

ISSUES OF CONCERN

1st QUARTER 2005

WNYW-TV, FOX 5

January 1, 2005 – March 31, 2005

Economy
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FIRST QUARTER

2005

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES REPORT

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WNYW-TV, FOX 5, deals with and is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including reports of news events, regularly scheduled public affairs and other programming, specials and public service announcements are included within the station's regular programming service.

The most significant programming, during the three months comprising the first quarter of 2005, dealing with the issues of concern listed on the preceding page is set forth in this report.

WNYW-TV, FOX 5 serves its community through a variety of regularly scheduled local news and information programs. The following is a list of those programs for the 1st Quarter of 2005:

GOOD DAY WAKE UP

5:00 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Monday – Friday

Provides a first look at the day's news, weather, traffic and business

GOOD DAY FIRST EDITION

6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Monday – Friday

Follows *Wake Up* with domestic and foreign business, news, weather, sports, health, interviews, traffic and transit

GOOD DAY NEW YORK

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Friday

News and public affairs program serving the tri-state area with news, in-depth health and business reports, features, interviews, weather, traffic and transit

FOX 5 LIVE

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Monday – Friday

A half-hour of local, national and international news that affects the tri-state area with segments on health and business

FOX 5 NEWS at 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday

An hour of news featuring the news of the day on the local, national and international scene, investigative reports, features and complete weather, traffic and sports

FOX 5 NEWS at 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Monday – Sunday

A half-hour of news seven days a week covering local, national and international news, investigative reports, features, weather and sports.

FOX 5 NEWS at 10:00 p.m.

10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Monday – Saturday

10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Sunday

Features complete coverage of local, national and world events plus in-depth investigative reports, features, sports and weather: the original news program for those who can't wait until 11:00 p.m.

GOOD DAY STREET TALK

6:00 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.

Saturday

Topical discussions about the hottest news items of the week with a focus on New York's diverse ethnic communities

Fox 5 broadcasts a weekly half-hour *Catholic Mass* produced by **Paulist Communications** on Sunday mornings from 5:30 – 6:00 a.m. Masses were aired on the following dates during the 1st Quarter of 2005:

January 2, 2005
January 9, 2005
January 16, 2005
January 23, 2005
January 30, 2005
February 6, 2005
February 13, 2005
February 20, 2005
February 27, 2005
March 6, 2005
March 13, 2005
March 20, 2005
March 27, 2005

A half-hour special on **NEW YORK'S MOST WANTED** was aired on March 11, 2005 from 10:30 – 11:00 p.m. A description of the special follows this page.

ISSUES: Crime

NEW YORK'S MOST WANTED SPECIAL

Date: March 11, 2005, 10:30 p.m.

Length: 30:00

Former homicide detective Mike Sheehan, now a FOX 5 Senior Correspondent brings you weekly cases of unsolved crimes on New York's Most Wanted a segment he hosts. In tonight's special he showcases how he teams up with the public, the Crimestoppers tip line, the NYPD to capture the criminals.

He features 5 stories that show how your help has led to the arrest of these murderers. Also featured are 2 unsolved murders that Mike will continue to profile until arrests are made.

Mike begins with the infamous 1995 Wendy's massacre, where 5 employees were shot to death during a botched robbery. While detectives were still on the scene, a call was being placed to the Crimestoppers tip line. This confidential call led to the arrest of the two gunmen.

Also featured, is the 1999 stabbing of Amy Walker, she was a graduate student, who volunteered at the Bronx Shelter for battered women. The public vowed to help find Amy's killer. He was later captured and he even confessed to the killing.

The 2000 Puerto Rican Day Parade which lead to the Central Park sexual attacks was also showcased on the special. As a result of its profiling, 18 men were convicted of sexual assault with the help of the public picking up the phone and dialing 1-800-577-TIPS, The Crimestoppers tip line.

Since bringing the NYMW segment to the public Mike has had a 50 percent success rate, which means half the cases that he has profiled have been solved.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly commends Mike, along with the NYPD and the good deeds of the public by coming forward and getting involved in helping solve these crimes. According to the Commissioner since NYMW existence in 1982 they have received over 300 thousand calls, 4 thousand of them have been cleared and over 800 cases were homicides.

NEW YORK'S MOST WANTED SPECIAL continued

Commissioner Kelly stated any information is helpful and all calls remain confidential. The tips viewers give the police can lead to great rewards while the callers remain anonymous.

Pam Delaney who heads the New York City Police Foundation sat down with Mike Sheehan and explained how the funds are raised to reward anyone whose tip lead to arrest. This charitable foundation's mission is to help the police department improve its public safety as best they can. They raise funds for the police department by holding special events and writing proposals to organizations and individuals whom they believe will be gracious in donating to the cause. Crimestoppers happens to be program they are committed to.

Mike and senior producer Christal Young received the Retired Detectives Association of New York award for making a difference in law enforcement. Mike also received the Thomas J. Cuite Memorial award for a lifelong service to New York.

Two more stories that are profiled come with a \$27,000.00 reward attached.

The murder of Julliard student Sarah Fox really touched the hearts of the public. Sarah was jogging in the Inwood Hill Park and was strangled to death. She was first reported missing, 5 days later Sarah's strangled and decomposed body was later found in the park. Mike spoke exclusively with Lorraine Fox, Sarah's mother about Sarah's death. Mrs. Fox pleaded with the killers to come forward.

The other unsolved murder is that of Felix Arrocho. He was beaten and shot in the head by young thugs. Felix had gone to the store on Halloween night to get his daughter some milk and never returned. Mike sat down with Mrs. Arrocho. She too, pleads for the capture of her husband's murderer.

NEW YORK'S MOST WANTED SPECIAL continued

One story that Mike featured was the death of Nicole Dufrense and the robbery of her friends. It was one of the quickest solved cases thanks to the surveillance video and the Crimestoppers tips line. The case was cracked in less than a week, which lead to the arrest of several teenagers.

James Johnson was another one of the cases that touched the hearts of the public. Johnson shot Correction Officer Andrew Morgan as he sat in his car in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. Johnson was later captured because his fingerprints matched another case. He was arraigned on 2nd degree charges for killing Correction Officer Andrew Morgan.

Tonight's special just featured some of the crimes that have been solved. There are many more that are not. This special is just a reminder of the continued success this segment has had, thanks to the involvement of the public and the weekly profiling of the crimes and the persistence of the NYPD.

GOOD DAY STREET TALK is a 30-minute public affairs program broadcast from **6:00 – 6:30 a.m. Saturday mornings**. The following is a list of programs and topics for the 1st Quarter of 2005:

Date: January 1, 2005

ISSUES: Politics, War, Terrorism, Environment, Health
A LOOK BACK AND FORWARD

Guest: Samantha Heller, RD, *Health Magazine*

A taped year end compilation looked at the major events of 2004 including the Presidential race, the war in Iraq, terrorism and the devastating tsunami. Looking ahead, guest Samantha Heller talked about keeping your New Year's resolution to lose weight and adopt a healthier lifestyle. An AOL/ *Health Magazine* survey says only about 12% of people manage to stick to their New Year's resolutions.

