hasn't improved much since he took office. President Obama claimed progress since he entered the White House in January. He cited reconstruction projects that have moved forward after having been stalled by disagreements over whether the state or federal government would foot the bill.

#### 10/14 Afghanistan Strategy

As President Obama makes a decision on whether to send more troops to Afghanistan, the war-torn nation is facing another crisis. In the aftermath of their bungled election, there are questions about whether the Afghan government is corrupt. The top US military commander in Afghanistan, General Stanley McCrystal, says government corruption could be the biggest roadblock to stabilizing the situation there.

#### 10/13 Immigration Rally

Several immigration reform groups are rallying on Capitol Hill after spending part of the day talking to Congressional leaders. Several hundred people traveled from all over the country in an urgent call for reform. They say families have been split apart by a broken immigration policy that includes workplace raids and deportation.

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#### 10/8 Obama Peace Prize

A surprise announcement this morning caught much of the world and even the White House off guard. President Barack Obama has won the Nobel Peace prize, becoming just the 3rd sitting president to receive the honor. Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson also won. The President says he's not sure he's done enough to earn the reward but says he plans to use the power of the prestigious award to give momentum to certain causes.

#### 10/7 Afghanistan War

President Obama is trying to answer serious questions about what's ahead for American forces in Afghanistan. This was the second day of meetings at the White House on the war in Afghanistan. The Pentagon today confirmed that the president has received an informal copy of a request for more troops. The president has not announced what he plans to do.

#### 10/1 No Chicago Olympics

A big defeat for Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics. The city made the final four but was cut in the first round of voting. President Barack Obama traveled to Denmark personally to support the bid. Rio was awarded the games.

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#### 11/30 State Dinner Crash

The couple who crashed the Obama administration's first state dinner communicated with a senior Pentagon official about going to the event, but the official denies that she helped the couple get in. Michele Jones, a special assistant to Defense Secretary Robert Gates, said in a written statement issued through the White House on Monday evening that she never said or implied she would get Michaele and Tareq Salahi into the Nov. 24 White House dinner. This is the latest twist in the unfolding mystery of how the two reality show wannabes managed to get into the highly secured event and shake hands with President Barack Obama. Also on Monday, a House committee chairman asked the couple and Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan to testify at a hearing Thursday on the incident. The White House issued Jones' statement after questions were raised about communications between the administration and the couple prior to the dinner.

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#### 11/18 Gitmo Detainees

Attorney General Eric Holder is defending his decision to put the professed Sept. 11 mastermind on trial in New York - and urging critics of the plan not to cower in the face of terrorists. Holder is set to testify Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, where lawmakers are likely to spar over the attorney general's decision last week to send Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four alleged henchmen from a detention center at Guantanamo Bay to New York to face a civilian federal trial. Critics of Holder's decision - mostly Republicans - have argued the trial will give Mohammed a world stage to spout hateful rhetoric.

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#### 11/16 9 year old shot

A community is grieving following the murder of an innocent 9 year old. On Monday night, his relatives and classmates gathered to remember Oscar Fuentes on the front outside the building where the fourth grader lived. City leaders tried to calm fears and comfort the crowd. 9 year old Oscar Fuentes was killed as a gunman shot thru his front door.

#### 11/13 Mosque Forfeit

U.S. Marshals taped seizure paperwork to the doorways of two buildings at a school/mosque/residential complex on Montrose Road just outside of Rockville Friday. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Marshals Service confirmed the paperwork pertained to the government's effort to seize properties owned by the Alavi Foundation. A civil order filed in court in New York accuses the foundation of illegal business contact with the government of Iran, which is prohibited by U.S. law. Some members of the religious community which rents the buildings from

the foundation are appalled by the government action.

#### 11/11 No Child Left Inside

According to the CDC, more than 30 percent of children in the U.S. are obese, and that is now capturing the attention of some federal lawmakers. But keeping kids from being sedentary is just part of what's behind a bill called No Child Left Inside, an effort to get students out of the classroom and outdoors to play.

#### 11/10 Clinton Health care

With a vote on health care now looming in the Senate, Democrats tried to close ranks on Tuesday by bringing in one of their party's big guns. Former President Bill Clinton made a rare appearance on Capitol Hill Tuesday afternoon at meeting of Senate Democrats. The goal? To keep Democratic senators in line for when the health care bill comes up for a vote. The former president lobbied Senate Democrats to pass a health care bill and used the economy as his main argument. Mr. Clinton said he told the Senators the combination of soaring medical costs and nearly 50 million uninsured would continue to drag the economy down unless reform was passed.

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#### 12/24 Health Care Vote

President Barack Obama has hailed Senate passage of an historic health care bill, saying the government is now "finally poised to deliver on the promise" of overhauling a troubled system. Speaking not long after the Senate passed the \$871 billion bill by a 60-39 vote, Obama welcomed the vote as bringing America "toward the end of a nearly century-long struggle." He said presidents since Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 have been trying unsuccessfully to overhaul medical care. Standing in the State Room of the White House before leaving on a holiday trip to his home state of Hawaii, Obama said the measure the Senate passed earlier Thursday "includes the toughest measures ever taken to hold the insurance industry responsible."

#### 12/23 Health care vote

Exultant Senate Democrats pushed President Barack Obama's landmark health care overhaul past a final procedural hurdle Wednesday, setting up a Christmas Eve vote to pass the legislation extending coverage to 30 million Americans. Democrats voted 60-39 to end a GOP filibuster and move to a final vote Thursday. All 58 Democrats and two independents hung together against unanimous Republican opposition. It was the 24th day of debate on the 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion bill. 12/22 Health care Update

President Obama is putting his Christmas vacation on hold while Senators hash out a health care reform bill. A final vote for final passage is now scheduled for Christmas Eve. Members of the GOP are doing everything they can to prevent the bill from passing. They are raising constitutional concerns about the bill which they say is a grab bag of special deals that cost too much.

#### 12/21 Snow Airports

Today the Transportation Department ordered airlines to let passengers get off planes stuck on the tarmac for more than 3 hours. This comes as many airlines are digging out from the backlog of delays and cancellations from the storm.

#### 12/17 Health care hustle

The clock is ticking on health care reform. The battle has gone on for months, now the struggle could stretch into Christmas Eve. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid promised to pass the overhaul by Christmas while Republicans are promising to stand in the way. In an effort to gain votes, Democrats took out any language regarding a government run plan from the bill.

#### 12/16 Salahi Fauquier County

It looks like the White House state dinner crashers may need a calendar to keep up with all their upcoming court dates. The couple was back in front of a judge on Wednesday, this time in Fauquier County District Court. This time, a caterer says the couple stiffed him for more than \$15,000 for one of their polo events. It was just another day on the court docket for Michael and Tareq Salahi as they arrived at Fauquier County Court without an attorney.

#### 12/15 Cash For Caulkers

President Obama visited a Home Depot in Alexandria to announce his new plans to create jobs. He's appealing to Congress to approve what's being called "Cash for Caulkers", a plan to give homeowners incentives to make their homes energy efficient which would create new jobs.

#### 12/14 Operation Holiday Hoax

Federal officials claim that buying knockoff brand name goods is actually costing American jobs. Operation Holiday Hoax lasted for a week, with federal authorities seizing 700,000 counterfeit items. Officials say the holiday season is typically when the US is flooded with fake items and that's why they are cracking down now. The head of the Motion Picture Association says his industry has lost so much money to bootlegging that it's costing jobs in the industry.

#### 12/7 Health Care Debate

Inside the US Capitol, pressure is mounting in the Senate over health care reform. Coming off a rare weekends session, the Senate is taking on abortion and how reform will deal with that. All sides of the issue are geared up for a battle that could threaten the bill altogether.

#### 12/7 White House Crashers

Michael and Tareq Salahi are part of a long line of White House gate crashers. A just released Secret Service report lays out more than 90 security breaches dating back decades. The report was prepared to help the

Secret Service learn from its mistakes. It was written in 2001 when a California man was able to get past security and shake President Bush's hand, despite having already crashed events with two former presidents.

#### 12/4 Unemployment Numbers

Surprising new numbers show the unemployment rate dropped in November and job losses are at the lowest point since the Recession began. Unemployment dropped from 10.2 in October to 10% last month. That's a difference of about 325, 000 jobs.

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#### 12/2 Afghanistan Plans

Today President Barack Obama spelled out his goals for ending US involvement in Afghanistan. He plans to send thousands of additional troops to the region to dismantle Al Qaeda's involvement in the region and prevent it from threatening America and its allies.

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#### 10/28 H1N1 Changes

After long lines and rowdy crowds at previous clinics, health officials in Montgomery and Fairfax Counties are changing the way they distribute the H1N1 vaccine. But that didn't stop people from lining up all day on Wednesday outside three Montgomery County high schools for their chance to get the vaccine. Three schools in Montgomery County were given 1,000 doses each of the H1N1 vaccine. People were not allowed to line up on the property at each location until 30 minutes before the clinics opened, but that didn't stop many folks. Instead, they camped out nearby. Only 1,000 vaccines were to be distributed.

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#### 10/27 Wasa Water Lead

An engineering firm believes that some D.C. homeowners should consider replacing all the water pipes within their house. The problem is a familiar one: lead. After studying 21 residences, H.D.R. Engineering concluded, "...in-home plumbing can contribute substantial particulate lead to residential drinking water taps, and should be considered as potentially important a lead source as lead service lines themselves." The study was commissioned by D.C.'s Water and Sewer Authority which has, since the discovery of elevated levels of lead in many samples of drinking water in 2000, aggressively moved to replace lead service lines leading to homes. In a news release, WASA officials say the study recommendations will apply to only, "a small percentage of District homes... - only those which have galvanized steel water pipes and were serviced by lead water pipe lines.

#### 10/23 Howard Schools h1n1

Howard County schools is starting its vaccination program for kids. About 13 hundred elementary school students received their shots today. They're the first students in the county to be vaccinated. 1800 older students will receive the vaccine next week.

#### 10/22 PG Co Swine Flu

A Prince George's County swine flu clinic was swamped with patients this morning. Crews say there are enough doses to go around but it will take awhile to get everyone through the lines. The clinic was not as busy as the ones in Montgomery County this week, possibly because Prince George's County has been aggressively vaccinating in school for weeks.

#### 10/21 H1N1 Mogo

Anxious parents, pregnant woman and people with chronic illnesses camped out overnight and lined up for hours today to get the H1N1 vaccine. They were at a clinic from the Montgomery County health department. When the doses ran out, the patients were turned away.

#### 10/21 H1N1 Nova Preps

Virginia Health Department officials are trying to be fair in distributing the swine flu vaccine. With supplies arriving slowly, they are making sure high priority groups like hospital workers get theirs first. Virginia has also stopped testing for swine flu, saying the tests don't yield results quickly enough.

#### 10/20 H1N1 Vaccine

There are growing concerns tonight about the availability of the swine flu vaccine. Health experts say there's not enough to go around. Local health departments are adjusting their vaccination plans to make sure those who need it most can get it. Most departments are sending out the message that if you're a healthy adult, step to the back of the line and let pregnant women and young people get it first. The trouble is blamed on production delays.

