

# FCC REPORT

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2012

Crime & Violence

7/1 - 9/30

4:30AM - 8/7

THE U.S. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S THIRD ANNUAL BULLYING PREVENTION SUMMIT WRAPS UP TODAY IN NORTHWEST D.C. THE SUMMIT IS FOCUSED ON ENSURING THAT FEDERAL ANTI-BULLYING EFFORTS ARE COORDINATED.. AND BASED ON THE BEST AVAILABLE RESEARCH. TODAY.. LADY GAGA'S MOTHER WILL TAKE PART IN A PANEL DISCUSSION. OTHER SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE U.S. EDUCATION SECRETARY ARNE DUNCAN.. AND MARYLAND FIRST LADY KATIE O'MALLEY.

5AM - 8/23

WASHINGTON DC GUARDIAN ANGELS WILL ADD FOOT PATROLS ON CAPITOL HILL AROUND THE EASTERN MARKET AREA. THIS IS PROMPT BECAUSE OF THE 64% JUMP IN CRIME IN THE AREA AND AFTER A SAVAGE ATTACK IN A CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD OVER THE WEEKEND THAT LEFT A 29-YEAR-OLD MAN IN A COMA. GUARDIAN ANGELS WILL ALSO HAVE FOOT PATROLS IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT AREA BECAUSE OF A SPATE OF ROBBERIES. THERE HAS BEEN OVER 70 ROBBERIES THROUGHOUT THE FOURTH DISTRICT IN THE LAST 30 DAYS, WHILE PATROLLING THE AREA IF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS SEE AN ATTACK ON SOMEONE OR ANY CRIME IN PROGRESS. WE WILL JUMP INTO ACTION TO MAKE ARRESTS AND WILL DETAIN SUSPECTS FOR POLICE. GUARDIAN ANGELS PATROLS WILL START TODAY.

5AM - 8/30

CRIME IN MARYLAND IS NOW AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE THE F-B-I BEGAN TRACKING NATIONAL CRIME DATA IN 1975. GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY RELEASED CRIME DATA FROM LAST YEAR. AND IT SHOWS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED CRIMES WAS DOWN NEARLY FIVE-PERCENT FROM 2010. OFFICIALS SAY COORDINATED EFFORTS TO TARGET AND LOCK UP CAREER CRIMINALS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECREASE.

6AM - 7/12

THE F-B-I IS NOW INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE MURDER OF A VIRGINIA NEWSPAPER REPORTER. SARAH GREENHALGH'S {GREEN-HALL} BODY WAS FOUND MONDAY AFTER A SUSPICIOUS FIRE AT HER UPPERVILLE HOME. HER DEATH WAS RULED A HOMICIDE. INVESTIGATORS GOT A WARRANT TO SEARCH A GAINESVILLE MAN'S APARTMENT AFTER A POST ON HER FACEBOOK PAGE SUNDAY NIGHT. A WOMAN SAYS SHE SAW GREENHALGH AND THE MAN ARGUING ON SUNDAY.

6AM - 8/10

CHECKING NEWS AROUND THE REGION: ARLINGTON POLICE AND RESIDENTS WANT TO KNOW IF A RECENT UPTICK IN VIOLENT CRIME IS PART OF A TREND. THIS COMES AFTER A MAN WAS CRITICALLY INJURED WHEN HE WAS STABBED OUTSIDE A

RESTAURANT ON WILSON BOULEVARD IN CLARENDON. POLICE ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR HIS ATTACKER. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUR MURDERS IN ARLINGTON IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. BUT SOME RESIDENTS DON'T BELIEVE THE CRIME RATE IS GETTING WORSE.

12PM - 7/24

METROPOLITAN POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A POSSIBLE HATE CRIME IN A NORTHEAST D-C NEIGHBORHOOD. MICHAEL ROIKE {ROY-KEY} SAYS HE AND HIS PARTNER -- MICHAEL HALL -- WERE WALKING ALONG THIRD STREET EARLY SUNDAY MORNING WHEN THREE PEOPLE STARTED YELLING ANTI-GAY SLURS AT THEM. THE INSULTS THEN TURNED TO PUNCHES AND KICKS.ROIKE SAYS THEY WERE BEATEN UNTIL A NEIGHBORS SCREAM SCARED AWAY THEIR ATTACKERS.