Date: January 8, 2005

ISSUES: Social Issues, Consumer Issues
TSUNAMI DISASTER AND RELIEF EFFORTS

Guests: Ronna Brown, Better Business Bureau and Lisa Szarkowski, Director of Public Relations for UNICEF

Officials say scam artists are apparently using e-mail and telephone calls to try and steal donations to the various tsunami disaster relief organizations as well as trying to steal the identity of the donors. The Connecticut Attorney General is investigating up to ten possible schemes, including the sale of phony "relief bracelets." The guests tell viewers what they can do to help tsunami victims and how they can avoid being taken in.

Date: January 15, 2005

ISSUES: Economy

TRANSFORMING THE NEW YORK CITY SKYLINE

Guest: Charles Gargano, Chairman, Empire State Development Corporation

It's a busy and exciting time in New York City's economic development. There's the new Jet's Stadium, expansion of the Javits Convention Center, turning the old Farley Post Office into the Moynihan train station, rebuilding lower Manhattan, building Queens West – the Olympic Village and building the first new park in Brooklyn in more 100 years – Brooklyn Bridge Park. These projects will transform the New York City skyline over the next ten years and create thousands of jobs.

Date: January 22, 2005

ISSUES: Safety, Health

SKI SAFETY

Guests: David Dillon, President, Vermont Ski Operators Association; Daniel Zelanzny, MD, University Orthopaedics at Westchester Medical Center and Luke Hancock, Manager, the Surefoot Store

One skier died in a massive avalanche in Park City, Utah while four other skiers are still missing. The skiers were in an out-of-bounds area when the deadly avalanche hit. Avalanches aren't too common, but ski injuries are. The guests talked about safety on the slopes and things you can do to protect yourself.

Date: January 29, 2005

ISSUES: Elderly, Government, Economy

SOCIAL SECURITY: PRIVATE ACCOUNTS?

Guests: Greg Anrig, Vice President, The Century Foundation and Deroy Murdock, syndicated columnist and member of the Cato Institute Advisory Board on Social Security

The guests debated President Bush's plan to privatize Social Security.

Date: February 5, 2005

ISSUES: Consumer Issues, Social Issues, Media
SUPERBOWL COMMERCIALS

Guest: Bernice Kanner, author *The Superbowl of Advertising: How the Commercials Won the Game*

Millions will tune in to watch the Superbowl and the multi-million dollar commercials on Fox. STREET TALK provides a preview of some of the most interesting commercials and discusses whether or not the advertiser is getting the message across. Advertising expert Bernice Kanner also talks about some of the commercials that have been pulled because they are too risqué.

Date: February 12, 2005

ISSUES: Minority Issues
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Guests: *Essence Magazine* and the 6th Grade Class from PS 129

The Shomberg celebrates *In Motion: African American Migration Experience*. The exhibit draws attention to the 35-million African Americans who have migrated into and around this country. Until recently, they haven't always been counted as part of America's immigration story. A guest from *Essence Magazine* talks about the most powerful African Americans in the US. Video packages take a look at Ossie Davis, who died this year, Thurgood Marshall, Althea Gibson and Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama

Date: February 19, 2005

ISSUES: Children/Youth, Consumer Issues
THE BEST FOR KIDS

Guests: Julie Livingston, Toy Industry Association and Miriam Arond, Editor-in-Chief, *Child Magazine*

The toy industry rolls out the best of its new products at the Toy Fair in Manhattan. While toys are a source of great joy for children, it's up to parents to make sure they are safe. The guests also talked about how parents can safely buy used products for children over the Internet.

Date: February 26, 2005

ISSUES: Economy, Social Issues

NEW YORK'S BID FOR THE 2012 OLYMPICS

Guest: Assemblywoman Deborah Glick, New York City

The guest discussed New York City's bid for the 2012 Olympic Games. Would getting the games really be a good thing for the City and the region?

Date: March 5, 2005

ISSUES: Health, Social Issues

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Guests: Jordana Holovach, Jacob's Cure; June Walker, President, Hadassah and Tom McCardle, the Catholic League

The issue of stem cell research is fraught with emotion and conflicting moral and social values. Jordana Holovach's son is sick. She's pushing for stem cell research. Hadassah supports stem cell research and has lobbied the legislators in Albany. The Catholic League is against stem cell research. Tom McCardle argued that point of view.

Date: March 12, 2005

ISSUES: Environment, Health

NEW NOISE CODE

Guests: Arline Bronzaft, Ph.D., New York City Council on the Environment and Robert Bookman, New York Nightlife Association

Proposed changes in the New York City noise code could have a profound impact on how nightclubs operate. The guests talked about the noise issue and the proposed changes that would make the city a little bit quieter.

Date: March 19, 2005

ISSUES: Government, Social Issues, War

SAVE DARFUR LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN

Guests: David Rubenstein, Save Darfur Coalition; Cathy Fitzpatrick, UN representative for Physicians for Human Rights; Iain Levine, Human Rights Watch and Harpinder Athwal, Citizens for Global Solutions

The guests discussed the need to motivate Congress and the President to take action that will stop the killing in Darfur and bring the Janjaweed to justice through the "100 Hours of Conscience" campaign. Individuals are urged to write their congressional representatives and ask them to press President Bush to ask China to use its influence to pressure Sudan.

Date: March 26, 2005

ISSUES: Transportation, Energy, Environment

INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW

Chris Gaiulus takes a look at the new hybrid and economy cars getting ready to hit the streets as prices at the pump keep going up and up.

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This report lists a sampling of significant news stories dealing with issues of concern to the community during the First Quarter of 2005. Each story may have been repeated on multiple newscasts. Many stories received multi-day coverage.

ISSUES: Crime

2004 MURDER RATE

Date: January 1, 2005

Length: :21

The news is in and it's all good. The murder rate in New York City for 2004 was the lowest it's been since 1963. The NYPD reports there were 570 homicides last year. That's 27 fewer than 2003. There have been similar drops in big city murder rates across the country.

ISSUES: Politics, Gay/Lesbian Issues, Sports, Environment/Natural Disaster

2004 YEAR ENDER

Date: January 1, 2005

Length: 4:14

Republicans invaded Manhattan, a Governor came out of the closet, the Red Sox broke the 89 year *Curse of the Bambino* and won the World Series from the Yankees and a tsunami of Biblical proportions killed hundreds of thousands in South Asia. 2004 was quite a year!

ISSUES: Safety, Children/Youth

NEW YORK HELMET LAW

Date: January 1, 2005

Length: :14

A new helmet law went into effect in New York aiming to make people, especially young people, safer. Now everyone must wear a safety helmet when riding a bike, skateboard or on in-line skates.

ISSUES: Politics

NEW YORK MAYORAL ELECTION

Date: January 2, 2005

Length: 1:41

New York City's mayoral election is eleven months away, but Mayor Mike Bloomberg is off and running. Mark Joyella reports that Bloomberg is busy collecting endorsements for a second term and today, the Republican mayor got one from a very influential Democrat, Rev. Floyd Flake, former congressman from Queens. Others who want to take the mayor's job include former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, City Council Speaker Gifford Miller, Congressman Anthony Weiner and Councilman Charles Barron.

ISSUES: Environment, Social Issues, Transportation

CARS IN CENTRAL PARK

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: 1:19

Those who like to jog or walk in Central Park will notice a lot less traffic there. New restrictions on cars are now in effect that should help pedestrians breathe easier. Ernabel Demillo reports that Central Park is moving back to its roots as a refuge from the street noise and bustle of the city.

ISSUES: Government

A LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR FOR NEW JERSEY?

