

FCC REPORT

APRIL – JUNE 2014

CRIME & VIOLENCE

5AM - 4/1

TWO NEW MEASURES TO HELP BATTLE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN MARYLAND ARE HEADED TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK. ONE OF THE MEASURES MAKES IT EASIER TO GET A FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER. THE OTHER BILL ADDS SECOND-DEGREE ASSAULT TO A LIST OF CRIMES FOR WHICH A PERSON CAN OBTAIN A FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDER.

12PM - 4/12

THE CHARLES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANTS TO WARN RESIDENTS ABOUT A NEW SCAM. SOMEONE IS CALLING RESIDENTS AND CLAIMING TO BE A POLICE OFFICER. THE SCAMMER SAY THERE IS A RED LIGHT CAMERA TICKET THAT NEEDS TO BE PAID. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DOES NOT MAKE PHONE CALLS REGARDING CAMERA VIOLATIONS.

5PM - 5/5

THIS JUST IN FROM ARLINGTON... POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING THE ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION OF WOMAN IN FAIRLINGTON. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE ATTACK HAPPENED AROUND SIX O'CLOCK SUNDAY MORNING ON SOUTH UTAH STREET. A 30 YEAR-OLD WOMAN TOLD POLICE SHE WAS JOGGING WHEN A WHITE FOUR DOOR SEDAN PULLED TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD... AND A MAN ASKED HER FOR DIRECTIONS. THE MAN GRABBED THE VICTIM AND TRIED TO PULL HER INTO HIS VEHICLE. THE VICTIM WAS ABLE TO FIGHT OFF THE ATTACKER AND RUN HOME.

6:30PM - 6/22

D-C POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING THE MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A TRANSGENDER FEMALE. THE VICTIM TOLD OFFICERS THAT SHE ACCEPTED A RIDE FROM THE STRANGER EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING ON ATLAS COURT IN NORTHEAST. SHE SAYS ONCE INSIDE THE VEHICLE, THE MAN DROVE TO A NEARBY ALLEY, PULLED OUT A HANDGUN AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HER. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ON THIS CASE SHOULD CALL POLICE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

4:30AM - 4/8

BIG CHANGES COULD BE COMING TO HOW YOU'RE CHARGED FOR A D-C CAB RIDE. TWO D-C COUNCIL MEMBERS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW THE TAXI DRIVERS TO USE "SURGE PRICING". THAT'S WHEN PRICES ARE ADJUSTED IN REAL TIME ACCORDING TO DEMAND. THE MOVE COULD BENEFIT RIDERS BY ALLOWING THEM TO COMPARISON SHOP. CRITICS SAY THE PRACTICE CAN LEAD TO PRICE GOUGING.

5PM - 5/6

ALSO TODAY AT THE D-C COUNCIL... A PUSH TO TOUGHEN THE CITY'S DRUNK DRIVING LAWS. D-C COUNCIL MEMBER MURIEL BOWSER INTRODUCED A BILL TO LOWER THE BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT TO POINT OH-5. IT'S CURRENTLY POINT OH-8 IN D-C AND ALL 50 STATES. LAST YEAR, THE NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD SUGGESTED THAT STATES LOWER THEIR LIMITS... SAYING ALCOHOL SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASES THE RISK OF AN ACCIDENT. BOWSER IS ALSO THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINEE FOR MAYOR.

5PM - 5/29

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6PM - 4/5

IT'S BEEN A BUSY DAY IN THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY... AND IT'S NOT OVER YET. THE HOUSE IS EXPECTED TO VOTE ON A BILL DECRIMINALIZING SMALL AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA. ALSO, THE SENATE APPROVED RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE EVERY YEAR UNTIL IT REACHES TEN-DOLLARS TEN-CENTS AN HOUR IN 20-18. THE BILL MUST BE RECONCILED WITH A MINIMUM WAGE HIKE IN THE HOUSE. AND LAWMAKERS IN BOTH BODIES GAVE FINAL APPROVAL TO A 38-POINT-7 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5PM - 4/8

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IS PUTTING NEW GUIDELINES INTO PLACE TO MAKE SURE PURE HONEY IS JUST THAT...PURE. THE F-D-A IS NOW PREVENTING COMPANIES FROM ADVERTISING A PRODUCT AS "PURE HONEY" IF IT HAS ANY SUGAR OR SWEETENERS IN IT.

