

FCC REPORT

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CRIME & VIOLENCE

A BRANDYWINE MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING AND KILLING HIS NEIGHBOR AND WOUNDING HIS NEIGHBOR'S SON IS OUT OF JAIL. AND PROSECUTORS ARE OUTRAGED. POLICE SAY 54-YEAR-OLD RONALD RAGLAND SHOT ROBERT MITCHELL AND HIS SON, ROBERT MITCHELL, JUNIOR. RAGLAND WAS ARRESTED. BUT LAST FRIDAY...A JUDGE ALLOWED BAIL TO BE SET. RAGLAND PAID THE MONEY AND IS FREE..PENDING TRIAL.

6AM - 5/20

NOW TO A DEVELOPING STORY FROM PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY... WHERE INVESTIGATORS ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW A BODY ENDED UP A RECYCLING PLANT. THE BODY WAS FOUND LAST NIGHT AT THE CANUSA HURSHMAN RECYCLING CENTER IN MANASSAS. POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED THE VICTIM'S IDENTITY...OR THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE PERSON'S DEATH.

5PM - 6/11

D-C POLICE ARE CALLING FOR "ALL HANDS ON DECK" THIS WEEKEND. THIS MARKS THE SECOND TIME THIS YEAR FOR THE PROGRAM TO BE PUT INTO ACTION. ALL AVAILABLE POLICE OFFICERS AND RECRUITS ARE CALLED TO DUTY... AND ASSIGNED TO STREET PATROLS. THE INITIATIVE IS AIMED AT PUTTING MORE OFFICERS ON THE STREETS... TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIME, AND HAVE MORE INTERACTIONS WITH PEOPLE LIVING IN D-C NEIGHBORHOODS.

6PM - 4/2

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL WAS ONE OF MORE THAN THIRTY GOVERNORS TO RECEIVE THREATENING LETTERS FROM AN ANTI GOVERNMENT GROUP. THE LETTER FROM "THE GUARDIANS OF THE FREE REPUBLICS" DEMANDS THE GOVERNORS LEAVE OFFICE WITHIN THREE DAYS OR RISK BEING REMOVED. THE F-B-I IS WARNING POLICE ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT THE LETTERS COULD PROVOKE VIOLENCE BY OTHERS.

6PM - 4/6

MARYLAND OFFICIALS ARE WORKING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO PROSECUTE GANG MEMBERS. THE HOUSE PASSED A BILL TODAY THAT WOULD CLOSE LOOPHOLES IN THE GANG PROSECUTION ACT OF 2007, WHICH PROSECUTORS SAY ISN'T WORKING BECAUSE THE LAW IS TOO LOOSELY DEFINED. BUT OPPONENTS SAY THE LEGISLATION WILL LEAD TO THE ARRESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, WHO HAPPEN TO BE IN A GANG, BUT AREN'T COMMITTING CRIMES. THE BILL NOW HEADS TO THE SENATE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

6AM - 6/16

LIQUOR STORES IN D.C. "WILL" BE ABLE TO SELL ALCOHOL ON THE FOURTH OF JULY. THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SUNDAY.. WHEN SUCH SALES ARE USUALLY BANNED. BUT YESTERDAY.. THE D.C. COUNCIL VOTED TO ALLOW THE SALES. MEANWHILE.. SOBERRIDE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE ON JULY FOURTH. THE PRIVATE SUPPORTERS OF THE FREE TAXI RIDE PROGRAM HAVE CURTAILED THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.. BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN.

5PM - 5/26

COUNCIL MEMBERS *REJECTED* A PROPOSAL TO RAISE INCOME TAXES ON HIGH-INCOME EARNERS... BUT DID VOTE TO START CHARGING TAX ON SODAS. WE'LL HAVE REACTION TO THAT, A LITTLE BIT LATER.

6PM - 4/12

ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S SESSION, LAWMAKERS ARE TYING UP LOOSE ENDS OF SOME HIGH PROFILE LEGISLATION. MARYLAND SENATORS HAVE AMENDED A HOUSE BILL TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC VOTE ON CARD GAMES AT ROSECROFT RACEWAY IN TEMPLE HILLS. ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION, A MEASURE TO GIVE SCHOOLS AND POLICE NEW POWERS TO COMBAT GANGS ...AND A BILL TO BETTER TRACK SEX OFFENDERS.

