



### **Religious Programming**

**Joel Osteen** – *Sunday 10:00AM and Saturday 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.

**Peter Popoff Ministries**- *Tuesday and Thursday 1:30AM*

Although the means are different, today the ministry goal is the same: "To Minister the Good News of the Gospel around the world, to use every means possible to proclaim to the world that Jesus is Savior, Baptizer, Healer and soon-coming King. To inspire faith and love into action..." This is accomplished using several mediums of media including the Internet and Television. Peter and his family are in Crusades around the globe nearly every month and spends hours in prayer and meditation over the requests that come into this ministry. He strongly believes in prayer, healing, deliverance, prosperity, and communicating God's love for the broken hearted. He proclaims that, "God is touching hurting people around the world, and now he wants to touch you with his miracle working power." Thousands of testimonies come in each month telling how God is touching people and working in their lives. God is amazing and Peter Popoff Ministries is a vessel that is used to show God's transforming miracle-working power!

**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.

**The Carter Report**- *Saturday 6:30am*

The Carter Report believes that the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus will do more good than all the clever speeches of politicians, and the pious deliberations of church leaders. We have seen thousands, yes, even millions of lost men and women blessed, liberated, uplifted, and enriched through the proclamation of the great Truths of the Bible. We are convinced that the only real solution to the problems confronting humanity is the person of Jesus. Not more religion, not more church councils, not more programs, not more slogans, not more seminars, not more propaganda but the preaching of the good news of Jesus.



## BUZZR E/I Programming Descriptions

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### 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	<i>Mystery Hunters</i> explores some of the world's greatest myths and mysteries. Combining on-site reporting and exciting adventures, the <i>Mystery Hunters</i> 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 <i>Parents' Choice Award</i> , <i>Mystery Hunters</i> .	TV-G	K13-16	E/I
SAVED BY THE BELL	<i>Saved By The Bell</i> 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 featuring FOX5 Political Reporters Tom Fitzgerald & Ronica Cleary, along with The Hill's Editor in Chief Bob Cusack as hosts. 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 2018:

- Sunday, January 7
- Sunday, January 14
- Sunday, January 21
- Sunday, January 28
- Sunday, February 4
- Sunday, February 11
- Sunday, February 18
- Sunday, February 25
- Sunday, March 4
- Sunday, March 11
- Sunday, March 18
- Sunday, March 25

# **1st Quarter 2018 FOX News Sunday Quarterly Report**

January 7, 2018—March 25, 2018

## **January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Iran/North Korea/"Fire and Fury"**

Mike Pompeo, CIA Director

**"Fire and Fury"/Trump's Fitness as POTUS**

Corey Lewandowski, Former Trump Campaign Manager

## **January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Reaching DACA Deal**

Kirstjen Nielsen, Secretary of Homeland Security

**Reaching DACA Deal**

Xavier Becerra, California Attorney General

## **January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Government Shutdown**

Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

**Government Shutdown**

Chris Coons (D), Delaware Senator

## **January 28<sup>st</sup>**

**Davos Trip Review/SOTU Preview**

Marc Short, White House Director of Legislative Affairs

**Trump-Mueller Interview/Nunes' Memo/FBI Agent Text Messages**

Rep. Trey Gowdy (R-SC), House Oversight Committee Chairman/House Intelligence Committee Member

## **February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Nunes' FBI Memo/Russia Probe**

Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT) and Rep. Eric Swalwell (D-CA), House Intelligence Committee Members

**Nunes' FBI Memo/Russia Probe**

Leon Panetta, Former CIA Director/Former Secretary of Defense

## **February 11<sup>th</sup>**

**WH Staff Shakeup/Trump's Spending Bill**

Mick Mulvaney, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

**Spending Bill/National Debt/GOP and Dem Memos**

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), House Freedom Caucus

## **February 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Florida School Shooting/Gun Control**  
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Students  
**Florida School Shooting/Gun Control**  
Rush Limbaugh, Host, "The Rush Limbaugh Show"  
**Florida School Shooting/Gun Control**  
Mark Kelly, Co-founder, Giffords

