

3RD QUARTER FCC REPORT: JULY-SEPTEMBER 2007

CRIME & VIOLENCE:

CONFRONTING THE ATTACKER:

**A woman goes behind bars to confront the man who murdered her father. Then,
What one guest has to say to the man who killed her mother.**

THE DAY I FOUND OUT MY HUSBAND WAS A CHILD MOLESTER:

**The manhunt for a child rapist ended in her living room-she was married to a monster.
Then, a mother on trial –she loved him until she walked in on him and her little girl.**

WHAT THE NEW SCAM ARTIST DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW:

**The secrets of the new scam artists-exposed! One woman tried to help a stranger and lost
everything. Millions of Americans have been conned already...will you be next.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

NONE

SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

NONE

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS:

NONE

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HOW HAPPY ARE YOU:

Where you live, what you do, how much sex you have-we're uncovering the real secrets to true happiness!

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE con't :

THE FACES OF AUTISM:

A mystery affecting millions of families. The heartbreak and the hope...inside families living with autism.

DR. OZ'S 90 DAY LIVE LONGER, FEEL YOUNGER PLAN:

It's not too late to turn your health around. The five things you have to stop now-and the three-month plan you need to start today!

THE BEST LIFE DIET WEIGHT LOSS CHALLENGE: THE LAUNCH:

Six brave viewers about to face the weight loss challenge of their lives. Plus, get on Board and lose weight, too!

DR. OZ ANSWERS YOUR BURNING WEIGHT LOSS QUESTIONS:

Dr. Oz brought us his 10 day weight loss plan. Now he's back and win your battle of the Bulge.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL:

FIRST INTERVIEW: DINA MCGREEVEY, ESTRANGED WIFE OF THE GAY GOVERNOR, BREAKS HER SILENCE.

She stood by him in front of the nation. In her first interview, the ex-governor's Estranged wife breaks her silence.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY:

NONE

FAMILY ISSUES:

NONE

ELDERLY & AGING :

NONE

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CRIME & VIOLENCE

12PM - 8/2

MORE THAN 120 PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A ONE-MILLION-DOLLAR SETTLEMENT FROM THE DISTRICT... AFTER THEY WERE ILLEGALLY ARRESTED DURING A 2002 PROTEST. THE ARRESTS TOOK PLACE AT DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE WORLD BANK AND INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND... AND THE PLANNED IRAQ INVASION. D-C POLICE MUST ALSO EXPUNGE ALL RECORDS OF THE ARRESTS.

12PM - 8/28

THE REVEREND JESSE JACKSON IS BRINGING A NATIONWIDE GUN PROTEST TO OUR AREA. AT THIS HOUR, JACKSON IS LEADING A PROTEST OUTSIDE THE "REALCO GUN SHOP" IN DISTRICT HEIGHTS, MARYLAND. OFFICIALS SAY THE SHOP IS A BIG SOURCE OF GUNS USED IN CRIMES IN OUR AREA. JACKSON ALSO WANTS CONGRESS TO REINSTATE A NATIONAL BAN ON ASSAULT WEAPONS.

12PM - 9/26

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED IN THE COMMONWEALTH COULD GET A JAIL OF THEIR OWN. A STATE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDED THE 1-THOUSAND-BED IMMIGRANT JAIL YESTERDAY. THIS FOLLOWS A STUDY THAT SAYS TEN PERCENT OF VIRGINIA INMATES ARRESTED LAST YEAR... WERE IN THE COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. LATINO LEADERS HAVE DISPUTED THOSE STATISTICS. THE PANEL PLANS TO FORWARD THIS RECOMMENDATION, AND TEN OTHERS, TO THE STATE CRIME COMMISSION.

5PM - 7/25

A SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT IS CHARGED AFTER THREATENING A MURDEROUS RAMPAGE SIMILAR TO THE SHOOTINGS AT VIRGINIA TECH. A GUN DEALER ALERTED POLICE TO 22-YEAR-OLD OLUT-SIN ODUWOLE. ODUWOLE ALLEGEDLY TAPED A NOTE TO HIS CAR DEMANDING 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS OR HE WOULD CARRY OUT A RAMPAGE. POLICE SAY HE ORDERED GUNS ONLINE AND HAD A LOADED GUN IN HIS DORM ROOM.

6PM - 7/10

MARYLAND STATE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THREE MOTORCYCLISTS WHO VICIOUSLY ATTACKED A MAN IN QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY. POLICE SAY ON JULY FIRST, 45-YEAR-OLD ROBERT CLEGG WAS A PASSENGER IN A PICKUP THAT WAS REAR-ENDED BY A MOTORCYCLE IN TEMPLEVILLE. WHEN THE PICK-UP STOPPED TO CHECK ON THE BIKER'S CONDITION, POLICE SAY TWO OTHER MOTORCYCLISTS STARTED BEATING CLEGG. HE SUFFERED PERMANENT BRAIN DAMAGE.

