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WBMM NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: CRIME

1/1/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ROSE MURDER

Police say 30 year old Bernard Mitchell was shot around two this morning as he sat inside his car. It happened in the parking lot of the Rose Supper Club on Highland Avenue. Police say two men fired shots striking Mitchell in the chest. Investigators believe Mitchell's killers had been watching him. This was Montgomery's first murder of the year. Call 241-2651 if you can help lead police to the killers.

1/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MURDER ARRESTS - VO

Montgomery County deputies arrest 2 men, charged with killing a man in October. Christopher Henderson and Michael Bates were arrested in early December and charged with the murder of Michael Grimes of Montgomery. News of their arrests is just being released the investigation was ongoing. Grimes body was found October 30th on Stokes Road, with a gunshot wound to the head.

1/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

INMATE CAUGHT – VO

A fugitive who escaped from the Butler county jail 12 years ago is finally caught thousands of miles away in Oregon. Aaron Autrey was arrested in 1995 on theft charges. After getting trustee status, Butler County jail officials say he just walked off one day. The sheriff says tracking Autrey was extremely difficult because he changed his name 10 times, which made catching him even more rewarding.

1/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CHURCH FIRE ARRESTS – VO

Authorities arrest two 21 year old suspects in a series of church arsons in East Alabama. Geoffrey Parquette and James Clark, who describe themselves as spiritual satanists, are charged with setting four churches in Russell and Lee counties on fire since New Year's day and vandalizing another. One of the churches was destroyed. The arrests come only 2 years after 3 college students were arrested for a string of church fires in west Alabama.

1/15/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

DOMESTIC ABUSE CASES – PKG.

Today is the first day of Montgomery's new court specializing in domestic violence cases. The municipal court handles minor offenses hoping to put a stop to situations before they can lead to tragedy. This court will see the domestic violence cases at the misdemeanor level. CW reporter heather graver has the story.

1/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RAPE SENTENCE - VO

A Prattville man is sentenced today for rape. Daniel Whitfield was sentenced to two concurrent life sentences. He pleaded guilty in December to raping two Prattville women.

1/23/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PRATTVILLE MURDER - VO

A Prattville man is stabbed to death in an altercation at the Plantation Apartments in Prattville ff covered bridge road. Police tell us the altercation happened this afternoon among two or more men. A Montgomery man has been apprehended and is suspected in the stabbing death which is the city's first homicide of the year.

1/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M. – VO

PERVERT PLEADS GUILTY – VO

A Montgomery businessman pleads guilty in an Atlanta court today to enticing a child for sex. 60 year old Ronald Nelson lived in this Eastern Forest subdivision. Neighbors said they were shocked when they heard of his arrest. They say he was normal and would socialize all the time with the neighbors when he was out walking with his wife. The FBI says Nelson coordinated with what he thought was a 10 year old girl and her mother on the internet to meet up in Atlanta to have sex. Nelson now awaits sentencing, and could face life in prison.

2/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

AUM SEX ASSAULT - VO

Montgomery police are investigating a rape case at an Auburn Montgomery dorm. Police say a female student was raped early Wednesday morning in the North Commons residence hall. Police have a suspect in custody. They say he is not a student. The University says they do have security performing routine checks around campus. They will also soon offer sexual assault intervention training for students living in the residence halls.

2/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

STRATEGIC CRIMES – VO

Montgomery's Strategic Crime Commission is joining forces with a state lawmaker to toughen laws against possession of stolen guns. Democratic Senator Quinton Ross of Montgomery says he'll introduce a bill to make it a felony to possess a stolen gun. Right now, someone with a stolen gun valued at less than 500 dollars can only be charged with a misdemeanor. Ross says he and the members of the Crime commission think that is wrong.

2/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MACON COUNTY ROUNDUP – PKG

An early morning raid in Macon County leads to several suspected drug dealers being taken off the street and placed behind bars. The raid happened outside of Notasulga, and tonight local leaders say it's just one more step in making the streets safe from criminals. First at 9 CW News Reporter Jeff Sanders has more.

3/5/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ASU STUDENT SHOT – PKG.

The search is on tonight for a killer. Lauren Burk, an Auburn University freshman student was found suffering from a gun shot wound right off north College Street, and later died at an area hospital. Less than 30 min after police arrived on that crime scene, the fire department arrived at the Hinton Field Parking lot, and found Burk's car in flames. Auburn Police Chief Tommy Dawson says investigators have reasoning behind the suspicious fire meanwhile emotions here on the campus are in a tailspin.

3/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

OPP SUPT REAX – VO

There's new information in the sex abuse case against the assistant principal from Opp High School. Jonathon Townsend will remain on administrative leave from Opp high school with pay until the end of his contract in June. Townsend was placed on administrative leave before he was arrested on sex abuse charges. But school officials say that was because of another matter. Townsend also faces charges of solicitation and harassment.

3/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

AUBURN LATEST – PKG.

Auburn police are releasing new details about the murder of Auburn Freshman Lauren Burk. Investigators believe the gas can was used as an accelerant to set Burk's car on fire, just 30 minutes after she was found on North College Street. The task force is asking the public to call the tip line if they noticed a 2001 black Honda civic in the campus area. Authorities are already receiving promising leads from the tip line, and hope even more tips will lead them to the killer.

3/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SUSPECT IN COURT – PKG.

23 year old Courtney Lockhart was silent as he arrived at the Lee County jail, nearly one week after Auburn freshman Lauren Burk was shot and killed. In a probable cause hearing Monday, Lockhart answers to a capital murder charges, in connection with kidnapping, robbery, and attempted rape. The judge read Lockhart's confession. He was arrested in Phoenix City, and that's when police say they found the gun in Lockhart's possession.

3/12/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MURDER ARREST

Montgomery Police arrest a murder suspect, Joshua Ward of Prattville in a traffic stop. He is charged with Capital murder in the killing of Demetrius Shuford and the attempted murder of a woman on Sunday. They say the shooting was tied to a drug deal that went bad. Ward is being held without bond.

:20 VO

3/13/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MURDER TRIAL

Chris Hawes, an Elmore County man has been found guilty of capital murder. He pled guilty earlier this week to robbing and stabbing 87 year-old Evelyn McNeil in her home back in 2003, and will be sentenced March 31st. Attorney's say he will probably get life with out parole which was part of his plea deal.

:30 Anim VO

3/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

JAILER ARRESTED

A former Covington County jailer, Benjamin Moore, enters a plea deal in court. He agreed to plead guilty to one charge of sodomy with each of the four children involved in his case in exchange for a 40 year prison sentence. Moore was facing numerous counts of sex abuse charges, but the district attorney says he's just glad the children won't have to go through a trial.

