

FCC REPORT
JULY -SEPT. 2010

CRIME & VIOLENCE

5PM - 7/23

CHECKING NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION... WE NOW KNOW THAT A CAR FOUND WITH A BODY IN THE TRUNK -- WAS TOWED TWICE BEFORE ANYONE NOTICED THE REMAINS. THE CAR WAS IMPOUNDED ON JULY 12TH, FOR A MORNING RUSH HOUR VIOLATION ALONG 18TH STREET IN NORTHWEST. IT WAS FIRST TOWED TO A HOLDING LOT IN NORTHEAST -- THEN MOVED THREE DAYS LATER TO A LOT IN SOUTHWEST. THE BODY WAS DISCOVERED YESTERDAY -- SO DECOMPOSED THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED.

5PM - 9/30

THE HUNT IS ON FOR A GROUP OF ROBBERS WHO HELD UP AN ARMORED TRUCK THIS AFTERNOON IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON. METRO POLICE SAY FOUR MEN IN MASKS ROBBED THE CASH-FILLED TRUCK ON WISCONSIN AVENUE. OFFICERS ARE NOW LOOKING FOR THE GETAWAY VEHICLE -- A DARK-COLOR DODGE MAGNUM WITH DARK TINTED WINDOWS AND SPINNING WHEELS. IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION THAT COULD HELP SOLVE THIS CRIME -- CALL POLICE.

6PM - 9/7

THE VIRGINIA COURT OF APPEALS HAS UPHELD THE USE OF A G-P-S DEVICE TO TRACK A SEX OFFENDER'S MOVEMENTS.

THE COURT HAS UNANIMOUSLY RULED FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DID *NOT* VIOLATE THE RIGHTS OF DAVID FOLTZ, JUNIOR, WHEN THEY ATTACHED A TRACKING DEVICE TO HIS WORK VAN. FOLTZ IS A REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER. THE G-P-S LOG PUT FOLTZ NEAR THE SCENE OF A SEX CRIME. POLICE FOLLOWED HIM THE NEXT DAY AND ARRESTED HIM DURING AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT.

11PM - 8/7

A CAMERA SECRETLY RECORDED A LOCAL TEENAGER IN HER BEDROOM FOR MONTHS... AND TONIGHT, A MARYLAND POLICE OFFICER IS CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ABUSE AND ILLEGAL SURVEILLANCE. INVESTIGATORS SAY LAUREL POLICE CORPORAL EDWARD SCHMITT HID A VIDEO CAMERA IN HIS GIRLFRIEND'S DAUGHTER'S CLOSET AND TAPED THE GIRL BETWEEN AUGUST OF 2009 AND FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. SCHMITT IS SUSPENDED WHILE THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 7/12

THE D-C COUNCIL IS HOLDING AN EMERGENCY MEETING TODAY--- TO FIND OUT WHAT CAUSED SO MANY POWER OUTAGES IN LAST WEEK'S HEAT WAVE. THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS WENT WITHOUT POWER AND AIR CONDITIONING FOR DAYS. PEPSCO SAYS IT IS PREPARED TO WORK WITH CITY LEADERS ON THE ISSUE.

5AM - 7/30

D-C MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY WANTS TO EXTEND THE CITY'S SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM BY AN EXTRA SEVEN DAYS. THE JOB PROGRAM IS SET TO END AUGUST SIXTH. THE FENTY ADMINISTRATION IS ASKING D-C'S CITY COUNCIL TO MOVE THE END DATE TO AUGUST 17TH. CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE SECURED FEDERAL STIMULUS MONEY TO PAY FOR THE EXTENSION. SO FAR, OFFICIALS SAY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN AND MAYORAL CANDIDATE VINCENT GRAY HAS NOT SCHEDULED A VOTE ON THE EXTENSION .

5AM- 8/24

ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL MISMANAGEMENT ARE SURFACING ABOUT "PEACEOHOLICS." THE NON-PROFIT GROUP HELPS AT-RISK YOUTH. THE GROUP HAS RECEIVED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS FROM THE DISTRICT. BUT IT HASN'T FILED REGULAR FINANCE REPORTS.. SHOWING HOW IT'S SPENT THE MONEY. D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER YVETTE ALEANDER IS CALLING FOR A FINANCIAL AUDIT.6AM - 7/26