IF IT DOES HAVE SUGAR IN IT, THE PRODUCT MUST BE LABELED AS "BLEND OF SUGAR AND HONEY".

5PM - 4/18

HEROIN IS BECOMING A GROWING PROBLEM ALL ACROSS OUR AREA. TONIGHT A COMMUNITY MEETING IS BEING HELD IN WINCHESTER AFTER ELEVEN HEROIN OVERDOSES WERE REPORTED IN NORTHWEST VIRGINIA THIS YEAR. THE MEETING WILL INCLUDE POLICE AND MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO TALK TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE ALARMING INCREASE IN THE DEADLY DRUG.

5PM - 4/29

A FAIRFAX COUNTY WOMAN IS FACING CHARGES... AFTER POLICE SAY SHE HOSTED A TEEN DRINKING PARTY AT HER HOME. POLICE ALSO TOOK A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER SATURDAY'S PARTY ON AKHTAMAR DRIVE IN GREAT FALLS. ABOUT 50 TEENS WERE FOUND INSIDE THE HOME. POLICE SAY THEIR "PARENTS WHO HOST LOSE THE MOST" PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY DURING PROM AND GRADUATION SEASON. IT'S DESIGNED TO DISCOURAGE ADULTS FROM CONDONING UNDERAGE DRINKING.

5PM - 5/20

A NEW POTENTIAL SCANDAL COULD ROCK THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE. A GROUP OF RETIRED PLAYERS IS SUING THE N-F-L -- SAYING THE LEAGUE ILLEGALLY GAVE THEM DANGEROUS PAINKILLERS TO GET THEM BACK ON THE FIELD. THE LAWSUIT CLAIMS THE N-F-L ADMINISTERED THE DRUGS WITHOUT PRESCRIPTIONS... SO IT COULD NUMB PLAYERS' INJURIES AND MAXIMIZE PROFITS. SOME PLAYERS SAY THEY BECAME ADDICTED TO THE PAIN MEDICATION. THE LAWSUIT SEEKS UNSPECIFIED FINANCIAL DAMAGES... AND A NEW N-F-L PROGRAM TO HELP PREVENT PAINKILLER ADDICTION. THE N-F-L ALREADY REACHED A 765-MILLION DOLLAR SETTLEMENT AFTER PLAYERS ACCUSED THE LEAGUE OF HIDING THE RISK OF CONCUSSIONS.

5PM - 6/26

THE DISTRICT'S ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD ISSUED A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER TO ONLINE PROPRIETOR ULTRA--- FOR ILLEGALLY SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WITHOUT A LICENSE. ULTRA MUST IMMEDIATELY STOP SELLING AND DELIVERING ALCOHOL IN D-C. UNDER DISTRICT LAW, SELLING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ONLINE IS LEGAL-- AS LONG AS THE BUSINESS HAS THE PROPER LICENSE.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

4:30AM - 4/17

AN EFFORT TO MOVE HOMELESS FAMILIES FROM THE D.C. GENERAL SHELTER TO PERMANENT HOUSING KICKS OFF TODAY. THE INITIATIVE IS CALLED "500 FAMILIES, 100 DAYS. QUALITY D-C HOUSING NOW." MAYOR VINCENT GRAY WILL APPEAR AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN NORTHEAST D.C. THIS MORNING.. TO LAUNCH THE INITIATIVE.

