

FCC REPORT

JAN-MAR. 2011

CRIME & VIOLENCE

4:30AM - 3/24

QUESTIONS REMAIN AFTER A MAN WITH A HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS WAS ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH KILLING TWO PEOPLE IN OLNEY. 35-YEAR-OLD ROHAN GOODLETT IS ACCUSED OF KILLING 81-YEAR-OLD NAZIR AHMED AND 41-YEAR-OLD PUNYASARA {POON-YUH-SAHR-UH} GEDARA {GUH-DAR-UH}. PROSECUTORS SAY GOODLETT WAS ON A "CONDITIONAL RELEASE" AFTER HE WAS FOUND NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR A 2008 CRIME. SOME SAY HE WASN'T BEING WATCHED CLOSELY.

5AM - 3/24

AN AUTOPSY WILL BE CONDUCTED TODAY ON A BODY FOUND INSIDE A WOODBRIDGE DUMPSTER. THE HUMAN REMAINS WERE DISCOVERED INSIDE THE DUMPSTER ON BAYSIDE AVENUE AFTER A FIRE WAS REPORTED. WHEN FIREFIGHTERS FINISHED PUTTING OUT THE FLAMES, THEY FOUND THE BODY. POLICE SPENT THE NIGHT CANVASSING THE AREA FOR INFORMATION AND HANDING OUT FLYERS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THEY CAN'T TELL IF THE VICTIM IS A MAN OR WOMAN.

6AM - 3/14

TWO SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARE CLINGING TO LIFE THIS MORNING... AFTER A SUSPECT OPENED FIRE. TWO OTHER DEPUTIES WERE KILLED, BEFORE THE SUSPECT DIED IN THE SHOOTOUT. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN THE SMALL SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA TOWN OF VANSANT. POLICE SAY THE CONFRONTATION WAS SPARKED AFTER THE SUSPECT TRIED TO ROB A SALVAGE YARD. NO IDENTITIES HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

12PM - 3/10

IT'S A BIG NAME DRUG BUST IN BALTIMORE. MORE THAN 30 PEOPLE FROM THE H-B-O SERIES "THE WIRE" - ARE UNDER ARREST. ONE OF THE SUSPECTS ARRESTED IS "THE WIRE" ACTRESS FELICIA PEARSON -- KNOWN AS "SNOOP." POLICE AND FEDERAL AGENTS MADE THE PRE-DAWN HEROIN AND MARIJUANA RAIDS ACROSS BALTIMORE AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES. AGENTS SAY THEY ARE PART OF A FIVE-MONTH DRUG PROBE.

12PM - 3/18

A STAFFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS BEHIND BARS AFTER ALLEGEDLY BRANDISHING A GUN DURING A FIGHT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. POLICE SAY THE 17-YEAR-OLD STUDENT WAS INVOLVED IN A FIGHT AT MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL ON MARCH SEVENTH. THE TEEN WAS ARRESTED AFTER POLICE LEARNED HE PULLED OUT A GUN DURING THE FIGHT. HE FACES SEVERAL CHARGES... INCLUDING BRANDISHING A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

5PM - 3/9

A MAN STABBED NEAR A METRO STATION LAST NIGHT IS RECOVERING.. MEANWHILE, D-C POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR FOUR SUSPECTS -- INCLUDING AT LEAST THREE TEENAGERS -- WHO COULD BE CONNECTED TO THE INCIDENT. THE VICTIM WAS ATTACKED AROUND 9-30.. IN THE 700-BLOCK OF "H" STREET -- NEAR THE GALLERY PLACE/CHINATOWN METRO STATION. POLICE SAY THE MAN SUFFERED A NON LIFE-THREATENING STAB WOUND TO THE LEG.

5PM - 3/22

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE HAVE ARRESTED ONE OF THEIR OWN. 25 YEAR OLD, CHARLES KINCHELOE IS CHARGED WITH DOMESTIC ASSAULT AND BATTERY AFTER AN ALLEGED ALTERCATION WITH A 22 YEAR OLD GAINESVILLE WOMAN. HE IS OUT ON BOND AND HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM THE POLICE FORCE WHILE AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION IS DONE.