IN MEDICAL NEWS THIS MORNING -- MEDICAL MARIJUANA WILL BE A HOT TOPIC AT A PUBLIC MEETING IN THE DISTRICT TODAY. AN ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION IS BEING ASKED TO VOTE ON RECOMMENDATIONS ON CHANGES TO THE CITY COUNCIL'S ADOPTED MEDICAL MARIJUANA LEGISLATION. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALSO INCLUDE AN UNOFFICIAL PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CLINIC IN NORTHWEST. IN JUNE, DISTRICT LEADERS APPROVED THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

5PM - 7/8

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SAT. - 8/28

AN IMMIGRATION FIGHT COULD BE BREWING IN MARYLAND. THREE REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS FROM FREDERICK COUNTY ARE ASKING THE STATE TO ADOPT AN ARIZONA-STYLE IMMIGRATION LAW. THE LAW WOULD MAKE IT A STATE OFFENSE TO BE IN THE U-S ILLEGALLY. IT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE POLICE TO QUESTION PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. THE FREDERICK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL NEXT WEEK. IF IT PASSES, IT HEADS TO MARYLAND'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5AM - 7/29

CONGRESS HAS APPROVED A BILL ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN A LAW OUTLINING SENTENCES FOR COCAINE POSSESSION. SOME SAY THE LAW HAS SENT THOUSANDS OF BLACKS TO PRISON FOR CRACK COCAINE CONVICTIONS...WHILE GIVING MORE LENIENT TREATMENT TO THOSE -- MAINLY WHITES -- CAUGHT WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF THE DRUG IN POWDER FORM. THE BILL NOW GOES TO THE PRESIDENT.

5PM - 7/19

ECSTASY -- THE HALLUCINOGENIC DRUG THAT CAN CAUSE ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, EVEN DEATH -- COULD HAVE A PLACE IN THE MILITARY COMMUNITY. IT TURNS OUT, M-D-M-A -- THE CHEMICAL ACRONYM FOR ECSTASY -- COULD ACTUALLY HELP COMBAT POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER. A PSYCHIATRIST BEHIND A RECENT STUDY SAYS M-D-M-A RAISES LEVELS OF SEROTONIN AND OXYTOCIN -- WHICH COMBINED, CAN HELP PATIENTS BETTER CONNECT WITH THEIR THERAPISTS.

5PM - 8/16

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE TONIGHT WITH A WARNING FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG TEENAGERS. A DRUG COMMONLY FOUND IN COLD MEDICATION -- COULD PUT YOUR CHILD AT RISK FOR ANOTHER PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY ON RESPIRATORY ISSUES, TEENS WHO USE ACETAMINOPHEN AS LITTLE AS ONCE A MONTH -- APPEAR TO DEVELOP ASTHMA SYMPTOMS MORE OFTEN THAN OTHER KIDS. FREQUENT USERS ALSO HAD MORE SKIN PROBLEMS, PLUS EYE AND SINUS IRRITATION.

5PM - 9/24

AROUND THE REGION TONIGHT... POLICE STATIONS, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE PREPARING FOR THE NATIONWIDE PRESCRIPTION "TAKE BACK". TOMORROW FROM 10 A-M UNTIL TWO, COMMUNITY GROUPS IN NEARLY EVERY LOCAL COUNTY WILL COLLECT UNUSED MEDICINE. THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION SAYS PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS THE NATION'S FASTEST-GROWING DRUG PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

5AM - 9/21

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IS GETTING A NEW CAMPUS.. AND IT'S RIGHT HERE IN OUR AREA. N-Y-U BROKE GROUND ON ITS NEW FACILITY IN NORTHWEST D.C. YESTERDAY. THIS WILL BE THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST STUDY AWAY SITE IN THE COUNTRY. THE 12-STORY BUILDING WILL BE BUILT ON 13TH AND "L" STREETS. IT WILL HOLD CLASSROOMS AND HOUSING FOR STUDENTS SPENDING A SEMESTER OR MORE STUDYING IN WASHINGTON.

5PM - 7/12

AND IN THE DISTRICT SOME RESIDENTS ARE UPSET WITH GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S PLANS TO EXPAND. THE CITY REQUIRES THE SCHOOL TO OUTLINE ITS PLANS FOR THE COMING DECADE. THE SCHOOL WANTS TO ADD SOME THREE THOUSAND STUDENTS. BUT NEIGHBORS SAY THE UNIVERSITY DOESN'T HAVE A PLAN TO HOUSE THOSE STUDENTS. AND THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT NOISE AND OVERCROWDING. SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAY THEY'LL TRY TO BLOCK THE UNIVERSITY'S PLAN.

