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Attached is a description of WJW Television news programming addressing the key concerns and issues of this community during the period of January 1, 2007 through March 31, 2007.

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WEATHER/LOCAL IMPACT

Issue: Cold and Snow
A prolonged period of unusually cold weather and some heavy snowfalls cause problems and prompt advice for coping.

News January 26, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:36 Local
There is a rash of accidents on slick roadways across Northeast Ohio. This time we weren't dealing with snow, it was ice. A number of drivers lost control on the ice, including a school bus driver. It started with a Cleveland school bus accident on 1-90, just before east 260th street in Euclid. The school bus driver spun out of control, hit a guard rail, and stopped, facing the wrong way on 1-90. 12 students and three faculty members from Horizon Science Academy, located right next door to Fox 8, were on the bus. One 12 year old girl was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. Just feet away from that accident, a maroon jeep spun out of control and hit the guardrail. Police say the accident was also weather related.

The ride home was also difficult for drivers on the west side. 1-480 westbound was backed up for miles. A car spun out of control and hit the wall, just west of the Rocky River Bridge. Traffic was backed up for miles. Drivers on 480 eastbound were also backed up for miles starting at Warrensville Center Road for the same reason.

Snow and ice are covering our roadways and just because the snow may let up, doesn't mean the danger is over. The roads looked a little deceiving this evening. They looked clear and in many places the snow had stopped. With all the ice you still need to take it easy.

News February 2, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:28 Local
The weather is only going to get worse through the weekend and into next week. Are you ready, and is your home ready? People start worrying about their pipes in weather like this. If you've ever had pipes burst due to the cold, you know how much damage can be done and how expensive the repairs can be. Today we talked with a local plumber who says there are some simple things you can do to keep him from coming to your home.

Roto Rooter's busy time is right after a deep freeze. The number one tip to avoid seeing them is to take your garden hose off the outside valve. If you have pipes in an old crawl space or that run along an outside wall, you can use thermal insulation. If you really have a house with a lot of outside wall pipes, you can. If you're planning on going on vacation this time of year never completely shut your heat off. The general rule is to keep it on and at the lowest 55 degrees to keep the lines from freezing. For more tips on ways to battle the cold, not just your home but everything from illness to hypothermia, log on to MyFoxCleveland.com.

News February 2, 2007 10:00PM TRT 3:15 Local
Our frigid weather nearly turned fatal for two fishermen who fell through the ice on a local lake. Tonight they're warning others about the danger. The U.S. Coast Guard says no ice is safe ice. These guys never believed that until they ended up on some very thin ice.

After a couple of hours of ice fishing on the Portage Lakes, two lifelong friends from Barberton head for the shore, unaware that a fresh coating of snow is hiding the danger beneath their feet. At one point, the two men say they felt like there was no hope, but each summoned enough energy for one more attempt to pull themselves from the water. After nearly drowning the two men say they are done with ice fishing and are warning others about the danger. They say if someone decides to go out on the ice, they need to wear a life jacket and carry rope and other safety equipment. They also believe that parents need to warn their children to stay off the ice, that it's never 100% safe.

News February 3, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:05 Local
The temperature is bitter cold. This is the type of cold that unless you really need something, you might want to put off running an errand. Even with the wind whipping up as it is that hasn't stopped folks from getting outside and doing some sledding at places like Edge Water Park. On Wallace Lake in Berea ice fishermen are camping out over top of a five inch ice shelf angling for

anything that will bite. While most people are busy staying out of the elements these outdoorsmen say it can't get cold enough to keep them away. The city of Cleveland is keeping its recreation centers open after hours tonight to give people a place to get out of the elements.

With the wind chill you shouldn't be outside for too long. If you are, you should make sure you dress properly. Fox 8 news reporter Gary Stromberg joins us live in Willoughby with the latest gear. This is all part of Winterfest at the Holden Arboretum in Kirtland. Last year at this event it was raining and 38 degrees. This year it there is no rain and roughly zero degrees. Knowing how to dress is more than half the battle. The folks at the Gander Mountain store in Mentor can tell you that. Keep your feet warm. Before you slip on those boots a sock liner will draw moisture away from your foot. Moisture around your feet will get your feet cold real quick. Even a light weight shirt like this can make a world of difference on a day like this. It's made by Underarmour and it's made of polyester. Those bulky winter coats have been replaced with jackets that have zip in vests or liners. Those multi function hoods are made of special fibers to keep that heat from escaping through your head.

News February 4, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local
Some schools in our area have already made the decision to close tomorrow while others are still weighing the options, understanding it is going to be even colder tomorrow. Having kids wait for a bus or walk to school on a day when the wind chill can be double digits below zero seems brutal. Cleveland schools have not yet made a decision, as is the case in Lakewood where there is no bus transportation for school kids. Other factors that come into play are the school buildings adequately heated? Some kids may be home alone if school is cancelled. Lakewood's superintendent tells us one of those factors is just how it feels to him when he steps outside. Experts offer this advice for kids who are going to have school tomorrow. Parents should wait with your children at the bus stop. Limit the time they are outside Crunch time for local superintendents is going to be about 3:30 tomorrow morning, when they will begin talking with one another, examining the conditions more closely and then making a decision.

News February 4, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:39 Local
Being outside, can be risky when temperatures get too low. Fox 8's Gary Stromberg joins us live with tips on how you can protect yourself. You should layer in cotton and wool and then gortex on the outside. For the next few days we think that senior citizens and those with chronic illnesses should try to stay inside. The dead of winter can actually be deadly for older Americans this is the time of year they are greatest risk for a heart attack. The cold air that we are experiencing now is a big stress to the system.

Terry Allan, the health commissioner told us it's not too late to get a flu shot. That season has not peaked and could run through March. Cover up as much as you can. You want to leave as little area exposed as possible, that means fingers, ears toes and your nose. If you are diabetic or have circulation problems you also have a heightened risk for getting frost bite.

News February 4, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:00 Local
By now, you probably know how to dress when the weather turns this cold. But do you know how you should eat? In cold weather definitely avoid alcohol or caffeinated drinks, like coffee and soda.

News February 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:04 Local
The cold and the wind are dangerous enough. But when you add some water to the mixture you can be setting yourself up for frostbite. Frost bite is something our mothers have warned us about since we were kids. But when it hits you, it can be severe and you wish you would have taken all precautions.

Pastor Albert Richards can march down the aisle at the Midbrook Baptist Church now, but a week ago he could not stand on his foot. Pastor Richards moonlights in order to pay for his children's education. He washes and preps vehicles at a rental car agency. The combination of having feet wet and being outside after that that probably caused his frost bite. Pastor Richards spent four days in the hospital after leaky boots led to frozen toes. Ten days later his left foot is still swollen and tender. It was so bad initially he thought he might lose toes or even his foot. Also keep in mind Pastor Richards is a diabetic. Diabetics are more prone to the ravages of frostbite. For more information on frostbite, go to our website MyFoxCleveland.com.

News February 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:04 Local
Whether you're outside or indoors, there are gadgets and gizmos that can keep you safe and warm. When the weather gets really cold, like it is now, a lot of people turn to space heaters to warm things up, but they can be dangerous. Knowing what to buy could not only save you money, but your life as well. When it comes to space heaters, not all of them are alike.

Tammy Steele, a former firefighter, and now a pro-sales associate for Home Depot offers this advice. If it's inside your house it should have a cord. If it doesn't have a cord, it's not meant to be inside your house. Space heaters that use fuel and don't have an electric cord should be used outside, like in a garage. You want to make sure there are no gas lines that are going to ignite, no standing fuel in cans, no paint. You want to make sure everything is out of that area before you light these up.

What about snow and ice build up on your roof? That can lead to serious damage if left untreated. Home Depot has what's called a "roof rake". It extends up to 20 feet and what you do is take it up to the edge of the roof and you rake down as far as you can reach, all the way along the roof line. What about ice on your driveway? Tammy says salt, which is cheap to buy, is a chemical that'll eat up your driveway and hurt the environment. There are other products that'll get rid of ice faster, but they're more expensive, and will likewise do damage to your driveway over time. A good de-icing product is straight fertilizer. It won't hurt your driveway, and come spring, your plants will benefit.

News February 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:20 Local
This is not the kind of weather you need to try and tough it out. A number of agencies are offering help for any need you may have. Hard to believe but some folks through no fault of their own have been toughing out these conditions without heat in their homes. During the daytime the city of Cleveland is opening its recreation centers to anyone who simply wants to escape the cold. There is some help available for qualified people if your furnace breaks down, through the Cleveland housing network. The city mission is also trying to cut through a lot of the red tape and network with agencies and individuals who can meet just about any need through this brutal cold wave. The mission is also not turning anyone away who needs shelter from the cold.

The number for agency help with cold weather problems is 211. You can also find more information by going to our website. The United Way's First Call for Help is also standing by to try and address any possible need great or small.

News February 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:44 Local
When the temperature drops, home heating bills can go up. Fox 8's Dray Clark takes a look at how you can make your home more energy efficient. On the outside it looks like just another nice home for sale but it's what on the inside that makes this home different. From the windows to the walls this home was built to preserve energy and conserve heating cost. To really determine how efficient the home is, John Lynch brought in this tag team from Residential Energy Services. Their job is to check for gaps and cracks where the home could lose heat. They can do that by measuring the square footage and volume of the home. There's also the blower door test. The test exerts the same amount of pressure a strong wind would have on the outside of the house. Almost instantly the test reveals a leak near the garage door. Small leaks like this could cause your heating bill to go up. One word of advice, always check obvious places around your home for wind gaps. If you do decide to have an energy auditor come to your home, it's recommended the person be a certified energy rater. They are certified by the federal government.

News February 5, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
Thousands of northeast Ohio students got the day off from school because of the cold. Not all of them listened to the warnings, to stay indoors. It may be too cold for kids to wait for a bus to go to school, but it's never too cold for them to ski. They got a free pass from school because of the bitterly cold temperatures, and these northeast Ohio teens decided to spend their day off outside

on the hills at Boston Mills in Peninsula. If you're going to ski in this kind of weather, what you're wearing is more important than your brand of skis or snow board. They told us the key is to not stay outside too long. They ski for 45 minutes, go inside and get warmed up and then go outside again.

News February 6, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:02 Local
When the weather is this cold everyone is struggling to stay warm. When your furnace goes on the fritz, fixing it is a necessity. Furnace repair calls are up since the temperatures dropped. For some families paying for that service is an expense they can't handle. That's where the United Way's First Call for Help comes into play. First Call helps people find assistance with everything from food to shelter and medical issues.

2-1-1 has helped hundreds of people find assistance since the cold weather hit, and Community Housing Solutions has helped send repair men to needy Clevelanders for years. It's just what they do. For more details on the 2-1-1 system, log onto MyFoxCleveland.com, and click on weather. This isn't a service exclusive to Cleveland. Anyone can call 2-1-1.

News February 6, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:10 Local
Whether it's Lake Erie or a small lake, Coast Guard officials say venturing out on the ice is always a risk. The Coast Guard says there is no way to tell by the naked eye whether ice is safe to stand on. If you do venture out, like these fisherman Skyfox spotted on Wallace Lake in Berea, remember to wear waterproof suit, carry ice picks and a noise maker in case you fall through.

News February 6, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:20 Local
Northeast Ohio's brutal cold snap has now turned deadly with two deaths in two days because of this cold weather. Why are these people dying when there are shelters ready to help? Experts say many of the homeless decide to seek shelter in vacant buildings, and that's when we run into problems.

