

FCC REPORT

OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012

CRIME & VIOLENCE

4:30am - 10/24

A MAN IS IN THE HOSPITAL, AFTER BEING SHOT IN WOODBRIDGE, THEN STRUCK BY CAR. POLICE SAY HIS INJURIES ARE LIFE-THREATENING. AROUND 7:30 TUESDAY NIGHT, THE MAN WAS SHOT OUTSIDE THE MARUMSCO SHOPPING PLAZA. POLICE BELIEVE THE SHOOTING STEMMED FROM A FIGHT WITH AN ACQUAINTANCE. AFTER BEING SHOT, THE VICTIM WAS WALKING ALONG BAYSIDE AVENUE, WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY A HIT AND RUN DRIVER. POLICE BELIEVE THE TWO INCIDENTS ARE UNRELATED.

4:30AM - 12/18

D-C RESIDENTS CAN NOW TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S CRIME STATISTICS. THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS POSTED THE INFORMATION ON ITS WEBSITE. STATISTICS SHOW MURDERS ARE DOWN ALMOST 25-PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR. BUT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN SEXUAL ABUSE, ASSAULTS WITH A DANGEROUS WEAPON, AND THEFTS.

6AM - 10/1S

NEW LAWS AIMED AT PROTECTING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS IN MARYLAND ALSO GO INTO EFFECT TODAY. PEOPLE FORCED TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS TO ESCAPE THE THREAT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WILL NOW BE ELIGIBLE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS. AND JUDGES WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT WHETHER OR NOT DEFENDANTS HAVE HAD A DOMESTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR VICTIMS. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANTHONY BROWN WILL HIGHLIGHT THE NEW LAWS DURING A STOP IN ROCKVILLE TODAY.

6AM - 12/7

THE GUARDIAN ANGELS LAUNCH A NEW PATROL ALONG PART OF THE GREEN LINE TONIGHT. MEMBERS OF THE CRIME-FIGHTING GROUP WILL BE OUT EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT BETWEEN ELEVEN P-M AND THREE A-M. AND THEY SAY THEY'LL OCCASIONALLY PATROL OTHER METRO LINES. THEY SAY A VIDEO SHOWING A GROUP OF TEENAGERS ROBBING ANOTHER TEEN GIRL, AND LAST MONTH'S DEADLY STABBING AT THE WOODLEY PARK METRO STATION, MOTIVATED THESE NEW PATROLS.

6AM - 12/19

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE WILL UNVEIL NEW CRIME STATISTICS. THEY SAY HOMICIDES HAVE FALLEN TO LEVELS NOT SEEN SINCE THE MID-1980'S. AND THEY SAY THERE'S BEEN AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN VIOLENT CRIME. TODAY THE POLICE CHIEF WILL DISCUSS THE LATEST ON THE COUNTY'S "TRANSFORMING NEIGHBORHOODS" INITIATIVE.

7:22am - 10/8

IT'S A STORY WE REPORTED FIRST ON GOOD MORNING WASHINGTON. SILVER SPRING POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING. IT HAPPENED AROUND 3-15 THIS MORNING. POLICE SAY A MAN CALLED THEM TO SAY HE WANTED TO HARM HIMSELF AND POSSIBLY OTHERS. THEY BELIEVE HE WAS HEADED TO HIS GIRLFRIEND'S HOUSE IN THE 95-HUNDRED BLOCK OF WOODLAND DRIVE. HE WAS FOUND IN A STAIRWELL AND GUNFIRE WAS EXCHANGED. THE SUSPECT WAS HIT AND TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL. NO WORD ON HIS CONDITION. NO OFFICERS WERE HURT.

