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## **WBMM-TV LOCAL PROGRAMS**

### **WBMM-TV NEWS AT NINE**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY**

**9:00-10:00 P.M.**

Late breaking news, sports, and weather are the hub of this newscast. Viewers are given up-to-the minute news coverage, as well as a recap of the day's top stories. Coverage of stories that concern every sector of our society is featured. Government, education, economy, health, are given the same emphasis as crime, recreation, etc. Stefanie Hicks, Glenn Halbrooks, Chris Bailey, and Dee Jackson are the anchors.

## **WBMM NEWS PROGRAMS**

### **DAILY BUZZ**

**MONDAY, FRIDAY**

**5:00-8:00 A.M.**

The Daily Buzz is a National syndicated morning news program. It provides viewers with late-breaking national and international news, sports, weather, financial reports, and entertainment. The show is known for its informal atmosphere as opposed to its more conservative counterparts. Andrea Jackson, Ron Corning, and Kia Malone are the anchors.

## **PROBLEMS AND NEEDS**

**SECOND QUARTER, 2010**

**JULY 10, 2010**

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**WBMM-TV**  
**PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**  
**Second Quarter, 2010**

## **WBMM NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: CRIME**

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4/6/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **ROBBERY PRANK**

In Andalusia police are searching for 3 robbers who allegedly used a small child as bait in a robbery scam that happened around 8 o'clock last night on Brewton Street. A couple say they found a child around 7 years old standing in the middle of the road. When they got out to help the child 3 men jumped out of the bushes, assaulted the driver and stole the passenger's purse before getting away.

:50 VO/SOT

4/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **MURDER ARREST**

There are new developments in the shooting of a 3 year old child at a Montgomery block party. Police tell us 27 year old Carlos Jones of Montgomery is charged with attempted murder for the shooting of the toddler last Sunday night in Trenholm Court. As we reported, Reginald Robinson was fatally shot a short time later. Police say they believe that shooting was in retaliation. Two other people were also injured and more arrests are expected.

:25 VO

4/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **SELMA ARREST**

Covering Selma, a grandfather is arrested on child abuse charges, after allegedly injuring his 14 year old grandson. Police say John Roger Robinson seriously injured the teen while trying to discipline him. Robinson beat his grandson with two extension cords, after he was told that the boy had been caught smoking at school.

:20 VO

4/28/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **3 YEAR OLD DRIVE BY**

A drive-by shooting in Selma has killed a three year old child. News of the shooting and the child's death seemed to spread through the Selma community this morning like wildfire. Selma residents Jessie Ponds and Jesse James Turner were stunned to learn that a 3 year old child had been killed Tuesday night. The men say they've lived in Selma all of their lives and it seems like the city is getting more and more violent. Selma police have charged Aaron Harris and Brandon Lewis with Capitol murder, and are still looking for two other people. If you have any information about this shooting call Selma Police at 874-2125.

1:15 PKG

5/4/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**PRATTVILLE MURDER LATEST**

Prattville police arrest 2 people in connection with a weekend murder. Leonardo Allen of Autauga County turned himself into police, and Anthony Ford of Montgomery was arrested in the New Orleans area and is awaiting extradition back to Alabama. Both are accused of shooting killing James Anthony Jones, also known as AJ, in Prattville Friday night. The case is still under investigation. It is Prattville's first homicide in nearly 2 years.

:30 VO

5/4/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**SEX ABUSE ARREST**

Covington County sheriff's deputies say Nolan Temis Martin of Opp is charged with sexual abuse of a child younger than 12. Deputies say Martin confessed to sexually abusing and sodomizing the girl, and is being held on a \$400,000 bond.

:25 VO

5/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**COPPER WIRE THEFTS**

Greenville police are searching for whoever stole wire from three homes, ripping it out of the walls. Police say the three homes were vacant and were hit in the past two weeks. Metal and copper wiring was cut out of nearly every room of one home. Police Chief Lonzo Ingram says the value of copper is about \$2.30 per pound, but to repair the damage will cost much more. If you have any information, call Greenville Police at 382-7461.

:30 VO

5/17/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**MURDER FOR HIRE**

An Autauga County woman pleads guilty to hiring someone to kill her husband. Shana Cromwell admitted in court today that she "did" solicit someone to commit murder. She was arrested in June of 2007 but a judge dismissed the charges after Cromwell renounced her intention to have her husband killed. But that was overturned by the state's criminal appeals court, and Cromwell will be sentenced in August.

:30 VO

5/20/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**MPD SUSPECT SEARCH**

Montgomery Police say they have found a man they had been looking for, who was wanted for sex abuse. Razberry Johnson was found by police less than an hour after his picture was shown right on our partner station CBS 8 news. Police say Johnson is wanted for sex abuse, child abuse and sodomy. After his picture was shown, Captain Keith Barnett says police received several tips of where Johnson could be, and was found at a home on Slash Pine Drive off of Troy Highway.

:30 VO

5/24/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**TUSKEGEE MURDER**

One man is killed in Macon county today, and hours later Tuskegee police make an arrest. Stanley Jackson of Tuskegee faces murder and attempted murder charges. He is accused of shooting and killing Craig Earl Daniel of Tuskegee, and wounding a woman. Tuskegee's police chief says the shooting happened this afternoon on Williams street. He says Jackson could face more charges.

:25 VO

5/24/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**HOME INVASION**

A Montgomery home invasion takes a twist when the suspects are tied up by the people inside the home. Montgomery police say they found Jasmine Williams and Eric Taylor at a home on Richards Drive where both suspects had been tied up. Police say the two broke in and tried to rob the seven people inside. The would-be victims noticed the suspects' gun wasn't loaded before they tied up the suspects. Both suspects are charged with robbery, and Williams is also charged with sexual assault.

:30 VO

5/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**MISSING CHILDREN**

The search is over tonight for two children who went missing from Wetumpka. Wetumpka Police Department tells us Christopher lee Thompson and Chloe and Bryant Cannon were found in Montgomery tonight around 7 o'clock. Montgomery police Captain Keith Barnett tells us they received a tip that Thompson's vehicle was seen near I-85, and Police spotted his car as it turned into Sam's club on Eastern Boulevard. They took Thompson into custody and the children were in the car with him. The children appeared to be unharmed. Another man in the car was taken into custody also.

:40 VO



6/2/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**LATEST MURDER**

Many people in Montgomery are still in shock tonight after a mother was murdered. Police say by the father of her children. Close friends of Daphne Stephenson say she was going to meet her ex-husband for the sake of her kids, to settle an argument over child support when her ex shot her in the head. Randy Stephenson is charged with murder. He is in the Montgomery County jail tonight on a \$75,000.

6/3/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**VAN DER SLOOT**

There are new developments in the case of missing Alabama Teen Natalee Holloway. The man suspected in her disappearance five years ago is facing "new" charges in that case, and he is arrested in connection with the murder of a girl in another country. It's tonight's top story on "The CW First News at Nine".

2:20 PKG

6/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**RED ROOF MURDERS**

A man is shot and killed on a Montgomery motel balcony and now police need your help finding his killer. Police say the shooting happened around 9:30 last night at the Red Roof Inn on Carmichael Road where they found a man in his thirties with multiple gunshot wounds. Authorities are now looking for his killer who is described as a black man, in his thirties, around 6'3" tall weighing 180 pounds with long dreadlocks. If you have any information please call the police department at 241-2651.

:30 VO

## **WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: GOVERNMENT**

4/6/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **PARTY SWITCH**

Democratic State Senator Jim Preuit announces he will seek re-election as a Republican. Preuit, whose district covers parts of Elmore County, says he can better serve his constituents as a Republican. Republican leaders say they're now closer than ever to taking over the Senate. Preuit's switch makes 15 Republican Senators. There are 18 Democrats.

