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QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS REPORT

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CHILDREN AND HUMAN SERVICES

Free Meals for Kids, 7/1/14

Baltimore City officials announced efforts to feed 1.5 million free meals to hungry kids this summer. WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported from the Upton neighborhood in Baltimore on a mobile meals program working to feed young students throughout the city of Baltimore. One 14-year-old, Charles Barnes told WNEW he got a breakfast bar, milk, and oranges. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake also told WNEW listeners that there is no excuse for any child to have to worry about where their next meal comes from.

Nationals Food Bank, 7/7/14

National's players were getting underserved kids excited about healthy eating at the Capital Area Food Bank. WNEW's Violet Ikonomova talked to Nationals pitcher Craig Stammen who was helping kids like 7-year-old Alex put together a healthy dish that they could share with their families. Nancy Roman, President and CEO of Capital Area Food Bank also told WNEW listeners having Nationals players come out is a great way to get kids excited about healthy eating.

Drinking Water From The Tap D.C./Baltimore, 7/7/14

WNEW's Karen Adams reported that lawmakers want to ensure drinking water from the tap remains safe in the Baltimore/DC area. U.S. Senators Ben Cardin and Barbara Mikulski toured the Montebello Water Treatment plant Baltimore. Cardin and Mikulski told WNEW listeners the Montebello treatment plant and others in the area were old and in need of modernization. Mikulski told WNEW listeners modernizing the nation's critical infrastructure would lead to more jobs, but would likely cost about 700-billion dollars.

Sick Kids At Camp, 7/9/14

Children and adults were taken to hospitals in the region after getting sick at YMCA's Camp. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported at Camp Leets in Edgewater, Maryland where 31 children and four adults were exposed to chemicals in a swimming pool. Thompson told WNEW listeners the children got sick due to a machine failure at the pool which dumped a higher than normal amount of chlorine into the water. Thompson also spoke with Anne Arundel County Fire Department spokesperson Captain Mike Pfaltzgraff. Pfaltzgraff said direct contact with the

chemicals could have had terrible physical consequences like blisters or lesions but the children mainly suffered from nausea and vomiting.

Child Death In Camp Storm, 7/9/14

A Carroll County summer camp mourned the loss of a child after a strong storm injured a group of children. WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported more than a hundred children from 7 to 12 years old were outside seeking shelter when the storm blew through, knocked down a tree which killed a boy and injured 8 others. Camp Executive Director Jon Bisset spoke to WNEW and said he knew that it was a traumatic experience for those children, but counselors at River Valley Ranch followed the correct severe weather protocol when there was little to no warning involved in the storm.

Howard County Community Athletic Program, 7/15/14

Howard County Police Department Community Athletic Program helped kids get active for five weeks. WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported that the Community Athletic Program traveled to different sites throughout the county to get kids active and also keep them away from crime and hang activity in Howard County during the summer. Dorsey spoke with Howard County Police sergeant Tyron Greene who told WNEW listeners their main goal was to set up activities and give kids something to do especially in neighborhoods that see an increase of crime in the summer.

YOLO Walking Campaign, 9/17/14

WNEW's Violet Ikonomova reported at the launch of an anti-distracted walking campaign at Seneca Valley High School called YOLO launched after the death of a student walking to school. YOLO encourages students to keep each other accountable and not distracted when walking to school. Ikonomova spoke with Gwen Ward, whose daughter was killed on her walk to school as she crossed the street while looking down at her phone. Ward told WNEW listeners that she doesn't want another child or another family to have to go through what she went through. Senior student Bradley told WNEW listeners that seeing everyone crying is what made him realize that crossing the street un-distracted is a big deal.

Upgraded Arlington County Football Helmets, 9/17/14

WNEW's Robert Dawson reported Arlington County Schools upgraded their high school football helmets. WNEW's Robert Dawson spoke with Athletic Supervisor Deborah DeFranko who told WNEW listeners the change was prompted by a study done by Virginia Tech. The county bought over 400 new helmets which Dawson reports is enough to cover everyone on the three high school teams.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Freedom Plaza Viewing Party, 7/1/14

The U.S. Soccer team was eliminated from the 2014 FIFA World Cup, but WNEW's Brad Freitas reported many came out to the viewing party in Northwest D.C.'s Freedom Plaza. Freitas spoke with Branson from Capitol Hill who said he came out to see a win, but more importantly to cheer on his country. His friend Mike Morris made his way down from Germantown to meet him to watch the game on the jumbo screen parked on Pennsylvania Ave, and told WNEW listeners that it was not all about the outcome of the game, but the fact that everyone came together here in the District.

Soccer Buzz In The U.S., 7/2/14

WNEW's Jim MacKay reported on a recent rise in Soccer fandom in the U.S. even after the men's soccer team was eliminated from the World Cup. MacKay interviewed people around the district to see if they thought soccer was finally becoming more popular. DC area residents told WNEW they did not have time for soccer, others said they preferred different sports, but still thousands came out for soccer watch parties. One man from Nigeria told WNEW listeners with this year's record TV ratings, he thought soccer would become more popular.

Fort Reno Indie Rock Concert Saved, 7/7/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on a resolution that kept the Fort Reno Park concert series going. Curtis told WNEW listeners the concert almost never happened because the National Park Police wanted organizers to pay for park police to patrol the concert. Curtis spoke with organizer Amanda Mckye who said they had reached a resolution to allow officers with plain into the crowd. Many fans like Sasha told WNEW listeners they were glad the concert series was back since this year marked 45 years.

World Cup Germany vs. Brazil, 7/8/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on the fans that came out to watch the Germany vs. Brazil game. Curtis spoke with one German fan at Lucky Bar in DuPont Circle who said that it was a great game and he was happy his team won. Other fans rooting for Brazil told WNEW they enjoyed the game but not the way Brazil played. Despite the U.S. being eliminated many still flocked to D.C. bars to watch the World Cup games.