:55 Anin VO/SOT VO

3/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

KIDNAPPING ARREST

Jessica Wingard and her mother Jackie Rimeres are charged with kidnapping. Authorities say Wingard was supposed to watch the 80 year old man at his home in Montgomery, but instead took the man to her mother's home in Elmore County and locked him in a closet. Neighbors called police after hearing someone yell for help. Police say they believe the man was kept in the closet all day.

:30 VO

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: GOVERNMENT

1/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SUPREME COURT – VO

U.S. Supreme Court Justices are hearing arguments over whether execution by lethal injection is right or wrong. Critics say it creates an avoidable risk of excruciating pain. Two Kentucky death row inmates claim the practice is cruel and unusual punishment and violates the eighth amendment. Justices indicated today they're deeply divided. The Supreme Court's decision to step into this case has halted executions nationwide and they won't resume until the high court rules. The ruling could affect Alabama and the 36 other states that use lethal injections to carry out death sentences.

1/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NEW DOZIER MAYOR – VO

The new mayor in Dozier is making history. Vester Burnette, seen here being sworn in, is Dozier's first black mayor. He's taking the place of Bud Johnson, who died after serving 50 years as Alabama's longest serving mayor. Burnette worked in the City Council for more than 20 years and was Mayor Pro Tempore when Johnson passed away. Burnette has lived in Crenshaw County for the past 50 years.

1/21/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WALLACE JR. - VO

Is George Wallace Junior considering making a political comeback? Wallace says he is being encouraged to run for president of the Public Service Commission. Current president Jim Sullivan announced last week he would not seek re-election. Wallace spent eight years on the utility regulatory board before running unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor. So far, only one person has announced their candidacy for PSC president - - and that is former Democratic Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley.

1/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HILLARY SUPPORT – PKG.

Alabama's presidential primary is a week from tomorrow. While Democratic candidate Barack Obama's speech yesterday in Birmingham drew thousands, he may still have a lot of work to do to win the primary against Hillary Clinton. From Campaign 2008, CW News Reporter Krista Littlefield has more.

1/31/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

LEGISLATURE

House Speaker Seth Hammett is speaking out about some issues the Legislature faces as it prepares for the session. Hammett says the first week is often slow for lawmakers but he hopes that will change this year. He also says first on the agenda will be the ethics bills to keep Legislators from hiding campaign contributions. The session begins Tuesday.

2/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

STATE OF THE STATE – VO

Governor Riley addressed Alabama tonight in his annual State of the State Address. In the address he touched on the state's growing economy and the rising health care costs. Governor Riley urged congress to pass the education budget and to say no to higher gas taxes which he states is the worst thing lawmakers could possibly do to Alabamians.

2/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SUPER TUESDAY – RECAP

Super Tuesday is now in the books. Although Mike Huckabee won in many southern states, John McCain won decisive victories, putting him much closer to the number of delegates needed to secure the GOP nomination. Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are still locked in a tight battle. Nicole Collins has the latest from Washington.

2/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TWINKLE FOR PSC – VO

Another person is ready to jump in the race for president of the Alabama Public service commission. Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, Governor Bob Riley's Senior Advisor says she'll run as a Republican for the office. She is, and has been Chairman of the State Republican Party. Former Lieutenant Governor Lucy Baxley has said she will run as a Democrat. The seat is being vacated by Jim Sullivan.

2/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BRIGHT FOR CONGRESS ANIM VO

Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright officially announced today that he is running for Congress in Alabama's 2nd District. Bright made the announcement in Ozark, not far from the family farm where he grew up. He is running as a Democrat, but says the Republican Party courted him heavily. He told supporters that while he may be running as a Democrat, he has strong Conservative values.

3/3/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

INTERNET VOTING – VO

Governor Bob Riley has created a bipartisan panel to look for a way for Alabamians overseas to cast their ballots over the Internet. He says the current absentee voting system moves too slowly and prevents many Alabama troops from voting. The task force includes the Lieutenant Governor, House Speaker, Attorney General and Secretary of State among others. Alabama has an estimated 56 thousand citizens overseas.

3/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

OBAMA DELEGATES - VO

Some Barack Obama supporters are upset over how his delegates were picked in Alabama. Longtime supporters say they were pushed aside for new supporters when the state Democratic Committee picked 10 delegates to go to the national convention. Democratic Party chairman, Joe Turnham, says states can handpick delegates. He says the delegates are not legally bound to vote for the candidate they are sent to represent.

3/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SIEGELMAN TRIAL – VO

Prosecutors are fighting to keep former Governor Don Siegelman in prison while he appeals his government corruption conviction. Prosecutor Louis Franklin told appeals court judges that Siegelman's attorneys haven't shown they have a shot of winning an appeal and that's why Siegelman should stay locked up. Siegelman's attorney says that's a matter of opinion. Siegelman is serving more than 7 years in prison for bribery and other charges.

3/5/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

AL IMMIGRATION – VO

Spectators packed into the Alabama State House today to hear lawmakers debate a bill that would crack down on illegal immigration. The crowd held a rally on the State Capitol steps before the meeting to express their views. Most of the senators that were supposed to attend skipped the meeting. Only six committee members showed up and Committee Chairman Ted Little said that was too few to vote. Senator Scott Beason who proposed the bill said he will not give up.

3/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NO HILLARY IN SELMA – VO

Is she or isn't she? People in Selma want to know whether Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton will be a part of this weekend's Bridge Crossing Jubilee. At first, it appeared she would be a no show, but now Jubilee organizers say she could indeed be coming as planned. Clinton had been expected to be a guest speaker at the Unity Breakfast at Wallace Community College. She and fellow presidential candidate Barak Obama both attended the Bridge Crossing last year.

3/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

GRIMES ANNOUNCE - VO

A new candidate enters the race to replace retiring U.S. Representative Terry Everett. Republican State Representative David Grimes says he'll run for the 2nd District Congressional seat. He made the announcement at Troy University, his alma mater. Grimes has served in the Alabama House of Representatives for six years.

3/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MISSISSIPPI PRIMARY

The Deep South delivered more delegates for Barack Obama. When the polls closed in Mississippi the Illinois Senator added another state to his win column. Democratic voters said he was the most qualified candidate to be commander in chief and the candidate most likely to beat John McCain in the fall.

1:30 Pkg.

3/12/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

OVERSEAS VOTING

Alabama is moving forward to become one of the first states to offer overseas voting to military members and absentee voters. Alabama Secretary of State Beth Chapman held a forum with military officials today to answer questions and get feedback on the idea. Chapman says her office has sent 3,000 requests for information to vendors, and they've got a staff in place, but there's no timetable on when the internet voting may become a reality.

:35 VO

3/13/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SABEL FOR CONGRESS

Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright now has some competition in the Democratic primary for Alabama's 2nd Congressional District seat. Cheryl Sabel, the president of the Alabama chapter of the National Organization for Women, has jumped into the race. The seat is being vacated by republican Terry Everett, who is retiring. A Republican has won this seat in every election since 1964.

