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Issues Programs Report



Religious Programming

Joel Osteen – *Sunday 10:00AM and 2:00AM*

God is doing amazing things through our television ministry. We are reaching over 100 million homes in the U.S. and tens of millions more in 100 nations. Lives are being changed, relationships are being restored and communities are being transformed by the power of God and the message of hope that is being broadcast through this ministry.

In Touch Ministries- *Sunday 6:30AM*

It all began in 1972, when a half-hour program called "The Chapel Hour" was launched on Atlanta-area television stations. Today, "In Touch with Dr. Charles Stanley" can be heard around the world via radio and television broadcasts, podcasts, the handheld In Touch Ministries Messenger, In Touch Apps, and right here on the Web. Our programs are seen and heard around the world on more than 2,600 radio and television outlets in more than 50 languages. In addition to broadcasting, the ministry continues to produce books, studies, discipleship resources, and the award-winning In Touch magazine to more than 1.5 million households every month.



BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

Aqua Kids

Aqua Kids is a weekly half-hour series that educates young people about ecology, wildlife, and science and how it relates to them. Viewers learn how eco-systems connect and what young people can do to make a positive difference in the world.

Dragonfly TV

Dragonfly TV is a weekly half-hour science television series that highlights children doing projects with hands-on experience and demonstrates the practical applications of mathematics and science. It introduces young viewers to a variety of scientific disciplines and challenges them in critical thinking and problem solving skills, while providing valuable information to reach answers. Each episode is engaging, entertaining, and educational in structure, allowing children to investigate science on their own.

Walking Wild

Walking Wild is a weekly half-hour reality series showcasing various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on the dedicated people who look after these spectacular critters. The program also gives teen viewers a unique, up-close examination of each wild animal. *Walking Wild* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.

Wild Wonders

Wild Wonders is a weekly half-hour reality series allowing teen viewers to become familiar with various wild animals at the world famous San Diego Zoo. The series focuses on various critters and examines their differences. The program also provides important information about each animal's living habits and includes interviews with people who care for them. *Wild Wonders* is a series intended to educate and inform viewers all about life in the animal kingdom.



2016-2017 SEASON

ME-TV NETWORK CHILDREN'S E/I PROGRAMMING

SERIES NAME	SYNOPSIS	RATINGS	TARGET AUDIENCE	E/I or NON
BEAKMAN'S WORLD	This live-action series based on the comic strip by Jok Church stars performance artist Paul Zaloom as the slightly nutty but never boring scientist who leads a journey of discovery while performing experiments that demonstrate how the world works. Topics are addressed with cutting-edge humor and state-of-the-art visuals that make learning fun. Joining Beakman in his quest are Josie (Alanna Ubach), his bright young apprentice, and an oversize, sarcastic rat named Lester (Mark Ritts).	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
BILL NYE, THE SCIENCE GUY	With 28 Emmys and a slew of other prestigious awards, Disney's resident way-cool scientist knows how to get kids fired up about science. From Earth science to complex discussions on genetics, Bill Nye's enthusiasm for all things science is contagious.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
MYSTERY HUNTERS	Mystery Hunters explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the Mystery Hunters uses science and reasoning to try to uncover the truth. The program teaches children how to gather facts, meet with experts, debunk common myths, and offer explanations for legends. 2006 Winner of a Parents' Choice Award, Mystery Hunters.	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
SAVED BY THE BELL	Saved By The Bell is a television series targeted to teens 13-16 years of age, which explores social themes and coping strategies through the daily school life of six teen-aged friends at Bayside High who help each other make the most of growing up in a complicated world. The multi-ethnic cast members serve as role models for young teen viewers as they deal with such issues as dealing with the death of a loved one, the right to say "no," the meaning of heroism, teenage alcohol use and other issues of particular concern to young teens.	TV-PG	K13-16	E/I



ON THE HILL

FOX5 News on The Hill is a half hour live political show hosted by Tom Fitzgerald along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack. The show airs each Sunday at 8:30am. The hosts report and analyze the big headlines and stories from the campaign trail, along with political news from the White House and Capitol Hill.

Episodes 1st Quarter 2022:

- Sunday, Jan 9
- Sunday, Jan 16
- Sunday, Jan 23
- Sunday, Jan 30
- Sunday, Feb 6
- Sunday, Feb 13
- Sunday, Feb 20
- Sunday, Feb 27
- Sunday, March 6
- Sunday, March 13
- Sunday, March 20
- Sunday, March 27



LIKE IT OR NOT

A new take on the news of the week is coming to FOX 5-- FOX 5's Like It Or Not. "FOX 5's Like It Or Not" will go beyond the headlines and provide edgy, controversial commentary, discussing the news of the week in politics, entertainment and pop culture.

"Buckle up! This isn't your typical traditional news program. It's provocative and intelligent and will present candid opinions and observations on a wide range of news of the day topics and issues," said FOX 5 Vice President and General Manager Patrick Paolini.

Program airs Monday – Friday 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. on WTTG.

From January 4 to March 31, 2022.

WTTG/Channel 5

Program Information Report



Fox 5 @ 4 *The First 5* – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00 – 4:30 am and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

Fox 5 Morning News at 4:30 am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:30- 5:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News at 5 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 5:00- 6:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News at 6 – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 6:00- 7:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 Morning News – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 7:00- 9:00am and covers local, national and international stories; weather, traffic and sports updates; interviews with local and political leaders.

Fox 5 @ 4 - A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:00-5:00pm and covers news headlines, provides sports and weather information and gives updates on local news stories.