11PM - 7/10

A PROTEST OVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS UNDER WAY IN THE DISTRICT TONIGHT. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP ONE D.C. HAVE JOINED WITH RESIDENTS TO ERECT A TENT CITY IN THE SHAW NEIGHBORHOOD OF NORTHWEST. ABOUT EIGHT TENTS HAVE BEEN PUT UP ALREADY. PROTESTORS SAY THEY WON'T LEAVE UNTIL THE FENTY ADMINISTRATION KEEPS ITS PLEDGE TO PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

6AM - 7/26

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6AM - 8/24

VIRGINIA'S ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ISSUED ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL OPINION. KEN CUCCINELLI SAYS THE STATE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REGULATE ABORTION PROVIDERS. CUCCINELLI -- WHO OPPOSES ABORTION -- SAYS PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE IN FULL-SCALE MEDICAL FACILITIES. ABORTION RIGHTS ADVOCATES SAY ONLY THREE FACILITIES IN VIRGINIA MEET THE NEW CRITERIA.

12PM - 7/15

MARYLAND IS REPORTING THE STATE'S 13-TH HEALTH RELATED DEATH THIS YEAR. OFFICIALS SAY AN ELDERLY WOMAN IN BALTIMORE COUNTY WAS FOUND IN HER HOME DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. THE TEMPERATURE IN THE WOMAN'S HOME WAS ABOVE A HUNDRED DEGREES. IN 2009, THERE WERE JUST SIX TOTAL HEAT-RELATED DEATHS IN MARYLAND. HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING RESIDENTS TO STAY OUT OF THE HEAT, DRINKING PLENTY OF FLUIDS, AND PAY ATTENTION TO THE WARNING SIGNS FOR OVERHEATING.

12PM - 8/2

VIRGINIA'S LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH CARE REFORM LAW HAS CLEARED ITS FIRST LEGAL HURDLE. A FEDERAL JUDGE HAS *REFUSED* TO *DISMISS* THE SUIT. VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI CLAIMS THAT CONGRESS EXCEEDED ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION'S COMMERCE CLAUSE BY REQUIRING CITIZENS TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE OR PAY A PENALTY. THE VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY PASSED LEGISLATION THIS YEAR EXEMPTING STATE RESIDENTS FROM THE COVERAGE MANDATE.

11PM - 9/10

JUST BEFORE TUESDAY'S PRIMARY-- THE TWO MAIN CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR THE MARYLAND GOVERNOR'S SEAT EACH PICK UP ENDORSEMENTS. REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER BOB EHRLICH PICKS UP THE SUPPORT OF THOUSANDS OF STATE EMPLOYEES-- WHILE HEALTH CARE WORKERS BACK INCUMBENT MARTIN O'MALLEY. S-E-I-U, UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS, EAST, WHICH IS THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST HEALTH CARE UNION-- BACKED O'MALLEY FOR HIS HEALTH CARE GOALS, AND HIS EFFORTS TO CREATE MIDDLE CLASS JOBS. EHRLICH RECEIVED THE BACKING TODAY OF THE MARYLAND CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION IN HIS CAMPAIGN. THE GROUP REPRESENTS MORE THAN 10 THOUSAND CURRENT AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

6AM - 8/25

NOW TO A DEVELOPING STORY HERE TO HOME... THE WASHINGTON TIMES COULD SOON HAVE A NEW OWNER. THE FINANCIALLY-TROUBLED NEWSPAPER'S EXECUTIVE EDITOR SAYS ITS OWNER HAS REACHED A TENTATIVE DEAL TO SELL IT TO A COMPANY AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIFICATION CHURCH. CHURCH LEADER REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON STARTED THE PAPER IN 1982.

5PM - 7/19

NEW TONIGHT... A FEDERAL JURY HAS AWARDED 900-THOUSAND-DOLLARS TOTAL TO FIVE BLACK D-C POLICE OFFICERS... AFTER CONCLUDING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS RETALIATED AGAINST THEM FOR FILING A RACIAL DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT. THE OFFICERS FILED THEIR COMPLAINT IN AN ANONYMOUS LETTER IN JUNE 2006. COURT DOCUMENTS STATE SUPERIORS FIGURED OUT WHO WAS BEHIND THE LETTER... AND WITHIN A MONTH, DEMOTED THE OFFICERS. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO APPEAL.