Rest in peace is spray painted on the side of this abandoned house on East 116th Street in Cleveland. That's because early Tuesday morning, a man was found dead inside. The county coroner says he died of hypothermia. Homeless advocates say when the weather is this cold, and people choose abandoned buildings over shelters, there are always problems. The man's name has not been released, but we know he was in his 40's and was not wearing a jacket at the time of this death. Tuesday evening it was hard to find any homeless downtown. Shelters are maxed out with people sleeping on mats and even in the kitchens. Police and outreach workers are even picking up people who may try and brave the elements.

Early Saturday morning the body of 47 year old Barry Kolcan was found outside the Portage County courthouse. He also died of hypothermia but alcohol was also a factor. This surveillance video shows Kolcan and another man walking down the street around 10:30pm Friday. He was found dead hours later. There are about 10,000 abandoned buildings in Cleveland alone. Homeless advocates are strongly urging people to stay out of these freezing, abandoned buildings, adding that you will never be turned away from a shelter in Cleveland. There are an estimated 9,000 homeless people each year in Cleveland and last year Cleveland schools reported that 2,000 of them were school aged children.

News February 7, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:20 Local
The cold weather can also be blamed for a hazard on the highways. You are cruising along on a clear dry highway and without warning your car is sliding uncontrollably where you don't want to go. The problem is black ice, and it may be responsible for many of the accidents that tied up rush hour traffic this morning. It's not actually black at all, its clear but it blends into the black asphalt so well that you may not be aware its there until it is too late. Experts say you should add time to your commute so you aren't rushed and always be prepared to encounter problems. Your fellow drivers just want you to use common sense. For more on how to avoid black ice, go to MyFoxCleveland.com and click on Traffic.

News February 8, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:03 Local
A landlord who started a fire while using a blow torch to thaw frozen pipes is speaking out tonight. A dozen people were left homeless when this duplex on East 47th Street caught fire yesterday. The landlord says he didn't mean for it to happen. Tony Kwong is the owner of this duplex on East 47th Street in Cleveland. Wednesday afternoon, a tenant called him to say the pipes were frozen and the home erupted in flames when Kwong used a blow torch to thaw them out. The displaced families are staying at a hotel, provided by the Red Cross. A fire department spokesman says the fire remains under investigation.

News February 8, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:56 Local
Should you live with all that salt on your car, or risk freezing the doors, by washing it? That crusty crud can build up in minutes, even if the road hasn't seen a salt truck in days, and motorists definitely differ in how long they'll tolerate it.

Rich Sacha, owner of Automotive Excellence says most salt damage happens not where you can see it but on the underside of your vehicle. Sacha says it takes plenty of fresh water to effectively remove salt. Look for car washes that use fresh not recycled water and offer an undercarriage wash. If the buildup is thick enough it could damage the paint. Use warm not hot air to thaw out a frozen door or handle. If you have a lot of salt on your car, it's better not to have it in a heated garage. The salt is less reactive and causes less damage at lower temperatures.

News February 10, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
A burst water pipe caused a huge mess in a condo building in Willoughby. Plumbing pros tell us the number one mistake people make is thinking it can't happen to them. The owner, who moved out of this condo and is trying to sell the unit, had the heat down to 45 degrees, not nearly warm enough to prevent water lines from freezing. With no shutoff valves in individual units, the water gushed for hours.

Many homeowners are unaware that any water lines exposed to a draft or a colder outside wall are vulnerable to winter freeze-ups. Block any drafts that you can. Short of rerouting vulnerable pipes, keep a constant trickle of water running from them. A few degrees can make all the difference between pipes that work and leaky lines that cause thousands of dollars in damage. 60 degrees is safer but even that might not be warm enough if pipes are in a draft.

News February 12, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:18 Local
As the snow falls, snow plow drivers will be busy trying to keep the roadways clear. Snow plow drivers in northeast Ohio do a great job of clearing the roads, as long as they can get down them. In Brook Park, the city relies on its residents to help keep the snow plows moving. The city places a parking ban in effect when there's more than 2 inches of snow on the ground. The idea is to keep cars off the streets, so plows won't lose time or pile-up snow, trying to go around them. The city's director of public service says most people do their part, but when a snow plow driver comes up on a car left out on the road, they call the police. The police department will then try to contact that resident to get that car removed. If the snow continues and the storm worsens, then if need to be they will have that car towed.

News February 14, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
This morning's commute was much smoother than last night's debacle if you were able to make it out of your neighborhood. The big problem this morning was not on the major highways. The biggest problem was being stuck in your own neighborhood. In Lakewood some people were not able to get in their driveways last night, and found their cars literally buried this morning. Folks across the area this morning couldn't get to work and had to cancel appointments waiting until plows came to dig them out.

News February 14, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:38 Local
By this time last night, most local districts decided roads were too dangerous to open school. But some students were already on their way before their district closed. The Shaker Heights superintendent admits he made a mistake. He didn't make the decision to close schools until 7:00am this morning. School Superintendent Dr. Mark Freeman issued an apology letter to Shaker students, parents and staff. He says school parking lots had been cleared and roads were

passable. Dr. Freeman says he did not anticipate how much the snow and wind would continue overnight and through the morning.

News February 14, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:04 Local
There was a near tragedy, involving a young boy buried alive by a snow-plow. Rescuers say he was bent over, digging snow trenches, when the plow drove by and buried him under several feet of snow. Wednesday afternoon, Barberton police are called to Wisteria Drive after the mother of 12 year old Dylan Stavarz frantically calls 911. Dylan was playing with his brother and police say he was bent over, when the plow truck came by, burying him in the snow. Rescuers had to use shovels to dig the boy out. He was under the snow for up to 8 minutes. Dylan was rushed to Akron Children's Hospital and is going to be just fine.

This is a wake-up call for kids and parents alike. Plows often go by streets filled with kids playing in the front yard. While playing in the snow is fun, you have to be careful. That plow driver will not be charged. Dylan's parents say they know this was just an accident. Also, the city of Medina issued a press release this evening, stating that plow drivers are now being urged to stay away from residential areas where children might be playing during the daytime in order to avoid a disaster like this from happening again. Remember, bottom line, you see a plow, get out of the way.

News February 14, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:50 Local
Normally snow and sleet, doesn't stop the mail, from getting through. But today's snow and sleet, was an exception. Fox 8 news anchor, Lou Maglio, has reaction from several families, who didn't get their mail today. Today was a terrible day to be on unplowed streets, and everyone knew it. Mail carriers skipped several streets in Cleveland's West Park area today. Postal officials say mail delivery is based on the ability of carriers to safely travel their routes. If streets are blocked with snow, they have the right to skip them, and most residents seem to agree with the policy. Tonight, it looks like many of those streets have now been plowed. Normal mail delivery should resume tomorrow.

News February 15, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:50 Local
We have several school closings; please watch the bottom of the screen and the just-in tab. First on Fox, the Cuyahoga County Coroner says there are five deaths from shoveling snow. It's hard work even for the fittest athlete. We have learned at least five people have had heart attacks this week while shoveling. Some people are fortunate enough to have snow-blowers, or a generous neighbor, to tackle the job.

Doctor Elizabeth Balraj, the county coroner, says our heart works even harder in the cold then it does when the weather is warm. "When the person is exposed to cold, the heart undergoes certain changes. The heart rate increases. The heart's output, the blood it pumps out, it has to work harder to do that. The blood thickens a little bit, and it has a tendency to clot inside the blood vessels." The coroner says not all of the shoveling victims have been senior citizens. They've included a 41-year-old Twinsburg man, a 49-year-old man from Solon, and a 61-year-old man from Avon Lake. Doctor Balraj says shoveling can be dangerous even if we've had no heart problems in the past. Someone who does have heart problems should leave the shoveling to someone else.

News February 15, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local
The wrath of Mother Nature strikes again. This time, a sports complex suffers massive damage. This is what's left of the Sportsdome in North Canton. A large amount of snow and ice was just too much for the roof. It collapsed Wednesday morning. As many as 70 teams from Stark and Summit counties used the Sportsdome. Fortunately, at the time of the roof collapse, none of the teams were in the building, and no one was injured. Because of the massive damage, the Sportsdome will be closed for the winter, leaving thousands of athletes who use the facility in the cold. The Sportsdome was valued at more than a million dollars. No word yet on how much the damage is going to cost.

News February 16, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:15 Local
Today's sun was a sight to see, but those warm rays made a bad problem worse for homeowners. Fox 8 news reporter Suzanne Stratford joins us live with an icicle warning. From a distance it looks like a winter wonderland, but up close those ice daggers are not only dangerous but

extremely damaging. The weight of these ice formations, even those that seem small, can destroy gutters, walls, your roof or worse. Homeowners can very easily get hurt just by walking under them, but it is extremely dangerous to try and knock them down on your own.. It's best to leave it to the professionals to take these monsters down, but if you do decide to try it yourself don't do it alone.

News February 17, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local
The snow blast has created a new set of problems for firefighters and they're asking residents for a little help. Where is the fire hydrant? This is not a question you want firefighters asking in an emergency. With all the snow we've had lately in some cases fire hydrants are getting covered up. The problem creeps up anytime there is more than a couple inches of snow. In some cases just the tops show. In others the entire hydrant is nearly covered. Firefighters ask that while you're digging everything else out, pay attention to the hydrants around your home and on your street. When firemen are up against the clock in an emergency every minute counts.

News February 17, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
The snow is also the culprit behind a nasty water main leak making a busy local street impassable. The water main break occurred weeks ago and the situation was made worse by the freezing temperatures and snow. Residents understand that. What they don't understand is why it has taken so long to get fixed. Residents say plow trucks haven't been through since the storm. The situation is made worse by a water main break near the corner of Northfield and Hayden that the city of East Cleveland has yet to fix. In an emergency they worry help could not get through if needed.

Council President Gary Norton who's taken several angry calls says he too is frustrated by the delay. Shutting the water off in freezing temperatures could make the problem worse. Still, residents wonder why the street isn't kept clear until the work gets done. As they wait for a solution the questions remain. Efforts to reach the mayor on his cell phone were unsuccessful. Councilman Norton says he's been told by the mayor and sewer and water officials that the work will begin on Tuesday. It's unclear how long the job will take but it will require water being shut off to the street.

News February 19, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:11 Local
Families forced from their homes as icy water streams from a broken water main. Tonight crews are still trying to repair the damage. It may be hours yet before things are restored to normal here on Columbia Road in North Olmsted and considerably longer for several families to get their lives back in order.

Dan Vatavuk returns to his home in the daylight to survey the damage. A gushing water main break sent an icy river into his home. Next door, water rushed through a broken window into the basement where the newlywed couple kept wedding gifts, her dress, and other personal treasures. The bride's father hurried to the home ready to rescue her. Water crews say the conditions made just finding the source of the problem a challenge, and after flowing for more than nine hours neighboring properties became icy ponds. Columbia Road here at Brookpark remains closed to through traffic tonight until the repairs are finished. Water has also been off in a one block area.

News February 19, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:13 Local
A plane tries to land in Cleveland during a blinding snowstorm but slides off the runway and through a fence. Tonight, the investigation begins into why it happened. Fortunately no one was hurt. The fence has been repaired, the airport is running as normal. Now, federal officials are trying to find out whose fault it is.

Passengers say the flight from Atlanta ran into a severe snowstorm, just as it was about to land at Hopkins. Airport officials say a Continental 737 had touched down just eight minutes earlier. The pilot indicated that the conditions were good, then the storm hit directly after he landed. Some passengers captured images on their cell phones. Crews spent the day repairing the damaged fence as federal authorities investigate. Officials say it's too early to tell how fast the plane was going or where on the runway it touched down. Airport officials say planes were landing on the shorter runway due to the direction of the wind at the time. Federal authorities have the black boxes. They will review data from those and talk to witnesses before ruling on a cause.