### **February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Florida School Shooting/Gun Control**  
Rick Scott (R), Florida Governor  
**Florida School Shooting/Gun Control**  
Andrew Pollack, Father of Victim Meadow Pollack  
Delaney Tarr, MSD High School Senior  
**Democratic Memo/Russia Probe**  
Rep Jim Himes (D-CT), Intelligence Committee

### **March 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Trump's Trade Agenda**  
Peter Navarro, WH Trade Adviser  
**Trump's Trade Agenda**  
Josh Bolten, Business Roundtable CEO & President

### **March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**North Korea/Russia**  
Mike Pompeo, CIA Director  
**Banking Bill/2020**  
Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Senate Armed Services/Senate Banking Committee

### **March 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Mueller Investigation/Russia**  
Trey Gowdy, House Oversight Committee Chair/House Intelligence Committee  
**Mueller Investigation/Russia/Gun Control**  
Dick Durbin (D-IL), Senate Minority Whip

### **March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Gun Control/March For Our Lives**  
Cameron Kasky, March for Our Lives Organizer/Marjory Stoneman Douglas Student  
Delaney Tarr, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Student  
**Economy/Tariffs**  
Steven Mnuchin, Treasury Secretary



## *WTTG/Channel 5*

### **Program Information Report**

Fox 5 Morning News at 4:25am – A Monday through Friday news program that airs from 4:25-5:00am 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 5:00-9:00am 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 5:00-6:00pm 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 6:00-6:30pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

5@6:30- A Monday through Friday rundown news program that airs from 6:30-7:00pm and covers news headlines, sports, weather and local news.

Fox 5 News at Ten – 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 Edge at Eleven – A daily news program that airs from 11:00-11:30pm featuring local news, weather and sports.

The Final Five – A Monday through Friday news program that airs 11:30pm-12:00am delivered by news anchor, Jim Lokay, that has a focus on politics and local/national headlines.

### 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

# **SAMPLE OF ISSUE RESPONSIVE NEWS PROGRAMMING**

First Quarter 2018

*CRIME*

*FEBRUARY 2018*

## **Prince George's County officer shot, killed while protecting woman threatened in a domestic dispute**

*By: fox5dc staff*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/prince-georges-county-police-respond-to-shooting-in-brandywine>*

**BRANDYWINE, Md.** - A Prince George's County police officer was shot and killed in Brandywine on Wednesday, authorities have confirmed.

The Prince George's County Police Department confirmed one of its officers was killed, stating the officer was "shot while stepping in to protect a woman threatened in a domestic situation."

Authorities later identified the officer as 51-year-old Cpl. Mujahid Ramzziddin, a 14-year veteran of their force and a father of four children. He served in PGPD's Special Operations Division's Harbor Unit.

Police say Cpl. Ramzziddin, who was off-duty and was in plain clothes, spoke to a neighbor who requested his help for a situation with her estranged husband outside of her home on Chadsey Lane.

According Prince George's County Police Chief Hank Stawinski, Cpl. Ramzziddin spoke to his neighbor on Tuesday, who had some concerns about her estranged husband. On Wednesday morning, Chief Stawinski said the officer saw his neighbor outside and spoke to her asking her if she needed help again. Two other people were at the home at the time of the situation, according to Chief Stawinski.

He said the officer and the neighbor were outside when they were reportedly approached by the suspect, who fired at the officer with a shotgun.

Chief Stawinski says based on a video he saw, Tyndall fired on five times. "Our officer, I want to be very clear about this, was grievously wounded and lost his life in this confrontation."

Officials identified the suspect as 37-year-old Glenn Tyndell and said he had three open warrants for his arrest for assault.



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Police say Tyndell took the officer's gun and then led police on a chase that concluded in the area of Route 210 and Old Fort Road. Officers followed the suspect in his SUV, until he fled on foot on Indian Head Highway near Old Fort Road.

Police say there was an exchange of gunfire, which lead to Tyndell being shot and killed by officers.

The Prince George's County Police Department said Route 210 at Palmer Road was closed in both directions due to their investigation and urged drivers to avoid the area. It was opened again just before for 9 p.m. Wednesday night.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives tweeted that special agents from its Hyattsville field office were at the scene and assisting Prince George's County police.

