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WBMM NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: CRIME

7/1/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

AM SHOOTING

A man fights for his life tonight after being shot in Montgomery this morning. Police say the shooting happened shortly after 1 A.M. this morning at a business on South Court and West Delano Avenue. Several men approached two other men and assaulted and robbed them. A 25 year old man was shot in the head and chest as he tried to run away, and was taken to Baptist Medical Center South with life threatening injuries. Police are working on promising leads

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7/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ROBBERY SHOOTING ARREST

Montgomery police arrested Mathew Jordan and Larry McCall in the July 1st robbery and shooting, and charged them with two counts of robbery. In addition, a 15-year-old male suspect has turned himself in. One of the men was shot in the chest and remains in critical condition at a Montgomery hospital.

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7/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PARKING LOT SHOOTING

An early morning shooting in Montgomery leaves one man dead. 32-year-old Charles Ament Armstrong was shot just after 8 this morning at a Stop-N-Go on the corner of East Delano and South Court Streets and died this afternoon around 2 o'clock. The shooter is described as a black male in his 20s who may have dreadlocks and was last seen wearing a white shirt. Police say he may have been driving a white mini-van. If you have any information call 241-2651.

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7/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MURDER WARRANT

26 year old Willie Gendraw of Montgomery, accused of shooting Charles Armstrong at the Stop-N-Go gas station on south court street Monday, was captured in Dekalb County, Georgia by the U S Marshalls' Fugitive Task force. Armstrong later died at a local hospital. Police believe the shooting may have been over drugs.

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7/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FUGITIVE SEARCH

Selma Police needs your help catching Jeffery Hill, also known as “Block” who is wanted for attacking and raping a woman in the Selmont community. Officers say Hill lists Hayneville as his home, but frequents Selma, White Hall and Montgomery. They say He has an extensive criminal history. Call Selma Police at 874-2125 if you know where to find Jeffery Hill.

8/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DOG FIGHTING RING

17 people are charged with taking part in a dog fighting ring. Marengo County sheriff's deputies say all the suspects face felony dog fighting charges as well as drug charges. Police say seven dogs took part in the fights, and will now dogs will most likely be put to sleep following a hearing.

:15 MAP

8/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

AUTAUGA COUNTY MURDER

19-year-old John Jones of Millbrook is charged with murdering 21-year-old Justin Rye of Prattville who tried to break up a fight between some teenagers at a back to school bonfire party late Saturday night off County Road 69 in Prattville. Jones pulled out a gun and shot Rye in the back. A memorial fund has been set up for Justin's 10 month son, Wilson Connor Rye, at river bank and trust in Prattville.

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8/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WOODWARD TRAIL

The capital murder trial begins today for the man accused of killing Montgomery police officer Keith Houts nearly two years ago. Mario Woodward is accused of shooting and killing Montgomery Police Officer Keith Houts in September of 2006. The shooting happened during a routine traffic stop. Houts was shot in the head once, then Woodward allegedly fired three or four more shots in the officer's chest. Woodward was taken into custody that same afternoon in Georgia after a massive manhunt involving local, state, and federal law enforcement.

1:05 VO/SOT

8/20/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MURDER UPDATE

An apparent drug deal in Montgomery ends in a deadly shooting and an arrest. David Burns, III is charged with the murder of Darryl Harris who was shot yesterday on Pennsylvania Street and Madison Avenue during what officers say was a botched drug deal. Police say the two men struggled over a handgun, when Harris was shot twice. Burns is being held on a \$50,000 bond.

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8/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TROY ARRESTS

Three fugitives wanted in a Florida murder case are arrested in Troy. Troy Police say Justin Flannagan, Michael Engcbretson and Jessica Sims are wanted for a gang-related slaying in Bay County, Florida near Panama City. The three suspects are awaiting extradition to Florida.

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8/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WOODWARD

A Montgomery County jury has recommended that Mario Woodward be sentenced to life in prison without parole. He was convicted this week of capital murder in the shooting death of Montgomery Police Officer Keith Houts. The jury's recommendation leaves many shocked and unhappy. The state wanted the death penalty for the cop killer (the patrol car video showed him committing the crime). Also, he has killed before, he plead guilty to another shooting death in 1990.

1:30 Pkg.

9/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ISELL SENTENCING

A former agent with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is sentenced to ten years in prison for sex abuse. Anthony Isbell was arrested following sexual abuse charges last June and is now a registered sex offender and can no longer be around children. He had served in law enforcement for more than 20 years and is a former softball coach.

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9/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

JUNK CARS

The Montgomery County Sheriff says it's a problem that's growing even faster than copper theft; thieves are stealing cars, then selling them to scrap yards. First at 9 CW News Reporter Krista Littlefield has more.

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9/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WAL-MART MURDER SUSPECTS

Two men accused of killing a man in the parking lot of the Millbrook Wal-Mart Super Center entered pleas in court. Randarrell Williams has pleaded not guilty while Calvin McMillan pleaded not guilty by reason of mental defect. They face two counts of capital murder in the death of Bryan Martin who was shot and killed last year, and are being held without bond.

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9/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WOODWARD SENTENCING

Today a judge sentenced Mario Woodward, convicted of killing Montgomery police officer Keith Houts, to death after the jury recommended life without parole. The judge said Woodward deserves the death penalty for killing Houts during a routine traffic stop in September 2006. He based his decision on the fact that Mario Woodward killed 2 people in 8 years (he pleaded guilty to another shooting death in 1990). Since Mario Woodward was sentenced to death, he will receive an automatic appeal.

:35 Anim VO

9/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DOG FIGHTING UPDATE

The names of four people arrested in an alleged pit bull fighting ring have been released. Those charged are Shantay Robinson, Terrence McNeil, Patrice Marshall and Terrell McNeil. Authorities tell CW First News that 27 full grown pit bulls and seven pit bull puppies were seized from a home off highway 57. If convicted the four face up to 10 years in prison.

:25 Wipe VO

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: GOVERNMENT

7/1/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DRUG SUIT CONTINUES

A jury in Montgomery has ordered two drug companies to pay \$114 million to Alabama for overcharging on Medicaid prescription drugs. The jury says Glaxo Smith Kline should pay the state nearly \$81 million while Novartis should pay more than \$33 million. The state has asked for as much as \$800 million in total damages, saying that the companies overcharged from 1991 to 2005.