:55 SOT/VO

3/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BOYD FOR CONGRESS

Community activist Democrat William Boyd of Montgomery is launching his own campaign for Everett's seat. He will face Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright and Cheryl Sabel, who's the Alabama president of the National Organization for Women in the June 3rd primary. Boyd ran against Bright in Montgomery Mayor's race last year which Bright won easily. This time Boyd says the timing is right and thinks the outcome will be much different.

:55 Anim VO/SOT/VO

3/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

OBAMA ON RACE

Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama is putting the spotlight on race relations. In a speech designed to promote unity, Obama rejected some controversial remarks made by his former pastor. CW News at 9's Susan Roberts has more on the story.

1:45 Pkg.

3/19/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

IRAQ WAR

Today marks 5 years since the US invaded Iraq changing many people's lives forever. Nearly 4,000 Americans have been killed since the war began. CW News at 9 talked to some local military officers who told us that fighting in the war is something they are proud to be a part of, but much work still needs to be done. They say support from the U.S. is vital and they wish more Americans could see the positive things they are doing. The military men and women say they love their freedom and say its important Iraqi's have the same rights we do.

1:05 VO/SOT

3/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

IMMIGRATION

A house committee is supposed to vote tomorrow on 10 bills to tackle illegal Immigration. One bill would require proof of legal residency before someone could get any public benefits.

:25 Wipe VO

3/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SIEGELMAN NUTS AND BOLTS

Former Alabama Governor Don Siegelman is about to trade his prison mop bucket for freedom. A federal appeals court has ordered his release while he appeals his government corruption convictions. He could be out as soon as tomorrow. The 11th U-S Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta says Siegelman meets the legal requirements to get out. He was sentenced to more than 7 years in prison last June for bribery and obstruction of justice and was immediately taken into custody. Shortly after that he was taken to a federal prison in Louisiana where he's worked as a prison janitor.

2:15 VO/TAG

3/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

An Alabama house committee has approved several bills that crack down on illegal immigration in the state. The committee voted yes to 8 out of 10 bills that were part of an immigration package that covered a variety of topics - including punishing business owners who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and impounding a person's car if they can not prove they are a legal citizen. The bills that passed today in the committee will now go before the rules committee to determine if they can be put on the calendar for the entire house to debate.

:35 VO

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: HEALTH

1/23/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NO SMOKING

Alexander City Council leaders are considering a no smoking policy in public places. Mayor, Barbara Young tells CW News at 9 they will work through protocol while coming up with the proposal. The ban would include parks and restaurants. City leaders say so far they haven't heard any negative feedback from the public. In fact, some restaurant owners have already made no smoking policies on their own.

2/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FLU IN SCHOOLS – VO

Hundreds of students in Montgomery Public Schools are absent from class, possibly because of the flu. State Health officials say there's no need to be alarmed. Friday nearly 900 students were absent. School officials say that's nearly 40% higher than a normal Friday, and its not just the students getting sick.

2/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TOXIC TRAILERS – PKG.

The Centers for Disease Control is recommending that thousands of Katrina survivors still living in trailers and mobile homes provided by the government move out as soon as possible. Health officials say they could be exposed to toxic chemicals. Nicole Collins has the story from Washington.

2/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NO SMOKING BAN - ANIMVO

Smokers across the state could soon be prohibited from lighting up in all restaurants and work places. State senator Vivian Figures is sponsoring a bill that will do just that. Today, a public hearing was held at the state house and cardiologists, pediatricians and even students spoke out against smoking. According to the state health department, 75% of Alabamians do not smoke. Supporters feel the state wide no-smoking ban makes sense, but some feel that decision should be left up to individual businesses.

3/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TEENS AND STDS

The Centers for Disease Control has released alarming statistics about teenage girls and sexually transmitted diseases. It found more than three million teen girls are infected with an STD. Teri Okita has the details.

1:36 Pkg.

3/21/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ALABAMA DOCTOR'S LICENSE

Doctor David Morrison, from Montgomery, is charged again with incorrectly diagnosing patients and giving unnecessary treatments. The medical licensure commission revoked Morrison's license and fined him \$266,000s, a decision overturned by a Circuit Court here in Montgomery. Now, Morrison must decide whether to take the case to the Alabama Supreme Court.

:30 VO

3/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CHILDHOOD OBESITY

The Safe Routes To School program that kicked off this morning at the Kershaw YMCA on Fairview Avenue is trying to fight childhood obesity by urging students to ride their bike or walk to school. Childhood obesity rates have more than tripled in the past 30 years, while the number of children walking and biking to school has gone down. By walking and riding bicycles to school, the children's activity level will increase, and obesity levers will decrease. Less than 16% of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walk or bike to or from school. That's compared to 42% in 1969.

:55 VO/SOT

3/31/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

FF ALLERGIES & KIDS

It's allergy season, the time of year for sneezing, runny noses and itchy, watery eyes. While there are plenty of remedies for adults, what about your children? There are a number of medicines approved for children ages 2 and up. Over the counter options Zyrtec and Clariton can be bought without a prescription, but they are not quite as effective as the prescription medicines, like Feramist and Nazanex which are both approved for children down to age two. Besides a trip to the doctor's office, your local pharmacist is a good place to go for information regarding how to treat your child's allergy symptoms.

1:25 VO/SOT

WBMM-TV LOCAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST: EDUCATION

1/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NEW COLLEGE

A new technical college is set open in Montgomery in April. Virginia College will open its 10th campus after \$2 million worth of renovations are complete at the old Bruno's grocery store on Atlanta highway. The school offers jobs in several medical and technical fields as well as culinary and cosmetology management degrees. The school hopes to graduate more than 200 students each year and will bring 100 new jobs to the area when they hire instructors and administrators.

1/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RILEY PRE K VO

Two prominent early childhood education programs in Alabama support Governor Bob Riley's pre-kindergarten program. Members of Alabama Head Start and Early Care and Education for kids are speaking out about the advantages of having a voluntary, high quality program that prepares children for kindergarten. Riley hopes to expand the Pre-K program which only covers 4% of the states four year olds. The announcement comes less than a month before the legislature is set to start its session on February 5th.

1/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TEEN SUICIDE EFFORTS - VO

Two programs join forces to help prevent teenage suicide. The Alabama High School Athletic Association and the Jason Foundation say their coalition is the first of its kind in the nation. The Jason foundation helps spread awareness and helps others recognize the signs of suicide. It will educate coaches on warning signs among their players. The program will be available to all schools in Alabama. The Jason foundation was founded by Clark Flatt, whose son Jason committed suicide in 1997.

1/28/08 – 9-9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S LITERACY - VO

Sesame Street's Elmo joined First Lady Patsy Riley in a celebration for Alabama Public Television as part of PBS' Kids raising readers program. That's a new reading initiative to help children ages 2 to 8 become better readers. Alabama Public Television is one of the first in the nation to be selected as a participant. The program will teach parents and teachers to help children to learn to read better.