News February 20, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
The Water Department is fielding more than 2,000 calls a day from people with questions about frozen lines. They have a few tips. A big one is to know where your master shutoff valve is so you can turn off your water if a pipe bursts. Cleveland's Water Department takes care of the lines in the city and the surrounding suburbs. Officials say in the last few weeks, crews have been working around the clock. Water lines in Cleveland are showing their age. Cleveland Water Commissioner Chris Neilsen says they work with a budget of $14 million for crews, equipment and materials for their pipe repair unit, and they're working hard this winter.

Mother Nature is the biggest problem. The constant freeze and thaw puts a lot of pressure on aging water lines, and a lot of water flowing where it shouldn't be. Water officials say the number of breaks this winter is the worst in recent history.

News February 20, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:40 Local
Roofers say covered gutters don't help, and in fact they may be more problematic under these circumstances. Word of caution, if you want the ice removed, it's best to hire a professional to do it. Roofers like Brian Calamita have their hands full keeping up with the calls from desperate homeowners with exactly the same problem. The interim remedy is to chip away the ice that is responsible for the backup. But that is only temporary. A more long term solution lies underneath the roof itself.

News February 21, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:09 Local
We've all heard that melting snow can cause major problems for your roof. It turns out the same is true for your basement. Having mounds of snow up against your home is not a good idea. Randy Cutlip is with B-dry Systems. When water starts seeping into basements they come in and put in a new interior drainage system around the perimeter of your basement. Foundations are unpredictable. Your house might handle a torrential summer rain yet fall victim to a thaw like this. It's scary to think what builds up behind those basement walls Experts say the best advice is to remove any excessive snow that might be piled up directly against your home.

News February 24, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:00 Local
The National Transportation Safety Board just released some early findings into last week's plane crash at Hopkins Airport. The Delta connection flight from Atlanta was approaching Hopkins. As is standard operating procedure the first officer turned off the autopilot. The captain said ten minutes before landing the air traffic controllers directed him to change from one runway to another. He was told the runway visual range was 6,000 feet and the braking action was fair. Soon they were told the visual range had plummeted to just 2,000 feet. The heavy snow was a problem just before landing the report says. The captain said the aircraft was thirty feet above the ground when he momentarily lost sight of the runway. Just before landing the captain regained sight of the runway. The pilot said despite the use of full reverse and braking, the airplane just did not seem to slow down. The airplane had traveled off the runway, coming to a rest 150 feet off the end of the runway. Authorities at Hopkins Airport declined comment on the early findings, saying they will comment once the complete report is issued in about a year.

News February 25, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:20 Local
It didn't last long but the icy start to the day was enough to cause problems for lots of people. About 6000 people in the Cleveland area lost power this morning. Power was back by noon. No freezing rain tonight but it will be cold enough to freeze water on the road. That means ODOT crews will be busy as they were earlier today. But the icy weather still managed to cause lingering problems for some.

ODOT crews could do nothing for delayed flights at Hopkins. They worked through the night into Sunday morning trying to lessen the impact on roads. By late morning, icy roads turned to wet pavement. As temperatures rose melted snow made those roads even wetter. ODOT officials say constant pre-treatment along with traffic grinding in the solution helps prevent re-freezing. Meanwhile, 47 crews are out right now with the possibility of more if they're needed. For the latest information on road conditions and flight delays, log onto MyFoxCleveland.com and click on Traffic.

News February 26, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:35 Local
Our weather is taking its toll on local roads, which in turn are making some of us pay. Pot holes like this one on Rockwell in Cleveland are creating all kinds of costly headaches, but it is possible to recover some of what you lose if your vehicle is damaged. Department of Transportation Crews and municipal workers are filling pot holes as fast as they can, but the craters are damaging tires, rims, alignment and axles. The repairs can be costly, but you can file for compensation in cities like Cleveland by filing a claim through the city's law department, or if the damage happened on an ODOT maintained highway the process begins at the Ohio Court of Claims. One issue will be how long the pothole went unaddressed. Go to MyFoxCleveland.com and click traffic to find out where you see potholes, how to report them and find out problem spots for other drivers.

News March 5, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
The Coast Guard says as tempting as the ice might look it is very dangerous. As you know the weather here has been changing day to day, with a little rain last week, then some snow, and sunshine. The Coast Guard says those three things make the frozen waters of Lake Erie a danger zone. Lorain's Lakeview Park has a playground, but Sunday a woman called 911 when a couple of kids passed up the slides for the frozen playground just steps away. Police asked the kids to get off the ice, and they did.

Coast Guard officials say even though it is still cold, the open water on the lake weakens the ice at the shore, and the ice is already changing. Anyone who insists on walking on the ice should err on the side of caution. The coast guard says never go alone. Above all use common sense. You can't tell how thick the ice is by looking at it. The Coast Guard says you have to drill a hole in it and measure it. They say the rain and warmer temperatures last week combined with the ice breakers on the rivers to prevent flooding made big changes in the ice. Many spots are weak so best advice is to stay off.

News March 9, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:32 Local
Employees of a group home in Medina County's York Township call for help after 19-year-old Brian Hanshaw, a mentally disabled resident of the home had walked away. Investigators say two employees were trying to talk Brian into returning to the home when he ran out onto the ice of a pond on a neighboring property and fell through.

Authorities say one of the care givers went into the water to try and save Brian Hanshaw but had to get out after a couple of minutes because of the cold. The Medina Township Water Rescue Team searched the pond for about half an hour before finding Hanshaw in the 30 degree water. They did everything they could to save him. Doctors at Medina General were unable to revive the 19-year-old and he was pronounced dead just after six o'clock tonight. The home is not a lock down facility, and unfortunately things sometimes happen in that setting. The home is privately owned but does receive funding from the state of Ohio.

News March 12, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:45 Local
Potholes can do quite a bit of damage to your car, but now some residents are patching up the problem with the click of a mouse. In Lorain, it's doesn't take long to spot a pothole. Now there's something you can do to fix the problem. City crews in Lorain are taking to the streets filling one pothole after another. Starting last month, the city of Lorain decided to take their pothole patrol in a different direction. Instead of calling a hotline, residents can now send their complaint directly through the internet. Streets commissioner Chuck Camera says each day they receive about 5-10 emails.

News March 17, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:27 Local
A 13 year old boy falls into icy Lake Erie. It's in the same area where another boy was killed. This accident has a happier ending thanks to a dramatic rescue. The rescuer turned out to be the older brother of the boy who was crushed by falling debris on the shoreline last year. He risked his life to keep the frigid waters from claiming another child. 13 year old Jeremy Gonzalez of Vermilion fell through ice covering the rocky shoreline of Lake Erie Friday. His younger brother ran screaming to the nearest home on Edgewater Drive for help. 20 year old Julian Gastelum

jumped into action, clamoring down to the rocks to reach Jeremy as waves battered him against the ice and rocks. Meanwhile, Julian's mom called 911, a flashback to her own loss bubbling to the surface. Her 8 year old son, Julian's brother, was crushed by crumbling debris at the shoreline last January. But thanks to Julian, and Vermilion rescue crews, the boy in the water would be saved.

Neighbors now stress to their children the dangers of Lake Erie's shore. Jeremy was transferred to Metrohealth but was well enough to be released today. His father told me by phone his son is expected to recover fully from the physical injuries. Emotionally it may take a little longer.

CONSUMER INFORMATION/FRAUD

Issue: Predatory Lending

News	January 4, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:10	Local

The hammer comes down big time on mortgage fraud schemes. Dozens of people are indicted, accused of predatory lending and mortgage fraud. Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Bill Mason announced today a sweeping series of arrests and indictments. They involve 70 defendants in three separate cases. The victims include banks, an elderly couple, and whole neighborhoods stuck with more blight.

From a rented office in Euclid, investigators say Neal Wolf ran Ace Home Loans. He was one of the links that brought buyers, sellers, and title companies together to produce fraudulent mortgage applications.

59 people were indicted on a total of 269 counts in that case alone. Six were arrested Thursday. Bill Mason said "The charges stem from the buyers who falsified loan documents in cohorts with the mortgage companies and then assisted in getting fraudulent loans approved. Some of the buyers received kickbacks when the loans closed." Some of the homes they've left behind remain a scourge in their communities, contributing to blight and soaring foreclosure rates in Cuyahoga County.

A second case led to nine people being charged who are accused of fraudulently buying four homes in Solon, Pepper Pike and Cleveland. A woman who earned $55,000 a year bought four homes worth 1.3 million dollars by falsifying her income documents. In a third case, a mortgage broker was indicted on charges he deceived an elderly Brook Park couple. Instead of lowering their costs, the deal caused them to pay $261 a month more after refinancing.

To find out how to spot and avoid predatory lending, go to our website, MyfoxCleveland.com. Click business.

Additional reports

News	January 4, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local
News	January 4, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News	January 18, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:43	Local

A local law maker reacts to the I-Team's investigation of "buy here, pay here" car lots. He's vowing to do whatever it takes to protect consumers from experiencing what the Fox 8 I-Team has uncovered. The number one complaint we get from viewers is about these independent dealers who market themselves to people with bad credit. The cars are typically high mileage and what customers often miss in the fine print is they become responsible for any problems the car has once they sign on the dotted line.

We found a loophole in the law that allows independent dealers to charge customers more than 60% interest when new cars are being financed for free. Worse yet we learned Ohio law offers no consumer protection to anyone who buys an automobile "as is". While Ohio turns a blind eye to what's going on at "buy here, pay here" lots, other states like West Virginia require an "as is" purchase to work for a reasonable period of time. You can get your money back in Massachusetts if the car doesn't pass a safety inspection within two weeks of being bought. In Ohio it doesn't have to make it off the lot.

Matthew Zone, Cleveland Councilman "I'm going to meet with our law department and have them investigate this matter and see if there's something we can't do, at least on a local level, to protect consumers and residents of the city of Cleveland." Councilman Zone says there appears to be a loophole in the law that needs to be closed. Councilman Zone's hope is that other Ohio cities will follow his lead, create their own legislation that speaks to these independent dealers and do for consumers what state law doesn't.

News January 18, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:28 Local
Lawmakers are convinced there is more than a weak economy behind Ohio's rapid rise in bankruptcies and home foreclosures. Now the law says our kids must be financially literate to graduate. High school seniors will avoid the new math and science requirements in Ohio, but financial literacy issues can't be avoided. Getting financial aid forms right is the key to college aid. By next year students will be learning how to use credit, buy a house, and make a budget. Richard Cordray, Ohio Treasurer, says "Ultimately we think that the optimal thing would be to have a nine-week comprehensive program as part of the civics curriculum on the thinking that you can't be a good citizen in our modern society if you can't handle your own affairs enough to stay out of foreclosure, bankruptcy and the kinds of problems many people are getting into in Ohio."

Cordray says predatory lenders are targeting Ohio because of financial illiteracy, so the new school program must be moved into the broader community to fight back. The law says this new financial training doesn't need to start until 2010. The treasurer considers this an urgent priority so teacher training will start this summer so students get the courses next school year.

News February 6, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:00 Local
Used car customers now have some powerful friends following an I-Team undercover investigation. Politicians across the state are lining up to put restrictions on "buy here, pay here" lots. They're lining up behind one Cleveland City Councilman who has vowed to fight for the rights of consumers after seeing the kinds of abuses the I-Team caught on camera. This is an important first step because right now there are no protections for people buying used cars "as is" in the state of Ohio.

Councilman Matt Zone made a case for every man and woman who's ever been stuck with a broken down car they bought "as is" from a "buy here, pay here" dealer. The councilman outlined for colleagues the abuses revealed by the I-Team's investigation of what's become the fastest growing segment of the used car industry. Councilman Zone lobbied for passage of an emergency resolution encouraging Ohio's Attorney General to investigate and determine how to stop used car dealers from issuing predatory loans. Support for the resolution has already gone beyond council chambers. The commissioners are ready to adopt and support a resolution similar to this one at their next board meeting as are several other cities and suburbs throughout Cuyahoga County.