12PM - 12/6

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN ASSAULT AT A WOODBRIDGE MOTEL. THEY WERE CALLED OUT WEDNESDAY NIGHT AROUND 10-15 TO THE ECONO LODGE ON GORDON BOULEVARD. THE CLERK SAYS SHE WAS IN A STAIRWELL WHEN A MASKED MAN CAME UP BEHIND HER AND FORCED HER INTO A ROOM AT KNIFEPOINT. SHE SAYS SHE WAS THEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. THIS IS THE SAME MOTEL WHERE AN OCCOQUAN MAN IS ACCUSED OF COMMITTING A SIMILAR CRIME IN NOVEMBER.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 10/3

THE D-C COUNCIL IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE UP BILLS TODAY CONCERNING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. ONE PIECE OF LEGISLATION WOULD REQUIRE NEWLY-HIRED CITY WORKERS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE D-C TO GIVE PART OF THEIR SALARIES BACK TO THE DISTRICT. ANOTHER BILL WOULD REQUIRE THE MAYOR AND CITY AGENCY HEADS TO CERTIFY THE EMPLOYMENT ON NON D-C RESIDENTS AND THE REASONS FOR THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

5AM - 12/18

ALL D.C. PUBLIC LIBRARIES WOULD BE OPEN ON SUNDAYS, UNDER A PLAN THE D.C. COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING. A FINAL VOTE ON THE PLAN IS EXPECTED TODAY. THREE YEARS AGO, BUDGET CUTS FORCED THE LIBRARY SYSTEM TO CLOSE ALL BUT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY ON SUNDAYS. UNDER THE PLAN CHAMPIONED BY COUNCILMEMBER JACK EVANS, LIBRARIES WOULD BE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND UNTIL NINE MOST WEEKNIGHTS.

5AM - 12/26

IT COULD SOON COST YOU TO DRIVE ONE OF THE REGION'S BUSIEST ROADS. MARYLAND STATE SENATOR RON YOUNG HAS INTRODUCED A BILL CALLING FOR TOLLS TO BE COLLECTED ALONG ROUTE 15 AT THE MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA BORDER. HE SAYS THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO PAY FOR NEEDED PROJECTS ALONG THE HIGHWAY. THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS EXPECTED TO REVIEW THE BILL WHEN IT RE-CONVENES NEXT MONTH.

6AM - 10/1

THE D-C COUNCIL WILL SOON TAKE UP A BILL AIMED AT FIXING PROBLEMS WITH THE CITY'S RED TOP METER PROGRAM. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY CHEH WILL UNVEIL THE LEGISLATION DURING A NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY. SHE SAYS IT WILL CLARIFY PARKING RULES AND ENFORCEMENT AT METERED PARKING SPOTS RESERVED FOR DISABLED DRIVERS. THE COUNCIL PUT THE PROGRAM ON HOLD EARLIER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF CONFUSION OVER THE PARKING RULES.

6AM - 10/23

THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING A BILL AIMED AT DETERRING NEW FAST FOOD BUSINESSES. THE BILL WOULD FORCE BUSINESSES THAT ACQUIRE PROPERTY TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY IF THEY INTEND TO CHANGE ITS USE. RIGHT NOW, PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T HAVE TO NOTIFY ANYONE. THE GOAL IS TO PROMOTE THE AVAILABILITY OF HEALTHY FOOD AND

BEVERAGES, AND REDUCE WHAT OFFICIALS CALL "DETRIMENTAL" DINING OPTIONS.

6AM - 11/9

BUDGET AUTONOMY IN A CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL BE THE FOCUS OF A D.C. COUNCIL HEARING TODAY. IT WOULD ALLOW THE CITY TO SPEND LOCAL TAX DOLLARS WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF CONGRESS. FORMER D.C. MAYOR ANTHONY WILLIAMS IS EXPECTED TO TESTIFY, ALONG WITH FORMER CONGRESSMAN TOM DAVIS OF VIRGINIA.

6AM - 12/17

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL WILL UNVEIL HIS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE'S TWO-YEAR BUDGET TODAY. THE GOVERNOR IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE FUNDING FOR INITIATIVES ALREADY ANNOUNCED INCLUDING TEACHER PAY RAISES TIED TO TIGHTER JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONSIDER MCDONNELL'S AMENDMENTS WHEN IT RECONVENES NEXT MONTH.

7:22AM - 10/4

IT COULD SOON COST MORE TO KEEP THE WATER FLOWING IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES. THE EXAMINER REPORTS THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION IS SEEKING A NINE-AND-A-HALF PERCENT RATE HIKE NEXT JULY. THE AVERAGE WATER BILL COULD GO UP NEARLY SEVEN DOLLARS. IT MUST BE APPROVED BY BOTH COUNTY COUNCILS.