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7/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WALLACE ENDORSEMENT

One of the candidates for the District 2 Congressional seat gets a last minute endorsement! George Wallace, Junior has thrown his support behind state Senator Harri Anne Smith who he got to know while on the campaign trail in support of Wallace's father in his campaigns for governor. Wallace calls Smith a down-to-earth individual who knows and understands the struggles of the average Alabamian.

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7/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CITY MAYORAL ELECTIONS

Qualifying is over for city elections in Alabama and we've got you covered with whose running. First in the City of Prattville, incumbent mayor Jim Byard will face opposition from Donald Ray Greene Jr. In Wetumpka incumbent Jo Glenn will not seek re-election, so Errol Law and former Wetumpka Councilman Jerry Willis, who both ran for the seat in 2004 will seek the mayor's office. In Andalusia former Mayor Earl Johnson will be campaigning against incumbent Jerry Andrews, who beat Johnson in 2004. The city elections will be held August 26th.

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7/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BRIGHT-LOVE CAMPAIGN

Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright pledges to run a positive campaign in his race for the District 2 Congressional seat. He signed a pledge today which states he will run a positive, issue-based campaign. Bright, who's a Democrat sent a copy of the pledge to his opponent Republican Jay Love's office asking him to make the same promises. No word on Love's response.

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7/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

EVERETTE FOR GOVERNOR

Retiring Congressman Terry Everett, set to retire in January, may be preparing to run for governor in 2010. The Montgomery Advertiser reports Everett has been contacted about running, saying supporters tell him that his time in congress would be valuable to the state. Everett has held the 2nd district seat for 16 years.

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8/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PRESIDENTIAL DONATIONS

Alabamians have donated 4 million dollars to this year's presidential candidates. Federal Records show people in Alabama have given \$1.2 million to Republican candidates and nearly \$1.9 million to Democrats. John McCain, has received more than \$945,000 while Barack Obama has taken in nearly \$681,000. His figures may be lower than McCain's because former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton got \$663,000 in contributions from Alabamians.

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8/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

LOVE, BRIGHT COMMITTEES

The House Minority Leader says he will work to make sure Jay Love is assigned to the House Agriculture and Armed Services committees if he is elected to Congress. Love said he wants to serve on those committees because the district is home to two military bases and has strong ties to farming. Love's opponent, Democratic candidate Bobby Bright says he also hopes to serve on those committees if he's elected.

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8/13/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SELMA ELECTIONS PREP

The Selma city election is less than two weeks away. Some are calling for action to prevent problems that have plagued voting in the past. Some residents are worried about absentee voter fraud, and how voting machines are stored. Earlier this year rain destroyed three voting machines while they were being taken to the polls and 17 so-called "brain boxes" from machines used in the 2000 city elections are still missing. City council member Cecil Williamson wants federal and state officials to monitor this election.

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8/15/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HAMMETT GOVERNOR

We're still waiting to see if Alabama House Speaker Seth Hammett will run for governor. Hammett says he has not made a decision yet about making a run in 2010. Hammett is a Democrat and a longtime state representative from Andalusia. Rumors have been swirling for months that he'll run and some published reports say a decision will come by year's end. Governor Bob Riley has served two consecutive terms and cannot run again without sitting out at least four years.

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8/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BRIGHT ENDORSEMENT

Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright picks up another endorsement in his run for Alabama's 2nd District Congressional seat. He has been endorsed by a Republican, Dothan Mayor Pat Thomas. Thomas is Alabama's Mayoral Chairman for Republican Presidential candidate John McCain. He says that voting for Bright in November, will mark the first time he has voted for a Democrat at the Federal level.

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8/20/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TBOH STATS

State troopers continue to heavily monitor the roadways on day three of the national Take Back Our Highways Campaign. They have written more almost 8,500 traffic tickets. Tickets have been given out for speeding, following too closely and improper lane changes. Troopers have also written warning tickets to more than 800 motorists and there been 32 arrests so far for driving while intoxicated.

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8/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CAMPAIGN COVERAGE

Tomorrow is Election Day in many cities across Alabama and in Perry County Federal inspectors will be watching. The U.S. Justice department is sending monitors to watch over city elections in Marion to make sure the Voting Rights Act is obeyed. Officials began investigating Perry County after the June 3rd primaries after an unusually large number of absentee ballots were cast.

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8/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DNC

The party has started in Denver where history is about to be made. The Democratic National Convention is under way and all eyes will be on Barack Obama's wife, Michelle Obama, who tops the list of speakers tonight. Barack Obama is still on the campaign trail. Obama will be accepting his historic nomination Thursday at Invesco Field, an open-air football stadium.

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8/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

EVANS WINS

Selma will have a new mayor. City Councilman George Evans beat two-term mayor James Perkins. Perkins has now released a statement saying he congratulates Evans on his victory and he will quietly move aside in this time of transition.

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9/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

JAY LOVE SPEAKS

Jay Love, the Republican Candidate for the 2nd district Congressional seat was in the national spotlight this evening. The state Representative spoke at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota.

1:30 VOB

9/8/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

IVEY FOR GOVERNOR

State Treasurer Kay Ivey says she is planning to run for Governor in 2010. She told us she is definitely planning to take bigger steps in her political career and pick up where Governor Bob Riley leaves off in two years. Ivey says she has been effective as state Treasurer, pushing legislation providing tax savings for Alabamians, as well as promoting the state's college savings plan. Ivey says she's getting positive feedback on her plans.

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9/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RILEY NEW DHR DIRECTOR

Governor Bob Riley has named a new commissioner of the Department of Human Resources. Nancy Buckner, who's currently the assistant director of the Talladega county DHR has been appointed to head DHR. She will take over for Page Walley, who accepted a position with Casey Family Programs.

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9/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PRISONERS VOTE

Alabama inmates are now registering to vote in prison and could make history in this year's elections. The effort is organized by activist groups with the cooperation of state corrections officials. About eighty inmates have filled out registration forms during voter drives held this week and organizers say they plan to also help the inmates fill out absentee ballots before November's elections. Corrections officials say no one has ever registered inmates to vote in state prisons.