#### 10/15 H1N1 Double Dosage

First responders vaccinated against swine flu in DC yesterday are now being watched by a doctor. Some of them got double doses of the vaccine. The Fraternal Order of Police says the department called officers to report to a clinic for followup because of the mistake. A medical expert claims that the stronger doses should not

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cause any health problems. The health department is investigating how it happened.

#### 10/14 Mogo Swine Flu Clinic

Crowds of people are showing up for what doctors say is the best defense against the H1N1 virus. The Montgomery County Health Department says it vaccinated about 1400 people against swine flu today. The Health Dept had more than 6000 doses on hand and says more are on the way. The clinics will continue until the vaccine runs out.

#### 10/13 Kids Swine Flu Vaccine

An adult in Maryland has died from swine flu, bringing the total number of deaths in the state to ten. That comes as the first batches of H1N1 vaccines have arrived at Children's National Medical Center. Despite some parents' concern that the vaccine hasn't been tested enough, doctors at the hospital and the CDC say it is safe and recommend that children get it.

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#### 10/12 School Nurse shortage

There are fears that a school nurse shortage could be a problem if swine flu hits. Many schools do not have a nurse on duty anymore. In case of an outbreak, some people worry that nurses won't be there to recognize the signs and send kids home who may be infected. Instead, teachers will have that responsibility.

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#### 10/9 PG School Swine flu

School kids in Maryland started receiving the swine flu vaccine today. About 80 kids at Dodge Park Elementary were among the first in the state to get the nasal mist vaccine. Some parents are worried about the vaccine but the Health and Human Services secretary is urging them to get vaccinated. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley says his kids will be vaccinated.

#### 10/8 Swine Flu Vaccine

The first shipment of the swine flu vaccine is here, already on shelves in some doctors' offices, but don't expect it to sit there for long. Unlike Virginia & the District, which are treating front line health workers, Maryland is using this round to treat kids, too.

#### 10/7 Swine Flu

Maryland, Virginia and DC have received their first shipments of the swine flu vaccine. It's a nasal spray but that doesn't mean you can just rush out and get it. You must be healthy, between 2 and 49 years old and on your local government's priority list. Front line health workers are the first in line for the 3600 doses in DC.

#### 10/1 Swine Flu Bacteria

CDC researchers say they've found the first strong evidence that bacterial infections may play a role in making some H1N1 flu victims deathly ill. The team discovered about a third of flu fatalities tested had secondary bacterial infections that made them even sicker. The most common is the bacteria that causes bacterial pneumonia.

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#### 11/24 Crib Recall

More than 2.1 million drop-side cribs by Stork Craft Manufacturing are being recalled, the biggest crib recall in U.S history, following reports of four infant suffocations. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said late Monday the recall involves 1.2 million cribs in the United States and almost 1 million in Canada, where Stork Craft is based. Sales of the cribs being recalled go back to 1993. Nearly 150,000 of the cribs carry the Fisher-Price logo. The CPSC said it is aware of four infants who suffocated in the drop-side cribs, which have a side that moves up and down to allow parents to lift children from the cribs more easily. The agency also said there have been 110 incidents of drop-sides detaching from the cribs. The Stork Craft cribs have had problems with their hardware, which can break, deform or become missing after years. CPSC said there can also be problems with assembly mistakes by the crib owner. These problems can cause the drop-side to detach, creating a dangerous space between the drop-side and the crib mattress, where a child can become trapped.

#### 11/24 Breast Cancer Drug

A local breast cancer survivor is suing the nation's largest pharmaceutical company, believing a menopause drug caused her cancer. Fifteen years ago, when Ernestine Griffin was 45 years old, she began experiencing the symptoms of menopause. Mrs. Griffin's physician prescribed a "combination" hormone replacement therapy, which, nowadays, it put together in a pill called Prempro. Five years later, Ernestine was diagnosed with breast cancer. She sued the drug makers for allegedly failing to thoroughly research the safety of the medicines. Griffin's attorney believes the scientific evidence is overwhelming. Juries in Philadelphia have now returned two huge verdicts against Pfizer, which owns the companies that manufactured the hormone replacement therapies. And those juries awarded a total of \$103 million to the two women who brought the suits. Griffin and her attorney are heartened by the verdicts and the awards. Pfizer vigorously contested the lawsuits, and a company spokesman says the firm will appeal.

#### 11/20 Pap Smear Guidelines

New guidelines by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists say most women in their 20s can have a Pap smear every two years instead of annually to catch slow-growing cervical cancer. The change comes amid a separate debate over when regular mammograms to detect breast cancer should begin, in the 40s or the 50s. The timing of the Pap guidelines is coincidence, said ACOG, which began reviewing its recommendations in late 2007 and published the update Friday in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

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#### 11/18 Santa & Swine Flu

Ernest Berger, president of Santa America, asked an Alabama congressman last week to designate Santas a priority group for the swine flu vaccine, like health care workers or infant caregivers. A spokesman for Republican Representative Jo Bonner confirmed Berger's request and said staff members were looking into it. Berger hopes Santas will use hand sanitizer and encourage children to do the same, without turning the experience into a hygiene lecture. The 200 or so Santas who volunteer to visit sick or grieving children through Santa America will be washing their suits daily instead of weekly and will not be wearing gloves this year so they can wash their hands frequently, Berger said.

11/17 Breast Cancer Guidelines

New advice on mammograms have some women confused. A government task force recommends raising the age for mammograms, but many doctors disagree. Some of the most vocal critics are breast cancer survivors. What this government panel, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force, said is that it's not effective enough to justify universal mammograms in women under 50.

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11/10 Clinton Health care

With a vote on health care now looming in the Senate, Democrats tried to close ranks on Tuesday by bringing in one of their party's big guns. Former President Bill Clinton made a rare appearance on Capitol Hill Tuesday afternoon at meeting of Senate Democrats. The goal? To keep Democratic senators in line for when the health care bill comes up for a vote. The former president lobbied Senate Democrats to pass a health care bill and used the economy as his main argument. Mr. Clinton said he told the Senators the combination of soaring medical costs and nearly 50 million uninsured would continue to drag the economy down unless reform was passed.

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#### 12/24 Health Care Vote

President Barack Obama has hailed Senate passage of an historic health care bill, saying the government is now "finally poised to deliver on the promise" of overhauling a troubled system. Speaking not long after the Senate passed the \$871 billion bill by a 60-39 vote, Obama welcomed the vote as bringing America "toward the end of a nearly century-long struggle." He said presidents since Theodore Roosevelt in 1912 have been trying unsuccessfully to overhaul medical care. Standing in the State Room of the White House before leaving on a holiday trip to his home state of Hawaii, Obama said the measure the Senate passed earlier Thursday "includes the toughest measures ever taken to hold the insurance industry responsible."

#### 12/23 Health care vote

Exultant Senate Democrats pushed President Barack Obama's landmark health care overhaul past a final procedural hurdle Wednesday, setting up a Christmas Eve vote to pass the legislation extending coverage to 30 million Americans. Democrats voted 60-39 to end a GOP filibuster and move to a final vote Thursday. All 58 Democrats and two independents hung together against unanimous Republican opposition. It was the 24th day of debate on the 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion bill.

#### 12/22 Booster Seat Ratings

New ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety take the guesswork out of selecting boosters most likely to provide good lap and shoulder belt fit in a range of vehicles. The Institute rates 9 belt-positioning boosters as BEST BETS and 6 as GOOD BETS out of 60 models examined in a new round of evaluations. Eleven boosters aren't recommended at all because they do such a poor job of fitting the belt. Fit is important because safety belts are designed with adults in mind, not kids.

#### 12/22 Health care Update

President Obama is putting his Christmas vacation on hold while Senators hash out a health care reform bill. A final vote for final passage is now scheduled for Christmas Eve. Members of the GOP are doing everything they can to prevent the bill from passing. They are raising constitutional concerns about the bill which they say is a grab bag of special deals that cost too much.

#### 12/17 Health care hustle

The clock is ticking on health care reform. The battle has gone on for months, now the struggle could stretch into Christmas Eve. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid promised to pass the overhaul by Christmas while Republicans are promising to stand in the way. In an effort to gain votes, Democrats took out any language regarding a government run plan from the bill.

#### 12/15 Largest Kidney Exchange

26 patients are part of a record-setting kidney exchange at Georgetown University Hospital. "They either needed a kidney, loved someone who needed a kidney, or cared enough about their fellow man to donate a kidney just because they could," said Dr. Keith Melancon of Georgetown. The person who started the chain was an anonymous, altruistic donor. In other words, she did not have a friend or loved one who needed a kidney. Instead, she was inspired by President Obama's call to service. The process was a partnership between two hospitals--Georgetown and Washington Hospital Center. That means some of the organs had to be rushed across town from one location to another five miles away. African Americans have five times the risk of having kidney disease as someone who is white. Most of the recipients in this exchange are minorities.

#### 12/7 Health Care Debate

Inside the US Capitol, pressure is mounting in the Senate over health care reform. Coming off a rare weekends session, the Senate is taking on abortion and how reform will deal with that. All sides of the issue are geared up for a battle that could threaten the bill altogether.

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#### 10/26 Va Gang Report

Gang related crime in Northern Virginia is down since 2004, but officials are concerned that middle schools are emerging as centers of gang activity and recruitment, according to a report from the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. In 2007, according to the report, middle schools accounted for about 35 percent of gang offenses in the area's public schools, compared with about 27 percent in 2003. Still, gang offenses in public schools in 2007 were down about 37 percent from a high point the year before, the report said.

#### 10/23 Howard Schools h1n1

Howard County schools is starting its vaccination program for kids. About 13 hundred elementary school students received their shots today. They're the first students in the county to be vaccinated. 1800 older students will receive the vaccine next week.

#### 10/16 DC Teacher Layoffs

There are calls tonight to impeach Mayor Adrian Fenty over the mass layoffs in the DC Public School system. More than 100 people testified today before a special council oversight hearing. Some Council members are accusing the Mayor and Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee of misleading them about the budget and mismanaging school funds. They say Fenty and Rhee have been unfair and disrespectful to teachers. One top union leader is calling on the lawmakers to amend the city charter to give themselves the legislative authority to impeach Mayor Fenty.

#### 10/12 School Nurse shortage

There are fears that a school nurse shortage could be a problem if swine flu hits. Many schools do not have a nurse on duty anymore. In case of an outbreak, some people worry that nurses won't be there to recognize the signs and send kids home who may be infected. Instead, teachers will have that responsibility.

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The head of the Teachers Union is telling the 200 teachers laid off in DC that he is filing a lawsuit against the city. What's in the lawsuit and what he is asking for is still unclear but teachers are hoping for an injunction and a better explanation for why they lost their jobs. DC Councilman Marion Barry has called for an investigation by the Inspector General.

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#### 11/24 DC Teacher Layoffs

A D.C. Superior Court judge has declined to halt the layoffs of D.C. school teachers announced earlier this year. Judge Judith Bartnoff issued her ruling Tuesday. The Washington Teacher's Union had asked the judge to stop the layoffs while the union challenges the layoffs in court. D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee laid off approximately 400 D.C. public school employees after the school year started. She said she was responding to budget cuts, a statement the union challenged.

#### 11/23 Ballou Macy's Parade

The Ballou High School Marching Band is heading to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! The band was chosen as one of only 11 bands in the entire country to make the trip.