12PM - 10/2

THE D-C COUNCIL IS HOPING THAT VOTERS WILL GRANT IT THE POWER TO SPEND LOCAL TAX DOLLARS WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL. THE ISSUE OF BUDGET AUTONOMY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING. COUNCILMEMBER PHIL MENDELSON PLANS TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CHARTER.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

4:30AM -12/12

AN EVENT WILL BE HELD IN ANNAPOLIS TODAY TO HONOR THE HUNDREDS OF MARYLAND CITIZENS KILLED BY IMPAIRED DRIVERS. THE EVENT, CALLED "MARYLAND REMEMBERS" WILL BE HELD AT THE MILLER SENATE BUILDING ORGANIZERS SAY AN AVERAGE OF 160 MARYLAND CITIZENS DIE EACH YEAR IN ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASHES.

6AM- - 10/4

RESEARCHERS ARE STUDYING WHETHER SOCIAL MEDIA CAN HELP IDENTIFY DRUG SIDE EFFECTS MORE QUICKLY, POSSIBLY SAVING LIVES AND MONEY. SCIENTISTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY ARE SIFTING THROUGH TWITTER POSTS AND BLOGS, TO LOOK FOR EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS.

5PM - 11/13

THE NAVY IS DISCHARGING ELEVEN SAILORS FOR USING THE SYNTHETIC DRUG "SPICE" ONBOARD THE U-S-S WASP. TWO OTHER SAILORS ARE UNDER INVESTIGATION. THE SHIP DOCKED IN NORFOLK MONDAY, AFTER ASSISTING IN HURRICANE SANDY RECOVERY EFFORTS IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY. THE SAILORS IDENTITIES HAVE NOT BEEN RELEASED. THE NAVY BANNED SYNTHETIC MARIJUANA TWO YEARS AGO.

5PM - 12/11

THERE'S A NEW FEDERAL RECOMMENDATION ON THE TABLE THAT WOULD REQUIRE ALL CONVICTED DRUNK DRIVERS TO HAVE AN IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE ON THEIR CAR. THIS WOULD INCLUDE FIRST TIME OFFENDERS. RIGHT NOW 17 STATES, INCLUDING VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND REQUIRE THE DEVICE FOR D-U-I DRIVERS. A FIVE MEMBER NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD PANEL IS MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION.

11PM - 12/17

BUT HOLD ON,....THE REDSKINS OFFENSIVE LINE HAS PROBLEMS.....RIGHT TACKLE JORDON BLACK WAS SUSPENDED FOUR GAMES TODAY AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR PERFORMANCE ENHANCING DRUGS..... RIGHT TACKLE TYLER POLUMBUS SUFFERED A CONCUSSION YESTERDAYWHILE CENTER WILL MONTGOMERY SUFFERED A KNEE INJURY.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

4:30AM - 11/15

SOME D-C BUSINESS LEADERS WILL DO THEIR PART TO HELP HOMELESS CHILDREN AND TEENS. A GROUP OF TWENTY EXECUTIVES PLAN TO SLEEP ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF COVENANT HOUSE WASHINGTON TO BUILD AWARENESS OF AND RAISE MONEY TO HELP HOMELESS YOUTH. THE EVENT ALSO INCLUDES A CANDELIGHT VIGIL ALONG WITH PRESENTATIONS AND A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUE.

6AM - 11/19

A D-C COUNCIL MEMBER WANTS TO KNOW HOW MANY HOMELESS GAY AND LESBIAN YOUTHS LIVE IN THE CITY. THE EXAMINER REPORTS COUNCIL MEMBER MARY CHEH HAS PUT FORWARD A PLAN TO CONDUCT A CENSUS OF HOMELESS LESBIAN, GAY, BI-SEXUAL, AND TRANS-GENDER YOUTH EVERY FIVE YEARS. STUDIES SHOW THAT UP TO 40-PERCENT OF HOMELESS YOUTH NATIONWIDE MAY BE IN THOSE CATEGORIES.