5PM - 5/8

ARE YOU GOING GRAY FROM BATTLING TRAFFIC? IF SO, JOIN THE CLUB. THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS D-C NOW RANKS AS THE NATION'S MOST STRESSED-OUT CITY. THE MOVOTO REAL ESTATE BLOG SAYS WASHINGTONIANS ARE ALSO STRESSED BECAUSE OF THEIR LONG WORK HOURS. ANALYSTS ALSO CONSIDERED A CITY'S COST OF LIVING AND POPULATION DENSITY. NEW YORK WAS RANKED THE SECOND MOST STRESSFUL CITY. MIAMI CAME IN THIRD. AND SAN FRANCISCO ROUNDED OUT THE TOP FOUR.

6PM - 4/3

D-C MAYOR VINCENT GRAY WANTS TO MOVE FAMILIES OUT OF THE HOMELESS SHELTER, WHERE RELISHA RUDD LIVED WITH HER FAMILY. DURING A MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TODAY, MAYOR GRAY SAID HE WOULD LIKE ALL FAMILIES OUT OF THE SHELTER AT THE OLD D-C GENERAL HOSPITAL BY THIS SUMMER. BUT, THE MAYOR SAYS MANY RESIDENTS OPPOSE SETTING UP TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. MAYOR GRAY TOLD COUNCIL MEMBERS HE WOULD NEED THEIR SUPPORT TO GET HOUSING LOCATIONS APPROVED.

6PM - 4/23

PROPERTY OWNERS IN ARLINGTON ARE ABOUT TO SEE A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THEIR REAL ESTATE TAX. THE COUNTY BOARD ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 20-15 WHICH DROPS THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE BY ONE CENT, TO 99-CENT PER 100-DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE. THE MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET ALSO INCREASES FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS BY SIX PERCENT. THE NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGINS ON JULY FIRST.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

4:30AM- 6/10

THE D-C COMMITTEE ON HEALTH WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TODAY ON LEGISLATION SURROUNDING THE CONTROVERSIAL PRACTICE OF CONVERSION THERAPY. D-C COULD BE THE NEXT TO BAN THE PRACTICE OF PERFORMING THERAPY ON GAY YOUTH MEANT TO MAKE THEM HETEROSEXUAL.

12PM - 5/21

THAT BREAKING NEWS -- A MEASLES WARNING FOR PEOPLE IN D-C AND FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTIES IN MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA. IF YOU VISITED GROCERY STORES, FARMER'S MARKETS, DOCTOR'S OFFICES OR RESTAURANTS -- YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPOSED. HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE TAKING THIS VERY SERIOUSLY. BUT THEY SAY YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION *TODAY* IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT YOURSELF -- TOMORROW WILL BE TOO LATE. WE HAVE DETAILS COMING UP.

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5PM - 6/24

FOR YEARS, A PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGN HAS URGED PEOPLE TO "KNOW YOUR STATUS" - WHEN IT COMES TO H-I-V. NOW VIRGINIANS CAN LEARN THEIR STATUS, FOR FREE. THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAS TEAMED UP WITH WALGREENS TO OFFER FREE RAPID H-I-V TESTS AT LOCATIONS ACROSS THE STATE. YOU CAN GET RESULTS IN AS LITTLE AS ONE-MINUTE. A COMPLETE LIST OF PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS IS AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW ON OUR WEBSITE, WJLA DOT COM.

6PM - 4/1

IN OUR AREA, D-C HEALTH-LINK SAYS IT SIGNED UP MORE THAN 40-THOUSAND DISTRICT RESIDENTS FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE DURING OPEN ENROLLMENT. MOST, ENROLLED IN MEDICAID OR FOR SMALL BUSINESS COVERAGE. ABOUT 25-PERCENT SIGNED UP FOR A PRIVATE HEALTH PLAN.

RACIAL, ETHIC, RELIGIOUS & SEX

4:30AM - 6/4

TODAY IS "PRIDE DAY" AT WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL IN NORTHWEST D.C. THE LUNCHTIME FESTIVAL WILL BRING TOGETHER MORE THAN 20 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. THEY'LL OFFER SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUESTIONING TEENS. IN RESPONSE.. THE WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH PLANS TO PICKET THE SCHOOL ON MONDAY. THAT GROUP IS BEST KNOWN FOR ANTI-GAY PICKETING AT MILITARY FUNERALS.