#### 11/19 Kid Held Out of Bus

A bus attendant in Prince George's County has been fired for holding the head of a 6-year-old boy out the window of a moving school bus. Officials say they have video of the incident. The student, identified only as a special needs child, attends Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Suitland, Maryland area. There was some kind of discipline problem aboard the bus on the afternoon trip on October 28. Michael Dodson, Director of Transportation for Prince George's County Public Schools, has viewed the security tape from the bus, and confirms the bus was in motion at the time of the incident. Dodson estimates the child's head and shoulders were held outside of the bus window by the attendant for about seven seconds. The driver of the bus, upset by what she had seen, contacted her supervisor. Dodson learned of the incident that evening, and says he suspended the attendant from any job requiring contact with students the next morning. After three weeks' further investigation, the driver was dismissed on Wednesday.

#### 11/18 Fairfax Walk to School

More students could be walking to school in Fairfax County in the future, rather than riding the bus. Because of the significant drop in tax revenues, county officials have already trimmed police, fire, library, and transportation budgets. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay is suggesting that school officials consider expanding the boundary distances that trigger bus eligibility. Currently, if a student lives more than a mile from an elementary school, or more than 1.5 miles from a middle or high school, that student is eligible for free bus service.

#### 11/17 Mogo Teacher Robber

A Montgomery County science teacher is in big trouble with the law after allegedly robbing a pharmacy, and then a bank just 90 minutes later. Police say Brendon Friedman's crime spree went down this past Friday, and now he's behind bars. A number of parents say Friedman, 41, of North Bethesda was going through some serious personal issues when he committed these crimes. The Montgomery County Police are just happy he's off the streets and didn't harm anybody.

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#### 11/2 Crossland Football

There are more questions than answers for the families of four suspended high school football players from Maryland. The Crossland High School players were suspended last week for unsportsmanlike behavior following a game with rival Potomac. The four suspended players spoke exclusively to FOX 5 on Monday after they learned they will be allowed to return to school after a 10-day suspension.

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12/15 Flowers HS Fight

Police in Prince George's County say a fight at a local high school ended with students in custody on Tuesday. The violence broke out at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. Police were called in and when it was all over, 17 people were under arrest. Investigators say the incident started when a person who does not attend Flowers High School came to school dressed in a school uniform. They say he got into the building and started a fight with someone from another neighborhood.

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#### 10/27 Wasa Water Lead

An engineering firm believes that some D.C. homeowners should consider replacing all the water pipes within their house. The problem is a familiar one: lead. After studying 21 residences, H.D.R. Engineering concluded, "...in-home plumbing can contribute substantial particulate lead to residential drinking water taps, and should be considered as potentially important a lead source as lead service lines themselves." The study was commissioned by D.C.'s Water and Sewer Authority which has, since the discovery of elevated levels of lead in many samples of drinking water in 2000, aggressively moved to replace lead service lines leading to homes. In a news release, WASA officials say the study recommendations will apply to only, "a small percentage of District homes... - only those which have galvanized steel water pipes and were serviced by lead water pipe lines.

#### 10/5 Fuel Forecast

With winter right around the corner, many consumers are worried about the costs of heating their homes this winter. The good news is that some people will be getting a break this winter. Natural gas prices are at a six year low and that means hundreds of dollars in savings to about 65 million households.

#### 10/5 Car into Bedroom

A van crashed through a wall in the Carrolton East Apartments in Lanham, right into the bedroom of an apartment. Robert Scriber lives there and says he had just gotten out of bed to get ready and the van landed right where he had been. Investigators say a man was teaching a friend to drive when the van shifted into drive, shot over the sidewalk and slammed into the building at high speed. Police arrested the two men in the van.

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#### 10/28 NE Teen Shot

DC Police have doubled the reward for information in the murder of Kenyetta Nicholson-Stanley, a high school senior gunned down on October 8 by masked men aiming for someone else. The 17-year-old girl was sitting on a playground in the 500 block of Edgewood Street Northeast when police say two men came around a corner. It was just after 8 p.m. when police say the masked men opened fire, missing their intended target and hitting the teen once in the head instead. Police say the men were angry with the armed guards who patrol the complex and wanted to settle a score.

#### 10/28 H1N1 Changes

After long lines and rowdy crowds at previous clinics, health officials in Montgomery and Fairfax Counties are changing the way they distribute the H1N1 vaccine. But that didn't stop people from lining up all day on Wednesday outside three Montgomery County high schools for their chance to get the vaccine. Three schools in Montgomery County were given 1,000 doses each of the H1N1 vaccine. People were not allowed to line up on the property at each location until 30 minutes before the clinics opened, but that didn't stop many folks. Instead, they camped out nearby. Only 1,000 vaccines were to be distributed.

#### 10/16 K Street Bus Plan

The busy K Street corridor is usually bumper to bumper with traffic and cars barely moving. City planners want to find a way to move transit buses through the area more quickly, since the congestion often leaves them running behind. Among the proposals is to reconfigure the roadway to add two lanes for the exclusive use of buses, plus a bike lane. The downside of the proposal is that car parking would be reduced or eliminated on K Street. Businesses are worried that will drive their customers away.

#### 10/15 Apricot Lane Death

Two Potomac teenagers are charged in a cold blooded crime. Police say they lured a man down a jogging trail and beat him to death with a shovel. The suspects were just 15 and 17 years old at the time and now they're being held without bond. Police have not said why the victim, 57 year old Ali Zare, would agree to meet 17 year old Emily Geller at a jogging trail miles from his home.

#### 10/15 Child Porn Infant

A local Army major is charged with child porn. Daniel Wolverton is accused of taking still pictures and videotaping himself sexually assaulting an infant and posting the pictures on the web. He lives on South Irving Street in Arlington. His neighbors are shocked at the charges. The child is a boy about 6 months old.

#### 10/14 Fatal PG Car Ax

A tragic head on crash has left a Capitol Heights family and Prince George's County football team in mourning. 13 year old Christian Upshur was killed in a crash last night and police believe speed and alcohol may have been a factor. Upshur practiced three nights a week with his American Youth Football League. He had just left practice before the accident last night. Police say a car crossed the yellow line and hit the car with Christian and his stepfather head on.

#### 10/14 Clay Terrace Shooting

Two teens are dead after a massive shootout between two rival gangs on Clay Terrace in Northeast yesterday. In all, five people were hit in the shootout. Sources say one of them was the son of a DC police officer. 14 year old Davonta Artis was also shot and killed. Investigators say he was on his way home from school and was caught in the crossfire. Police are still looking for suspects.

#### 10/12 10th St Shooting

An 18 year old is in stable condition after being shot on a quiet street in Northeast DC. Around 6:30 last

night, two suspect riding on bikes shot at the 18 year old victim on H Street. The victim appeared to be conscious after he was hit. Neighbors say they are scared sicne they don't usually have trouble on their street.

#### 10/9 NE Teen shot in head

A 17 year old girl shot in the head last night has died. She was talking to two security guards at an apartment complex playground when two masked men came around the corner and opened fire. Police believe the armed guards were the intended targets and the teen just happened to be in the way. Police are still looking for the shooters.

#### 10/9 Bethesda Shooting

A gunman wearing a mask followed a man into his garage in Bethesda and shot him. Tonight the shooter is still on the loose and the victim is in critical condition at the hospital. It happened in a quiet neighborhood along Millwood Road. Ashoka Mody has worked for the IMF since 2001. Police don't know if Mody was the target or just the victim of a random crime. Neighbors are scared that there's a killer on the loose.

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#### 10/8 Ben Ali Dies

Local community legend Ben Ali has died. He was 82 and passed away at his home last night. Ali and his wife Virginia opened Ben's Chili Bowl more than 50 years ago and it's now a DC institution. Everyone from celebrities to Presidents have stopped to get a half smoke and be part of the vibrant scene on U Street. The restaurant has been packed all day with people stopping by to offer condolences. His family says they never considered closing today because that's what Ben would have wanted.

#### 10/7 Manassas Sex Assaults

Two women violently attacked in one day less than two blocks from one another. It happened in the Coverstone area of Manassas yesterday. Police believe the same man attacked both women. One of the women has several broken bones after the man attacked her on a trail around 6 am. The other woman was punched and fought the man off as she got out of her car. Investigators say women in the area need to take precautions until this dangerous suspect is caught.

#### 10/6 Hummer Rd Body

An arrest tonight in the murder of a Korean woman. Danny Kim was arrested in Ohio and charged with murdering 53 year old Chung Auh. She was killed back in July in Fairfax. Auh was found dead of massive trauma to the upper body. She was in her home where she practiced accupuncture and grew oriental herbs. Police are crediting the Korean community with helping to bring in tips and solve the case.

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#### 10/1 Metro Columbus Day

The District of Columbia will face multiple traffic disruptions over the long Columbus Day weekend, including Metrorail and road closures. Metro's Green Line will be closed between the Gallery Place-Chinatown and Navy Yard stops beginning at 10:30 p.m. Friday and ending at 5 a.m. Tuesday. Though there will be no Green Line service at L'Enfant Plaza, the Blue and Orange Lines will continue normally through the stop. The Yellow Line will be rerouted to follow the Orange and Blue lines between Pentagon and Stadium-Armory. Metro will offer free shuttle buses between Anacostia, Navy Yard and Gallery Place-Chinatown. The shuttles will run both with and without stops at the stations in between. Metro suggests using the Convention Center-SW Waterfront route of the Circulator bus for north-south travel.

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#### 10/1 Riverdale Teen Killed

A 16 year old was shot and killed while walking down the street just blocks from his home in Riverdale, Maryland. A friend with him was hit in the arm and is already out of the hospital. His family says the teen who died, Marcos Medina, got in a fight a few days ago and never explained what happened. They don't know if that fight had anything to do with his death or not. Police are looking for three men seen leaving the scene.

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#### 11/30 Gail Street Water Main

A water main break has shut down a small portion of north Kensington, leaving two roads looking like a moonscape and 11 families without water. The break happened just before dawn when a 61-year-old, 10-inch pipe ruptured underneath Highview Avenue. In the hours after the break, WSSC had bad news for homeowners. They warned families along Gail and Highview they could be without water for days. But that all changed around noon when officials relayed encouraging news: the break should be repaired by Monday night with water restored to everyone. The downside is that the street is destroyed and could take days to repair.

#### 11/25 Glebe Road electrocution

One Arlington County worker was killed and a second was severely injured at the scene of a water main break on Glebe Road on Wednesday. Both men were shocked when a light stand they were moving apparently brushed against overhead power lines. County workers had been on the scene of a big water main break since midday on Monday. The light stand allowed overnight repair efforts to continue. Around 8:40 in the morning, two workers attempted to move the light tower when the accident happened.

#### 11/25 Abe Pollin

Legendary philanthropist and Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin will be remembered at funeral services this Friday. His death has left many in the city with heavy hearts, especially those he impacted directly. Curtis Mozie was just a kid when he walked up to Abe Pollin at a D.C. school and told him he wanted to be a Washington Bullets ball boy. Pollin gave him a jersey and job. Nefetari Smith-Alghali knows what it's like to have the power of Abe Pollin behind you. She was in a fifth grade class at Seat Pleasant Elementary when Pollin told 60 kids he'd pay for their college education. In May, she got her degree from Bowie State. Today, she counsels young people and tries whenever she can-- to be a little more like Abe Pollin.