1/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TORCHBEARER SCHOOL - VO

The state school board officially recognized nine schools across the state that were honored for being Torchbearer Schools. Montgomery's E.D. Nixon Elementary and Selma's Edgewood Elementary were the only schools in the CW News viewing area to receive the prestigious award. The schools are all located in high poverty areas and have overcome the odds to become high academic performing schools. Along with the honor of being named a torchbearer school came a big award of \$15,000.

2/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

REDLAND GROUNDBREAKING – WIPE VO

Ground has now been broken for the new Redland Elementary school in Wetumpka. The nearly 75,000 square foot building will hold up to 700 students in grades kindergarten through 6. It should be complete by May 2009. Construction will begin within 30 days and will cost nearly 8 million dollars.

2/12/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WHAT'S RIGHT WITH OUR SCHOOLS

If you ask children what they want to be when they grow up, many will say sports stars. That's why one Montgomery teacher developed the champions program to help motivate students to value education as much as sports. As part of the program, the students attempt Champion challenges according to their grade level, and rack up points for their correct answers. The older students attempt challenges in four subjects, math, language arts, science, and social studies. They say since the program began, they are actually excited about taking tests. More in tonight's what's right with our schools.

2/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS - VO

The state is offering more than two million dollars in college scholarships, but only certain students are eligible. The scholarships will be available to students who promise to teach in Alabama's public schools for at least 4 years. Scholarships are available for both college freshman, and people who already have a degree but want to go back to school to become teachers. This is the first year the state has offered this type of scholarship. The deadline to apply for a scholarship is March 31st.

2/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING – WIPE VO

Elmore County school officials broke ground today on the new Airport Road Intermediate School. The school will be 78 thousand square feet, and will house almost 800 3rd and 4th grade students. The school also includes a state of the art classroom of tomorrow. It is expected to be ready for the 2009 school year.

2/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NEW OPP SCHOOL BID – ANIM VO

Opp's new elementary school is one step closer to becoming a reality after a multi million dollar construction contract is approved. School board members approved the 9.7 million dollar contract to begin work on South Highlands Elementary school which will cover 73,000 square feet and hold 250 students. It will have 36 classrooms, a music room, science lab, media center and a cafeteria. Construction will begin on March 10th, and should be finished by the start of the 2009 school year.

2/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TROY BUILDING – WIPE ANIM VO

More than 17 million dollars in renovations are nearly complete at Troy University. Faculty will start moving into the new 13 million college of education building in December, and students will start classes in January. The university also is the first in our area to put artificial turf in at their baseball stadium. The renovations at the stadium also included a new jumbotron, video scoreboard and sound system. School officials say the renovations will help them keep up with the state's larger universities.

3/3/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

READ ACROSS AMERICA – VO

All this week, students across Alabama are celebrating "Read Across America" and their love for reading books. I got to spend part of the day with students at Coosada Elementary School. We read the Doctor Seuss classic "Green Eggs and Ham" which many of them knew by heart. Some students at Coosada actually ate green eggs and ham for lunch in their cafeteria. A few thought they were yucky, but most agreed they didn't taste any different.

3/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NEW SCHOOL – VO

Butler County is moving forward on a new school in Georgiana. Ground is being broken for the new K through 12 school. The more than \$14 million school is scheduled to be ready for the fall of 2009. It's estimated 700 students will enroll at the school.

3/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

EDUCATION BUDGET

Governor Bob Riley is hoping to avoid lay-offs and program cuts in education by dipping into a reserve fund. Governor Riley has transferred \$175 million from the reserve fund to the state education budget. State law allows the Governor to withdraw money from the fund when needed. A spokesperson for Riley says the governor will probably pull out another \$200 million in order to finance the current education budget which is 6.7 billion dollars. Riley says he hopes to avoid proration due to lower than expected state tax collections.

:35 VO

3/11/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

WRWOS – DR. SEUSS WEEK

Read Across America Week was started in 1997 to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and to encourage students to get excited about reading, and it seems to be working. City officials, parents, and many of us made our way into schools last week for Read Across America Week. The event is just too much fun not to show you a little bit more and to hear from the students themselves. More in tonight's What's Right With Our Schools.

2:25 PKG.

3/21/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BRAIN AWARENESS RALLY

Students at Dannelly Elementary School in Montgomery are getting pumped about SAT testing with a little light-hearted lesson about the brain. For Brain Awareness Month, the school held assemblies with a nurse ventriloquist who performed a skit about taking care of our brains. Students also performed their own skit and the school choir sang "Whatta Brain" and songs from Bill Nye the Science Guy. Brain Awareness Month is held to get children thinking earlier about SAT tests.

1:00 VO/SOT

3/21/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PRE-K PRESSER

A new study puts Alabama at the top of the list for best Pre-Kindergarten programs. Governor Bob Riley is taking the opportunity to urge lawmakers to fund expanding the program because he wants to triple the amount of children who have access to the program. He says an early start will put youngsters on the right track for the rest of their lives. Alabama shares the top spot with North Carolina, the second year the two states have shared the top ranking.

:30 VO

3/24/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

P.E. BILL

A bill in the Alabama Legislature would require students to take more physical education classes in school. If the bill passes, middle and high school students would have to take part in an extra 25 minutes of physical education. High school students would also have to take four years of P.E. Right now, they are only required to take one. The bill would also require elementary students to take an extra 50 minutes of P.E. each week
:30 VO

3/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SCHOOL GROUNDBREAKING

Ground has now been broken for a new elementary school in Opp. A one-cent sales tax hike is paying for the new school. The school will have 36 classrooms, a regulation-sized gym and a media and computer center. The school will replace the half-century old south highlands elementary school.
:55 VO/SOT

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

1/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

TK APPLICATIONS – VO

The German steel company ThyssenKrupp is ready to start hiring. The company is looking across the state to hire employees in several fields including sales, human resources, finance and more. ThyssenKrupp broke ground on the steel plant in Mobile county in November of last year. They are expected to hire 2,700 employees when they open in 2010.

1/16/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

EMPLOYEE RAISE

County workers in Tallapoosa County are getting a pay raise, Ending a pay raise freeze that lasted 3 months. The Tallapoosa county commission approved the pay raises. The county's administrator tells the Alexander City Outlook that the raises will go to those who deserve it, based on job performance. The county will use \$150,000 thousand dollars to pay for the raises.

1/18/07 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ECONOMIC PLAN – PKG.

With the housing market a mess, the stock market shakier than ever and prices soaring. President Bush says now's the time to give the economy a boost. He hopes his stimulus package will head off a recession and he hopes lawmakers will push it through quickly. CW Correspondent Susan Roberts reports.

1/23/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BUDGET SOLUTION – VO

It could pay even more for you to slow down because of a possible rise in speeding tickets. Legislators are considering hiking court costs on traffic tickets because of a shortage in the general fund for next fiscal year. Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb says that's not the answer, as tickets can already be \$200 because of court costs.