Caribbean Festival In Baltimore, 7/12/14

The D.C. / Baltimore Caribbean Carnival kicked off in North Baltimore. WNEW's Steve Dorsey spoke with Tangela Forachio who came all the way from Newport News Virginia to enjoy the festivities. Dorsey also spoke with Kayla Mamessy who came dressed as a Hibiscus flower. Mamessy told WNEW she loved dancing to Caribbean music and loved the culture of the Caribbean Festival.

Germany Wins The World Cup, 7/13/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on the World Cup finale at Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring, Maryland. Curtis spoke with fans of Germany and Argentina who gathered in a crowd of at least 400 people to watch the game on a Jumbotron. Victoria, a fan rooting from Germany had her team's flag around her neck and said she was excited that her team won. Gabby was another fan from Brazil who told WNEW even though she's disappointed that Brazil didn't make it to the final, she was happy Germany won.

Artscape in Baltimore, 7/21/14

Artscape, America's largest free arts festival generated 26 million dollars in extra revenue for Baltimore. WNEW's Steve Dorsey spoke with Tracy Baskerville, a spokeswoman for the Baltimore Office of Promotion & the Arts who said the nice weather helped bring in a surge of about 350,000 people over the weekend. More people visited the event this year than last year. Baskerville told WNEW listeners the event helped to give artists a chance to reach a broader audience and make money selling what they love to do.

Baltimore Book Festival, 9/23/14

The 19th annual Baltimore Book Festival was moved to a new location. WNEW's Sarah Jacob reported that more than 200 nationally renowned celebrity and regional authors would be attending for meet-and-greets. Jacobs spoke with Mitch Case with the Baltimore Office of Promotion of the Arts who told WNEW listeners that the festival would be at Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Jacobs told WNEW listeners the festival would include children's activities, music and food.

D.C. Comedy Festival, 9/25/14

October 1st marked the start of D.C.'s comedy festival. WNEW's Robert Dawson spoke with Express Weekend Pass Editor Rudi Greenberg who told WNEW listeners that Rosie O' Donnell, Jeff Garland, and other noteworthy comedians would attend the festival. Dawson reported the Festival would happen through October 5th. Dawson told WNEW listeners they could go to ReadExpress.com for more information on the event.

Metro Violinist, 9/24/14

WNEW's Kimberly Suiters reported from the D.C. metro where famous violinist Joshua Bell held a free concert. Suiters told WNEW listeners there were more people waiting for Joshua Bell at this concert than there were who stopped to listen at the same concert he had seven years ago. Suiters spoke to someone at the concert who told WNEW listeners that violinists and musicians know Bell for more than this free concert but maybe the general audience would remember him more from the free concert. WNEW aired pieces of Bell's music.

EDUCATION

Induction Day at the Naval Academy, 7/1/14

WNEW was on hand for the first day for Induction Day of Naval Academy Midshipmen in Annapolis. WNEW's Jim Mackay spoke with students and parents as they said their goodbyes to family and friends. One parents, James from Orlando told WNEW were excited and nervous and that they were going to miss their son. New freshmen took a naval oath in the evening.

Baltimore Schools May Close for Muslim Holiday, 7/15/14

WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported some in Baltimore County are pushing to close schools on Muslim Holy days. Dorsey told WNEW listeners Muslims in Baltimore County want schools closed like they are for Christian and Jewish religious holidays. Dorsey spoke with Dr. Bosch Ferron who is trying to convince the Baltimore County Board of Education to close schools for Muslim religious days. Dr. Ferron told WNEW its discrimination when Baltimore has a relatively large Muslim student population and schools are open. Dorsey also spoke with Zainab Chaudry, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Maryland. Chaudry told WNEW there were only a few holy days that would impact school days. Due to those complaints, the Baltimore County school system policy committee agreed to review the request

Montgomery County Schools Achievement Gap, 7/15/14

WNEW told listeners the Montgomery County School system studied the achievement gap in their schools. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported on the outcome of a meeting with county government on the achievement gap between students at low and high poverty schools. Education Committee Chair and Council President Craig Rice told WNEW listeners the achievement gap would be studied and their goal was to make sure all schools were performing well. Rice told WNEW listeners a report on the issue showed poorer students at low poverty schools did better than those at high poverty one.

Unaccompanied Immigrant Kids, 7/30/14

Montgomery County geared up for an influx of unaccompanied immigrant children into its school system this upcoming year. WNEW's Cameron Thompson spoke with Montgomery County Councilmember Nancy Navarro who said Montgomery County is expecting more unaccompanied immigrant children than last year. Navarro told WNEW listeners she was working to find out the impact on the overall budget for Montgomery County School systems such as providing food and healthcare to these students.

Howard Students React to Michael Brown, 8/16/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis talked to Howard University students to get their opinion on whether racial profiling prompted the officer involved shooting death of teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Curtis spoke with Howard University freshman Keyanou who said the blame should be on stereotypes against young African American males and not the police because often times the young men do commit crimes. Others like Sophia disagree saying that she believes this shooting was a case of racial profiling. She told WNEW listeners that she doesn't know why the officer was so quick to shoot a teenager.

UMD Lifetime Scholarships, 8/18/14

The University of Maryland started offering lifetime scholarship guarantees to their student-athletes. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported that the program would help student athletes graduate even if they were injured and unable to compete. Thompson also told WNEW listeners the University of Maryland would still pay for tuition, books, and other fees if they left the university to compete in the pros and was in good academic standing with the university. Thompson spoke with University of Maryland Soccer coach Sasho Cirovski told WNEW listeners the program really helped the University of Maryland soccer players because they had had a number of players leave during the school year to play professionally.

Confederate Flag Controversy, 9/10/14

WNEW's Chuck Carroll reported that Howard County school officials disciplined a student who unfurled a Confederate flag at Glenelg High School's home football opener. Two different students arrived for class with the Confederate Flag over their shoulders but were told to put them away. Carroll told listeners that the school had about 1270 students, with about 81% being white and four percent black.