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

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

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Fox 5 News at 10 – A daily one-hour news program that airs from 10:00-11:00pm featuring local, national and international news headlines as well as in depth local stories, investigative reports, sports and weather information.

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

The Final 5 – A Monday through Friday program that air 11:30 – 12:00 midnight featuring anchor Jim Lokay and his take on the daily current events.

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

Fox News Sunday – A one-hour weekly program, airing Sundays from 9:00-10:00am 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

First QUARTER

FOX NEWS SUNDAY GUESTS

Quarter 1

2022

Jan 2, 2022

Schools/Covid

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona

Covid Mandates:

Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR)

Jan 6/Capitol Police:

USCP Chief Tom Manger

Jan 9, 2022

Covid:

Dr. Rochelle Walensky

Covid/schools/crime:

Miami Mayor Frances Suarez

Congress:

Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC)

Jan 16, 2022

Agenda

Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R-VA)

Covid:

Dr. Ashish Jha

Jan 23, 2022

Ukraine

Fmr. Sec of State Mike Pompeo

Pro-Life Bills:

Gov. Kristi Noem (R-SD)

Jan 30, 2022

Foreign Policy:

John Kirby, Pentagon Press Secretary

SCOTUS/Ukraine:

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR)

Feb 6, 2022

Ukraine/Foreign Policy:

Jake Sullivan

Ukraine/SCOTUS/Crime:

Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD)

Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)

Feb 13, 2022

Ukraine

John Kirby

Energy/Security

Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)

Mask Mandates

Gov. Jared Polis (D-CO)

February 20, 2022

Ukraine:

John Kirby

Ukraine/TX primary:

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX)

February 27, 2022

Ukraine/SCOTUS

Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)

Russia/Ukraine:

Condoleezza Rice

March 6, 2022

Ukraine:

Amb. Oksana Markarova

Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)

Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

March 13, 2022

Ukraine:

Gen. Jack Keane

Wendy Sherman

Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID)

March 20, 2022

Ukraine/SCOTUS:

Sen. Ben Sasse (R-NE)

Covid:

Dr. Vivek Murthy

March 27, 2022

Ukraine:

Amb. Julianne Smith

GOP Politics:

Sen. Rick Scott

Ukraine/Midterms:

Rep. Ro Khanna

SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING

1st Quarter 2022

Crime

March 29, 2022

Woman says she was sexually assaulted by stranger in her DC home

By **David Kaplan**

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Woman says she was sexually assaulted by stranger in her DC home

A northwest D.C. woman say she was sexually assaulted by a stranger while sleeping in her own bed.

WASHINGTON - A northwest D.C. woman says she was sexually assaulted by a stranger while sleeping in her own bed.

FOX 5 spoke exclusively with the woman who lives along the U Street corridor. The station has declined to identify the woman since she's a sexual assault victim.

The woman says she went to sleep around midnight Friday but was awoken at 3 a.m. "I woke up and felt someone's hand, someone touching me," the woman told reporter David Kaplan, "I was like, quickly, who are you, still kind of like half asleep. And then panic set in."

The woman says the suspect immediately started apologizing and she chased him out of the house she shares with other roommates. Kaplan said the woman believes she was targeted.



"We were nervous it may have been a stalker/peeping tom scenario since I'm right on the main street and I have the largest windows. I was also the only girl in our household that was alone in her bed that night. Everyone else had their boyfriends over," the woman said.

Nothing was stolen from the house, and the woman's bed is further from the stairs than some of her roommates, leading her to believe he was looking for her specifically.



The woman says she's thankful the man wasn't violent, but wants him caught.

Metropolitan police are investigating this incident. A police report indicates they're investigating it as a sexual assault and burglary.

"There's a lot of young, you know, people that live alone or live in a household full of women, and just that, if we can catch these people, and if people can look at security cameras that it wouldn't happen to anyone else," she said.



Local Politics
March 27, 2022

Montgomery County elections officials preparing for primary despite map uncertainty

By **David Kaplan**

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News

FOX 5 DC

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Montgomery County elections officials preparing for primary despite map uncertainty

Fox 5's David Kaplan reports on the challenges Maryland election officials are facing after the primary was pushed back due to a legal battle over the state's congressional map.

Maryland doesn't have a congressional map yet.