11PM - 7/4

A CENTREVILLE MAN IS UNDER ARREST TONIGHT, ACCUSED OF MURDERING HIS WIFE IN THE COUPLE'S HOME. POLICE SAY 46-YEAR-OLD SANG BYUNG KIM FATALLY STABBED HIS WIFE INSIDE THEIR HOME ON SWEET WOODRUFF LANE THIS AFTERNOON. THE VICTIM, 43-YEAR-OLD HAE JA LEE, HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SHOPPING. POLICE SAY THE DEADLY VIOLENCE WAS SPARKED BY AN ARGUMENT. KIM IS BEING HELD WITHOUT BOND.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

5AM - 7/20

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL HAS REJECTED A BID BY SOME CHEVY CHASE RESIDENTS TO FORM THEIR OWN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS OF THE ROLLINGWOOD SUBDIVISION WANT TO FORM THEIR OWN SELF GOVERNING VILLAGE. BUT COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS SAY THEY ARE CONCERNED THE PLAN WOULD DIVERT MORE THAN A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FROM THE COUNTY'S TREASURY.

6AM - 7/27

MARYLAND'S GOVERNOR IS WAITING FOR HELP FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WITH THE STATE'S DEVASTATING DROUGHT CONDITIONS. GOVERNOR O'MALLEY SENT A LETTER YESTERDAY... REQUESTING A DISASTER DECLARATION. HE SAYS THIS IS ONE OF THE WORST GROWING SEASONS IN DECADES. THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED IN SEVERAL COUNTIES... INCLUDING PRINCE GEORGE'S, CALVERT, CHARLES AND *PARTS* OF MONTGOMERY AND FREDERICK.

6AM - 8/15

STARTING TODAY.. VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS WILL BE RE-INSPECTING ELEVEN DECK-TRUSS BRIDGES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH. THOSE ARE SIMILAR TO THE BRIDGE THAT COLLAPSED IN MINNEAPOLIS EARLIER THIS MONTH. AFTER THE TRAGEDY, THE GOVERNMENT INSTRUCTED EACH STATE TO TAKE A LOOK AT ITS STEEL-DECK TRUSS BRIDGES.

12PM - 7/20

THE D-C GOVERNMENT COULD BE IN DANGER OF LOSING FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDING BECAUSE OF OVER PAYMENTS TO HEALTH CARE CONTRACTORS. AN AUDIT SHOWS THAT THE CITY PAID OUT NEARLY 100-MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS IN OVER PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES THAT MANY MEDICAID PATIENTS DIDN'T RECEIVE. CITY AUDITORS FOUND THE PAYMENTS WENT TO THREE CONTRACTORS THAT COORDINATE MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ABOUT 90-THOUSAND LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.

5PM - 7/31

THE COST OF THE METRO-RAIL EXTENSION TO DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS SET TO RISE TOMORROW. ACCORDING TO VIRGINIA'S CONTRACT WITH DULLES TRANSIT PARTNERS, THE PRICE WILL KEEP GOING UP THREE TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS A MONTH UNTIL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPROVES THE PROJECT. FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE TRYING TO DECIDE IF THE PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR 900-MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING. THE EXTENSION'S CURRENT PRICE TAG IS ESTIMATED AT 2-POINT-SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS.

5PM - 8/30

THE D-C GOVERNMENT IS SUING AN OUT OF BUSINESS MARYLAND COMPANY AND IT'S FORMER DIRECTOR. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE METROPOLITAN MONEY STORE SWINDLED MILLIONS OUT OF DESPERATE D-C HOMEOWNERS WHO WERE OFTEN FACING FORECLOSURE. THE MONEY STORE IS NOW OUT OF BUSINESS, BUT WAS BASED IN LANHAM, MARYLAND. MARYLAND WAS ALREADY SUING THE BUSINESS.. D-C FILED SUIT YESTERDAY. COMMERCIALS FOR THE MONEY STORE ARE NO LONGER ON THE AIR, AND THE OWNERS ARE ON THE RUN.

5PM - 9/4

MANASSAS COULD BE THE NEXT LOCAL JURISDICTION TO CRACK DOWN ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. A REPUBLICAN CITY COUNCIL MEMBER WANTS TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE THAT WOULD DENY PUBLIC SERVICES TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. THE RESOLUTION WOULD ALSO CALL FOR TOUGHER LOCAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. SEVERAL OTHER VIRGINIA COUNTIES HAVE PASSED SIMILAR MEASURES.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

6AM - 8/7

A TRACTOR-TRAILER DRIVER WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY DRIVING 102 MILES AN HOUR WHILE HIGH ON CRACK.. IS FREE ON BOND. MARYLAND STATE POLICE ARRESTED MARLIN FOREST SUNDAY MORNING ON I-70.. JUST EAST OF HAGERSTOWN. HE'S FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA. HE HAD A BOND REVIEW HEARING YESTERDAY.. AFTER SPENDING A NIGHT IN JAIL. HE FACES DRUG CHARGES.