"Corporal Ramzziddin -- hero, mentor, father, son, husband. By all account, this man was doing everything in life right," said John Telectchea, President of the Prince George's County Fraternal Order of Police.

Ramzziddin's neighbor, Earline Harris is a retired officer herself, and she said she spoke with one his sons.

"Hopefully [the son] will be guided and supported with all the police's love and support," she said to FOX 5's Lauren DeMarco.

"It takes a special kind of person to do police work, it really does. And his heart was in the right place -- his heart and his mind was in the right place. My heart goes out to him and his family because he was doing what God called him to do and that's what he wanted to do and he did it well."

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan directed flags around the state to fly at half-staff and released the following statement:

"The murder of Prince George's County police officer Corporal Mujahid Ramzziddin in the line of duty today is an unspeakable tragedy. The First Lady and I are praying for his family, loved ones, and the department during this difficult time. Corporal Ramzziddin was a military veteran and a distinguished law enforcement officer who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of his neighbors and community. His memory and service will never be forgotten. I have extended my full support to County Executive Rushern Baker, Police Chief Hank Stawinski, and all of the dedicated men and women of the Prince George's County Police Department as they mourn their fallen fellow officer. The state is standing by to offer any assistance needed to Prince George's County as they investigate this terrible and senseless crime."

Police say Cpl. Ramzziddin had assignments with PGPD Districts III and IV, the WAVE Unit, as well as the Gang Unit, before taking his final assignment with the Harbor Unit.

The Imam at Nation's Mosque says a funeral for Cpl. Ramziddin will be on Friday at the Diyanet Center of America in Lanham, Md. Time is to be determined.

## *LOCAL POLITICS*

### *FEBRUARY 2018*

## **Federal workers rally against Trump's proposal to change how employees receive pay raises**

*By: Tom Fitzgerald*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/federal-workers-rally-against-trumps-proposal-to-change-how-employees-receive-pay-raises>*

**WASHINGTON** - Some of the largest federal worker unions say they will fight President Donald Trump's efforts to reform the federal workforce. During a massive rally on Capitol Hill Wednesday, government workers demanded a raise and said Trump's budget proposal demonizes them.

This is partially about pay and partially about politics. Democrats have long enjoyed support and financial backing of government unions. While Democrats have pledged to fight for a pay raise for government workers, the unions in turn say they will back Democrats in the 2018 midterm elections

The Trump administration wants to end automatic pay raises and make it a merit-based system. They also want to make it easier to get rid of bad workers and make it easier to reward good workers.

But many Democrats have rejected those reforms and they view this as an attack on the federal workforce.

"They don't want to know how government affects people so they take it out on you and say, 'Well, we don't need so many public employees and they don't need to be paid,'" said Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif, at the rally.

"Dignity and due process. That is what is being damaged by that orange-haired guy in the White House and his enablers, rationalizers and equivocators on the Republican side of the aisle here in the Congress," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va.

The fact that President Trump wants to put underperforming federal government workers on notice should come as no surprise to anyone who followed his presidential campaign as he repeatedly promised to "drain the swamp" and bring into the federal workforce the merit-based pay raises that are common in the private workforce.

While the union leaders rallied with Democrats on Wednesday, analysts say employee surveys show some of the biggest complaints about the current system of pay raises and promotions comes from federal workers themselves.

"Federal employees themselves will tell you in surveys that they see it is not about who performs and too many individuals are kept on the roles that should let go, and that destroys morale among high performers when they see others getting paid, but not doing their job," said Romina Boccia of the Heritage Foundation.

During his term, President Barack Obama froze the federal pay rate for several years.

Unions say they now want 3 percent pay raise for federal workers. That is in line with many private companies who are forecasting 3 percent increases this year. But supporters of Trump say under his plan, federal workers could make even more by getting merit-based raises.

## *NATIONAL POLITICS*

*MARCH 2018*

### **March for Our Lives: 500K protesters vow to 'vote them out' in Washington**

*By: fox5dc.com staff*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/march-for-our-lives-500k-protesters-prepare-to-descend-on-washington>*

**WASHINGTON** - A sea of youth took over the streets of Washington D.C. as hundreds of thousands of activists chanted "WE WANT CHANGE" during the March for Our Lives, hoping to send a direct message to Congress and the nation.