Connecting With Parents, 9/18/14

WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported DC's Office of the Ombudsman for Public Education has been up and running for six months after several years of inactivity. The Office of the Ombudsman is a source of communication between parents, students and the District of Columbia Public schools. Thompson spoke with Ombudsman's Joanna Smith about the type of complaints they've been seeing. Smith told WNEW listeners that a lot of the complaints revolved around Special Education and discipline. The office has worked to resolve all of the complaints.

D.C. High School Mascots, 9/23/14

D.C. Council Members introduced a measure that would ban seven D.C. schools from using race based nicknames and mascots at their schools. WNEW's Matt Delsignore reported that right now of the seven schools, five schools use the name "Indians" and two use "Warriors." Delsignore spoke with Kenyan McDuffie of the D.C. Council who told WNEW listeners that using race based nicknames is hypocritical and desensitizes children to injustices. Delsignore reported that schools can keep the name if they reach an agreement with a tribe that has federal recognition.

ECONOMY

Governor O'Malley Budget Proposal, 7/2/14

Governor Martin O'Malley proposed 84 million dollars in budget cuts for 2015.

WNEW's Brad Freitas reported that O'Malley planned to propose the 16.1 billion dollar general fund cuts to the Board of Public works. Freitas told WNEW listeners the plan includes taking 10 million dollars from state colleges without having to increase tuition, and 56 million to various government agencies. WNEW also told listeners the plan did not include layoffs for any of the some 80,000 state workers, but that sixty-one vacant jobs of that workforce would be cut from the budget.

D.C. PR Company layoffs, 7/2/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported some people may be losing their job in the D.C. region if they worked for a company named Vocus. WNEW told listeners the Beltsville-based PR software company laid off an undisclosed number of employees in a targeted restructure after the company was bought by a private equity company, GTCR. The firm was combining Vocus with a rival, Cision. Vocus currently employs about 700 people in the D.C. region.

Dickey's Chips for Veterans, 7/2/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported on a way listeners could support veterans by eating at Dickey's Barbecue restaurants. Lyons told WNEW listeners the chain has four locations in the immediate D.C. area. The restaurant planned to give a portion of the proceeds from its chip sales to Hope for the Brave, an organization focused on increasing services for veterans and their families as they transition to civilian life.

New Lunchbox Restaurant in Chevy Chase, 7/14/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported that Top Chef Bryan Voltaggio opened Lunchbox in the same Chevy Chase mall as his Range and Aggio. Lyons told WNEW listeners he closed the Frederick Lunchbox due to lack of traffic, but Voltaggio said his new Lunchbox will offer favorites like Ma's Meatloaf with pineapple ketchup and red onion marmalade. WNEW also told listeners customers that head to Lunchbox would be able to get in and out in about three to five minutes.

Mission BBQ in Columbia Opens, 7/14/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported on opening day for Mission BBQ in Columbia. Lyons told WNEW listeners it was the chain's eighth location and fifth in Maryland. The co-owners both live in Howard County. The chain also sells barbecue foods inspired by Texas, Kansas City, North Carolina and St. Louis and a portion of the proceeds would be donated to local police, firefighters and the Wounded Warrior Project.

Cash Key Cancelled, 7/15/14

Montgomery County phased out the Cash Key system to pay for parking. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported that drivers in Montgomery County would no longer get the options to pay for street and garage parking around the County as the Cash Key program was no longer making or supporting the keys. Thompson spoke with county spokesperson Ester Bowering who said the company will stop selling new keys and drivers would no longer be able to add money to their keys. Bowering also told WNEW listeners there was a similar smart meter debit card system, but it currently only worked in Bethesda.

National Mall Lawn Work, 7/17/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported the Bethesda-based Clark Construction company was paid 21.5 million dollars to overhaul the lawn of the National Mall. Lyons told WNEW listeners Clark Construction handled the first phase of the project which was completed in time for President Obama's second inaugural. The new work between Third and Seventh streets was expected to be completed in time for the next presidential inauguration.

Robert E. Lee Mansion Restoration, 7/17/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported Carlyle CEO David Ruben-Styne announced he would help renovate Robert E. Lee's Arlington Mansion. Carlyle CEO and Bethesda resident David Ruben-Styne, the billionaire philanthropist donated 7.5 million to repair the Washington Monument also wanted to restore Robert E. Lee's Arlington Mansion. Rubenstein donated 12 million dollars to rehabilitate the historic Arlington House and the grounds at Arlington Cemetery. The house would be restored to the way it was in 1860.

MGM Casino Approval, 7/21/14

The Prince George's County Council said MGM could go ahead and get to work on its casino at National Harbor. WNEW's Violet Ikonomova spoke with MGM Property President Lorenzo Creighton who said the new casino would be an economic boom in Prince George's County. Lorenzo told WNEW they planned on hiring 3,600 people and 2,000 construction workers. Lorenzo told WNEW listeners the casino would also bring in 42 million dollars a year in tax revenue. County Council Mary A. Lehman voted against the Casino. Lehman told WNEW she welcomed economic development and jobs, but not a casino.

Possible Goodwill Data Breach, 7/22/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons there may have been a large data breach in the DC metro area. Lyons told WNEW listeners the Rockville-based Goodwill Industries was trying to determine if payment card numbers were stolen from some of its stores. Goodwill told WNEW a preliminary investigation did not find signs of a breach. The non-profit organization said it was contacted by a fraud investigative unit and federal authorities who said some numbers may have been stolen.

Gas Princes Decrease in the District, 7/22/14

WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported that gas prices are down in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C. Dorsey spoke with an AAA spokesperson who said commuters were starting feel some relief at the pump. The AAA spokesperson informed WNEW listeners some gas prices went down 10 cents from where they were a month ago. AAA said the stabilization of Iraq impacted the crude oil cost.