#### 11/24 Abe Pollin

Abe Pollin, the longtime owner of the Washington Wizards, has died. He was 85. Pollin and his wife, Irene, have owned the franchise for 46 years- making them the longest-tenured owners in the NBA. Pollin served as the chairman of Washington Sports & Entertainment, and the couple oversees not only the Wizards, but also Washington/Baltimore Ticketmaster and Musicentre Productions as well as the Verizon Center and The George Mason University Patriot Center. The Pollins built The Capital Centre in 1973 in Landover, Maryland, and it became home to their Baltimore Bullets- now known as the Washington Wizards. They also applied for an NHL expansion franchise. Years later, both the Wizards and the Washington Capitals moved to the Verizon Center, which the Pollins built with \$200 million of their own money and opened in 1997. The opening of that facility led to the revitalization of downtown D.C.'s Chinatown neighborhood.

#### 11/24 Man on Van K Street

The intersection of Connecticut Avenue NW and K Street NW was closed Tuesday after a man protesting an injustice by the government threw two Molotov cocktails. Just before 2 p.m., witnesses say the man pulled into the intersection, got out of his van and lit two fire bombs before throwing them into the street. He then climbed on top of the van and unfurled his sign. As dozens gathered to watch, police asked him to step down. He refused, telling officers they would have to come up after him. Within minutes, with the help of a fire department step ladder, police had the man in custody. He offered no resistance. As officers took him off in cuffs, a bomb-sniffing dog reacted to the debris left in the street from the spent Molotov cocktail. That's when the bomb squad moved in. Police later identified the man as Kyung Song Kil. He remained in jail late Tuesday night.

#### 11/23 Cantor Job Fair

On Monday, Virginia Congressman Eric Cantor (R-VA, 7th District), took on the unemployment battle by hosting a job fair in Culpeper. In this county of 46,000, jobs are scarce. About 700 people showed up for the job fair, and many lined up outside before the doors opened. Almost half the 47 employers at the fair are government agencies, and the rest are from the private sector. Some of the unemployed wonder where all the jobs created by the billions of dollars in economic stimulus money are. Rep. Cantor, who voted against the stimulus, called it an "utter failure." With so many people having difficulty getting back to work, Cantor says, "I think that the message delivered is maybe more government more debt doesn't produce the benefit that you had hoped."

#### 11/19 Georgia Avenue Homicide

D.C. Police have made an arrest of a 51-year-old shop owner on Georgia Avenue NW. A second suspect is still on the loose and police say they are close to finding the other suspect. They say 45-year-old Andres Lopez is

charged with murder. D.C. Police say he is known to police and is a repeat offender. The fugitive task force has been looking for Lopez after a warrant went out for his arrest. Lopez was arrested just five blocks from the murder scene. Sources say witness descriptions, surveillance tapes and information from the community all helped.

#### 11/16 9 year old shot

A community is grieving following the murder of an innocent 9 year old. On Monday night, his relatives and classmates gathered to remember Oscar Fuentes on the front outside the building where the fourth grader lived. City leaders tried to calm fears and comfort the crowd. 9 year old Oscar Fuentes was killed as a gunman shot thru his front door.

#### 11/13 All Hands on Deck

All Hands on Deck is going forward this weekend in the District despite a ruling from an arbitrator they should stop. D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier is appealing the decision that said the initiative violated not only the officers' union contract but city law as well. The seventh All Hands on Deck kicked off at 6 a.m. Friday. Later in the day in Northwest D.C., Mayor Adrian Fenty and Chief Lanier defended the initiative. They say the effort is vital in putting officers on the street in high-crime areas at a time when they are most needed.

#### 11/11 Bethesda Pedestrian Killed

Montgomery County Police say a 60-year-old woman who was hit by a school bus in front of Bethesda Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon was a beloved, longtime social worker who was dedicated to helping the homeless. It happened around 1:30 p.m. on Arlington Road in front of the school. Investigators say the victim has been identified as 60-year-old Sheila Clark Humphries. Co-workers say they believe she was coming from a lunch-share program at a nearby church when she was struck. Humphries was due back in her office at 2 p.m.

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#### 11/05 Exxon Gas Station Fire

An early morning trip to fill a gas can turned deadly for a Germantown man Wednesday when a fire started, engulfing him, his Nissan Pathfinder, the gas can, the gas station's pump and canopy in flames. Ainsley R. Gordon Jr., 26, was pronounced dead at Washington Hospital Center after suffering third-degree burns over his entire body. Gordon was flown by state police helicopter to MedStar's burn unit after the 4 a.m. fire at FSK Food and Fuel Exxon station.

#### 11/03 Triangle Murder

Police in Triangle, Virginia claim a teenage couple ended their lives with a suicide pact. The bodies were found inside a home on Oakdale Circle in Triangle Monday. Desiree Patrick and her boyfriend, Quirinius Williams, were shot dead. Police say they had agreed to commit suicide. Desiree told a friend she was in love with Quirinius, who students knew as Ryain. Now it appears there may have been some warning signs missed. Desiree's father found his 17-year-old daughter and her 18-year-old boyfriend dead inside a bedroom.

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#### 12/30 Aspen Hill Fire

Montgomery County Fire now estimates the damage of an Aspen Hill apartment fire at \$1.25 million dollars. Investigators say the fire started on the third floor in a wall space at a building on Georgia Ave. That suggests the fire may have been electrical in nature, but the cause must still be confirmed. Firefighters say the fire spread through the walls for some time reaching the attic before being detected. The first 911 calls reported seeing or smelling smoke on the third floor. The smoke alarm was pulled allowing everyone to get out. A security guard suffered minor smoke inhalation and was treated and released from the hospital. A firefighter also suffered a minor injury. The fire caused extensive damage to all 14 apartments in the building, making them unsafe to live. Another 29 units in two adjacent buildings had the utilities cut off, due to the fire.

#### 12/29 Hancock Road Fire

Firefighters pulled a teenage boy to safety early Tuesday when fire ripped through a townhouse community in Leesburg, Virginia. The two-alarm blaze destroyed two homes and badly damaged two others, displacing four families. As firefighters raced to the scene, they were told as many as four people were trapped. The first calls to 911 said that there were several people trapped inside the townhouse on Hancock Place. When firefighters pulled up, witnesses said three people had already gotten out of the house, but one was still inside. Margie Miller says she was at work when she got the news. Her house was on fire and her son had just been rescued from the flames.

#### 12/28 DC Homicide Rate

The District is about to end 2009 with the lowest number of murders in 45 years. You have to go back to 1964 to find a lower number. Murders in the District are down 25 percent. Why is this happening? Its a phenomenon that has generated a number of theories with several different reasons. In a one on one interview with Fox 5 Monday, DC Police Chief Cathy Lanier said it all has to do with focusing on a small group of violent offenders and working closely with the community. "The first is focusing on those repeat violent gun offenders, said Chief Cathy Lanier in an interview in her office Monday. "It's a small number of people who consistently carry guns and engage in repeat violent gun offenses. If you can focus on those people and get them off the street that is the number one key ingredient." The second key component, the Chief says, is a good relationship with the community. Building a trust and delivering with results.

#### 12/24 Walter Reed Christmas

Many of our brave servicemen and women are overseas and, in some cases, in harms way this holiday season. Others are recovering from critical injuries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in DC. Inside the Mologne house around every corner you'll find the spirit of Christmas. Not just in the decorations on the tree, but in the hearts of those that are truly counting their blessings this holiday season. The Mologne house has a special dinner planned tonight and tomorrow as well as a visit from Santa Claus.

#### 12/24 Missing 11 yo girl

The Wicomico County Sheriffs Office has charged a 30-year-old Salisbury man in the disappearance of an 11-year-old girl who is still missing. Sarah Haley Foxwell was last seen Tuesday night at her home and Sheriff Mike Lewis announced Wednesday night that family acquaintance Thomas James Leggs of Salisbury, a registered sex offender, has been charged with kidnapping and burglary. Dive teams searched a local pond Wednesday night and law enforcement agencies from across the region are continuing the search Thursday, helping the sheriffs office search for Foxwell in several square miles of dense woods.

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Street NW and Rhode Island Avenue NW. In their path just standing on the sidewalk was a man who became caught in the middle. He was hit and killed.

#### 12/22 PG Toys for Tots

For thousands of families in our area, filling their children's wish lists this year has been more difficult than ever. But the U.S. Marine Corps and Prince George's County Police are teaming up to help fill the void. Families waited in long lines to get toys from the Toys for Tots program in this morning. The toy drive will provide Christmas gifts for about 105,000 local kids this year.

#### 12/22 Mall Madness

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#### 12/18 DC Gay Marriage

D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty has signed legislation legalizing same-sex marriages in the District of Columbia. About 200 people gathered at All Soul's Unitarian Church on 16th Street for the ceremonial signing on Friday. Members of the crowd cheered and hugged as the mayor signed the bill. Fenty called the occasion an, "historic and extraordinary moment in the nation's capital." The D.C. Council had passed the legislation by an 11-2 margin earlier. Many of the councilmembers showed up for the bill signing.

#### 12/17 Metro service cuts

Metro rail and bus service could be cut back significantly beginning in February. The board that oversees the regional transit system was told that because of soft ridership, projected revenues may be \$40 million less than had been budgeted. They blame the recession. General Manager John Catoe has suggested a series of service cutbacks to help close the gap. If Catoe's suggestions are followed, Metro will soon run fewer trains. The wait between trains could grow during very early hours on weekday mornings from 6 minutes to 8 minutes. In the middle of the day, on weekdays, the average wait between trains is currently 12 minutes. That might rise to 15 minutes. Late-night passengers would be affected the most. Waiting time between trains could jump from 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

#### 12/16 PW Co serial rapist

Authorities in four states are seeking a man accused of a series of rapes over the last 13 years. Most of the sexual assaults occurred locally, in both Maryland and in Virginia. The most recent of the incidents started in a shopping center in Dale City, Virginia. DNA testing has linked the assailant to rapes in Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, and to a peeping tom incident in Rhode Island. After trick-or-treating in a residential neighborhood in Dale City, three teenage girls were hanging out in the parking lot of a shopping center on Dale Blvd. A man with a gun approached them, ordered them to a wooded area behind the stores, told them to lie on the ground, and then authorities say he raped two of the three girls. DNA evidence gathered from the victims has linked the assailant to 13 separate crimes, almost all of them sexual assaults. The crime spree began 12 years ago in Prince George's County, Maryland.

#### 12/15 DC Gay Marriage

Today the DC Council made history by voting to approve same sex marriage. DC now joins 5 other states that have sanctioned gay marriage. The vote went 11-2 and Mayor Adrian Fenty says he will sign the legislation. There is still a 30 day congressional review.

#### 12/15 Flowers HS Fight

Police in Prince George's County say a fight at a local high school ended with students in custody on Tuesday. The violence broke out at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. Police were called in and when it was all over, 17 people were under arrest. Investigators say the incident started when a person who does not attend Flowers High School came to school dressed in a school uniform. They say he got into the building and started a fight with someone from another neighborhood.