:30 VO

4/13/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **BINGO BILL**

A bill that would regulate and tax electronic bingo clears a house committee, and is now one step closer to final passage as the house tourism and travel committee ok's the measure. The Senate sponsor of the bill told committee members the tax rate would be one of the highest in the country at 25%, and would also set up the toughest gaming commission and give the people the right to vote on the issue. Representative Mac Gipson was the only committee member voting against the bill after members disagreed with changing the bill to further define revenues for casinos.

:30 VO/SOT

4/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **NEW SOUTH PRESSER**

Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate Artur Davis says he will not participate in the screening process to be endorsed by three black political groups. Davis says the screening process by the New South Coalition, Alabama Democratic Conference and the Jefferson County Citizens Coalition is unnecessary, saying black voters do "not" need permission or sample ballots to decide who they support for Governor. Leaders from the New South Coalition says Davis was the front-runner for the group until he voted against the federal health care plan.

:55 VO/SOT

4/16/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **RILEY EXPENSES**

An ethics complaint has been filed against Governor Bob Riley alleging millions of dollars in contracts were steered toward the law firm where Riley's son-in law works. The legislative contract review committee has also delayed the approval of any legal fees used by the Governor. CW News Reporter Krista Littlefield has the Top Story on "The CW First News at Nine".

2:15 PKG

4/23/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**JOBS BILL**

Governor Riley has signed a bill that gives a big tax break to businesses who hire Alabamians without a job. A jobs bill sponsored by Representative Robert Bentley passed the house and Senate unanimously. Bentley calls the bill an economic stimulus plan that could put thousands back to work. The measure encourages businesses to hire those already unemployed in the state by allowing them to deduct up to 50 percent of the new employees salary from their income taxes.

1:00 VO/SOT

4/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**OUTSIDE BUSINESS TAX**

Some business owners on the outskirts of Montgomery are waging war against the city. They were told they owe the city for police and fire services, and are charged with new fees and additional sales taxes. Montgomery city officials say they are just trying to be fair. CW News Reporter Jenna Deery has the Top Story on "The CW First News at Nine".

1:50 PKG

4/28/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**SHELBY ASSISTANCE**

The oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico is expected to make landfall this weekend, and could be devastating to the Gulf Coast if it does. That's why U.S. Senator Richard Shelby has sent a letter to the head of the U.S. Coast Guard asking for immediate assistance. Tonight, The Coast Guard has started a controlled burn of the spill. Governor Bob Riley is in Mobile reviewing emergency plans to protect the Alabama coast.

:20 VO

5/10/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**OIL LATEST**

Crews continue to work around the clock on the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. Remote Controlled submarines shot a chemical dispersant into the center of the leak. Workers say they hope this will thin the oil that is gushing out at a pace of 210 thousand gallons a day. Also, BP officials say they want to have a new, much smaller oil containment device at the bottom of the Gulf by the end of the week.

:35 VO

5/12/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**CONGRESS DEBATE**

The three Republican candidates for the second congressional district, which includes parts of Montgomery, answered questions live on the radio for more than two hours this morning. Montgomery City Councilwoman, Martha Roby, State School Board member, Stephanie Bell, and Tea Party Activist, Rick Barber were on the NewsTalk 107.9 "Morris and Montiel" show. The candidates say their backgrounds are very different.

1:35 VO/SOT

5/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**GRAND JURY**

The federal grand jury investigation into alleged vote buying in the legislature has now turned political. The two democratic candidates for governor are in a war of words about how the probe may affect voters on Tuesday. Reporter Krista Littlefield has more.

1:35 PKG

5/28/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**PA WALLACE ARCHIVES**

We're less than a week away from the Alabama Primaries, and when it comes to famous names in state politics one is bigger than the rest. "GEORGE WALLACE!" A few years ago, the Wallace family donated to the state thousands of documents and unique pieces of history of the Wallace family. CW First News at 9's Jeff Sanders went for a visit in the Best of Positively Alabama.

1:20

6/2/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**SPARKS PRESSER**

Democratic Gubernatorial nominee Ron Sparks says he's ready to go head to head with whoever Republican voters choose. Sparks says he wants to give the people the right to vote on gambling, and that the challenges he faced from his democratic opponent, Artur Davis, made him a better candidate. He says now is the time to turn the state around.

1:00 VO

6/3/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**DAVIS OUT**

Congressman Artur Davis says he's through with politics after losing the Democratic primary for governor to Ron Sparks by nearly a two-to-one margin. He also says he doesn't want any appointed government job, including the U.S. attorney position in Montgomery, which is vacant. Instead, Davis says he plans to return to practicing law, which he did before his election to Congress in 2002.

:30 VO

6/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**PROVISIONAL RECOUNT**

Gubernatorial candidate Tim James will request a recount of votes cast in last week's Republican Primary after the provisional ballot count gave him 40 more votes. He still trails Robert Bentley by 167 votes, and unless a recount proves otherwise Bentley will face Bradley Byrne in the run-off on July 13th. No gubernatorial primary has been this close and James says a recount is not about winning or losing – it's about the voters.

1:10 WIPE VO/SOT TAG

6/11/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**VOTE RECOUNT**

From Campaign 2010, Attorney General Troy King issues an opinion saying that Bradley Byrne and Robert Bentley's names should be on the Republican runoff ballot for governor regardless of what happens with the scheduled recount of the primary votes. CW News Reporter Krista Littlefield has the Top Story on "The CW First News at Nine".

1:30 PKG

6/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**VOTE RECOUNT**

Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Tim James has filed a challenge with the Alabama Republican Party. James is challenging the party's naming of Bradley Byrne and Robert Bentley for the run-off "before" a statewide recount is complete. He decided last night to push ahead with his request for a recount. That recount is set to begin tomorrow morning and is expected to be complete by Wednesday afternoon.

:30 VO

6/21/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**TIM JAMES NEWSER**

Tim James, the former Republican candidate, announced today at his campaign headquarters in Montgomery that he is ending his campaign for Governor. After last week's recount was over James finished more than 200 votes behind second place finisher Robert Bentley. James says because of the thin margin between the two after the primary he felt he had no choice but to ask for a recount.

1:00 VO/SOT

6/23/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**AEA GOVERNOR RACE**

Some teachers may be trying to give their colleagues a lesson on who to vote for in next month's Republican runoff for governor. And it's not Bradley Byrne who AEA President Paul Hubbert says has spent most of his time attacking AEA than talking about what he is going to do. CW First News at 9's Jenna Deery has more.

1:30 PKG

6/23/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**MCCHRYSTAL RESIGNS**

General Stanley McCyrstal is no longer in charge of U.S. efforts in Afghanistan. He resigned today... after making a series of disrespectful comments about the Obama Administration to Rolling Stone Magazine. CW First News at 9's Kathryn Brown reports.

1:30 PKG

**WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: HEALTH**

5/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**DIRTY WATER FOLO**

Water pipes are being fixed in a Montgomery neighborhood. Last fall we brought you the story of Shirley Wadsworth and her neighbors on Willena Avenue in Montgomery, and their complaints of dirty water, that they said made them sick. Tuesday, Montgomery Water Works will finally replace the pipes in the neighborhood. Wadsworth says she's happy and hopes that surrounding areas will also get new pipes soon.