12PM - 10/17

TYSONS CORNER RESIDENTS WILL SAY PROPERTY TAXES JUMP, UNDER A NEW PLAN TO FUND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SILVER LINE CORRIDOR. THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO APPROVE AN 8-PERCENT REAL ESTATE TAX INCREASE AS PART OF A 40-YEAR PLAN. RESIDENTS AND DEVELOPERS OPPOSED THE MOVE. A VOTE TO ESTABLISH THE NEW TAX DISTRICT THOUGH WON'T COME UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR.

12PM - 11/2

REAL ESTATE EXECUTIVES FROM ACROSS THE REGION TOOK A HIGH-TECH TOUR OF ARLINGTON TODAY - WITHOUT LEAVING THEIR SEAT. THE VIRTUAL ARLINGTON 20-12 TOUR IS DESIGNED TO GIVE AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT THE PROJECTS UNDERWAY IN ARLINGTON, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT WILL START IN THE COMING MONTHS. GOOD MORNING WASHINGTON METEOROLOGIST JACQUI JERAS WAS PROUD TO HOST THE EVENT.

6PM - 10/25

MEANWHILE-- SOME POSITIVE NEWS FOR THE HOUSING MARKET. FORECLOSURES ARE DOWN IN NEARLY TWO-THIRD'S OF THE NATION'S LARGEST METRO AREAS. THAT'S ACCORDING TO REALTY-TRAC, A REAL ESTATE INFORMATION COMPANY SPECIALIZING IN FORECLOSED PROPERTIES. IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, SAN FRANCISCO, DETROIT, AND PHOENIX SAW FORECLOSURES DROP BY 26 PERCENT OR MORE.

6:30PM - 10/21

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHO ARE HOMELESS IS LIKELY TO TOP 25-HUNDRED THIS SCHOOL YEAR. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A REPORT TODAY IN THE WASHINGTON POST. THE ARTICLE INDICATES THE INCREASE IN STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE IMPACT OF THE RECESSION. THE REPORT GOES ON TO SAY THIS YEAR'S TOTAL WILL BE TEN TIMES THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS STUDENTS IN COUNTY SCHOOLS THAN THERE WERE 15 YEARS AGO.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

4:30AM - 10/3

PURCELLVILLE RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO BOIL THEIR WATER AFTER A MAJOR WATER MAIN BREAK. A BOIL WATER ALERT WAS ISSUED AFTER A 12-INCH MAIN CONNECTING A STORAGE TANK AND THE TOWN'S WATER PLANT BROKE. THE MAIN HAS BEEN FIXED. OFFICIALS SAY THE ALERT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL VIRGINIA HEALTH OFFICIALS CAN TEST SAMPLES. THAT PROCESS SHOULD BE DONE BY MID-DAY TOMORROW.

5AM - 10/9

BEING TOO CLEAN COULD BE HARMFUL TO YOUR HEALTH. A NEW STUDY FINDS, AMISH CHILDREN WHO WERE RAISED ON FARMS ARE LESS LIKELY TO DEVELOP ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA THAN THEIR PEERS WHO LIVE IN MORE SPOTLESS ENVIRONMENTS. SCIENTISTS SAY IF YOU KEEP YOUR ENVIRONMENT TOO CLEAN, YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM BECOMES MORE SENSITIZED TO ANY IRRITANT THAT COMES YOUR WAY. THE STUDY IS PUBLISHED IN THE "JOURNAL OF ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY."

5AM - 12/27

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS GIVING THE ALEXANDRIA PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM 380-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR MOBILE HEALTH CARE SERVICES. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO BUY AND STAFF A TRUCK THAT WILL VISIT WILLIAM RAMSAY, PATRICK HENRY, AND JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS OF STUDENTS AT EACH OF THOSE SCHOOLS ARE ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED. STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN FREE PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE, BASIC DENTAL CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

12PM - 12/13

AN ANOTHER HEALTH WARNING THIS NOON FOR SOME ARLINGTON COUNTY SCHOOLS. THE WASHINGTON POST SAYS PATRICK HENRY AND RANDOLPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS HAVE REPORTED NOROVIRUS OUTBREAKS. IT'S NOT CLEAR HOW MANY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SICKENED BY THE STOMACH VIRUS. BUT OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT IT FROM SPREADING. WE'RE FOLLOWING THIS STORY AND WILL HAVE MORE THIS EVENING ON ABC 7 NEWS.