Beretta USA Leaves Maryland, 7/22/14

Beretta USA packed up and moved its gun manufacturing facilities from Prince George's County to Tennessee. WNEW's Heather Curtis reported that the Firearms Safety Act of 2013 was the reason they decided to move. Curtis told WNEW listeners that the act requires a license and a criminal background check to buy a gun. The senate passed a version that would have made it impossible for Beretta USA to make its guns in Maryland. Curtis spoke with Vincent Demarco with Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence who said Beretta USA's parent company is in Italy, a place whose gun laws are stricter than Maryland.

Hilton Booking App, 7/29/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported Hilton Worldwide based in McLean, Virginia launched an app that would let people select their exact room within a hotel. Lyons told WNEW listeners the company said it was also working on a way for people to use their smartphone to enter their rooms, so they wouldn't even have to check in at the desk. The Bethesda-based Marriott also had a mobile check-in app, and Choice Hotels said it was teaming up with Ford to let people do hands-free booking while driving.

New D.C. Apartments on South Capitol Street, 8/13/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported a seasonal parking lot for Washington Nationals fans on South Capitol Street would be replaced by an apartment building. Lyons told WNEW listeners JBG Companies filed plans with the D.C. Zoning Commission for a 13-story building with 290 units and two levels of retail. The developer of the project was expected to start construction next year with delivery in 2017.

Unemployment Rate in the D.C. Region, 8/18/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported on the current unemployment rate in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Lyons unemployment rate rose in Maryland and Virginia, but held steady in the District. She also told WNEW listeners that the Bureau of Labor Statistics released July figures showing unemployment rose in 30 states. In Maryland it was 6.1 percent, in Virginia it was up to 5.4 percent. D-C held at 7.4 percent.

America's Top Restaurant Is In DC, 8/19/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons reported on how D.C. was home to the country's best new restaurant, according to Bon Appetite. Lyons told WNEW listeners Rose's Luxury at Barracks Row took the top spot on the magazine's list. Rose's was highly praised for its service, food and for its philosophy that happiness was the key to everything.

New Restaurant Openings, 8/19/14

WNEW's Nancy Lyons told listeners Peter Chang planned to open a Rockville restaurant next year. Chang, known as the master of Szechuan cuisine, who has five Virginia locations, would open the eatery in Rockville Town Square. Chang was also looking at adding a Fairfax location in the future.

Royal Farms' Naming Rights, 9/16/14

WNEW's Sarah Jacobs told listeners that Royal Farms, a Baltimore based convenience store chain, agreed to pay a quarter million dollars a year for the next five years for naming rights to the Baltimore Arena. Jacobs told WNEW listeners Baltimore City owns the 14,000 seat arena which is managed by SMG.

Housing Help, 9/29/14

WNEW's John Doman reported the US Treasury Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced help for homeowner's. Doman spoke with Maya Newman, a Spokesman for the US Treasury Department about the new program. Newman told WNEW listeners that the PSA would target people who struggle to pay their mortgage or may not yet be behind on their mortgage. Doman reported that locally 1 out of 16 people are in a housing bind.

POLITICS & ELECTIONS

Former County Executive Wayne Curry Dies, 7/2/14

Former County Executive Wayne Curry passed away from cancer at the age of 63. WNEW's Jim Mackay spoke with longtime colleagues about Curry. Curry was the first African American County Executive in Prince George's County. Mackay spoke with Betty Hewlett, the chairwoman for the Prince George's County Planning Board who said Curry was important because he kept Prince George's County open for business. Hewlett told WNEW Curry was a big part in bringing the Washington Redskins to Landover.

Virginia Gay Marriage Ruling, 7/28/14

WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported on the Federal appeals court ruling that said Virginia's ban on gay marriage was unconstitutional. Thompson shared the reaction from both pro and anti-gay marriage supporters. James Parrish, executive director of Equality Virginia told WNEW he was excited for the ruling and that this decision bought 14,000 gay and lesbian couples in Virginia closer to marrying the person they love where they live. Thompson also spoke with Jim Campbell, an attorney with the Alliance Defending Freedom, which is defending gay marriage bans. Campbell said he was unhappy with the decision and that hopefully his organization will succeed at the highest level.

Bob McDonnell Trial Updates, 8/13/14

WNEW's Rob Dawson reported on a series of updates on the Bob McDonnell corruption trial. Each day Dawson reported on what was going on in Richmond, Virginia over allegations that former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and his wife accepted gifts and money from a wealthy businessman, CEO Jonnie Williams. Dawson gave WNEW listeners the latest update saying that FBI Special Agent David Hulser testified that former governor Bob McDonnell E-mailed one of his advisers Jason Eige in February 2012 asking to discuss with him the studies on Star Scientific's new drug anatabloc. Six minutes before that, he E-mailed Company CEO Jonnie Williams about a loan indicating there was an exchange of money.

Bob McDonnell & Wife Found Guilty, 9/4/14

WNEW reported Bob and Maureen McDonnell were found guilty by a federal jury. The former Virginia governor and his wife were guilty of public corruption — sending an emphatic message that they believed the couple sold the office once occupied by Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson to a free-spending Richmond businessman for golf outings, lavish vacations and \$120,000 in sweetheart loans. WNEW aired special reports throughout the day as each count was announced. Bob McDonnell was found guilty of 11 counts. WNEW also told listeners this was the first time a former Virginia Governor was convicted of a federal crime

Senator Weighs In On Redskins Name Change, 9/16/14

WNEW's Matt Delsignore reported Senator Maria Cantwell thought the National Football League should stop the use of the offensive Redskins name. Cantwell told WNEW listeners that the league was not doing the right thing by not forcing a name change. Delsignore also spoke to Ray Halbritter from the United Indian Nation in New York who told WNEW listeners that the NFL is showing a blatant lack of respect for those who are being negatively impacted by the name.

GUN CRIMES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Toddler Killed Crossing the Street in D.C., 7/5/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported a child was struck and killed in Southeast, D.C. on the 4th of July when she reportedly jaywalked across the 4000 block of Alabama Avenue Southeast. Neighbors told WNEW there were a lot of children crossing the street in front of the Fort Davis Community Center and Park where there are no crosswalks. Curtis spoke with Glen who lives across from the park. Glen told WNEW the street is very busy and many people and children jaywalk.