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9/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TURNER MEETS AG

A Perry county Commissioner, Albert Turner, met with the Alabama Attorney General today about voter fraud. He brought registries, police reports and financial campaign reports to the Attorney general's office. CW News was the first station to bring you the allegations of voter fraud in West Alabama. Turner says voter fraud has been committed in his county and there will be an investigation.

:55 VO/SOT

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: HEALTH

7/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MEDICARE

More than 11,000 low income Alabamians will no longer have to pay extra every month for Medicare Part B Coverage. State Medicaid officials say the state's gotten federal money to allow most people to continue in the program. State officials were worried that Alabamians would have to pay an extra\$96 a month. Medicare Part B covers such medical expenses as doctor visits, lab tests and some prescription drugs.

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8/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FAMILY FIRST

It's the law in Alabama to make sure your child is up to date on their vaccinations prior to attending school. Parents must then present their child's Certificate of Immunization or "blue slip" to the school that shows the month, day and year when the child was immunized. The vaccinations required for school are polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella and chicken pox. It's important to get them done as quickly as possible.

1:05 VO/GFX/SOT

8/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DOC-IN-A-BUS

A new program in Dallas County is providing healthcare to residents who would otherwise have to do without. The UAB Doc-in-a-Bus Program has been three years in the making, and provides uninsured residents with access to healthcare. The bus is equipped to provide a full range of medical services. The new medical clinic on wheels is being unveiled in Selma.

:35 VO/SOT

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: EDUCATION

7/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BLACK BELT HEALTH SCHOOL

A unique program is hoping to keep more healthcare providers in rural communities. The Black Belt Health Scholars Program encourages students from rural areas to pursue health careers and then return home to practice. A dozen students from Perry, Hale and Marengo counties are taking part in the program this week at Judson College in Marion. Along with English, Math and Science classes, the students are also getting some hands on training. The program is an effort of the Black Belt Action Commission.

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7/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ANDALUSIA DRUG TESTING

Students know they will be tested on math and science in school. Starting in the fall, some students in Andalusia's Middle and High Schools will undergo drug testing. The testing will affect students who take part in competitive activities including athletes, cheerleaders and band members. Testing will be paid for with a federal grant.

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7/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ASU TUITION INCREASE

Alabama State University students will be paying more starting this fall. Trustees have approved a tuition hike of more than 12%. In-state students will pay about \$300 more a semester and out-of-state students about twice that much. ASU is the latest public university to raise tuition, which is being blamed on cuts in the upcoming state education budget.

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7/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ADMINISTRATORS MEET

Administrators in the Dallas County School System are getting ready. Principals, assistant principals and central office workers met for the first time today to organize for the start of a new year, reviewing policies and procedures. Teachers in Dallas County report to school August 4th and students return on the 11th.

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7/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RILEY PRE K

Governor Bob Riley announced that more than 100 classrooms across the state will receive money to become first class pre-kindergarten sites. The addition will double the number of children being served by the pre-k program. The goal is to get students ready to enter kindergarten. A national survey ranks Alabama's Pre-K program number one in the nation and officials say this funding will help keep up the good work.

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8/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SELMA SCHOOL YEAR

Students in Selma are back in school. The new school year is bringing with it some high expectations because every school in the district made Adequate Yearly Progress this year. CW News At 9 stopped by Payne Elementary School on the first day of class, and students, teachers and parents say they are all expecting another successful school year. Autauga county schools start tomorrow, Elmore County and Montgomery students return Monday.

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8/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FF TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

A new school year brings new classes, new teachers and new friends, but it also brings new challenges. So what can you do to help your child have a successful academic school year? CW News At 9'S Janie Wallace tells you what you need to know, and Margaret Allen with Montgomery Public Schools reminds parents to call the school and stay in touch with their children's teachers.

1:14 Pkg.

8/13/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BLIND TEACHER

Imagine handling up to 30 teenagers in a classroom at once, explaining scientific theories, and grading stacks of paper, all without being able to see. For one Georgiana high school science teacher, that's a typical day at work. If you're wondering how she does it, CW NEWS AT 9 reporter Jenna Deery has more. Lanier teaches all levels of science from 7th to 12th grade, and is the only blind teacher in the state of Alabama.

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8/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HUNTINGDON RED DAY

It's big red day at Huntingdon College in Montgomery. New students arrived for orientation and each one is being welcomed with a new lap-top computer to use through their years at Huntingdon. This class is the s2nd largest in 40 years at the college and pushes enrollment to more than 1,000 for the first time since the 1960's.

9/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

STATE EDUCATION STATUS

A new education study is the first to compare school by school inputs and outputs. The report is called "Alabama's Public Education Dilemma: Does Funding Influence Outcomes" shows the inconsistency between what Alabama taxpayers and the federal government put into education compared to academic results in the classrooms. The report shows Alabama teachers' salary and benefit packages rank 19th in the nation while graduation rate ranks 45th.

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9/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CONSTITUTION DAY

High school students from our area spent the day at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery to take part in Alabama's Constitution Day. Students got a lesson from Supreme Court Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb. The program is sponsored by the Alabama Department of Archives, the Department of Education, Center for Law and Civic Education, and Alabama Public Television.

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9/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TRUANCY

Mayor Bobby Bright says he plans to sign a tough new truancy ordinance for Montgomery Public Schools. The Montgomery City Council worked with the southern poverty law center to revise the ordinance. A student now has to have five unexcused absences instead of one before a parent is found in violation. Plus, the proposed \$500 fine or six month jail time has been cut down to a \$100 fine or seven days in jail.

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9/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GREENVILLE SAFE SCHOOL

For the fourth year in a row Greenville High School has received the Alabama Safe School award of excellence. The award is based on the schools plans for safety and other measures to keep students safe. Greenville High School is one of 11 schools in the state to receive this award and is the only school to have received it four years in a row.