6PM - 6/1

HARD CORE WORLD CUP FANS WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH THEIR FAVORITE TEAMS BRIGHT AND EARLY. D-C COUNCIL APPROVED LEGISLATION TO ALLOW D-C BARS TO OPEN AS EARLY AS SEVEN A-M DURING THE MONTH LONG WORLD CUP...HOWEVER THEY CAN'T SELL ALCOHOL ANY EARLIER THAN THEIR LICENSES ALLOW. BARS WILL HAVE TO PAY A 300 DOLLAR FEE TO OPEN EARLY. THE INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD IN SOUTH AFRICA, SO SOME GAMES WILL START AS EARLY AS 7:30 A-M OUR TIME.

11PM - 4/6

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL HAS DECIDED TO REINSTATE APRIL AS CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH IN THE COMMONWEALTH. MCDONNELL'S DECLARATION DOESN'T MENTION SLAVERY, AND INSTEAD FOCUSES ON CIVIL WAR HISTORY, AND THE CONFEDERATE ARMY. HE SAYS WITH THE 150-TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE START OF THE CIVIL WAR NEXT YEAR, THIS IS A CHANCE FOR TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SEVERAL DEMOCRATS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CALL THE DECISION "OFFENSIVE AND DISTURBING."

11PM - 6/9

TOUGHER FINES MAY BE ON THE WAY-- IF YOU DON'T QUICKLY CLEAR YOUR SIDEWALK NEXT WINTER. A NEW SNOW REMOVAL PROPOSAL IN ARLINGTON COUNTY WOULD REQUIRE HOMEOWNERS TO CLEAN THEIR SIDEWALKS WITHIN 24 TO 36 HOURS AFTER THE SNOW STOPS FALLING. RESIDENTS WHO DON'T COMPLY COULD FACE A 100 DOLLAR FINE. ANYONE WHO DUMPS SNOW INTO AN AREA ALREADY CLEARED-- WOULD FACE A STIFFER FINE. THE ARLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL WILL VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE ON SATURDAY.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

5PM - 5/25

A SOURCE CLOSE TO A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION SAYS THE F-D-A IS LOOKING INTO AT LEAST 775 SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS FROM DRUGS RECALLED BY MCNEIL, A DIVISION OF JOHNSON AND JOHNSON. MCNEIL HAS RECALLED TYLENOL, MOTRIN AND BENADRYL DRUGS FROM 2008 THROUGH APRIL 30-TH 2010. THE F-D-A IS ALSO INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF SEVERAL HUNDRED SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS, AND SEVEN DEATHS SINCE MCNEIL RECALLED FIFTY CHILDREN'S VERSIONS OF THESE BRANDS.

5PM - 6/15

AT LEAST NINE DRUG CASES HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF COURT IN THE WAKE OF A FREDERICK CITY POLICE OFFICER'S PERJURY PROBE. THE FREDERICK NEWS-POST REPORTED ON THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CASE OF OFFICER MEGAN MATTINGLY. SHE TESTIFIED LAST MONTH THAT SHE DID *NOT* WITNESS PART OF AN ALLEGED DRUG DEAL. *THAT* CONTRADICTED HER EARLIER TESTIMONY AS WELL AS WHAT SHE HAD WRITTEN IN CHARGING DOCUMENTS.

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6PM - 6/25

POLICE WILL BE OUT IN FORCE ON VIRGINIA'S WATERWAYS THIS WEEKEND.... CRACKING DOWN ON DRUNK BOATING. THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND INLAND FISHERIES LAUNCHED "OPERATION DRY WATER." IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS... VIRGINIA HAS HAD AN AVERAGE OF 128 BOATING ACCIDENTS EACH YEAR. AN AVERAGE OF 17 EACH YEAR HAVE BEEN ALCOHOL-RELATED.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

6AM - 4/19

A CRIMINAL PROBE INTO FORMER MORTGAGE GIANT "COUNTRYWIDE FINANCIAL".. IS GATHERING MOMENTUM. THAT'S WHAT ANONYMOUS SOURCES TELL "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL." THE PROBE IS ONE OF SEVERAL INVESTIGATIONS OF COUNTRYWIDE'S ROLE IN THE MELTDOWN OF THE HOUSING AND FINANCE INDUSTRIES. THE NEWSPAPER SAYS A GRAND JURY BEGAN HEARING TESTIMONY ABOUT COUNTRYWIDE LAST YEAR.