5PM - 7/16

AN ARMED ROBBERY IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TOOK A DEADLY TURN. WHEN MASKED MEN HELD UP A CAR IN CAPITOL HEIGHTS EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING, THEY ORDERED PEOPLE IN THE VEHICLE TO GET OUT AND LAY ON THE GROUND. THE DRIVER OF THE CAR WAS STILL INSIDE, GOT SCARED AND ACCIDENTALLY DROVE OVER ONE OF HIS FRIENDS... KILLING HIM. POLICE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR THE THREE SUSPECTS.

6PM - 7/14

HE HAD A GUN, DEMANDED CASH AND THEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED HIS VICTIM.NOW D-C POLICE HOPE AN IMAGE FROM AN A-T-M SURVEILLANCE CAMERA WILL HELP THEM TRACK THIS GUY DOWN.THIS HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 5 ON THURSDAY MORNING IN SOUTHEAST.THE FEMALE VICTIM SAYS SHE WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW MONEY AT GUNPOINT, AND THEN ASSAULTED.POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT WAS LAST SEEN NEAR GOOD HOPE ROAD.IF YOU CAN HELP IDENTIFY THIS GUY GIVE D-C POLICE A CALL.

11PM - 9/29

A CORPORAL WITH SAINT MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAS BEEN PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE...AFTER A DEADLY OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE TWO THIS MORNING AT A HOME ON SUGAR MAPLE COURT IN CALIFORNIA, MARYLAND. INVESTIGATORS SAY STEPHEN WYCOFF CONFRONTED DEPUTIES AND A VIOLENT STRUGGLE FOLLOWED. THAT'S WHEN CORPORAL MICHAEL GEORGE SHOT AND KILLED WYCOFF. CORPORAL GEORGE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

## Local Government

7/1 - 9/30

4:30AM - 7/4

VIRGINIA IS REMEMBERING THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN ELECTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. STATE SENATOR YVONNE MILLER DIED YESTERDAY FROM CANCER IN NORFOLK. SHE WAS 77-YEARS-OLD THE FORMER TEACHER WAS ELECTED TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN 19-83... AND TO THE SENATE FOUR YEARS LATER. MILLER WAS KNOWN AS AN OUTSPOKEN ADVOCATE FOR VIRGINIA'S POOR AND MINORITY RESIDENTS.

4:30AM - 7/10

THE DISTRICT IS SET TO MAKE A MAJOR DECISION ON IMMIGRATION TODAY. D-C COUNCIL PASSED EMERGENCY LEGISLATION LAST MONTH TO STOP THE FORCED FEDERAL ACTIVATION OF THE "SECURE COMMUNITIES" DEPORTATION PROGRAM. THIS MORNING THE CITY COUNCIL WILL CAST THE FINAL VOTE TO MAKE THAT LEGISLATION PERMANENT. IT WILL LIMIT THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SPENDS DISTRICT MONEY ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT. COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER RESUMING BREATH TESTING ON SUSPECTED DRUNK DRIVERS NEXT MONTH.

4:30AM - 7/12

THE D.C. COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE AT 10 THIS MORNING.. ON TRUANCY REDUCTION IN THE D.C. SCHOOL SYSTEM. AT 11 THIS MORNING.. THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ALCOHOL-RELATED BILL. UNDER THE PROPOSAL, STORES WITH CLASS-A LICENSES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SELL HARD LIQUOR ON SUNDAYS, AS WELL AS BEER AND WINE. THE SALES TAX REVENUE GENERATED WOULD HELP REDUCE D.C.'S BUDGET DEFICIT.

5AM -8/8

TURNING TO THE 20-12 CAMPAIGN... MARYLAND RESIDENTS CAN NOW REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE. THE STATE'S NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION SYSTEM HAS BEEN AVAILABLE SINCE JULY NINTH. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED THE SYSTEM LAST YEAR. MARYLAND RESIDENTS HAVE UNTIL OCTOBER 16TH TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. THE NEW ONLINE SYSTEM ALLOWS THEM TO REGISTER UNTIL NINE P-M THAT NIGHT.

5AM - 8/27

A D.C. TASK FORCE IS LOOKING INTO WHETHER TO LOWER FINES FOR TRAFFIC CAMERA TICKETS. COUNCIL MEMBER MARY CHEH TELLS WTOP, SHE WANTS TO KNOW IF INCREASED FINES HAVE LED TO FEWER PEOPLE SPEEDING OR RUNNING RED LIGHTS. THE PENALTY FOR RUNNING A RED LIGHT IS 150 DOLLARS. GETTING CAUGHT BY A SPEED CAMERA CAN COST UP TO 250 DOLLARS. THE TASK FORCE IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD MEETINGS THIS WEEK. THE REVIEW PROCESS COULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS.