Under law buy here pay here lots can charge up to 25% interest but that didn't stop one dealer from charging more than twice that. Independent dealers aren't subject to the same lending laws the big dealerships have to follow because they use their own money to make loans. Mayor Jackson signed the resolution today.

Additional reports

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News	February 6, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	February 6, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	February 6, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 22, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:53 Local
Predatory lending and foreclosures is a problem devastating Cleveland neighborhoods. Tonight, a plea for help is going all the way to Capitol Hill. 75 year old Larry Wiggins called this house on East 94th Street home for more than half a century. On Monday it was sold at sheriff's auction. Wiggins had a stroke that left him with a forgetful streak, but that didn't stop mortgage

brokers from convincing Wiggins while alone to take out two improvement loans. They totaled $209,000 for a house with a market value of $32,000. He never told family or friends and defaulted. Community leaders say this is the heartbreak of predatory lending. ESOP, the East Side Organizing Project works with borrowers and lenders to reverse the damage when it can.

Cuyahoga County Treasurer Jim Rokakis brought a plea for help to the halls of congress. He says a foreclosure tsunami is engulfing cities like Cleveland. There's good news for Larry Wiggins. He's won a delay of his foreclosure. That gives him 30 days to work out new payment terms with his lenders.

News March 30, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:31 Local
When it comes to foreclosure, Ohio has the highest rate in the U.S., with Cuyahoga County at the top of that list. The major reason is sub-prime lending. Sub-prime lending will often target those with weak credit, allowing them to buy a home with no money down. At first borrowers will get a low fixed rate, but what they don't realize is that several years later those rates will skyrocket.

Andy Nikiforovs is the director at Community Housing Solutions. The goal of this non-profit organization is to help people who have been drawn in by these sub-prime lenders. His advice is to shop around, talk to legitimate lenders to find out what they offer. Pay attention to the interest rates. If you can, aim for a fixed rate around 7-8%.

Last year, 17,000 homeowners in Cuyahoga County faced foreclosure. It is not unique to low income families, and it is now creeping into the middle class and inner-ring suburbs.

Today Cuyohaga County prosecutor's office held a seminar to educate community leaders on ways to combat foreclosure. Prosecutor Bill Mason says he's working to crack down on predatory lenders. They have indicted seven new cases over the last eight months, 97 defendants.

The bottom line is make sure you know what you're signing. Do not rush through anything. Experts say whatever you do, don't skip your mortgage payment, skip something else. If you're worried about missing a payment, make sure to get counseling as soon as possible.
Additional reports
News March 30, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:03 Local

GOVERNMENT

Issue: Cuyahoga County Board of Elections
News January 18, 2007 7:00AM TRT 1:55 Local
Opening statements are expected in the trial of the three Cuyahoga County election workers accused of failing to follow lawful procedures in an important re-count. The election officials were supposed to randomly select three percent of the ballots to check them for problems, but they are accused of picking precincts that matched up so they would not have to do a larger recount. A grand jury indicted Jaqueline Maiden, who was the election division director, and two other election workers. On the HBO documentary "Hacking Democracy" Green Party candidate David Cobb, who filed the complaint, says the public re-count was useless. The Cuyahoga County Elections Board is defending the three workers claiming the allegations are based on an interpretation of procedures, not on any suggestion of fraud.

News January 18, 2007 Noon TRT 2:05 Local
It's been more than two years since the 2004 presidential election, but today some election workers are facing criminal charges for what happened. The three elections officials are charged criminally, accused of staging what looked like an official re-count. Jacqueline Maiden, Rosie Greer and Kathleen Dreamer each are accused of holding a secret re-count during which ballots were screened before conducting an official, public re-count in December of 2004.

Prosecutors say there was nothing random about a 3% sample of ballots that supported the election results, pre-screened not for political reasons, but to avoid a larger scale, more expensive recount of every vote cast. In opening statements this morning defense attorneys say they followed a procedure that wasn't secretive at all, and had been used nearly a hundred times

before, but prosecutors disagree. The most serious of the charges carries a penalty of 18 months in jail if the women are convicted. You will hear testimony from the first of the witnesses in this trial tonight at five.
Additional reports

News	January 18, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:00	Local
News	January 18, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:55	Local

There was powerful testimony in the trial of three local elections workers accused of rigging the presidential recount in 2004. Elections Administrator Francis Lally testified that another worker told him a couple of ballots didn't match and they were switched out. He did say he had no reason to doubt Jackie Maiden. Defense lawyers say the defendants did nothing out of the ordinary and hid nothing from the public. The most serious charges against the women carry jail sentences of 18 months.
Additional reports

News	January 19, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	January 19, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	January 19, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local

Today is the second day of testimony in the trial of three Cuyahoga County elections workers accused of rigging a recount of the 2004 presidential election. A former investigator for a watchdog group "Black Box Voting" showed a videotaped interview with elections supervisor, Jackie Maiden and ballot manager, Kathleen Dreamer, three days before the recount. Both were peppered with questions about the random selection of precincts that were to be recounted. The investigator was asked what she thought of their explanations. The trial resumes next week with the defense putting on its case.
Additional reports

News	January 19, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 22, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 3:02	Local

Was the recount of the 2004 presidential recount in Cuyahoga County conducted legally? The I-Team broke the story that raised the first questions publicly. Tonight the trial of three elections workers took an unexpected turn. The trial is on hold, as are the futures of some elections workers. Closing arguments are still expected tomorrow. Any problems in the recount were not significant enough to change the outcome of the presidential race.

The integrity of that recount is indeed on trial. Ohio decided the presidency in 2004 when George Bush beat John Kerry. A month later, this recount of that vote for Cuyahoga County found no major problems. Last year the I-Team broke a story that raised serious questions as to whether elections workers manipulated this recount to make sure it wouldn't find problems. This led to the trial of three election workers.

Today, the defense portrayed its clients as following long-established procedures for conducting recounts. The defense is trying to blunt the impression left by a string of prosecution witnesses. Last summer, recount observer Turo Dexter told us he'd seen problems with the ballots. He, and others, have repeated the theme on the witness stand. An election worker testified about what a fellow worker told him about some pre-sorted precincts.

The trial stopped abruptly today. An appeals court overruled trial Judge Peter Corrigan and said the defense should get a copy of prosecutor's memos and an audio tape that Judge Corrigan had basically found irrelevant. How they relate to how the recount was done remains to be seen. Elections Director Michael Vu and Deputy Director Gwen Dillingham were not called as witnesses. Elections Board Chairman Bob Bennett said earlier that no decision on their futures would be made today. The defense may ask for a mistrial because it just got these new memos and a tape. If the judge denies that, the jury should have the case by tomorrow afternoon.
Additional reports

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News	January 23, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:37	Local
News	January 23, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local

News	January 23, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local

A jury is now deliberating the fate of three elections workers accused of rigging the 2004 presidential recount in Cuyahoga County. In closing arguments today the two sides painted vastly different pictures of what happened. 12 jurors must now decide one of the more unusual cases ever heard at the justice center.

Defense attorneys argued their clients conducted this recount the same way as previous recounts. Nothing was hidden, and none of their conduct rises to the level of a crime. No one has said that any of this would have changed the outcome of the presidential race. Could the recount procedures have affected the outcome of smaller races? Prosecutor Baxter says he isn't sure, but it's possible. There were no written recount guidelines in Cuyahoga County in 2004, but there are now.

Additional reports

News	January 24, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 24, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local

Two Cuyahoga County Elections Board workers have been found guilty of misconduct in their handling of the 2004 presidential recount. One defendant was found not guilty on all seven charges. One of those guilty verdicts carries with it the certainty that they will lose their jobs and the possibility of jail. Jackie Maiden sat stoically as she was found guilty on two of the charges mouthing a thank you at the end to the jury for finding her not guilty on five others. Kathy Dreamer didn't flinch as the verdicts of guilty were read against her. Rosie Grier hugged her lawyer after she was acquitted on all charges.

The guilty verdicts on misconduct charges against Maiden and Dreamer carry with it the automatic loss of their jobs at the Elections Board and up to 18 months in jail although they could receive probation.

Additional reports

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News	January 25, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 2:03	Local
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News	January 25, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 6, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:40	Local

On this election day the embattled head of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is stepping down. Many people feel that Michael Vu made too many mistakes. Under Vu's watch, Board employees Jackie Maiden and Kathleen Dreamer were convicted of illegally rigging the 2004 presidential election recount so that they could avoid a more thorough review of the votes. On the same day their boss resigned, Maiden and Dreamer were fired.

The May primary was botched by the Board of Elections and among other problems absentee ballots had to be counted by hand, delaying results by a week. Vu says there have been accomplishments, including the use of electronic voting for the first time. On Tuesday, the Elections Board announced that assistant director Gwen Dillingham is also leaving, but it's unclear if she's resigning or being fired. The Chairman of the Board of Elections was asked if the board should also resign. Vu's last day will be in March, but he will be paid as a consultant until June. We are told that is so he can help the new director get adjusted to the job.

Additional reports

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News	February 6, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
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News	February 7, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:42	Local

News February 7, 2007 6:00PM TRT 4:32 Local

Tonight the I-Team is investigating election security in Cuyahoga County. Why was the Secretary of State called in after the I-Team started asking questions? Before November's election night was even over, the Cuyahoga County's Elections Board was already celebrating its own performance.

Election monitor Candice Hoke's report of the November election reveals troubling and basic problems. You have an individual password on your email account for your own security. On election night, there was just one account that five ballot officials shared so there was no way to tell who was online at any time. Hoke's report suggests the prosecutor's office get the videotapes of the tabulation room, where the votes are counted, from election night as a security back-up. Imagine her surprise with what the I-Team had learned about the tapes. The tapes are sent to the county's central services offices where they are normally recycled every four weeks. No one thought to preserve the tapes from a night as important as election night until it was too late. Shortly after learning the I-Team was preparing a story, the board sent a letter to the Secretary of State, requesting her assistance in conducting a review of the report and the staff responses, including the shared password problem

You need two keys, a Democrat and a Republican one, to get into the tabulation room. The monitor's report says both keys are on the same key ring in the same unlocked box and that it is relatively easy for a solo staff member to gain unauthorized access to protected spaces. What's more, on election eve, a key cable to the computer counting the election was left connected leaving open the possibility that someone could tamper with the counting. Clearly, November's election ran smoother than last May's primary debacle where every absentee vote had to be counted by hand.

If you'd like to read Hoke's report or the Board's letter to the Secretary of State, log on to MyFoxCleveland.com. The Board wants the Secretary of State's help in choosing a computer expert to review the data. So far there are no accusations that anyone rigged any election. On Monday, two elections officials will be sentenced on misconduct charges stemming from allegations they rigged a 2004 presidential recount to make sure it wouldn't find any problems.

Additional reports

News February 23, 2007 6:00AM TRT 4:26 Local

News March 13, 2007 6:00PM TRT 4:21 Local

The possible rigging of an election recount is a story the Fox 8 I-Team first broke almost a year ago. Today two stiff prison sentences bring strong reaction from the defendants' families. I-team reporter Bill Sheil was in the courtroom today. Judge Peter Corrigan called the recount conducted by the elections workers a charade and a fraud and a violation of public trust. His sentence for a low level felony on first time offenders clearly caught some people off guard. The sentence shocked the defendants' families and led to a courtroom outburst.

The long road to this day started last April when the I-Team first revealed that special prosecutor Kevin Baxter believed this recount of the 2004 presidential race in Cuyahoga County was a sham. In essence, Baxter charged that elections workers held a secret recount ahead of the official one, unsealing ballot boxes and then discarding, or switching out precincts that might show problems that the recount witnesses might catch. The defendants maintained they just followed long standing procedures.