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6AM - 5/21

THE W-N-B-A JUST ANNOUNCED A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND AD CAMPAIGN. THE LEAGUE WILL SPECIFICALLY RECRUIT GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER FANS TO ITS GAMES. THE EFFORT BEGINS TODAY WITH A NEW WEBSITE. THE W-N-B-A WILL ALSO HAVE ITS TEAMS PARTICIPATE IN PRIDE FESTIVALS AND PARADES, AND WORK WITH ADVOCACY GROUPS. A NATIONALLY TELEVISED PRIDE GAME BETWEEN TULSA AND CHICAGO IS SET FOR JUNE 22ND.

12PM - 5/23

THE CLIPPERS SAGA HAS TURNED INTO HALF THE U-S SENATE URGING THE REDSKINS TO CHANGE THEIR NAME. THE DEMOCRATS SENT A LETTER TO N-F-L COMMISSIONER ROGER GOODSELL... CITING THE N-B-A'S BAN ON STERLING... AND SAYING THE REDSKINS NAME IS A RACIAL SLUR. NO REPUBLICANS WERE INVITED TO SIGN THE LETTER. AS FOR THE DEMOCRATS... VIRGINIA SENATORS TIM KAINE AND MARK WARNER DID *NOT* SIGN. NEITHER DID SENATOR JOE MANCHIN OF WEST VIRGINIA.

6PM - 5/6

COMMISSIONERS IN CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND ARE NOT RESUMING CHRISTIAN PRAYER AT THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS -- AT LEAST NOT YET. ON MONDAY -- THE SUPREME COURT RULED SUCH PRAYERS DO NOT VIOLATE THE CONSTITUTION. HOURS LATER -- A JUDGE LIFTED A INJUNCTION PROHIBITING PRAYERS AT CARROLL COUNTY MEETINGS. COMMISSIONERS WILL DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF BOTH DECISIONS LATER THIS WEEK.

6PM - 6/18

MOST OF THE ASSAULTS ON THE CONTROVERSIAL NAME OF THE WASHINGTON REDSKINS HAVE BEEN JUST WORDS AND HARD LOBBIES FOR A NAME CHANGE ... BUT NOW, THERE IS SIGNIFICANT ACTION AGAINST THE NAME ...THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE HAS CANCELLED THE REDSKINS TRADEMARK ... THE PETITIONERS CONSIST OF FIVE NATIVE AMERICANS SIX TRADEMARKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED ... IN A DIVIDED RULING ... AND THE TEAM SAYS IT WILL APPEAL ... AND RETAINS THE RIGHTS TO THE TRADEMARKS UNTIL THAT APPEAL IS RULED UPON.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

5AM - 4/18

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN D.C. WHO WANT A JOB THIS SUMMER.. A SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM "CAREER EXPLOSION FAIR" IS SET FOR TODAY. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NATIONAL BUILDING MUSEUM IN DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON. BEGINNING AT NINE A.M.

6AM - 4/7

PRESIDENT OBAMA HEADS TO BLADENSBURG HIGH SCHOOL TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE YOUTH "CAREER CONNECTION" COMPETITION. THE PROGRAM CREATED BY EXECUTIVE ACTION PREPARES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN "STEM" CAREERS. SO FAR -- THE PROGRAM'S MADE MORE THAN 100 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS AVAILABLE.

6PM - 4/4

THE LATEST JOBS REPORT INCLUDES A MILESTONE FOR THE RECOVERY FROM THE GREAT RECESSION. PRIVATE EMPLOYERS NOW HAVE AS MANY EMPLOYEES AS THEY DID, BEFORE THE RECESSION BEGAN. OVERALL, 192-THOUSAND NEW JOBS WERE CREATED IN MARCH. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HELD STEADY AT 6 POINT 7 PERCENT.

6PM - 6/6

THE MAY JOBS REPORT FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT, INCLUDES A MAJOR MILESTONE IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY. THE U-S WORKFORCE NOW HAS AS MANY PEOPLE WORKING, AS IT DID PRIOR TO THE RECESSION. OVERALL, THE ECONOMY ADDED 217-THOUSAND JOBS IN MAY. THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE STAYED STEADY AT 6-POINT-3 PERCENT.