:15 VO

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

7/8/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

VW PLANT

There is no decision yet from Volkswagen on whether to put its US assembly plant in Alabama. Volkswagen is considering a location in Limestone County, near I-65 that several reports say is the frontrunner. The Birmingham News reports that two business publications say the Alabama site is the one that's being recommended. An announcement on VW's decision is expected sometime after its supervisory board meets a week from today. Count on The CW News AT 9 for the announcement.

:35 VO

7/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TALLASSEE JOB EXPANSION

There's good economic news for folks in Tallassee. E-SAK Alabama Corporation is expanding their workforce by adding 15 jobs in addition to the 62 already in place.

E -SAK is an automotive supplier for Hyundai and Kia

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7/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HYUNDAI WORKERS STRIKE

35,000 Hyundai workers in South Korea staged a half-day strike to ask for an 8.8% raise. They also want an all night shift to be done away with. This is the 4th time this month workers have staged a limited strike. The other three walkouts cost Hyundai almost \$150 million in lost production. Today's strike is expected to cost around \$86 million.

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7/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HYUNDAI SALES

Hyundai Motor Company's net profits went down for its second quarter despite a rise in sales. Hyundai earned \$542 million dollars, but that was 10% lower than projected but sales rose nearly 13%. Company officials say they are vowing to fight high oil prices by aggressively exporting more fuel efficient cars. Hyundai has an auto assembly plant in Montgomery.

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7/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GAS PRICES

Gas prices have dropped a fraction below the \$4 mark. The Lundberg Survey says prices nationwide are at their lowest level since May 16th. Still, the average U.S. price for gas is more than a dollar higher than it was a year ago. According to Triple AAA Alabama, the price for a gallon of regular gas in the state dropped a penny overnight to \$3.88 per gallon. That's three cents less than Friday and six cents less than last Monday
:15 VO

7/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FOUR DAY WORK WEEK

Wouldn't we all like to work only four days a week? Well, that's exactly what many state offices are turning to, all in an effort to save money and energy while still being available for you. Reporter Krista Littlefield has more.
1:30 PKG.

8/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RILEY/SENIOR CITIZENS

Governor Bob Riley wants the states senior citizens and disabled veterans to know they may be missing out on getting economic stimulus checks. If they do not file a federal income tax return by October 15, they will not receive their checks this year. There are an estimated 112,000 seniors in Alabama who are eligible to get a check, but have yet to file a tax return.
:25 VO

8/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The state of Alabama wins an award for economic development! Alabama was selected as "State of the Year" by the Southern Business and Development magazine. Governor Riley is celebrating by visiting three companies across the state that expanded last year -- including the Hyundai plant in Montgomery. Alabama had nearly 500 new and expanding industry announcements last year that resulted in more than 24,000 new jobs. This is the 5th time in six years Alabama has won the honor.
:30 VO

8/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GAS PRICES

There is more relief at the gas pumps in Alabama. Triple A Alabama says gas is 30 cents less than it was a month ago. CW News found gas in Elmore County just under \$3.50. The statewide average is \$4.69, while the national average sits at \$3.81.
:20 VO

8/15/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Alabama Unemployment numbers are in for July and again, West Alabama is hit hard with people out of work. Other than Chambers County, the highest rates can be found in our area in Wilcox County with 13.3%, Perry County at 11.9%, and Dallas County at 11.3%. Overall, Alabama's unemployment rate is 5.1%, up from 4.7% in June.

:25 Wipe GFX

8/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

STATE INCOME

Over the last 15 years, Alabamians have been making gains in the average personal income compared to people elsewhere in the U.S. Federal statistics show Alabama's per capita income held at around 79% of the national average until the late 1990s when we started catching up. The latest figures show per capita income is now more than 84% of the nation's average or just under \$37,000.

:25 VO

8/20/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

INMATE GRADUATION

Twelve inmates are making history at the Montgomery City Jail by being the first group to graduate from the jail's Job Preparation Program. They had to complete a 10 week course, which gave lessons on how to enter the workforce. By the end of the course, the workers will hopefully have the skills needed to enter the workforce, and contribute to society. Each participant received a certificate for their achievement.

:30 VO

9/8/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NURSING SHORTAGE

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is just one school working to recruit nurses from community colleges, the professional world, and even from rural high schools. Officials say there has never been a better time to get into nursing as colleges across the state are offering grant and scholarship programs. According to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment for registered nurses is expected to grow 23% from 2006 to 2016.

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9/8/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GAS PRICES

Drivers are getting a small break at the pump. Triple A Alabama says gas prices dropped a penny from yesterday averaging \$3.59 a gallon for regular. The national average is \$3.65 a gallon. Triple A officials say, they're watching Hurricane Ike and Tomorrow's OPEC meeting to see where prices are headed next.

9/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TANKER FIGHT

State leaders are upset tonight at the Pentagon's decision to delay an air tanker contract. You may remember the \$35 billion deal that had been awarded to Northrop Grumman. The company planned to put a plant in Mobile creating 1,500 jobs, but Boeing Corporation (which also wants the contract) got the Defense Department to start over in its decision making. Defense officials say they'll wait for a new administration before making a decision.

:30 VO

9/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL

Montgomery City Council has now passed the city's new budget and voted on a garbage fee increase and the leasing fee tax. Folks in Montgomery will likely pay \$4.00 more for trash pickup and 4% more rental tax on personal items like furniture. The mayor will have to give his approval for these fees to take affect.

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9/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ECONOMY LOANS

The crisis on Wall Street is now hitting Main Street in Alabama. Thousands of Alabamians may find that the chance of getting any type of loan is now very slim. CW First News Reporter Krista Littlefield has more in the Top Story on "The CW First News at 9".

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9/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

LOCAL ECONOMY OUTLOOK

President Bush says we could be steps away from a recession if his bailout plan isn't approved. What does that mean for Alabama? We have the latest on the economic bailout and what it means for us – tonight's top story on the CW first News at 9.

1:00 VO/TAG

9/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ARE BANKS SAFE?

Washington Mutual, Another Lending Giant has gone under, and JP Morgan Chase is taking it over. This week's chaos may have you worried about your own money. CW First News Reporter Madiyah Mosley has advice in this CW First News at 9 Business News.