12PM - 4/28

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL IS SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE AIMED AT REDUCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMMONWEALTH. THE PROGRAM INCLUDES VIRGINIA'S FIRST EXECUTIVE HOUSING POLICY FRAMEWORK AND WILL HELP STRUCTURE NEW HOUSING POLICY THIS FALL. GOVERNOR MCDONNELL PLANS TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WORKFORCE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

11PM - 5/26

IT APPEARS THE WATERGATE HOTEL HAS A NEW OWNER. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS-- A FRENCH REAL ESTATE GROUP IS BUYING THE HOTEL. THEY PLAN TO TRANSFORM THE FACILITY INTO A LUXURY HOTEL. THE WATERGATE WAS MADE FAMOUS, OF COURSE, BY THE BURGLARY THAT EVENTUALLY LED TO PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON'S RESIGNATION.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

5PM - 4/12

THE MASSIVE HEALTH CARE BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BY PRESIDENT OBAMA INCLUDES A LITTLE-KNOWN PROVISION TO HELP NURSING MOTHERS. UNDER THE NEW LAW, NURSING WOMEN MUST BE ALLOWED A "REASONABLE" BREAK TIME AND A PLACE TO PUMP BREAST MILK AT WORK FOR THE FIRST YEAR AFTER A CHILD'S BIRTH. THE MANDATE DOES *NOT* APPLY TO BUSINESSES WITH FEWER THAN 50 EMPLOYEES.

5PM - 6/21

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6PM - 4/6

THREATS OVER HEALTH CARE REFORM CONTINUE AND EVEN LEAD TO AN ARREST IN WASHINGTON STATE. FEDERAL AGENTS ARRESTED CHARLES WILSON IN YAKIMA FOR MAKING DEATH THREATS AGAINST DEMOCRATIC SENATOR, PATTY MURRAY. MURRAY VOTED IN FAVOR OF REFORM. WILSON HAD ALLEGEDLY BEEN LEAVING HARASSING MESSAGES FOR THE SENATOR FOR MONTHS, WHICH ESCALATED TO DEATH THREATS AFTER THE HEALTH CARE VOTE.

6PM - 4/14

A FEDERAL MULTI-STATE LAWSUIT AIMED AT OVERTURNING HEALTH CARE REFORM IS MOVING FORWARD. A FEDERAL JUDGE IN FLORIDA SAID TODAY AT A SCHEDULING HEARING, THAT HE WANTS TO MOVE QUICKLY, BUT IT COULD TAKE MONTHS FOR THE LAWSUIT TO MAKE IT THROUGH COURT. AT LEAST 16 STATES ARE SUING TO STOP THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM REQUIRING ALL

6PM - 5/25

FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION IS RESPONDING TO VIRGINIA'S LAWSUIT AGAINST FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM. THE ADMINISTRATION FILED COURT PAPERS YESTERDAY ARGUING THAT CONGRESS ACTED WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES TO PASS THE LAW.

THE COURT PAPERS ASK FOR THE LAWSUIT TO BE DISMISSED AND SAY IF FEDERAL COURTS HEAR VIRGINIA'S LAWSUIT, THEY WOULD BE OUTSIDE THEIR JUDICIARY ROLE.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

5AM - 4/23

AN EXHIBIT CELEBRATING HARLEM'S APOLLO THEATER OPENS TODAY AT THE SMITHSONIAN'S AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM. YOU CAN SEE MICHAEL JACKSON'S FEDORA.. ELLA FITZGERALD'S YELLOW DRESS.. AND LOUIS ARMSTRONG'S TRUMPET. THE EXHIBIT WILL RUN THROUGH AUGUST. MANY OF THE ITEMS WILL BE IN THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE. IT'S SLATED TO OPEN IN 20-15 ON THE NATIONAL MALL.