:30 VO

## **WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: EDUCATION**

4/6/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **WRWOS**

Every single one of the students in Montgomery Academy's senior class is heading off to college, and while it's exciting to start a new chapter in their lives, it can also be a little intimidating. Teacher Jeff Benton started the new Survival in College series at MA to give them lessons in the things they aren't taught in the classroom such as time management, stress management, dealing with money, what to do in the summer before you go to college, what to do initially. During the semester long course, they will also delve into extracurricular activities, the best way to study, and even how to avoid the freshman 15.

1:30 PKG

4/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **EDUCATION BUDGET**

An Education Trust Fund budget will be going to Governor Bob Riley for his signature. The senate approved the \$5.5 billion dollar budget today which would take effect October first. Riley says he expects to sign it but wishes legislators hadn't included money for special projects.

:20 WIPE/VO

4/28/10 - 9-9:30 P.M.

### **PIKE COUNTY GROUND WATER**

Covering Pike County where the eighth annual groundwater festival makes a splash in the minds of elementary students - more than 500 Pike County fourth graders flowed through the halls of Troy University to learn about groundwater. The educational day was named "Water Connects Everything". Organizers say they want children to realize the importance of water and other non-renewable natural resources.

:30 VO

5/4/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

### **NEW SUPERINTENDENT**

A new school superintendent is now on the job in Butler County. Darren Douthitt spent most of his first day meeting with teachers and staff. He has signed a four year contract, making \$130,000 a year. He is a former assistant superintendent from Opelika. Faculty members say Douthitt seems to be the leader the school system was hoping for.

:25 VO



5/10/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**THOMPSON SCHOOLS**

A \$10.5 million dollar grant could help hire back about 20 Montgomery Public School teachers who will be laid off after this year. Most of the money will be divided between these 3 schools - Bellingrath, McIntyre, and Capitol Heights. officials say the goal is to transform the districts entire middle school structure. CW First News at 9's Krista Littlefield has more on how this grant money will be used.

1:30 PKG

5/17/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**WATER FESTIVAL**

Today, Montgomery County fourth graders got to learn everything about H-2-O. The Montgomery County Water Festival was held today at Auburn Montgomery. Students learned how dirty water is purified, and the different cycles of water. They also learned about water conservation and participated in hands on water activities.

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**WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:  
ECONOMY/JOB/INDUSTRY**

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4/6/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**MINE EXPLOSION**

It's the deadliest coal mining accident in this country in more than twenty years. Twenty five miners dead, four still missing, and a tiny town in West Virginia is in shock. Rescue crews are expected to have completed drilling as early as noon tomorrow. Officials say they won't be able to explore the area until they can test the underground air for dangerous gases. CW first news at 9's Kathryn Brown is there.

1:30 PKG

4/13/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**HYUNDAI TEST DRIVE**

Hyundai car dealers from across the country are jumping at the chance to burn some rubber in Montgomery. More than 700 car dealers from across the US flocked to the parking lots to test drive the new Hyundai Tuscon and Sonata models during Hyundai's National Dealers Meeting. Officials say that the Montgomery plant shipped 28,000 vehicles to car dealerships across the nation last month.

:30 VO

4/30/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**SEAFOOD MONTGOMERY**

As the oil spill inches closer to the Gulf Coast. People whose livelihoods depend on the Gulf's seafood are waiting out what could be an unprecedented crisis for the seafood industry. Gulf coast suppliers say they're already preparing for the devastation to local fisheries. Many are already shipping in seafood from the East coast to make up for the losses they're expecting. CW first news at 9's Anjuli Lohn has more.

2:00 PKG

5/6/2010 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**STOCK MARKET PLUNDGES**

It was a nerve-racking day on Wall Street where the Dow plunged by almost 1000 points before regaining some of the losses. Traders are concerned that the debt crisis in Greece is going to spread. All major indexes lost 3% today. Only 173 stocks rose on the New York Stock Exchange while over 3,000 fell. CW First News at 9's Farnoosh Torabi has the latest from Wall Street.

1:35 PKG

5/20/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**HYUNDAI 5 YEARS**

Today marks five years since Montgomery's Hyundai plant celebrated its opening. Governor Bob Riley gathered with other dignitaries, including former President George H.W. Bush to celebrate the grand opening in a huge, live televised ceremony. The \$1.4 billion dollar plant was Hyundai's first in the U.S. Ellen McNair of the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce says that it took a lot of teamwork to bring jobs and Korean business to Alabama.

1:00 VO/SOT

6/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**OIL EFFECTS STAYCATION**

The thought of oil saturating Alabama's white sandy beaches may have some people looking for another place to spend their summer vacation. And Business owners in downtown Montgomery hope vacationers turn to them. Last year, Montgomery's staycation had an economic impact of \$1.3 million. City officials aren't sure yet what kind of economic impact the disaster in the Gulf could have on Montgomery. CW News Reporter Jenna Deery has more.

2:15 PKG

6/9/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**VALLEY GRANDE SALES TAX**

We're Covering Dallas County tonight where Valley Grande residents may soon have to dig a little deeper into their pockets when shopping in town. The town is considering a 1% sales tax increase, and town officials say the additional revenue would be used to add and maintain two baseball fields at the city park. Valley Grande resident Denny Antisdell says he's willing to pay a little more, if it improves the quality of life.

:55 VO/SOT

6/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**GULF LATEST**

The Summer Season may just be heating up but business owners on Alabama's Gulf Coast tell us it may already be over for them - all because Oil is now staining the sugary white beaches and clearing away vacationers with money in their pockets. CW News Reporter Jenna Deery has the Top Story on "The CW First News at Nine".

2:10 PKG

**WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST:**  
**RECREATION/LIFESTYLES**

4/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**POSITIVELY ALABAMA – TOOMER CORNER'S LEMONADE**

This is world famous Toomer's Corner, you know a lot of celebratory tissue has hung from these trees over the years. Behind me, across the street, is Toomer's Drugs, and with the hustle and bustle of a college town, you know nothing will quench your thirst more than Toomer's freshly squeezed lemonade. Toomer's Drug Store has been welcoming customers since 1896. Over the years it's become a must see destination in downtown Auburn, and the centerpiece of that experience is the Lemonade. On an average day, Toomer's lemonade specialists will slice, dice and squeeze through hundreds of fresh lemons and on a game day that numbers grows into the thousands. The owner will not share the recipe that is 114 years old!

2:00 PKG

4/13/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**BUTLER COUNTY RODEO PREP**

Butler County Sheriff's office is getting ready for the PCA Championship Rodeo, and spent the morning setting up for the big event. Sheriff, Kenny Harden, says the rodeo consists of everything from bull riding to calf roping. Harden says this is the first year his office has sponsored the event but he hopes to continue for years to come. The Rodeo will start Friday evening at the Butler County Fairgrounds in Greenville. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 dollars for children, Friday and Saturday.

:30 VO

4/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**AUBURN**

As Auburn approaches its second A-Day under Gene Chizik, the Tigers main concern is on the defensive side of the ball. Last year's team gave up more points per game than any Tiger team in history. Auburn held a half-scrimmage today in Jordan-Hare Stadium with emphasis on improving the defense heading into Saturday's spring game. The Tigers recorded four turnovers in the game-like drills today. Coach Chizik is pleased with the effort from spring practice but says the tigers need to finish strong going into the off-season.

:28 VO

4/16/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**ALLEN MEMORIAL SERVICE**

A memorial service is held in remembrance of the late City Council President Geraldine Allen in Selma tonight. The service provided an opportunity for the community to pay their final respects to the city's first female council president who died this past Saturday from cancer. She is being remembered as a person who was committed to making a difference in the community.

:55 VO/SOT

4/23/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**ROLANDO**

Alabama linebacker Rolando McClain is headed to the Oakland Raiders. McClain, taken with the eighth pick overall, played a key role in helping Alabama win the national championship last season. The Raiders hope McClain can help a defense that finished 29th against the run.