5PM - 9/10

THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL WILL INCORPORATE PRAYERS FROM THE QURAN DURING IT'S 9/11 REMEMBRANCE EVENTS THIS WEEKEND. THE CATHEDRAL SAYS THE READINGS ARE IN RESPONSE TO GROWING RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE. A SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH SERVICE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT NOON AT THE CATHEDRAL.

6PM - 7/28

IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS ARRESTED 87 PEOPLE IN D-C AND NORTHERN VIRGINIA AS PART OF A SUMMER ENFORCEMENT SURGE. THOSE ARRESTED WERE EITHER FUGITIVES OR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS. MORE THAN 70 OFFICERS WERE INVOLVED IN THE ARRESTS. AT LEAST SIX OF THOSE ARRESTED WILL FACE FEDERAL PROSECUTION, THE REST WILL BE DEPORTED.

11PM - 9/9

WE ARE MONITORING A DEVELOPING STORY FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-- THAT'S WHERE A FEDERAL JUDGE DECLARED THE U-S MILITARY'S BAN ON OPENLY GAY SERVICE MEMBERS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THE RULING EFFECTIVELY HALTS THE GOVERNMENT'S "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" POLICY. THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ARGUED AGAINST THE LAWSUIT-- SAYING IT'S AN ISSUE THAT SHOULD BE DECIDED BY CONGRESS. PRESIDENT OBAMA IS ALSO AGAINST "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" AND SAYS HE WILL WORK TO REPEAL THE POLICY.

EDUCATION

5PM - 9/22

SOME LOCAL LESSON PLANS ARE GETTING AN ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE. THE MARYLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION SAYS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WILL SOON BECOME A PART OF THE CURRICULUM FOR STUDENTS OF EVERY AGE. SCHOOLS *WON'T* HAVE TO CREATE NEW CLASSES...INSTEAD, TEACHERS WILL INCORPORATE THE MATERIAL INTO EXISTING COURSES. STUDENTS WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTALLY-THEMED "LOCAL ACTION" PROJECTS.

5PM - 9/27

PRESIDENT OBAMA WOULD ALSO LIKE STUDENTS TO HAVE A LONGER SCHOOL YEAR. THE PRESIDENT SAYS MOST U-S STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSES NEARLY A MONTH LESS THAN CHILDREN IN MOST OTHER ADVANCED COUNTRIES. AS A RESULT -- HE SAYS -- MANY LOSE A LOT OF WHAT THEY LEARN OVER THE SUMMER BREAK. OBAMA SAYS A LONGER SCHOOL YEAR WOULD KEEP THE U-S EDUCATION SYSTEM MORE GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE.

5PM - 9/30

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY IS RAISING ITS ADMISSION STANDARDS. THE SCHOOL'S PRESIDENT SAID STARTING WITH NEXT YEAR'S FRESHMAN CLASS, STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST AN 800 COMBINED MATH AND READING S-A-T SCORE....AND THOSE WITH A SCORE BETWEEN 800 AND ONE THOUSAND WILL FIND IT HARDER TO GET IN. THE TOUGHER STANDARDS ARE AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC REPUTATION.

6PM - 7/24

SOME CHANGES TO HOW STANDARDIZED TESTS WILL BE ADMINISTERED IN MARYLAND. STATE EDUCATION LEADERS SAY TEACHERS WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO PREVIEW THE EXAMS BEFORE GIVING THEM. THE CHANGE IN POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. THE LEADERS SAY GROWING CONCERNS ABOUT TEST SECURITY LED TO THE POLICY CHANGE EVEN THOUGH NO CASES OF CHEATING HAVE TURNED UP.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

5PM - 8/26

HERE'S A JOB WE'D ALL LIKE TO GET.... AN EMPLOYEE WITH A COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA HAS SPENT THE LAST 12 YEARS GETTING PAID A SALARY AND BENEFITS. ONLY PROBLEM? THE EMPLOYEE NEVER SHOWED UP TO WORK. IT APPEARS THE CLERICAL EMPLOYEE KEPT GETTING PAID BECAUSE SHE WAS NEVER COMPLETELY FIRED. THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY IS NOT SAYING HOW MUCH THE SALARY WAS. THE AGENCY HAS ASKED THE CITY ATTORNEY TO INVESTIGATE.

5PM - 9/20

FOR MANY AMERICANS IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE THE RECESSION IS OVER, BUT ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, IT ENDED LAST YEAR. THE PANEL OF ECONOMISTS SAID THE RECESSION STARTED IN DECEMBER OF 2007 AND ENDED IN JUNE OF 2009....MAKING IT THE LONGEST RECESSION SINCE WORLD WAR TWO. COMING UP AT SIX TONIGHT, WHAT PRESIDENT OBAMA IS SAYING ABOUT THE ECONOMY IN A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING.