6AM - 9/19

DISTURBING NEWS ABOUT TEENS AND METHAMPHETAMINE.. THE ANTI-DRUG GROUP, THE METH PROJECT, IS OUT WITH A NEW STUDY. NEARLY A QUARTER OF TEENS SURVEYED SAID IT WAS "VERY EASY" OR "SOMEWHAT EASY" TO OBTAIN THE DRUG. ONE IN THREE SAID THERE WAS ONLY A "SLIGHT RISK" OR "NO RISK" IN TRYING METH ONCE OR TWICE. ONE IN FOUR SAID THEY BELIEVE THERE ARE BENEFITS TO USING METH.. INCLUDING LOSING WEIGHT, COPING WITH BOREDOM, AND FEELING HAPPY.

12PM - 9/24

A D-C CORRECTIONS OFFICER FACES CHARGES FOR ALLEGEDLY ACCEPTING BRIBES IN EXCHANGE FOR SMUGGLING CONTRABANDS IN TO THE CITY JAIL. ACCORDING TO FEDERAL COURT DOCUMENTS, DANA MARSHALL WAS PART OF A SCHEME INVOLVING SEVERAL JAIL OFFICIALS AND AS MANY AS 30 INMATES. THE PAPERS SAY THE ITEMS SMUGGLED IN INCLUDED FOOD, DRUGS AND WEAPONS.

HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

6AM - 9/12

THE DEAL TO BUILD A CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL IN DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON IS NOW IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY. WASHINGTON POST" REPORTS.. THE DEAL IS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSING UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE NATION'S CREDIT CRUNCH. MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL AND R-L-J DEVELOPMENT PLANNED TO BUILD THE HOTEL AT 9TH AND MASSACHUSETTS. COMPANY EXECUTIVES AND D.C. OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN UP, AND ARE STILL NEGOTIATING.

12PM - 8/1

FAIRFAX COUNTY IS SEEING A SPIKE IN FORECLOSURES. ACCORDING TO THE EXAMINER, THERE WERE 987-FORECLOSURES IN THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR. THAT'S COMPARED TO JUST UNDER TWO-HUNDRED IN THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR. THE COUNTY IS EXPECTED TO SEE ITS FIRST DROP IN REAL ESTATE REVENUE SINCE 1994.

5PM - 8/22

NINETEEN-HUNDRED HOUSEHOLDS IN VIRGINIA ARE FACING FORECLOSURE. THAT'S A 300 PERCENT SPIKE IN FORECLOSURE FILINGS THIS JULY COMPARED TO LAST JULY, ACCORDING TO AN ONLINE MARKETPLACE REPORT. NATIONWIDE, FORECLOSURE FILINGS JUMPED 93 PERCENT COMPARED TO JULY 2006. NEVADA HAS THE NATION'S HIGHEST FORECLOSURE RATE, VERMONT THE LOWEST. VIRGINIA RANKED 21ST.

6PM - 7/4

WORD HAS IT MICHAEL JACKSON IS HOUSE HUNTING....AND HE'S LOOKING ON MARYLAND'S EASTERN SHORE. JACKSON'S PUBLICIST TOLD THE WASHINGTON POST THE SINGER VISITED THE EASTERN SHORE LAST WEEK FOR ABOUT 24 HOURS. SHE SAYS THE KING OF POP WANTS TO BUY A VACATION HOME HERE IN THE EAST BUT ISN'T LIMITING THE SEARCH TO MARYLAND.

11PM - 7/8

HE DISTRICT IS TAKING STEPS TO PRESERVE THE HISTORIC ANACOSTIA NEIGHBORHOOD. THE D-C HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE IS OFFERING GRANTS TO HOMEOWNERS TO RENOVATE THEIR HOMES. IT'S OFFERING 300-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN GRANTS FOR PROJECTS SUCH AS REPAIRING EXTERIOR WALLS, PORCHES AND WINDOWS. THE FIRST APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROGRAM ARE DUE TOMORROW.

11PM - 9/30

THEY MAKE SIX-FIGURE INCOMES, AND THEY'RE LIVING IN SUBSIDIZED HOUSING! ACCORDING TO A WASHINGTON POST INVESTIGATION OF FAIRFAX COUNTY RECORDS.... *HUNDREDS* OF MIDDLE- AND UPPER- CLASS FAIRFAX COUNTY FAMILIES RECEIVE HOUSING HELP FROM THE TAX PAYERS. THE FAMILIES ALL MET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, WHEN THEY ENTERED SUBSIDIZED HOUSING. BUT COUNTY OFFICIALS DO LITTLE TO ENCOURAGE TENANTS TO MOVE ON, WHEN THEIR FORTUNES IMPROVE.