5PM - 10/11

EATING HABITS COULD BE PARTLY TO BLAME FOR A SPIKE IN STROKES AMONG YOUNGER AMERICANS. A STUDY FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FOUND STROKE RATES AMONG PEOPLE UNDER 55 JUMPED ALMOST 50 PERCENT BETWEEN 1993 AND 2005. THE LEAD RESEARCHER ON THE STUDY BELIEVES EARLIER ONSET OF DIABETES, OBESITY AND HIGH CHOLESTEROL COULD BE BEHIND THE INCREASE.

6PM - 12/19

A NEW REPORT BY TWO HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUPS RANKS VIRGINIA AMONG THE TOP TEN STATES PREPARED FOR PUBLIC-HEALTH EMERGENCIES. THOSE 10 STATES MET SEVEN OF THE 10 KEY BENCHMARKS FOR PUBLIC-HEALTH PREPAREDNESS. BUT THE REPORT RELEASED TODAY SAYS SPENDING CUTS COULD THREATEN VIRGINIA'S ABILITY TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO DISEASE OUTBREAKS, DISASTERS AND OTHER THREATS. NO STATE MET ALL 10 BENCHMARKS.

RACIAL, ETHIC, RELIGIOUS & SEX

4:30AM - 10/23

TONIGHT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS FROM DIVERSE FAITHS WILL RALLY IN SILVER SPRING, IN SUPPORT OF MARYLAND'S DREAM ACT. THE BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD ALLOW CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY EXPECT 750 RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S RALLY AT SOUTHERN ASIAN SEVEN-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

5AM - 10/9

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS HISTORY, THE UNITED STATES DOES *NOT* HAVE A PROTESTANT MAJORITY. THE PEW FORUM ON RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE SAYS THE NUMBER OF PROTESTANT ADULTS IN THE U-S HAS FALLEN TO 48-PERCENT. THIS, AS THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS WITH NO RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION HAS INCREASED FROM 15 TO 20-PERCENT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. EXPERTS SAY PEOPLE WHO DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS HAVING NO RELIGION OVERWHELMINGLY VOTE FOR DEMOCRATS.

6AM - 10/9

THE N-DOUBLE-A-C-P IS JUMPING INTO THE BATTLE OVER GAY MARRIAGE IN MARYLAND. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS THE GROUP WILL LAUNCH A RADIO AD TODAY URGING VOTERS TO SUPPORT A REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. IT FEATURES FORMER N-DOUBLE-A-C-P CHAIRMAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEGEND JULIAN BOND. THE AD LAUNCH COMES A DAY AFTER GAY MARRIAGE OPPONENTS LAUNCHED A TELEVISION AD CAMPAIGN.

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6AM - 12/4

THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS SET TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER NANCY NAVARRO AS ITS NEXT PRESIDENT TODAY. NAVARRO REPRESENTS DISTRICT FOUR. SHE'LL BE THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S FIRST EVER HISPANIC PRESIDENT. AND SHE'LL BE THE FIRST LATINA EVER TO LEAD A COUNCIL IN MARYLAND.

12PM - 10/8

THE SHOWDOWN OVER GAY MARRIAGE IS MIXING POLITICS WITH MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. TONIGHT RAVENS LINEBACKER BRENDON AYANBADEJO {eye-an-buh-DAY'-joh} IS HOSTING A FOOTBALL WATCH PARTY TO PROMOTE SAME SEX MARRIAGE. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY PLANS TO BE THERE. MARYLANDERS WILL VOTE ON AN INITIATIVE TO ALLOW SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY ON THE NOVEMBER SIXTH BALLOT.

5PM - 11/13

WE ARE WAITING TO LEARN IF MONTGOMERY COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE SCHOOLS FOR TWO MUSLIM HOLIDAYS NEXT YEAR. COUNTY COUNCILMAN GEORGE LEVENTHAL IS ASKING SCHOOL LEADERS TO SHUT DOWN CAMPUSES ON EID-UL-ADHA {EED-UHL-AH-TAH} AND EID-UL-FITR {EED-UHL-FITR}. MUSLIMS USE THOSE DAYS TO PRAY, FEAST, AND VISIT WITH FAMILY. RIGHT NOW THE DISTRICT OFFERS EXCUSED ABSENCES TO MUSLIM STUDENTS.