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

7/8/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DIGITAL DEADLINE

We're now less than a year away from the television industry's conversion from analog to digital broadcasting. It may sound like a simple switch, but it's not. CW News At 9's Angela Green has more on this. You may have questions about the new widescreen televisions and whether they're worth buying now. We have answers on that in our CW News Extra "Digital Deadline" tomorrow night.

2:45 PKG.

7/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GILMORE PASSES

CW News At 9 has learned that former Montgomery City Council member Mark Gilmore passed away today at the age of 68-years-old. Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright says Gilmore's health had been failing for a number of years.

:15 Reader

7/9/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DIGITAL DEADLINE

By next February, the analog TV broadcasts that we've watched all our lives will disappear forever and in their place, cutting edge digital and high definition television. But what do you need to do to be ready for the "Digital Deadline"? In this CW News AT 9 Extra, we have everything you need to know if you've decided to buy a digital television set.

2:45 PKG

7/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

LIBRARY DEDICATION

The grand opening for the Pike Road branch of the Montgomery library was held this morning. After 17 years in a trailer, the library moved down the road, to this shopping center at the corner of Vaughn and Pike Roads. The new 5,200 square feet library will feature wireless internet and community meeting space. Unlike the old library, it will be open full time from 9 A.M. until 6 P.M. each night.

:30 VO

8/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SIMPSON PEPPER DIES

79 year old Simpson Pepper, the longtime announcer at Birmingham's Legion Field died at UAB hospital in Birmingham. Pepper fell at his home two weeks ago and had been in the hospital ever since. He was getting ready to work his 45th season as the announcer at Legion Field. Pepper was the public address announcer for all University of Alabama home games from 1970 to 1997.

:25 VO

8/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

KIDS AT ZOO

Some Autistic children took a field trip to the Montgomery Zoo. Kelcie's Place is a organization that helps children with Autism take part in activities outside school. Today's field trip marks the end of their summer program. Kelcie's Place will be moving to McIntyre Community Center in the fall and will have after school programs.

:55 VO/SOT

8/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FAULKNER DIES

The man Faulkner University is named after died today after an extended illness. Not only was Faulkner University named after James H. Faulkner, he was also mayor of Bay Minette, owned a chain of newspapers and was a founder of Loyal American Life Insurance Company. Mr. Faulkner was 91 years old.

:20 VO

9/5/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HUNTINGDON PLAYER MOMENT

Tomorrow is the first home game for the Huntingdon football team and there will be time set aside to honor the memory of a player who died last month. The team will hold a moment of silence in memory of Sam Collins who passed away after falling ill on the practice field. He had complained of cramps earlier in the day and was taken to Jackson Hospital where he later died.

(length not provided)

9/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NIGHT OF PATRIOTISM

On the eve of the 7th anniversary of 9-11, hundreds gather at Montgomery's Paterson Field, to pay tribute to the military and victims of the attack. The event was videotaped and is expected to be sent to troops to let folks know how much they care. Organizers say with just \$30 and lots of help from area organizations they were able to pull the event off. This entire event is being made into a tribute video, especially for troops who never get letters or cards while overseas.

1:05 VO/TAG

9/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

LEE HIGH TRIBUTE

Students at Robert E. Lee high school in Montgomery gathered this morning to remember the victims of the 9/11 attack. The school's Air Force junior ROTC presented colors in honor of those who lost their lives 7 years ago. They also want to honor those serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world to promote freedom.

:20 VO

9/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BAMA-GEORGIA WIPE VO

The Georgia-Alabama football game Saturday night will match Georgia freshman receiver A.J. Green against Alabama freshman Julio Jones. The two have wasted little time showing why many recruiting services had them ranked 1-2 among receivers coming out of high school. Green had eight catches for 159 yards and a touchdown in No. 3 Georgia's win at Arizona State last weekend.

Wipe VO (No time listed).

WBMM-TV
GENERAL ISSUE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Third Quarter, 2008

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 Third Quarter of 2008.

Name of PSA: Autism Awareness
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. This campaign aims to raise awareness of and increase parental knowledge about the prevalence of autism and to empower parents to take action if their child is not meeting certain developmental milestones. 30 seconds long, it aired 38 times in the month of August (9 in prime time); 34 times in September.

Name of PSA: Breast Cancer
Name of Organization: N/A
Description of PSA: (Name of organization and description not provided by WBMM's Traffic Manager who entered in into the system.) 20 seconds in length, it aired 36 times in the month of August; 90 times in September.

Name of PSA: Drunk Driving Prevention
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: In the past, anti-drunk driving messages have been ineffective in changing the behavior of many people. This PSA inspires dialogue and recognition of the dangers of "buzzed driving" and subsequently motivate people to stop driving "buzzed". 30 seconds in length, this announcement aired 26 times in the month August (3 in prime time); 26 in September.

Name of PSA: **Financial Literacy**
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This PSA shows 25-34 year old career builders how to use easy, basic steps to proactively manage their money and get unstuck. It motivates them to visit the campaign website and take the first step toward improving their personal finances and long-term financial security. 30 seconds long, it aired 21 times in the month of August; 18 in September.

Name of PSA: **Foreclosure Prevention**
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: Every year, 1,000,000,000 families face losing their homes to foreclosure. Because they don't know what to do, they do nothing. If you're in danger of losing your home call 1-888-995-Hope because nothing is worse than doing nothing. This 30 seconds announcement aired 26 times in August (3 in prime time); 19 in September.

Name of PSA: **Gun Violence**
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This 30 seconds announcement targets at risk youth 14-25 years of age and their parents. It engages potential offenders to help reduce gun violence by portraying its consequences not just for the offenders but their families too. It aired 6 times in the month of August; 11 in September.

Name of PSA: **House Party**
Name of Organization: N/A
Description of PSA: Organization, description and length not provided by WBMM's traffic manager who entered this PSA in the system. It aired 7 times in the month of August; 1 in September.

Name of PSA: Nutrition Education
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This campaign targets moms and caregivers, and emphasizes that good nutrition can lead to great things for their families – a bright future starts with a healthy lifestyle. 30 seconds long, this announcement aired 25 times in August (6 in primetime); 20 in September. Also in September, the :15 spot aired 5 times and the :30 aired 5 times.