6PM - 3/31

TWO MEN HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN THE DEATH OF A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STUDENT. POLICE HAVE CHARGED 22-YEAR-OLD STEPHAN WEAVER AND 23-YEAR-OLD DE-ANDRE WILLIAMS WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER. THEY ARE ACCUSED OF SHOOTING 22-YEAR OLD JUSTIN DESHA-OVERCASH IN HIS HOME BACK IN JANUARY.

SOURCES SAY THE SUSPECTS KNEW THE VICTIM WAS A DRUG DEALER... AND WANTED HIS MONEY. DESHA-OVERCASH'S FAMILY HAS DENIED HE WAS INVOLVED WITH DRUGS.

11PM - 3/13

MUSICAL ARTISTS FROM D.C. AND BALTIMORE HELD A TOWN HALL MEETING IN TEMPLE HILLS TODAY TO DISCUSS A BRAWL THAT MARRIED THE ANNUAL D.M.V. AWARDS SHOW LAST WEEKEND. THIS YOU TUBE VIDEO SHOWS THE FRACAS THAT ERUPTED IN ARLINGTON. PUNCHES THROWN, CHAIRS TOSSED, TABLES TOPPLED. POLICE WERE CALLED IN. ARTISTS WHO SPOKE TODAY SAY THE INCIDENT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED, AND IS NOT REFLECTIVE OF THE HIP HOP INDUSTRY:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

4:30 AM - 3/9

IN THE DAY AHEAD.. THE MARYLAND SENATE WILL BEGIN DEBATING AN IMMIGRANT TUITION BILL. THE MEASURE WOULD ALLOW CHILDREN OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO PAY IN-STATE TUITION RATES AT MARYLAND COLLEGES. THE STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO GRADUATE FROM A COMMUNITY COLLEGE.. OR RECEIVE AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE.. BEFORE THEY'D BE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-STATE RATES.

5AM - 3/14

VIRGINIANS WILL GET TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLANS TO RESHAPE CONGRESSIONAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS. THE INDEPENDENT BI-PARTISAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING WILL MEET IN ROANOKE TONIGHT. THE PANEL WILL HOLD ANOTHER MEETING AT GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TOMORROW NIGHT. LAWMAKERS RETURN TO RICHMOND ON APRIL FOURTH TO BEGIN THE RE-DISTRICTING PROCESS.

5AM - 3/28

D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY CHEH WILL HOLD A HEARING TODAY.. ON MAYOR VINCENT GRAY'S HIRING PRACTICES. A COUNCIL COMMITTEE WILL LOOK INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT'S HE'S ENGAGED IN CRONYISM AND NEPOTISM. THE COMMITTEE FOUND THAT GRAY WAS PAYING SEVERAL SENIOR STAFFERS MORE THAN THE MAXIMUM SALARIES ALLOWED. HE ALSO HIRED THE CHILDREN OF SOME OF HIS AIDES.. BUT THEY HAVE SINCE RESIGNED.

5AM - 3/30

MARYLAND'S PROPOSED 34-BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET NOW GOES BEFORE A CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. LAST NIGHT.. THE STATE SENATE APPROVED THE BUDGET. IT INCLUDES ABOUT 75-MILLION DOLLARS IN FEE INCREASES. THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL EARLIER. THE HOUSE AND SENATE HOPE TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES BEFORE APRIL 11TH.. WHEN THEY'RE SET TO ADJOURN.

6AM - 3/18

TOPPING NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION... WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE S-U-V SCANDAL INVOLVING D-C COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KWAME BROWN. AT A CITY COUNCIL MEETING YESTERDAY, CITY LEADERS TESTIFIED BROWN REQUESTED A LUXURY LINCOLN NAVIGATOR *ONE DAY* AFTER WINNING THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. IT WAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT BROWN REJECTED THE FIRST S-U-V BECAUSE OF ITS INTERIOR. BROWN EVENTUALLY RETURNED BOTH VEHICLES... AFTER IT WAS REVEALED THEY COST TAXPAYERS ABOUT FOUR-THOUSAND DOLLARS A MONTH.