HEALTH & HEALTH CARE

5AM - 7/31

A STATE-WIDE PANDEMIC FLU DRILL BEGINS TODAY IN MARYLAND. FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WILL ALL TAKE PART. DIFFERENT REGIONS WILL FOCUS ON SEPARATE PARTS OF THE OVERALL DRILL, INCLUDING THE ORDERING, AND DELIVERY OF ANTI-VIRAL MEDICATIONS, AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION OF PATIENTS AND SECURITY. THE PANDEMIC FLU DRILL CONTINUES THROUGH THURSDAY.

12PM - 7/20

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12PM - 8/10

MARYLAND IS STRUGGLING WITH A NURSING SHORTAGE. THE STATE HAD A 13 PERCENT VACANCY RATE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, BUT FILLING THOSE POSITIONS IS SLOW GOING. MARYLAND'S NURSING BOARD SAYS THAT'S BECAUSE OF A NEW LAW REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS. OFFICIALS SAY BACKLOGS FOR FINGERPRINT PROCESSING IS BEHIND THE DELAY FOR ISSUING NURSING LICENSES.

5PM - 8/9

THE DISTRICT SAYS NEARLY ALL OF ITS STUDENTS NOW HAVE THE NEEDED VACCINATIONS. THE CITY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS MORE THAN 97-PERCENT OF STUDENTS ARE NOW UP-TO-DATE WITH IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT. THAT'S A HUGE JUMP FROM THE EARLY 19-90S WHEN FEWER THAN HALF OF ALL STUDENTS WERE VACCINATED.

5PM - 9/5

THE D-C HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS GETTING COMPLAINTS ABOUT ITS FREE CONDOMS. GROUPS THAT PASS OUT THE CONDOMS SAY THE WRAPPERS ARE THE MAIN PROBLEM. USERS SAY THE PAPER WRAPPERS RIP OR BURST IN PURSES AND POCKETS. THE HEALTH GROUPS HAVE SENT TEN-THOUSAND CONDOMS BACK TO THE CITY...BUT HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THERE'S NO PLAN TO CHANGE THEM. THE DISTRICT BEGAN HANDING OUT CONDOMS TO COMBAT H-I-V AIDS IN THE CITY.

5PM - 9/24

THE STATE OF MARYLAND GETS FEDERAL HELP TO STOP THE SPREAD OF H-I-V. THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AWARDED A 2-POINT-SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO MARYLAND'S HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE MONEY WILL PAY FOR TESTING PROGRAMS THAT REACH OUT TO PEOPLE WHO DON'T USE TRADITIONAL TESTING OR COUNSELING. MARYLAND IS RANKS THIRD IN THE U-S FOR THE NUMBER OF AIDS CASES PER CAPITA. 32-THOUSAND MARYLAND RESIDENTS ARE H-I-V POSITIVE... AND OFFICIALS ESTIMATE TEN-THOUSAND DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE THE VIRUS.

11PM - 8/31

ARLINGTON COUNTY CONFIRMS THE FIRST HUMAN CASE OF WEST NILE VIRUS THIS YEAR. HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY A 50-YEAR-OLD PATIENT FROM THE LYON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD IS INFECTED. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR CASES OF HUMAN WEST NILE IN VIRGINIA SO FAR THIS YEAR.

RACIAL, ETHNIC, RELIGIOUS & SEXUAL

12PM - 9/12

MANASSAS PARK HAS CANCELED ITS LATINO FESTIVAL THIS YEAR...LEAVING CITY OFFICIALS AND SPONSORS POINTING FINGERS. MAYOR FRANK JONES SAYS SPONSORS SHIED AWAY BECAUSE OF A STRONG ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PRESENCE IN SURROUNDING COUNTIES. BUT SPONSORS SAY THEY WERE NEVER ASKED...AND WOULD GLADLY HAVE HELPED PUT ON THE FESTIVAL TO HONOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH.

12PM - 9/18

MARYLAND'S HIGHEST COURT TODAY UPHELD A STATE LAW DEFINING MARRIAGE AS A UNION BETWEEN ONE MAN AND ONE WOMAN. THE COURT OF APPEALS RULED THAT A 1973 GAY MARRIAGE BAN DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE. THAT ENDS A LAWSUIT FILED BY SAME SEX COUPLES WHO ARGUED THEY WERE BEING DENIED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. THE ISSUE NOW GOES BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE.