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: :28

It's a new year and there's a new debate in New Jersey over creating the office of Lieutenant Governor. Legislation working its way through the system would create the position to succeed the Governor. As things stand now, the state constitution requires the Senate President to succeed the Governor. Richard Codey took over as Acting Governor when James McGreevey resigned in November but created a controversy by retaining his position in the Senate. Critics say the current succession puts too much power in the hands of one person.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues, Crime
RACIST LETTERS

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: :24

The same person who sent threatening hate mail to African American actor Tay Diggs and his white wife may have targeted dozens of other interracial couples with similar letters. The victims include Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Miami Dolphin Jason Taylor. Investigators say the letters have the same type-font, syntax and spelling. The FBI lab is looking for fingerprint and DNA evidence. They are looking in to more than 70 threats to entertainers, business leaders and athletes in the past three years.

ISSUES: Education, Crime, Safety, Children/Youth
MAYOR'S SCHOOL SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: 1:37

A year ago the City started its School Safety Initiative targeting the most dangerous campuses in the five boroughs. The mayor's safety initiative identified 16 dangerous schools, created a zero-tolerance policy and saturated them with safety officers. Mike Sheehan reports that in one year major crime is down 43% and overall crime is down 33%. Five of the original 16 schools are off the dangerous list but, unfortunately six new schools were added.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues
DOMESTIC WORKER ABUSE

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: 1:52

A Dominican domestic worker told Helen Lucaitis it was a case of modern-day slavery. She was forced to work excessive hours for below legal wages and was forced to live with sewage on her floor. Now the woman is suing.

ISSUES: Health, Alcohol
WHOLE GRAINS/ ALCOHOL and STROKE

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: 2:50

The federal government is changing the food pyramid to recommend at least three servings of whole grains every day. Dr. Steve Salvatore explains that whole grains help lower the risk of diabetes and cancer and help maintain a healthy weight. He also explains what whole grain products are and are not and tells viewers to look for the word "whole" in the ingredient list.

A new study from the Harvard School of Public Health links drinking to strokes. Heavy drinkers (3-4 drinks per day) were 45% more likely to have a stroke than light drinkers (1-2 drinks 3-4 times a week). The study also showed that red wine drinkers had the lowest risk compared to other alcohol drinkers. The standard recommendation is less than two drinks per day.

ISSUES: Terrorism, Homeland Security, Safety
POST 9/11 SECURITY

Date: January 3, 2004

Length: :44

Some families devastated by 9/11 say congress needs to do more to keep Americans safe. They say the recently passed intelligence bill is missing an important part. They are urging lawmakers to make border security and immigration enforcement top priorities and impose stricter standards for drivers' licenses. As Peter Gadiel who lost his son on 9/11 says, "The bill that passed is half a bill... it's like building a fort with only two walls."

ISSUES: Social Issues, Environment/Natural Disaster, Technology
TSUNAMI CHARITIES

Date: January 3, 2005

Length: 1:14

The message in this report was when giving, beware who's taking because it's easy to get taken in. Viewers were advised to watch out for brand new web sites, avoid appeals that are long on emotion and short on detail and avoid groups that imitate the names and styles of legitimate organizations. They were also advised to ask how much of their gift will go to the victims and to take the time to check out the charity before parting with their money.

ISSUES: Politics**McGREEVEY COMEBACK?**

Date: January 4, 2005

Length: :23

It's only been two months since former New Jersey governor Jim McGreevey resigned over an extramarital affair with a man. But there's word he's thinking about a comeback. He's talking to a public relations expert about returning to public office and he's telling friends he's planning to write a book about his life and career.

ISSUES: Health**DIETS/ BLOOD PRESSURE/ ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE**

Date: January 4, 2005

Length: 2:35

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that a new study compared the popular Atkins, Ornish, Weight Watchers and Zone diets to see which was better at weight loss and reducing the risk of heart disease. All four diets worked well for weight loss but only if stuck with for at least a year. Diuretics used to lower blood pressure are good even if they raise the risk of diabetes they lower the death rate from heart attack and stroke by 15% compared to placebo. Antibiotic resistant urinary infections may be the result of eating beef or other products from animals treated with antibiotics.

ISSUES: Health**RAZOR BURN**

Date: January 4, 2005

Length: 2:44

Razor burn can make the ritual of shaving every day unbearable for some men. Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on two new treatments to cool the burn. One is laser hair removal and the other is a new product called Smart Shave.

ISSUES: Elderly, Health, Social Issues
NEW JERSEY DRUG ASSISTANCE

Date: January 4, 2005

Length: :35

There's a new program in New Jersey to help elderly and low-income residents get free or low-cost prescription drugs. It's called Rx for New Jersey and it's made possible by a statewide coalition of health care groups and drug companies. Those qualified can sign up at www.rx4nj or by calling toll-free, 1-888-RX FOR NJ (793-67650).

ISSUES: Social Issues, Environment/Natural Disaster
TSUNAMI RELIEF PSA

Date: January 4, 2005 -- TFN

Length: :20

FOX 5 put a local face on the tsunami relief effort by recording a :20 public service announcement with news anchor Rosanna Scotto. The spot calls on viewers to help with tsunami relief by going to www.americacorps.gov to find a list of reputable tsunami relief organizations.

ISSUES: Children/Youth, Health
KIDS WORKOUT

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 2:35

Many people resolve to get into better physical shape in the New Year. But, what about the kids? With up to 30% of children overweight, they need that New Year's resolution as much as adults. Naamura Delaney takes us to a gym where working out is child's play with "Oscar," "Leonard" and "Tommy," new workout machines for the pre-teen set.

ISSUES: Health
RESTLESS LEG SYNDROME

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 2:11

If leg pain keeps you awake at night, you may have a common, but little known condition called "restless leg syndrome." It's a disorder that some call the "sleep thief." Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on the condition and what can be done about it. He cautions that medication is not a cure for "restless leg syndrome" it only controls the symptoms. For more information, viewers may go to www.rls.org.

ISSUES: Crime
MOST WANTED ESCAPES

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 1:45

Former NYPD Detective Mike Sheehan reports that one of New York's most wanted managed to give cops the slip. They questioned him in the hospital but when they went back he was gone. Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS.

ISSUES: Taxes, Economy, Crime, Government, Health, Social Issues
NEW YORK STATE OF THE STATE

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 1:29

Governor George Pataki delivered his annual State of the State speech in which he called for cutting taxes, job development, lowering Medicaid costs and creating a state income tax check-off that would go toward building the 9/11 Memorial. The Governor is also borrowing from a FOX 5 program. He's recruited John Walsh to include New York's Most Wanted on his TV show. He's creating "anti-fugitive teams" to track down New York's 100 most dangerous felons and expanding the Operation Impact program to put more cops in high crime areas.

ISSUES: Economy, Government, Health
CONNECTICUT STATE OF THE STATE

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: :26

Connecticut Governor Jody Rell delivered her first State of the State message just over a week after her breast cancer surgery. She said the state's ethics and election systems needed reform and there were hard budget choices ahead. Governor Rell, who replaced Governor John Rowland in July, got a standing ovation as she called on state officials to work together.

ISSUES: Health, Women's Issues
HEART INFLAMMATION/ HOT FLASHES

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 2:00

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that in addition to cholesterol you should be concerned about heart inflammation as well. Inflammation can be measured by C-reactive protein (CRP) in the blood. New studies show that aggressive treatment with statin drugs lowered both the CPR and bad cholesterol in the blood which in turn helped lower the risk of heart disease. He advised viewers to get their levels checked. Dr. Salvatore also reported on a new study that showed the anti-depressant drug Effexor was effective in the treatment of postmenopausal hot flashes in healthy women. This may provide a good alternative to hormone therapy. The main side effects were dry mouth, difficulty sleeping and decreased appetite.