Man Drowns in Patapsco River, 7/5/14

WNEW's Samantha Silver reported a man from Cheverly died after drowning in the Patapsco River. Maryland department of natural resources police recovered his body after search efforts continued the next day. Silver spoke with The Maryland Department of Natural Resources public information officer Candy Thompson. Thompson said 4 divers spent 7 hours searching for the body before it was recovered. Thompson also told WNEW swimmers were cautioned not to go near the area near the dam which was where the swimmer disappeared.

WMATA Bus Lot Arrest, 7/6/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on an arrest at a WMATA bus garage in Alexandria, Virginia. Curtis told WNEW listeners a man was arrested at a closed WMATA bus garage on Royal Street for trespassing and mixing suspicious chemicals. However, when police searched the garage they did not recover any chemicals. Residents told WNEW they usually feel safe in Old Town Alexandria and it's usually not an area that is known for crime but they feel that safety is an important issue.

Baltimore Homicide Reduction, 7/8/14

WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported at a press conference in Northeast Baltimore, where the city's mayor announced the lowest number of homicides in 30 years. WNEW spoke with Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake who praised efforts by police for the reduction in crime at record levels. Dorsey told WNEW listeners 50 percent of murders have still gone unsolved. Rawlings-Blake could not tell whether she thinks people feel that crime has gone down in Baltimore but she did tell WNEW she thinks there are still people living in violent communities waiting to feel the change.

Tariq Abu Khdeir Local Family, 7/8/14

Family members of a Palestinian-American teen who was beaten and jailed by Israeli police in Jerusalem came forward in a news conference in Maryland. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported 15 year-old Tariq Abu Khdeir, formerly of Baltimore, remained under ten-day house arrest overseas. Khdeir's family told WNEW they want Tariq to come home for medical treatment. His aunt Fatima told WNEW Tariq told her he can still hear the last words of his cousin who was kidnapped and burned alive.

Marijuana Possession in D.C., 7/16/14

WNEW's Matt Delsignore reported that getting caught with a small amount of marijuana in D.C. would get you the equivalent of a parking ticket. Delsignore told WNEW listeners this change in the law does not make pot possession in D.C. legal, but punishment for obtaining an ounce of it is a citation of 25 dollars. Delsignore reported that if you're found with anything more than an ounce then you would be arrested. DC mayor Vincent Gray told WNEW listeners that he's confident the law would not be amended. Delsignore told WNEW listeners that people could not smoke it in public and couldn't possess any amount on federal property that included the National Mall and federal parks like Rock Creek Park.

Baltimore Curfew, 7/21/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis spoke with Baltimore city parents and teens who voiced concerns about changes to the curfew law that go into effect August 8. Curtis told WNEW listeners the new law said kids between 14 and 16 would need to be home by 11 every night in the summer and 10pm on school nights. Curtis spoke with 14-year-old Nicky who works two summer jobs a day starting at 8 am and ending at 10 pm. Nicky told WNEW it's hard because he needs to catch three busses to get home and is worried he won't be home in time for the curfew. Councilman Brandon Scott said there are exemptions in place for people working. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake said the changes were important because she doesn't want to see any more kids lose their lives on the street.

Suitland Maryland Homicide, 7/22/14

WNEW's Jim Mackay reported on a homicide overnight in Suitland. Mackay spoke with people who knew the victim like Samantha who said she was a friend to the victim. Samantha said the victim was well-known in the neighborhood although police would not release his name. Mackay told WNEW listeners the person died shortly after a fight broke out in front of a liquor store.

Cyber Family Safety, 7/24/14

WNEW's Jim MacKay talked with D.C Police about social media safety. This after a recent case of social media manipulation in D.C. where a young girl was sexually assaulted after two men posed as a father and son. D.C. Police Assistant Chief Peter Newsham told WNEW parents may not be aware of their child's social media activities but there were a lot of sites that would let parents monitor the dialog between your child and others. Newsham told WNEW that way parents could see something that maybe their child should not be involved in.

Gaithersburg Homicide, 7/27/14

A woman was found dead on a quiet street in Gaithersburg. WNEW's Chuck Carroll reported that a 47-year-old woman was found dead inside the home on Hallmark Court. Police told WNEW it appeared to be domestic related homicide. Captain Paul Starks with Montgomery County Police told WNEW listeners that officers had been called to the home at least one other time in the past year for a domestic incident. A man believed to be the victim's husband was taken into custody.

Gun Carry Laws in D.C., 7/28/14

A U.S .District Judge made the carrying of registered handguns legal in D.C., meaning police cannot arrest anyone with a registered pistol. WNEW's Brad Freitas asked residents in Northwest D.C. what they thought about the ruling. Catherine from Northwest D.C. told WNEW she didn't feel more or less safe knowing people can now legally carry guns on the street. Alexander from Tenlytown told WNEW he thought the second amendment was outdated to begin with and that he didn't think it was necessary

Gruesome Killings In Prince Georges County 9/8

WNEW told listeners about two toddlers found killed in Cheverly. Prince George's County police arrested and charged their mother, Sonya Spoon. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported that Sonya gave police a detailed account of the killing. Thompson spoke with Prince Georges County Police Major Ceaser Pichecko who told him that there were bags placed over the children's heads.

Prince Georges County Officers Saves Life, 9/11/14

WNEW's Violet Ikonomova told listener's hat a Prince George's County police officer got a call about a fight. When the officer arrived, they found a teenager stabbed and bleeding profusely. WNEW also told listeners the officer used his trauma kit to slow the bleeding until emergency medical crews arrived. Officer Risher told WNEW listeners it was the second time he's had to use the kit in two months. Ikonomova reports that all Prince Georges officers will be trained on the kits soon.