The I-Team has notes and a memo from the Elections Board's lawyers to Elections Director Michael Vu that came out in the trial. According to the memo, prior to the recount, Vu stated a desire to eliminate the human error from the process. After the recount January 3, 2005, Vu admitted that prior to the scheduled official recount the sealed ballot boxes were opened, ballots were looked at, and recounts occurred. More than a year later, as we brought the story to light, Vu told us something different about whether the ballots were unsealed and a secret recount was held. Vu declined to comment and has never been charged with any crime. Defense attorneys say the stiff sentence won't change their clients' positions.

Judge Corrigan allowed the women to remain free on bond pending appeal. Michael Vu has resigned as Elections Board Director, and a permanent replacement has not been named. Prosecutor Baxter says the evidence does not suggest that a proper recount would have changed the outcome of the 2004 presidential vote. Basically the law these women were convicted under only applies to Elections Board members and not to employees.

Additional reports

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News	March 14, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 14, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local

News March 19, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local

There is a huge new controversy, at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner says the board must resign or be fired. Citing a long list of problems at the County Board of Elections, culminating in criminal convictions and prison sentences, Secretary of State Brunner says she is stepping in to force the board out. Brunner says she can't single out any individual board member for the problems with Cuyahoga County elections. Brunner says public confidence in the system demands that she take action against the entire board.

The Secretary of State says the fast approaching 2008 presidential election makes confidence in Cuyahoga County a state and national issue. Board Chairman Bob Bennett says the conviction of election employees is evidence of prosecutorial misconduct rather than board incompetence. Bennett says prosecutors knew of problems and failed to warn the board. Secretary of State Brunner wants the Board of Elections resignation by end of business Wednesday or she'll use her power and fire them all. Whatever happens, the Secretary of State is putting Cuyahoga County on administrative oversight, meaning the state will be a partner in running the presidential election.

Additional reports

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News	March 20, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 20, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 19, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:43 Local

Tonight, the Secretary of State believes the problems the I-Team detailed in a series of investigative reports require the dramatic change of replacing the Board of Elections. The December 2004 recount is at the center of the storm. The I-Team recaps their investigation and the results of it. After our story, problems were fixed, but some questions about what happened on election night and why remain unanswered.

News March 20, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:36 Local

Tonight we have a Fox 8 I-Team exclusive. Another criminal investigation into the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is about to begin. There is concern about breaches which has led Cuyahoga County prosecutor Bill Mason to appoint a special prosecutor to investigate. In the days just prior to last November's election, prosecutor Mason got an order signed by Judge Daniel Gaul. That order allowed the Elections Board to begin scanning absentee ballots into its system, but forbid anyone from counting the votes until the polls closed. The Elections Board's public monitor, CSU's Candice Hoke, who ironically is testifying today on Capitol Hill about election integrity, wrote a report after the election that Mason reviewed.

Mason says he found it troubling that in the two days prior to the election, the clock on the computer controlling the election seemed to be changed several times. As our report detailed last month, unauthorized access at the Elections Board seemed to be easy. The people with access to the elections computer all shared a password making it less secure than your e-mail. Keys to the

tabulation room where the votes were counted were kept in an unlocked box, and a cable to the computer controlling the election was apparently left connected all night on election eve which would allow unauthorized access.

Kevin Baxter is the new special prosecutor, the same special prosecutor whose last investigation of problems with the 2004 recount led to last week's 18 month prison sentences for two elections workers. Elections Board President Bob Bennett says he was unaware of Baxter's new appointment until we showed him the documents. Bennett says Mason is criminalizing honest mistakes at the Board.

Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner renewed her pledge today to fire all 4 board members if they don't resign by tomorrow. The Board appears ready to fight arguing they've done nothing wrong. Bennett plans to seek attorney discipline against a Mason assistant and perhaps Mason for allegedly giving the Board bad advice that Bennett says led to the convictions of the board employees. Ohio's Secretary of State was in Cleveland today, emphasizing the need for Board of Election members to step down. Board Chairman Bob Bennett has threatened a challenge to Jennifer Brunner's order. Brunner claims it stands no chance in court.

Additional reports

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News	March 21, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 21, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 21, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 21, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 3:58	Local

Today there are fireworks at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections as the jobs of all four board members appear to be in jeopardy. In what could be the last meeting ever for all these board members, Chairman Bob Bennett opened with a heated statement. Last year, we broke the story that board employees conducted a secret recount of the 2004 presidential race and discarded precincts that might show problems. Last week, Judge Peter Corrigan sentenced Maiden and Dreamer for conducting the secret count to 18 months in prison

In angry tones, Bennett lashed out at Francis Lally, a Board employee who testified for the state in the Maiden/Dreamer trial, and at Rino Oradini, the lawyer assigned to represent the Board by prosecutor Bill Mason's office. Bennett charged that Lally didn't tell his bosses, but told Oradini of potential problems with the recount five days before the Board certified that election. Bennett says Maiden and Dreamer made procedural mistakes that the Board could have fixed by doing another recount if only Oradini had told them. In a 2005 memo the I-Team has obtained, Oradini wrote his boss that he was never informed of the secret count before it occurred. Defending the prosecutor's office, David Lambert said the crime had taken place when the secret recount occurred, which was before Lally or Oradini knew of any problems.

Bennett renewed his pledge to seek attorney discipline against Oradini and indicated the prosecutor's office has often left the Board in the dark. The I-Team told Bennett that an investigation had been opened into possible security breaches at the Board during last November's elections.

Today Board member Edward Coaxum said he would resign. Secretary of State Brunner said she would move ahead with plans to fire the other three. Chairman Bennett also accused the public monitor of not being impartial. Monitor Canidce Hoke said it was unfortunate that the chairman was shooting the messenger rather than developing a reform plan. Bennett said he intends to serve out his term until 2010. Experts tell us Brunner is likely to win this dispute. The law says she must hold a hearing as she plans to do, but that she has the power to fire boards and that power is not reviewable by courts.

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News	March 22, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 22, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:30 Local

The second of four members of the embattled Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has now resigned. The battle to remove the other two began today. The first member to resign was Democrat Edward Coaxum, who read a statement at the end of yesterday's contentious board meeting saying the time for new leadership was appropriate. Soggs resignation came just hours before Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner delivered her complaint against the two remaining board members today, Chairman Bob Bennett and Sally Florkeiwicz, both Republicans. Brunner charges they failed to competently supervise elections.

A hearing will be held, but Brunner says no matter its outcome she has the power to fire them. Two elections are under investigation, another resulted in a week delay getting the votes counted. The top three jobs under the board are now vacant, two resigned under pressure, another faces a jail term for rigging a recount, and our state's presidential primary is less than a year away.

Additional reports

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News	March 23, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News March 27, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:37 Local

Here's a follow up to an I-Team investigation. The third of Cuyahoga County's four elections board members has resigned. Republican Sally Florkiewicz stepped down today, joining Democrats Edward Coaxum and Loree Soggs, who've already resigned. That leaves Republican Bob Bennett, the board's chairman, as the only member left fighting Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner. She's called on the whole board to resign or be fired. Florkiewicz accused Brunner, a Democrat, of having a political agenda.

Additional reports

News March 27, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:35 Local

News March 30, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:26 Local

The only remaining member of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is suing to keep his job. The Ohio Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner decided the entire board needed to be replaced, following a series of problems, some of which were exposed by the Fox 8 I-Team. Three board members have resigned, but Chairman Bob Bennett refuses. He says Brunner's attempt to remove him is unconstitutional, and partisan. Bennett is a Republican and Brunner a Democrat.

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Issue: Akron Police Shooting

News March 17, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local

Gunfire rings out in an Akron neighborhood and a 19 year old boy is dead. He was shot by a policeman who had been following him. Two police officers say they walked up on the teen's car and he reached under the seat and pulled out a gun.

At age 19 Demetrus Vinson only stood five feet tall. Demetrus was driving his sister's car. Police said they followed him from a known drug house to his grandmother's house on Victoria Avenue. Lt. Rick Edwards of the Akron police says "the officers pulled up at three o clock in the morning, lights were activated in a marked cruiser in full uniform." The officer on the passenger side of the car said he opened fire when Demetrus Vinson pulled a gun. The officer who fired the fatal shot is a four year veteran of the Akron police. Both he and the other officer are now on administrative leave.

Additional reports

News	March 17, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
News	March 18, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 18, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:57	Local
News	March 19, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 19, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 19, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 19, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:23	Local

There is community outrage tonight after a shocking twist in the case of an Akron teenager shot by police. Suicide is the official ruling despite the fact police opened fire on Demetrus Vinson. Fox 8 news reporter Jack Shea is just back from a very heated community meeting in Akron. There are some residents who do not believe the police version of events, but investigators say the evidence supports their finding.

Investigators say the officer on the passenger side had fired three shots through the window striking Demetrus Vinson twice in the thigh and once in the shoulder. Officers had retreated to their car for cover when they say they heard a shot fired from a 45 caliber handgun inside the car. Chief Mike Matulavich "None of these shots would have proved fatal to the individual, the shot that was fatal was the one shot from inside the car, where the subject with a handgun in hand, shot himself behind the right ear with a 45 caliber handgun." The Summit County Coroner's office has ruled the death of Demetrus Vinson a suicide.

The passenger in Vinson's car, 15-year-old Chance Baker, has proclaimed publicly that his friend never grabbed the gun. Akron police say Chance Baker told them a completely different story Sunday morning.

Angry residents pack the chambers of Akron City Council, and many of them do not believe the police version of the shooting and the claim that Demetrus Vinson took his own life. Many Akron residents are calling for an outside investigation of the shooting. Investigators say a lot of the anger is based on the public statements of the 15-year-old passenger.

Additional reports

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News	March 20, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 20, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 20, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 20, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 20, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 20, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 20, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	March 20, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:57	Local
News	March 20, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:33	Local
News	March 20, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
News	March 20, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 21, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 21, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 2:10	Local
News	March 22, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:48	Local

There is a call for justice tonight in the case of a nineteen year old who was shot dead in a police shooting. The official ruling is suicide, but the controversy is not over. Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic wants a fair, open, and honest investigation. To insure that happens he made a call to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office asking for insight and assistance on a case that's become both public and painful. Getting to the truth won't be easy and it won't be quick. Mason and his team hope to separate fact from fiction and rumor from reality. Attorneys representing Vinson's family and his 15 year old passenger expressed gratification. Patience must prevail for all sides because Mason says he won't do a rush job. Bill Mason says while he will be a part of the independent review process, he has assigned two of his very best assistant prosecutors to the case.

Additional reports

News	March 22, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	March 22, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:25	Local
News	March 23, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 23, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 25, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:35	Local

There was a call for change tonight, at a rally in Akron over the way police shootings are handled. Organizers call the vigil at the Second Baptist Church a rally against police violence. Police admit they did shoot at Demetrus Vinson as they tried to arrest the 19-year-old, but the coroner ruled Vinson's death a suicide since it was determined the fatal shot came from a gun in Vinson's car.

Additional reports

News	March 26, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 26, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

Demonstrators are furious with the Akron City Council. The council members decided to withhold judgment on the death of a 19-year old shot by police. Friends and family of Demetrus Vinson' rallied at this evening's Akron City Council meeting. Vinson's supporters tried to take control of the session, but the council president challenged the group's leader. The demonstrators then filed out of the building for a candlelight vigil in Vinson's memory. Akron's mayor has promised an independent investigation into the teen's death.

Additional reports

News	March 27, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 27, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 27, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 27, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local

A local teenager is laid to rest after an encounter with police sparks controversy. The Justice Department is expected in Akron tomorrow to start sorting through what happened in this shooting.