ISSUES: Health
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: EATING

Live In-studio Guest: *Cindy Sherwin*

Date: January 5, 2005

Length: 3:10

Guest Cindy Sherwin talked about some strategies to help you stick to your resolution to lose weight. She says eat more soy, whole grains and fiber. They'll fill you up and help your body burn more calories. Exercise more, by incorporating more movement into your daily life and enjoy a little red wine in moderation.

ISSUES: Crime
COP IMPERSONATOR/KILLER

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: 1:45

Should you pull over when a police officer signals you to do so? A Long Island man did and it cost him his life. Mark Joyella reports that a killer who impersonated a police officer is on the loose after he pulled a bank manager over in Franklin Square, Long Island last night and shot him dead.

ISSUES: Crime
DOORMAN BURGLAR

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: 1:45

He was supposed to be watching the front door and looking out for the tenants, but the police say he spent his time casing the apartments in the building to burglarize them when no one was home.

ISSUES: Health, Children/Youth
HEALTHY STUDENT DIES

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: 2:25

A seemingly healthy student and soccer player collapsed and died suddenly at Deer Park High School on Long Island. An autopsy may explain the cause of death. Dr. Steve Salvatore provides some perspective on what may have happened. He said heart problems, previous injury, heat stroke or drugs may be the cause. The risk of a healthy young person dying suddenly is extremely small, but among those who participate in sports boys, African Americans, football and basketball players are at greatest risk for sudden cardiac death.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues
THREE KINGS DAY PARADE

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: :21

Giant puppets joined children marching through East Harlem for the annual Three Kings Day Parade. The holiday, also known as the Epiphany, commemorates the story of the three wise men's trip to bring gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the newborn Jesus. *El Museo del Barrio* organized the annual event.

ISSUES: Alcohol, Transportation, Crime
NEW JERSEY'S NEW DWI TEST

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: 1:36

Forget the Breathalyzer test that's been around since the 1950's. Cops in New Jersey now have a new weapon in the war against drunk drivers. It's called the Alcotest 71-10. Police in Sayerville, New Jersey are the first to have the new machine. With the Breathalyzer officers had to go through 12 steps to get and analyze the breath sample. That could take as long as 20 minutes and wasn't always reliable enough to get a conviction in court. The Alcotest 71-10 is ready in 2 minutes. It's computerized so it eliminates the mechanical setup and the results are much more accurate so the conviction rate for DWI is higher. The new machines cost about \$11,000.00 each, but they're worth it if they can get drunk drivers off the roads.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues, Religion
MTA TURBAN CONTROVERSY

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: 1:54

Religion clashes with the railway. Mark Joyella reports that after a six-month battle the MTA and Sikh subway conductor, Kevin Harrington, have reached a compromise. Harrington, who is of the Sikh religion, has been fighting for the right to wear his turban on the job. The MTA compromised by saying Harrington can wear his turban as long as he puts an MTA logo on it. Harrington, a 23-year veteran of the MTA, has agreed to put the logo on his turban for now, but he says the fight is not over. The MTA had no comment.

ISSUES: Economy, Environment, Social Issues

WAL-MART IN QUEENS

Date: January 6, 2005

Length: :41

Big stores like Wal-Mart and BJ's can be convenient but many don't want them in their backyards. The Wal-Mart being proposed for Queens is being met by resistance from community and labor groups who rallied at City Hall to protest the Wal-Mart. They say big stores change the neighborhoods and put the Mom and Pop operations out of business. Mayor Bloomberg wants to keep business in the City and says out of New Jersey where many go to shop at the big retailers. Wal-Mart says it helps communities by providing competitive wages, jobs and low prices.

ISSUES: Crime, Minority Issues

KKK ARREST

Date: January 7, 2005

Length: 2:05

It was a long time coming, but police have finally accused former Klu Klux Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen of the murders of three young civil rights workers in Mississippi in 1964. Their deaths were the subject of the movie *Mississippi Burning*. Anne Craig talked with Dr. Carolyn Goodman, 89-year old mother of one of the murdered young men, Andrew Goodman. Dr. Goodman still lives on the Upper West Side. She saw the law get close to Killen in 1967 when he faced federal conspiracy charges in the killings but his case ended in a mistrial. She said its taken 40 years but justice will be done. "There are good people in this country who wouldn't let this go."

ISSUES: Education, Crime, Children/Youth

SCHOOL SEX SCANDAL

Date: January 7, 2005

Length: 1:46

Mark Joyella reports that two people who work in two different public schools are accused of inappropriate sexual conduct with students but won't face charges. Some parents are outraged.

ISSUES: Health, Women's Issues

EXERCISE/ BREAST CANCER/ CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME

Date: January 7, 2005

Length: 2:23

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on a new study that shows different kinds of exercise affect the body differently. Hikers going uphill cleared fats called triglycerides from their blood. Hikers going downhill reduced blood sugar more and improved glucose tolerance. The findings may help develop more effective programs for diabetics. There's controversy over a recent landmark study of breast cancer in which researchers said American Jewish women of Eastern European decent have a gene mutation that gives them an 82% chance of developing breast cancer. Critics say the risk is overstated but the scientists who did the study are sticking to their findings. A new study shows that people suffering from the pain of carpal tunnel syndrome can get relief by splinting their wrists at night.

ISSUES: Transportation

POSSIBLE BUS STRIKE

Date: January 7, 2005

Length: 1:34

Commuters in Brooklyn and Queens may have to find another way to get to work next week. James Ford reports that private bus line drivers are planning to walk off the job leaving thousands of people stranded. He gives commuters information on their options.

ISSUES: Health

SNORING

Date: January 7, 2005

Length: 2:25

Nearly half of all Americans snore, even though many deny it. Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on the Pillar Procedure, a new treatment for snoring. The Pillar Procedure works by reinforcing the palate with three small fiber rods. The palate tightens up and snoring stops. It takes from two weeks to three months for the palate to tighten up completely. The procedure is successful in about 80% of patients. The Pillar Procedure is totally reversible, but so far there have been no major problems.

ISSUES: Children/Youth, Crime
NASSAU CHILD ABUSE

Date: January 9, 2005

Length: 1:26

Working parents often have to entrust their children's care to a babysitter or nanny. Frequently, they never know what happens when they aren't there. Lisa Evers reports that one Long Island mom caught the abuse of her child on tape. The Roslyn Harbor mother set up the camera after noticing bruises on her 7-month old baby boy. The subsequent tape showed the nanny, Fook Moy, shaking the baby, putting a pillow over his head, punching the pillow and bouncing him on the floor. Police charged the nanny with endangering the welfare of a child. Fook Moy is free on \$500.00 bail. The baby is OK.

ISSUES: Transportation
PROPOSED HUDSON TRAIN TUNNEL

Date: January 9, 2005

Length: :26

There could be a faster way from New Jersey to New York in the future. A proposal calls for the construction of a train tunnel to be built under the Hudson River, providing direct access to the city. The plan is getting a lot of support. If approved, construction could start in 2006 finishing in 2014.