#### 12/7 DC Police Toy Thieves

One year after four D.C. police officers were placed on leave after they were suspected of stealing from the

Toys for Tots program, the case remains under investigation. No charges have been filed against the four, who have lost their police powers but are still being paid. No one would talk on the record about the case Monday, but according to law enforcement sources, the U.S. Attorney's Office is still trying to decide whether to prosecute the four. The officers were working in the Toys for Tots program last December when internal affairs discovered what police described as questionable behavior. Some of the donated toys had been taken out of the Boys and Girls Clubs and were found off-site, allegedly in the possession of the suspended officers.

#### 12/4 8 Firefighters Hurt

A cold, dangerous night for firefighters in Prince George's County. 8 firefighters were hurt trying to put out the flames at a home in Hyattsville. They are all expected to be okay. Low water pressure for crews made fighting this fire difficult. It's unclear if the pressure problems were due to a faulty hydrant, equipment or human error.

#### 12/4 Pepco Worker Shot

D.C. police say a Pepco worker was shot in the neck after a group of teenagers harassed his maintenance crew. Police say the 52-year-old man was seriously wounded in the shooting Thursday night, but he was conscious at the scene in northwest Washington and is expected to live. He was taken to a nearby hospital. Pepco officials say the man was part of a crew repairing an underground line. Police say five teens started harassing the crew and the man got into a shoving match with at least one teen. Police say other workers broke up the confrontation, but the teens returned and one brandished a gun. After another exchange, police say the teen fired, striking the worker. Police say the teens fled and no arrests had been made.

#### 12/4 Tai Shan to China

Tai Shan the first surviving giant panda cub born at the National Zoo will be sent to the People's Republic of China in early 2010, as stipulated in the agreement between the Zoo and the Chinese government, the zoo said at a press conference today. The exact date of his departure has not been determined due to the lengthy process of finalizing permits and preparing Tai Shan for the trip, the zoo added

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#### 10/26 Speed/Light Cameras

Preliminary numbers show speed and red light cameras are generating record revenue in the District. According to AAA Midatlantic, DC brought in \$36.4 million in fines last fiscal year. There are 8 fixed and mobile speed cameras around the city. IN 2007, the city brought in \$17.8 million in speed and red light camera fines. Several people we spoke to claimed the camera program was just a program to make cash for the District.

#### 10/23 Metro Emergency Brake

A FOX 5 viewer captured an open door that housed emergency brake and door controls for a Metro train. FOX 5 spoke with Loren Walker, who shot video on his iPhone showing what should be a locked door to an emergency brake left wide open. That door has a lock on it and it's left wide open!" Walker says he was in the back of the car, next to the train operator. "I looked at this thing at first and I'm like I'm shocked! Anybody, any kid could just pull this button and you start another accident that way." FOX 5's Tom Fitzgerald talked to Metro to see why the door was left open and if this violates standard operating procedure. Metro Public Affairs Manager Lisa Farbstein tells FOX 5 "It should always be secure at all times". Farbstein added that even though the door should have been closed the controls were disabled because the car was not being used to drive the train. "The train operator at the other end of the train had complete control of the train and the doors while the train was moving for sure."

#### 10/21 Dulles Toll Increase

Two key committees approved big rate hikes for the Dulles Toll Road today. The vote isn't final but does show what will likely happen. If the hikes are approved, the toll at the Main Plaza will double from \$.75 to \$1.50 by January 2012. The toll at the entrance and exit ramps will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents. The money will be used to build Metro Rail to Dulles Airport.

#### 10/16 K Street Bus Plan

The busy K Street corridor is usually bumper to bumper with traffic and cars barely moving. City planners want to find a way to move transit buses through the area more quickly, since the congestion often leaves them running behind. Among the proposals is to reconfigure the roadway to add two lanes for the exclusive use of buses, plus a bike lane. The downside of the proposal is that car parking would be reduced or eliminated on K Street. Businesses are worried that will drive their customers away.

#### 10/16 Metro Cell Phones

More cell phones are ringing on Metro tonight. Until now, only Verizon customers could get service on the trains. First thing this morning, Metro rolled out its expanded new wireless service at the 20 busiest stations. Sprint, AT&T and T-mobile are all available.

#### 10/14 Metro Work to rule

The Union for Metro Workers is urging all employees to work exactly to the rules that are spelled out and not give supervisors any reason to get them in trouble. Since the June 22nd deadly accident, Metro Managers have been cracking down on rules violations. Penalties have ranged from retraining to firings. Drivers claim that going only the speed limit and operating the kneeling bush function will slow down service for users.

#### 10/6 Metro Bus Hits Pedestrian

A woman hit by a Metro bus in Northeast last night has died. It happened on Mount Olivet Road near Monticello Avenue. Stephanie Richardson was on her way home from work when Metro says she got off one bus and walked into the path of another as she went to cross the street. The driver of the bus is on leave. No charges have been filed.

#### 10/6 Car into Building

An out of control car slammed into a day spa in Bethesda this afternoon, hurting at least three people. Police say the elderly driver was the only person who was seriously hurt. The driver says she made a left turn into the shopping area and lost control of the car. The car crashed into the building and hurt two workers at Citrine Salon and Spa. The car went straight through cement barricades meant to stop that kind of accident. The driver is 82.

#### 10/5 Car into Bedroom

A van crashed through a wall in the Carrolton East Apartments in Lanham, right into the bedroom of an apartment. Robert Scriber lives there and says he had just gotten out of bed to get ready and the van landed right where he had been. Investigators say a man was teaching a friend to drive when the van shifted into drive, shot over the sidewalk and slammed into the building at high speed. Police arrested the two men in the van.

#### 10/2 Graham Chief Arrested

The taxicab scandal that rocked City Hall got even bigger today. 37 people, most of them taxi drivers, are now indicted and charged with conspiracy to commit bribery. The case started with the arrest of DC Councilman Jim Graham's Chief of Staff Ted Loza. He has pleaded not guilty.

#### 10/1 Metro Columbus Day

The District of Columbia will face multiple traffic disruptions over the long Columbus Day weekend, including Metrorail and road closures. Metro's Green Line will be closed between the Gallery Place-Chinatown and Navy Yard stops beginning at 10:30 p.m. Friday and ending at 5 a.m. Tuesday. Though there will be no Green Line service at L'Enfant Plaza, the Blue and Orange Lines will continue normally through the stop. The Yellow Line will be rerouted to follow the Orange and Blue lines between Pentagon and Stadium-Armory. Metro will offer free shuttle buses between Anacostia, Navy Yard and Gallery Place-Chinatown. The shuttles will run both with and without stops at the stations in between. Metro suggests using the Convention Center-SW Waterfront route of the Circulator bus for north-south travel.

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#### 11/30 Gail Street Water Main

A water main break has shut down a small portion of north Kensington, leaving two roads looking like a moonscape and 11 families without water. The break happened just before dawn when a 61-year-old, 10-inch pipe ruptured underneath Highview Avenue. In the hours after the break, WSSC had bad news for homeowners. They warned families along Gail and Highview they could be without water for days. But that all changed around noon when officials relayed encouraging news: the break should be repaired by Monday night with water restored to everyone. The downside is that the street is destroyed and could take days to repair.

#### 11/30 Metro Collision

It's happened again. This latest Metro train crash was far less serious than the one that killed nine people back in June. However, it's not stopping people from making comparisons. This wreck happened in a rail yard very early in the morning. The last train of the night was rolling into the West Falls Church rail yard and for some reason the train hit a parked train that had just been cleaned. Three employees were injured. There were no passengers on board. A Metro spokesman says they still don't know why the accident happened. Both Metro and the NTSB are investigating. The union for Metro drivers released a statement Monday afternoon saying, "Clearly worker and rider safety is a problem that continues to go unresolved."

#### 11/25 Toyota Recall

Toyota plans to replace the gas pedals on 4 million vehicles in the United States because the pedals can get stuck in the floor mats and cause sudden acceleration, a flaw that led to the sixth-largest recall ever in the U.S. The repairs are a critical step to restoring the reputation of the world's biggest automaker, which suffered a blow when the recall was announced in September after years of making safe, reliable cars and trucks. In plans outlined Wednesday, dealers will offer to shorten the length of the gas pedals by three-fourths of an inch beginning in January as a stopgap measure while the company develops replacement pedals. New pedals will be installed by dealers on a rolling basis beginning in April, and some vehicles will get a brake override system as a precaution.

#### 11/25 Thanksgiving roads

The roads are crowded tonight with families headed home for the holiday. But, things are going more smoothly than most holiday travel nights. For those who hit the highway instead, most were already gone by Wednesday. According to AAA, most people did indeed travel by car. Virginia State Police say if you're on the roads, they'll be doing tough enforcement on seat belts, speeding, and drunk driving laws to make your Thanksgiving travels safe. Virginia State Police are also enforcing a 2-year-old law that's new to a lot of people-- the move over law. When you see an emergency vehicle stopped on the side of the road, you're supposed to slow down, proceed with caution and move over to an adjacent lane.

#### 11/25 Thanksgiving airports

While many expected long lines and frustrated passengers at D.C. area airports on Wednesday, this year's day-before-Thanksgiving travel rush appears to have been more like smooth sailing. At Reagan National Airport, the closest thing to a line was for security. For many frequent fliers, it wasn't so bad. So what's behind the apparent good luck? Travel experts say air travel is down 5 percent this year over last, and that could have something to do with the economy. Also, folks are getting smarter about when they travel, and they're not all waiting until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to leave. Flights seemed to be on time with few delays, in part because of the good weather in the northeast corridor. But there are also fewer flights, leading to less congestion.

#### 11/24 Man on Van K Street

The intersection of Connecticut Avenue NW and K Street NW was closed Tuesday after a man protesting an injustice by the government threw two Molotov cocktails. Just before 2 p.m., witnesses say the man pulled into the intersection, got out of his van and lit two fire bombs before throwing them into the street. He then climbed on top of the van and unfurled his sign. As dozens gathered to watch, police asked him to step down. He refused, telling officers they would have to come up after him. Within minutes, with the help of a fire department step ladder, police had the man in custody. He offered no resistance. As officers took him off in cuffs, a bomb-sniffing dog reacted to the debris left in the street from the spent Molotov cocktail. That's when the bomb squad moved in. Police later identified the man as Kyung Song Kil. He remained in jail late Tuesday night.

#### 11/23 Holiday Travel Etiquette

From boarding planes to dining out while on vacation, it seems rude behavior can occur at every stage of a trip. And a new poll shows that whatever the offense, emotions and opinions seem to fly freely when the subject is brought up. The long security lines, the crying babies, the overhead bin bogarting. Are you ready for the holiday travel season? And will you be naughty or nice? Travelocity surveyed over sixteen thousand north Americans to find out about their attitudes and their preferences while traveling. And what we found out is travelers can be pretty rude and they're misbehaving at pretty much every point of their trips, said Genevieve Shaw Brown, Travelocity

#### 11/23 Glebe Rd Water Main

Some Arlington residents are cleaning out the mess left by the muddy water sent rushing their way by a water main break, and that means they'll be getting very little rest until the cleanup is finished. A rush of brown water flooded eight basements on Monday afternoon. At the height of it all, it looked like a river running down North Dittmar Road. The cause was a 36-inch water main break near the intersection of Glebe Road and Old Glebe Road. Late Monday night, crews finally isolated the problem. Now, the real work begins. They've got to dig it out and fix it, and that could take a few days.