Name of PSA: Obesity Prevention
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: 64% are over weight or obese due to sedentary lifestyles and unhealthy diet and exercise habits. The campaign aims to inspire behavioral change among overweight adult Americans through increased physical activity, portion control, and healthier eating. 30 seconds in length, this PSA aired 18 times in the month of September.

Name of PSA: Underage Drinking
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This campaign seeks to reduce and delay the onset of underage drinking by increasing communication between parents and youth. It encourages parents to speak early and often to their children about the dangers of underage drinking. The :30 seconds spot aired 71 times in the month of August; 164 in September.

Name Of PSA: Whole New Game Parent/Teen
Name of Organization: N/A
Description of PSA: The organization, length and description not provided by WBMM Traffic Manager who entered the announcements into the system. The two announcements aired 362 times in the month of August; 198 in September.

(I was not provided with contracts or affidavits for public service announcement that aired in the month of July on WBMM-TV. I am sure that PSAs aired, but I don't have proof of performance. Therefore, the month of July is not included in this report.)

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PROGRAMS OF PUBLIC INTEREST
“THE DAILY BUZZ”
Third Quarter, 2008

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July 1

Anheuser-Busch says no to In-Bev's 46 billion dollar offer for the company.

Starting today, New York city's food industry, including food carts have three months to dump all trans fat.

July 2

The man accused of killing eight people in two states was smoking a cigarette outside a bar when cops nabbed him.

In a recent online poll, 37 percent of parents say they are more concerned with a man and woman having sex in a video game, than any other aspect.

July 3

The C-D-C says there were 23 million overweight or obese kids in the u-s between two and 19 years old from 2003 to 2006.

American Airlines says it could cut up to seven thousand jobs by the end of this year because of high fuel costs.

July 4

This Fourth of July U.S. troops in Iraq are still fighting for that country's independence, but the men running for president are fighting over when to bring them home.

For the third time since 2002, the Williams sisters will meet in the Wimbledon finals.

July 7

Doctors at the American academy of pediatrics now say kids as young as 8 should take cholesterol drugs to fight off future heart disease.

Three-point-five billion...n-b-c universal just paid 3 point 5 billion for the weather channel.

July 8

Economists say we haven't seen a big enough decline in two consecutive quarters to declare an official recession.

There are more than 450 job cuts are on the way for airline workers in Colorado.

July 9

Researchers found that men between 55 to 75 who are getting' busy on a regular basis reduce their chances of developing erectile dysfunction.

The top dogs of the eight industrialized nations say they supported long-term and midterm goals for reducing greenhouse-gas.

July 10

New Orleans population has jumped 13 point 8 percent between July of 2006 and July of 2007.

President Bush says he will sign a bill that gives the feds the right eavesdrop on you without a warrant and it gives telecom companies immunity from lawsuit if they help the feds.

July 11

Today is the last day the I.R.S. is sending out those stimulus rebate checks.

AT&T and AOL are both deleting newsgroups with child porn, and clearing out child porn websites from their servers.

July 14

Out of the two-thousand Americans surveyed in a new USA Today-Gallup poll one third believe race relations will get worse if Barack Obama loses the election.

One Boston church has found a new way to drive up attendance, giving away 50 dollar gas cards.

July 15,

44 percent of people polled by USA today say the best way for teens to stay safe behind the wheel is to stop text messaging!

The consumer federation of America says women are 32 percent more likely than men to get sub-prime mortgages, even though they have similar credit scores.

July 16,

If the Democrats on Capitol Hill get their way, we may all see another check in the mail to help out with these crazy high gas prices and other things.

A new study in the Journal of the American Medical Association says that less than one third of 15 year olds get the minimum amount of recommended exercise.

July 17

A new study from Harvard University says that Phillip Morris developed "Marlboro Milds" in 2000 to attract younger smokers.

The American public transportation association says that during the first three months of this year Americans took 85-million "more" trips on public transport compared with the same three month period last year.

July 18

For the fourth year in a row, Mississippi has the highest percentage of overweight adults, at 32 percent.

Travel experts say the airlines are trying to charge higher prices for their left over seats to cover the price of record jet fuel prices.

July 21

10 percent of the economists who took a survey from the National Association for Business Economics think the economy could actually get worse during the second half of the year, because of high energy prices, the housing fallout, and credit debacles.

A new study says newspapers need to find a way to make money off the internet, or they won't be able to stay competitive.

July 22

Investigators found a jalapeño pepper tainted with salmonella at a supplier in McAllen, Texas yesterday.

The social security administration has come up with a new online calculator that will tell you how much cash you can expect to earn.

July 23

Los Angeles city council just passed the plastic ban. Meaning shoppers will either have to bring their own bags or pay 25 cents for a paper or biodegradable bag.

The FAA has offered a \$100,000 bonus to new air-traffic controllers to lure them to the New York area's five understaffed radar centers.

July 24

One point eight million people in New York State had to use food stamps in April to keep their children fed. That's thirty-thousand more than in 2006, and more than a half-million since 2001. Experts say it's just another symptom of the tough economy.

Millions of hourly workers, making minimum wage will get a raise today.

It goes up 70 cents an hour, from 5.85 to 6.55 per hour.

It's the second of three annual increases from a law passed last year.

July 25

Congress wants to bump up its global AIDs relief, to the tune of 48 billion dollars. The house approved a bill to triple its spending over the next five years to fight AIDs, Malaria and Tuberculosis. The bill is in President Bush's hands now. Bush won praise around the world for proposing the existing program.

Presidential hopeful Barack Obama will spend the day in Paris after getting much love from the Germans. Two hundred-thousand people packed a park in Berlin to hear him speak.

July 28

The longest presidential election season in American history is about to enter its final stretch... the last 100 days. November fourth is Election Day, but both candidates still have one very important thing to do by then... pick their running mates. The latest gallup poll shows Barack Obama leading John McCain, 49 to 40 percent.

Researchers from the university of Kansas medical center are connecting fitness with Alzheimer's. They say patients in the early stages of Alzheimer's who performed better on a treadmill test, had less shrinkage in the part of the brain where Alzheimer's strikes. Previous

studies have shown that exercise and physical fitness tend to slow down age-related brain cell death in healthy older adults.