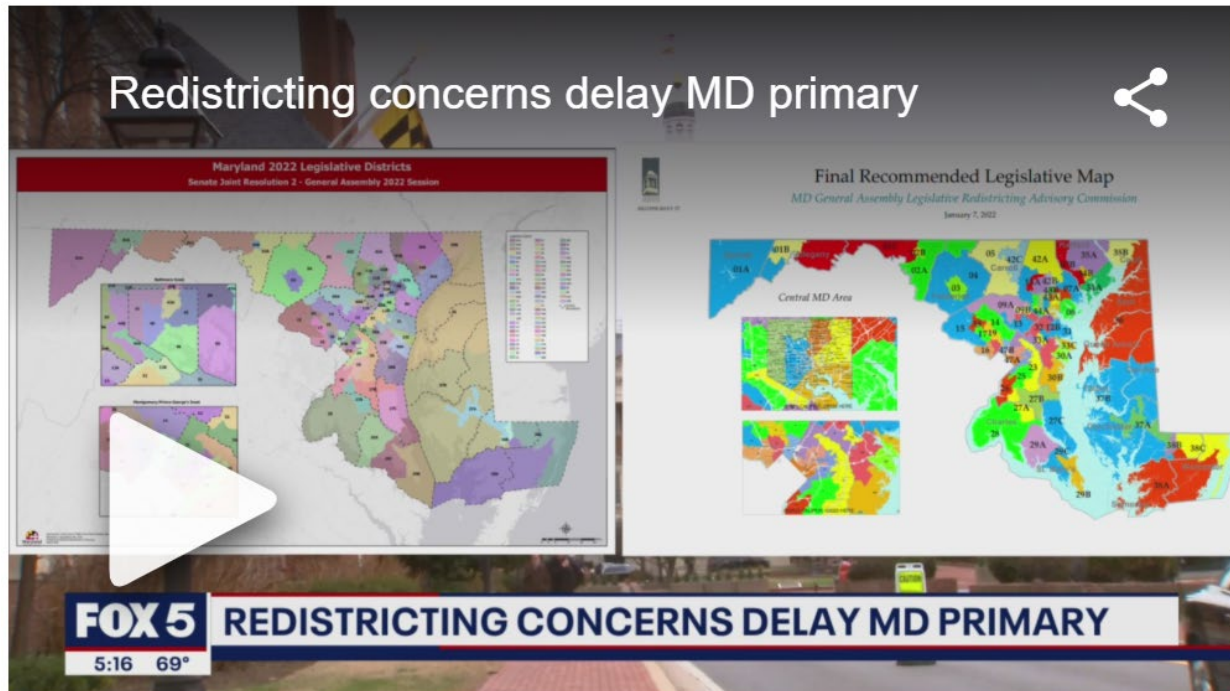
The primary was already pushed back from June 28 to July 19.

That move has created some challenges for elections officials.

READ MORE: Maryland primary election delayed due to court battle over voting districts

Gilberto Zelaya works with the Montgomery County Elections Department. He says the county is already seeking elections workers for the primary, and changing the date made that problem worse.

"Individuals that were available at the end of June, the original date, are not available in the middle of July. If they move the date, we'll have another round of individuals who may be available for a later date and not July," Zelaya said.



Redistricting concerns delay MD primary

A court of appeals judge delayed the primary election day in the state on Tuesday from June 28 to July 19 due to a court case focused on state legislative districts and how and where residents vote to elect their state senator and representative.

Zelaya says Montgomery County wants to get the word out to its 677,870 voters about the primary date if they want to vote in person.

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However, Zelaya says people's summer plans change and voting by mail is a safe and effective way to ensure you get a ballot on time, send it back, and have it counted.

As for Zelaya's message to voters:

"The first one would be to flex their right to vote by mail, it's legitimate, it's safe, it's easy and secure. That's number one. Number two, not to procrastinate sending in that vote by mail. And number three is serving as a poll worker, we need individuals and without them, we can't run an election," Zelaya said.



Last week, [a judge did not accept the legislature's map](#), saying they have to re-submit a new one by March 30th and then there will be a hearing on April 1.

Zelaya says elections officials are watching the case closely, both because it could impact what precinct's ballots look like, and in case the primary gets moved again.

PREVIOUS COVERAGE: Trial over Maryland's new legislative maps begins

Montgomery County has a voter texting system. The number is 77788. Zelaya says the more voters can do now to ensure they're ready to vote, the better.

- Text "Vote" to register
- Text "Check" to check registration
- Text "VBM" to get a form to register Vote By Mail
- Text "Serve" to apply to be a pollworker

National Politics
March 23, 2022

'You are worthy': Ketanji Brown Jackson tears up amid Sen. Cory Booker speech

By Aaron Morrison

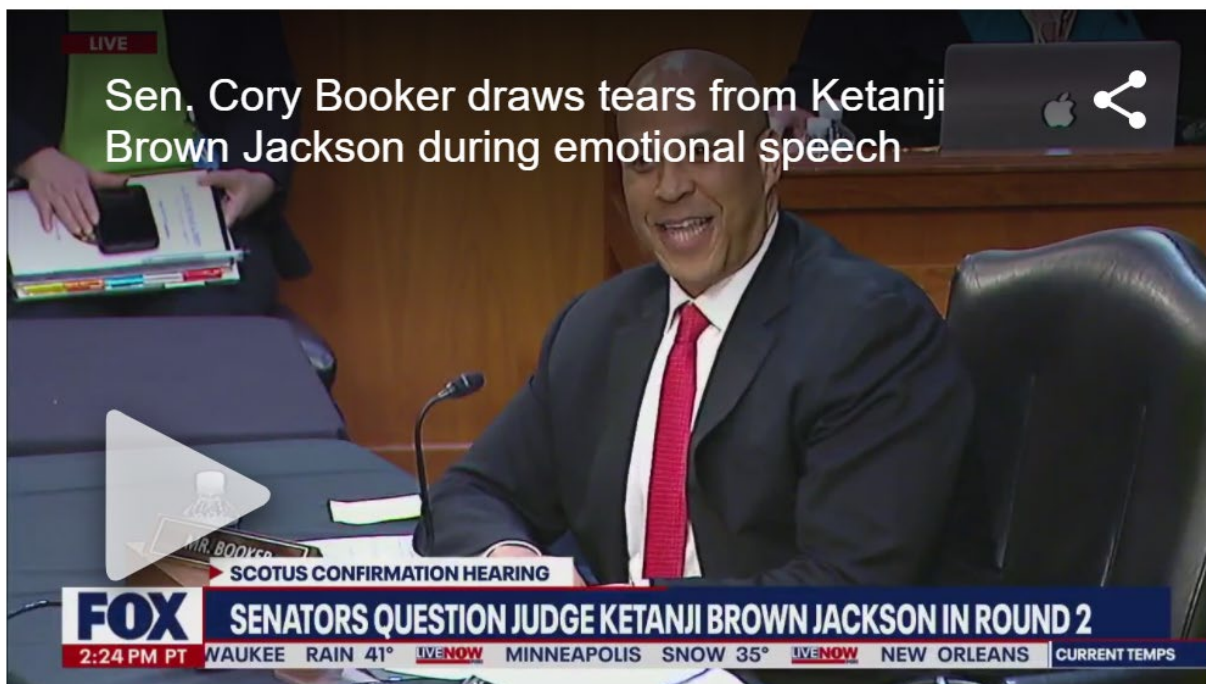
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Sen. Cory Booker draws tears from Ketanji Brown Jackson during emotional speech