6AM - 7/19

NOW TO THE AFTERMATH OF LAST MONTH'S DERECHO... THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A DEBRIEFING TODAY ON PEPSCO'S RESPONSE TO THE STORM. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS WERE WITHOUT POWER FOR

DAYS. THE HEAD OF THE MARYLAND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WILL TALK WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOUT PEPSCO'S PERFORMANCE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN ATTEND THE EVENT... BUT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SPEAK. COMING UP WE'LL TALK TO ONE COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO PLANS TO BE AT THAT HEARING. SHE'S ALSO COME UP WITH A PRETTY CREATIVE SONG ABOUT HER TRUE FEELINGS FOR PEPSCO. WE'LL HAVE THAT FOR YOU AT 6:30.

6AM - 9/19

THE D-C CITY COUNCIL IS BACK AFTER A TWO-MONTH RECESS, AND IS CONSIDERING A CHANGE TO THE DISTRICT'S RECKLESS DRIVING PENALTIES. UNLIKE OTHER STATES, THE CURRENT PENALTY IN D-C IS AN AUTOMATIC REVOCATION OF A PERSON'S LICENSE FOR RECKLESS DRIVING. A BILL BEING CONSIDERED AT TODAY'S LEGISLATION IS LOOKING TO LIGHTEN THAT TO A FINE, AND POINTS ON THE DRIVER'S LICENSE.

12PM - 7/17

STYROFOAM COULD SOON BE A RELIC OF THE PAST IN A MARYLAND COUNTY. THIS AFTERNOON THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS A BAN ON STYROFOAM PLATES AND CUPS IN COUNTY CAFETERIAS. THE MATERIAL, ALSO KNOWN AS POLYSTYRENE, IS NOTORIOUS FOR TAKING YEARS TO DEGRADE.

12PM - 8/28

A NEW SPORTS ARENA COULD BE ON ITS WAY TO VIRGINIA BEACH. COMCAST-SPECTACOR IS A SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY BASED IN PHILADELPHIA. IT'S PRESENTING A PROPOSAL FOR THE ARENA TO THE VIRGINIA BEACH CITY COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON. COMCAST-SPECTACOR OWNS THE HOCKEY TEAM THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS, AND COULD BE LOOKING TO BRING A PROFESSIONAL FRANCHISE TO VIRGINIA BEACH.

6PM - 7/24

THE FUTURE OF A PROPOSED GAS STATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY REMAINS UNCLEAR. TODAY THE COUNTY COUNCIL VOTED ON A MEASURE THAT WOULD CREATE A BUFFER BETWEEN MEGA GAS STATIONS AND SCHOOLS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES. THE CONTROVERSY STEMS FROM PLANS TO BUILD A GAS STATION AT A COSTCO ON VEIRS MILL ROAD IN WHEATON. NOW COSTCO OFFICIALS NEED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE VOTE MEANS FOR THE FUTURE OF A STATION THERE.

## Substance Abuse

7/1 - 9/30

5AM - 8/1

PEOPLE CONVICTED OF DRUNK DRIVING IN D-C WILL NOW FACE TOUGHER PENALTIES. UNDER A NEW LAW THAT TAKES EFFECT TODAY... FIRST-TIME OFFENDERS COULD SPEND UP TO SIX-MONTHS IN JAIL AND FACE A THOUSAND-DOLLAR FINE. MANDATORY SENTENCES FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS HAVE DOUBLED. BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMITS FOR COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS ARE NOW SET AT POINT-0H-FOUR PERCENT. AND PEOPLE CAUGHT WITH KIDS IN THEIR CARS FACE A MANDATORY FIVE-DAY JAIL SENTENCE. D-C IS ALSO EXPECTED TO RE-START ITS REVAMPED BREATHALYZER PROGRAM SOON.

5AM - 8/28

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE NOW. PEOPLE WHO ROUTINELY SMOKE MARIJUANA BEFORE AGE 18 RISK A LONG-TERM DROP IN THEIR I.Q. THAT'S THE FINDING OF A NEW STUDY. BUT THE RESEARCHERS DIDN'T FIND THE SAME I.Q. DIP FOR THOSE WHO BECAME FREQUENT USERS "AFTER" AGE 18. EXPERTS SAY THE FINDINGS FIT IN WITH EARLIER SIGNS THAT THE DRUG IS ESPECIALLY HARMFUL TO THE DEVELOPING BRAIN. THE LEAD RESEARCHER FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY SAYS PARENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND, THEIR ADOLESCENTS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE.