2/4/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RENAISSANCE OPENS - VO

Nearly 2 ½ years after the official groundbreaking the Renaissance Hotel and Convention Center in downtown Montgomery is open for business. An official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place in the coming weeks, but the hotel has already scheduled several large meetings that will soon take place there. The 12 story hotel and convention center cost more than \$200,000,000 to build. City officials hope the new facility will bring more business and entertainment to the downtown area. The Performing Arts Center will open March 7th with a performance by Cirque Des Amis.

2/12/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

RILEY'S TAX PROPOSAL – WIPE VO

Governor Bob Riley is urging lawmakers to pass a tax free rebate bill this week. The bill would make sure Alabamians do not have to pay state taxes on the federal rebate that many people will receive as part of the economic stimulus bill that President Bush is expected to sign this week. Most taxpayers will receive \$600 to \$1,200 rebates if the bill is passed.

2/26/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BUSINESSES REOPEN - WIPE VO

Stores damaged in last Sunday's tornadoes are starting to reopen. Starting at 8 tomorrow morning, Wal-Mart will be back in business. The Super Center has been closed since the storms moved through Prattville last week. The entire store had to be gutted out and restocked with brand new merchandise and fixtures.

2/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CONVENTION CENTER BUSINESSES – PKG.

The owner of Lek's Railroad Thai Restaurant in downtown Montgomery prepares for today's lunch time rush. Lek says the crowd is larger than normal after the opening of the Renaissance Hotel, Spa and Convention Center. Other owners are seeing more customers come through their doors as well. The Montgomery Brew Pub Manager says the addition gave business a boost this past weekend and has greater hopes for the future. A boat show and the Alabama Music Hall of Fame kicked off the Renaissance's opening month and many hope more events are on the way.

2/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ALABAMA ARISE – WIPE VO

State Representative John Knight is joining with Alabama Arise to propose big changes to Alabama's tax system. The proposal would remove state taxes on groceries, reduce taxes for the poor and raise taxes on the wealthy. He has the support of Alabama Arise, an advocacy group for Alabama's poor. Knight says his plan would even things out budget wise.

3/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

BOEING EXPLANATION – VO

Officials with the Boeing company want answers after the U.S. Air Force awarded a \$35 billion contract to build new refueling tankers to Northrop Grumman, which has a plant in Mobile. Boeing officials say they offered to make a tanker that was less expensive, less risky and overall superior. The decision to give the contract to an overseas company has lead several members of congress to call for an investigation. Boeing's CEO said the company will protest only if they find an "irregularity." Air Force Secretary Michael Wynne said the Northrop Grumman proposal was clearly superior based on nine points of criteria.

3/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HONDA ANNOUNCEMENT – VO

Honda's manufacturing plant in Alabama made a big announcement. It will start making the Honda Ridgeline pickup truck at the plant in Lincoln starting next year. The plant already produces the Odyssey minivan and Pilot SUV.

3/12/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HYUNDAI SALES

Business Week magazine is reporting the Hyundai plant in Montgomery has close to 32,000 sedans parked with no orders from dealers. They cite unhealthy aggressive sales goals for the pile up, as well as the Montgomery Motor Speedway where cars are also kept. Robert Burns, Public Relations Manager for the Montgomery plant says Sonata sales are down 2% compared to last February, but some local dealers aren't struggling as much as the manufacturers. Sales at Capitol Hyundai in Montgomery are only down 7%. Economic experts blame the troubled economy for the downfall.

1:41 Pkg.

3/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PUMP PATROL

We start this week's Pump Patrol in Montgomery off the Eastern Boulevard at the Liberty Station where motorists were shelling out \$3.15 for a gallon for regular unleaded. At the Chevron Food Mart at the Clay Street Exit on Interstate 65 the price of gas jumped way up to \$3.24 per gallon. That wasn't the highest price we found. At the Exxon Station at corner of Vaughn and Carter Hill Road in Montgomery, regular unleaded was one cent higher at \$3.25 per gallon.

1:55 Pkg.

3/18/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ECONOMY LATEST

The Federal Reserve is trying once again to pump up the slumping U.S. economy by slashing interest rates. Stock prices soared with the Dow closing about 400 points higher at the closing bell. This follows today's ¼ of-a-point rate cut by the Federal Reserve. Officials hope this will help Americans struggling to pay credit cards and home equity loans. Still many are worried it won't be enough to turn the tide of a looming recession.

:30 Anim VO

3/19/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

EXXON LAW PROPOSAL

Governor Riley has proposed changing the tax code that determines how much the companies pay. It would increase the taxes paid from about \$40 million annually to \$80 million. The proposal comes after a legal dispute over taxes between Alabama and ExxonMobil. The state may have to refund more than \$100 million tax dollars if they lose the case. Riley says if changes aren't made oil companies could get away with paying no severance tax. We're not going to take that natural gas that lays off our shores, give it away to any big oil company for free and essentially that's what we're being asked to do.

:55

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

1/21/09 – 9-9:30 P.M.

KICK/WIPE VO

The New York Giants won the NFC championship with a 23-20 overtime win over Green Bay for their NFL record 10th straight road victory. Lawrence Tynes, who missed a potential game-winning field goal at the end of regulation, booted a 47-yard field goal for the game-winner in OT.

1/21/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MLK PARADE PROGRAM – VO

Today is the day set aside to remember Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. Residents throughout the area took time today to honor the Civil rights leader. At the church he led more than 50 years ago (Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church) it was standing room only as hundreds came together to celebrate his life. Several choirs also performed, and Montgomery native Dr. Echol Nix, Jr. was the guest speaker. At the same time, a parade honoring King made it's way through the streets of the capital city. That was followed by a special ceremony on the steps of the state capital. During the ceremony, several state and city leaders reflected on how today's youth should continue to carry out King's dream.

1/23/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MLK STATUE- VO

A \$10,000 donation will start a fund to build a statue in Montgomery in memory of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior. Montgomery County's chief Appraiser, Tommy Miller made the contribution to start a fundraising drive he says is long overdue. Currently there is no statue of King in the city named as the "birthplace of civil rights."

1/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL WIPE – VO

Four Alabama high school all-star football players were named to the 45th annual Parade All-America team. The list includes the nation's top prep prospect, Foley receiver Julio Jones. The others are Mountain Brook offensive lineman Tyler Love, Spain Park defensive lineman William Green and Gadsden City linebacker Jerrell Harris.

1/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SUPER BOWL MADNESS INTRO -

It's become a Super Bowl tradition. The Tuesday prior to the big game ... thousands of journalists and T-V types go toe-to-toe with the teams on media day. The players are loose, The questions are crazy, and you won't believe who shows up. Teri Okita takes us to the sidelines for more.