#### 11/19 Kid Held Out of Bus

A bus attendant in Prince George's County has been fired for holding the head of a 6-year-old boy out the window of a moving school bus. Officials say they have video of the incident. The student, identified only as a special needs child, attends Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Suitland, Maryland area. There was some kind of discipline problem aboard the bus on the afternoon trip on October 28. Michael Dodson, Director of Transportation for Prince George's County Public Schools, has viewed the security tape from the bus, and confirms the bus was in motion at the time of the incident. Dodson estimates the child's head and shoulders were held outside of the bus window by the attendant for about seven seconds. The driver of the bus, upset by what she had seen, contacted her supervisor. Dodson learned of the incident that evening, and says he suspended the attendant from any job requiring contact with students the next morning. After three weeks' further investigation, the driver was dismissed on Wednesday.

#### 11/19 FAA Glitch

An FAA computer malfunction involving access to flight plans caused nationwide flight cancellations and delays Thursday. The glitch was fixed by mid-morning, but travelers continued to feel the effects and scrambled to make other arrangements. The Federal Aviation Administration said the computer system was up and running again by about 10 a.m. EST. But flights across the United States were being affected at least through the day and possibly longer. The problem lasted about five hours, according to the FAA, but it was unclear how long flights would be impacted. The FAA's automated systems couldn't retrieve flight plans and in some cases they had to be entered by hand, spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said. Bergen said she didn't know how many flights were affected, but the cause was being investigated. The technical difficulties didn't have an impact on air traffic control's contact with aircraft, she said.

#### 11/18 Fairfax Walk to School

More students could be walking to school in Fairfax County in the future, rather than riding the bus. Because of the significant drop in tax revenues, county officials have already trimmed police, fire, library, and transportation budgets. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay is suggesting that school officials consider expanding the boundary distances that trigger bus eligibility. Currently, if a student lives more than a mile from an elementary school, or more than 1.5 miles from a middle or high school, that student is eligible for free bus service.

#### 11/17 270 expansion

The Montgomery County Council attempted to address the daily gridlock on Interstate 270 on Thursday. The council employed two different strategies-- expanding the lanes and adding light rail service. The council voted unanimously to recommend that Maryland construct two additional lanes from Shady Grove north to the county line. They would be reversible HOT lanes, High Occupancy Toll lanes. High-occupancy vehicles, like carpools and buses, would ride free. Solo drivers would pay a toll for access to the new lanes.

#### 11/11 Bethesda Pedestrian Killed

Montgomery County Police say a 60-year-old woman who was hit by a school bus in front of Bethesda Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon was a beloved, longtime social worker who was dedicated to helping the homeless. It happened around 1:30 p.m. on Arlington Road in front of the school. Investigators say the victim has been identified as 60-year-old Sheila Clark Humphries. Co-workers say they believe she was coming from a lunch-share program at a nearby church when she was struck. Humphries was due back in her office at 2 p.m.

#### 11/04 Mogo Traffic Lights

Montgomery County officials say despite efforts to fix its central traffic signal computer, the system is still not operating properly. The computer that controls the automated system for 750 traffic lights began malfunctioning Wednesday, causing problems for commuters. Delays continued Thursday and Ride-On buses are free for riders who want to leave their cars at home. Officials say all traffic signals in the county are functioning on regular, or non-rush hour, timing. That means traffic congestion is much worse than normal, and drivers were the ones paying the price in their nightly commute. A computer glitch that occurred on Tuesday after the evening rush hour actually started the issue, causing traffic lights in the county not to switch to rush-hour timing for the morning drive. As a result, many drivers were significantly delayed on their way to work Wednesday and again on Wednesday night.

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## 12/31 Explosives on Plane

U.S. security chiefs briefed President Barack Obama on Thursday about missteps in the lead-up to the attempted Detroit jetliner bombing as lawmakers joined the White House in racing to find out what went wrong. The Senate Intelligence Committee announced Jan. 21 hearings as part of an investigation to begin sooner. "We will be following the intelligence down the rabbit hole to see where the breakdown occurred and how to prevent this failure in the future," said Sen. Kit Bond of Missouri, top Republican on the committee. "Somebody screwed up big time."

## 12/30 Explosives on Plane

President Barack Obama says the intelligence community had information that it should have been pieced together before the Christmas Day attempted terror attack on a Detroit-bound airliner. Obama says the security system failed to connect the dots. He's due an early report from his homeland security and counterterrorism adviser tomorrow on how a man with suspected ties to al-Qaida was able to board the Northwest Airlines flight with explosives. His criticism comes as senior U.S. officials tell The Associated Press that intelligence authorities are looking at conversations between the suspect and at least one al-Qaida member. One official says a link between the suspect's planning and al-Qaida's goals is becoming more clear.

## 12/30 TSA Scanners

The Christmas Day attack on a jetliner over Detroit, combined with technological improvements to protect people's sense of modesty, could lead to dramatically wider use of full-body scanners that can see through travelers' clothing. Dutch officials said Wednesday they will immediately begin using the machines at Amsterdam's airport, where the Nigerian accused of trying to blow up the Northwest Airlines plane began his flight. And a key European lawmaker also called for greater use of the scanners, which are designed to spot explosives and other non-metallic objects that a metal detector would miss. In the U.S., the Transportation Security Administration has not said whether it will accelerate its plans to roll out the machines. TSA already operates 40 of them in U.S. airports, has bought an additional 150 and plans to buy 300 more.

## 12/29 Explosives on Plane

Federal authorities rejected Tuesday local reports that a passenger videotaped the entire Christmas Day incident in which an al-Qaeda-linked man attempted to detonate explosives on an Amsterdam to Detroit flight, Fox News reported. The Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained snapshots and limited video from some passengers cell phones, but any video was brief, a law enforcement official told Fox News. On Monday, Patricia and Charlie Keepman of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, who were seated approximately 20 rows behind the suspect, said another passenger videotaped the moment Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab of Nigeria set fire to explosives that authorities believe were sewn into his underwear.

## 12/28 Plane Stolen/Crashed

Court documents allege that a homeless man charged with stealing a single-engine plane in Frederick is a dangerous schizophrenic. Calvin Cox's former wife made the claim in a petition for a temporary protective order that was granted Dec. 18 -- 10 days before Cox allegedly stole and wrecked a Piper Super Cub at Frederick Municipal Airport. The order was served on the 51-year-old Cox Monday at the Frederick County jail. Therese Ann Schooley wrote that Cox recently learned where she lives and had been coming to her home. A hearing on a final protective order is set for next Tuesday. An assistant public defender who represented Cox at a bond review hearing Tuesday declined to comment on the case.

## 12/28 Explosives on Plane

The U.S. government tightened airline security as it searches for answers to how a 23-year-old Nigerian man eluded extensive systems intended to prevent attacks like his botched Christmas Day effort to blow up a Northwest flight from overseas. The TSA security directive applied to U.S.-bound flights from overseas, according to a transportation security official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official was not authorized to speak publicly. The official said passengers traveling internationally could see increased screening at gates and when they check bags, as well as other measures on flights such as stowing carry-ons and personal items before the plane lands.

## 12/28 Passenger security

The Christmas Day security scare on board an Amsterdam to Detroit flight is prompting changes at airports across the country Monday morning. The Obama administration has ordered investigations into the two areas of aviation security -- how travelers are placed on watch lists and passengers screened -- as critics continued to

question how a young man on a watchlist with a U.S. visa in his pocket and a powerful explosive hidden on his body was allowed to board a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit.

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#### 12/22 Booster Seat Ratings

New ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety take the guesswork out of selecting boosters most likely to provide good lap and shoulder belt fit in a range of vehicles. The Institute rates 9 belt-positioning boosters as BEST BETS and 6 as GOOD BETS out of 60 models examined in a new round of evaluations. Eleven boosters aren't recommended at all because they do such a poor job of fitting the belt. Fit is important because safety belts are designed with adults in mind, not kids.

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#### 12/22 Arlington Roads

Three days after the snow stopped falling, people in Arlington County are still having trouble getting out of their neighborhoods. Many streets are still covered with a layer of snow. The main arteries are mostly clear and down to wet pavement but residential streets are still tough to navigate.

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#### 12/21 Snow Airports

Today the Transportation Department ordered airlines to let passengers get off planes stuck on the tarmac for more than 3 hours. This comes as many airlines are digging out from the backlog of delays and cancellations from the storm.

#### 12/21 DC Snow

The DC government is winning praises tonight for its response to the snow storm. It wasn't perfect but residents say it has been a long time since DC handled a snow storm this well. Mayor Fenty says much of the credit goes to DDOT and DPW for getting the roads cleared.

#### 12/21 Snow Virginia

In Virginia, the blizzard clean up is mostly focused on the main roads and interstates, while crews are just starting to make a dent on side roads and in subdivisions. Many side roads are barely passable while most of the main roads are usable but not completely clear of snow and slush.

#### 12/18 MD Snow Preps

Stores in Maryland are packed with shoppers looking for supplies to get them through this weekend's predicted snow storm. The biggest sellers are snow shovels and ice melting mixtures and even sleds.

#### 12/18 VA Snow Preps

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Governor Tim Kaine has declared a state of emergency in Virginia to prepare for the threat of a blizzard this weekend. VDOT is one of the agencies authorized to take whatever action is necessary to respond to the snow storm. Crews have been busy all day, filling up their trucks and loading snow plows with salt.

#### 12/17 Metro service cuts

Metro rail and bus service could be cut back significantly beginning in February. The board that oversees the regional transit system was told that because of soft ridership, projected revenues may be \$40 million less than had been budgeted. They blame the recession. General Manager John Catoe has suggested a series of service cutbacks to help close the gap. If Catoe's suggestions are followed, Metro will soon run fewer trains. The wait between trains could grow during very early hours on weekday mornings from 6 minutes to 8 minutes. In the middle of the day, on weekdays, the average wait between trains is currently 12 minutes. That might rise to 15 minutes. Late-night passengers would be affected the most. Waiting time between trains could jump from 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

#### 12/16 495 Car Fire

A fiery crash on the Beltway this morning, with a woman trapped in her car. A construction crew rushed to the rescue. They saved 27 year old Vanessa Linares of College Park after her car was hit by an 18 wheeler on the Beltway. The rescuers couldn't open the Jeeps doors, so one of them jumped on top of the car to pull her out of the canvas top of the vehicle.

#### 12/14 Reagan Flights Rerouted

A travel nightmare for people traveling through Reagan National Airport today. Fog socked in the runway making it impossible for planes to land. Pilots were unable to see the runway so the FAA decided to shut down the airport to any arriving flights. The backlog from the delayed and canceled flights is expected to last into the evening.

#### 12/3 Metro Fare Hikes

Metro is searching for a fix for the ballooning budget shortfall. Just a few months ago, the transit agency projected a budget deficit of \$144 million. Today, it's millions more than that. Today, Metro's Board discussed possible fare hikes to make ends meet. Metro's John Catoe did not recommend specific fare hikes but a draft internal document at Metro proposes a 15% hike in rail fares and 20% hike in bus fares.