5PM - 6/8

A HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION SAYS D.C. HOSPITALS NEED TO BE MORE GAY FRIENDLY. A REPORT FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOUNDATION SAYS NEARLY HALF OF ALL D.C. AREA HOSPITALS DO NOT MENTION SEXUAL ORIENTATION AS PART OF THEIR NON DISCRIMINATION POLICIES FOR PATIENTS. THE DISTRICT IS NOT ALONE. THE GROUP SAYS MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST HOSPITALS ALSO DON'T MENTION GAYS IN THEIR POLICIES.

6PM - 5/24

GAY RIGHTS ACTIVISTS HEADED TO THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THE MILITARY'S DON'T ASK DON'T TELL POLICY. THEY MET WITH LAWMAKERS AND PENTAGON OFFICIALS ABOUT MOVING ALONG THE REPEAL PROCESS FASTER. LAWMAKERS ARE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THIS WEEK...BUT EVEN IF IT PASSES, THE PENTAGON WOULD STILL HAVE TO WRITE THE NEW POLICY.

11PM - 4/1

A BILL THAT WOULD BAN MARRIAGE BETWEEN FIRST COUSINS WILL NOT MOVE FORWARD IN MARYLAND -- THIS YEAR. MONTGOMERY COUNTY DELEGATE HENRY HELLER, WHO SPONSORED THE BILL, SAID SOME STATE LAWMAKERS WERE CONCERNED THE MEASURE WOULD LEAD TO A DEBATE OVER GAY MARRIAGE. HELLER'S BILL WOULD HAVE EXEMPTED ANYONE OVER 65 YEARS OLD-- OR ANYONE WHO WAS INFERTILE.

11PM - 4/11

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL IS COMING UNDER FIRE ONCE AGAIN FROM AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADERS AND CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS. HE WANTS TO ADD ANOTHER STEP FOR NON-VIOLENT FELONS TO HAVE THEIR VOTING RIGHTS RESTORED. UNDER HIS NEW PLAN... FELONS MUST SUBMIT A PERSONAL ESSAY TO GET THEIR RIGHTS RESTORED. SOME SAY THIS MAKES THE PROCESS SUBJECTIVE-- AND MAY PREVENT POOR, LESS-EDUCATED OR MINORITY RESIDENTS FROM BEING ALLOWED TO VOTE.

11PM - 4/15

NOW TO A DEVELOPING STORY FROM THE WHITE HOUSE-- WHERE THE PRESIDENT SIGNED AN ORDER TONIGHT-- REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO ALLOW GAYS AND LESBIANS TO GRANT THEIR PARTNERS A MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY. THE ORDER ALSO ALLOWS THEM TO HAVE NON-FAMILY VISITORS AT THE HOSPITAL. THE MEMO IS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE PUBLIC TOMORROW MORNING.

EDUCATION

5AM - 4/20

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS REPEALING A BUSH ADMINISTRATION POLICY THAT CRITICS SAY WEAKENED FEDERAL LAWS PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMALE ATHLETES. SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES MUST NOW PROVIDE STRONGER EVIDENCE THEY OFFER EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION UNDER THE FEDERAL TITLE NINE GENDER EQUITY LAW. EDUCATION SECRETARY ARNE DUNCAN SAYS THERE IS STILL DISCRIMINATION IN COLLEGE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.

5AM - 4/22

MOST SCHOOLS SPEND A LOT OF TIME GETTING KIDS TO PUT *AWAY* THEIR CELL PHONES. BUT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, SCHOOL LEADERS ARE CONSIDERING LETTING STUDENTS USE THEM IN CLASS! SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT WILLIAM HITE RECENTLY SAID CELL PHONES COULD BE USED AS A LEARNING TOOL. 60-PERCENT OF STUDENTS NATIONWIDE ADMIT.. THEY TEXT DURING CLASS. SCHOOL LEADERS THINK ALLOWING CELL PHONES WOULD ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO PAY ATTENTION.