Killer Caught, 9/16/14

WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported Davon Wallace, the man suspected of shooting and killing a 3-year-old girl in Prince George's County, has been caught. Thompson spoke with a neighboring witness who didn't want to be identified. After showing a picture of Wallace to the neighbor, the witness told Thompson he had been seeing Wallace in the complex for a couple weeks. Thompson told listeners Wallace has been avoiding arrest since August 10th.

DC Gun Laws, 9/16/14

WNEW's Matt Delsignore told listeners D.C. passed an emergency bill that would grant concealed carry permits to anyone who could prove a legitimate need to the police chief and complete safety training. Delsignore spoke with Chair Phil Mendelson who preferred to keep D.C.'s ban on outside the home in carry in place. Delsignore told WNEW listeners that council still had to vote to make the law permanent or make changes.

BB Gun Hate Crime, 9/24/14

WNEW's Karen Adams reported a man fired a BB gun at three men who were walking down the road while he yelled "Jews, Jews, and Jews." This appeared to be a hate crime as Jews were celebrating Rosh Hashanah during this time period. Adams spoke with Marcy Share who lived in the community where the shots were fired. Share told WNEW listeners you can't be surprised at anything you hear. Adams told WNEW listeners police were looking for the armed man described as white with brown hair and a dark complexion.

TRANSPORTATION

Obama at Georgetown for Infrastructure, 7/1/14

President Obama made another appeal for action from the Republicans in Congress on infrastructure funding for the nation's bridges and roads. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported from Georgetown where President Obama was speaking. President Obama told WNEW listeners that the Highway Trust Fund was paying for repairs on the 91-year-old Key Bridge but the fund is in danger of expiring at the end of the summer unless Congress took action. Obama said if nothing is done, there could be nearly 7,000 jobs at risk.

Sorority Checkpoint, 7/2/14

WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported on a malfunctioning road sign in Hyattsville, Maryland. Thompson told WNEW listeners that drivers had been doing a double take on Riggs Road in Hyattsville over the past few days due to a faulty sign. The sign was supposed to say "Sobriety Check Point" but instead read, "Sorority Check Point." WNEW's Cameron Thompson spoke with drivers and the Maryland State Highway Administration who blamed the malfunctioning sign on heat and battery issues. The sign was fixed in time for the Fourth of July holiday when there tends to be more drinking and driving incidents.

Virginia Working to Lift Uber Ban, 7/3/14

WNEW's Jim MacKay reported that commuters taking ride services like Uber and Lyft in Northern Virginia were actually illegal in the state. WNEW also told listeners the Consumer Electronic Association was working to lift the ban. Drivers who currently pick people up were facing fines because the services were unregulated. MacKay spoke with people who regularly take Uber in Alexandria, Virginia. One man said it took him between 15-20 minutes to get a cab while Uber only took five minutes. Others have said they also prefer services like Uber because it's faster and easier to take than relying on metro.

BWI Runway Shutdown, 7/8/14

BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport shut down one of its primary runways for about a month and a half. WNEW's Steve Dorsey spoke with airport spokesperson Jonathon Dean about closure. Dean told WNEW listeners that construction crews repaved and made safety improvements as part of a 5 year and 350 million dollar runway rehabilitation project. Dean said he did not expect any flight delays associated with the runway shut down.

E-ZPass Phishing Email Scam, 7/9/14

WNEW's Brad Freitas reported on a new e-mail scam targeting drivers all along the east coast. Freitas told WNEW listeners to watch out for an e-mail with the familiar purple E-ZPass logo and attached with an invoice for unpaid tolls. Shannon Marshall spokesperson for Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) told WNEW listeners if commuters get one an e-mail not to open it or respond to it and to contact customer service for any questions. John Sales of the Maryland Transportation Authority warned WNEW listeners the e-mails are after banking and personal information and that E-ZPass would never ask for credit card or social security information through e-mail.

Metro Overcrowding, 7/10/14

WMATA met to discuss recent studies to see if Metro was overcrowded. WNEW's Jim Mackay reported at L'Enfant Plaza and asked commuters their opinion of Metro was too cramped. Some commuters told WNEW they had trouble finding seats sometimes but they never thought Metro was too crowded. WMATA tracked passengers and stations during peak ridership. Mackay told WNEW listeners the trains never reached their capacity of 120 riders per car. Some riders said their biggest problem with Metro was the maintenance issues and not overcrowding.

Safer Route 1 in College Park, 7/14/14

A speed limit change for Route 1 in College Park went into effect. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported a new speed limit and other safety changes were unveiled after three pedestrians were struck and killed over the past 6 months. Thompson spoke with Melinda Peters, spokesperson for the Maryland State Highway Administration. Peters told WNEW listeners that Maryland State Highway Administration is working with the University of Maryland College Park as part of the "Walk Smart College Park Effort," in order to remind drivers and pedestrians to follow the rules of the road and be safe. Thompson also told WNEW listeners a fence will be built along Route 1 to reduce the number of jaywalkers that cross the street

Silver Line Opens, 7/21/14

All week long WNEW's Kris Ankarlo got commuters ready for the launch metro's newest line, the Silver Line service, starting with a history lesson. Ankarlo spoke Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Buleva on how much of an impact the Silver Line will have in Northern Virginia. Many say it will be a better transportation and economic increase for the area. The founder of Reston, 100 year old Bob Simon told WNEW listeners that talk about a light rail began in the 1950s.

Tel Aviv Grounding Dulles, 7/22/14

The FAA grounded all U.S. going to Tel Aviv. WNEW's Cameron Thompson checked in with fliers at Dulles International Airport who were being impacted by this grounding. Cameron spoke with Helen, a British Airline flyer who was unsure if she would be able to get home to Tel Aviv once she got to London. Helen told WNEW listeners she lived and worked in Tel Aviv and that the situation there is only getting worst, but despite that she is still trying to get home

Metro Silver Line Opening, 7/26/14

WNEW had team coverage for the opening of Metro's Silver Line. WNEW's Heather Curtis rode on the first silver line train that was open to the public and she interviewed some of first passengers to get out and ride the silver line. Passenger Victoria told WNEW she was excited because she lives in Leesburg and now she won't have to drive as far to take Metro. WNEW's Kris Ankarlo was at the ribbon cutting ceremony as trains ran on the 11.7 miles of fresh new Silver Line track.