12PM - 3/30

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY CONSIDER EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S EXISTING SMOKING BAN. COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE LEVENTHAL IS BACKING A PLAN TO BAN SMOKING FROM COMMON AREAS ... OR PLAYGROUNDS NEAR APARTMENTS AND CONDOMINIUM COMPLEXES. W-T-O-P REPORTS THE PROPOSAL WILL GET A HEARING IN MAY. IN 2003, MONTGOMERY COUNTY BECAME THE FIRST JURISDICTION IN MARYLAND TO BAN SMOKING IN BARS AND RESTAURANTS.

6PM - 3/26

ALSO DEVELOPING TONIGHT -- THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES PASSES AT LEAST TWO BILLS IN A RARE SATURDAY SESSION. TODAY THE HOUSE APPROVED A MEASURE AIMED AT HELPING TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING. ALSO TODAY -- THE HOUSE PASSED A BILL THAT EXPANDS THE ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILY PLANNING UNDER MEDICAID FOR WOMEN HAVING THEIR FIRST BABY. BOTH BILLS NOW HEAD TO THE SENATE.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5AM - 3/15

THE LATEST ON THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE USE OF FAKE MARIJUANA KNOWN AS SPICE.. AT THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY.. 12 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN EXPELLED. THE PARENTS OF ANOTHER STUDENT RECOMMENDED FOR EXPULSION.. SAY THE PUNISHMENT IS UNFAIR. ZACH NICHOLSON ADMITS THAT TWICE LAST YEAR HE TRIED THE DRUG. HIS PARENTS SAY WHEN A FRIEND OFFERED IT TO HIM.. HE DIDN'T KNOW SPICE WAS BANNED BY THE NAVY. THE DRUG WAS LEGAL IN THE U.S. AT THE TIME.

6AM - 2/23

THREE PEOPLE ARE HOSPITALIZED AFTER OVERDOSING ON ALCOHOL AT A ROCKVILLE MOTEL. POLICE SAY THE UNCONSCIOUS VICTIMS WERE FOUND AROUND 12-30 THIS MORNING IN A ROOM AT THE SLEEP IN MOTEL. AUTHORITIES SAY THEY ARE IN THEIR LATE TEENS OR EARLY TWENTIES. THERE IS NO WORD ON THEIR CONDITION.

6AM - 3/29

THERE'S A GROWING PUSH TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN'T USE A SMART PHONE TO TRY AND GET AWAY WITH DRUNK DRIVING. THE ATTORNEYS GENERAL FOR MARYLAND AND DELAWARE WANT GOOGLE AND APPLE TO BAN SMART PHONE APPLICATIONS THAT TELL DRIVERS WHERE POLICE CHECKPOINTS ARE. IT COMES AFTER SEVERAL U-S SENATORS RECENTLY PRESSURED RESEARCH IN MOTION TO STOP SELLING D-U-I CHECKPOINT APPS FOR BLACKBERRIES.

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SOURCES FROM THE WASHINGTON D.C. HEALTH DEPARTMENT TELL US THE AGENCY IS CLOSE TO ANNOUNCING RULES ON THE USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE NEW RULES ARE EXPECTED EARLY NEXT WEEK. LATE LAST YEAR -- D-C LEGALIZED THE SALE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. PATIENTS WITH A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION ARE ALLOWED TO BUY UP TO TWO OUNCES OF POT, A MONTH.

6PM - 3/24

MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING LEGAL IN MARYLAND. EARLIER TODAY THE SENATE APPROVED A MEASURE THAT WOULD DECRIMINALIZE THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL REASONS. CURRENTLY, ANYONE CAUGHT USING MARIJUANA WITH A DOCTOR'S PERMISSION CAN BE CHARGED WITH A MISDEMEANOR AND FINED ONE HUNDRED BUCKS. THE BILL NOW MOVES ON TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