6AM - 9/26

D.C. POLICE WILL RESUME THEIR BREATH ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM, BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY. BREATHALYZER TESTS WERE SUSPENDED IN 20-10, AFTER INACCURATELY CALIBRATED EQUIPMENT CALLED HUNDREDS OF D-U-I CONVICTIONS INTO QUESTION. THE DEPARTMENT NOW HAS "NEW" EQUIPMENT. AS OF AUGUST FIRST, TOUGHER PENALTIES ARE IN EFFECT IN D.C. FOR PEOPLE CAUGHT DRIVING DRUNK.

12PM - 7/5

PEOPLE WHO CELEBRATED INDEPENDENCE DAY A LITTLE TOO MUCH LAST NIGHT GOT A FREE RIDE HOME COURTESY OF SOBER RIDE. THE "WASHINGTON REGIONAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM" SPONSORS THE PROGRAM. A SPOKESPERSON SAYS SOBER RIDE PROVIDED 215 FREE CAB RIDES BETWEEN LAST NIGHT AND EARLY THIS MORNING.

6AM - 8/23

A MARYLAND LAWMAKER ADMITS HE WAS DRINKING ALCOHOL BEFORE A SUNDAY BOAT CRASH IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THAT INJURED HIM AND FIVE OTHERS. DELEGATE DON DWYER SAYS HE WAS OPERATING ONE OF TWO BOATS INVOLVED IN A COLLISION ON THE MAGOTHY RIVER, AROUND SEVEN SUNDAY NIGHT. RANDY HARBIN, OPERATING THE OTHER BOAT, SAYS NEIGHBORS RESCUED HIS THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO OTHER YOUNGSTERS ON-BOARD. ONE CHILD HAD A SKULL FRACTURE, THE OTHER, A BROKEN ARM. DWYER SAYS HE REGRETS HIS ACTIONS--- SO FAR, NO CHARGES ARE FILED.

## Housing & Homelessness

7/1 - 9/30

4:30AM - 9/6

SEVERAL DOGS LEFT HOMELESS AFTER HURRICANE ISAAC ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL TODAY. THE WASHINGTON ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE SAYS IT WILL TAKE IN NINE DOGS FROM HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI. FOUR OF THEM ARE PUPPIES. THE LEAGUE SAYS THREE OF THE DOGS HAVE HEARTWORM AND WILL UNDERGO TREATMENT AT THE LEAGUE'S MEDICAL CENTER.

6AM - 7/10

THE D.C. COUNCIL COULD VOTE TODAY.. ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ALLOW DEVELOPERS TO BUILD HOUSING WITHOUT THE PROMISE OF PARKING. UNDER THE MEASURE, THE CITY COULD DENY THOSE RESIDENTS A ZONED RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT.. THAT LETS PEOPLE PARK LONGER THAN THE TWO-HOUR POSTED SIGNS.

12PM - 8/29

IT WAS A BIG MORNING FOR SOME CHILDREN IN OUR AREA. THE FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TREATED 25 HOMELESS CHILDREN TO A SHOPPING SPREE FOR CLOTHING AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT TARGET. THIS IS THE 19TH YEAR THE SHOP WITH A SHERIFF PROGRAM HAS PARTNERED WITH THE RETAIL GIANT. THE CHILDREN ALL CURRENTLY LIVE IN SHELTERS, AND THIS MORNING, EACH WAS PAIRED WITH A DEPUTY AND GIVEN A 325 DOLLAR GIFT CERTIFICATE TO GET READY FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR.

5PM - 9/11

MORE THAN 250 D-C RESIDENTS, VETERANS, AND VOLUNTEERS PITCHED IN TODAY TO BRIGHTEN UP A LOW-INCOME HOUSING COMMUNITY. IT WAS PART OF A SEPTEMBER 11TH COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE PROJECT IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LED BY A U-S ARMY VETERAN WHO SERVED IN IRAQ. THE VOLUNTEERS WORKED ON LANDSCAPING, PLANTED FLOWERS, AND PAINTED COMMUNITY ROOMS AT THE EAST AVENUE APARTMENTS.