:15 WIPE/VO

4/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**K-9 COP DIES**

Urson, a Montgomery Police Dog died Friday, after his police officer partner apparently left him inside his police car, accidentally. Authorities say the Officer whose name has not been released is devastated, and has been transferred. An internal investigation into what led it to happen is underway. The Humane Society has also been contacted to conduct any criminal investigation into the incident. Urso was buried at the Montgomery Police Department K-9 Cemetery.

:30 SPECIAL BOX

4/28/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**TRACK**

Spring sports are getting revved up for the final, and local track and field athletes are tuning up for the state finals this weekend in gulf shores. Lee is sending 8 athletes total - 7 boys 1 girl - to compete for all the marbles. The generals may not be big in numbers but most of the Lee boys will compete in more than one event and hopes that quality will be more important than quantity.

5/10/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**BRAVERY RECOGNITION**

Two volunteer firefighters are honored for their bravery by the Montgomery County Commission. Doug Cox Junior and David Sherrer were honored for helping to save the life of Todd Spivey. During heavy rain last Monday, Spivey's truck was swept off U.S. Highway 231 into water. Cox and Sherrer spotted the truck, and dove into the stream, pulling Spivey out of his truck just moments before it went under. Cox and Sherrer say they just did what they had been trained to do. Officials call them "heroes" and presented them with plaques for their good deed.

:25 VO/SOT

5/14/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**RILEY GULF SHORE**

Governor Bob Riley was on the beach today promoting Alabama Beach tourism. Riley says Alabama Beaches have never looked better and people should still enjoy the area despite the oil spill. Right now, the Hangout Beach Music and Arts Festival is underway, and profits will be donated to shoreline preservation and cleanup.

:30 VO

5/20/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**BOATING SAFETY**

Summertime is just around the corner and that means more people are hitting the water. Governor Bob Riley has declared next week "Safety Boating Week." This morning, Alabama Marine Police officers demonstrated how to operate inflatable life jackets. The marine police also warn boaters that drinking while boating is also against the law.

:20 VO

5/26/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**GRANNY SOCCER**

As the World Cup approaches, South Africa's soccer grannies are working to fulfill their own dream - competing for glory in America. The 35 women, aged from 50 to 84, play for a team called "Grannies." The team was founded five years ago to help the older women keep fit and flexible. They have been invited to play in America for the Veterans Cup.

:20 VO

6/8/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**BUTLER CO SUMMER CAMP**

The Mussel Creek Hunting Club became home to 30 6th graders this week for the 15th Annual Natural Resources Camp where they learn everything about the great outdoors from how to trap an animal, to which animals they should steer clear of. The camp is a 3 day event that is free of charge. Students were nominated and selected from each school in Butler County.

:30 VO

6/9/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**ZOO MILITARY DAY**

It was a big day at the Montgomery Zoo today. Not only did the zoo honor those who serve in the Military, a brand new exhibit featuring Giraffes has now opened! The zoo has opened a Giraffe Feeding post which allows you to get close to an 18 foot giraffe! Visitors are allowed to walk on a deck and reach out to feed the Giraffes.

:55 VO/SOT

6/21/10 – 9-9:30 P.M.

**BUFFETT CONCERT**

Mobile native Jimmy Buffet and a few of his friends will perform a free concert in Gulf Shores. Buffet's website says the concert will show support for the people and businesses on the coast. Kenny Chesney and The Zac Brown Band will also perform. The show will be July 1<sup>st</sup> on the beach.

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**WBMM-TV**  
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**  
**Second Quarter, 2010**

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER 2010 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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We are still participating in the Cups for The Cross Campaign with the American Red Cross. We are running PSAs to promote giving to the American Red Cross. We have designed cups that can be sold and all profits will go to the American Red Cross. The campaign will continue for several more months.

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**WBMM-TV**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT CAMPAIGN**  
**Second Quarter, 2010**

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During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2010, WNCN-TV and WBMM-TV produced and aired the public service announcements that are described below:

**CUPS FOR THE CROSS:**  
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Both stations aired these announcements that informed the viewers of the need American Red Cross has for donations. The station(s) also have developed a program called “Cups for the Cross”. We had coffee cups made with the stations’ logos and asked people in our viewing audience to purchase the cups. The entire proceeds for the sale of the cups go to the Central Alabama Chapter of the American Red Cross. The announcement aired several times during the quarter.

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE/CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES**  
**:30**

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**WBMM-TV**  
**GENERAL ISSUE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**Second Quarter, 2010**

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## **GENERAL ISSUE PSAs:**

Following are some of the general issue public service announcements that aired on WBMM-TV Sunday - Saturday, Sign On - Sign Off during the Second Quarter of 2010.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Access to Justice</b>
<b>Name of Organization:</b>	Alabama Broadcasting Association
<b>Description of PSA:</b>	The Alabama State Bar Association coordinated statewide effort to illustrate the difference that pro bono lawyers make to the state, its system of justice, its communities and, most of all, to the clients they service. 30 seconds in length, it aired 4 times in the month of April; 1 in June.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Alabama Army National Guard</b>
<b>Name of Organization:</b>	Alabama Broadcasting Association
<b>Description of PSA:</b>	Because we are a coastal state, the Coast Guard is critical in times of emergency and as part of Homeland Security. Not only are they keeping our shorelines safe from drug trafficking, they also watch our waterways and ports for any possible terrorist activity. But, we are probably most awed of and most thankful for the role they play after a tropical storm or hurricane. :30 and :15 seconds in length, the :30 aired 8 times in April; the :15 aired 6 times in April (1 in prime); 2 times in June.

<b>Name of PSA:</b> <b>Name of Organization:</b> <b>Description of PSA:</b>	<b>Arthritis Prevention</b> Ad Council Expanding waistlines, inactivity and increasing age are contributing to an arthritis epidemic that will impact the lives and wallets of all Americans. One in five adults in the United States (46 million people) has arthritis and an estimated 67 million people will be affected by 2030. This new PSA campaign features fun ways that people can integrate movement into their lives. The PSAs instill a sense of hope for those who have this disease by communicating that "moving is the best medicine." The 10 aired 14 times in June (6 in prime); the :15 aired 8 times in April; 18 in June (2 in prime); the :30 aired 6 times in April.
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<b>Name of PSA:</b> <b>Name of Organization:</b> <b>Description of PSA:</b>	<b>Autism Awareness</b> Ad Council Fifteen years ago 1 in 10,000 children was diagnosed with autism; today that rate is 1 in 110. Knowing the signs of autism can result in appropriate early intervention services which may significantly increase a diagnosed child's chances to attend mainstream kindergarten. Recording artist Toni Braxton and Golfer Ernie Els, who both have children with autism, starred in this PSA. The :30 aired 145 times in April (2 in prime); 164 in June; the :15 aired 3 times in April; 13 in June (1 in prime); the :60 aired 15 times in April (2 in prime); 5 in June.
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<b>Name of PSA:</b> <b>Name of Organization:</b> <b>Descriptions of PSA:</b>	<b>Central Emergency Response</b> United Nations The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) is a humanitarian fund established by the United Nations to enable more timely and reliable humanitarian assistance to those affected by natural disasters and armed conflicts. CERF is a tool created by the United Nations to pre-position funding for humanitarian action. It was established to upgrade the current Central Emergency Revolving Fund by including a grant element based on voluntary contributions by Governments and private sectors organizations such as corporations, individuals, and NGOs. The :15 aired 6 times in April (3 in prime); 15 in June (1 in prime); the :10 aired 5 times in April (1 in prime); the :30
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aired 3 times in April; the :60 aired 19 times in April (2 in prime); 6 in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Community Calendar**

WBMM-TV/WNCF-TV

This announcement tells the viewers of upcoming events in the River Regions area – whether it's religion, entertainment, sports, self-help, education, it is publicized during this :30 seconds announcement. It aired 12 times in the month of April (3 in prime).