4:30AM - 3/25

NEW CENSUS NUMBERS SHOW THE D-C REGION'S DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST DECADE. IN THE DISTRICT: THE CITY'S OVERALL POPULATION IS UP FIVE PERCENT TO ABOUT 602-THOUSAND. BUT THE BLACK POPULATION DROPPED 11-PERCENT. THE WHITE POPULATION GREW BY 31 PERCENT. IN THE COMMONWEALTH: THE HISPANIC POPULATION GREW MORE THAN 90-PERCENT. THE ASIAN POPULATION CLIMBED NEARLY 70-PERCENT. BUT THE BIGGEST CHANGE WAS IN MARYLAND... WHERE HISPANIC FIGURES SKYROCKETED 107-PERCENT. THE SUDDEN MINORITY GROWTH COULD MEAN BIG CHANGES IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE POLICY... AS WELL AS HOUSING PRICES.

6AM - 3/17

AROUND THE REGION.. SOME NORTHWEST D.C. RESIDENTS ARE UPSET ABOUT A GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY EXPANSION PLAN. THE SCHOOL EXPECTS TO ENROLL 21-HUNDRED MORE GRAD STUDENTS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS. AND IT HAS NO PLANS FOR NEW ON-CAMPUS HOUSING. COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS IN THE NEARBY FOXHALL NEIGHBORHOOD SAY THEY DON'T WANT MORE STUDENTS MOVING IN.

6PM - 3/29

ACCORDING TO A NEW REPORT -- THE NATION'S CAPITOL HAS FARED THE BEST AMID THE HOUSING CRISIS. THE "S-AND-P CASE SCHILLER HOME PRICE INDEX SHOWS DECLINES IN 19-CITIES FROM DECEMBER TO JANUARY. ELEVEN ARE AT THEIR LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 2006. THE D-C METRO REGION WAS THE *ONLY* MARKET TO MAKE GAINS. HOME PRICES ROSE POINT-ONE-PERCENT EACH MONTH.

11PM - 3/16

A GARDEN PARTY, OF SORTS, AT THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY. THE FIRST LADY WELCOMED SOME D-C ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO HELP PLANT THE SPRING GARDEN. THE GARDEN INCLUDES: SPINACH, PEAS, BROCCOLI, BLUEBERRIES AND RASPBERRIES. ONCE THE PRODUCE IS HARVESTED IT WILL BE USED IN THE WHITE HOUSE KITCHEN AND ALSO DONATED TO AN AREA HOMELESS KITCHEN. MRS. OBAMA HAS ALSO SIGNED A BOOK DEAL TO WRITE ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE GARDEN, WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO CHARITY.

11PM - 3/26

A RARE SATURDAY SESSION FOR THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES. TODAY THE HOUSE APPROVED A MEASURE AIMED AT HELPING TO END DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING. ALSO TODAY -- THE HOUSE PASSED A BILL THAT EXPANDS THE ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILY PLANNING UNDER MEDICAID FOR WOMEN HAVING THEIR FIRST BABY. BOTH BILLS NOW HEAD TO THE SENATE.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

5AM - 3/15

MARYLAND HEALTH OFFICIALS CLAIM THERE IS NO "SIGNIFICANT" EVIDENCE... OF A CANCER CLUSTER NEAR FORT DETRICK. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXPANDED ITS PROBE... AFTER NEIGHBORS COMPLAINED OF A HIGHER RATE OF CASES. THEY BLAMED IT ON TESTING OF AGENT ORANGE AT THE FACILITY YEARS AGO. THE DEPARTMENT 'BASED' ITS RESEARCH ON "SEVEN YEARS" OF DATA. LAST WEEK, 42 RESIDENTS FILED LAWSUITS CLAIMING "THEY"... OR A FAMILY MEMBER... WERE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER. EACH IS SUING FOR 50 MILLION DOLLARS.

5AM - 3/29

RADIATION FROM THE DAMAGED JAPANESE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT HAS MADE ITS WAY TO OUR AREA. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY TRACES OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL WERE FOUND IN RAIN WATER. BUT IT'S *NOT* A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH. BOTH MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA ARE TESTING AIR, DRINKING WATER, VEGETATION AND MILK. OFFICIALS ARE URGING PEOPLE NOT TO DRINK RAIN WATER.