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#### 10/27 Wasa Water Lead

An engineering firm believes that some D.C. homeowners should consider replacing all the water pipes within their house. The problem is a familiar one: lead. After studying 21 residences, H.D.R. Engineering concluded, "...in-home plumbing can contribute substantial particulate lead to residential drinking water taps, and should be considered as potentially important a lead source as lead service lines themselves." The study was commissioned by D.C.'s Water and Sewer Authority which has, since the discovery of elevated levels of lead in many samples of drinking water in 2000, aggressively moved to replace lead service lines leading to homes. In a news release, WASA officials say the study recommendations will apply to only, "a small percentage of District homes... - only those which have galvanized steel water pipes and were serviced by lead water pipe lines.

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#### 11/13 St Mary's weather

A storm that has left much of the East Coast soaked for the last few days is moving out to sea, but some residents in and around the D.C. area are still cleaning up the mess left behind by the heavy rains, strong winds, and high surf. The remnants of Tropical Storm Ida may still cause a concern for tides in coastal communities on Saturday, but weather improved significantly for many local residents on Friday. By late afternoon, bridges in Ocean City and other coastal areas had been reopened after being closed due to flooding.

#### 11/10 Giant Odor of Gas

Montgomery County authorities were called to a Giant Supermarket in Bethesda where a number of people fell ill Tuesday afternoon after smelling a strange odor in the store. Fire officials say the reports first came in around 1:20 p.m. from the Giant Supermarket on Tuckerman Lane after a strong odor of gas was reported in the store. A total of 14 people were evaluated at the scene, some of them Giant employees and some customers. They claimed to be feeling sick, and some said they were having trouble breathing.

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12/4 Tai Shan to China

Tai Shan the first surviving giant panda cub born at the National Zoo will be sent to the People's Republic of China in early 2010, as stipulated in the agreement between the Zoo and the Chinese government, the zoo said at a press conference today. The exact date of his departure has not been determined due to the lengthy process of finalizing permits and preparing Tai Shan for the trip, the zoo added

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#### 10/28 Sinclair Elementary Vandalism

Two students behind a racist display at a school now may be kicked out for good. It happened back in August, and now Prince William County Schools says the boys should be expelled. Their mother says the punishment is unjust and is fighting back tonight. Rae Roach is appealing the expulsion. On Wednesday night, a school board committee will hear her case and decide when or if they'll be allowed to go back to school. Roach says her two sons were stupid-- not racist-- when they sprawled a swastika, KKK, and white power in sod across an elementary school with four other friends. Prince William County Schools wants to expel both boys for a year the same punishment as bringing a gun to school.

#### 10/28 NE Teen Shot

DC Police have doubled the reward for information in the murder of Kenyetta Nicholson-Stanley, a high school senior gunned down on October 8 by masked men aiming for someone else. The 17-year-old girl was sitting on a playground in the 500 block of Edgewood Street Northeast when police say two men came around a corner. It was just after 8 p.m. when police say the masked men opened fire, missing their intended target and hitting the teen once in the head instead. Police say the men were angry with the armed guards who patrol the complex and wanted to settle a score.

#### 10/26 Va Gang Report

Gang related crime in Northern Virginia is down since 2004, but officials are concerned that middle schools are emerging as centers of gang activity and recruitment, according to a report from the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force. In 2007, according to the report, middle schools accounted for about 35 percent of gang offenses in the area's public schools, compared with about 27 percent in 2003. Still, gang offenses in public schools in 2007 were down about 37 percent from a high point the year before, the report said.

#### 10/23 Howard Schools h1n1

Howard County schools is starting its vaccination program for kids. About 13 hundred elementary school students received their shots today. They're the first students in the county to be vaccinated. 1800 older students will receive the vaccine next week.

#### 10/23 P St Fire

Two teenagers jumped from a burning on P Street in Northwest this afternoon. The fire started in the third floor of an apartment building and the 13 and 15 year old brothers were in an apartment next door. They lowered themselves to an air conditioner on the second floor then jumped from there. Despite the two story drop, the boys only had minor injuries.

#### 10/22 Korean Exorcism

Police in Fairfax County believe a teenager murdered in her own home last year may be the victim of an exorcism. She died in Centreville in July last year. An autopsy showed 18 year old Rayoung Kim died from blunt force traums and asphyxiation. In recent court documents, Kim's brother told officers that he, his mother and two other people were performing a religious ritual on her. Police claim that ritual may have been an ancient Korean rite used to exorcise evil spirits.

#### 10/21 Child Abuse State Dept

An alarming trend in child abuse and neglect. A new report shows that more children are dying. The report indicates a 35% increase in deaths over a 7 year period. On Capitol Hill, child welfare advocates rallied for more funding for social workers to keep an eye on families who are at risk.

#### 10/21 Safeway Shooting

A 16 year old boy is fighting for his life after a shooting in a busy grocery store parkign lot. Witnesses report the teen was standing with friends outside the Safeway on Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road in Petworth last night when a man opened fire. Police are still looking for a suspect.

#### 10/20 Mogo Kids Killed

A Montgomery County mother is talking to Fox 5's Sherri Ly about her unimaginable losses. Her husband killed their three children, drowning them in a hotel bathtub in Baltimore. He's now pleading guilty. Amy Castillo says she contemplated suicide after she lost her children but says her faith gave her strength to go on.

#### 10/15 Apricot Lane Death

Two Potomac teenagers are charged in a cold blooded crime. Police say they lured a man down a jogging

trail and beat him to death with a shovel. The suspects were just 15 and 17 years old at the time and now they're being held without bond. Police have not said why the victim, 57 year old Ali Zare, would agree to meet 17 year old Emily Geller at a jogging trail miles from his home.

#### 10/15 Child Porn Infant

A local Army major is charged with child porn. Daniel Wolverton is accused of taking still pictures and videotaping himself sexually assaulting an infant and posting the pictures on the web. He lives on South Irving Street in Arlington. His neighbors are shocked at the charges. The child is a boy about 6 months old.

#### 10/14 Clay Terrace Shooting

Two teens are dead after a massive shootout between two rival gangs on Clay Terrace in Northeast yesterday. In all, five people were hit in the shootout. Sources say one of them was the son of a DC police officer. 14 year old Davonta Artis was also shot and killed. Investigators say he was on his way home from school and was caught in the crossfire. Police are still looking for suspects.

#### 10/13 Kids Swine Flu Vaccine

An adult in Maryland has died from swine flu, bringing the total number of deaths in the state to ten. That comes as the first batches of H1N1 vaccines have arrived at Children's National Medical Center. Despite some parents' concern that the vaccine hasn't been tested enough, doctors at the hospital and the CDC say it is safe and recommend that children get it.

#### 10/12 School Nurse shortage

There are fears that a school nurse shortage could be a problem if swine flu hits. Many schools do not have a nurse on duty anymore. In case of an outbreak, some people worry that nurses won't be there to recognize the signs and send kids home who may be infected. Instead, teachers will have that responsibility.

#### 10/12 10th St Shooting

An 18 year old is in stable condition after being shot on a quiet street in Northeast DC. Around 6:30 last night, two suspect riding on bikes shot at the 18 year old victim on H Street. The victim appeared to be conscious after he was hit. Neighbors say they are scared since they don't usually have trouble on their street.

#### 10/9 NE Teen shot in head

A 17 year old girl shot in the head last night has died. She was talking to two security guards at an apartment complex playground when two masked men came around the corner and opened fire. Police believe the armed guards were the intended targets and the teen just happened to be in the way. Police are still looking for the shooters.

#### 10/9 PG School Swine flu

School kids in Maryland started receiving the swine flu vaccine today. About 80 kids at Dodge Park Elementary were among the first in the state to get the nasal mist vaccine. Some parents are worried about the vaccine but the Health and Human Services secretary is urging them to get vaccinated. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley says his kids will be vaccinated.

#### 10/8 Swine Flu Vaccine

The first shipment of the swine flu vaccine is here, already on shelves in some doctors' offices, but don't expect it to sit there for long. Unlike Virginia & the District, which are treating front line health workers, Maryland is using this round to treat kids, too.

#### 10/8 Bowie Girl Murdered

25 year old McDonald Abraham is charged with the murder of Stacey Seaton, a teenager found shot to death in a park in 2005. A court affidavit says McDonald wanted Seaton dead because he believed she was behind the theft of drugs and money from his apartment. Investigators say they believed McDonald was behind the murder back when it happened, but it took a witness coming forward for them to prove it.

#### 10/7 DC Teacher Layoffs

The head of the Teachers Union is telling the 200 teachers laid off in DC that he is filing a lawsuit against the city. What's in the lawsuit and what he is asking for is still unclear but teachers are hoping for an injunction and a better explanation for why they lost their jobs. DC Councilman Marion Barry has called for an investigation by the Inspector General.

10/6 DC Schools Layoffs

More protests today over the District's decision to lay off hundreds of teachers. Today, angry crowds took their concerns directly to City Hall. City leaders made the move to bridge a 44 million dollar budget shortfall. Students say the layoffs have disrupted their classes.

10/2 DC School Layoffs

Nearly 400 dc public school employees are now out of a job. 200 of those workers are teachers. The DC school system made the announcement about the layoffs this afternoon. They're trying to cut money to close a budget gap.

10/1 DC School Layoffs

The Fenty administration says layoffs are coming soon for DC public school teachers. The Mayor says Chancellor Michelle Rhee is going through evaluations with principals and seeing which teachers haven't met the standards and will be let go. Students, parents, and the DC Teachers Union are upset that the layoffs are coming. The Teachers Union says layoffs will mean bigger classes and a disruption for students.

10/1 Riverdale Teen Killed

A 16 year old was shot and killed while walking down the street just blocks from his home in Riverdale, Maryland. A friend with him was hit in the arm and is already out of the hospital. His family says the teen who died, Marcos Medina, got in a fight a few days ago and never explained what happened. They don't know if that fight had anything to do with his death or not. Police are looking for three men seen leaving the scene.

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#### 11/30 Football Player Killed

The community is mourning the loss of a star high school football player in Howard County. Steven Dankos, 17, was killed in a drunk-driving accident early Sunday morning. At the site where Dankos lost his life early Sunday morning, his friends built a small memorial with his football jersey, flowers, and dozens of personal notes. The 17 year old was a popular kid and a talented linebacker for River Hill High School. He was killed when the truck he was riding in, driven by 22-year-old David Dixon Erdman, struck a stone pillar on Folly Quarter Road in Howard County and flipped over. Police say the driver was drunk and has since been charged with homicide. Another passenger was also injured. Dankos' classmates say this teaches them all about the dangers of drinking and driving. At River Hill High School on Monday, the principal had a crisis team of counselors on hand to speak to the shaken students. It's a tough loss for these young kids who are having a difficult time dealing with such a tragic loss.

#### 11/25 9 year old shot suspect

Police tell FOX 5 that the man who has been charged in the murder of a 9-year-old boy who was shot earlier this month in his Northwest D.C. apartment building was found hanged at the D.C. Jail on Wednesday afternoon. Josue Pena, 26, was charged with the first-degree murder of 9-year-old Oscar Fuentes, who was shot through the door of his family's apartment. He was later arrested and had been in jail since. Jail officials say Pena was found in his cell just after 1 p.m. He was immediately taken to Howard University Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. They said the cause of death was cardiac arrest by asphyxiation.