5PM - 9/24

POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING REPORTS OF A HATE CRIME OUTSIDE A D-C NIGHTCLUB. D-C POLICE SAY A MAN WAS APPROACHED BY A GROUP OF MEN -- AFTER LEAVING A CLUB AT 10-TH AND O STREETS IN NORTHWEST ON SATURDAY NIGHT. THE VICTIM WAS AN INTERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. HE TOLD POLICE THE ATTACKERS USED A DEROGATORY TERM BEFORE ATTACKING HIM. DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE HOMOPHOBIC REMARKS AUTOMATICALLY TRIGGER A HATE CRIME INVESTIGATION.

6PM - 9/12

HATE CRIME INVESTIGATORS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY ARE LOOKING INTO ACTS OF VANDALISM AT THREE JEWISH FACILITIES. IN EACH CASE... SYNAGOGUE OFFICIALS SAY THE CRIMINALS TARGETTED PRO-ISRAEL SIGNS. IN ROCKVILLE- THE WORD "ISRAEL" WAS CUT OUT OF A "WE SUPPORT ISRAEL" POSTER. A SIGN IN GAITHERSBURG IS COVERED IN ANTI-SEMITIC WRITING, AND A WHEATON SIGN WAS ALSO SCRIBBLED ON.

6PM - 9/27

HATE CRIME LEGISLATION HAS BEEN ADDED ONTO THE ALL-IMPORTANT DEFENSE SPENDING BILL. SENATORS APPROVED THE MEASURE TODAY, WITH NO DISSENTING VOTES. THE PENDING BILL PROVIDES BILLIONS IN FEDERAL MONEY FOR THE IRAQ WAR. THE ADD-ON WOULD MAKE ATTACKS ON GAYS A FEDERAL HATE CRIME. OPPONENTS PREDICT THE ATTACHMENT WILL FAIL IN THE HOUSE OR WILL BE VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT.

11PM - 9/23

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING WHAT THEY'RE CALLING A POSSIBLE HATE CRIME AGAINST TWO SIKH MEN. POLICE SAY THE TWO ELDERLY MEN WERE RECENTLY ATTACKED BY GROUP OF TEENAGERS IN BURTONSVILLE. THE MEN WERE WALKING IN SOME WOODS WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS THE GROUP OF SIX OR SEVEN BOYS. THE MEN SAY TWO OF THE TEENS PUNCHED THEM IN THE FACE. POLICE HAVE NO MOTIVE IN THE ATTACK.

EDUCATION

5AM - 7/13

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOL OFFICIALS HAVE SOME EXTRA BRAGGING RIGHTS TODAY. FORBES MAGAZINE JUST RANKED THE SYSTEM NUMBER ONE IN THE D-C AREA FOR VALUE. THE REPORT SAYS THE SCHOOLS DELIVER HIGH STUDENT PERFORMANCE AT LOW COST. THE COUNTY RANKED FIFTH OVERALL IN THE U-S. HOWARD COUNTY CAME IN 7TH, LOUDOUN PLACED 11TH NATIONWIDE.

5AM - 7/31

D-C WILL BE HOME TO THE FIRST HIGH SCHOOL IN THE NATION SPECIALIZING IN TEACHING CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN.. GROUNDBREAKING WILL TAKE PLACE AT TEN THIS MORNING FOR THE PHELPS ARCHITECTURE, CONSTRUCTION, AND ENGINEERING HIGH SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL WILL BE LOCATED ON 26TH STREET, NORTHEAST.

12PM - 8/22

THOUSANDS OF LOCAL STUDENTS ARE BACK IN THE CLASSROOM TODAY. SCHOOLS IN SAINT MARY'S COUNTY AND WASHINGTON COUNTY IN MARYLAND OPENED THEIR DOORS THIS MORNING. MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND D-C SCHOOLS OPEN MONDAY. AND "MOST" VIRGINIA SCHOOLS DON'T BEGIN UNTIL AFTER LABOR DA

12PM - 9/10

A BETHESDA HIGH SCHOOL IS BEING HONORED TODAY FOR A PROGRAM CALLED "BEST BUDDIES." WALTER JOHNSON HIGH SCHOOL'S CHAPTER OF "BEST BUDDIES" HAS BEEN NAMED THE MOST OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL CHAPTER IN THE WORLD. THE PROGRAM PAIRS GENERAL EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS TO FORM FRIENDSHIPS. THERE ARE MORE THAN 800 HIGH SCHOOLS INVOLVED WORLDWIDE.