11PM - 4/8

THERE'S A SHIFT ON THE HOME FRONT -- THE NUMBER OF MOTHER'S STAYING HOME -- IS ON THE RISE.

BUT THE CHANGE HAS MORE TO DO WITH MONEY THAN A CULTURAL SHIFT. A NEW REPORT BY THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER FOUND 29-PERCENT OF MOTHERS IN THE U-S STAY HOME. THE REPORT FOUND MANY WOULD LIKE TO WORK... BUT EITHER CAN'T FIND A JOB, OR ONE THAT COVERS THE COST OF CHILDCARE.

EDUCATION

4:30AM -5/13

THIS SATURDAY MARKS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUPREME COURT'S LANDMARK BROWN VERSUS THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RULING. ON MAY 17TH, 1954.. THE COURT DECLARED STATE LAWS ESTABLISHING SEPARATE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR BLACK AND WHITE STUDENTS UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

THE "ALLIANCE TO RECLAIM OUR SCHOOLS" IS SPONSORING A RALLY TODAY OUTSIDE THE SUPREME COURT. THE GROUP IS URGING POLICYMAKERS TO RECOMMIT TO THE VISION OF EQUITY AND OPPORTUNITY EMBODIED IN THAT SUPREME COURT DECISION.

5AM - 5/1

TONIGHT, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY'S BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL ANNOUNCE THE 2014 TEACHER OF THE YEAR. 17 NOMINEES WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK.

6PM - 6/13

D-C STUDENTS COULD SOON GO TO DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.THE CITY JUST RELEASED NEW BOUNDARY PROPOSALS.ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON POST... THEY EMPAHSIZE GETTING STUDENT INTO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS.BUT IT WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS -- ESPECIALLY THE DISADVANTAGED --- TO GO TO SCHOOLS OUTSIDE THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD.THE PLAN CALLS FOR THREE NEW NEIGHBORHOOD MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND ONE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE CITY.

11PM - 5/14

JUST IN FROM MARYLAND... LAWMAKERS ARE TAKING A CLOSE LOOK AT SCHOOL START TIMES - AND THE IMPACT THEY MAY BE HAVING ON YOUR CHILD'S HEALTH. MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY PLANS TO SIGN A BILL REQUIRING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CONDUCT A STUDY. THE DEPARTMENT MUST ALSO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WHETHER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SHOULD START CLASSES NO EARLIER THAN EIGHT A-M.

FAMILY ISSUES

4:30AM - 4/17

AN EFFORT TO MOVE HOMELESS FAMILIES FROM THE D.C. GENERAL SHELTER TO PERMANENT HOUSING KICKS OFF TODAY. THE INITIATIVE IS CALLED "500 FAMILIES, 100 DAYS. QUALITY D-C HOUSING NOW." MAYOR VINCENT GRAY WILL APPEAR AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN NORTHEAST D.C. THIS MORNING.. TO LAUNCH THE INITIATIVE.

4:30AM - 4/30

TODAY FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA AND THE VICE PRESIDENT'S WIFE, JILL BIDEN, WILL REACH OUT TO THE MILITARY. THEY'LL ATTEND AN EVENT AT THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. THEY'LL ANNOUNCE COMMITMENTS AND A PLEDGE MADE BY PHILANTHROPIES NATIONWIDE TO SUPPORT VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES. THE EVENT IS A CELEBRATION OF THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF "JOINING FORCES." THAT'S A NATIONAL INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

5AM -4/14

SEVEN IS ON YOUR Side with a health alert. A NEW STUDY FINDS THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF PARENTHOOD PUT YOUNG FATHERS AT A HIGHER RISK OF DEVELOPING DEPRESSION. RESEARCHERS AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY FOUND SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION INCREASED BY NEARLY 70-PERCENT OVER THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF PARENTHOOD FOR MEN AROUND AGE 25.