People stream into the House of the Lord Church in Akron paying final respects to 19 year old Demetrus Vinson, who the medical examiner says took his own life after police followed him and a fifteen year old friend from a suspected drug house two weeks ago. The family chose not to allow cameras inside the church, in part because of this demonstration Monday night at city council chambers.

Some of the forensic tests are still not in. The Cuyahoga County prosecutor is just getting started. Many here welcome the involvement of the Justice Department too, but it is clear some will never completely trust anything they hear.

Additional reports

News	March 27, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 28, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 29, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:27	Local

A 15-year-old boy who witnessed his friend's death during a police shooting is now being asked to submit DNA samples. The police officers involved in the shooting of a 19-year-old Akron man submitted to forensic testing. 15-year-old Chance Baker was in a car with his friend, Demetrus Vinson when the 19-year-old died. Even though Demetrus has been laid to rest, this case is far from over. An attorney representing Chance Baker says he won't let his client submit to forensic testing. Akron police say it is standard procedure to get the forensic testing done. There is going to be a hearing next week in juvenile court concerning this matter.

Akron police say they found the last known owner of the gun that they say Demetrus Vinson used to kill himself. Police went to a house in Canton looking for the gun owner. They discovered 59 firearms and about 2,000 rounds of ammunition, some of which were marked for re-sale. Police say the man who owns these weapons may have been operating as a gun dealership without a license.

Additional reports

News	March 29, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:39	Local
News	March 29, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:55	Local
News	March 30, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:53	Local

Issue: Juan Ruiz

News March 6, 2007 Noon TRT 2:00 Local

A rape victim shot in the face, police say by the boy she accused of raping her. A 17-year old was charged with raping an 18-year old girl. Today there are new accusations that he walked up to that girl while she sat in a car last night and shot her in the face. In court this morning Juan Ruiz pleaded not guilty to felonious assault, intimidating a witness and unlawful possession. Police say when they arrested this 17 year old at his mother's home on Storer Avenue they found a shotgun and clothing that the boy was trying to throw away. At the time he was wearing an electronic monitoring bracelet that he was ordered to wear after the arraignment on the rape charges.

Ruiz walked out of a very over-crowded juvenile detention center, 173 kids for only 72 beds, and went back home with his mother. Then Monday night as the girl who accused him of rape waited in a car outside a home on Newark Avenue she was shot in the face. The boy's father told us through a translator he can't believe it's true. His son goes to school, gets good grades, and he is shocked that all this came about. There is a chance this 17-year old could be tried as an adult. The prosecutor's office is trying to amend the charges right now.

News March 6, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:56 Local

A rape suspect is released, only to go back and shoot the victim, set to testify against him. An 18 year old Cleveland woman had half her lower face blown away by a shotgun blast. She's in serious condition tonight at Metro Hospital. Friends and family are shocked and saddened that the jilted boyfriend who's accused of stalking and then raping her was allowed to be placed on house arrest while awaiting trial. The victim was a cosmetology student at Grace College of Beauty in Middleburg Heights. Friends and instructors say she was afraid of her former boyfriend, Juan Ruiz. He followed her and called her often at the school.

Cleveland police say the victim was set to testify against the 17 year old Ruiz who was charged with kidnapping and raping her at knifepoint. On Monday evening, despite having an electronic monitoring bracelet, Ruiz left home armed with a shotgun. He's accused of shooting her at close range as she sat in a car outside her west side home. He was arrested a short time later.

Ruiz pleaded not guilty to felonious assault, intimidating a witness, and possessing a weapon. Why was he released from the Cuyahoga County juvenile detention center on February 20? The center was over crowded so the judge let him go with the monitoring bracelet. This may surprise you, but a detention center official says a contract company got an alarm that the suspect left home at 1:15pm. The victim was shot at 5:30 pm. The way the system works, the breach goes on a report. It's not faxed to the county until the next morning.

The teen is being held tonight at the Juvenile Detention Center. Prosecutors will seek to have him tried as an adult. The victim's family and friends continue to keep a vigil at her bedside.

Additional reports

News	March 6, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:24	Local
News	March 6, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:05	Local
News	March 7, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 7, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 7, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 7, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 7, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:53	Local

News March 7, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:49 Local

A juvenile court system is under fire after a teen is released and then accused of shooting his ex-girlfriend in the face. Tonight, the magistrate who made that decision speaks out to defend her decision to release the boy, and then goes on to say that we should trust the system. Meanwhile, an 18 year old girl is fighting for her life.

Juvenile Detention Center magistrate Laura Williams made the decision to release 17-year old Juan Ruiz from the detention center, and place him on house arrest, via electronic monitoring. Williams says several factors led to her decision, including a risk score. Each child has one based on their situation, with the highest being 24. Williams says Ruiz's score was at a 10 or below. In addition, on the day Ruiz was released, the detention center was over capacity by 100 children. Still, Williams says the system works.

Additional reports

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News	March 8, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 8, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 8, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 8, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 8, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 8, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local
News	March 8, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:02	Local

There is no short term answer to severe overcrowding at the Detention Center. But officials are reviewing procedures that determine which violent offenders are kept behind bars. At the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, victim counselors are worried. They say the shooting of an 18 year old Cleveland woman this week by a teen accused of raping her could have a chilling effect on others. The Rape Crisis Center says it's dealing with more violent sexual assaults committed by teens.

Detention Center Superintendent Len Munks says the case is already prompting a review of the monitoring program. The county currently does not get a report on who breaches the device until the next morning. Overall, Munks says the monitoring program has worked. Of 800 children required to use them in the past six months, he says only 4 committed new offenses while on the device, a rate of one-half of one percent. Having more space in the detention center would definitely help, but construction of a new one is still two years or more away. Plans call for 150 beds. 12 to 13 kids are released every day due to overcrowding.

Additional reports

News	March 8, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:39	Local
News	March 8, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:21	Local

The family of Johanna Orozco has been by her bedside since she was shot. They are not prepared to go on camera just yet. They tell us they want everyone to know that they strongly disagree with a magistrate's decision to release Juan Ruiz from a juvenile detention center. The controversy centers around why he was released from juvenile hall and why he had such a low risk score. The magistrate's comments have outraged Johanna's family and they now have a new crusade to reform the juvenile justice system. Johanna's family members would not elaborate on her condition, they say she is alive and they continue to hope for the best.

Additional reports

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News	March 9, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 9, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 9, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	March 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	March 9, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:20	Local
News	March 9, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 3:07	Local
News	March 9, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:00	Local
News	March 12, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:47	Local

There are new details tonight in the stunning case of a teenager who violated house arrest to shoot his former girlfriend. Juan Ruiz is scheduled to appear in juvenile court tomorrow after which an attempted aggravated murder charge against him will result in his being tried as an adult. Ruiz was supposed to have been on house arrest for attacking and raping his former girlfriend. That girlfriend, Johanna Orozco, was shot in the face while sitting in her car, but she

survived the attack and named Ruiz as the gunman. The case has generated an enormous amount of criticism of the juvenile justice system, and prosecutor Bill Mason says later this week he will be taking a closer look at the policies that keep some juvenile offenders behind bars, but give offenders like Ruiz enough freedom to carry out this kind of a crime.

Orozco remains hospitalized tonight in serious condition, her family wants her name and photos to be used to try and help force changes.

News	March 12, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:42	Local

Among the charges 17 year old Juan Ruiz faces, a count of attempted aggravated murder automatically makes him eligible to be tried as an adult. Cuyahoga County prosecutor Bill Mason expects changes will be the topic of discussion this week, after a study of the juvenile detention protocols has been completed

News	March 13, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

The 17-year old accused of raping his former girlfriend and shooting her in the face will be tried as an adult. The prosecutor wanted to ensure that this kid wouldn't get off the hook once he turns 21. Johanna Orozco will need extensive surgeries to fix her face. Her family has said this case demonstrates all that's wrong with the juvenile system. This morning Johanna's aunts let out an audible sigh of relief when the judge announced not only would Ruiz be transferred to the adult system, he won't be getting out on bond. Ruiz could have fought his transfer to the adult system yet he chose not to. The prosecutor feels they have a strong case.

Additional reports

News	March 13, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:33	Local

News	March 13, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:26	Local

While denying a half dozen charges including attempted aggravated murder, Ruiz waived future hearings in the juvenile system, sealing his fate. Magistrate Laura Williams, the official who released Ruiz from the detention center will no longer decide which violent juveniles are released and neither will other current magistrates. That change was announced by the administrative judge. Judge Joseph Russo declined to answer questions to explain how this would improve the system. Ruiz will be transferred to the county jail as soon as the paperwork is complete.

Additional reports

News	March 13, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:16	Local
News	March 14, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 14, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News	March 27, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:50	Local

At Metrohealth Medical Center where Johanna Orozco is being treated, she's in good spirits and doctors held a news conference today to update her condition. Despite being shot in the face 18 year old is staying strong. Even though she's unable to speak, she still managed to hand write this letter.

Next Tuesday she will undergo her third major reconstructive surgery, a procedure which could take up to 15 hours. This time doctors will remove tissue from her leg and insert it into her jawline. This is just one of many surgeries Johanna will go through over several years. Doctors are hoping she will be able to talk within 10 days of next week's surgery.

Johanna and her family are getting lots of support from the community. In addition to the Johanna Orozco Fund at any Fifth Third Bank branch, stores all over Cleveland's west side near the area where she grew up are doing their part too, putting out boxes for donations.

Additional reports

News	March 27, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	March 27, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:07	Local
News	March 28, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local

Issue: Brunswick Bomb Threats

News	February 7, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:45	Local

Brunswick High School is closed for the day because of a bomb threat. This isn't the first time this has happened there. The last student who called in a bomb threat in September was caught, prosecuted and expelled from school. This morning high school students were sent home because of a phone call.

The threat was actually phoned in around 12:30 last night from a phone booth across the street from the middle school. Police took the receiver to check for fingerprints. Nobody heard the threat until the switchboard operator checked messages first this morning. Police were called, bomb sniffing dogs were brought in, and students were sent home for the second time this school year. High school students were the only ones sent home. As for the student who called in the threat in September, he was kicked out of school for 80 days, and he will be back on Friday.

Additional reports

News	February 7, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	February 7, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local
News	February 7, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:22	Local

It's the second time in five months that a bomb scare has canceled school. Some parents are concerned about their children's safety and some are down right angry about how the school handled today's scare. The school was placed on lockdown while police searched the school for a bomb. In September, when Brunswick High School had its first bomb scare of the school year, the student's were evacuated while police looked for a bomb. The superintendent says that wasn't an option Wednesday. Police say the call was made from a pay phone on Pearl Road. Law enforcement and the school system took this threat very seriously and after listening to the call, you can see why.

Police hope someone will recognize the caller's voice and come forward. In the meantime, students and parents are on edge. Police say if the caller is a student, he will be prosecuted and expelled from school for 80 days.

Additional reports

News	February 8, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 8, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local

There is a second day of cancelled classes at Brunswick High School. There was another threat, and this one warns of another Columbine-like attack so the district isn't taking any chances. Another message was left on a school answering machine and this time called directly into the high school. School was cancelled before the day started. It's a decision the superintendent wasn't happy about making. The Brunswick superintendent says every day the kids aren't in school it costs the taxpayers thousands of dollars. Police did not sweep the building today because it's been secured since they did it yesterday. Listening to the call, police think it could be the same person.

News	February 8, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:28	Local

Brunswick High School students missed another day of class today after a second threatening message left on the school voicemail. Today the caller indicated the school district didn't take the first threat serious enough. Police say the call was placed just before 9pm last night from a pay phone on Pearl Road in Strongsville. Investigators took the phone receiver, and police searched the perimeter of the high school but found nothing suspicious.