D.C. Street Car Testing, 8/4/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on the Street Car testing along H Street in D.C. Curtis spoke with a business owner who was excited over the street car testing. Anthony, the owner of House of Good told WNEW he believes the street cars will help boost his business because it will be easier for people to shop and then hop on the streetcars. Other residents told WNEW that they still wouldn't be interested in taking a streetcar as a means of transportation even when they become fully operational.

Road Collapse in Brandywine, MD, 8/13/14

A bridge closed in Brandywine, Md. after being washed out by heavy rain. WNEW's Cameron Thompson spoke with Katherine Peck near her home on South Springfield Road. Peck told WNEW listeners that part of the bridge washed away leaving a giant hole in the road. The severe weather left several roads closed and Prince George's County officials also told WNEW they didn't know when they would be able to reopen South Springfield Road because they are still trying to figure out how to fix the road.

Baltimore Redline, 9/20/14

WNEW's Leanne Matlach reported that the MTA was having an open house to discuss the idea of bringing the Redline to Baltimore. Matlach spoke with Art Cohen, a man who attended the open house; Cohen told WNEW listeners that he's concerned about the idea of a downtown tunnel because it could be very costly. Matlach also spoke with a woman who told WNEW listeners that the Red Line could be an asset. The MTA planned to hold more open houses on the proposed Red Line Project in November.

A Safer Metro/Metro Announcements, 9/24/14

WNEW's Kris Ankarlo was at Metro Headquarters where many announcements were made by Metro Officials. Ankarlo told WNEW listeners that the Metro of the future would be a smoother and safer ride. Ankarlo spoke with Metro Deputy General Manager of Operations Rob Troup who told WNEW listeners that they'll feel a smoother ride come February. Metro officials also announced that General Manager Richard Sarles was retiring. Ankarlo spoke with Sarles who told WNEW listeners that he's not retiring because he's burned out but because he wants to take advantage of his good health while he still has it.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fort Washington Home Update, 7/1/14

WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported on the Fort Washington Slope Collapse Update. Thompson told WNEW listeners it had been months since that slope collapse on Piscataway Drive in Fort Washington and the residents of those 28 houses were no closer to getting back home. Prince George's County official Rushern Baker III told WNEW they only have half the required 22-million-dollars for repairs and if they don't get state or federal help in two weeks, they'll start looking at buying out the homes. If residents get the money, it will take 6 months for repairs and residents still will not be allowed in their homes during that time.

Pride of Baltimore Two Hits Baltimore, 7/2/14

WNEW's Brad Freitas reported the Pride of Baltimore II came to the Constellation Pier in Baltimore. Freitas spoke with Yahn Miles the captain of the Pride of Baltimore II. Miles crew sailed the ship around the Inner Harbor for the 200th anniversary of the Fort McHenry Flag. The vessel is a reproduction of a Baltimore Clipper; ships that helped win the war of 1812. Freitas told WNEW listeners crew members were busy preparing for the weekend as tickets went on sale online.

Baltimore's Inner Harbor 4th of July, 7/4/14

Crowds came out to the Inner Harbor to watch fireworks for the 4th of July. WNEW's Heather Curtis reported that large crowds came to not only enjoy the fireworks but the nice weather and live music. Curtis spoke with Christa and her family who came up from Charlottesville, Virginia. Christa said she came up because she heard great things about the Inner Harbor and wanted to be here to celebrate the nation.

Battle of the Beltways, 7/7/14

The Nationals took on the Orioles in a bitter Beltway rival. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported from Nationals Park and spoke with fans from both teams. Randy told WNEW listeners he was there to support the Orioles because it all boils down to state pride and he is from Maryland. Thompson also spoke with one family from West Virginia that supports both teams with three Orioles fans and 1 Nationals fan in the family.

Ravens Player Arrested, 7/14/14

WNEW told listeners Ravens cornerback Jimmy Smith was arrested at a Bar in Towson over the weekend. WNEW's Steve Dorsey got fan reactions around Baltimore. Dorsey spoke with Ravens fan Mike Edwards who told WNEW that players need to grow up and stay out of jail. Dorsey also spoke with fan Lloyd Clark from Baltimore who said people are human and make mistakes.

Immigration Debate, 7/19/14

The federal government in Baltimore is trying to help fix the immigration problem. WNEW's Heather Curtis reported the federal immigration crisis spilled into Baltimore. The federal government wanted to house some of the Central American children who crossed the border by themselves in vacant buildings in the city. Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake told our news partners at WJZ 13 that the former social security offices in the city weren't fit to house kids temporarily. Mayor Rawlings Blake also said if a safe location can be found in Baltimore or any other location in Maryland, they should be considered. Catholic charities were working with the federal government to help house some of the children in a building they own in Baltimore County.

Israel Protest, 7/20/14

WNEW's Heather Curtis reported on an anti-Israel protest on Constitution Avenue in D.C. Curtis told WNEW listeners many of the protesters chanted and held signs that said "Free Palestine and Stop the Violence in Gaza." She spoke with protestors marching from Constitution Avenue to the White House. One protester, DC area Rabbi David Feldman said what Israel is doing goes against principles of Judaism and he thought it was wrong.

New Hopkins Health Lab Building, 7/22/14

A new public health lab opened its doors in the east Baltimore campus of The Johns Hopkins Hospital. WNEW's Steve Dorsey reported the new building was part of efforts to revitalize the area. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake told WNEW the new building featured the newest state of the art medical research. The building was dedicated to research infectious disease outbreaks and epidemic.

Bens Chili Bowl Opens at Reagan, 7/23/14

The D.C. staple Ben's Chili Bowl opened its newest location at Reagan National Airport. WNEW's Jim MacKay was there for all the grand opening festivities. Mackay spoke with the Chuck Brown band who was there playing Go-Go music as people stood in long lines in terminals B and C to wait for their food. The Band spoke about some of Ben's Chili bowl favorites like chili cheese hot dogs and fries.