5PM - 11/16

GET A FLU SHOT, OR GET A NEW JOB. THAT'S THE ULTIMATUM GIVEN TO 14 WORKERS AT FREDERICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WHO HAVE REFUSED TO GET THE VACCINE. THIS SUMMER THE HOSPITAL'S OWNER WARNED ITS 28-HUNDRED WORKERS THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO BE INOCULATED, AT NO COST. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS WERE FOR HEALTH OR RELIGIOUS REASONS. TODAY IS THE DEADLINE. WORKERS WHO DON'T COMPLY COULD BE FIRED ON MONDAY.

6PM - 11/16

NOW AN UPDATE ON OUR BREAKING NEWS AT FIVE FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY... WHERE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS SUSPENDED TWO OFFICERS WHO WORK IN THE 5-TH POLICE DISTRICT. SOURCES TELL A-B-C7 NEWS TWO AFRICAN AMERICANS OFFICERS MADE A SPOOF VIDEO CALLED "DRIVING WHILE BLACK" THAT IS SAID TO PLAY INTO STEREOTYPES. POLICE CHIEF MARK MAGAW CALLS THE CONDUCT "UNBECOMING." THE VIDEO HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM YOUTUBE A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 6-30 TO DISCUSS THE SUSPENSIONS.

Employment & Economy

4:30AM - 11/14

TODAY D.C. MAYOR VINCENT GRAY AND OTHER OFFICIALS WILL ANNOUNCE THE DISTRICT'S NEW FIVE-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THE PLAN IS AIMED AT BRINGING 100-THOUSAND NEW JOBS TO THE DISTRICT AND ONE-BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW TAX REVENUE.

5am - 10/3

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6AM - 10/23

VIRGINIA BEACH CITY OFFICIALS LEARN TODAY ABOUT THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HAVING AN NBA TEAM BASED THERE. THE BEACHFRONT CITY IS CONSIDERING BUILDING A NEW ARENA TO LURE AN N-B-A OR NHL TEAM. A STUDY PRODUCED FOR THE VIRGINIA BEACH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, SAYS AN NBA TEAM WOULD SUPPORT ABOUT 37-HUNDRED JOBS, PROVIDE AN ECONOMIC BOOST OF MORE THAN 500-MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR, AND SEND NEARLY 11-MILLION DOLLARS IN TAX REVENUE A YEAR, TO THE STATE.

6AM - 11/9

VIRGINIA'S ENJOYING A GROWING IMPACT FROM THE FILM AND T-V INDUSTRY. NEW FIGURES SHOW THE COMMONWEALTH RAKED IN MORE THAN 394-MILLION DOLLARS IN 20-11, A 14 AND A HALF PERCENT INCREASE FROM 20-10. THE INDUSTRY ALSO ADDED MORE THAN 38-HUNDRED JOBS. "ARGO" AND STEVEN SPIELBERG'S "LINCOLN" WERE AMONG THE FILM'S SHOT IN VIRGINIA IN 2011.

12pm - 10/3

URNS OUT UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AREN'T JUST FOR THOSE TRYING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. ACCORDING TO THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE --- AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RECESSION MORE THAN 28-HUNDRED MILLIONAIRES RECEIVED UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS. ON AVERAGE THEY GOT ABOUT 11-THOUSAND DOLLARS. THE HOUSE AND SENATE HAS TRIED TO PASS LEGISLATION TO LIMITED MILLIONAIRES FROM COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS WITH THE HOPES OF SAVING THE COUNTRY 20-MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

12pm - 10/11

A NEW JOBS REPORT COULD ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE FOR TONIGHT'S DEBATE. ON THE HEELS OF LAST WEEK'S REPORT SHOWING UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPING TO A THREE AND A HALF YEAR LOW, WE'RE NOW LEARNING JOBLESS CLAIMS JUST DROPPED TO THEIR LOWEST LEVEL IN MORE THAN FOUR YEARS. 339-THOUSAND PEOPLE FILED FOR FIRST TIME UNEMPLOYMENT LAST WEEK. ANYTHING BELOW 375-THOUSAND INDICATES JOB MARKET GROWTH.