5PM - 9/21

MARYLAND IS LAUNCHING A NEW ONLINE TOOL TO HELP RESIDENTS FIND JOBS. GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE MARYLAND WORKFORCE EXCHANGE WEBSITE WILL NOW BRING TOGETHER JOB SEARCH WEBSITES WITH EMPLOYER WEBSITES AS WELL AS MARYLAND STATE JOB POSTINGS. MARYLAND'S UNEMPLOYMENT IS NOW AT SEVEN POINT THREE PERCENT.

6PM - 7/15

EXPECT GOVERNOR MCDONNELL TO TALK UP VIRGINIA'S JOB GROWTH OVER THE LAST FIVE MONTHS DURING HIS TRIP TO EUROPE. TODAY, MCDONNELL SAID 71 THOUSAND 500 JOBS HAVE BEEN CREATED SINCE FEBRUARY. HE SAYS 80 PERCENT WERE CREATED BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND THE REST THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

11PM - 9/7

AND IN THE WAKE OF THIS CASE, VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES WILL SUSPEND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEDERALLY-ISSUED EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT. THE GOVERNOR SAYS THIS IS A PRECAUTIONARY ACTION OVER CONCERNS ABOUT THE DOCUMENT'S RELIABILITY AS EVIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO BE IN THE COUNTRY. THIS WAS HOW CARLOS MARTINELLI MONTANO OBTAINED A VIRGINIA DRIVER'S LICENSE.

FAMILY ISSUES

5PM - 7/8

ONE D-C COUNCIL MEMBER SAYS TRUANCY IS AT CRISIS LEVELS. COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE DAVID CATANIA WANTS PARENTS TO FACE TOUGHER PENALTIES IF THEIR CHILDREN CUT CLASS. UNDER D-C LAW, PARENTS CAN BE FINED FOR REPEATED UN-EXCUSED ABSENCES BUT CATANIA SAYS PENALTIES HAVEN'T BEEN ENFORCED. HE'S CALLING FOR TOUGHER FINANCIAL PENALTIES INCLUDING THE LOSS OF WELFARE BENEFITS.

5PM - 8/10

SIGNS OF AUTISM MIGHT SHOW UP IN BABIES AS YOUNG AS ONE-MONTH OLD... ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY. BUT RESEARCHER SAY THE TIP-OFFS ARE NOT THE USUAL RED FLAGS--- SUCH AS LACK OF EYE CONTACT OR SMILING. INSTEAD, THEY FOUND MORE THAN HALF OF THE BABIES LATER DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM HAD ABNORMAL ARM TONE-- EITHER TOO FLOPPY OR TOO RIGID... AND ABOUT 40-PERCENT SHOWED ABNORMALITIES IN THE WAY THEY VISUALLY TRACKED OBJECTS.

6PM - 7/27

VIRGINIA'S TAX FREE BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING IS BACK. AUGUST SIXTH THROUGH THE EIGHTH, PEOPLE CAN GET SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING WITHOUT THE STATE'S FIVE PERCENT SALES TAX. SCHOOL SUPPLIES HAVE TO BE LESS THAN 20 DOLLARS EACH, AND CLOTHING AND SHOES CAN'T BE MORE THAN ONE HUNDREDS DOLLARS EACH. FOR A LIST OF WHAT ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN THE TAX FREE SHOPPING, GO TO W-J-L-A DOT COM, KEYWORDS: BACK TO SCHOOL.

ELDERLY & AGING

12PM - 7/27

WITH THE POWER OUT -- FIRE OFFICIALS ARE WARNING RESIDENTS ACROSS THE REGION ABOUT THE DANGERS OF GENERATORS INSIDE A HOME. AN ELDERLY COUPLE IN SILVER SPRING WAS HOSPITALIZED MONDAY WITH CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. THEY WERE EXPOSED AFTER RUNNING A GENERATOR IN A SCREENED IN PORCH. FIRE OFFICIALS IN D-C FOUND GENERATORS RUNNING INSIDE SEVERAL HOMES -- PUTTING RESIDENTS AT RISK OF DEADLY FUMES. THEY WARN YOU SHOULD ONLY RUN GENERATORS AT LEAST 25 FEET AWAY FROM YOUR HOME.