12PM - 9/21

ACCORDING TO TWO D-C EXAMINER REPORTS.. THERE ARE CONCERNS ABOUT LOCAL SCHOOLS AND FUNDS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION. IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WILL SPEND MORE THAN 32-MILLION DOLLARS TO SEND 634 SPECIAL ED STUDENTS TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS... BECAUSE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS DON'T OFFER THEM THE SERVICES THEY NEED. AND IN THE DISTRICT, THE CITY WILL SPEND 137-MILLION DOLLARS TO SEND TWO-THOSUAND STUDENTS TO OUTSIDE SCHOOLS... FOR SPECIAL ED SERVICES THEY MAY NOT ACTUALLY NEED.

5PM - 7/31

STAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL IS UNDER INVESTIGATION TONIGHT OVER ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPERLY ADMINISTERING THE STANDARDS OF LEARNING TESTS. A PANEL IS LOOKING INTO HOW THE SCHOOL GAVE THE TESTS TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES. A STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WOULDN'T COMMENT ON THE ALLEGATIONS. THIS IS THE THIRD INVESTIGATION REGARDING THE TESTS IN VIRGINIA SINCE 1998.

6PM - 8/10

BEFORE A SEXUAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM WITH LESSONS ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION IS INTEGRATED INTO D-C SCHOOLS, SOME SCHOOL OFFICIALS WANT PUBLIC HEARINGS. SOME SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PUBLIC FEEDBACK ON THE IDEA. SINCE MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY TOOK OVER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE BOARD IS MAINLY IN AN ADVISORY ROLE, BUT IT STILL APPROVES CURRICULUM. THE PROPOSAL WOULD TEACH EIGHTH GRADERS ABOUT SEXUAL ORIENTATION, H-I-V AND DRUG AWARENESS.

6PM - 9/4

SIXTH GRADERS WITHOUT THEIR VACCINATIONS IN VIRGINIA CAN'T GO BACK TO SCHOOL JUST YET. VIRGINIA'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTED LAST YEAR TO REQUIRE SIXTH GRADERS TO HAVE THEIR

SHOTS AGAINST TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA AND PERTUSSIS. THERE'S NO WORD YET HOW MANY STUDENTS WERE TURNED AWAY FROM SCHOOL TODAY BECAUSE OF THE NEW VACCINATION REQUIREMENT.

11PM - 7/15

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION BEGINS TOMORROW, FOR D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE INVITED TO REGISTER FROM 9 UNTIL 4 ON WEEKDAYS AT THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL. PARENTS WILL NEED PROOF OF THE CHILD'S BIRTH DATE... IMMUNIZATION RECORDS... AND LEGAL PROOF OF D-C RESIDENCY.

11PM - 9/8

A HANDFUL OF AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS COULD BE CONVERTED TO SECULAR CHARTER SCHOOLS, IF WASHINGTON'S CATHOLIC LEADER GETS HIS WAY.. ARCHBISHOP DONALD WUERL IS PROPOSING A PLAN TO TRANSFER POWER OF EIGHT OF THE DISTRICT'S 28 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TO THE CITY-- BECAUSE HE SAYS THE CHURCH CAN NO LONGER AFFORD TO OPERATE THEM.. THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WOULD RECEIVE OPERATING AND FACILITIES FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT... BUT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN THEIR BUILDINGS AND PAY RENT TO THE PARISHES.

EMPLOYMENT & ECONOMY

5AM - 7/13

THE OWNERS OF A WHEATON RESTAURANT ARE FACING FEDERAL CHARGES OF EMPLOYING AND HARBORING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.. MONEY LAUNDERING.. AND OTHER CRIMES. FRANCISCO, INES, CONSUELO, AND JUAN SOLANO WERE ARRESTED YESTERDAY. THEY OWN THE "EL POLLO RICO" RESTAURANT. PROSECUTORS SAY THEY EMPLOYED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.. PAYING THEM IN CASH UNTIL THE EMPLOYEES OBTAINED TEMPORARY STATUS.

6AM - 7/10

MARYLAND GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY IS EXPECTED TO UNVEIL BUDGET CUTS IN ANNAPOLIS TODAY. THE CUTS REPORTEDLY INCLUDE MOSTLY VACANT STATE JOBS AND LOWER MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS. UNIONIZED STATE WORKERS PLAN TO PROTEST THE CUTS. REPUBLICANS SAY O'MALLEY WILL USE THE CUTS TO BUILD A CASE FOR A TAX HIKE.

6AM - 9/11

STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS IN MARYLAND WANT TO ASK THE ARMY TO SHARE IN SOME OF THE COSTS OF ROAD AND TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS AS THOUSANDS OF NEW JOBS COME AROUND FORT MEADE AND THE ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND. OFFICIALS SAY NEW PRIVATE OFFICES AND RESEARCH FACILITIES WILL BE BUILT ON FEDERAL LAND. THAT MEANS DEVELOPERS WON'T PAY TAXES THAT WOULD NORMALLY OFFSET TRANSPORTATION UPGRADES.