"You have earned this spot, you are worthy. You are a great American," Sen. Cory Booker said during an impassioned speech on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON - Sen. Cory Booker cut through a tense third day of hearings on the Supreme Court nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on Wednesday with a speech on racial progress that drew tears from the nominee and held the rapt attention of colleagues.

Booker, a Black Democrat from New Jersey, said he could no longer hold back his emotion over how Jackson has conducted herself in the face of combative questioning

about her handling of child pornography cases, her representation of accused terrorists and her views on anti-racism teaching in schools.

"You faced insults here that were shocking to me," Booker said, speaking directly to Jackson, who is nominated to become the first Black woman on the high court.

"Nobody's taking this away from me," Booker continued, choking up as he spoke. Republicans are "gonna accuse you of this and that. But don't worry, my sister. Don't worry. God has got you. And how do I know that? Because you're here, and I know what it's taken for you to sit in that seat."

Jackson, who was sitting silently with her hands clasped, unlocked her fingers to grab a tissue and wiped tears streaming down her cheeks. It was the first time in nearly two dozen hours of questioning from senators that she had showed that much emotion.



While listening to U.S. Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) speak, Supreme Court nominee Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson wipes away tears during her confirmation hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee in the Hart Senate Office Building on Capitol Hill March 23, 2022 in Washington, DC.

Since the beginning of Jackson's hearings Monday, Democratic and Republican senators have saluted the nominee's history-making appointment, praised her pedigree, and noted her pleasant temperament and empathetic approach to the law.

But Booker used his remarks to ground Jackson's elevation to the Supreme Court in a significance beyond simple diversity. In order for Jackson to sit before the panel, he said, she had to overcome systemic barriers and overachieve at every level. Only then could she have the chance to break through one of the last remaining racial ceilings in American democracy.

"I want to tell you, when I look at you, this is why I get emotional," Booker said. "I'm sorry, you're a person that is so much more than your race and gender. You're a Christian. You're a mom. It's hard for me not to look at you and not see my mom. I see my ancestors and yours."

He added: "You have earned this spot. You are worthy. You are a great American."

After a day of charged partisanship, every Republican in the room gave Booker their full attention. Save for some sniffles, the room was completely quiet for the duration of his remarks.

Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin, D-Ill., recessed immediately after Booker's remarks for a short break. Jackson left the room quickly, accompanied by her husband.



FILE - Sen. Cory Booker, a Democrat from New Jersey, speaks during a Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearing for Ketanji Brown Jackson, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court nominee for U.S. President Joe Biden, in Washington, D.C., U.S., on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. (AI Drago/Bloomberg via Getty Images)

During the recess, a line of people, including Jackson's father, approached Booker and hugged him, several wiping away tears.

When the hearing resumed, a question from Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Calif., about her being an inspiration to young Americans elicited more emotion from Jackson. She said his remarks and question were "very moving."

Jackson choked up as she told the story of walking around at Harvard University, feeling as if she didn't belong, when another Black woman who she did not know passed and seemed to understand what she was feeling. "Persevere," she said the woman told her.

"I hope to inspire people to try to follow this path, because I love this country, because I love the law, because I think it is important that we all invest in our future," Jackson said. "And the young people are the future."

Morrison reported from New York. Associated Press writers Mary Clare Jalonick and Kevin Freking in Washington contributed to this report.

Community
March 23, 2022

Montgomery County is expanding popular youth sports programs for girls

By Perris Jones

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Youth sports popular among girls expand in Montgomery Co.

Youth sports programs that are popular for girls will be expanding in Montgomery County. The council approved allocating \$100,000 this week to increase access and opportunities to sports like volleyball, soccer, softball, lacrosse, and tennis.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md. - Popular youth sports programs catering to girls will be expanding in Montgomery County.

The Montgomery Co. council voted to allocate \$100,000 to increase access and opportunities in sports like volleyball, soccer, softball, lacrosse, and tennis.

Councilmember Hans Riemer told FOX 5 after conducting a study on gender equity in sports, they found there was a huge gap in participation between girls and boys.



"When we realized there was such an inequity of opportunity for sports programs for girls, we got thinking about well, what can we do about that," Riemer said.

As of now, Riemer says there aren't a lot of options for girls who play youth sports.



SANDY SPRING, MD - APRIL 20: Members of the Sherwood girls' lacrosse team get fired up prior to action against Damascus on April 20, 2016 in Sandy Spring, MD. (Jonathan Newton / The Washington Post via Getty Images)

"I found out that we don't have youth volleyball in Montgomery County," Riemer said. "In most places, volleyball is like one of the most popular sports for girls."

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We want to provide sports programming that girls like to play, but also that are available in communities that are not included in the current expensive athletics model that we have, where you have to pay all these fees."