5PM - 8/4

IT COULD BE THE NEXT BIG GROUP TO GET HOOKED ON TEXTING: SENIORS! PHONE COMPANIES SAY MOST SENIORS STILL PREFER EMAIL TO TEXT... BUT THAT'S BEGINNING TO CHANGE. MORE AND MORE SENIORS ARE JUMPING ON THE TEXTING BANDWAGON. SOME CREDIT THEIR GRANDKIDS FOR GETTING THEM TO MAKE THE SWITCH.

6PM - 8/24

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR A POSSIBLE SERIAL RAPIST WHO TARGETS ELDERLY WOMEN. THIS WEEKEND, AN 86-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS RAPED AT AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY IN THE 21-THOUSAND BLOCK OF FATHER HURLEY BOULEVARD. IN JUNE, A 68-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS RAPED IN A CONDO ACROSS THE STREET. A COMPOSITE SKETCH OF THE SUSPECT FROM *THAT* INCIDENT MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION OF THE ATTACKER IN THIS WEEKEND'S RAPE.

11PM - 8/31

ANNE ARUNDEL POLICE SAY A MASKED MAN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED AN 83-YEAR-OLD WOMAN. IT HAPPENED EARLY YESTERDAY AFTER THE MAN BROKE INTO THE WOMAN'S GLEN BURNIE HOME. POLICE DESCRIBE THE SUSPECT AS A YOUNG, WHITE MAN WITH A LARGE BUILD. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION SHOULD CALL ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY POLICE.

3rd QUARTER FCC REPORT: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2010

Crime & Violence:

1. The Most Dangerous Child Sex Offenders In America
2. "Safe Alive" Expert Gavin de Becker Unveils The New Tool to Keep you Safe
3. A Rhodes Scholar, A Convicted Murderer: The Ultimate Twist Of Fate
4. Best of Oprah: The Children of Elizabeth Smart's Kidnapper Speak Out (OAD 2/02/10)
5. Best of Oprah: From College Student to Convicted Killer: The Family Of Amanda Knox Speaks Out (OAD 2/23/10)
6. Best of Oprah: A Special Report: Oprah & A No Holds Barred Conversation With Child Molesters (OAD 2/08/10)

Local Government:

1. Oprah Fridays LIVE: National No Phone Zone Day
2. Her First Interview: Former First Lady Laura Bush, Plus Twins Jenna & Barbara

Substance Abuse:

Housing & Homelessness:

Health & Health Care:

1. Humdinger Follow-Ups: What Happened After She Lost 175 Pounds? (LIVE)
2. Exclusive: A Tumor Covered Half her Face & The Headline-Making Brothers Who Nearly Starved To Death
3. Why Oprah Says She'll Never Diet Again!
4. Best of Oprah: American Idols' Ryan Seacrest & Super Chef Jamie Oliver Team Up (OAD 3/26/10)
5. Best Of Oprah: Exclusive: The 7-Year-Old Schizophrenic (OAD 10/6/09)

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual:

1. In the Bedroom: Sex Therapy with Dr. Laura Berman
2. The Fight For His Life: Rocker Bret Michaels' First TV Interview & Country Star Chely Wright Comes Out
3. Women Who Claim They Were Child Brides In The USA

Employment & Economy:

1. Join The Debt Diet (OAD 2/17/06)
2. Best of Oprah: The Debt Diet—Part 2 (OAD 2/24/06)
3. Best of Oprah: The Debt Diet—Part 3: The Bradleys & The Widlunds (OAD 3/10/06)
4. Best Of Oprah: The Debt Diet – Part 4 (OAD 3/24/06)
5. Best Of Oprah: The Debt Diet – Part 5 (OAD 4/07/06)

Family Issues:

1. The Exclusive: Accused of Molesting Her- Oscar® Winner Mo’Nique’s Brother Comes Forward
2. The Controversial Octuplet Mom Nadya Suleman
3. Oprah's Earth Day Mom Swap: An Eye-Opening Intervention
4. Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith & The Whole Family
5. Best Of Oprah: A Family “Stripped” Down: Life Organizational Expert Peter Walsh Moves In (OAD 1/11/10)
6. Best of Oprah: Actress Denise Richards & Mrs. Ted Haggard: Surviving A Public Scandal (OAD 1/26/10)

Elderly & Aging:

1. Best of Oprah: From 52, Feeling Frumpy to Fabulous! “Look Great At Every Age” Makeovers (OAD 1/12/10)
2. Best of Oprah: Legendary Sex Symbol Raquel Welch On Aging Brilliantly (OAD 3/29/10)