11PM - 8/26

ALSO NEW AT ELEVEN. SHE SERVED HER COUNTRY BUT LATER BECAME HOMELESS. TONIGHT A MARYLAND VETERAN HAS A NEW PLACE TO LIVE THANKS TO HELP SHE RECEIVED FROM A GROUP CALLED THE RESOURCE FOUNDATION FOR WOMEN VETERANS. DARLENE DAVIS IS A SINGLE MOTHER OF TWO. SHE LOST HER HOME TO FORECLOSURE A WHILE BACK AND BECAME HOMELESS. SHE CONTACTED THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION WHO EVENTUALLY PUT HER IN TOUCH WITH WANDA PETTY WHO IS WITH THE RESOURCE FOUNDATION. ON FRIDAY, DAVIS MOVED INTO HER NEW HOME IN LANHAM:

## Health & Health Care-

7/1- 9/30

4:30PM - 9/10

TONIGHT, LOUDOUN COUNTY SUPERVISORS WILL CONSIDER A TARGETED SPRAYING PROGRAM, TO HELP FIGHT LYME DISEASE. OFFICIALS SAY IN THE PAST, SPRAYING HAS PROVEN EFFECTIVE AGAINST TICKS THAT "CARRY" THE DISEASE. BUT SOME PARENTS WORRY ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS INSECTICIDES MIGHT HAVE ON CHILDREN. UNDER THE PROPOSAL, HIGH-RISK AREAS OF COUNTY PROPERTY WOULD BE SPRAYED.

5AM - 8/23

IN BACK TO SCHOOL NEWS.. THREE OUT OF FIVE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN MARYLAND SAY THEY HAVE STUDENTS WHO REGULARLY COME TO SCHOOL HUNGRY. THAT'S ACCORDING TO A NEW NATIONAL SURVEY. THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND STUDENTS WHO ARE HUNGRY HAVE LOWER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND SUFFER FROM HEALTH ISSUES AND BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION ARNE DUNCAN IS MEETING WITH MARYLAND OFFICIALS THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE GROWING PROBLEM OF HUNGER IN THE CLASSROOM.

5AM - 9/26

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO SET UP A COLLABORATIVE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW PARTNERSHIP WOULD ENABLE STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT THE COLLEGE PARK AND BALTIMORE CAMPUSES TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER. IF APPROVED, THE FIRST DEGREES COULD BE AWARDED IN 20-14. THE JOINT EFFORT COMES AFTER REGENTS REJECTED A PROPOSAL TO MERGE THE COLLEGE PARK AND BALTIMORE CAMPUSES.

6AM - 8/2

CHECKING NEWS AROUND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY: MARYLAND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ANTHONY BROWN WILL BE IN OXON HILL TONIGHT FOR A FORUM ON IMPROVING HEALTH CARE IN UNDER-SERVED AREAS. THE FORUM WILL FOCUS ON "HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES." THEY'RE MEANT TO ENHANCE HEALTH SERVICES AND REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES THROUGH INCENTIVES SUCH AS TAX BREAKS FOR DOCTORS WHO WORK IN THOSE AREAS.

6PM - 7/19

GROWING CONCERNS IN THE DISTRICT TONIGHT, ABOUT THE SPREAD OF H-I-V AMONG PROSTITUTES WHO ARE RELUCTANT TO USE CONDOMS. A NEW REPORT BY THE GROUP 'HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH' SAYS THE DISTRICT, AND OTHER CITIES, HAVE DISTRIBUTED MILLIONS OF CONDOMS. THE GROUP SAYS POLICE USE THE CONTRACEPTIVES AS EVIDENCE, SO SEX WORKERS OFTEN DON'T WANT TO USE THEM. THE D-C HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND DISTRICT RESIDENTS HAVE H-I-V OR AIDS, THE HIGHEST RATE IN THE COUNTRY.

6PM - 9/6

D-C HEALTH OFFICIALS TONIGHT ARE CONFIRMING THE CITY'S FIRST DEATH FROM WEST NILE VIRUS. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAYS THE VICTIM WAS AN ELDERLY MAN FROM NORTHEAST WASHINGTON. AUTHORITIES ALSO SAY AN ELDERLY WOMAN FROM SOUTHEAST HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED WITH WEST NILE. MARYLAND HEALTH OFFICIALS REPORTED THE STATE'S FIRST DEATH FROM THE MOSQUITO-BORNE VIRUS LAST WEEK. NO DEATHS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN VIRGINIA.

11PM - 9/11

SEVEN IS ON YOUR SIDE TONIGHT-- AS CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE LISTERIA CONTAMINATION HAS LED TO A CHEESE RECALL. "FOREVER CHEESE" IS RECALLING "RICOTTA SALATA FRESCOLINA" BRAND CHEESE WITH THE LOT NUMBER "T-9425" AND PRODUCT CODE "441-202." THE CHEESE WAS SOLD IN SEVERAL STATES, INCLUDING MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA, AND THE DISTRICT. HEALTH OFFICIALS ADVISE PEOPLE TO CLEAN SURFACES SUCH AS CUTTING BOARDS THAT MAY HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE CHEESE.