5AM- 5/12

THE BATTLE ON HOW TO CLOSE A BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GAP IS TAKING AN UNUSUAL TURN IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THEY'RE WILLING TO ACCEPT NEARLY 138-MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS.. BUT NOTHING MORE. THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS CONSIDERING AN ADDITIONAL 33-MILLION DOLLARS IN CUTS. YESTERDAY.. THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED TO SUE THE COUNCIL.. IT IT CUTS ANY MORE FROM THE ALREADY TRIMMED EDUCATION BUDGET.

5PM - 4/9

A NEW D-C PROGRAM THAT PAYS KIDS FOR GOOD GRADES AND GOOD BEHAVIOR - APPEARS TO BE WORKING. A STUDY LOOKS AT THE PROGRAM IN FOUR DIFFERENT CITIES. IT SHOWS THE STUDENTS BEING HELPED THE MOST ARE THOSE WITH SERIOUS BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS. *BOYS* ALSO SHOW MORE BENEFIT BY BEING PAID FOR GOOD GRADES. ABOUT 27-HUNDRED MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ARE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.

5PM - 6/24

IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CLASSES WILL BE TAKEN ON LINE THIS YEAR. BUDGET CUTS FORCED THE COUNTY TO CANCEL THIS YEAR'S SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM. THE COUNTY PARTNERED WITH GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE ON-LINE SUMMER COURSES. MORE THAN 220 STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP FOR CLASSES IN ENGLISH, ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY, AND WORLD HISTORY.

6PM - 4/30

NO PRIVATE FUNDS CAN BE USED TO HELP PAY FOR THE DISTRICT'S NEW TEACHERS CONTRACT. THAT WAS THE PRONOUNCEMENT TODAY FROM CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER NATWAR GANDHI. HE APPEARED BEFORE THE D.C. CITY COUNCIL THIS MORNING. GANDHI SAYS THE CITY CAN'T USE 21 MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANT MONEY FROM A PRIVATE FOUNDATION TO PAY FOR THE TEACHER RAISES. HE SAYS THE FOUNDATION MONEY CAME WITH MANY STRINGS ATTACHED INCLUDING THAT MICHELLE RHEE REMAIN AS SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. DESPITE THE SETBACK MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY SAYS HE'LL WORK TO GET THE TEACHER CONTRACT FUNDED.

6PM - 5/11

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA PRESIDENT JOHN CASTEEN WANTS TO SEE LAWS ENACTED TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO NOTIFY SCHOOLS IF A STUDENT IS ARRESTED. HE MET TODAY WITH VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL. THE RECOMMENDATIONS COME AFTER WOMEN'S LACROSSE PLAYER YEARDLEY LOVE WAS MURDERED LAST WEEK. FELLOW STUDENT GEORGE HUGUELY HAS BEEN CHARGED. THE UNIVERSITY WAS UNAWARE THAT HUGUELY HAS HAD SEVERAL RUN-INS WITH THE LAW.

6:30PM - 4/18

D-C PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE THEIR ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TESTS TOMORROW. BUT THE STUDENTS AT SHAW MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE TESTS THIS WEEK. SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR MICHELLE RHEE SAYS THAT TEACHERS AT THE SCHOOL WILL FOCUS ON GRIEF COUNSELING FOR THE STUDENTS. THE TESTS WILL POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

5PM - 4/9

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY -- PLANS ARE FALLING THROUGH FOR A NEW NON-PROFIT MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER. THE COUNTY IS ABANDONING A PLAN FOR 150-MILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS TO PAY FOR THE *IGNITE INSTITUTE FOR INDIVIDUALIZED HELP*. THE INSTITUTE WOULD HAVE CREATED MORE THAN 400 JOBS. ITS C-E-O SAYS HE IS STILL HOPING TO BUILD A HEADQUARTERS SOMEWHERE IN THE WASHINGTON AREA.

6PM - 4/26

IT LOOKS LIKE NORTHROP GRUMMAN HAS CHOSEN NORTHERN VIRGINIA AS THE NEW HOME OF ITS HEADQUARTERS. THE DEFENSE COMPANY IS MOVING FROM CALIFORNIA AND HAD TO DECIDE WHETHER TO RELOCATE TO D-C, MARYLAND OR VIRGINIA. THE WASHINGTON BUSINESS JOURNAL SAYS GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL IS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE THE DECISION TOMORROW. THE RE-LOCATION WILL BRING ABOUT 150 NEW JOBS TO THE AREA.