July 29

An out-of-control wildfire is still burning near Yosemite national park in California. So far it's destroyed 12 homes and 27 other buildings. About two-thousand homes are still in its path. Officials say someone target shooting started the wildfire that has quickly grown to more than 18-thousand acres.

It's been six days since a major oil spill on the Mississippi river in New Orleans. And the river is expected to re-open "today." Ship traffic came to a halt after a barge and tanker collided. Officials say wildlife is o-k since the oil didn't spill into swamps or marshes. They're shooting off cannons to keep birds away.

July 30

The feds say diabetic women who get pregnant are three to four times more likely to have a child with birth defects than other women.

Starting in the fall, San Francisco city officials voted to stop pharmacies from selling tobacco products. Drug stores caught selling tobacco products in the city will be fined up to a thousand dollars.

July 31

Congressman Barney Frank is introducing a bill that would do away with penalties for possession of up to 100 grams of pot.

Officials warn of a new bacteria lurking in public pools... And chlorine is no match for his one!

A USA today survey shows women dominate other jobs too with 77 percent being travel agents.

August 1

A new study from Hormel foods says 51% of most Americans they spend no more than an hour everyday cooking.

State lawmakers struck down a law from 19-13 prohibiting couples from crossing state lines to get hitched. Now gay couples from all over the country can say "I DO" in Massachusetts.

They say the drug "Aicar" could help you gain some of the benefits of exercise without working up a sweat. Researchers studied mice that took the drug for four weeks and found they burned more calories and had less fat than the other mice.

August 4

The "Government Accountability Office" set up two sham medical supply companies, with no clients or medical patients... to test the feds ability to catch them. They provided sketchy info and false documents, but were still approved! The agency says it's updating its standards and will start cracking down.

The Feds are speaking out about the army scientist they say pulled off the worst bioterrorist attack in U.S. history.

August 5

Those so called financial experts say despite rising unemployment and foreclosures... Central bank policy peeps probably won't drop rates. The reason...the economy is too weak!

Most airlines say they will be willing to waive rescheduling fees under certain conditions but you have to reschedule your flight to fly no later than August 13th.

August 6

Forbes magazine reports that Dayton is the fast-dying city in America with more than 33 thousand people moving out since 2000.

The government plans to auction off a prized take-off and landing slot at Newark Liberty International Airport next month.

August 7

FBI agents say the hospitals turned in phony Medicare and medical bills for hundreds... possible thousands...of homeless patients who they recruited from skid row in Downtown L-A.

The new website 'who can I sue dot com' will help people figure out whether they actually have a case and help them find an attorney from a list of lawyers who advertise on the site!

August 8

A new poll from Harris Interactive, shows that 50% of adults say they have or will have gone on vacation this year.

Austin, Texas and Boston had the most high-risk food safety violations, like contaminated counters and workers not washing their hands. Tucson, Arizona had the fewest.

August 11

Small car sales are up more than 10% from last year and could hit three million by the end of the year...which shows how concerned we are about the cost of gas.

Whole Foods announced a voluntary recall of fresh ground beef it sold between June 2nd & August 6th. It says the meat "could" be contaminated with E. Coli Bacteria.

August 12

Gas prices have dropped everyday for the last 25 days all because oil prices are at their lowest in three months, selling for \$113 a barrel.

A new study in today's "Archives of Internal Medicine" shows that about 50% of all overweight people in the U.S. are actually perfectly healthy.

The C-D-C says it's working on a study that will determine whether or not there is a pattern that links Gardasil to the alarming number of serious adverse reactions and even deaths.

August 13

Researchers looked at thousands of Military Medical Records and found those deployed to a combat area had a 31% increase of becoming alcoholics and younger soldiers were more at risk than their older fellow soldiers.

Scientists say women who take birth control pills seem lose their sniffing abilities and become more likely to choose the wrong type of man!

August 14

White people will no longer make up the majority of Americans by the year 2042. The census bureau says the numbers are based on rates for births, deaths and immigration, particularly with the Hispanic population.

Teens are finding easy access to prescription meds and they say it's easier to get their hands on the pills than it is a six pack of beer!

Dutch researchers say the 60 year study found happiness could keep you alive up to 10 years longer.

August 15

The Federal Trade Commission says Airborne can't back up its claim that its product can treat a cold or protect against germs.

58% of air passengers think planes should have a separate section for parents with babies.

Federal regulators say American Airlines kept flying two jetliners dozens of times...even "after" pilots reported problems with the auto pilot systems.

August 18

You may think everybody gets their news from the net nowadays... But a new survey says 46% of people still get their news from T-V.

A new poll from Pew Research says 56% of voters say there should be a third major political party.

August 19

57% in a random survey said God's divine intervention could save a family member "even" if doctors said the patient was going to die.

The F-D-A claims it was surprised by the salmonella outbreak...Saying Mexican peppers hadn't been a problem in the past.

August 20

The Feds say there appears to be a link between low-level arsenic exposure from drinking water, and Type 2 Diabetes.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety gave top scores to the 2008 Mitsubishi Outlander, Nissan Rogue, and the 2009 Ford Escape and the Volkswagen SUV in front-end, side, and rear crash tests.

August 21

Food prices are forecast to rise between five and six percent this year, making it the largest increase since 1990.

For the first time in 12 years, Harvard has claimed the top spot on "U.S. News and World Report's" annual college rankings list.

The Hallmark Company is rolling out same sex weddings cards, with two tuxedos, or overlapping hearts on the front with best wishes inside.

August 25

The Nestle Company says it received several complaints from customers saying they found "foreign material" in their pepperoni pizza pockets!

The 2009 Farmers' Almanac is trying to predict the weather and claims it can accurately predict the weather conditions 80 to 85 percent of the time.

August 26

The National Association of Realtors says the median home sale price dropped more than \$16,000 in the past year and even with the jump in sales, the average home is sitting on the market about 11 months.

New research suggests deadly car accidents are being "driven down" by high gas prices!

August 27

Marijuana drug kit tests are now available at Walgreens drug stores.

A TV commercial says people who eat hot dogs and other processed meats are at a higher risk of getting colon cancer.