Racial, Ethnic, Religious & Sexual

7/1 - 9/30

4:30AM - 8/2

THERE'S A NEW LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTROVERSY OVER CHICK-FIL-A. LOCAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS ARE STANDING UP FOR THEIR BELIEFS THAT MARRIAGE SHOULD BE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN. YESTERDAY WAS CHICK-FIL-A APPRECIATION DAY. THE CHAIN'S RESTAURANTS WERE PACKED.. AS PEOPLE SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE COMPANY'S POSITION AGAINST SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. SOME LOCAL PASTORS SAY THEY'RE OUTRAGED THAT D.C. MAYOR VINCENT GRAY POSTED A TWEET AGAINST THE CHAIN.. WITH THE HASHTAG, "HATE CHICKEN." THEY WANT HIM TO APOLOGIZE.

4:30AM - 8/10

D-C'S GAY AND LESBIAN COMMUNITY TOOK A STAND AFTER A VIOLENT ATTACK ON A SAME-SEX COUPLE. DOZENS OF PEOPLE MARCHED TO THE SPOT IN NORTHEAST D-C WHERE YOGA INSTRUCTOR MICHAEL HALL AND HIS PARTNER WERE BEATEN WHILE WALKING LAST MONTH. ORGANIZERS OF LAST NIGHT'S RALLY SAY THERE HAS BEEN A HUGE INCREASE IN ATTACKS ON MEMBERS OF THE L-G-B-T COMMUNITY. CITY LEADERS CAME OUT TO TELL SUPPORTERS THEY'RE WORKING TOWARD A STRONGER COMMUNITY.

6AM - 9/21

GAY MARRIAGE SUPPORTERS IN MARYLAND GET HELP FROM SOME WELL-KNOWN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MINISTERS. REVEREND AL SHARPTON AND OTHER MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT DURING AN EVENT IN D-C TODAY. MARYLAND LAWMAKERS VOTED TO LEGALIZE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

OPPONENTS GOT ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO PUT A REFERENDUM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. THIS COMES AS ANOTHER GROUP OF BLACK MINISTERS IS SET TO LAUNCH A NEW FIGHT \*AGAINST\* GAY MARRIAGE.

5PM - 8/8

O'MALLEY'S OFFICE TOLD US: The Governor believes that voters will choose equal rights and religious freedom at the polls in November as this issue continues to gain support in our State. ALSO TODAY, MARYLAND'S COMPTROLLER SENT LETTERS TO THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT THE SPECIAL SESSION AND EXPANDING GAMBLING IN MARYLAND. THAT SESSION IS SET TO BEGIN TOMORROW.

## Employment & Economy

7/1 - 9/30

6AM - 8/28

A NEW CURVE IN IN THE SHOWDOWN OVER GAMBLING IN MARYLAND. M-G-M RESORTS FORKED OVER MORE THAN TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO CONVINCED VOTERS TO LET IT OPEN A NEW CASINO AT NATIONAL HARBOR. THE LAS VEGAS CASINO OPERATOR RECENTLY GAVE TWO-POINT-THREE MILLION DOLLARS TO THE GROUP, "FOR MARYLAND JOBS AND SCHOOLS." THE GROUP SUPPORTS THE BALLOT MEASURE THAT WOULD LEGALIZE GAMBLING IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AND TABLE GAMES STATEWIDE. LAWMAKERS PASSED THE PROPOSALS DURING A SPECIAL SESSION EARLIER THIS MONTH.

12PM - 8/13

A BIG PUSH IS UNDERWAY THIS NOON TO HELP VETERANS FIND JOBS. THE U-S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS HOLDING ITS "HIRING OUR HEROES" JOB FAIR IN QUANTICO. THE FAIR BRINGS VETERANS TOGETHER WITH MORE THAN 50 EMPLOYERS. SERGEANT DAKOTA MEYER HELPED GET THE EVENT GOING. HE'S THE FIRST LIVING MARINE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, AND HE SAYS THE FAIR HELPS NOT ONLY VETERANS, BUT THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL.

6PM - 7/12

MARYLAND RESIDENTS APPARENTLY STRONGLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF A CASINO IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY COMMISSIONED BY M-G-M HOTELS-- MANY VOTERS BELIEVE IT WILL CREATE JOBS AND INCREASE TAX REVENUE FOR MARYLAND... PRIMARILY FROM OUT OF STATE VISITORS. A CASINO PROPOSAL WAS PUT ON HOLD BY STATE LAWMAKERS LAST MONTH. OPPONENTS OF THE CASINO WORRY IT COULD HURT EXISTING BUSINESSES OR INCREASE CRIME.