6PM - 5/20

BREAKING FINANCIAL NEWS OUT OF FREDERICK.... J-P MORGAN CHASE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT PLANS TO CLOSE ITS CREDIT CARD CENTER IN FREDERICK BY THE END OF THE YEAR. THAT MEANS 600 PEOPLE WILL EVENTUALLY LOSE THEIR JOBS. THE COMPANY PLANS TO PHASE OUT THE CENTER, WHICH MEANS THE JOB LOSSES WILL BE GRADUAL.

6PM - 6/15

THREE-HUNDRED-75 NEW JOBS WILL SOON BE COMING TO FAIRFAX COUNTY. THE AUDIT AND TAX FIRM, K-P-M-G IS EXPANDING ITS TYSONS CORNER FACILITY...REQUIRING MORE WORKERS. ONE OF THE FIRM'S PARTNERS SAID IT CHOSE TO EXPAND IN FAIRFAX COUNTY BECAUSE THE CUSTOMER BASE IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA HAS GROWN TREMENDOUSLY.

FAMILY ISSUES

5PM - 4/2

A MARYLAND DELEGATE WHO PUSHED TO BAN MARRIAGE BETWEEN FIRST COUSINS PLANS TO DROP THE BILL THIS YEAR. DELEGATE HENRY HELLER, A DEMOCRAT FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY, SAYS HE'S CONCERNED THE BILL WOULD LEAD TO A DEBATE OVER GAY MARRIAGE. HELLER IS A RETIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR. HE SAYS COUPLES WHO ARE FIRST COUSINS ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK OF HAVING A CHILD WITH BIRTH DEFECTS.

5PM - 4/19

A NEW STUDY FINDS DAYCARE WORKERS ARE OFTEN TOO QUICK TO SEND CHILDREN HOME WHEN THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE SICK. THE STUDY IN WISCONSIN SURVEYED CHILD CARE DIRECTORS ABOUT HOW THEY WOULD RESPOND TO CERTAIN MILD SYMPTOMS. DIRECTORS WITH THE MOST EXPERIENCE WERE LESS LIKELY TO OVERREACT. SENDING KIDS HOME WHEN IT ISN'T NECESSARY CAN CREATE UNNECESSARY BURDENS AS PARENTS LEAVE WORK.

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6PM - 4/7

THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IS INCREASING ACCESS FOR FAMILY PETS AT MANY OF THE APPROXIMATELY SEVENTY STATE PARKS. THE POLICY REVISIONS MEAN SOME CAMPING AREAS WILL NOW ALLOW PETS, TWELVE PARK DAY-USE AREAS WILL NOW BE OPEN TO PETS ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND EIGHT PARKS PREVIOUSLY CLOSED TO PETS WILL NOW BE OPEN. EXISTING REGULATIONS REQUIRING THAT ALL PETS BE LEASHED AND CURBED WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.

6PM - 4/14

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR BOB MCDONNELL WANTS TO RESTRICT STATE FUNDING FOR ABORTIONS BUT WILL ALLOW FUNDING FOR PRO-CHOICE LICENSE PLATES. THE GOVERNOR MADE THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE'S RECOMMENDING THE STATE STAY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS, WHICH IS ONLY ABORTIONS IN CASES OF RAPE, INCEST OR DANGER TO A MOTHER'S LIFE.

11PM - 4/9

A FEDERAL JUDGE IS HOLDING D-C MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY AND HIS ADMINISTRATION IN CONTEMPT OF COURT, FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDERS INVOLVING THE DISTRICT'S CHILD WELFARE AGENCY. THE MAYOR WAS SPECIFICALLY SANCTIONED FOR HIRING A NEW DIRECTOR OF 'CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES' WITHOUT COURT APPROVAL. THE JUDGE ALSO REJECTED A REQUEST TO END THE COURT- ORDERED RECEIVERSHIP OF THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY.