New Trump Hotel in D.C., 7/23/14

Renovations began at the Old Post Office along Pennsylvania Avenue to make way for a new Trump International hotel. WNEW's Matt Delsignore reported at the ceremony at the Old Post Office where Ivanka and Donald Trump, the developers of this project came to D.C. Donald Trump told WNEW listeners that he promises a good hotel and economic project and Ivanka said the hotel would not disappoint anyone. Delsignore told WNEW listeners the Old Post Office would also have high-end retail and restaurants that should be complete by November of 20-16.

Ravens Training Camp, 7/24/14

Ravens participate in their first day of practice at the Under Armor Performance Center in Owings Mill. WNEW's Steve Dorsey spoke to Ravens fans that came out to support the players during their training camp. Ravens fan Matt Cherrin said he had high ambitions for the players and he wants to see them go to the playoffs. Noah a young boy from Bristol, Virginia said watching the players practice was fun and he had never been there before.

Redskins Training Camp, 7/24/14

Hundreds of fans came out in ponchos and umbrellas to support the Washington Redskins during the first day of their training camp. WNEW's Cameron Thompson spoke to fans that came out to watch the team train in Richmond. Some fans voiced their concern over RGIII's knee while other fans said they think the name debate hurt the Redskins last season too. One fan told WNEW despite last year's bad season, it was a new year and the players had a chance to be better this season.

City Sewer Check, 7/29/14

Baltimore City Departments of Public Works began fixing backed up sewer pipes in the city. WNEW's Cameron Thompson reported that the clogged sewer pipes affected 9,000 homes in Baltimore City since 2008. Thompson spoke with Jeffrey Raymond, spokesperson for Baltimore City Department of Public Works. Raymond told WNEW listeners the project to fix the pipes would take 5 years to complete and that they believe they could do most of the work without creating too much construction or traffic problems.

Ice Bucket Challenge For Lou Gehrig Disease, 8/8/14

WNEW Baltimore Bureau reporter Brad Freitas gave in to our WNEW news manager's challenge to dump a bucket of ice water over his head in an effort to raise money for ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The viral challenge began earlier this year, where people challenge others to do the same or make a donation to the National ALS Association. Freitas informed WNEW listeners that the illness disrupts the brain and spinal cord nerve cells, and enables them to sense hot or cold temperatures. Freitas also said ALS affects around 5,600 people a year.

Robin Williams Death, 8/11/14

WNEW's Chuck Carroll took to the streets of D.C. to get reaction from stunned fans as they learned about the shocking and untimely death of actor Robin Williams. Carroll spoke with a number of fans outside the DC Improv, a comedy club and restaurant bar where comedians aspire to achieve the same heights Williams reached. Taylor, a fan of Robin Williams, told WNEW listeners he would miss not only the actor's movies and TV roles, but his legendary comedy standup.

Robin Williams Marathon Tribute, 8/12/14

A brewery in Silver Spring honored Robin Williams by having a quadruple feature of his movies. WNEW's Chuck Carroll spoke with those at Denizens Brewing Company as everyone still tried to cope with the sudden loss of the actor. Carroll spoke with Charlene a regular at the Denizens Brewing Company. She said she felt like the marathon was tailored to her and one of her favorite Robin Williams movie is Dead Poets Society. The brewing company also played other classics like Mrs. Doubtfire, The Birdcage, and Hook.

Baltimore BBQ For The Homeless, 8/16/14

Saint Vincent De Paul Park in Baltimore was the site of the 2014 People's BBQ for the Homeless. WNEW's Brad Freitas spoke with Bonnie Hope, who told WNEW listeners that she was homeless and sleeping on a bench seven years ago. Hope said that this BBQ was important because it gave people a sense of hope. She helped organize the third annual People's BBQ for the Homeless by providing food, books, clothes, and health and wellness to homeless people in Baltimore. Freitas also spoke with organizer Michael Stoops who told WNEW that people have realized that homelessness comes in all sizes, ages, and races; it's a diverse cluster of people.

Helping Victims of Sexual Assaults and Domestic Violence, 9/10/14

WNEW's Jim Mackay reported Hope Works of Howard County recently helped nearly 500 victims of domestic violence. Hope Works is Howard County's Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Center. Mackay spoke with Jennifer Pollitt Hill who told listeners that they don't turn anybody away. They work to change the conditions that allow sexual and domestic violence to occur in the first place. This part takes all of us. Mackay told listeners that they can volunteer or donate to Hope Works.

Navy Yard Look Back, 9/16/14

A year after the Navy Yard shooting, WNEW looked back on the tragic event. John Domen spoke with witnesses who were at the Navy Yard at the time of the shooting. Domen told WNEW listeners that the shooter, Aaron Alexis, was shot and killed by police after killing twelve other people. Jim Mackay spoke with William Deligne, Executive Director of The Naval Sea Systems Command, who told WNEW listeners that people impacted by the Navy Yard shooting are still having difficulty dealing with the events of that day.

Orioles Win Division, 9/16/14

WNEW's Chuck Carroll reported from Camden Yards where the Orioles clinched the AL East division title. Carroll spoke with a lot of fans after the game, several of whom thought that the Orioles could go to the World Series. Carroll told WNEW listeners that the Washington Nationals also clinched their division on the same night. This is the first division title that the Orioles have won since 1997.

Fans Give Back Rice Jersey's, 9/19/14

Thousands of Baltimore Ravens fans showed up to give back their jerseys. WNEW's Karen Adams reported from the Ray Rice jersey exchange at M&T Bank Stadium. She talked to two people who exchanged their Ray Rice jerseys: a man who got Dennis Pitta jersey and a woman who got a Torrey Smith one. Adams told listeners that the Ray Rice jersey exchange ends tomorrow. This exchange took place after a video of Ray Rice punching his girlfriend unconscious leaked online.