5PM - 3/9

MARYLAND OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING A VIRUS OUTBREAK AT A SWIM MEET. NEARLY ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE REPORTED SYMPTOMS OF VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS -- AFTER A WEEKEND SWIM MEET AT THE U-S NAVAL ACADEMY. MOST OF THOSE WHO GOT SICK WERE SWIMMERS. SOME PARENTS, COACHES, AND SPECTATORS ALSO BECAME ILL. STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE RUNNING TESTS TO FIND OUT WHAT PATHOGEN CAUSED THE ILLNESS. THEY SAY IT'S UNLIKELY WATER IN THE POOL MADE ANYONE SICK. 800 SWIMMERS FROM ALL OVER MARYLAND COMPETED IN THE MEET.

11PM - 3/29

MARYLAND LAWMAKERS PASS A BOLD NEW BILL-- AIMED AT THE SAFETY OF YOUR NEWBORNS AND INFANTS. THE MARYLAND STATE SENATE PASSED A BILL-- BANNING THE CHEMICAL "B-P-A" FROM INFANT FORMULA CONTAINERS-- BY 2014. THE BILL MAKES MARYLAND THE THIRD STATE TO PASS A BAN. B-P-A HAS COME UNDER FIRE-- BECAUSE RESEARCHERS SAY-- IT CAN CAUSE A VARIETY OF HEALTH PROBLEMS-- FROM CANCER TO NEUROLOGICAL ISSUES. THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES APPROVED A SIMILAR MEASURE OVER THE WEEKEND. MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY SAYS HE WILL IT.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

5AM - 3/25

NEW CENSUS NUMBERS SHOW D-C'S DEMOGRAPHICS HAVE CHANGED DRAMATICALLY OVER THE LAST HALF CENTURY. AS OF 2010... A LITTLE MORE THAN 50-PERCENT OF WASHINGTON'S 601-THOUSAND RESIDENTS ARE BLACK. ABOUT 35 PERCENT ARE WHITE... AND NINE PERCENT HISPANIC. A DECADE AGO NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF THE CITY WAS BLACK... AND LESS THAN 30 PERCENT WAS WHITE. ALONG WITH BEING MORE DIVERSE... THE NEW D-C IS ALSO WEALTHIER. BUT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR KEEPS GROWING.

12PM - 3/8

MARYLAND'S HOUSE COULD BEGIN DEBATE TOMORROW -- ON A BILL TO LEGALIZE SAME SEX MARRIAGE. GAY MARRIAGE OPPONENTS HELD A VIGIL OUTSIDE THE STATE HOUSE IN ANNAPOLIS LAST NIGHT. THE GAY MARRIAGE MEASURE HAS ALREADY PASSED THE FULL SENATE. MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY SAYS HE WILL SIGN THE BILL-- IF IT REACHES HIS DESK.

5PM - 3/14

A GIFT ON THE NATIONAL MALL IS GOING FULL CIRCLE. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HAS SENT 144 CLIPPINGS FROM THE TIDAL BASIN'S CHERRY TREES TO JAPAN -- AS A GIFT TO HELP PRESERVE THE TREES' HERITAGE. JAPAN GAVE THE TREES TO THE U-S BACK IN 19-12. THE CLIPPINGS ARE FROM THE 15 ORIGINAL TREES. WASHINGTON'S CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL KICKS OFF MARCH 26TH.

5PM - 3/23

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL HAS PROCLAIMED MARCH 24TH "DOROTHY HEIGHT DAY" IN VIRGINIA. DOROTHY HEIGHT WAS A LEADING CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER. SHE DIED IN D-C LAST YEAR AT THE AGE OF 98. HEIGHT WAS BORN IN RICHMOND AND GREW UP IN VIRGINIA. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN FOR 40 YEARS AND WORKED ALONGSIDE DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

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EDUCATION

12PM - 3/30

ON CAPITOL HILL... A BILL TO REVIVE D-C'S SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TAKES CENTER STAGE ON CAPITOL HILL TODAY. THE PROGRAM SUBSIDIZES PRIVATE SCHOOL TUITION FOR LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.. CONGRESS BEGAN PHASING OUT THE PROGRAM IN 2009... BUT SOME LAWMAKERS, INCLUDING HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER, WANT TO BRING IT BACK. THE BILL WOULD INCREASE THE ANNUAL VOUCHER TO UP TO 12-THOUSAND DOLLARS PER STUDENT.