6AM - 4/10

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE THIS MORNING WITH NEW INFORMATION... ON WHY YOUR NEWBORN BABY CRIES AT NIGHT. A NEW STUDY CLAIMS INFANTS CRY TO KEEP THEIR PARENTS FROM MAKING ANOTHER BABY. HARVARD UNIVERSITY SCIENTISTS SAY BABIES ARE PROGRAMMED TO MONOPOLIZE THEIR MOTHER'S ATTENTION. THIS KEEPS MOMS TOO TIRED TO GET ROMANTIC WITH THEIR PARTNERS PREVENTING THE ARRIVAL OF SIBLINGS.

6AM - 6/9

THE WHITE HOUSE IS HOLDING A SUMMIT TODAY ON WORKING FAMILIES.. PARTICULARLY WORKING DADS. THIS IS BEING BILLED AS A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND EVENT. ONE FOCUS OF DISCUSSION.. HOW BUSINESSES ARE ENABLING WORKING DADS TO BE MORE INVOLVED PARENTS.. AND BETTER EMPLOYEES.

12PM - 5/5

NOW TO A SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE CONSUMER ALERT. BABY GATES MAY NOT BE AS SAFE AS PARENTS THINK. A NEW STUDY SAYS NEARLY 2-THOUSAND KIDS IN THE U-S GO TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM EVERY YEAR FROM INJURIES AFTER FALLING THROUGH OR CLIMBING ON THESE GATES. MOST INJURIES AREN'T SERIOUS. EXPERTS RECOMMEND USING BOLTED-GATES AT the TOP OF STAIRS. NOT THE PRESSURE-MOUNTED ONES.

ELDERLY & AGING

6AM - 4/25

LADIES HOME JOURNAL IS FOLDING AFTER 131 YEARS. DESPITE A CIRCULATION OF MORE THAN 3-MILLION, THE JULY ISSUE WILL BE IT'S LAST. THE MAGAZINE JUST LAID OFF IT'S ENTIRE STAFF. "AD AGE" REPORTS THE MAGAZINE WILL BECOME A SPECIAL INTEREST PUBLICATION THAT'S ONLY SOLD ON NEWSTANDS.

11PM - 4/6

AN ELDERLY WOMAN IS RECOVERING AFTER SHE WAS ATTACKED BY A NEIGHBOR'S TWO DOGS IN GLENN DALE. THE ANIMALS ARE DESCRIBED AS A POSSIBLE DOBERMAN PINSCHER AND ROTTWEILER. THE WOMAN MANAGED TO GET AWAY FROM THE DOGS AND RUN INTO HER HOUSE, WHERE AN AMBULANCE PICKED HER UP. SHE'S BEING TREATED FOR BITES TO HER UPPER BODY. THE WOMAN'S NEIGHBOR MANAGED TO BRING THE DOGS BACK TO THEIR HOME. THE INCIDENT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

11PM - 5/9

HAPPENING NOW... THE SEARCH IS ON FOR PERSON WHO MURDERED AN ELDERLY WOMAN IN THE DISTRICT. 75-YEAR-OLD MARY HOUSTON DISAPPEARED FROM A RESTAURANT ON GEORGIA AVENUE MONDAY MORNING. HER BODY WAS FOUND WEDNESDAY IN THE BASEMENT OF AN ABANDONED BUILDING ON CHANNING PLACE. HOUSTON DIED FROM ASYPHIXIATION AND BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA.

11PM - 6/23

HAPPENING NOW IN ARLINGTON... AN ACTIVE SEARCH FOR TWO MEN WHO TARGETED AN ELDERLY WOMAN -- AND USED DECEPTION TO ROB HER. THE VICTIM TELLS US SHE WAS INSIDE HER HOME ON SOUTH 31-ST STREET SATURDAY AFTERNOON WHEN THEY ARRIVED... SHE TELLS US THE SMOOTH TALKERS WERE IN HER HOME -- AND OUT WITH FULL POCKETS -- IN A FLASH.