6PM - 8/2

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF THE \*IMPACT\* EVALUATIONS PROGRAM. THEY DID NOT SCORE WELL IN THE PROGRAM WHICH DIRECTLY LINKS TEACHERS PAY AND JOB SECURITY TO THEIR CLASSROOM PERFORMANCES AND STUDENT SUCCESS. SOME CRITICS SAY THE \*\*IMPACT\* EVALUATIONS ARE TOO DEPENDENT ON TEST SCORES. D.C. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY RECENT REVISIONS HAVE REDUCED THOSE CONCERNS.

## Education

7/1 - 9/30

5AM - 7/18

MARYLAND STUDENTS TOP THE NATION IN IMPROVEMENT IN READING, SCIENCE, AND MATH PERFORMANCE.. ON A NATIONAL TEST. A STANFORD ECONOMIST AND A HARVARD EDUCATION POLICY EXPERT SURVEYED STUDENT PERFORMANCE BETWEEN 1995 AND 2009. TEST SCORES IN MARYLAND IMPROVED THE MOST DURING THAT TIME, FOLLOWED BY FLORIDA AND DELAWARE. VIRGINIA ALSO LANDED IN THE TOP 10.

5AM - 9/6

THE DISTRICT HAS NOT BEEN MAKING SURE THAT EMPLOYEES AT PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHERE SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE SENT PASS CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS. AN INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT SAYS SCHOOL OFFICIALS RELIED ON ASSURANCES FROM THOSE SCHOOLS THAT THE CHECKS WERE COMPLETED. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION TELLS THE EXAMINER HER AGENCY WOULD BEGIN REQUIRING COPIES OF BACKGROUND CHECKS DURING SITE VISITS THIS FALL.

6AM - 7/11

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SOME DISTRICT PARENTS ARE UP IN ARMS OVER PLANS TO CUT THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS. UNDER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM'S NEW POLICY... SCHOOLS WITH LESS THAN 300-STUDENTS WILL LOSE FUNDING FOR A LIBRARIAN. SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN 300-STUDENTS WILL KEEP THE FUNDING... BUT DON'T HAVE TO HIRE A LIBRARIAN. THE MOVE HAS ANGERED MANY PARENTS.

5PM - 8/8

THE RESULTS OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO CHEATING AT SOME D-C PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN 2010 HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL... WHILE THERE WAS NO "WIDESPREAD" CHEATING DISCOVERED... CHEATING WAS REPORTED AT THE NOYES EDUCATION CAMPUS. IN A STATEMENT, CHANCELLOR KAYA HENDERSON SAYS SHE IS DISAPPOINTED AND DISMAYED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE HANDFUL OF STAFF INVOLVED. HENDERSON ALSO SAID IT WILL TAKE TIME TO EVALUATE THE FULL REPORT.

## Family Issues

7/1 - 9/30

5AM - 7/23

A MASSIVE VOLUNTEER EFFORT MEANS BIG OUTDOOR FUN FOR SOME AREA KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. MORE THAN 150 VOLUNTEERS BUILT A NEW PLAYGROUND AT THE CHILDREN'S INN AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH TODAY -- AND THEY BUILT IT IN LESS THAN SIX HOURS! THE NEW PLAYGROUND IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT INCLUDES A SPIRAL SLIDE, SWINGS, AND PLENTY OF PLACES TO SIT AND RELAX.

6AM - 7/31

THE D-C REGION'S LARGEST FOOD BANK OPENS A NEW DISTRIBUTION CENTER TODAY. THE 37-MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY ON PUERTO RICO AVENUE IN NORTHEAST FEATURES A TEACHING KITCHEN, WAREHOUSE SPACE, AND 13-LOADING DOCKS. OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW CENTER IS NEEDED TO COMBAT A GROWING HUNGER CRISIS IN THE D-C AREA. THE FOOD BANK IS THE MAIN SUPPLIER FOR MORE THAN 700-FOOD PANTRIES AND NON-PROFITS THAT HELP THE NEEDY.