The superintendent says the bomb threat in September cost taxpayers $50,000 between fire, police, bomb squad, and teacher salaries. Police say the caller will likely face charges of inducing panic when he is caught.

Additional reports

News	February 8, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:51	Local
News	February 8, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:51	Local

Classes at Brunswick High School have now been canceled for a third straight day because of threatening messages left on the school's voicemail. Investigators are now turning up the heat on the mysterious caller. They are now offering $10,000 to anyone with information that leads to his arrest. Here is the latest call made from a pay phone in Strongsville. Listen carefully to the

voice. Investigators believe the same person made a threatening call on Wednesday from a pay phone in Brunswick. Students initially thought the threats were some kind of prank, but now wonder if it's something more sinister.

The superintendent of Brunswick schools says the threatening messages are not only disrupting the education of students, but they will also end up costing taxpayers thousands of dollars. No one can take the chance that the caller is not deadly serious about following through on his threats. All of the other schools in Brunswick will be open on Friday, but parents can keep their kids at home if they're worried about their safety. For more information on the story and the $10,000 reward, viewers can go to MyFoxCleveland.com and click on news.

Additional reports

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News	February 9, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	February 9, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	February 9, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:30	Local

School officials will not decide until Sunday whether to send students back to Brunswick High School on Monday morning. Police are following some leads, and schools officials hope by Monday they'll have their caller in custody. School leaders are working with the police department and they say when the students go back there will likely be more security. Parents have been very supportive of the district. The superintendent says threats or not, class is going to be back in session very soon.

We also got to meet a school safety and security expert today. He says the hardest part of all this is simply determining the credibility of one of these phone threats called in to the high school. He says you just never know, sometimes they aren't a hoax. Police say they do not have a suspect, but they have received many calls from people in the community who have heard the voice that was left on the voicemail, thinking they recognized the voice and they hope to give police a hand in identifying him.

Additional reports

News	February 9, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:35	Local
News	February 9, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	February 11, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:00	Local

Police say the phone calls that put an entire city on edge have a face. Tonight there is an arrest in the Brunswick High School bomb threats. The teen being blamed for making the threats is a student in the district. Fox-8's Gary Liberatore spoke exclusively with the 19-year-old's foster-mother. She says he is a good kid but does have his problems. Now it will be up to the courts to decide whether he is indeed the caller.

Police say once people heard the calls that came in from two payphones last week, their phones started ringing off the hook. Tips led them to 19-year-old Stephan Prince. He was arrested at a friend's house in Brunswick around 10:30 Sunday morning. Prince lives with foster parents in Brunswick Hills. Police have taken the two handsets from the two payphones and will try to match fingerprints. They have other evidence which hasn't been mentioned yet.

When the Brunswick police chief was asked if there was a real threat of danger of an explosion at the school, he said there were no devices ever located on the school property. No word on whether they recovered explosive devices elsewhere. The superintendent would only tell us Stephan Prince was enrolled in the district, but wouldn't confirm whether he attended classes at the high school. He may be in a vocational school.

Prince is scheduled to face a judge tomorrow morning. If convicted of a felony count of inducing panic, he could face up to 18 months in prison. School will reopen tomorrow and there will be extra security measures in place. The superintendent says he is looking at the possibility of metal detectors in the future.

Additional reports

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News	February 12, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	February 12, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
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News	February 12, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local

News February 12, 2007 Noon TRT 2:00 Local

Inducing panic is the charge against a Brunswick High School student accused of calling in phony bomb threats. Stefan Prince faces one felony charge but the prosecutor expects this to get much worse for the 19-year old Brunswick student before it's all over. The prosecutor expects a grand jury to add charges against Prince and increase the felony degree because it cost the city and the district so much money to cancel school for three days. This isn't Stefan Prince's first time before a judge but in the past it's been misdemeanors.

Brunswick High School students walked into class for the first time in a week. Students seemed relieved to be back today after the arrest Sunday morning.

Additional reports

News	February 12, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	February 12, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:43	Local

News February 12, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:42 Local

The teenager who made threats that closed down Brunswick High School last week is behind bars tonight, and now some of his friends are in trouble at school. There is a group of four students who were wearing t-shirts in support of their friend. The school district did not like that at all, and the students are now being punished. School officials concluded it was a disruption of school and immediately suspended the students for three days. The students claim their t-shirts show support for their troubled friend, not support for what he did. The four students who have been suspended for wearing the t-shirts claim that their right to freedom of speech is being infringed upon. The school district says it is a matter of safety and re-establishing order at the schools after the chaos created by Stefan Prince.

Additional reports

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News	February 13, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 13, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 13, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News February 20, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:35 Local

Today the teen police say was behind the Brunswick bomb threats entered his not guilty plea. Prince is facing four felony inducing panic charges, and could face up to 13 years in prison. Medina County Prosecutor Dean Holman says the threats cost the school district more than $150,000 in lost wages during the three days the school was closed. When the school reopened heightened security was in place.

Prince is scheduled to be in court again April 30, facing the four inducing panic charges. For now he's being held on a $200,000 bond. When police released the tapes of the bomb threats and we aired them, nearly 100 tip calls came in. Police say those calls led them to Prince.

Additional reports

News	February 20, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 21, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local

News February 22, 2007 Noon TRT 2:00 Local

Because of nine days missed for snow and bomb threats, students in Brunswick know they'll have to make that time up. Starting Monday, and for the next two weeks, they'll have to come to school an hour earlier. Brunswick students only have to make up 4 of the 9 missed days and they need to do that before March 12. That's the day Ohio graduation testing begins. Even with the

extra 10 hours of class over the next two weeks that still leaves them with two days to make up. One will come out of Memorial Day weekend, and the other added to the end of the school year.
Additional reports

News	February 22, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	February 22, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:46	Local
News	February 22, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	February 23, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 23, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 23, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	February 26, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local
News	February 26, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	February 26, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:10	Local
News	February 26, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:50	Local

CONSUMER INFO/ANIMAL SAFETY

Issue: Pet Food Recall

There is a warning for pet owners about a broad-ranging pet food recall. It affects millions of containers of dog and cat food sold at major retailers under dozens of brand names. The products being recalled are "cuts and gravy" style food, sold in cans and small foil pouches. They were sold between December 3 and March 6. An unknown number of cats and dogs have suffered kidney failure after eating the affected pet food, and at least ten have died.

News March 18, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:05 Local

There is growing concern among pet owners today about a recall of tainted food. Owners can return the food but still they have to wonder if their pet will become gravely ill. Initial reports indicated one dog and nine cats died of kidney failure across the nation.

Iams packets are on the recall list along with more than three dozen other brands made by Menu Foods. Menu Foods ships out more than one billion packages of a wet food every year. Petsmart stores were among those to act quickly. Everything on their shelves which could be tainted now has been pulled off.

Additional reports

News	March 18, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 19, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 19, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	March 19, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:55	Local

News March 19, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:18 Local

Federal investigators are still trying to track down what contaminated all the cat and dog food. Meanwhile, concerned pet owners are turning to their veterinarians for answers. The Lyndhurst Animal Clinic is a very busy place on any given day. Today it is even busier with lots and lots of calls about that tainted pet food.

Dr. Arthur Wohlfeiler of the Lyndhurst Animal Clinic says "Once we see there is a kidney insufficiency we start treating it with fluids intravenously. Special diets and certain medications help them overcome this or prolong their life with treatment."

If your cat is vomiting, drinking a lot of water and urinating excessively, quick action is necessary. Remember this recall is for cat and dog food manufactured by Menu Foods under 90 some labels. It's for food in cans or foil packs not dry food. After all of this some pet owners might be encouraged to drop the wet food altogether and concentrate on the dry. Dr. Wohlfeiler says cat owners would be making a big mistake. Canned food is really important for cats as it helps them lead a longer healthier life because of the protein content versus dry food which is more carbohydrate.

At one point today the website for Menu Foods crashed. If your pet consumed the food, and you are worried, you can bring it to your vet for some blood work.

Additional reports

News	March 19, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:08	Local
News	March 19, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local

News March 20, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:20 Local

Pet owners are still talking about the major pet food recall across the nation. Some are worried their pets could have already been affected. Since the first case of kidney failure in February, Menu Foods conducted tests giving the food to 50 animals and six died. Tonight a local woman thinks her cat also died because of the food.

Inside Southwest Pet Hospital, there have been many calls from concerned pet owners. Tuesday Dr. Joseph Cross got his first case. This cat eats Iams cat food, another on the recall list. FDA investigators think wheat gluten, an ingredient in the moist food, is to blame. Dr. Cross says a blood test is the best way to confirm your pets' symptoms. For the latest on the symptoms and an important phone number to call if you have any questions on the pet food being recalled, go to our website MyfoxCleveland.com.

Additional reports

News	March 20, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:15	Local
News	March 20, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:07	Local

News March 21, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:21 Local

It's been in the news for days, but still, pet-owners have questions regarding the huge pet food recall. The big question is what should I feed my dog or cat? Today we found out there are plenty of options. Copley Feed has been feeding horses since 1939, but now they also sell dog and cat food. Ever since Saturday, the owners of Copley Deed have been keeping an eye on their computer. They've fielded hundreds of questions about the big pet food recall. None of the products they sell are on the list.

Additional reports

News	March 21, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:49	Local
News	March 21, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 22, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 2:01	Local
News	March 22, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 22, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 23, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:02 Local/FOX

Tests find rat poison in pet food. It's being blamed for killing more than a dozen cats and dogs. Scientists say the toxin in the food is aminopterin which is used to kill rats in some countries but not here in the United States. The EPA says it is used as a cancer drug here but it's still unclear how the toxin got into the pet food supply. The contamination led to a recall of more than 60 million cans and pouches of pet food produced by Menu Foods. They include foods sold under store brands by Wal-Mart, Safeway and other large retailers as well as private labels such as Iams, Nutro and Eukanuba. Veterinarians say typically rat poison in cats and dogs causes internal bleeding, but local clinics have seen large numbers of pets suffering with kidney problems after eating the recalled brands. New York scientists say while the toxin is found in cancer drugs not much is known about its impact in pets.

The company says immediate next steps will be to begin testing all of the suspect raw materials with the goal of quickly identifying the means through which this substance entered their supply chain. Scientists say this is just one step in a long process to figure out exactly how this happened but they felt it important to get their initial findings out to the public as quickly as possible.

Additional reports

News	March 23, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:25	Local/FOX
News	March 23, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:50	Local/FOX

News March 23, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:55 FOX

There is a frightening development in the pet food recall. New York State Department of Agriculture scientists say rat poison was found in pet products from Menu Foods. Overseas aminopterin is used to kill rats but it can't be used legally for that purpose in the United States. The researchers say the compound is prescribed in this country on a limited basis as a cancer drug for humans.

The New York investigators found aminopterin in three cat food samples provided by Menu Foods. There have been several reports of kidney failure in pets that ate recalled brands. The researchers in New York State say aminopterin does cause kidney failure in dogs and cats. But they say it will be a while before experts can figure out how it ended up in pet food.

Late today Menu Foods thanked the scientists for identifying the contamination and promised to re-examine their production process from top to bottom. The New York State scientists say they expect federal investigators to get involved in tracing the source of the food contamination. For a complete listing of recalled foods simply log onto our website.

News	March 26, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 3:45	Local

17 pets have now died because of tainted pet food. Joining us now from our Web Center is Veterinarian Kane Henderson from the West Park Animal Hospital. He's doing a web chat this morning to answer your questions.

Additional reports

News	March 26, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	March 26, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:55	Local

News	March 26, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:25	FOX

Congressman Dennis Kucinich spearheads a government probe into the cause of a deadly pet food recall. He has requested that Menu Foods provide him with complete information on the recall. The company had earlier ordered the return of 60-million cans of its pet foods, which are sold under 95 different brand names. At least 15 cats and one dog have already died, and an indefinite numbers are believed to have kidney failure. A preliminary report points to rat poison.