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Diabetes Management**

Advertising Council

There are nearly 24,000,000 children and adults in the U.S. living with diabetes and the population is growing at epidemic proportions. Diabetes can cause serious complications such as heart attack, stroke, adult blindness, nerve damage, amputations and kidney failure. A new case is diagnosed every 20 seconds in the United States, and kills one American every minute. The 60 seconds spot aired 2 times in April.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Forest Conversation**

Ad Council

This announcement encourages the public to take care of the forests in their area, to be mindful and not start forest fires, and even to plant trees. 60, 30, 15, 20, and 10 seconds long, the :60 aired 4 times in April; 2 in June; the :30 aired 2 times in April; 2 in June; the :20 aired 7 times in April; 2 in June; the :15 aired 12 times in April (3 in prime); 15 in June (1 in prime) the :10 aired 1 time in April.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Flu Vaccination**

Ad Council

Each year over 35,000 people die from seasonal flu alone. Influenza is unpredictable, but this flu season could be worse than recent years because of the H1N1 virus. Some people, such as young children and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. Vaccines are the most powerful public health tool for preventing flu, but there are also other steps people can take to protect themselves and others from influenza. The :10 aired 13 times in April (3 in prime); 2 in June; the :30 aired 2 times in April; 2 in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Haiti Disaster Relief**

Ad Council

This PSA seeks the public's help in providing for Haiti as it has been devastated by an earthquake that caused the death of thousands of its citizens. Help of all kind is being solicited. The 30 seconds spot aired 2 times in April; the :15 aired 2 times in April.

**Name of PSA:**

Name Of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Hand Walker/CPR**

Ad Council

Hands-Only CPR, or CPR without mouth-to-mouth breathing, is a two-step technique that involves calling 9-1-1 and pushing hard and fast in the center of the chest until professional help arrives. Hands-Only CPR is an easy and effective technique that has the potential to save lives every day if more Americans can be educated it about it and reduce their fears and hesitation. 44% of adults say they would not perform CPR because they're not confident in their ability, according to a national American Heart Association survey conducted in 2008. Consumer research also shows that people often hesitate because they're not comfortable with giving mouth-to-mouth CPR. 30 seconds long, it aired 5 times in June.



<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>High School Dropout Prevention</b>
Name of Organization:	Ad Council
Description of PSA:	Approximately 7,000 high school students drop out of school every day, which translate to one in three teens in our country who gives up on his or her dreams. Research shows that the decision to drop out doesn't happen overnight. Help support the Boost campaign by inspiring parents and other adult influencers to boost potential graduates at-risk of dropping out. 30 seconds in length, it aired 1 time in April (in prime); 2 in June.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Joints Don't Jump</b>
Name of Organization:	N/A
Description of PSA:	This spot is the first animated television spot to be produced by AAOS. It is a light-hearted look at a serious issue - joint pain that affects the quality of life for millions nationwide. Viewers are encouraged to seek information from orthoinfo.org to keep healthy joints healthy and make sore joints feel good again. The :15 aired 6 times in June; the :30 aired 2 times; the :60 aired 5 times.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Lifeline Partner</b>
Name of Organization:	Canaan Land Ministries
Description of PSA:	This PSA is asking for donations for the program that takes in convicted felons and young men off of the streets and place them in schools and a positive environment. Local judges also send men to this program. 30 seconds long, it aired 1 time in the month of June.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Monsters/Sci-Fi</b>
Name of Organization:	The Church of Latter Day Saints
Description of PSA:	The :15 aired 9 times in June (1 in prime); the :20 aired 1 time in June; the :30 aired 4 times in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Mortgage Foreclosure**

Alabama Broadcasting Association

As an example of just one of the pro bono efforts with the assistance of the Alabama Broadcasting Association's PEP spot on mortgage foreclosures, Alabama lawyers have helped to keep more than 3,000 families in their homes instead of being foreclosed. The week is also dedicated to the quest for more pro bono volunteers to meet the ever-growing needs of the poor and disadvantaged like mothers seeking custody of a child or senior citizens who face the prospect of losing their life savings because of fraud. 30 seconds in length, it aired 2 times in the month of April.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Participate**

Entertainment Industry Foundation

The entertainment industry has mobilized the entertainment community around a groundbreaking initiative designed to insure a new era of service and volunteerism. This multi-year campaign, called "iParticipate," hopes to make service a part of who we are as Americans and show that we can achieve when we all pull together. Gwyneth Paltrow, Blythe Danner, Matthew McConaughey, Morgan Freeman and Faith Hill star in these spots. The :30 aired 4 times in April; 9 in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Pet Adoption**

Ad Council

This 30 seconds announcement encourages the public to go by their local humane shelter to adopt a pet and save a life. It aired 12 times in the month of April; 5 in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Project Roadblock/Drunk Driving**

Ad Council/TVB

The new commercials, spinning off the 25-year-old "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk" campaign, carry the theme "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving" first introduced last year. The new spots show a friend in an ambulance with his pal and a husband and his injured wife. In each spot, both uninjured passengers explain to physicians that they were only "buzzed," not drunk. Since The Ad Council began running spots in 1982, alcohol-related traffic fatalities have fallen from 19,600 to 13,000.

The Wenham, Mass.-based agency Mullen produced this year's commercials pro bono. The :30 aired 2 times in April; 3 in June; the :60 aired 19 times in April 3 in June.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Re-Connecting Kids With Nature**

Ad-Council

Primary messaging is aimed at "tweens," kids age 8-12. Secondary target is parents/caregivers. This announcement encourages children and their caregivers to get out into nature and discover the joy of exploring the amazing world around them. Engender a love for nature in kids by fostering a connection with urban and national forests, ultimately creating a lifelong interest and a legacy of stewardship. The :60 aired 5 times in April.

**Name of PSA:**

Name of Organization:

Description of PSA:

**Smoking Cessation**

Ad Council

This ad warns the public of the dangers of smoking and gives them the benefits of quitting. It also gives several ways that they can stop the habit. 30 seconds in length, it aired 2 times in June.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>Teen Suicide Prevention</b>
<b>Name of Organization:</b>	Ad Council
<b>Description of PSA:</b>	Suicide is the 3 <sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death among youth 15-24 following accidents and homicide. Moreover, for every completed suicide by youth, it is estimated that 100-200 attempts are made. Whatever the problems teens face, this campaign empowers them by reminding them that there are ways to get through it and directs them to visit reachout.com to hear stories from others who successfully conquered their tough times. :30 and :60 seconds in length, the :30 announcement aired 4 times in June; the :60 aired 4 times.

<b>Name of PSA:</b>	<b>USO</b>
<b>Name of Organization:</b>	USO
<b>Description of PSA:</b>	Today, the mission of the USO has taken on greater significance than at any time in recent memory. With U.S. troops stationed around the world and combat forces engaged in Iraq and Afghanistan, the vital role of USO Centers and entertainment tours is increasingly important. As a nonprofit organization, the USO relies entirely on the generosity of the American public and corporations that enable them to serve, inspire, and comfort the men and women of the Armed Forces. The :10 aired 33 times in June (16 in prime); the :15 aired 12 times; the :30 aired 3 times; the :60 aired 3 times.