ISSUES: Environment/ Natural Disaster, Social Issues
GOOD DAY CARES

Tsunami Relief on GOOD DAY NEW YORK

Broadcast: January 10, 2005, 7:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Correspondents and anchors from FOX 5 and UPN 9 News hit the streets this morning to raise money for the victims of the South Asian Tsunami and to talk to residents about their feelings on this natural tragedy of gargantuan proportions. Jim Ryan and Lynn Brown were in the Bronx, Rosanna Scotto and Jody Applegate were on the east side of Manhattan outside FOX 5, Mike White was in Harlem, Penny Crone was in Rye, New York and UPN 9's Brenda Blackmon and Harry Martin were in Clifton, New Jersey. The effort raised more than \$128,000.00 for Tsunami Relief. A public service announcement featuring Rosanna Scotto directed viewers to www.freedomcorps.gov.

ISSUES: Transportation
BUS STRIKE

Date: January 10, 2005

Length: 1:42

Thousands of commuters in Brooklyn and Queens had to find alternative transportation today as drivers and mechanics at two private bus companies made good on their threat and went on strike. Andrea Day provided up to the minute information.

ISSUES: Government, Social Issues
THE BOTTOM LINE Commentary
NEW JERSEY POLITICS

Date: January 10, 2005

Length: 1:51

Christopher Jones is incensed that former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey has let it be known he'd like to pursue public office again. Jones feels McGreevey's frequent lies and ethical lapses betrayed New Jersey and left the state in the lurch disqualifying him from any future position of public trust.

ISSUES: Government, Social Issues
COUNCILMAN JENNING

Date: January 10, 2005

Length: 5:53

John Deutzman has a report on this New York City Councilman who is accused of sexual misconduct and other strange antics that are costing taxpayers money. Deutzman caught some of those strange antics on tape, including an attack on himself. The ethics committee is supposed to have a decision about Jennings's future in the next few weeks.

ISSUES: Terrorism, Homeland Security

HOMELAND SECURITY: MICHAEL CHERTOFF

Date: January 11, 2005

Length: 2:33

President Bush has nominated another New Jerseyan for Secretary of Homeland Security: Federal Appeals Judge, Michal Chertoff. Helen Lucaitis reports Chertoff may be the right man for the job. He headed the Department of Justice's Criminal Division during the 9/11 attacks, was a key player in formulating the legal strategy for the War on Terror, served as US Attorney for New Jersey, was a federal prosecutor under Rudy Guiliani going after the Mafia and served as a Special Counsel to New Jersey's Senate Committee investigating racial profiling. Chertoff has the support of Senator Frank Lautenberg and is expected to be confirmed after President Bush's inauguration.

ISSUES: Education, Minority Issues, Economy, Taxes, Crime

STATE OF THE CITY

Date: January 11, 2005

Length: 1:47

Mayor Bloomberg delivered the State of the City address and he had plenty to say. He was proud of the lowest crime rate in four decades and focused on diversity, rebuilding the City's economy since 9/11 as well as improving public schools. He also touted a new earned income tax credit and a renewed property tax rebate. The mayor encouraged City contracting with minority and women-owned businesses. He also took the opportunity to continue to push his plans for a new West Side Stadium. Bloomberg's critics say outside of Manhattan jobs are down and they condemn the West Side Stadium as a boondoggle.

ISSUES: Economy, Health, Education, Terrorism, Homeland Security
NEW JERSEY STATE OF THE STATE

Date: January 11, 2005

Length: :43

Acting Governor Richard Codey delivered his first State of the State message saying it was time to make a new start. He called for a \$2.00 increase in the minimum wage, more money for stem cell research, protecting schools from terrorism and more money for homeland security. Codey did not say whether or not he will run for a full term as governor.

ISSUES: Health
SLEEP/ DIET/ ASTHMA

Date: January 11, 2005

Length: 2:05

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that lack of sleep can lead to a bigger waistline. Experts say along with a sensible diet and exercise you must get enough sleep in order to maintain a healthy weight. You don't have to log extra hours in dreamland, just get about 20 minutes more sleep per night. A new study from the Netherlands says diets high in fruits and vegetables do not help avoid breast cancer, but it will help you avoid heart attack and stroke. If you are pregnant and have asthma, be sure to take your medicine. Otherwise you could be putting your baby at risk. If you can't breathe, neither can your baby.

ISSUES: Transportation
FARE DEAL?

Date: January 11, 2005

Length: :29

After the MTA's fare hike went into effect last year, revenue was \$20-million short of predictions. It seems that riders bought a lot more discount Metrocards instead of paying \$2.00 for an individual ride. Discount cards now account for 32% of fares, up from 25% before the fare hike. You just can't win. The MTA plans to raise fares again in March.

ISSUES: Health
NEW FOOD PYRAMID

Date: January 12, 2005

Length: 1:15

The federal government is issuing a new food pyramid. Dr. Steve Salvatore says you will still have to choose your carbs wisely, but the big emphasis is now on calories and exercise. The government panel is recommending a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise daily, saying some people will need 60 to 90 minutes of exercise daily to keep excess weight off. They are also restricting trans fats that can clog arteries. The new daily recommendations include 3 one ounce servings of whole grains, 5 – 13 servings of fruits and vegetables, limit alcohol to one drink for women and no more than two for men and limit salt to a total of one level teaspoon. The new recommendations also are emphasizing “cups” as “serving sizes”.

ISSUES: Transportation
GOODBYE #9 TRAIN

Date: January 12, 2005

Length: 1:45

James Ford reports from Washington Heights that the MTA plans to end service on the #9 train. They say it's a move to improve the quality of life. Commuters who depend on the #9 aren't so sure.

ISSUES: Transportation, Technology
ROBOT “L” TRAIN

Date: January 12, 2005

Length: :40

The MTA will have robot trains running on the L line by April. But some lawmakers are trying to stop the automated trains in their tracks. They say the robot trains will put MTA employees in danger and the subways aren't ready for them. Betsy Gotbaum, the city's Public Advocate says the old trains have never been tested using this procedure, but the LIRR had to abandon robot trains because they didn't work. The MTA says the automated computer system will provide safer and more efficient service.

ISSUES: Health, Government
GOOD SAM DISPUTE

Date: January 12, 2005

Length: 7:43

If you or a loved one are having a heart attack, don't go to Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, New York. It's not that Good Sam can't help you, it's that the hospital hasn't been approved for heart surgery, even though they have all the doctors, operating rooms and equipment they need. The New York State Health Department hasn't approved their application, even though it's been pending for five years. Mary Garofalo reports on this unbelievable story of a bitter battle that puts patients in the crossfire. Good Samaritan says the Health Department has been ignoring their application because of political pressure from the New York Presbyterian Health Care System. If Good Sam gets the go ahead, two of NY Presby's hospitals could lose money. The person who's been holding up Good Sam's application, recently resigned from the Health Department to go to work for NY Presby. The Health Department refused an on camera interview and would not provide a reason for the Good Sam's application having languished for 5 years. A written statement from the Health Department accused Good Sam of "political scheming and character assassination. A representative from NY Presby said they did not have the power to hold up an application. A good or definitive answer was still not given. The next possible date this matter can be heard is January 14, 2005.

ISSUES: Environment
END OF THE WORLD?

Date: January 12, 2005

Length: 2:49

Wicked weather seems to be rule of thumb around the world. What with earthquakes, mudslides, floods, storms, blizzards, volcanic eruptions and that devastating tsunami people are asking, "Is it the end of the world?" No, it's not. Weather and environmental experts say the earth is alive and has a molten core. Every now and again weak zones in the crust give rise to volcanic activity and earthquakes. These things do not affect the weather. The wicked weather is just a natural, if unpleasant, part of the cycle of life on earth.