ELDERLY & AGING

5AM - 6/3

AN 81-YEAR-OLD BELTSVILLE MAN IS SPEAKING OUT ABOUT A BRUTAL ATTACK.. BY AN INTRUDER. JACK ENSOR IS AN AIR FORCE VETERAN.. AND USES A WHEELCHAIR. LAST DECEMBER.. HE WAS AT HOME.. WHEN TWO MEN KNOCKED ON HIS DOOR. HE SAYS THEY TOLD HIM.. THEY WERE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS. THE MEN ENTERED HIS HOME.. AND NEARLY BEAT HIM TO DEATH.

5PM - 5/7

A FREON LEAK FORCED AN EVACUATION OF A RETIREMENT HOME IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THIS AFTERNOON. ABOUT 60 SENIOR CITIZENS HAD TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE RIDERWOOD RETIREMENT VILLAGE IN CALVERTON. THE LEAK FORMED A VAPOR CLOUD ON THE TOP FLOOR. FIREFIGHTERS STOPPED THE LEAK... AND VENTILATED THE BUILDING. NO ONE WAS HURT. FREON IS A NON-TOXIC GAS THAT'S USED AS A REFRIGERANT.

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Crime & Violence:

1. The Most Dangerous Child Sex Offenders In America
2. "Safe Alive" Expert Gavin de Becker Unveils The New Tool to Keep you Safe
3. A Rhodes Scholar, A Convicted Murderer: The Ultimate Twist Of Fate
4. Best of Oprah: The Children of Elizabeth Smart's Kidnapper Speak Out (OAD 2/02/10)
5. Best of Oprah: From College Student to Convicted Killer: The Family Of Amanda Knox Speaks Out (OAD 2/23/10)
6. Best of Oprah: A Special Report: Oprah & A No Holds Barred Conversation With Child Molesters (OAD 2/08/10)

Local Government:

1. Oprah Fridays LIVE: National No Phone Zone Day
2. Her First Interview: Former First Lady Laura Bush, Plus Twins Jenna & Barbara

Substance Abuse:

Housing & Homelessness:

Health & Health Care:

1. Humdinger Follow-Ups: What Happened After She Lost 175 Pounds? (LIVE)
2. Exclusive: A Tumor Covered Half her Face & The Headline-Making Brothers Who Nearly Starved To Death
3. Why Oprah Says She'll Never Diet Again!
4. Best of Oprah: American Idols' Ryan Seacrest & Super Chef Jamie Oliver Team Up (OAD 3/26/10)
5. Best Of Oprah: Exclusive: The 7-Year-Old Schizophrenic (OAD 10/6/09)

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual:

1. In the Bedroom: Sex Therapy with Dr. Laura Berman
2. The Fight For His Life: Rocker Bret Michaels' First TV Interview & Country Star Chely Wright Comes Out
3. Women Who Claim They Were Child Brides In The USA

Employment & Economy:

1. Join The Debt Diet (OAD 2/17/06)
2. Best of Oprah: The Debt Diet—Part 2 (OAD 2/24/06)
3. Best of Oprah: The Debt Diet—Part 3: The Bradleys & The Widlunds (OAD 3/10/06)
4. Best Of Oprah: The Debt Diet – Part 4 (OAD 3/24/06)
5. Best Of Oprah: The Debt Diet – Part 5 (OAD 4/07/06)

Family Issues:

1. The Exclusive: Accused of Molesting Her- Oscar® Winner Mo’Nique’s Brother Comes Forward
2. The Controversial Octuplet Mom Nadya Suleman
3. Oprah's Earth Day Mom Swap: An Eye-Opening Intervention
4. Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith & The Whole Family
5. Best Of Oprah: A Family “Stripped” Down: Life Organizational Expert Peter Walsh Moves In (OAD 1/11/10)
6. Best of Oprah: Actress Denise Richards & Mrs. Ted Haggard: Surviving A Public Scandal (OAD 1/26/10)

Elderly & Aging:

1. Best of Oprah: From 52, Feeling Frumpy to Fabulous! “Look Great At Every Age” Makeovers (OAD 1/12/10)
2. Best of Oprah: Legendary Sex Symbol Raquel Welch On Aging Brilliantly (OAD 3/29/10)