12PM - 9/18

AS YOU CAN SEE.. STOCKS ARE EDGING HIGHER, ANTICIPATING THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S MOVE TODAY. THE FED IS EXPECTED TO CUT THE KEY FEDERAL FUNDS INTEREST RATE BY AT LEAST A QUARTER OF A POINT. IF SO, IT WILL BE THE FIRST CUT IN FOUR YEARS.. AND IT WOULD MAKE IT LESS EXPENSIVE FOR PEOPLE TO FINANCE CERTAIN CREDIT CARDS OR TO TAKE OUT HOME EQUITY LINES OF CREDIT.

6PM - 7/21

AND IN THE DISTRICT, OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING TWO POSSIBLE SITES FOR A DAY-LABOR CENTER. BOTH ARE NEAR THE HOME DEPOT IN BRENTWOOD, NORTHEAST WHERE MEN GATHER OUTSIDE LOOKING FOR WORK. BUT SOME RESIDENTS ARE OPPOSED, ACCUSING THEM OF DRINKING ON STREET CORNERS, RELIEVING THEMSELVES ON WALLS AND SLEEPING UNDER PORCHES. THE CENTER WOULD PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

6:30PM - 9/2

THE WASHINGTON REGION'S STATURE AS THE SO-CALLED EGGHEAD CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY... HAS BOOSTED THE MEDIAN INCOME OF ALL ETHNIC GROUPS TO AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE NATION.. THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEW CENSUS FIGURES, RELEASED LAST WEEK. WASHINGTON RANKS FIRST NATIONALLY IN MEDIAN INCOME AMONG BLACKS AND NON-HISPANIC WHITES... AND THE REGION'S HISPANIC AND ASIAN POPULATIONS RANK SECOND... DEMOGRAPHERS SAY THE AREA'S PLETHORA OF GOVERNMENT JOBS HAS CREATED A *KNOWLEDGE ECONOMY*--- A SITUATION THEY SAY CAN BE CREDITED FOR PUSHING MEDIAN INCOMES INTO THE HIGHER BRACKETS.

11PM - 7/10

NEW TONIGHT, MORE THAN 35-HUNDRED DISTRICT RESIDENTS TURNED OUT FOR A JOB FAIR AT THE WASHINGTON CONVENTION CENTER. THEY WERE GREETED BY MORE THAN ONE-HUNDRED POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS. D-C DELEGATE ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON HELPED ORGANIZE TODAY'S EVENT.

11PM - 8/28

D-C'S FORMER TOP COP COULD BECOME BALTIMORE'S NEW POLICE CHIEF. BALTIMORE MEDIA SOURCES REPORT THAT CHARLES RAMSEY IS ONE OF TWO FINALISTS FOR THE JOB. RAMSEY STEPPED DOWN FROM HIS DISTRICT POST IN DECEMBER... SOON AFTER MAYOR ADRIAN FENTY WAS ELECTED

FAMILY ISSUES

5AM - 8/28

A NEW STUDY FINDS THAT TREATING WOMEN WHO DEVELOP DIABETES DURING PREGNANCY.. GREATLY REDUCES THE CHANCE THAT THEIR BABY WILL BECOME OBESE DURING CHILDHOOD. RESEARCHERS SAY UNTREATED HIGH BLOOD SUGAR NEARLY DOUBLES THE CHILD'S RISK OF BECOMING OVERWEIGHT. BUT THE HIGHER RISK DISAPPEARED WHEN THE MOTHER FOLLOWED A SPECIAL DIET, EXERCISED, OR WAS GIVEN INSULIN.

6AM - 8/17

THE DISTRICT IS OFFERING A WEEK-LONG AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR PARENTS WHO ARE BEHIND IN THEIR CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS. THE PROGRAM STARTS TOMORROW. PARENTS WHO ARE FACING LEGAL ACTION CAN GO TO THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION ON FOURTH STREET, NORTHWEST.. AND MAKE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE PROGRAM RUNS THROUGH AUGUST 25TH.

12PM - 8/1

DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS ARE JOINING FORCES TO EXPAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE. A SIXTY-BILLION-DOLLAR MEASURE IS EXPECTED TO PASS THE SENATE THIS WEEK. REPUBLICANS ARE TRYING TO DRUM-UP ENOUGH VOTES TO OVERRIDE THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISED VETO. CONSERVATIVES ALSO OPPOSE THE PLAN, SAYING IT WILL CREATE A NEW KIND OF WELFARE FOR MIDDLE-CLASS HOUSEHOLDS.