5PM - 3/23

A D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS PRINCIPAL HAS BEEN SUSPENDED WHILE HE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGATIONS OF DOCTORING GRADES FOR SENIORS. TODAY ACTING CHANCELLOR KAYA HENDERSON PLACED MCKINLEY TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DAVID PINDER ON PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE. THE DISTRICT SAYS THE DECISION FOLLOWS A SERIES OF INVESTIGATIONS AND IS NOT A FINDING OF MISCONDUCT. D-C SCHOOLS SAYS IT HAS TURNED OVER PART OF ITS INVESTIGATION TO THE U-S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

5PM - 3/29

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL A FEW MORE DAYS THIS YEAR. BECAUSE OF SNOW, ALL FOUR OF THE COUNTY'S WEATHER MAKE-UP DAYS BUILT IN TO THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE USED. THAT MEANS INSTEAD OF THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BEING MONDAY, JUNE 13TH...STUDENTS WILL NOW GO UNTIL FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH. TEACHERS LAST DAY WILL BE JUNE 20TH.

5PM - 3/30

MARYLAND'S FIRST FEMALE STATE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT ANNOUNCED HER PLANS TO RETIRE TODAY. NANCY GRASMICK HAS SERVED AS THE STATE'S TOP EDUCATOR FOR 20 YEARS. IN A LETTER TO GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY, GRASMICK SAID MARYLAND'S SCHOOLS HAVE RECEIVED TOP RANKINGS BY A NATIONAL EDUCATION PUBLICATION THREE YEARS IN A ROW -- AND NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO PASS THE JOB ON TO SOMEONE ELSE. GRASMICK'S LAST DAY IS JUNE 30TH.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

1/1 - 3/31

6PM - 3/31

D-C'S WARD 8 HAS SET A NATIONAL RECORD....FOR UNEMPLOYMENT. IT HAS THE HIGHEST JOBLESS RATE... IN THE COUNTRY. THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOUND MORE THAN 25-PERCENT OF RESIDENTS IN WARD 8 WERE UNEMPLOYED IN JANUARY. THAT'S UP FROM 23-PERCENT IN DECEMBER. BY CONTRAST, THE DISTRICT'S WARD-3---- WHICH INCLUDES AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, FOXHALL AND THE PALISADES NEIGHBORHOODS-- HAS THE LOWEST JOBLESS RATE AT 2-POINT-7 PERCENT.

11PM - 3/20

EVEN THOUGH JOBS ARE HARD TO FIND THESE DAYS, SOME CITIES HAVE MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAN OTHERS.FORBES HAS RANKED THE TOP TEN CITIES FOR JOBS. MINNEAPOLIS IS RANKED NUMBER ONE. THE NUMBER OF JOBS AVAILABLE WAS JUST ONE FACTOR IN THE RANKING, SO WAS JOB DIVERSITY, AND COST OF LIVING. HERE IN OUR AREA, RICHMOND WAS RANKED SIXTH ON THE SURVEY AND BALTIMORE EIGHTH.

FAMILY ISSUES

5AM - 3/23

FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WHO WERE KILLED OR INJURED FROM VEHICLE BACKOVERS.. WILL TESTIFY AT A TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT HEARING TODAY. THEY'RE SUPPORTING A PROPOSED RULE TO ELIMINATE DANGEROUS BLIND ZONES IN THE REAR OF VEHICLES. IT'S CALLED THE CAMERON GULBRANSEN KIDS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY ACT. IT'S NAMED AFTER A TWO-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO DIED AFTER HIS FATHER ACCIDENTALLY BACKED OVER HIM IN AN S-U-V.