Riemer says the Montgomery County Department of Recreation will receive the approved funding from the council.



Oversight for Montgomery Co. youth sports

A push in Montgomery County is being made to address discrepancies in youth sports and to create a government body. Council President Gabe Albornoz joined us with more.

"The department will fund a variety of different opportunities," Riemer said. "It could be a league that's getting formed. It could help seed a new league that gets created, or it can be an existing program that we fund to expand its services."

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One existing program – MoCo Lacrosse, founded by Jeff Wagner, introduces the sport to both girls and boys in lower-income areas of the county that normally wouldn't be exposed to lacrosse.

"We have found over the years that it's a little more of a challenge to keep girls interested after a certain age," Wagner said. "The other barrier we found is some of the girls, more so than boys, are expected to be responsible for taking care of things at home. So, they're not allowed to stay after school for activities."

Wagner says by expanding these youth sports opportunities it could give more kids access to college.

"There are many, many more opportunities for girls' lacrosse in colleges than people would ever think," he explained.

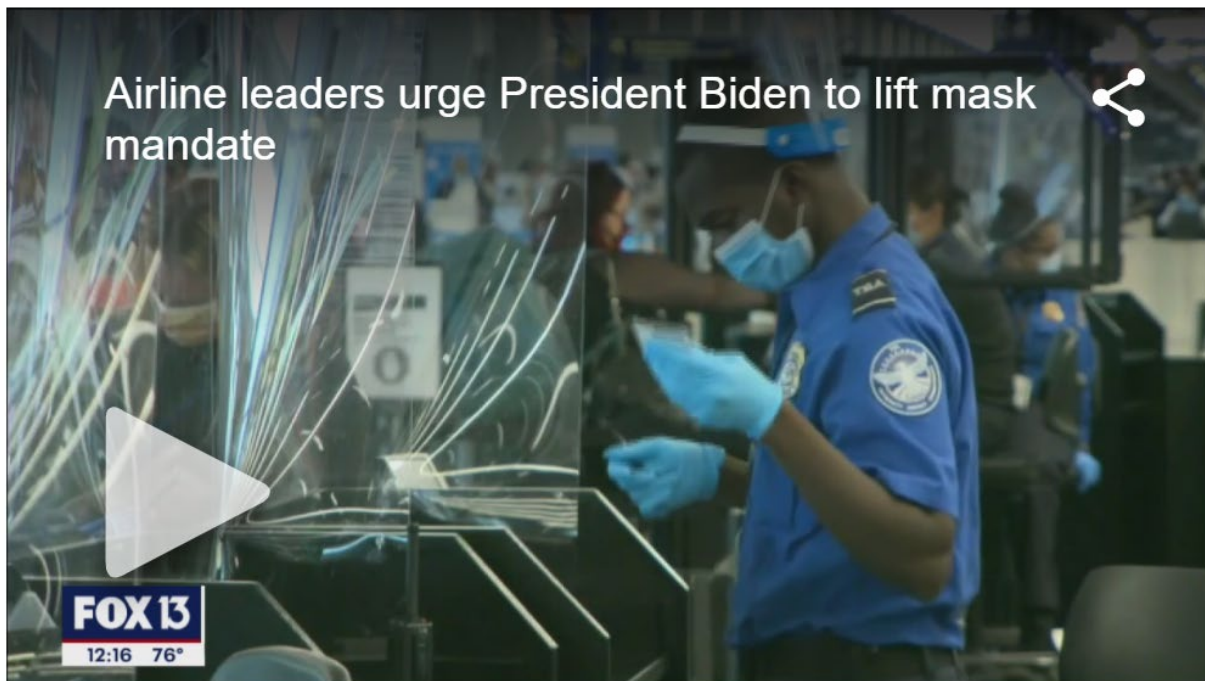
Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Oak Community Recreation Center, there will be an event to promote some of the youth sports program opportunities for girls.

Health
March 24, 2022

Airline CEOs, travel groups urge White House to lift mask rules on flights

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Airline leaders urge President Biden to lift mask mandate

Matthew McClellan reports

The CEOs of [Delta, American and United Airlines](#), and others are urging the White House to end a federal mask mandate on airplanes, along with international pre-departure testing requirements.

The airline executives sent a letter to the president late Wednesday, saying the restrictions are no longer aligned with the realities of the current epidemiological environment.

This comes after the Biden administration decided this month to extend current mask requirements at airports, train stations, ride-sharing vehicles, and other transportation through April 18. The order was set to expire on March 18.

In the letter, the CEOs told the president, "It makes no sense that people are still required to wear masks on airplanes, yet are allowed to congregate in crowded restaurants, schools and at sporting events without masks, despite none of these venues having the protective air filtration system that aircraft do."

READ: CDC director expects COVID-19 to become a 'seasonal virus'

Passengers who spoke with FOX 13 Thursday morning at Tampa International Airport said they feel it's time to ease mask requirements on planes and airports.

"I think it makes sense. I mean, it's waived everywhere else," said one passenger. "At the airport, you're kind of wearing a mask at the terminal and then you're sitting side-by-side on the plane. I see all the numbers coming down as it is, so why not lift (mask requirements) all the way around? What's the difference between the airport and the schools?"

One day before the letter from the airline executives, the U.S. Travel Association made similar calls for the White House to ease the country's remaining travel restrictions.

RELATED: American Airlines to resume alcohol sales on certain flights in April

In a letter on Tuesday, the group urged incoming White House [COVID](#) Response Coordinator Dr. Ashish Jha to zero in on replacing COVID-related travel measures with endemic-focused policies.