Holding signs that read "Never Again," "We Demand Change" and "Enough Is Enough," protesters marched along Pennsylvania Avenue toward the March For Our Lives main stage as the U.S. Capitol sat in the background. According to Metro officials, more than 550,000 trips had been taken on Metrorail Saturday. Many activists arrived via buses, ride-sharing services and by carpooling.

Survivors of the school mass shooting in Florida and those impacted by gun violence joined forces with celebrities to demand action from Congress.

Welcome to the revolution," said Cameron Kasky, a survivor of the mass shooting at Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida. "It is a powerful and peaceful one because it is of, by and for the young people of this country."

"Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job," said Emma Gonzalez, another survivor of the Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School shooting. Gonzalez held an emotional moment of silence for the 17 victims of the shooting, which was the deadliest school mass shooting in U.S. history.

While most of the students from Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School are not old enough to vote, drink alcohol or even rent a car, they've captured the attention of the nation and were able to mobilize the massive demonstration in less than two months following the massacre.

The demonstration on Saturday featured several powerful speeches from students across the nation. One of those students, 11-year-old Naomi Wadler of Alexandria, Virginia, electrified the crowd as she denounced gun violence.

"I am here to acknowledge the African-American girls whose stories don't make the front page of every national newspaper," said Naomi as the crowd roared. "These stories don't lead on the evening news. I represent the African-American women who are victims of gun violence, who are simply statistics instead of vibrant beautiful girls full of potential."

The 11-year-old, who attends George Mason Elementary School, began to trend on Twitter as her speech went viral.

Yolanda Renee King, the 9-year-old granddaughter of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. also addressed the masses.

"My grandfather had a dream that his four little children will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character," said Yolanda Renee King. "I have a dream that enough is enough and that this should be a gun-free world. Period!"

Another emotional testimony came from 16-year-old Zion Kelly, the twin brother of Zaire Kelly. Zaire was gunned down while he attempted to defend himself during a robbery in Washington, according to officials. The 16-year-old was described as a scholar, athlete, friend and beloved classmate at Thurgood Marshall Academy, where he had just entered his senior year and was the team captain on the track team. His friends said he was looking to attend Florida A&M University after he graduated.

"We went to the same school and shared the same friends. We even shared the same room," Zion said to the crowd. The teenager spoke of sending the last text messages with his brother while he walked home. "Can you imagine how it would be to lose someone that close to you? Sadly, too many of my friends and peers can. This school year alone, my school lost two students to gun violence."

"He was a person. A leader. An inspirer, not just another statistic," Zion continued. "Just like all of you, I've had enough."

Zion announced his family was proposing the Zaire Kelly School Zone Amendments Act, which would create safe passage zones for students to and from school and expand the definition of "student" in the District to further protect students and ensure their safety.

As story after story resonated with the scores of youth in attendance, the crowd chanted "VOTE THEM OUT" multiple times as the attention was turned toward forcing action on gun violence from Congress.

"We stand at a moment where our nation's laws are not guided by what is right or wrong, what is morally sound by the many, but instead is limited by the insatiable greed of a few," said Matt Post, a student of Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring, Maryland. "We know that to only focus on school safety, instead of American safety, is to dismiss the thousands of tragedies in between the massacres."

"It ignores the people, disproportionately people of color, who die by bullet without even making a headline," Post continued. "It's not difficult to diagnose the moral health problem of this country. Our nation's politics are sick with soullessness, but make no mistake, we are the cure."

The movement has already led to a sweeping gun bill in Florida being passed and has even the most seasoned of politicians taking note. The students said they have one ultimate goal: to harness the support into actual voters, with their sights set on November's midterms.

Following the outcry after the shooting, support and donations poured in from several organizations and some of Hollywood's most powerful names. The grass-roots movement raised more than \$4 million, receiving major donations from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, George and Amal Clooney and Steven Spielberg.