**(PLEASE NOTE: PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT AIRED IN MAY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. I DID NOT RECEIVE INVOICES FOR PSAS FOR THE MONTH. STATION LOGS WILL VERIFY THAT WBMM DID INDEED AIR PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2010.)**

**THE CW PLUS**  
**PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**  
**Second Quarter, 2010**

# **Public Issues Report 2nd Quarter 2010**

## **Public File 2010 – 2nd Quarter**

### **News at**

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04/01/2010

President Obama will be in Portland, Maine, today defending the new health care law... But it's not healthcare that Obama's getting flack for this morning. Environmentalists are fuming over Obama's decision to allow oil and gas drilling in some Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico waters. They say it goes too far, republicans say not far enough! Meanwhile the latest U.S.A. today--gallup poll finds 50% of Americans would not currently support Obama's reelection, 46% say they would. Then again, the average approval rating of the top Congressional leaders of both parties hovers in the low 30's!

04/02/2010

Federal prosecutors are fighting to keep eight Michigan militia members of Hutaree behind bars while awaiting trial, calling them, "a dark-hearted group with evil intentions." They're accused of plotting to kill cops and start a war against the U.S. But their Court-appointed defense attorneys say the government lacks enough evidence against them to keep them locked up. The Judge in the case is expected to rule before the Easter holiday.

04/05/2010

Has the Tiger scandal blown over? Tiger tees off in Augusta, this after his surprise roll up to the course yesterday for a round on the back nine. But at two this afternoon Woods will finally answer questions from the media. Hopefully he got some t.v. training so he won't look so stiff in front of the cameras this time.

04/06/2010

Officials have 'stopped' the search for four missing miners in West Virginia because the air conditions are just too dangerous. Instead they'll be boring holes in the mine for the next two day to allow the methane to escape. Officials have confirmed 25 miners died in the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine about 30 miles south of Charleston, West Virginia. But the missing miners could have breathing devices and make their way to safety chambers that have even food and oxygen for four days. No word on what caused the explosion, but it is the latest in a string of problems for the Massey energy company which runs the mine. It's been fined for several incidents at its 44 facilities.

04/07/2010

What was the cause behind the collapse of the mine? While investigators try to pinpoint what caused the blast, experts say the mine has a shady safety record. The Upper Big Branch mine has had 124 safety violations so far this year; two of them were slapped on Monday before the blast. The violations include ventilation, dust, and too much methane gas violations. There were more than 500 safety violations in 2009 and the company shelled out more than \$900,000 in fines.

04/08/2010

President Obama just made history... He just signed a big nuclear arms treaty with Russia. The new 'Start' treaty will cut both countries nuclear arsenal by about a third. But it also sends a strong message that Russia and the U.S., which owns more than 90% of the world's nuclear weapons between them, are serious about a nukes-free world.

04/09/2010

As President Obama heads back home today after signing the arms deal with Russia... the fight begins with the Senate to get them to approve it. Republican senators are worried about three things; whether the agreement is verifiable, does it make us weaker and is the administration committed to preserving our own weapons stash. The deal needs a two-thirds vote.

04/12/2010

Keep nukes away from terrorists! That's the message today and tomorrow as President Obama hosts world leaders asking them to join the fight against nuclear terrorism. Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have been greeting several international leaders at the White House all weekend. 47 nations will be at the summit, possibly being the biggest gathering of world leaders in the U.S. since 1945.

04/13/2010

Top dogs from the U.S. State Department are heading to Russia today to push officials there to continue to allow Americans to adopt Russian kids. This comes after outrage after a Tennessee woman decided to ship her adopted seven-year-old boy back to Russia alone, with a note saying, the boy was psychotic and tried to set their home on fire. No word yet on if she'll be charged.

04/14/2010

We're keeping an eye on the developing story out of China this morning, were several strong earthquakes killed 400 people in the West Central area. At least 10,000 people have been hurt and many more are trapped in the collapsed houses made of mud and wood that's common in the area. The strongest quake registered 6-point-9 magnitude.

04/15/2010

Good news for the 200,000 people who lost their unemployment benefits last week! The senate cleared the final hurdle on extending the benefits last night and the bill is expected to be pass today or tomorrow. The people benefitong from this are set to get more than 300 bucks a week from the feds.

04/16/2010

The kidnapping charges against nine American missionaries once held in Haiti have been dropped this morning. As you may remember, the group involved claimed they were trying to help children get adopted after the massive earthquake. But the group's leader, Laura Silsby is still in a Haitian jail and she faces prosecution.

04/19/2010

Toyota will cut a big check for not telling the feds about the sticky gas pedals. The feds say the automaker agreed to pay it's 16.4 million dollar fine. Meanwhile, the company is sending out another recall, this time for 600,000 Sienna minivans. It says the spare tire carrier-cable could rot, causing the spare to fall off. This is for Siennas made since 1998.

04/20/2010

It's official... Toyota is recalling the 2010 Lexus gx 460. The automaker 'suspended' sales last week after consumer reports issued a 'do not buy' due to rollover problems. Now Toyota says Lexus dealers will update the software for the vehicle stability control. All dealers should have the upgrades in house by the end of the month.

04/21/2010

More than 25% of young Americans are too fat to fight. That's the word from a group of ex-military who just released a new report stating the number one reason potential young recruits don't qualify for the military is because of obesity. The group calls it a potential national security threat and wants Congress to pass a law for better nutrition in school lunches.

04/22/2010

The fire is still burning this morning after an explosion on an oil rig off the Louisiana Coast. The coast guard is still looks for 11 missing workers and it was confirmed that one-hundred workers from the deepwater horizon rig made it ashore on boats. Seventeen others were flown to nearby hospitals, four in critical condition and no word yet on what caused the explosion.

04/23/2010

Another challenge for the Catholic Church today; an Illinois man is suing the Vatican and the Pope, demanding names of priest who abused. Arthur Budzinski, who spoke through at a press conference in Milwaukee, says he was abused by a priest who is now dead. That priest is accused of molesting up to 200 boys at a school for the deaf in Wisconsin. No comment from the Vatican.

04/26/2010

The first ever cancer-treatment vaccine could be "green lighted" this week! The food and drug administration will decide on whether to allow "Provenge" on the market. The creators say the vaccine can help prevent or stop prostate cancer by mobilizing a patients own immune system against tumors. Most doctors agree... "Provenge" could open doors for immunity against a wide range of cancers!

04/27/2010

42,000 gallons a day.. That's how much oil is spewing into the Gulf of Mexico right now. The rig's owners, along with the coast guard, are sending 30 more ships to contain the leak again today. Good case scenario, the slick could stay at sea for the next three days and eventually evaporate, breakdown and sink, or get cleaned up.

04/28/2010

The new plan to clean up the oil spill in the gulf coast this morning... Set it on fire! The well's owner, B.P. is racing to shut it off, but 42,000 gallons of oil are still leaking every day. And the slick is getting too close to land for comfort, so starting this morning crews will start a controlled burn using fire-proof booms. The oil could hit the shoreline this weekend if the burn doesn't work.

04/29/2010

The nation will honor a civil rights legend today, activist Dorothy Height. President Obama will deliver the eulogy during the service at the Washington national cathedral this morning. Height was the president of the council for negro women for 41 years. She died last week at the age of 98.

04/30/2010

The Feds are stepping in big time today to help with cleaning up the Gulf Coast as the oil mess has reached the shore. Besides tog cabinet members from the Obama administration heading to the area today, the navy has already sent more than 60,000 feet of inflatable boom to help rope off and collect the spill. It shipped seven skimming systems to scrape the oil off the surface of the water. and it sent 50 civilian contracts to help crews there. And President Obama says he's taking steps now to ensure this doesn't happen again. As many as 210,000 gallons of oil a day are pouring into the Gulf and it could take weeks to clean it up.