This includes repealing the federal mask mandate by April 18, removing the pre-departure testing requirement for inbound vaccinated international travelers, and ending international COVID travel advisories.

The mask requirements have led to widespread tensions on flights. The Federal Aviation Administration says that since January 2021, there have been a record 6,942

unruly passenger incidents reported, with seven out of ten incidents involving mask rules.

The White House has yet to respond to either group but said earlier this month that the CDC is working to develop a revised policy for masks on public transportation.

Housing

March 18, 2022

Manassas cemetery illegally sold land, causing families to lose burial plots

By **Stephanie Ramirez**
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Bankruptcy battle complicating cemetery ban

FOX 5 continues its coverage of a Virginia family fighting for nearly 10-months to have an 82-year-old Army veteran named buried at a family plot in a Manassas, Virginia cemetery.

MANASSAS, Va. - On Thursday, FOX 5 reported on the emotional story of a family fighting for nearly 10-months to have an 82-year-old Army veteran named Ellis Maxfield buried at a family plot in a Manassas, Virginia cemetery.

FOX 5 has learned there are actions Prince William County can take to fix some issues the Maxfield family and others are having at the cemetery. However, the zoning work it requires has been held up due to a property ownership battle that's apparently still going through court.

David Cornwell's family hasn't gotten their money back after the Woodbine Cemetery illegally sold nearly \$50,000 worth of burial grounds.

"You know when you have the death of a loved one, it's – it's at a sad state at that time," Cornwell said. "And it seems like the preachers or the cemetery folks got you. And you want to do the best for your loved one. Just know who you're dealing with. We thought, you know, we had everything going in the right direction but unfortunately, it didn't turn out that way."

Cornwell reported this to county authorities.

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Prince William County issued violations to the cemetery property after learning that a pastor who was previously running the church and cemetery was illegally selling plots on land not zoned for a burial ground. One area was zoned for septic overflow.

It's been previously reported that the pastor faced bankruptcy and a new owner purchased the foreclosed property, but a county official tells FOX 5 the property ownership battle began around the time of the violations.



Family fights to bury loved one 10 months after death

Army veteran Ellis Maxfield died last summer after battling Leukemia. His family tells FOX 5 they've been fighting to get him buried with his mother and grandparents in a Virginia cemetery ever since.

RELATED: VA family's fight to have an Army veteran buried

"The county was diligent in issuing the violations, but then it got caught up in the courts which made it much more difficult and the court systems, especially during COVID times, were moving very, very slowly. So hopefully that will speed up here and in the near future, we'll get this resolved," said Tom Smith, Prince William County Director of Public Works. "We believe the owner has come in and started meeting with us on submitting revised plans and revised special used plans to kind of quote on quote make it right. We are still waiting for that. But some of the issues are tied up in legal issues that caused some delay in getting this worked out."

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Prince William County Public Works Director Tom Smith told FOX 5 no official plans have been submitted by the current owner yet. However, once proper ownership is determined, the county can move forward to address the cemetery's zoning issues, which could potentially open more land to families currently fighting for their space at the cemetery.

Smith mentioned one possibility for the current owner would be to hook up the property to water and sewer so that the area zoned for septic overflow could actually be approved for cemetery land.

There is a lot more going on behind the scenes. FOX 5 found an assault charge online against the current owner that appears to have been filed last year by the pastor accused of illegally selling land. Court records show the charge was dropped.

David Cornwell hopes the county would form some kind of cemetery oversight board because of everything going on at Woodbine.

Transportation
March 24, 2022

Metro announces delays for Silver Line and 7000-series trains

By **David Kaplan**

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Metro announces delays for Silver Line and 7000-series trains

Phase two of the Silver Line will not move forward as planned this summer, and there are hold-ups with the 7000-series trains.

WASHINGTON - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) announced two big delays Thursday morning during a rail service restoration plan briefing.

Phase two of the Silver Line will not move forward as planned this summer, and there are hold-ups with the 7000-series trains.



As leaders press for a return to normal -- back to the office, back to restaurants, museums, wanting to lower traffic congestion -- the announcement by Metro CEO Paul Wiedefeld has impacts beyond trains on tracks.

RELATED: Metro to increase service, discounted fares as more rail cars return

The 7000-series trains that were taken offline will stay offline longer than intended. WMATA hopes that they'll be phased back in over the course of the summer.


Metro said today they still haven't identified a uniform fix to the root cause of the issue that took them off the tracks.




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Replying to @wmata

Over the last two weeks, we have seen ridership pick up, and are encouraged by the emerging trend. On the return of 7Ks -- TTCI continues to lead the independent root cause investigation in support of NTSB and Metro.

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As the cause appears to be a combination of factors, we do not expect a near term solution. That's why we have also used our 90-day pause to develop a three-step process to improve the frequency, capacity, and reliability of Metrorail service.

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In the meantime, they'll phase more 6000-series trains back in for metro riders. Wiedefeld said the plan also includes installing digital sensors on some 7000-series trains and getting that approved by the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission.

Wiedefeld told FOX 5 safety is more of a concern than sticking to timelines.

"We have, and will continue to put service out there when it's safe," he said. "And if it's not, we're not going to try to force things that just aren't ready. I understand that's very frustrating for customers, with a large headway, but we're doing that from a safety perspective."

WMATA facing congressional backlash after Blue Line derailment

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Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents D.C. in the House, is calling for a hearing into WMATA's handling of the failures identified on the 7000-series train cars.