Several superstar celebrities took the stage to perform during the event, including Jennifer Hudson, Ariana Grande, Demi Lovato, Common, Vic Mensa, Andra Day, Miley Cyrus, Lin Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt.

As D.C.'s rally featured a star-studded list of names, more than 800 sister marches took place across the U.S. and globe. Organizers said they had expected more than 1 million to collectively participate in the protests.

While hundreds of students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School were in the District for the March For Our Lives, many students from the school remained in Parkland, Florida for a sister march there. More than 20,000 demonstrators participated in the rally in Parkland.

Protesters at the Florida rally took aim at the National Rifle Association, handing out shirts that said, "Let's finally break their hold!" and "Keep our kids safe, common sense gun laws" on the back. The shirt featured a strike-through of the NRA and a strike-through of an image of an assault rifle.

Officials had expected the protest in D.C. to rival that of the Women's March on Washington in 2017, which saw an estimated 500,000 demonstrators march in the nation's capital in response to the election of President Donald Trump. The president left Washington on Friday and was at Mar-a-Lago during the March For Our Lives.

A national school walkout held by the organizers on March 14 saw an estimated 1 million students storm out of their classrooms in protest of gun violence.

Historians said the demonstrations were shaping up to be one of the largest youth protests in decades. The student protesters have dismissed criticisms that they don't have the credentials to change laws, noting that, historically, many political movements have been sparked by youth.

"Historically youth have led all the major movements in America, whether it was the civil rights movements, whether it was the movement against the Vietnam war," explained 17-year-old Winter Minisee from New York, who helped spearhead the student walkouts.

*COMMUNITY*  
*FEBRUARY 2018*

**Pay It Forward: Volunteers' mission to feed Montgomery Co. kids**

*By: fox5dc staff*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/pav-it-forward/pav-it-forward-mission-to-feed-montgomery-co-kids>*

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY, Md.** - A dedicated group of Maryland volunteers have set out on a very important mission: to feed Montgomery County children who don't have enough to eat. Our friends at Easterns Automotive Group stepped up to help them keep making a difference.

For many kids, Fridays signal fun—but for some, they mean a weekend without food.

There are currently 63,800 food insecure residents living in Montgomery County, and just over half of them are school-aged children.

Kathleen Sierra and her family moved to Montgomery County nearly two years ago. She says since then, her family has struggled to make ends meet.

Sierra and her family of four have seen their expenses triple since they left Prince George's County. With three times the expenses and only \$63 each month from Social Services to help buy groceries, the Sierras find themselves constantly behind the eight ball.

The Sierras are one of many families at Highland Elementary who receive free or reduced lunch, but when they walk out of the school doors, a lot of children go to homes where there just isn't enough food to go around.

Volunteers working in a local program started by county resident Jeremy Lichtenstein are looking to change all that. The program is called Kids in Need Distributors (KIND).

Lichtenstein started KIND after hearing stories of kids going an entire weekend and only eating a bag of chips, or sometimes nothing at all. He thought that was intolerable—and his volunteers agreed.

“We were shocked,” said Steve Schultz, a volunteer who has known Lichtenstein for years. “He had no idea when he first found it out that there were so many kids that needed the food.”

Every six weeks, an army of volunteers picks up food from the Wheaton Costco and delivers it to 25 different schools.

“We are fortunate enough and blessed that we could be able to help out,” said Vic Manlapaz, another volunteer.

“It’s all hands on deck when it comes to Montgomery County,” said Kayla Belcher.

The food is bagged up and slipped into students’ backpacks on Friday afternoons.

Kelilah Armstrong is the Community School Coordinator for the program. She says the food deliveries from KIND make a big impact.

“You can’t learn when you’re hungry,” Armstrong pointed out. “Once a month, they come in and deliver food. We pack it in bags, and then we send it home and then boom-- we’ve got better test scores.”

They also have a stronger community, and it started with just one person inspiring others.

“Mother Theresa said if you can’t feed 100, just feed one,” said Majaida Zoine.

That one turned into 250,000 meals for 1,700 kids last year, and it keeps growing.