12PM - 8/17

THE COST OF CHILDCARE IS REACHING NEW HIGHS, DESPITE THE RECESSION. A REPORT FROM CHILD CARE AWARE OF AMERICA FOUND IN ALMOST HALF OF ALL STATES, CHILD CARE NOW COSTS MORE THAN RENT, JUMPING TWO-PERCENT IN THE LAST YEAR. IN D-C, CHILD CARE FOR AN INFANT COSTS, ON AVERAGE, 20-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. COMPARE THAT, TO THE AVERAGE RENT OF ABOUT 13-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR. IN MARYLAND, YOU'LL SAVE A LITTLE BIT, PAYING ABOUT 12-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR INFANT CARE, JUST A TOUCH UNDER THE COST OF RENT. VIRGINIA GETS OFF THE CHEAPEST IN OUR AREA, PAYING "ONLY" 10-THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR CHILD CARE.

12PM - 8/17

FOOD STAMPS WILL SOON BE ACCEPTED IN VIRGINIA'S FARMERS MARKETS.THE STATE IS GETTING MORE THAN 90-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS TO PUT ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER MACHINES IN FARMERS MARKETS.ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS CAN USE THE VOUCHERS TO PAY FOR FRESH PRODUCE AND EGGS AMONG OTHER THINGS.THE E-B-T MACHINES WILL ALSO TAKE DEBIT & CREDIT CARDS.

5PM - 7/5

PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR POWER ALSO LOST THEIR REFRIGERATED FOOD. AND THAT HAS CAUSED A MAJOR FOOD CRISIS IN SOME AREAS OF WEST VIRGINIA.FOLKS HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO EAT.SOME SAY THEY'VE GONE WITHOUT FOOD FOR DAYS. STATE FOOD BANKS HAVE RUN OUT OF NON-PERISHABLES.SO LOCAL CHARITIES ARE TRYING TO FILL THE VOID. YESTERDAY A TRUCK FULL OF FOOD AND WATER DROPPED OFF ITS SUPPLIES TO A SHELTER IN CHARLESTON.

5PM - 8/13

MORE TAX-FREE SHOPPING IS GOING ON IN OUR AREA....THIS TIME IN MARYLAND.TAX FREE SHOPPING IS IN MARYLAND JUST IN TIME FOR FAMILIES TO PREPARE FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL. FROM NOW UNTIL SATURDAY ALL CLOTHES, SHOES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES UNDER 100 DOLLARS WILL BE EXEMPT FROM THE SIX PERCENT STATE TAX.

## Elderly & Aging

7/1 - 9/30

5AM - 7/5

NEW THIS MORNING -- VIRGINIA STATE POLICE NEED YOUR HELP FINDING A MISSING ELDERLY WOMAN. 70-YEAR OLD HUILAN SONG WAS LAST SEEN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. WE'RE TOLD SHE SUFFERS FROM DEMENTIA, DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH AND OFFICERS FEAR FOR HER SAFETY. IF YOU HAVE SEEN HER, CALL POLICE.

5AM - 8/8

A MAN FACES UP TO 75-YEARS IN JAIL AFTER ADMITTING HE ASSAULTED AND BURGLARIZED TWO ELDERLY D-C RESIDENTS. THE WASHINGTON POST REPORTS ANTHONY FORD PLEADED GUILTY YESTERDAY TO CHARGES STEMMING FROM THE JUNE INCIDENTS. PROSECUTORS SAY HE ASSAULTED AND STOLE FROM A 91-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AT A BUILDING ON FLORIDA AVENUE, NORTHEAST... AND A 94-YEAR-OLD MAN AT A BUILDING ON G-STREET, SOUTHEAST. FORD WILL BE SENTENCED IN OCTOBER.

12PM - 9/21

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE ARE STEPPING UP ITS SEARCH FOR THE PERSON WHO BRUTALLY ATTACKED AN ELDERLY MAN. OFFICERS HANDED OUT FLYERS THIS MORNING IN THE 38-HUNDRED BLOCK OF BLADENSBURG ROAD IN COLMAR MANOR. INVESTIGATORS SAY THAT'S WHERE THE PERSON SEEN IN THIS SKETCH APPROACHED THE VICTIM LAST SATURDAY AT A BUS STOP. THE SUSPECT ALLEGEDLY ATTACKED THE MAN WITH A BASEBALL BAT WHILE TRYING TO ROB HIM.

11PM - 9/7

FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE HAVE CHARGED TWO PEOPLE AFTER AN APPARENT HOARDING CASE. POLICE SAY AN ELDERLY MAN AND WOMAN WERE CHARGED-- WITH ENDANGERING THEIR PETS-- DUE TO THE EXTREME NUMBER OF BELONGINGS INSIDE THEIR HOME. SIX LIVE CATS WERE ALSO REMOVED FROM THEIR TOWNHOUSE ON EIGHTH STREET IN ALEXANDRIA.