ISSUES: Government, Politics

RELL – ROWLAND POLL

Date: January 13, 2005

Length: :26

People in Connecticut apparently love their new governor, Jody Rell. A recent poll showed Rell's approval rating at 83%. Governor Rell replaced John Rowland after he resigned last year amid an ethics scandal. The same poll found that 71% of Connecticut voters think Rowland should go to prison.

ISSUES: Health

WHOLE GRAINS and the NEW FOOD PYRAMID

Live In-Studio Guest: *Samantha Heller, Nutritionist,
New York Medical Center*

Date: January 13, 2005

Length: 3:31

The feds have updated the food pyramid with a new plan to get us fitter and healthier. A big part of the plan is a diet full of whole grains, at least three servings a day. Samantha Heller explains what whole grains are, how much we actually need to eat, what the best whole grain foods are and what we should be looking for on food labels.

ISSUES: Transportation

BUS STRIKE CONTINUES

Date: January 13, 2005

Length: 1:54

There's no end in sight for the bus strike affecting about 70-thousand commuters in Brooklyn and Queens. Mark Joyella reports that contract talks between the City and drivers for the Command and Green Bus Lines fell apart.

ISSUES: Terrorism, Homeland Security, Crime
HOMELAND SECURITY

Date: January 13, 2005

Length: 1:25

New Jersey's Acting Governor Richard Codey is convinced that the Garden State Plaza can become a model mall for the rest of the country when it comes to homeland security. The New Jersey Institute of Technology is putting in very high-tech security cameras that can stop a crime before it happens. Shoppers and store managers say they will gladly sacrifice some privacy in the name of safety. The Governor also hopes this "smart camera" pilot program will convince the feds to send more homeland security dollars to New Jersey.

ISSUES: Health, Social Issues
DRUG RESISTANT HIV

Date: January 13, 2005

Length: 1:41

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on a frightening new drug-resistant strain of HIV, which is reaching epidemic proportions. He says the patients may be the ones to blame for this new setback in fighting HIV/AIDS.

ISSUES: Health, Minority Issues
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE/ RACIAL GAP

Date: January 14, 2005

Length: 2:04

About one quarter of the world's adult population has high blood pressure and the numbers are going up, especially in the developing world. Dr. Steve Salvatore says this is going to put even more of a strain on health care delivery systems because very little is spent to prevent this kind of chronic condition. Dr. Salvatore reports the CDC confirms that the racial disparities continue to plague our health care system. Black people are more likely to die of diabetes, strokes, cancer, heart disease and high blood pressure. They are also less likely to have health insurance, be vaccinated or receive appropriate prenatal care.

ISSUES: Children/Youth, Family Issues
FOSTER CARE FOLLOW-UP

Date: January 14, 2005

Length: 2:55

A FOX 5 investigation is getting results. Last May Mary Garofalo exposed serious problems with a foster care agency called St. Christophers, Inc. Garofalo found that instead of protecting the children in their care, the agency was putting their lives at risk. Now, eight months later, the City is cutting the agency off. The Department of Investigation has sent all of its information to the Westchester District Attorney's office which will decide if criminal charges are to be filed. The investigation revealed a lack of home visits by social workers, falsified documents and abused children. St. Christophers, Inc. is a 100 year old foster care agency that was contracted by the NYC Administration for Children's Services. There was a three year, \$86-million contract that ended as a result of these findings.

ISSUES: Politics, Government, Terrorism
INAUGURATION PREPARATIONS

Date: January 17, 2005

Length: 1:29

Practice makes perfect and the people putting on President Bush's second inauguration want everything to run like clock work. Lucy Noland reports on the preparations for the celebrations and the security which will be the tightest ever. Officials are paying a lot of attention to an Al-Qaeda memo that details a plan to use limos to hide bombs. Anti-war demonstrators are being given their own officially sanctioned area along the parade route and more than six thousand officers will be on duty to make sure nothing gets out of hand. From motorcades to the horses, everything gets a run-through. There were even stand-ins for the President and Vice-President ironing out kinks before show time.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Date: January 17, 2005

Length: 2:05

Thousands turned out across the tri-state area to remember the man many credit with the death of segregation and the birth of civil rights. Most remember his "I Have a Dream" speech but others now focus on one of Dr. King's speeches many have forgotten, his "I've Been to the Mountain Top" speech. They believe this should be the focus of where we want to go now. Dr. King was shot and killed at a civil rights rally in Memphis, Tennessee on April 3, 1968.

ISSUES: Health, Women's Issues, Children/Youth, Education

MORNING AFTER PILL/ SELF-ESTEEM

Date: January 17, 2005

Length: 2:53

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that the controversial "morning after" pill may soon be available to women over-the-counter. The FDA originally rejected OTC sales saying there wasn't enough information on whether girls under age 16 could use the pill safely without a prescription. The company that makes the pill is trying for a ruling that would restrict the pill to females over the age of 16. A new study finds that it's better to enroll a child in first grade later, rather than earlier if his or her birthday falls near the cut-off date. Canadian researchers say this gives them a head start and builds self-esteem years later. Another finding is that children coming from two-parent homes had consistently higher self-esteem than those who came from single-parent homes.

ISSUES: Housing, Consumer Issues, Fraud
TENNANT FROM HELL

Date: January 17, 2005

Length: 5:37

John Deutzman has a story that's hard to believe about Peter Hall, who used to play football for the Giants in 1960. He's still playing games and is a giant pain to his landlord. Hall moved into a fancy and expensive apartment building. He signed a lease for \$5,800.00 a month and put up three month's rent in advance. But then he stopped paying the rent. As the landlord tried to collect and then evict, Hall declared bankruptcy stalling the eviction process for several rent-free months. When Hall's time was up, his wife filed for bankruptcy and the process began again. When her time was up, a third party using Hall's address filed and the rent-free clock was running again. \$85,000.00 in back-rent later, Hall decided to move out. The landlord lost the back-rent and the court costs, but regained the apartment. Deutzman reports that Hall, in spite of his "bankruptcy," came up with \$68,000.00 up front to rent a new 5-bedroom, 3-bath luxury apartment just a few blocks away. Hall didn't use his own name; he rented the new apartment using the name of the Grammercy International Investment Trust. Hall also wouldn't talk to Deutzman who caught up with him at the post office. If Hall's landlord had done a credit check on him, she would have discovered he had done that stalling bankruptcy deal before. He stiffed that landlord for \$366,000.00. The new landlord thinks he has Hall covered. He has gotten the money up front plus a \$57,000 deposit and a contract in which Hall agrees to leave immediately if there's a problem.

ISSUES: Government, Taxes
NYC: THE 51ST STATE?

Date: January 18 2005

Length: 1:22

Councilman Peter Vallone, Jr. from Queens is pushing a plan for New York City to secede from the rest of New York and become its own state. He's had an uphill battle so far. Vallone says if the Big Apple secedes it would have a surplus of tax money and be able to give raises to city workers like police and firefighters. He says the state takes billions of dollars from the city and doesn't give it back. New Yorkers have mixed feelings about Vallone's plan. The Government Operations Committee which has been holding bill says it will hold a hearing sometime this year.