#### 11/25 Abe Pollin

Legendary philanthropist and Washington Wizards owner Abe Pollin will be remembered at funeral services this Friday. His death has left many in the city with heavy hearts, especially those he impacted directly. Curtis Mozie was just a kid when he walked up to Abe Pollin at a D.C. school and told him he wanted to be a Washington Bullets ball boy. Pollin gave him a jersey and job. Nefetari Smith-Alghali knows what it's like to have the power of Abe Pollin behind you. She was in a fifth grade class at Seat Pleasant Elementary when Pollin told 60 kids he'd pay for their college education. In May, she got her degree from Bowie State. Today, she counsels young people and tries whenever she can-- to be a little more like Abe Pollin.

#### 11/24 DC Teacher Layoffs

A D.C. Superior Court judge has declined to halt the layoffs of D.C. school teachers announced earlier this year. Judge Judith Bartnoff issued her ruling Tuesday. The Washington Teacher's Union had asked the judge to stop the layoffs while the union challenges the layoffs in court. D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee laid off approximately 400 D.C. public school employees after the school year started. She said she was responding to budget cuts, a statement the union challenged.

#### 11/24 Crib Recall

More than 2.1 million drop-side cribs by Stork Craft Manufacturing are being recalled, the biggest crib recall in U.S history, following reports of four infant suffocations. The Consumer Product Safety Commission said late Monday the recall involves 1.2 million cribs in the United States and almost 1 million in Canada, where Stork Craft is based. Sales of the cribs being recalled go back to 1993. Nearly 150,000 of the cribs carry the Fisher-Price logo. The CPSC said it is aware of four infants who suffocated in the drop-side cribs, which have a side that moves up and down to allow parents to lift children from the cribs more easily. The agency also said there have been 110 incidents of drop-sides detaching from the cribs. The Stork Craft cribs have had problems with their hardware, which can break, deform or become missing after years. CPSC said there can also be problems with assembly mistakes by the crib owner. These problems can cause the drop-side to detach, creating a dangerous space between the drop-side and the crib mattress, where a child can become trapped.

#### 11/23 Ballou Macy's Parade

The Ballou High School Marching Band is heading to New York for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! The band was chosen as one of only 11 bands in the entire country to make the trip.

#### 11/20 NE School Stabbing

D.C. police say a 17-year-old student has been stabbed during school fight. Cmdr. Linda Brown says the fight involved two students Friday afternoon in a hallway at Young America Works Public Charter School in northeast Washington. The stabbing victim suffered serious injuries. The second student has been arrested. Police were working to find out the cause of the fight and how the knife ended up in the building.

### 11/20 Mogo Adoptions

November is National Adoption Month and you could see the impact adoption makes on lives inside the Montgomery County Courthouse today. One little boy crawled under court benches, grabbed at cameras and ran circles around the packed courtroom. His family said it was worth it to run behind him to keep him out of trouble because they were waiting to adopt him. They were one of more than two dozen groups waiting to finally become a family.

### 11/19 Kid Held Out of Bus

A bus attendant in Prince George's County has been fired for holding the head of a 6-year-old boy out the window of a moving school bus. Officials say they have video of the incident. The student, identified only as a special needs child, attends Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Suitland, Maryland area. There was some kind of discipline problem aboard the bus on the afternoon trip on October 28. Michael Dodson, Director of Transportation for Prince George's County Public Schools, has viewed the security tape from the bus, and confirms the bus was in motion at the time of the incident. Dodson estimates the child's head and shoulders were held outside of the bus window by the attendant for about seven seconds. The driver of the bus, upset by what she had seen, contacted her supervisor. Dodson learned of the incident that evening, and says he suspended the attendant from any job requiring contact with students the next morning. After three weeks' further investigation, the driver was dismissed on Wednesday.

### 11/19 Operation Santa Over

Starry-eyed children writing letters to the jolly man at the North Pole this holiday season likely won't get a response from Santa Claus or his helpers. The U.S. Postal Service is dropping a popular national program begun in 1954 in the small Alaska town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year. Replies come with North Pole postmarks. Last year, a postal worker in Maryland recognized an Operation Santa volunteer there as a registered sex offender. The postal worker interceded before the individual could answer a child's letter, but the Postal Service viewed the episode as a big enough scare to tighten rules in such programs nationwide.

### 11/18 Fairfax Walk to School

More students could be walking to school in Fairfax County in the future, rather than riding the bus. Because of the significant drop in tax revenues, county officials have already trimmed police, fire, library, and transportation budgets. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay is suggesting that school officials consider expanding the boundary distances that trigger bus eligibility. Currently, if a student lives more than a mile from an elementary school, or more than 1.5 miles from a middle or high school, that student is eligible for free bus service.

### 11/18 Santa & Swine Flu

Ernest Berger, president of Santa America, asked an Alabama congressman last week to designate Santas a priority group for the swine flu vaccine, like health care workers or infant caregivers. A spokesman for Republican Representative Jo Bonner confirmed Berger's request and said staff members were looking into it. Berger hopes Santas will use hand sanitizer and encourage children to do the same, without turning the experience into a hygiene lecture. The 200 or so Santas who volunteer to visit sick or grieving children through Santa America will be washing their suits daily instead of weekly and will not be wearing gloves this year so they can wash their hands frequently, Berger said.

### 11/17 9 yr old shot

D.C. Police made an arrest Tuesday morning in connection with the fatal shooting of a 9 year old inside a Northwest Washington apartment building. Josue Pena, 26, who has no fixed address, is charged with first-degree murder in connection with the Saturday night shooting and was ordered held without bond as he faced a judge in D.C. Superior Court. Court sketches show the man dressed in a black jacket and green shirt. Josue Pena was found in a storage room in Hyattsville. City leaders announced the big catch.

### 11/16 9 year old shot

A community is grieving following the murder of an innocent 9 year old. On Monday night, his relatives and classmates gathered to remember Oscar Fuentes on the front outside the building where the fourth grader lived. City leaders tried to calm fears and comfort the crowd. 9 year old Oscar Fuentes was killed as a gunman shot thru his front door.

### 11/11 No Child Left Inside

According to the CDC, more than 30 percent of children in the U.S. are obese, and that is now capturing the attention of some federal lawmakers. But keeping kids from being sedentary is just part of what's behind a bill called No Child Left Inside, an effort to get students out of the classroom and outdoors to play.

#### 11/03 Triangle Murder

Police in Triangle, Virginia claim a teenage couple ended their lives with a suicide pact. The bodies were found inside a home on Oakdale Circle in Triangle Monday. Desiree Patrick and her boyfriend, Quirinius Williams, were shot dead. Police say they had agreed to commit suicide. Desiree told a friend she was in love with Quirinius, who students knew as Ryain. Now it appears there may have been some warning signs missed. Desiree's father found his 17-year-old daughter and her 18-year-old boyfriend dead inside a bedroom.

#### 11/2 Crossland Football

There are more questions than answers for the families of four suspended high school football players from Maryland. The Crossland High School players were suspended last week for unsportsmanlike behavior following a game with rival Potomac. The four suspended players spoke exclusively to FOX 5 on Monday after they learned they will be allowed to return to school after a 10-day suspension.

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#### 12/24 Brazil Custody Battle

A father and son played with toys and puzzles and rested on a quiet nine-hour flight from Brazil to Florida, a peaceful conclusion Thursday after a tumultuous reunion that brought a five-year custody battle spanning two continents to an end. David Goldman and 9-year-old Sean Goldman landed in Orlando on a jet chartered by NBC. Later they were driven away in a caravan of three SUVs, heading to an unknown destination. They did not speak with reporters at the airport, but NBC broadcast an interview with the father and footage from the flight. Earlier Thursday, when the father and son were reunited in Rio de Janeiro, the youngster was forced to squeeze through a jostling throng of reporters and photographers. The reunion ended an epic battle that pitted Sean's father against the boy's Brazilian stepfather, who had cared for Sean since his mother died last year. The dispute strained relations between the two countries and reached the highest level of government.

#### 12/24 Missing 11 yo girl

The Wicomico County Sheriffs Office has charged a 30-year-old Salisbury man in the disappearance of an 11-year-old girl who is still missing. Sarah Haley Foxwell was last seen Tuesday night at her home and Sheriff Mike Lewis announced Wednesday night that family acquaintance Thomas James Leggs of Salisbury, a registered sex offender, has been charged with kidnapping and burglary. Dive teams searched a local pond Wednesday night and law enforcement agencies from across the region are continuing the search Thursday, helping the sheriffs office search for Foxwell in several square miles of dense woods.

#### 12/22 Booster Seat Ratings

New ratings from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety take the guesswork out of selecting boosters most likely to provide good lap and shoulder belt fit in a range of vehicles. The Institute rates 9 belt-positioning boosters as BEST BETS and 6 as GOOD BETS out of 60 models examined in a new round of evaluations. Eleven boosters aren't recommended at all because they do such a poor job of fitting the belt. Fit is important because safety belts are designed with adults in mind, not kids.

#### 12/22 PG Toys for Tots

For thousands of families in our area, filling their children's wish lists this year has been more difficult than ever. But the U.S. Marine Corps and Prince George's County Police are teaming up to help fill the void. Families waited in long lines to get toys from the Toys for Tots program in this morning. The toy drive will provide Christmas gifts for about 105,000 local kids this year.

#### 12/15 Window Blinds Recall

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and a coalition of makers, importers and retailers of window coverings said they are recalling up to 50 million Roman-style shades and roll-up blinds because of a risk that young children could be strangled by the cords. Since 2001, the Roman shades and roll-up blinds have been linked to deaths of eight young children and the near-strangulation of 16 more. The CPSC and a group called the Window Covering Safety Council recommend cordless window coverings in homes where children live or visit. Mr. Wolfson said he realizes not every family can afford this expense. The coalition is offering a free repair kit for homes.

#### 12/15 Flowers HS Fight

Police in Prince George's County say a fight at a local high school ended with students in custody on Tuesday. The violence broke out at Flowers High School in Springdale, Maryland. Police were called in and when it was all over, 17 people were under arrest. Investigators say the incident started when a person who does not attend Flowers High School came to school dressed in a school uniform. They say he got into the building and started a fight with someone from another neighborhood.

#### 12/7 DC Police Toy Thieves

One year after four D.C. police officers were placed on leave after they were suspected of stealing from the Toys for Tots program, the case remains under investigation. No charges have been filed against the four, who have lost their police powers but are still being paid. No one would talk on the record about the case Monday, but according to law enforcement sources, the U.S. Attorney's Office is still trying to decide whether to prosecute the four. The officers were working in the Toys for Tots program last December when internal affairs discovered what police described as questionable behavior. Some of the donated toys had been taken out of the Boys and Girls Clubs and were found off-site, allegedly in the possession of the suspended officers.

#### 12/4 Pepco Worker Shot

D.C. police say a Pepco worker was shot in the neck after a group of teenagers harassed his maintenance crew. Police say the 52-year-old man was seriously wounded in the shooting Thursday night, but he was conscious at the scene in northwest Washington and is expected to live. He was taken to a nearby hospital. Pepco officials say the man was part of a crew repairing an underground line. Police say five teens started harassing the crew and the man got into a shoving match with at least one teen. Police say other workers broke up the confrontation, but the teens returned and one brandished a gun. After another exchange, police say the teen fired, striking the worker. Police say the teens fled and no arrests had been made.