2/12/04 – 9-9:30 P.M.

JOHNNIE CARR UPDATE - VO

There is new information tonight on the condition of civil right icon Jonnie Car, who is in a Montgomery hospital after suffering a stroke. Her son, Arlam Carr, Jr. says her prognosis appears to be encouraging. She is in stable condition after yesterday's stroke, is breathing on her own, and out of the intensive care unit at Baptist Medical Center South. Mrs. Carr, who's 97 years old is awake and responding to those around her. There's still no word on the seriousness of the stroke or how long Mrs. Carr may remain in the hospital.

2/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

POSITIVELY ALABAMA – PKG.

Inside the doors of the George Washington Carver Museum you get a chance to take a walk back in time and discover how two men changed the lives of so many. When it comes to George Washington Carver, most people know of his work with peanuts but his lifetime of work consisted of so much more, soybeans, sweet potatoes, and even old fashion Alabama Clay. But you may not be aware of Carver's Artistic side, including this work he painted early in his life. Booker T Washington and George Washington Carver - two men who have left their mark on American History, and who are both Positively Alabama.

2/22/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MHOF – PKG.

Tonight, the Capitol City becomes Alabama's Music City, with the Alabama Music Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. The induction and a special concert are taking place now at the brand new Renaissance Convention Center, Hotel and Spa downtown. First at 9 The CW's Ashley Paige and entertainment reporter Jimmy Carter join us Live with the latest!

2/25/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

CARR SERVICES – VO

Memorial services have been announced for civil rights leader Johnnie Carr. A private family service will be held Friday at Hall Street Baptist Church, and funeral services will be Saturday at 10 at the Joe L. Reed Acadome at Alabama State University. The civil rights leader died late Friday night after suffering a stroke February 11th. She was 97-years old.

2/27/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SALVATION ARMY ASSISTANCE – VO

Salvation Army officials say they're still accepting donations for the victims of the tornado that hit the river region, however they are planning to move some of their workers out of the area. Tomorrow is the last day that workers will provide services at the Church of the Living Water on Sheila Boulevard. Officials will continue to serve from their Montgomery office.

2/28/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HELP FOR INMATES' KIDS – VO

Children who have parents in prison will have more help and guidance through a state wide initiative. The Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention presented grants today to several agencies who screen and train adults to act as mentors to children with parents in prison. The program is available through Aid to Inmate Mothers or AIM and the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. Advocates say children with one or both parents in prison are more likely to suffer from low self esteem and get into trouble more often at school. Officials with the program are encouraging folks to consider becoming a school-based mentor for a child.

2/29/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

PRATTVILLE THANKSGIVING – WIPE ANIM VO

The city of Prattville held a thanksgiving service at the First United Methodist Church tonight. Mayor Jim Byard said it is the right time to come together and be grateful that there were no fatalities and that recovery has gone so well.

3/6/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

ROSE INDUCTED – WIPE VO

Civil Rights pioneer Rosa Parks has been inducted into the Alabama Women's Hall of Fame. The ceremony took place at Judson College in Marion. Parks was arrested in 1955 for refusing to give up her seat on a Montgomery city bus to a white man, which sparked the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the beginning of the modern civil rights movement. She died in 2005.

3/7/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

SELMA EVENTS – PKG.

The 15th Annual Bridge Crossing Jubilee is now in full swing in the city of Selma. CW News Reporter George McDonald has the story. This year's Jubilee features five days of activities commemorating Bloody Sunday and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. The Jubilee officially kicked off Thursday night with a mass meeting at the historic Tabernacle Baptist Church, the site of the first mass meeting of the Voting Rights Movement.

3/10/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

HUEY LEWIS COMING – VO

The 1980s will be making a musical comeback at this year's Jubilee CityFest in Montgomery. It was announced today that Huey Lewis and the News will perform at the music celebration. The group will hit the stage Saturday, May 24th. Huey Lewis and the News are known for hits like "Heart of Rock and Roll" and "she's some kind of wonderful".

3/14/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

MILSAP SHOW TONIGHT

A country music legend, Ronnie Milsap is performing tonight at the Montgomery Performing Arts center. Milsap was born blind, and rose to become one of the top musicians of the 1970s and 80s. He has had 40 number one hits including Pure Love, Smoky Mountain rain, and Any Day Now. Milsap was studying to become a lawyer early on, but a chance meeting with another famous artist (Ray Charles) changed his mind.

:50 SO/VOT

3/17/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

NEW JUBILEE ACT

Another big name artist, Erykah Badu, will perform at Jubilee CityFest Saturday night, May 24th on the Tallapoosa Riverside Casino stage. Her first single "On and On" hit #1 on the R&B charts in 1997. She recently released a new album which peaked at # 2 on the Billboard 200 chart. Jubilee CityFest will be held in Montgomery on May 23rd and 24th.

:30 VO

3/20/08 – 9-9:30 P.M.

THE CALL

Montgomery city leaders and legislators gather at Cramton Bowl to talk about "The Call", an event coming up April 5th that will remember the 40th anniversary of the assassination of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. Thousands will gather on that day across the country to pray, worship and fast together. King was pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery from 1954 to 1960.

:25 Wipe V/O

**WBMM-TV
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
First Quarter, 2008**



1st QUARTER 2008 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the quarter, Cile Waller, the station's Promotions Director was the guest speaker at a Career Day Program at Fort Dale Academy in Greenville, Alabama on March 19, 2008.

The station produced a public service announcement for the Montgomery Campaign to prevent Teen Pregnancy for Mental Health America Montgomery.

Cile hosted five students on The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce's Career Groundhog Day. The student's shadowed the following station employees: Cile Waller in Promotions; Account Executives in the Sales Department; Jim McLean, the station's Creative Services Director; The Master Control staff, and Ed Cole, and Cedric Young the station's Chief and Assistant Chief Engineer.

WBMM-TV
GENERAL ISSUE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
First 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 First Quarter of 2008.

Name of PSA: **Alabama Army National Guard**
Name of Organization: Alabama Broadcaster's Association
Description of PSA: This announcement tells of the opportunities that are available in the Alabama National Guard. It also tells of the services the organization provides to the state. The :30 seconds spot aired 4 times in January; 5 in the month February; 5 in March; the :15 aired 5 times in January; 3 in February(1 in prime time); 5 in March.

Name of PSA: **48TH Charity Ball**
Name of Organization: Montgomery Rotary Club
Description of PSA: This PSA invited the station's viewers to attend the Club's annual charity ball on 1/12/07 at the Alabama Activity Center in Montgomery. The ball is a benefit for Brantwood Children's Home in Montgomery. The home helps countless children and young adults who have faced abuse or neglect. 30 seconds in length, it aired 20 times in the month of January (4 in prime time).