05/03/2010

BP's underwater robots still can't stop that oil leak in the Gulf, which is adding to their tab. President Obama promises BP will be coughing up the dough for this bill. That was the word as he toured the area yesterday. Today the attention is turning to fishermen who are losing their livelihood and rescuing the wildlife due to the 210,000 gallons of oil that is still spewing from what's left of the rig that exploded April 20th.



05/04/2010

The FBI is searching the apartment of the U.S. citizen arrested early this morning who's accused of buying that SUV that was loaded with explosives in Times Square, NY. But now 30 year old Faisal Shahzad claims that he acted alone, the Pakistani born man will be in court today to hear the charges against him. Even though the J.D. didn't say what those charges would be, and they didn't say if he's the man we see in this surveillance video. Cops arrested him just before midnight at JFK as he tried to board a plane to Dubai.

05/05/2010

Calm winds in the Gulf Coast are keeping the oil out in the water and away from shore, it's good news for the crews trying to clean up the mess. Mean while, they plan to install a 100-ton containment dome today, they'll drop it over the well and if it works, the underwater container would hold the leaking oil until it could be safely pumped into an oil tanker on the surface.

05/06/2010

Immigration reform is now one of the top priorities for President Obama. Obama wants democrats and republicans to work together to design a comprehensive immigration bill the right way. He's referring to Arizona's controversial immigration law that has sparked huge demonstrations like the one last night in Phoenix.

05/07/2010

For 17 days crews in the Gulf of Mexico have tried everything to clean up that oil spill. Yesterday, they tried burning it off again. Early this morning crews lowered that containment dome underwater, some 5,000 thousand feet. They're hoping the box will collect at least 85 percent of the oil spewing and funnel it up to a tanker.

05/10/2010

President Obama will announce his Supreme Court nominee, and it looks like more girl power is headed to the bench. Word is he's picked Elena Kagan. Right now, Kagan's the U.S. solicitor and at 50 years of age, she would be the youngest justice. She's never served as a judge, but was dean at Harvard Law School. If Kagan is confirmed, she would be one of three female justices on the bench.

05/11/2010

Just as he boarded a plane to Portugal this morning, Pope Benedict made a very powerful statement about the sex abuse scandal. When answering a reporter's question about it the Pope said the crisis of sexual abuse of children by priests should make the Church acknowledge the "terrifying" truth that its greatest threat comes not from outside enemies but from "sin within the Church".

05/12/2010

Crews are hoping that the new top hat' dome contains the 210,000 gallons of oil spewing in the Gulf. It's smaller than the original containment dome that didn't work because ice crystals formed inside. This one is just 5-feet tall and engineers will be able to pump in methanol, in the hoping of keeping those crystals from forming. Meanwhile, oil execs are back on the hot seat in D.C.

05/13/2010

More flack against Arizona due to that controversial immigration law. L.A. city officials just joined San Francisco, Oakland and several other California cities to boycott Arizona. This means that the city departments will not sign any new contracts with Arizona companies. If this occurs it will cause a big blow to Arizona's economy, right now L.A. has 56 million dollars in contracts with Arizona companies.

05/14/2010

Space shuttle Atlantis takes her final voyage into space. Today Atlantis will carry equipment for the international space station on a 12-day mission. After Atlantis blasts into space at 2:20 a.m., only two more missions are left before the shuttle program is scheduled to end

05/17/2010

BP's top executive hopes the hot seat will be cooler today on Capitol Hill as he testifies about the company cleaning up the oil spill. BP executives says the mile-long tube they stuck into the broken oil pipe 'appears to be working, believing the technique will suck up most of the 4 million gallons of oil that has been pouring out and then siphon it to tankers above.

05/18/2010

President Obama will set up a special commission to investigate this oil spill. This as BP executives has to answer even more questions on Capitol Hill today. The presidential commission will look into what caused the spill, how BP handled it and other rig safety and regulatory issues.

5/19/2010

President Obama and Mexican President Felipe Calderon have several key issues to settle during their state meeting at the White House today. It'll be a day of hot topic; on the table is the economy, drugs and of course immigration. Calderon is already in disagreement about Arizona's new immigration law, calling it 'backward'.

05/20/2010

BP claims it's making progress containing the oil spill this morning, but some Gulf Coast states and Cuba are worried it's too late. Louisiana's Governor says some of the thick oil is washing into the marshlands. And now researchers confirm the crude has seeped into the loop current that could take it to Cuba, around Florida and beyond. That's why U.S. and Cuba diplomats are meeting today to talk about the risks.

05/21/2010

The Senate finally passed financial reform for Wall Street. Senators approved a consumer protection agency and new ways to watch for risks in the money market. The bill has to be merged with the House version, but could land on the President's desk by July 4th.

05/24/2010

It's getting real ugly between North and South Korea this morning. South Korea's President just announced he's suspending trade with the North over claims that North Korea sank one of the South's battleships. This morning President Lee Myung-Bak asked the North to apologize, but the north denies it sank the ship. Meanwhile President Obama told our military to get ready to coordinate with South Korea if needed.

05/25/2010

The Feds are one step closer to repealing the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy this morning. House leaders approved an agreement last night with the White House, and possibly the Pentagon, that would set the stage to end the policy by this week. Full implementation wouldn't happen until the end of this year, to early next year. The Senate Armed Services Committee and the Full House could vote on it as early as Thursday.

05/26/2010

Secretary of State Hilary Clinton is in Seoul, South Korea this morning, trying to keep the peace. As North Korea freezes relations with the South. She just wrapped up a visit to Beijing, China yesterday which is North Korea's number one ally. She wants to work with them on getting the north to simmer down. The North is upset about the South talking noise about them sinking its warship last week.

05/27/2010

A new report says the number of attempted terror attacks on the U.S is at an all-time high. The new Department of Homeland Security note comes just weeks after the botched Times Square car bombing. Officials say there have been more attempted attacks in the past nine months than in "any other previous one-year period". They also have to keep a closer eye on homegrown terrorism than ever before.

05/28/2010

President Obama heads to the Gulf coast today to get a closer look at what's now being called the worst oil spill in U.S history. New numbers out this morning show why. U.S. federal scientists say between 18 and 39 million gallons of crude oil have leaked since the rig explosion 39 days ago. And right now between 12 and 19-thousand barrels a day are leaking.

05/31/2010

PRE-TAPED SHOW 06/01/2010 President Obama will meet with his new 'oil spill commission' today. This as BP says they are back to the drawing board and as residents worry about the effects the oil may have on the upcoming hurricane season.

06/02/2010

The oil slick is getting bigger and it's moving. More fishing ground is closed this morning. More than a third of the Gulf is off limits. This as the Attorney General promises to bring those responsible to justice, saying "Our environmental laws are very clear and we have a responsibility to enforce them and we will do so." Meanwhile BP plans to install this containment dome this morning over the broken pipe to hopefully stop the leak. But they better hurry. The coast guard says the oil is washing up on the Alabama, Mississippi and Florida panhandle coasts. They also say 34.3 million gallons of oil has leaked into the Gulf, Three times the amount of the Exxon Valdez spill.

06/03/2010

White House aide Rahm Emanuel has been called up to testify at Rod Blagojevich's corruption trial, which starts today. Word is Emanuel was recorded in conversations with Blago about Obama's vacant senate seat. Prosecutors also say Blago tried to extort money out of Emanuel, who was a congressman at the time, over a state grants to a school in his district. Blago says he's innocent.