6AM - 3/22

SEVEN'S ON YOUR SIDE WITH NEW FINDINGS ABOUT BIRTH ORDER. A NEW STUDY FINDS THAT THE OLDEST CHILD IN A FAMILY IS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO FOOD ALLERGIES. SCIENTISTS BELIEVE CHANGES IN THE WOMB BY THE TIME THE SECOND OR THIRD BABY ARRIVES.. HELP BUILD A STRONGER IMMUNE SYSTEM IN CHILDREN. BUT AS FAR AS INTELLIGENCE GOES.. THE OLDEST CHILD COMES OUT ON TOP.

12PM - 3/28

FROM SEVEN ON YOUR SIDE NEW WORD THAT PEDIATRICIANS ARE PROBING A LINK BETWEEN FACEBOOK -- AND DEPRESSION. THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS SAYS TOO MUCH TIME ON THE SITE CAN LEAD TO DEPRESSION AMONG TEENS. THE REPORT SAYS THE SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE PROVIDES A SKEWED VIEW OF WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. THE GROUP URGES DOCTORS TO TALK WITH PARENTS AND CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR TIME ONLINE.

5PM - 3/8

TODAY LAWMAKERS RE-INTRODUCED LEGISLATION AIMED AT KEEPING YOUNG DRIVERS SAFE BEHIND THE WHEEL. A COALITION OF PARENTS, TEENS, PEDIATRICIANS, SAFETY ADVOCATES, AND INSURANCE EXECUTIVES JOINED SENATE AND HOUSE SPONSORS IN SUPPORT OF THE STANDUP ACT. THE LEGISLATION PLACES RESTRICTIONS ON TEEN DRIVERS INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON NIGHTTIME DRIVING, THE NUMBER OF TEENAGE PASSENGERS AND CELL PHONE USAGE. THE ACT WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED IN 2009 BUT WAS NEVER ADOPTED.

5PM - 3/31

WE HAVE BREAKING NEWS... A GOVERNMENT PANEL HAS WEIGHED IN ON THE POSSIBLE LINK BETWEEN FOOD DYES AND HYPERACTIVITY IN CHILDREN. JUST MINUTES AGO -- AN F-D-A PANEL SAYS *MORE* STUDIES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE *IS* A CONNECTION BETWEEN FOOD COLORING AND ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER. THE PANEL AGREES THERE IS NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE LINKING THE TWO -- AND THAT FOOD CONTAINING DYES DOES NOT NEED A WARNING LABEL.

ELDERLY & AGING

5AM - 3/17

FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE TAKING OVER A PROBE INTO ALLEGED MISSPENDING BY MCKINLEY TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIALS. IN 2008, THE D.C. SCHOOL RECEIVED A 100-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE USED TO HELP SENIOR CITIZENS USE THE INTERNET. BUT THE PROGRAM NEVER GOT OFF THE GROUND. SOURCES TELL "THE EXAMINER" SOME OF THE MONEY WAS SPENT ON A BUS.. NEW FURNITURE.. AND INVITATION-ONLY DINNERS.

6AM - 3/29

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE THIS MORNING... RAISING THE ELIGIBILITY AGE FOR MEDICARE FROM 65 TO 67 COULD CAUSE RIPPLE EFFECTS ELSEWHERE IN THE SYSTEM. A KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION SAYS THE MOVE WOULD SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. BUT IT COULD COST EMPLOYERS MORE BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULD WORK LONGER TO KEEP THEIR MEDICAL COVERAGE. MEDICARE RECIPIENTS AND YOUNGER PEOPLE COULD ALSO END UP PAYING MORE AS WELL.

12PM - 3/29

A PLAN TO KEEP MEDICARE IN BUSINESS - COULD CREATE OTHER PROBLEMS. A NEW STUDY FROM THE KAISER FAMILY FOUNDATION SAYS RAISING MEDICARE'S ELIGIBILITY AGE TO 67... WOULD SAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. BUT IT COULD COST EMPLOYERS MORE -- BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULD WORK LONGER TO KEEP THEIR MEDICAL COVERAGE. THE STUDY SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE COULD ALSO BE HIT -- BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE BETWEEN 65 AND 66 WOULD BE IN THE INSURANCE POOL... RAISING COSTS.