Name of PSA: **Housing Discrimination**
Name of Organization: HUD
Description of PSA: The Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status and disability. Despite this, over 99% of an estimated two million instances occur each year without redress or restitution. This PSA increases awareness of the illegality and widespread but subtle forms of housing discrimination. 30 and 60 seconds long, the :60 sec spot aired 53 times in January (2 times in prime); 43 times in February (6 in prime time); the :30 aired 98 times in January (15Xs in prime); 56 in February (2 in prime).

Name of PSA: **Inspiring Invention**
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This PSA aim to help children realize that there is a role for every kind of unique curiosity and imaginative idea as it relates to invention. The ad urges children 8-11 to make innovation, invention and the development of new ideas an integral part of their lives and to recognize that “Anything’s Possible. Keep Thinking.” 30 seconds long, it aired 1 time in January; 2 in February; 1 time in March.

Name of PSA: **Nutrition Education**
Name of Organization: Ad Council
Description of PSA: This PSA encouraged the public to adopt healthy eating habits, and to eat lots of fruits and vegetables as well as foods from the basic food groups. The :30 sec spot aired 3 times in February (1 in prime); 7 times in March; the :15 spot aired 1 time in February; 6 in March.

Name of PSA: **Tourism & Travel**
Name of Organization: Alabama Broadcasters Association
Description of PSA: What was once a tourist attraction has become a center for learning. This campaign promotes the fact that children can have unique space related experiences and learn about a variety of topics. “G-Forces/ABA” visually demonstrates many facets of the Space and Rocket Center’s educational and recreational activities for children. 30 seconds long, it aired 1 time in January; 3 in February; and 5 in March (1 in prime time). Getaway is designed to encourage people to

travel to the Alabama Gulf Coast. It aired 2 times in the month of January and 2 times in February.

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January 1

The feds are handing out 40 bucks to low tech t-v owners to help bring them out of the Stone Age.

Researchers say disrupting a person while they're in "deep sleep mode" damages the body's ability to regulate blood sugar levels which raises the risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

January 2

The study in the Journal of the American Medical Association shows minorities are less likely to get pain meds than whites.

The CDC says nearly two million people develop infections "while" being treated in American hospitals each year. Some hospitals are considering replacing their tables, counters and utensils with copper ones

January 3

France bans smoking in any bar, dance club, restaurant, hotel, casino or café with a \$662 fine.

January 4

Rates on 30-year mortgages have dropped to six percent...the lowest level since December 6th.

The stomach flu can be passed from one person to another thru contact with commonly shared office items

January 7

Cars that drive and park themselves may be on the market within just 10 years

Unemployment has hit a two year high... climbing to five percent in December.

That's the worst shape the labor market's been in since post-hurricane Katrina.

January 8

New research suggests that a 90 minute snooze might help your long term memory.

A new study says the theory that vaccines can lead to autism in children is false.

January 9

People who drink moderately, exercise, don't smoke and eat five daily servings of fruits and vegetables live an average of fourteen years longer than people who don't do those things.

Women who are suffering from the blues lose their sense of smell, and may overcompensate by using more perfume.

January 10

The latest edition of Air Jordan shoes will include recycled rubber.

More than 3 million people between the ages of 12 and 25 have used cold and cold medicine to get high.

January 11

The drug Enbrel is used for arthritis but has been shown to reverse the symptoms of Alzheimer's "in minutes through injection into the spine.

The homeland security department announces new rules for stricter ID's for drivers born after December 1st 1964.

January 14

The big apple saw a record number of tourists last year and spent an estimated 28-billion dollars in the city.

A process called De-Cellularization has scientists washing away existing cells from the hearts of dead rats and injected them with heart cells from newborn rats allowing for their heart to beat again.

January 15

Rochester Meat Company in Minnesota is recalling 188-thousand pounds of ground beef.

January 16

The F-D-A announced food made from healthy cloned animals and their offspring is perfectly safe to eat.

January 17

The FDA is warning parents not to use over the counter cold and cough medicines for little ones under two.

Washington, DC could join San Francisco to become the second U.S. city to "require" mandatory sick leave at all businesses.

January 18

A new "University of Washington" study shows "protein" does the best job of keeping a hunger hormone.

A combination of five gene variants increases the risk of prostate cancer.

January 21

Only 27 percent of us are smiling about the future of the country.

Abortion rates drop.

January 22

Caffeine is linked to miscarriages.

January 23

Toymaker Ty Incorporated refuses to pull their Jammin' Jenna dolls from store shelves saying it meets "federal standards."

People who survive bouts with E-coli and other food borne illnesses today...may suffer kidney damage, arthritis, and high blood pressure in the future.

January 24

A Merrill Lynch report released yesterday predicts the housing market will continue to crumble for the next "two" years!

Tuna sushi from 20 different Manhattan restaurants tested by the NY Times contained dangerously high levels of mercury.

Women aren't getting mammograms because of their insurance co-pay.

January 25

The C-D-C says the average adult in the u-s should be protected from flu, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis a and b, whooping cough and tetanus.

Birth control pills can prevent ovarian cancer even after you stop taking them!

Small pet turtles caused 103 cases of Salmonella last year.

January 28

Lead exposure leads to poorer performance in verbal, visual memory and language abilities

The group, Public Citizen, wants the Food and Drug Administration to increase its warnings about using Botox because of serious reactions, including deaths, linked to the drug.

January 29

Researchers in Korea are working on a flu vaccine you drop a liquid under your tongue.

Kids cough & cold medicines putting them in the ER more every year.

January 30

The number of home foreclosures jumped 79 percent in 2007.

Hand sanitizers are still causing problem because of the germs left on rings and in fingernails.

The job, the kids, the spouse, or the debt taking its toll on your mental health isn't making people miserable...just "middle age."

January 31

Speed cameras change a driver's behavior.

Underage military servicemen and women in South Carolina should be allowed to drink alcohol.

February 1

Scratching activates areas of the brain associated with memory and pleasure, while at the same time... suppressing areas associated with pain and emotions.

Epilepsy drugs could increase the risk of suicidal thoughts or behaviors.

February 4

Mississippi is making it illegal for restaurants to serve obese patrons.

Chemicals used to create the fragrances in baby products may cause reproductive problems.

February 5

Drinking coffee, using mobile phones or having breast implants is unlikely to cause cancer, but smoking, booze and sun exposure are still listed in the "cancer" column!

February 6

The thrill of the office fling "raised energy levels and led to better professional capacity."

2007 was the second-worst year for on-time flights.

February 7

Rebate checks in limbo after senate republicans blocked a bid by democrats to add 44 billion dollars to the plan to help the unemployed and businesses.

February 8

Governments around the world collect more than 200 billion in tobacco taxes every year but spend very little to control it
Science magazine says ethanol could actually increase greenhouse emissions hurting the environment.

February 11

Forbes.com has ranked Boulder as the smartest city in the U.S.

February 12

By 20-50 non-Hispanic whites will be the minority in the U.S.
A new study says consuming low calorie drinks may increase the risk of putting on weight.