5PM - 10/5

THE SAME DAY WE LEARNED THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS DROPPED, WE'RE ALSO FINDING OUT REVLON WILL SHUTTER ITS PLANT IN BELTSVILLE. THAT WILL COST 117 PEOPLE THEIR JOBS. THE BALTIMORE SUN REPORTS THE PLANT WILL CLOSE FOR GOOD BY JANUARY FIRST. IT'S PART OF REVLON'S PLAN TO CUT 250 JOBS GLOBALLY.

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5PM - 11/28

TONIGHT WE HAVE LEARNED THE D-C BASED ONLINE COUPON COMPANY, LIVINGSOCIAL IS EXPECTED TO CUT NEARLY 400 JOBS ACROSS ITS U-S WORKFORCE. THIS DECISION COMES AFTER THE COMPANY POSTED A 566 MILLION DOLLAR NET LOSS IN THE THIRD QUARTER. THE LAYOFFS RAISE LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT LIVINGSOCIAL'S FUTURE AFTER RECEIVING AN UP TO 32 AND HALF MILLION DOLLAR TAX BREAK FROM THE D-C CITY COUNCIL IN JULY.

EDUCATION

4:30AM - 10/10

SOME LOCAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL ATTEND A PRAYER SERVICE TODAY, TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR MARYLAND'S DREAM ACT.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD AT MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHAPEL. THE DREAM ACT WOULD ALLOW CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. BUT THEY MUST HAVE ATTENDED MARYLAND SCHOOLS, AND THEIR PARENTS MUST HAVE PAID TAXES. VOTERS WILL WEIGH IN ON THE ISSUE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION.

5AM - 12/11

TWO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES ARE MAKING IT EASIER FOR YOU TO GET AN EDUCATION WITHOUT BEING IN A CLASSROOM. AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WILL ANNOUNCE TODAY IT'S JOINING FORCES WITH THE LANDOVER-BASED WEB PLATFORM 2-U TO OFFER A MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. CLASSES START IN MAY 20-13. THE SCHOOL SAYS TUITION WILL BE ABOUT THE SAME AS IT IS FOR STUDENTS ON CAMPUS.

6AM - 11/13

THE WAIT IS OVER FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS EAGER TO LEARN WHICH SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL CLOSE. DISTRICT CHANCELLOR KAYA HENDERSON WILL UNVEIL THE LIST TODAY AND ONE D-C COUNCILMAN BELIEVES NEARLY 20 SCHOOLS ARE ON IT. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS HENDERSON IS TARGETING SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNDER-PERFORMING OR UNDER-ENROLLED.

5PM - 12/31

NEW DEVELOPMENTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND ITS ACCREDITATION WARNING. A GROUP THAT REPRESENTS TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI WANTS THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INVESTIGATE. THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AND ALUMNI CONTENDS THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS COMMISSION OVERSTEPS ITS AUTHORITY WHEN IT ISSUED THE WARNING. THE ASSOCIATION SAYS THE WARNING WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE WAY U-VA HANDLED THE FIRING OF PRESIDENT TERESA SULLIVAN LAST SUMMER. SHE WAS LATER RE-INSTATED.

FAMILY ISSUES

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TONIGHT, RELIGIOUS LEADERS FROM DIVERSE FAITHS WILL RALLY IN SILVER SPRING, IN SUPPORT OF MARYLAND'S DREAM ACT. THE BALLOT INITIATIVE WOULD ALLOW CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION AT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY EXPECT 750 RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO ATTEND TONIGHT'S RALLY AT SOUTHERN ASIAN SEVEN-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH.

5AM - 10/1

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE THIS MORNING... RESEARCHERS SAY CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED TO NEARLY FOUR HOURS OF BACKGROUND TELEVISION EVERY DAY. THAT'S WHEN THE T-V IS ON IN THE BACKGROUND AND THE KIDS ARE NOT WATCHING. THE STUDY IN THE JOURNAL "PEDIATRICS" SAYS THAT BACKGROUND T-V EXPOSURE HAS BEEN LINKED TO LOWER SUSTAINED ATTENTION DURING PLAYTIME, LOWER QUALITY PARENT-CHILD INTERACTIONS, AND REDUCED PERFORMANCE ON COGNITIVE TASKS.