1th QUARTER FCC REPORT: JANUARY - MARCH 2011

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1. 1/3/11 **Best of Oprah:** Fifteen Years After the O.J. Verdict: Former LAPD Detective Mark Fuhrman's Stunning Revelations (OAD 10/11/10) (PG)
2. 1/7/11 **Best of Oprah** Exclusive: The 16-year old boy who killed his molester (OAD 10/18/10) (TV-14)
3. 02/08/11 **All New!** Exclusive: Raped by Their Father & Brothers—Twin Sisters Come Forward (PG)
4. 02/18/11 **All New!** Exclusive: The Seven-Year-Old Who Tried to Kill His Mother (PG)*
5. 02/22/11 **All New!** Exclusive: The Little Girl Forced to Live in A Dog Cage
6. 03/03/11 **Best of Oprah:** The First Television Interview: Tyler Perry Speaks Out About Being Molested & the Aftermath (OAD 10/20/10) (TV-14)
7. 03/10/11 **Best of Oprah:** 200 Adult Men who Were Molested Come Forward (OAD 11/05/10) (TV-14)

Local Government:

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Substance Abuse:

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Health & Health Care:

1. 1/4/11 **Best of Oprah:** The 82-pound actress: Ellen's Wife Portia de Rossi & the secret that nearly killed her (OAD 11/1/10) (PG)
2. 01/25/11 **All New!** "Coming Out" on The Oprah Show: 25 years of Unforgettable Guests (PG)
3. 02/10/11 **All New!** Singing Sensation Jennifer Hudson & Her Incredible Weight Los! (PG)

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual:

1. 01/12/11 **Best of Oprah:** First Television Interview: Ricky Martin Coming Out as A Gay Man & a New Dad (OAD 11/02/10) (PG)
2. 01/17/11 **All New!** Race on the "Oprah" Show: A Twenty-Five Year Look Back (TV-14)
3. 03/28/11 **Best of Oprah:** Whoopi Godberg & 25 Years Later: "The Color Purple" Reunion (OAD 11/15/10) (PG)

4. 03/31/11 **Best of Oprah:** “Coming Out” on the “Oprah” Show: 25 Years of Unforgettable Guests (OAD 01/25/11) (PG)*

Employment & Economy:

1. 01/14/11 All New! Money Powerhouse Suze Orman’s Intervention with Octomom Nadya Suleman
2. 02/17/11 All New! Inside Fascinating Lives: Secret Millionaire (PG)

Family Issues:

1. 01/10/11 Best of Oprah: Jenny McCarthy: After the Big Break-Up, Plus Will Author Terry McMillan Forgive her Gay Ex-Husband? (OAD 9/28/10) (TV-14)
2. 01/27/11 All New! The Bravest Families in America with First Lady Michelle Obama, Tom Brokaw, Bob Woodward (PG)
3. 01/28/11 All New! Love, Marriage, Betrayal: Our Most Memorable Couples Return! (PG)
4. 02/07/11 **All New!** A TV First: Donald Trump & His Five Children (PG)
5. 02/24/11 **All New!** Exclusive: David Arquette: His First Interview Since the Break-Up, the Breakdown & Life After Rehab PG
6. 03/02/11 **All New!** America’s Favorite 80s TV Mom: Meredith Baxter on Broken Marriages, Drinking, & Coming Out (PG)
7. 03/11/11 **Best of Oprah:** Money Powerhouse Suze Orman’s Intervention with Octomom Nadya Suleman (OAD 01/14/11) (PG)
8. 3/15/11 **Best of Oprah:** The Mom Who Married a Killer Behind bars & Other Astonishing Weddings (OAD 11/23/10)
9. 03/17/11 **Best of Oprah:** The Bravest Families in America with First Lady Michelle Obama, Tom Brokaw, Bob Woodward (OAD 01/27/11)
10. 03/29/11 **Best of Oprah:** Marie Osmond: Her First Interview Since Losing Her Son to Suicide (OAD 11/11/10) (PG)

Elderly & Aging:

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