February 13

The Pew Research Center found that 42 percent of 18 to 29 year olds get their political "news" from the internet, that's the highest percentage for any news source.
New research suggests that the best "catches" in dating land may be the worst choices in the long-run.

February 14

Valentine's Day e-greetings unleash the Storm Worm virus that turns your computer into a spam machine, helping to send millions of email that try to infect other computers.

February 15

143 million pounds of frozen beef is being recalled from a California slaughterhouse that's under investigation for animal abuse.

February 18

The C-D-C says the current vaccine only covers about 40 percent of the flu viruses making the rounds this season. This week 44 states reported widespread flu activity, up from 31 last week.

February 19

Amtrak will start random searches and post armed guards on platforms and on the trains. The new security measures are on deck first for the northeast lines between Washington and Boston.
Under its new plan, an independent third party... not the toy companies themselves... will keep an eye on companies making sure they meet safety standards.

February 20

The American Cancer Society reports cancer deaths rose by 54-hundred in 2005 after the number of cancer deaths dropped so much in 03 "and" 04.\
Campbell's soups are getting a sodium makeover and cutting back on the amount.

February 21

Researchers found that those who trimmed calories and ate more whole-grains had an easier time shedding that extra layer of tummy fat.
Women's waistlines and blood sugar levels have jumped over the past decade and discovering a "huge" leap in the number of strokes in middle-aged women in recent years... triple the amount.

February 22

Kids who have less salt tend to drink fewer sodas which could reduce their risk for obesity, high-blood pressure, and heart attacks later in life.

February 25

A new government report says only about 1 in 4 Americans know the warning signs of a heart attack and what to do first.

February 26

By 20-17, we'll be shelling out more than 4 trillion dollars on healthcare... an increase of three times the rate of inflation.

The 2009 Nissan Murano was the only vehicle in the group of nine mid-size SUV's to get the highest rating in front, side and rear crash tests. Hummer H-3 was the worst.

February 27

75 percent of clinically depressed people can and do get better with a combination of treatment approaches as opposed to just using ant-depressants alone.

February 28

Mayor Michael Bloomberg unveiled a plan that would turn New York City's 10-thousand black taxis into hybrids over the next five years.

February 29

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says that between 2002 and 2004, nearly 100 children suffocated when lying face down on pillows or other bedding.

March 3

Mother Russia has a new president this morning. Vladimir Putin's Protégé Dmitry Medvedev. This means Putin's policies of trying to make Russia a world powerhouse and keeping a tight grip on society at home will continue

It's down to the wire for Senators Barack Obama and Hilary Clinton ahead of tomorrow's primaries and caucuses.

March 4

Winter weather is taking its toll as residents in the north head out to the polls for their favorite candidate.

March 5

Clinton has narrowed the gap in the race for the white house

The senate just passed new laws that will pump up funding for the consumer safety commission and toughen the penalties against companies that make and release dangerous toys.

March 6

Cops in New York City have shut down part of Times Square after witnesses say there was an explosion in the area

Oil hit another record yesterday at 105 dollars a barrel. One reason why they're so high is because OPEC refused to increase oil production. So what does that mean for you? High oil prices now means High gas prices next month.

March 7

The feds are trying to connect the dots between letters sent to Capitol Hill and the explosion at a military recruiting office in Times Square. There was a picture of the recruiting station with the words "we did it" in one of the letters.

March 10

NASA suits say it'll be the longest ever visit to the international space station. Endeavour and its seven-member crew will blast off tomorrow night to deliver the first installment of Japan's space station lab. Kibo. In all, five space walks are planned. Paramount Pictures will become the first major Hollywood studio to make clips from thousands of its movies available for use on the internet..

March 11

New York governor Eliot Spitzer has had other nicknames but, "Client 9" could be the one he regrets most. Spitzer yesterday apologized following accusations that he paid more than \$4,000 for a call girl in Washington.

March 12

A WSPA reporter was covering a murder case and was standing right across the street from the victim's home. The victim's daughter charged across the street and attacked the reporter.

NASA will be doing a "drive by" around one of Saturn's moons. The unmanned ship will collect ice, dust and gas from the geyser.

March 13

Safety experts say they may have found a way to raise your chances of surviving an s-u-v accident by more than half! They say the stronger the roof, the safer the passengers are during a rollover crash.

March 14

Prosecutors have now dropped the child endangerment charges against an Illinois mother who left her 2-year old in a car.

A local New York artist decided to take out his frustration with the cities governor by propping his political artwork outside the Sachs Building in New York.

March 17

In a rare weekend move the Federal Reserve announced new ways to help keep the credit crisis from spreading. The central bank approved a cut to its lending rate for banks.

New York lieutenant governor David Paterson will be sworn in today as the state's 55th governor. Paterson is also the nation's first legally blind chief executive to serve more than a few days.

March 18

All eyes will be on the Supreme Court this morning as it tries to define the constitutional, "right to keep and bear arms". The court is trying to solve a dispute over a 32-year old hand gun ban in Washington, D.C.

March 19

The Supreme Court has declared that Americans have a right to own guns but government has a right to regulate those firearms.

Five years ago today the United States military led an invasion in Iraq.

March 20

A foot of rain has fallen in sections of southern Illinois, where two bodies were found after floodwaters swept a pickup truck off a rural road. Five deaths are linked to the flooding. In Missouri five people were killed in a highway accident.

March 21

The feds are hoping to help people living in Iraq and the US's image with a war victim's fund. The US agency for international development will oversee the 40 million dollar-project.

March 24

Flooding continues in Arkansas where the amount of damage and rain has a very real possibility of turning this serious of storms into a historic period of flooding in the state. A Wisconsin real estate agent was found dead in a home that she was apparently showing last week. No cause of death has yet been found.

March 25

Detroit mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is being asked to step down after he was charged with perjury for lying about an affair with his top Aide. Senator Hillary Clinton is coming under fire for statements she made about a goodwill trip to Bosnia while she was first lady.

March 26

Investors are waiting this morning for the release of a report by the Fed which will give a formal report on the state of the economy.

March 27

President Bush believes we will come out of this economy slump stronger than ever however experts predict gas will cost 4 bucks a gallon by Memorial Day. Variety magazine reports the slowing of the economy combined with fall out from the writers' strike is forcing many studios to tighten their budgets.

March 28

Five former US secretaries of state say they want the next president to close GITMO and start talks with Iran. The secretaries which include Colin Powell all say closing the facility in Cuba would help America's Image. The former chiefs of American diplomacy met in Athens, Georgia at a conference aimed at giving the next president some bipartisan foreign policy advice.

March 31

The Olympic torch is off and running across China this morning after the lighting ceremony in Beijing. Chinese president Hu Jintao presided over the relighting of the Olympic torch to show how important the Olympics are to China's rising economic and political power.



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