5AM - 10/8

NOW TO THE SHOWDOWN OVER GAY MARRIAGE IN MARYLAND. RAVENS LINEBACKER BRENDON {eye-an-buh-DAY'-joh} AYANBADEJO WILL HOST A "MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL" PARTY TONIGHT, TO PROMOTE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT MOTHER'S FEDERAL HILL GRILLE IN BALTIMORE. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY IS PRAISING {eye-an-buh-DAY'-joh} FOR, QUOTE, "TACKLING THE ISSUE." HE PLANS TO BE THERE. ON NOVEMBER 6TH, MARYLAND RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON A NEW LAW THAT WOULD ALLOW SAME-SEX COUPLES TO MARRY.

5AM - 10/18

SOME PARENTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAVE STARTED A MOVEMENT TO BEGIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES LATER. THEY POINT TO RESEARCH LINKING EXTRA SLEEP TO THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF TEENS. AN ONLINE PETITION TO MOVE THE START OF SCHOOL BACK FROM 7:25 A.M. TO 8:15 OR LATER HAS GATHERED MORE THAN 23-HUNDRED SIGNATURES. BUT A SCHOOLS SPOKESMAN SAYS THE SCHOOL BOARD IS NOT CONSIDERING A LATER SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME.

5AM - 11/13

MARYLAND HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL ANNOUNCE NEW HOSPITAL BREAST-FEEDING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THIS MORNING. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE WILL MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AT SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL IN ROCKVILLE. OFFICIALS WILL DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THEIR BENEFITS TO MOTHERS AND BABIES.

6AM - 10/24

A MARYLAND HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP PLANS TO RELEASE A STUDY TODAY ON THE EFFECTS OF TAX INCREASES ON SMALL CIGARS AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS. THE "MARYLAND HEALTH CARE FOR ALL" COALITION PUSHED FOR THE TAX HIKES. IT WAS AN EFFORT TO MAKE TOBACCO PRODUCTS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR CHILDREN. THE TAX INCREASE WERE APPROVED THIS YEAR, AND TOOK EFFECT IN JULY.

5PM - 12/12

WE'RE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS FROM ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY-- THAT'S WHERE SCHOOL OFFICIALS AT GLEN BURNIE HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRM-- A STUDENT HAS DIED-- APPARENTLY FROM BACTERIAL MENINGITIS. THE SCHOOL SENT OUT A LETTER TO PARENTS EARLIER TODAY INFORMING THEM OF THE STUDENT'S DEATH. SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNT HEALTH DEPARTMENT ARE WORKING TO FIND OUT WHO MAY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE STUDENT BEFORE HIS OR HER DEATH.

ELDERLY & AGING

4:30AM - 12/28

AN ELDERLY FREDERICK COUNTY MAN IS MARYLAND'S FIRST HYPOTHERMIA-RELATED DEATH OF THE WINTER. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN DIED EARLIER THIS MONTH. MARYLAND HAD 15 SIMILAR DEATHS LAST WINTER. HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE URGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS, AS COLD TEMPERATURES ARE STILL IN PLACE.

5AM - 10/4

D-C RESIDENTS CAN NOW "GRADE" FIVE MORE CITY AGENCIES. THE EXAMINER REPORTS THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT, D-C FIRE AND EMS, THE OFFICE OF UNIFIED COMMUNICATIONS, THE PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND THE OFFICE OF AGING HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE "GRADE D-C" PROGRAM. FIVE OTHER AGENCIES -- INCLUDING THE D-M-V, D-DOT, AND PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT -- ARE ALREADY INVOLVED. OFFICIALS SAY THEIR GRADES HAVE IMPROVED SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN.

5AM - 11/20

HUMANS MAY NOT BE THE ONLY ONES GOING THROUGH A MID-LIFE CRISIS. A STUDY IN THE JOURNAL "PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES" FOUND CHIMPANZEES AND ORANGUTANS HAVE THE SAME U-SHAPED CURVE OF HAPPINESS LINKED TO A MID-LIFE CRISIS IN HUMANS. THE APES WERE HAPPIEST WHEN THEY WERE YOUNG OR ELDERLY. BUT THEIR HAPPINESS TOOK A DIP IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR LIVES.