06/04/2010

President Obama has been getting a lot of flack for not being emotional enough and not doing enough about the spill. Obama says he knows ultimately this is about the people, and we know that too...so we want to show you how this oil spill affects you. New model from National Center for Atmospheric Research shows it is likely to extend along thousands of miles of the Atlantic coast and into the open ocean as early as this summer. There are health risks once the oil reaches your shore. Experts say you should stay away from oil on the beach and in the water, however, they say limited contact is nothing to worry about. But exposure to large amounts can cause breathing problems, skin irritation and swallowing it can make you sick. Seafood prices are skyrocketing; one Florida restaurant is reporting shrimp is up \$1 per lb, oysters are up \$2 per 50 lb. bag, and crab as much as \$3 more per pound. The oil spill is also hurting animals. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have confirmed at least one dead dolphin and one dead sea turtle have visible signs of oil damage. So far, 29 dead dolphins and 227 dead sea turtles have been collected within the BP oil spill area, but the vast majority have not been tested for oil.

06/07/2010

Hundred of thousands of Chrysler vehicles are rolling dirty this morning. The automaker is recalling 285-thousand '08 and '09 Dodge Caravan and Chrysler Town & Country cars because they could possibly catch fire. The Feds say the wiring could short circuit and cause a fire. Thankfully there is no word on anyone getting hurt. This is on top of the 35-thousand 2007 dodge caliber and jeep compass recalled because of sticking gas pedals.

06/08/2010

Day 50 and the broken oil pipe is still leaking, officials say the cap on the well is capturing a half-million gallons a day. Officials think there are between 25 and 39 million gallons of oil floating in the gulf right now. Meanwhile, the Feds want to remove the 75 million dollar cap on liabilities for oil companies.

06/09/2010

The Feds confirmed plumes of oil floating underwater and a second leak from a rig damaged since hurricane Ivan hit in 2004. They say the 14 gallons of oil leaking a day has created a ten mile long slick.

06/10/2010

Polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, is a free man this morning after Arizona prosecutors dropped 'all' the rape charges against him. He had been accused of arranging the marriage of two girls younger than 18 to their older male relatives, who were their half cousins. Apparently the two 'victims' didn't want to pursue the case anymore. But Texas prosecutors still want to extradite him for more serious rape charges.

06/11/2010

More bad news for the disaster in the Gulf... New numbers from the Feds show there is more oil spewing out of this broken pipe than originally thought. The Feds say now up to 40-thousand barrels a day are leaking instead of the 19-thousand they originally thought.

06/14/2010

President Obama will be in the Gulf Coast area today and tomorrow. And for the first time, he'll host a roundtable to discuss the impact the spill had on everybody's lives. It'll give Obama a clearer picture before his meeting with BP officials Wednesday, when he pushes them to set up a fund to pay for damage claims from the spill, this is getting a huge thumbs up from people in the area. "We have to do something. If you look at what's going on with the economy and the state of Alabama and Mississippi, Louisiana, and now Florida, we're going to have to have some level of compensation." - Obama. After he tours the Gulf, the President then heads back to Washington where he'll address the nation from the oval office tomorrow night at 8.

06/15/2010

This just in... an American on a mission to "find Osama Bin Laden" is now parked in Pakistan! Pakistani police say the 52 year old California man was found walking from Pakistan toward the Afghanistan border packing a pistol, a sword, night-vision equipment and Christian books! He reportedly told cops he was looking for Osama Bin Laden and has been since 9/11. So far the U.S. Embassy is being pretty tight lipped.

06/16/2010

Obama says it's time for the company that caused the largest environmental disaster in history to pay up. He is to set aside whatever resources are required to compensate the workers and business owners who have been harmed as a result of his company's recklessness. The escrow fund will be controlled by a third party. He also just appointed Navy Secretary Ray Mabus to lead the recovery efforts and deployed 17-thousand National Guard troops to help. It'll be all hands on deck because now the feds say between 1.5 and 2.5 million gallons of oil are leaking every day.

06/17/2010

BP's CEO Tony Hayward will be on the hot seat, where lawmakers promise to rip him a new one over this oil spill disaster. Representative Bart Stupak wants lawmakers to grill Hayward over what they're calling a pattern of risky behavior in order to save money and make up time for the drilling project being behind schedule. Meanwhile, the company is backtracking this morning and apologizing for the chairman saying BP cares about the 'small people' of the Gulf. BP's representative says he misspoke. BP is also setting up that claims fund to shell out 20 billion dollars to compensate victims.

06/18/2010

While you were sleeping a Utah death row inmate was put to death by firing squad. Ronnie Gardner was convicted of murdering two people 25 years ago and chose to die by "firing squad" before Utah banned it. Gardner was strapped to a chair and hooded with a target over his chest. Five executioners did the job. The last firing squad execution in the U.S. was 14 years ago.

06/21/2010

DC Councilwoman supports making restaurants show a letter grade based on their most recent health inspection. Many health departments across the US are creating such programs that either display the letter grade in the restaurant or online. The C.D.C. says, every year about 1,000 outbreaks of food-borne illness occur and about half of which involve meals from a restaurant. Here are some places that are starting the grading: NYC restaurants will start displaying letter grades in July. Camden County, N.J., posted a database in April where users can search for inspections and receive e-mail alerts when their favorite restaurant is inspected. Grand Prairie, Texas, began posting letter grades online in April.

06/22/2010

The man who pleads "guilty" to trying to blow up Times Square says the U.S. needs to watch out! After entering his plea yesterday in federal court, Faisal Shahzad said "more attacks" are coming unless the U.S. pulls out of Muslim countries. He also told the judge he didn't care if children died in the explosions, because "it's a war". Shahzad faces life in prison for the conspiracy and terrorism charges, he'll be sentenced in October.

06/23/2010

The White House is working on a new moratorium this morning on offshore drilling after a judge blocked the temporary ban. Team Obama plans to show some big time evidence why the ban is needed, but Louisiana governor Bobby Jindall says he thinks the feds should listen to the experts about this, and the ban will do more harm than good.

06/24/2010

A New Orleans judge may decide "today" whether a government ban on deepwater drilling will continue. Earlier this week, the judge, struck down the ban, declaring it "arbitrary and capricious". The judge has investments with oil companies down in the gulf. Team Obama filed paperwork last night asking the decision be delayed "until" an appeals court can review the case later this summer. We'll see if the judge obliges.

06/25/2010

Day 67 and the oil is still spewing. BP says the cost of the response is now more than 2.3 billion dollars and climbing. But fishermen and environmental officials are worried about something else now, saving the wildlife. Bluefin Tuna could be added to the endangered species list, it only breeds in the Gulf of Mexico and Mediterranean. There are 7 species of sea turtles in the world, five are in the Gulf. Also five-thousand dolphins are set to give birth there this season and it's breeding season for brown pelicans, which is the Louisiana state bird.

06/28/2010

Health insurance relief will be heading to some later this week. 30 states have signed up for the federal health care plan to help people with pre-existing conditions that can't get coverage. But some of those states like California and Michigan are working through some red tape. And that means some people won't get a chance to sign up Thursday. Check with your state to see when you can enroll.

06/29/2010

Senators are confirming that General David Petraeus is to lead the Afghan war. The vote approving him should be a slam dunk. But some drama is expected to come from lawmakers not happy about the nine-year-old war in Afghanistan. Petraeus would replace General Stanley McChrystal who resigned last week over comments he and his aides made trashing the administration.

06/30/2010

Iconic interviewer Larry King announced via twitter last night he will be stepping down. He will step out of his show later this year, because he wants to spend more time with his wife and young children. King recently almost divorced his wife, but later worked things out.