ISSUES: Alcohol, Transportation, Social Issues, Crime
ALCOHOL MACHINE

Date: January 18, 2005

Length: 4:54

Anne Craig reports on "The Alcohol Alert" a new machine ready to be placed in bars that will allow people to test themselves for intoxication before they get behind the wheel of a car. The machine is sort of like a big breathalyzer. Craig recruited some volunteers to test the machine. They all drew a zero before they started drinking. After a few drinks, one volunteer drew a .06. The legal limit in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut is .08. The volunteer continued to drink and became visibly intoxicated but after several more drinks and a shot, the machine gave her a .01 breath alcohol level. A male volunteer got similar results. Anne Craig took the results to the company that makes the alcohol machine. They were surprised. FOX 5 admits the test was unscientific, but it certainly raises issues about accuracy and quality control. Police say they recalibrate their breathalyzers before and after every use to make sure the machines are exact.

ISSUES: Transportation, Economy
AIRBUS a380 DEBUT

Date: January 18, 2005

Length: 1:59

Airbus is showing off its future airliner, the a380 and the future is huge. Karen Hepp gives viewers a virtual tour of the plane Airbus is banking its future on. The chairs fold out into full length beds; there are restaurants, bars, lounges, beauty salons, boutiques and a nursery for the kids. In first class there are private cabins. The super jumbo jet can hold 555 people in comfort. The company is hoping the a380 will become the gold standard. The price tag is a steep \$250-million, but Airbus says many carriers have already placed their orders.

ISSUES: Politics, Government
INAUGURATION PREPARATIONS

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: 1:10

President Bush will take his second oath of office on the steps of the Capitol tomorrow at noon and the Republicans are sparing no expense. The cost of this three-day celebration is expected to reach \$40-million making it the most expensive inaugural ever. Six thousand officers from federal, state and local agencies are handling security, streets around the capitol are already shut down and a no-fly zone will be in effect over the district most of the day tomorrow. The lavish dinner parties got underway yesterday. Tonight's events include a fireworks display.

ISSUES: Elderly, Social Issues
ELDERLY GAMBLERS

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: :22

A new study says 70% of senior citizens have gambled at least once in the past year. Nearly 11% of them say they put down \$100.00 on a single bet or wager more than they can afford to lose. Casino trips and bingo nights offer many seniors a chance for excitement and socializing.

ISSUES: Homeland Security
NEW PROCEDURES

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: :26

There's a new start-up security program at Newark Liberty. Foreign visitors leaving the country must be photographed and have a finger scan. They already do this when they arrive in the USA. This procedure will spread to Detroit, San Francisco and Puerto Rico later this month.

ISSUES: Crime, Handicapped Issues

HOME HELPER THIEF

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: 1:45

It's another case of whom do you trust. Mark Joyella reports on a home helper who was supposed to be caring for a wheel chair-bound woman on Long Island, but instead was helping herself to the woman's valuable possessions.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues

NO SPEAK ENGLISH

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: :21

Twenty-five percent of the people who live in New York City don't speak or have trouble speaking English. That's more than 1.5 million people and the figure is up thirty percent from 1990. Dominicans, Mexicans and Chinese immigrants have the highest rates of difficulty with English.

ISSUES: Transportation, Economy

BUS STRIKE OVER

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: :28

Commuters in Brooklyn and Queens can finally relax. The bus strike is finally over. The City and the unions representing the Command and Green Bus Companies reached a settlement and the buses will be running in the morning. Union workers will get a \$1,000.00 lump-sum payment and a 3% pay raise.

ISSUES: Politics

INAUGURATION: BLACK TIE & BOOTS BALL

Date: January 19, 2005

Length: 1:45

The Texas delegation has the hottest ticket in town with its Black Tie and Boots Inaugural Ball. Dick Brennan reports that a pair of tickets to the gala sold on e-Bay for \$1,400.00.

ISSUES: Government, Politics

PRE-INAUGURAL COVERAGE on GOOD DAY NEW YORK

Broadcast: January 20, 2005, 5:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Length: 30:00 *Total*

A combination of live and taped reports of five minutes each were broadcast on GOOD DAY NEW YORK at 5:00 a.m. (tape), 6:15 a.m. (live), 7:15 a.m. (live), 7:45 a.m. (live), 8:15 a.m. (live) and 8:45 a.m. (live).

ISSUES: Government, Politics

INAUGURATION of GEORGE W. BUSH

Broadcast: *LIVE*, January 20, 2005 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Length: 2:15:00

FOX 5 carried the Fox Network coverage of the Inauguration including the activities leading up to the inaugural speech, President Bush's second inaugural speech which was carried live in its entirety and the ceremony and presentations prior to the formal Senate-sponsored inaugural luncheon.

ISSUES: Government/ Politics

INAUGURAL WRAP-UP

Broadcast: January 20, 2005, 5:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. News

Length: 24:00 *Total*

Dick Brennan was in Washington for the day's inaugural festivities and protests. He reported live on the second Inauguration of George W. Bush. The President and Vice President were sworn in under tight security, in cold weather with millions of people watching. The President pledged to spread liberty and freedom throughout the world. There was a state luncheon, an inaugural parade and anti-war protesters and all those Inaugural Balls. All in all it was a uniquely American day in Washington, DC.

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Government
FDNY DIVERSITY

Date: January 20, 2005

Length: 1:57

The New York City Fire Department was called on the carpet by the City Council to explain why there isn't very much diversity in the ranks of firefighters and why the FDNY isn't spending more money to recruit women and minorities. Anne Craig reported that the FDNY is less than 1% female and only 8% minority, putting it at the bottom of the list of the top 10 fire departments in the USA. Commissioner Scopetta says improving diversity is one of the department's top six priorities. The City Council says if the FDNY can't improve things on its own, they'll go for a court order to force the issue.

ISSUES: Health, Alcohol, Women's Issues
CANCER/ WOMEN & ALCOHOL

Date: January 20, 2005

Length: 2:49

For the first time cancer has replaced heart disease as the nation's leading cause of death. Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that it is not because there is more cancer, cancer rates have been declining, it's because heart disease is declining even more thanks to better drugs and treatments. Dr. Salvatore also reports on a new study that says if you are an older woman, a single drink of beer or wine a day may keep your mind sharper as you age. The study found women 70 – 81 years old who had a single drink a day were 20% less likely to experience a decline in cognitive skills than women of the same age group who did not consume alcohol. Of course, as always, there needs to be more study.

ISSUES: Government
COUNCILMAN ALAN JENNINGS FOLLOW-UP

Date: January 21, 2005

Length: 1:38

After City Councilman Alan Jennings attacked FOX 5's John Deutzman, other members of the council are using that attack to decide if they are going to oust Jennings from the council. The attack on Deutzman was a highly publicized event in a series of bizarre actions by Councilman Jennings.

ISSUES: Environment, Transportation
HYDROGEN CARS

Date: January 21, 2005

Length: 2:00

There has been a lot of talk in recent years about hydrogen-fueled cars and their environmentally friendly potential. William La Jeunesse reports that some scientists say that a lot of dirty fuel is being used to make the clean hydrogen, and that's a serious problem.

ISSUES: Environment, Safety, Transportation
BLIZZARD 2005

Broadcast: January 22, 2005, various times

Length: 3:36:00 Total

FOX 5 News responded to the Blizzard of 2005 by airing a special two-hour news program from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., adding thirty minutes to the 10:00 p.m. news program and broadcasting 13 cut-ins from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. The cut-ins ran from 2 to 8 minutes in length plus one 13 minute up-date.