While they can use more volunteers from time to time, most of all, Lichtenstein says the group needs money to buy food-- and that’s where our friends from Easterns Automotive Group stepped in. Easterns’ Joel Bassom joined us on Good Day DC to feed the KIND volunteers, and give them gas cards to help with the cost of their travel. Easterns also donated \$1,000 to help KIND keep doing what they’re doing, and they even brought them some very cool t-shirts to help represent their mission!

## *HEALTH*

### *MARCH 2018*

## **Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan testifies at Senate committee hearing on opioid crisis**

*By: Tom Fitzgerald*

*Link: <http://www.fox5dc.com/news/local-news/maryland-gov-larry-hogan-testifies-at-senate-committee-hearing-on-opioid-crisis>*

**WASHINGTON** - It was a very emotional hearing on the opioid crisis on Capitol Hill as Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan called on the federal government to do more to work with state and local communities to stop the epidemic of overdose deaths.

Hogan testified overdose deaths from fentanyl are up a staggering 70 percent in Maryland. While the state is working to stop doctors overprescribing opioids, the governor shared how during his own cancer treatment, several of his own doctors issued several prescriptions for opioids to him.

"I went through 18 months of battling cancer in my first two years as governor, four or five surgeries, and I know at one time three different doctors within a matter of weeks prescribed me 30-day supplies of three different opioids," Hogan said in front of the Senate's Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions. "That can't happen anymore in our state."

Gov. Hogan revealed that 2,000 people died of opioid overdoses in Maryland last year, which is more than those killed by guns or car crashes combined.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown also shared how drug abuse has affected her own family.

"My stepchild started abusing drugs in high school," she said. "My husband Dan and I watched him change and felt powerless to do anything about it. Eventually a teacher caught him using at school. Instead of kicking him out, she called us."

While senators have approved \$6 billion to fight opioid abuse, Hogan said that is just is a drop in a bucket when Maryland alone is already spending half a billion dollars and counting.

What is also clear is that opioid abuse and opioid deaths have become a common denominator across all 50 states. Things got personal when Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., talked about the death of his own grandson. Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-La., struggled to get through a letter from the father of an opioid victim.

"I lost my oldest grandchild to an overdose the day before he was to receive his summa cum laude diploma from Georgia Southern University in mathematics and it was a one-time occurrence," said Isakson.

"I actually have a question from a father whose son who died, and as I read his testimony, it's very moving so excuse me as I feel his pain," said an emotional Cassidy. "He says if your son is 17 years old, the treatment options are limited."

Last year, Maryland became the first state in the nation to declare a full-scale state of emergency in response to the heroin, opioid and fentanyl crisis.

Nationally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is still compiling the numbers for 2017, but there were roughly 62,000 overdose deaths in the U.S. last year. That is more than the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam War.



## *HOUSING*

### *FEBRUARY 2018*

#### **After deadly fire, Bethesda home containing underground tunnels will be torn down**

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**BETHESDA, Md.** - The father of a man found dead after a mysterious house fire in Bethesda made an unexpected appearance at a neighborhood meeting Wednesday.

Dia Khafra stood to speak after police and fire investigators told the crowd they still don't know what caused the fire, what killed 21-year-old Askia Khafra and the purpose of the network of tunnels found underneath the home on Danbury Road.

Investigators tried to assure worried neighbors that the home is not an imminent danger, but Khafra, whose son was working at the home when he died, felt otherwise.

"It was my son that was burned to death at that home," he told the crowd. "I'm very emotional because some of the things you all are presenting, to me, has been sanitized."

He went on to say he came to the meeting to let people know how dangerous the house is.

"This thing is far more extensive and complicated than people here believe," he said.

Khafra said before his son died, he had told his girlfriend about tunnels that were 100 feet long, 15 feet below ground level, and special rooms he wasn't allowed into.

Fire officials admitted they have not fully explored the tunnels because they are unsafe -- saying in some places, there is only space to crawl through.

Police say they have asked the man living in the house, Daniel Beckwitt, why he dug them, but apparently they have not gotten clear answers from him. Police also say at this point, there is no evidence any crime was committed.

The home will now be torn down, but the exact timeline on the process is unknown. Beckwitt and his family initially appealed the teardown, but have since rescinded it.