Metro officials hoped the Silver Line extension, which will take passengers to Dulles Airport and beyond, would be operational by July 1.

Today, WMATA said that won't happen since safety upgrades still need to be installed, and the airport authority needs to complete things on its end with occupancy permitting.

Wiedefeld previously set a target date of June 30, but as of now, there is no set timeframe for when the Silver Line extension will open.

Education

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Frederick Co. middle schoolers face hate crime charges

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3 students charged with hate crime after social media posts

Three eighth grade students are facing hate crimes charges after investigators say they posted online threats targeting Black students.

FREDERICK COUNTY, Md. - Three eighth grade students are facing hate crimes charges after investigators say they posted online threats targeting Black students. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office says they have four photos where the boys, who are White, are posing with weapons.

One of the photos is captioned, 'Slaves ran away.' Investigators say the three other photos have the same caption, 'We finna shoot some more n---s,' using a racial slur. The boys are holding guns in the pictures.

At a press conference Thursday, investigators said two of the guns were BB or Airsoft guns, but one was real. They said in addition to the hate crimes charge, one student is facing a charge of possession of a firearm by a minor.

Sheriff's Lt. Jason Deater said investigators determined parents are not liable for the child obtaining the weapon but didn't elaborate on why.

Deater said the photos were first shared on Snapchat a month or two ago, but for some reason, they were shared again in a group chat among students Wednesday morning at Middletown Middle School.

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Staff became aware and Deater said one of the students was immediately pulled from class to determine if there was an active threat.

Yanira Gordon, PTSA President at Middletown Middle, said this is behavior that's been building up over the school year. Her child is in eighth grade.

"It's very commonplace for them to communicate with each other using slurs and terrible terms in person and on social media," said Gordon. "I think it culminated in the images we saw yesterday that just shocked everyone."



Gordon is planning a community rally at the school at 7:15 a.m. Thursday, she says to take back the town and condemn racism, bullying, and violence.

Frederick County Sheriff Chuck Jenkins said he and his staff will attend the rally.

Deater said it doesn't appear the three boys were targeting specific students, and it's still under investigation what led up to this.

"That's something we're actively looking at, whether there was any kind of incident that sparked these photographs and these hateful messages and stuff," Deater said. "So we are actively looking at that right now. We don't have anything that leads us to why this was done."

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Frederick County Public Schools Spokesman Dr. Eric Louérs-Phillips said what happened caused people at the school to feel unsafe.

"Every Black child was targeted, every Black community member was targeted by the posting of those messages," said Louérs-Phillips.

He said for now the three boys are not allowed at school and disciplinary action will be decided at the end of the investigation.

The sheriff's office said the investigation could last another week or two as they interview students who saw or were sent the photos.

The students are being charged as juveniles and have been released to their parents, according to officials.

Environment
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DC plunges back into winter: How long will it last?

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WASHINGTON - It seems to be opposite year, as March decided to come in like a lamb, but go out like a lion. After a weekend that featured snow showers and graupel storms, many across our region woke up to widespread 20s with wind chills dipping into the teens.

Children
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DC firefighters rescue 2 children, 1 infant from burning apartment in Southeast

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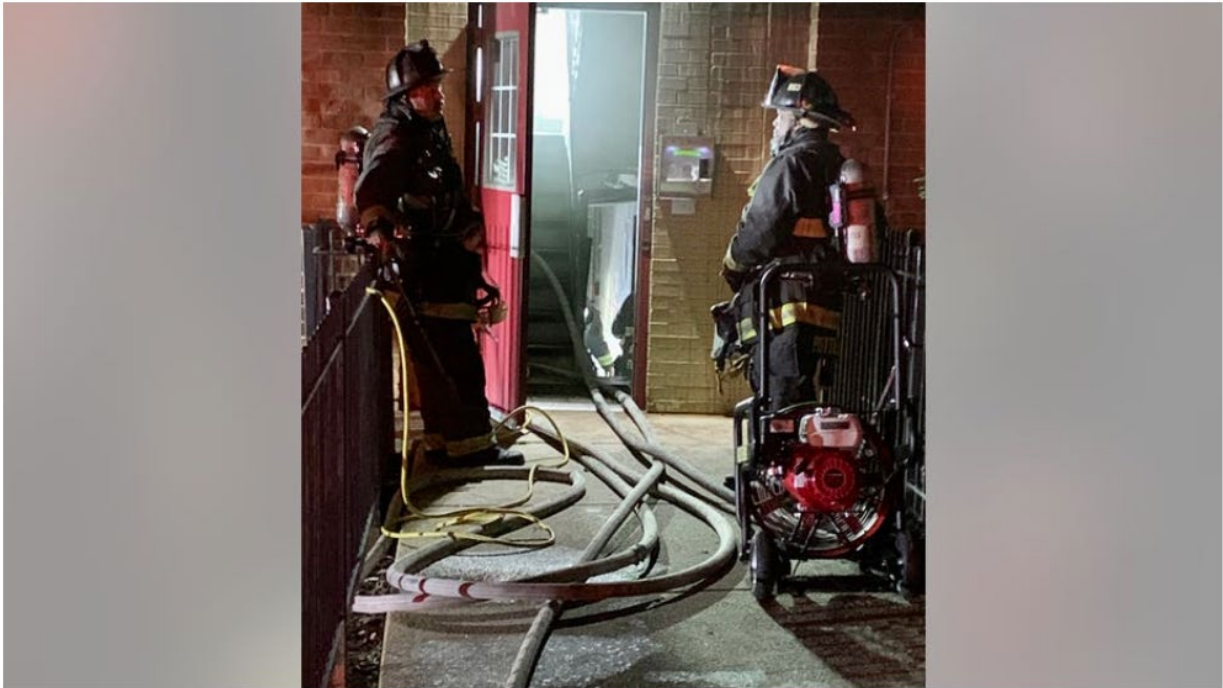
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WASHINGTON - DC Fire and EMS rescued a total of five people, including one infant, from a burning apartment building Monday in Southeast.