August 28

With payrolls on the decline, American workers' confidence in the job market is suffering...to levels not seen since the 2001 recession.

A new poll shows that 54-percent of likely voters do "not" want to ban gay marriage... even though they may not like it.

August 29

Many Americans will be hitting the roads for the Labor Day weekend. AAA is predicting more than 34-million people will travel 50 or more miles from home.

An Iowa man created an alarm using motion sensors already built into most laptops!

The public men's room at the hermitage hotel in Nashville was voted the best restroom in the U.S.

September 1

Only 41% of American adults say they are better off now than they were five years ago. A Pew Research Center and Gallup poll says it's the lowest number of people who say they're living the good life.

September 2

Millions of poor children in the U.S may be getting fat before they turn 10.

Even though Hurricane Gustav took a direct hit on the Gulf of Mexico & temporarily stopped all oil production, gasoline prices still went down.

September 3

Women who smoke have heart attacks... 12 years sooner than women who don't smoke. And male smokers have heart attacks about six years earlier than men who don't smoke.

September 4

20% of young adults admitted in a new survey from the "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration" that they took some sort of illegal drug within the last month.

Cocaine and Meth use actually went down but drug use among baby boomers ages 50 to 59 actually went up.

Hurricane Gustav created the largest hurricane evacuation in Louisiana history with 2 million

September 5

Sony recalls four series of its VAIO laptop computers for overheating.

OPEC oil cartel is considering cutting back on production to raise oil prices.

JetBlue auctions off more than 300 roundtrip flights and six vacation packages this week on eBay.

September 9

The Justice Department is sending election monitors to the polls.

Partnership for a Secure America says the weapons of mass destruction still pose the greatest threat yet the country hasn't done much to minimize the risk.

The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety wants states to raise the minimum age to get a driver's license from 16 to 17 or 18.

September 10

A group of researchers in Geneva, Switzerland are trying to figure out how the universe got started by smashing protons together in a 17-mile tube called a "race track" to analyze the sub-atomic debris that's left over.

At least 22 countries around the world are rooting for Barack Obama to win in November. The B-B-C poll also shows 17 of those countries believe relations between the u-s and the rest of the world will improve if Obama is the next president.

One artist says she's been collecting all that stuff goes after the TSA takes it away from you in the airport security lines and puts them to good use...by making sculptures out of them!

The Centers for Disease Control says more than 143 million doses of the flu vaccine will be available this year and they'll probably be in stock this month.

September 11

A new homeland security report says FEMA wasted millions on no-bid contracts during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

School officials in Washington state say no hot food for you because they're trying to get back the 200-thousand dollars total some students owe on their lunch account.

The women are blaming their cheating ways on the credit crisis. A new study seems to be backing them up saying couples are more likely to separate or divorce if one of them gets booted from his or her job.

September 12

46 million Americans could have been drinking dirty drug-filled tap water.

The Chinese government says 700 tons of baby formula caused kidney problems and kidney stones for about 50 babies in china. They think the formula contains melamine, which was the same poison from china that killed thousands of dogs and cats in the U.S. last year.

September 15

A new report says 4th and 8th graders increased test scores last school year by 8 percent compared to the 2000 school year.

Wall Street got the shock of its life Friday after two well known firms Lehman Brothers and Merrill Lynch found themselves in the red. Things were so bad Lehman Brothers had to file for bankruptcy protection.

September 16

The Dow lost more than 500 points which means about 700 billion dollars evaporated from retirement plans, pensions and other investments.

British researchers say the average car has 283 different types of bacteria per square inch.

September 17

A chemical called B-P-A... that's short for "bisphenol-a." found in water bottles, food containers, and some plastic baby bottles, may be linked to heart disease, diabetes, and even liver problems.

A new survey reveals more than 90% of employers saw positive changes when workers brought their dogs to work.

More than 30-thousand people are packed in to about 300 shelters in the lone star state after Hurricane Ike and about 4 million who are "home" are still without power!

September 18

There's word Washington Mutual has put itself up for sale, and hired Goldman Sachs to advise it.

IV drip... meant to replenish malnourished recovering alcoholics or help patients in medical emergencies.

September 19

The Bush Administration wants Congress to open the checkbook so it can bail out companies and banks caught up in the credit crunch.

Plenty of Americans clip coupons, but it turns out only 2% of Americans use them.

After an in-flight tuberculosis scare in May 2007, public health officials have decided to make sure people with contagious diseases don't hitch a ride on commercial flights!

September 22

A new AP Yahoo news poll says about a third of white democrats and 40% of all Americans have negative views about blacks.

Kids are doing a lot better in math but that's not the case for eighth graders taking algebra.

September 23

Sarah Palin is now saying she *will* cooperate with officials in their investigation of the "Troopergate" matter which centers around whether or not Palin abused her power when she fired a state trooper who went through a rough divorce with Palin's sister.

President Bush will deliver his last address to the UN today when he will attempt to convince them that the U.S economy will be "OK".

September 24

After months of pressure from Republicans, house Democrats have decided to allow the ban on offshore drilling to expire next week.

President Bush cut his UN trip short because of the economic crisis. He vowed to get the bailout approved despite the protests of many lawmakers (including some Republicans).

September 25

A new study by Medco Health Solutions shows that senior citizens are shying away from generic drugs (when the government is paying) even though many of them are almost identical to the prescription version.

A Washington insider says Freddie Mac paid \$15,000 a month to the lobbying firm of John McCain's campaign manager.

September 26

Sarah Palin has decided to donate almost \$1,000-given to her by politicians involved in a corruption scandal- to charity.

J-P Morgan Chase is taking over Washington Mutual.

September 29

New poll in the UK stated that majorities in 22 of the 23 countries that were surveyed agree the War on Terror has not weakened al Qaeda.

With the death of Paul Newman on Friday, stars recognized him over the weekend with many of them referring to him as the "King of Cool". Paul Newman was 83 when he died of lung Cancer.

September 30

Rescue workers in the wake of Hurricane Ike discovered 3 more bodies today, bringing the death toll for the hurricane to "67" in the nation.

NASA's "Phoenix" spacecraft has taken pictures of snow.