ISSUES: Environment, Safety, Transportation
BLIZZARD 2005

Broadcast: January 23, 2005, various

Length: 2 hours 23 minutes *Total*

FOX 5 News continued its special coverage of the 2005 Blizzard by airing a special two-hour news program from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. and provided 6 cut-ins from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. running from 3 to 4 minutes in length.

ISSUES: Health
MUSIC THERAPY

Date: January 24, 2005

Length: 2:53

Dr. Steve Salvatore reports that music therapy is being used to relive pain in hospitals and dentists offices. Studies show listening to music helps the body release endorphins that act as natural pain killers. Some doctors are finding that natural sounds like the ocean or rain falling can have the same effect.

ISSUES: Homeland Security, Terrorism
BORDER INSECURITY

Date: January 24, 2005

Length: 3:20

The feds still can't find a group of Chinese and Iraqi nationals allegedly smuggled across our border with Mexico last week, and that is raising fears of terrorism and "dirty bombs." Mary Garofalo reports that a Texas congressman says thousands of people, other than Mexicans, cross the border that way every year. He also says very few of the border patrol agents can even get a look at the terror watch lists. So illegal immigrants just slip in to the country and disappear. In spite of this, the Department of Homeland Security tells FOX 5 News that our borders *are* secure.

ISSUES: Social Issues, Minority
TSUNAMI SONG

Date: January 24, 2005

Length: 1:31

Radio station HOT 97 ran into a bit of a buzz saw from outraged listeners who heard an insensitive, racist and insulting tsunami parody song on the *Miss Jones in the Morning Show*. FOX 5, other media outlets and local politicians began getting e-mail about it almost immediately. The politicians denounced HOT 97 and the song from the steps of city hall. HOT 97 released a statement saying it "regrets the airing of material that made light of a serious and tragic event."

ISSUES: Minority Issues, Social Issues, Arts/Culture
FIGHT KLUB

Date: January 26, 2005

Length: 2:21

Lisa Evers reports on the newest hottest thing right off the streets. It's Fight Klub where aspiring rappers do battle, not with guns, but with words in sixty-second rounds in front of VIP judges. They go at it just like they're at war, fighting for the three R's – reputation, respect and a record deal. Sometimes they even win cash. It may be a far cry from American Idol, but the rewards are very real. Contender O-Solo from Newark left behind a life of loss and running from the law after he was scouted by a record executive and signed to a half-million dollar deal. Evers says they come from all over to test their skills, even from Connecticut.

ISSUES: Arts/Culture, Consumer Issues, Fraud
TRIBECA ARTS FESTIVAL

Date: January 26, 2005

Length: 4:37

Arts organizations and aspiring performers learned the hard way that when something sounds like it's too good to be true; it usually is too good to be true. Mary Garofalo reports on Dale Evans and his Tribeca Arts Festival. Evans recruited talent for the festival from around the country. He promised New York audiences, travel, expenses, stipends and handsome performance fees in return for a small registration fee of \$100.00 per participant. Two dance companies in LA signed on. One sent a \$2,500.00 registration fee, the other sent \$600.00. As their performance dates drew closer, neither company had airline tickets or a firm venue. Then came the e-mail from Evans saying he couldn't bring in people from outside New York. Neither dance company has been able to get its money back. The Tribeca Arts Festival web site is constantly changing. Garofalo found it promoting a Superbowl Extravaganza at the Marriott Marquis in Times Square. A 5'1" producer was sent to audition for a modeling job. She too paid \$100.00 but the hotel said there was no event because Evans reserved the space but never paid for it. They told him to take the hotel name off of his web site. Garofalo confronts Evans about the money. He claims people will get their money back. In the meantime people are out thousands of dollars while Evans continues to promote the Tribeca Arts Festival and keeps taking those \$100.00 registration fees.

ISSUES: Education, Taxes, Government, Children/Youth
YOU PAID FOR IT: EXPENSIVE BUS RIDE

Date: January 27, 2005

Length: 5:55

John Deutzman reports on a long and very expensive school bus ride two young Bronx girls are taking every day. The girls' parents are taking advantage of the No Child Left Behind Act and are sending their children to better public schools than are available in their Bronx neighborhood. The schools are in Brooklyn. The school bus, built for 66 passengers, takes these only these two youngsters for a 2+ hour ride each way from the Bronx to Brooklyn. It costs \$500.00 a day. That comes to \$46,000.00 per school year per child of taxpayer money. The parents of the girls want them to have a good education. The local schools are failing. The parents said there was no room in the better Bronx schools. So the next choice was Brooklyn. One of the two girls loves her Brooklyn school and doesn't mind the long commute. The other feels she's so tired by the time she gets there, that she's not doing her best. There are about 1500 kids taking buses to better schools under the No Child Left Behind Act. About 251 are being bused out of their home boroughs.

ISSUES: Social Issues, Minority Issues

ANTI HOT 97 RALLY

Date: January 28, 2005

Length: :38

The anger of listeners, who heard an offensive, racist song parody about the tsunami disaster, won't go away. Protesters demonstrated outside the studios of HOT 97 calling for the offending DJ's, Miss Jones and the Crew, to be fired. The radio station suspended them, but the protesters want more.

ISSUES: Government, War
IRAQIS VOTING

Date: January 30, 2005

Length: 2:41

It's an historic day in Iraq: Election Day. President Bush is calling the Iraqi elections a success. Hundreds of thousands turned out to cast their ballots in the face of death threats from the insurgents.

ISSUES: Government, War
IRAQ DECISION: MARYLAND VOTING

Date: January 30, 2005

Length: 2:15

Many people living in the tri-state area also cast their ballots in Iraq's historic election. Iraqis from all over the country traveled to five polling sites in the US. The closest one to our area was in New Carrollton, Maryland. James Ford was live with local Iraqi's who made the trip.

ISSUES: Government, Politics
CODEY WON'T RUN

Date: January 31, 2005

Length: :36

New Jersey's Acting Governor Richard Codey finally made a decision. He announced that he will not seek the Democratic nomination to run for a full term as governor. Codey said it wasn't an easy decision to make but he made it and endorsed US Senator Jon Corzine. Money is apparently part of the reason for Codey's decision. Corzine said he is willing to spend millions of dollars of his own money to win the election. Codey doesn't think he could compete with that, he's also worried about the effect it would have on his family. Codey took office after James McGreevey resigned.

ISSUES: Economy, Consumer Issues

TAX FREE SHOPPING

Date: January 31, 2005

Length: 2:20

New York State kicks off a week of tax-free shopping. Starting June 1st, clothes and shoes costing less than \$110.00 will be exempt from state sales tax for good. But Governor Pataki wants to kill that plan in the future. Today, Naamua Delaney tells viewers how to make the best of this tax-free week.

ISSUES: Government, War

IRAQI ELECTION WRAP-UP

Date: January 31, 2005

Length: 2:02

They did it! Now the first phase of counting ballots is done and the sheets are headed for Baghdad for a final tally. There was a post-election rally in Baghdad where the interim Prime Minister called for national unity.

ISSUES: Health

KNEE SURGERY

Date: January 31, 2005

Length: 2:06

An active lifestyle can be cut short by knee problems, and most common surgeries don't offer a quick fix. Dr. Steve Salvatore reports on a New Jersey doctor that has pioneered a new procedure that can have you back on your feet in no time.