Investigators say they have secured the tunnels and now have to go through the legal process of razing the home.

## *TRANSPORTATION*

### *FEBRUARY 2018*

#### **How to get a pothole filled and how to file a claim if your car is damaged in DC, Md. and Va.**

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**WASHINGTON** - We all know the feeling – cruising along on a beautiful almost spring day when your car is nearly sidelined by a monster pothole.

If it feels like there are more on the roads lately, it is because there are. The roller coaster weather has unleashed a rash of potholes earlier than normal, according to AAA.

The precipitation the D.C. region has received seeps into the asphalt. When it refreezes, it expands and buckles the asphalt, leaving that spot thin and vulnerable. Get enough cars driving over it and a pothole is born.

They are the tire-poppers, the suspension-shakers, the coffee-spilling craters that are a nuisance at best and cost a small fortune in car repairs at worst.

“About two weeks ago, I got flat tire because I hit a pothole,” explained Paul Starke, who has lived in D.C. for 20 years. “I have seen them like this big [two feet] and this deep [one foot].”

“They are always throwing my car out of alignment,” added Barbara Gunning, another D.C. resident. “Just today, I went down Nebraska Avenue and it’s solid from Wisconsin to New Mexico. It’s deplorable.”

“Sometimes it’s like navigating a little war zone,” said John Corn, who moved to the nation’s capital from Florida in 2007. “If you don’t pay attention, you hit a pothole, all the sudden you’re like ‘Boom!’ And you are like, ‘What just hit my car?’ And you realize it was just a D.C. pothole.”

Every year, tens of thousands of potholes are reported in D.C., Maryland and Virginia.

“It’s too overwhelming of a problem,” said Gunning. “You can’t just do a little single pothole.”

Enter Potholepalooza. It is D.C.'s answer to that very problem. Every spring, the city's extra push wipes out thousands of potholes. Last year's Potholepalooza resulted in 22,000 filled holes. In 2016, the city filled 75,000.

But somehow, the menacing dips only seem to multiply. What is a driver to do?

In the District of Columbia, you can call 311, report it online at [311.dc.gov](http://311.dc.gov) or tweet the picture and location of the pothole to [@DDOTDC](https://twitter.com/DDOTDC). The city gives itself 72 hours to fill it.

In Maryland, call 311 in your county or submit a request through your county's website.

In Virginia, report potholes to the [Virginia Department of Transportation](http://www.virginiadot.org).

According to AAA, reimbursements for damage to your car are difficult and slow to get, but possible.

In DC, motorists need to file with the Office of Risk Management:  
[orm.dc.gov](http://orm.dc.gov)

In Maryland, claims go through the Maryland State Treasurer:  
[www.treasurer.state.md.us/insurance/insurance-faqs.aspx](http://www.treasurer.state.md.us/insurance/insurance-faqs.aspx)

In Virginia, VDOT handles all claims directly: <http://www.virginiadot.org/info/faq-potholes.asp>

## *EDUCATION*

### *MARCH 2018*

## **Only 42 percent of DC Public Schools students on track to graduate this year, report says**

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**WASHINGTON** - A new mid-year report released by D.C. Public Schools says only 42 percent of high school seniors are on track to graduate at the end of this school year.

The report details how the city's 3,962 senior students are faring and breaks down the data by each individual high school. Also included in the report is an update on the attendance of these students.

It shows 357 registered senior students have at least 30 unexcused absences in at least one course so far this school year and 680 students have at least 10 unexcused absences.

This new information was released before an education oversight committee hearing was held Thursday where new interim D.C. Public Schools Chancellor Dr. Amanda Alexander testified.

She said her number one priority is addressing absenteeism. However, she stated it can't be fixed by D.C. Public Schools alone.

“Attendance is just not about attendance. It's about transportation issues, housing issues and economic instability that causes families to shuffle and not be able to get their kids to school on time,” Alexander said. “There is a need for other agencies to join us in this fight to get kids to school on time.”

While 42 percent of students are on track to graduate, the mid-year report also points out that the school district expects the number to rise as students are able to pass their current courses, complete credit recovery courses or go to summer school.