Officials say upon arriving in the 3600 block of 6th Street Southeast, firefighters noticed the fire blazing on the first floor and tenants trapped above. They were cut off by heavy heat and smoke in the hallways.



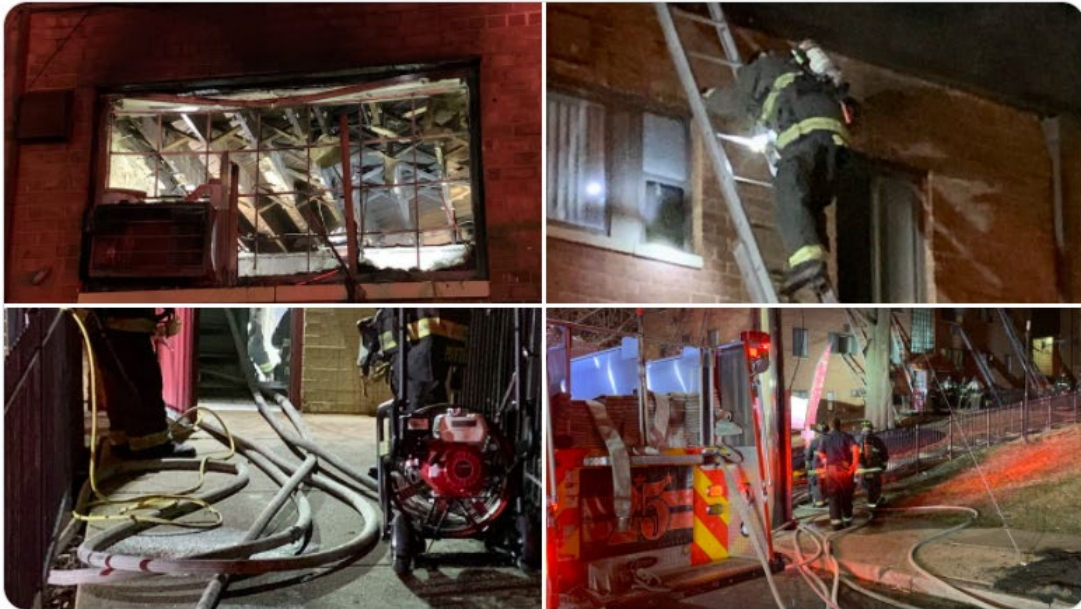


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Update Working Fire 3600 block 6th St SE. #DCsBravest rescued 2 adults, 2 children & 1 infant via portable ladders. They were cut off by heavy heat & smoke in hallways. 1 resident jumped & will be transported with non life threatening injury. Fire under control.



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Using 14 portable ladders propped against all four sides of the building, firefighters climbed up to help two adults, two children, and one infant escape the building. One resident jumped out of their window. Officials say the tenant has been transported to a local hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.



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Crew of [#DCsBravest](#) Truck 8 describe their rescue efforts on 6th St. SE. From left to right: Firefighter Renarday Hughes, Sergeant Jadonna Sanders, Lieutenant Timothy Bolding, and Probationary Firefighter Jason Harris.



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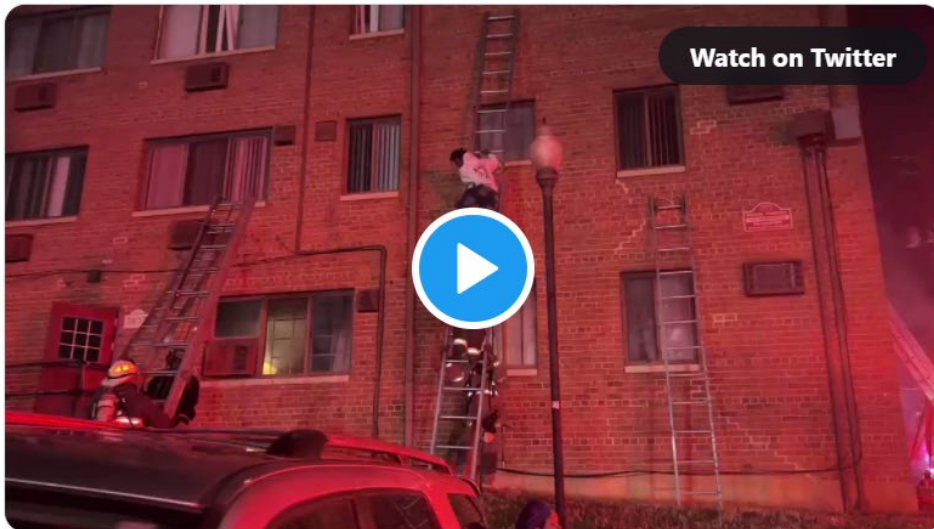
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Working Fire 3600 block 6th St SE. #DCsBravest arrived with fire showing 1st floor and people trapped above. Rescues were made by ladder. Fire knocked down. Checking for extension. At least 1 injury being treated by EMS.



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DC Fire and EMS tweeted that the fire is under control just around 8:40 p.m.