12PM - 9/4

AREA NANNIES ARE FORMING A COALITION IN AN EFFORT TO GET FAIR WAGES AND BENEFITS. NANNIES SAY THEIR PAY SCALES AND WORKING CONDITIONS VARY WIDELY, AND THEY'D LIKE SOME CONSISTENCY. COALITION MEMBERS - WHO ARE FOCUSING THEIR EFFORTS ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY - SAY THEY WANT A "BILL OF RIGHTS" THAT INCLUDES A MINIMUM WAGE, PAID VACATION, SICK LEAVE, OVERTIME PAY, AND A NOTICE BEFORE BEING FIRED.

5PM - 8/17

NURSING MOTHERS WHO TAKE CODEINE SHOULD PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THEIR INFANTS FOR SIGNS OF INCREASED SLEEPINESS. THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION WARNS SOME NURSING MOMS CONVERT THE CODEINE TO MORPHINE MORE RAPIDLY AND COMPLETELY THAN OTHERS. THAT CAN LEAD TO HIGH MORPHINE LEVELS IN THE WOMAN'S BREAST MILK. THE F-D-A SAYS DOCTORS SHOULD PRESCRIBE NURSING MOTHERS THE SMALLEST DOSE OF CODEINE FOR THE SHORTEST PERIOD OF TIME.

5PM - 8/17

TOYS "R" US HAS STOPPED SELLING ITS STORE-BRAND VINYL BIBS--- FOLLOWING REPORTS THEY CONTAIN HIGH LEVELS OF LEAD. THE BIBS WERE SOLD UNDER THE "ESPECIALLY FOR BABY," "KOALA BABY," AND "DISNEY" BABY LABELS. ANYONE WHO PURCHASED THE BIBS MAY RETURN THEM TO TOYS "R" US FOR A REFUND. AND THE STORE IS IMPLEMENTING A NEW POLICY WITH A STRICTER STANDARD ON THE AMOUNT OF LEAD ALLOWED IN THE PRODUCTS IT SELLS.

11PM - 8/6

NEW TONIGHT... VIRGINIA IS NOW TRYING TO CATCH DEADBEAT PARENTS THROUGH THEIR CELL PHONES. THE COMMONWEALTH IS ONE OF THE FIRST STATES TO SUBPOENA THE CELL PHONE RECORDS OF PEOPLE WHO AREN'T PAYING CHILD SUPPORT. TWO-HUNDRED-SIXTY-EIGHT-THOUSAND VIRGINIA PARENTS OWE MORE THAN TWO-BILLION DOLLARS. SEVEN OF THE NATION'S LARGEST CELL PHONE PROVIDERS ARE NOW HANDING OVER THEIR RECORDS.

ELDERLY & AGING

5PM - 8/30

SIX PATIENTS AT A HERNDON NURSING HOME ARE IN STABLE CONDITION TONIGHT AFTER A POWER FAILURE THERE. THE POWER FAILURE AFFECTED THE CAMERON GLENN NURSING HOME AND SOME SURROUNDING BUILDINGS THIS MORNING. THE NURSING HOME'S BACKUP GENERATOR KICKED ON INITIALLY AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY FAILED. THE SIX PATIENTS WERE MANUALLY VENTILATED BY FIREFIGHTERS UNTIL THEY WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITAL. THE BACKUP GENERATOR WAS RESTARTED AND ADDITIONAL GENERATORS WERE BROUGHT IN.

6PM - 7/2

A FALLS CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD IS ON ALERT AFTER SOMEONE ROBBED AND SEXUALLY ASSAULTED A 74-YEAR-OLD WOMAN. IT HAPPENED EARLY SUNDAY MORNING ON LARCHWOOD ROAD. POLICE SAY THE VICTIM WOKE UP TO FIND THE MAN IN HER BEDROOM. HE DEMANDED MONEY AND ASSAULTED HER BEFORE FLEEING. OFFICIALS DID AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE AREA BUT HAVE NOT FOUND THE SUSPECT.

6PM - 7/11

AND IN GLENN DALE, MARYLAND TODAY, A CLOSE CALL FOR ONE ELDERLY WOMAN. AS THE 82-YEAR OLD WOMAN WAS BACKING INTO HER GARAGE, HER FOOT SLIPPED OFF THE BRAKE AND HIT THE GAS. THE BUICK CRASHED THROUGH THE WINDOW OF HER HOME. THE WOMAN WAS NOT HURT, JUST SHAKEN UP. THERE WAS NO MAJOR STRUCTURAL DAMAGE DONE TO THE HOME.

11PM - 9/4

FAMILY MEMBERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A MISSING ELDERLY MAN IN LANHAM, MARYLAND. 75-YEAR OLD WALDIR PEDERSOLI HAS ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE. HE WANDERED AWAY FROM HIS HOME TEN DAYS AGO... WITHOUT MONEY OR IDENTIFICATION. FAMILY MEMBERS SAY PEDERSOLI NEEDS SEVERAL PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.