The school system's graduation rate has been under heightened scrutiny after an independent audit of D.C. Public Schools revealed 34 percent of students who graduated last year failed to meet graduation policies. This investigation was sparked by a report that claimed most of the 2017 graduating class at Ballou High School may have lacked the requirements to graduate, mainly due to poor attendance records.

An audit performed by the Office of the State Superintendent of Education found teachers at Ballou were pressured by the principal and assistant principals to pass students who had not mastered the material and had excessive absences.

## *ENVIRONMENT*

### *FEBRUARY 2018*

#### **Prince George's County family looking for answers month after home wrongly pumped with fuel oil**

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**ACCOKEEK, Md.** - A heating oil company's mistake left a Maryland family homeless, after delivering 100 gallons of fuel to the wrong house.

Price Oil Company pumped fuel oil into a non-functioning pipe in their Accokeek, Md. home and it spilled all over the Prince George's County family's basement.

Nearly a month later, the family is still living out of a hotel room with their two children. And the company that's responsible, isn't helping. Outside of the Calhoun family's home sits five barrels of fuel oil and their furniture just sitting in their backyard.

It will be a month on February 10 since the family came home to their basement flooded with fuel oil.

"Not having a place to live at all. Most of their worldly possessions are destroyed or polluted, is something that's taken a toll on the family and the main thing really is the property damage," says Attorney Alan Mesh, with Ashcraft and Gerel.

As of right now, their home is not liveable, and it's because of local company Price Oil Company, who made a wrong oil delivery that day.

"The problem is that ACV Environmental Company need to be paid by the insurance company, and because they're not getting paid by the insurance company, they've stopped work," says Mesh

FOX 5 tried confronting CEO Mary Price for the third time about why their insurance company hasn't taken action yet.

She wasn't there, but did refer us to her attorney, and he said: "The state of Maryland has a limited number of contractors that do clean up. Price Oil is working with a contractor to clean it up They do not know how long it should take."

"Clean up could cost on tens of thousands of dollars, money which my clients don't have to spend right now. They're just trying to get by get by day by day," says Mesh.

He says the company expressed sympathy with the homeowner, but there is still much to be done.

"Nobody's doing anything, nobody's stepping up to the plate," says homeowner Stacy Calhoun.

The family feels that they have few choices left but to file a lawsuit against Price Oil in the coming weeks.

The family says because they haven't been able to heat their home, the cold weather has caused their pipes to have burst, and their home is now full of water, as well as oil.

A GoFundMe page has now been established to help support the family and help with replacing the belongings that have been destroyed, as well as the costs of their mortgage and work to get their house repaired.

## *CHILDREN*

### *MARCH 2018*

#### **6-year-old Mason, featured on 'FOX 5 DC Cares' passes away after battle with Leukemia**

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**WASHINGTON** - A very brave 6-year-old boy featured on FOX 5 has passed away after a battle with Leukemia. Mason Mazzuca passed away Friday after an over two-year battle with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia.

Mason loved Star Wars, cooking, legos, playing with his family and friends, dancing, and rooting for his favorite team, the Redskins. He is remembered for his energy and sense of humor. "He makes us laugh every day," said his dad Bob Mazzuca when he spoke to FOX 5 in 2016.

His family posted on Friday about their son's passing: "Our sweet little guy has been set free. He fought like hell but his body was just too sick. He was the strongest fighter, bravest little boy and best friend to all of us. We will spend our time finding the best ways to honor him. We know he will be watching us from above dancing to Uptown Funk free of his lines!"

Mason and his family were featured on a special FOX 5 DC Cares segment in 2016, that celebrated those fighting blood cancer and have benefited from the work done by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Mason's mom, Keli, was in attendance on Saturday night at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Ball in Washington, where Mason was honored.

Mason was also honored at the University of Maryland Men's Lacrosse game Saturday, where there was a moment of silence for Mason and then played his favorite song "Uptown Funk" by Bruno Mars.

The Mazzuca family is now raising money to give back to the fourth floor at Children's Hospital, where Mason was a patient. They have already exceeded their goal of \$20,000 and are working to do all they can to help the kids who are fighting childhood illnesses like Mason's.