News	March 27, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:35	FOX

A veterinarian's group says the FDA has under-reported the number of animals that have gotten sick or died from tainted pet food. The veterinarian information network, a website made up of 30,000 vets and vet students, has tallied up 471 cases of kidney failure in the past ten days. The FDA says it is confirmed only 14 pet deaths in the U.S. tied to the food which was tainted with rat poison.

News	March 27, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:30	FOX

A Canadian woman may be the first human to suffer from health problems related to the tainted pet food investigation. Elaine Larabie says she became violently ill after eating some of her dog's food. Larabie says for three days she suffered symptoms that included loss of appetite, vomiting, and foaming at the mouth. She says she ate the food to try and trick her dog into believing it was people food. Her dog is now sick too. Both are currently undergoing medical tests to determine the extent of their illnesses.

News	March 30, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:25	Local/FOX

Thousands of animals are dead or sick after eating soft pet food. The recall is still on but the investigation has taken a new twist. The Food and Drug Administration now believes a chemical used to make plastic is what contaminated the pet food that has been killing animals. Something called melamine which is used to make plastic kitchenware, and it's also used as a fertilizer although not in the U.S. Scientists believe that melamine contaminated wheat gluten which is used to thicken the gravy in the pet food. Scientists at a New York State laboratory initially found rat poison and thought that was the culprit but follow up tests failed to confirm that and instead found the melamine. Pet owners should know that this recall could grow.

That other manufacturer where the melamine-contaminated wheat gluten was shipped makes dry pet food. But the FDA has no evidence so far that dry food should be recalled as well. They say there is no risk to human food.

Additional reports

News	March 30, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:40	Local/FOX
News	March 30, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local/FOX
News	March 30, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local/FOX

News	March 31, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:51	FOX

There is more bad news tonight for dog and cat owners. Two new pet food companies are now recalling their products, but the FDA still can't pinpoint exactly what has sickened and killed pets across the country. For the first time dry food is involved. Hill's Pet Nutrition is recalling certain batches of prescription diet MD dry cat food which is only sold thru veterinarians. Nestle Purina is pulling all sizes and varieties of Alpo Prime Cuts in Gravy wet dog food with date codes between 7037 and 7053, labeled "best before February, 2009." Both companies believe the recalled items may contain tainted wheat gluten from China. The FDA says the same supplier provided wheat gluten to Menu Foods, the company which recalled millions of cans of wet food this month when pets got sick and died after eating their products.

The Food and Drug Administration says "We recognize that info can change almost hourly in this type of investigation and as soon as we have information about any pet food whether it's wet or dry that was manufactured from an ingredient that was contaminated with melamine, we are going to notify the public."

Additional reports

News	March 31, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local

HEALTH/SAFETY

Issue: School Rash

News	March 15, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:03	Local

A mysterious rash has an entire school district closed. Worried parents rushed to Beloit Elementary school in Mahoning County after receiving news that more than 30 students have come down with a mysterious rash. Some students at the elementary school and neighboring West Branch Middle School are quarantined as Hazmats test the buildings for contaminates. Students who are rash free are allowed to leave when the all clear is finally given. As many as 35 students who have signs of the rash are given medical treatment.

Doctors at nearby Alliance Community Hospital say most of the students were given benedryl and told to go home and bathe and have their clothes washed. They're not sure what caused the rash, but health investigators are checking out the possibility that it was caused by a new cleaning product being used at the school.

As a precaution the West Branch School District has decided to cancel classes on Friday at all four buildings in the district, affecting 2500 students. The superintendent advised "we're going to give the buildings a thorough cleaning and we're going to just re-examine all of our buildings". The job of cleaning the school will begin tomorrow morning. All of the students were treated and released from the hospital.

Additional reports

News	March 15, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 3:20	Local
News	March 15, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:45	Local
News	March 16, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	March 16, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:23	Local
News	March 16, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 16, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:14	Local

More than 800 students in Mahoning County stayed home from school today. This is after a group of elementary students broke out with a mysterious rash yesterday afternoon. We're told none of the students had to return to the hospital. Yesterday 37 students and two faculty members at Beloit Elementary complained of an itchy rash. Many students were treated at a local hospital and later sent home. Doctors are calling it an allergic reaction. No one knows what caused it, but the school district isn't taking any chances. Today the custodians are working overtime.

The superintendent says Hazmat and the County Health Board will assess the situation throughout the weekend. By Sunday afternoon the school will make a decision about reopening school on Monday. The superintendent says if they're able to determine what caused this outbreak, a letter will be sent home to parents.

Additional reports

News	March 16, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local
News	March 16, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:59	Local
News	March 16, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:52	Local

News March 18, 2007 6:00PM TRT 0:45 Local

Beloit Elementary School in Mahoning County will be open tomorrow. The school was closed for cleaning after more than three dozen students and some staff members were treated at area hospitals for an itchy rash on Thursday. The cause of the rash remains a mystery, but hospital officials categorized it as a non-contagious dermatitis. After a thorough cleaning, county and state health investigators have re-tested all the buildings this weekend. School officials say they will continue investigating the cause of the rash.

Additional reports

News	March 18, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	March 19, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	March 19, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 19, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:25 Local

Beloit elementary and middle schools will be closed tomorrow. The school closed last week when several students came down with a mysterious rash. The school re-opened today after the school was scrubbed down, and educators thought it was safe to return. The superintendent tells Fox 8 the rash returned today, and he's made the decision to cancel school tomorrow.

News March 20, 2007 Noon TRT 0:59 Local

Two schools are closed once again today after the return of a mysterious rash. Officials will hold a press conference on the matter this afternoon. They have ruled out one possible cause. Beloit school officials say they have determined cleaning products are not responsible for the mystery illness.

More testing is being done at the Beloit elementary and middle schools today. School leaders cancelled classes on Friday to clean the building. 11 students developed the rash again yesterday. School officials will hold a press conference at four o'clock this afternoon to announce whether classes will be held for the rest of the week. You can see that press conference live on our website.

News March 20, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local

This is the second time grades kindergarten through five had to be cancelled at the Beloit elementary and middle schools in a week. In a news conference here at the high school this afternoon the superintendent said the cause of that rash is still unknown. Health officials have tested the surface and air inside the buildings, and the results came back okay. Until a cause is determined, elementary students are being asked to stay home for another day.

Middle school students are being asked to report to the high school tomorrow. Middle school students will take classes there, and the busses will be running on the normal schedule.

Now doctors say they are treating this outbreak as a skin irritation. They say it's non contagious, which means it's not being passed from person-to-person. They will continue testing to figure out the cause. Dr. Scott Weingart, School Superintendent, says the EPA has come in and will conduct some further testing. The State Department will also come in tomorrow to do some further testing. The superintendent says the outbreak originated in many classrooms where elementary students were sitting which is why they're shutting down that portion of the building for tomorrow.

Additional reports

News	March 20, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:57	Local
News	March 20, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:12	Local
News	March 21, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 21, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	March 21, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News March 21, 2007 5:00PM TRT 2:05 Local
The mystery surrounding the unexplained rashes students are getting at a local school continues. The state EPA is conducting testing currently. The superintendent says until testing is completed, Beloit Elementary will stay closed for an additional day. School officials are trying to figure out if this rash is spreading. Yesterday one high school student, 12 middle school students, and 5 students from nearby Damascus Elementary all reported similar symptoms.

Beloit Elementary School officials will decide whether to reopen on Friday by tomorrow afternoon. Middle school students are being asked to report to the high school the rest of the week.
Additional reports
News March 21, 2007 Noon TRT 1:45 Local
News March 21, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:13 Local

News March 22, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local
The big news in Beloit is that the school is scheduled to reopen tomorrow. Two of the classrooms will be closed off until some tests results come back next week. It was a week ago today 35 students came down with a red itchy rash. They were all treated and released at local hospitals. The district closed the school and the Mahoning County Hazmat team came in over the weekend and sanitized the school. Hazmat tests showed nothing abnormal, so the school was opened on Monday, but 11 of the 35 students originally affected had the symptoms come back. The school closed down again and the EPA came in on Wednesday. Their test results won't be back until sometime next week.
Additional reports
News March 22, 2007 6:00PM TRT 2:06 Local
News March 22, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:50 Local

News March 23, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local
After closing for the second time over a mysterious rash outbreak, a local elementary school was open today. The West Branch Local Schools superintendent says the school is doing everything they can to protect the students. Until those test results are in, the school will keep the two classrooms where the rash first appeared, closed. We'll have the results of those tests as soon as they come in.
Additional reports
News March 23, 2007 Noon TRT 0:50 Local
News March 23, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:50 Local

News March 28, 2007 Noon TRT 0:20 Local
The Ohio EPA says lab tests didn't turn up a cause for the mystery rash that shut down a Beloit school. A spokesperson says a preliminary review of those air and surface tests shows no environmental contaminants that would cause the skin irritation.

CHILD ABUSE/MORALITY

Issue: Gravelles – Kids in Cages
News January 17, 2007 10:00PM TRT 0:30 Local
The couple convicted of abusing some of their eleven adopted children has filed paperwork requesting a new trial. Michael and Sharen Gravelle were each found guilty of child endangering and child abuse. They were accused of forcing some of their kids to sleep in so-called cages. The Gravelles say their childrens' guardian has publicly accused several state witnesses of lying on the stand during their criminal trial. A judge is expected to rule on the motion by next week.

News January 25, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local
The Gravelles were convicted of child endangering and misdemeanor abuse, but they claim prosecutors concealed evidence that might have made a difference. The couples attorneys say since their trial ended in December new documents have surfaced that are critical of the way the investigation was conducted. They also claim prosecutors tried to hide details of conversations they had with key witnesses, which could have influenced their testimony.

Defense attorneys say that brings into question the integrity of the verdicts and the judge should either reverse the verdicts or give them a new trial. Earl McGimpsey, Huron County Common Pleas Judge, says if we accept that as fact, how does that change the culpability of the Gravelles that was presented here in this courtroom? Among those whose testimony was questioned are the heads of Huron County Job and Family Service, and the head of Huron County Children Services. Both were subpoenaed to testify today but they didn't. The judge is expected to have a ruling tomorrow.

Additional reports

News	January 25, 2007	Noon	TRT 2:00	Local
News	January 25, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:30	Local
News	January 25, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:50	Local
News	January 26, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News January 29, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:37 Local

A judge deals another blow for a couple convicted of endangering their children by keeping some of them in cage-like enclosures. Huron County Common Pleas Judge Earl McGimpsey ruled that the defense team for Michael and Sharon Gravelle didn't prove their argument. Defense attorney Ken Myer believes investigators misrepresented the size of the enclosures the children were kept in to get a search warrant. He also believes the defense didn't get key evidence that includes notes from a social worker that prosecutor Russ Leffler knew about the living arrangements in 2003 but didn't take action because it was an election year. Leffler denies ever knowing.

The defense does plan to appeal the decision. The Gravelles will be sentenced February 14. They could face one to five years in prison and a maximum fine of $10,000 for each felony count.

Additional reports

News	January 29, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	January 29, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:58	Local
News	January 30, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 30, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	January 30, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local

News February 12, 2007 5:00PM TRT 1:40 Local

This was another day in court, for Michael and Sharen Gravelle, this time in a State Appeals Court in Toledo. They are still awaiting sentencing for their roles in the Norwalk caged kids case. Those children were taken from them, but today they were hoping to win custody back. The Gravelles will learn if they have to spend time in prison on Wednesday in Norwalk. The decision on regaining custody of the children will not be made for thirty days.

Additional reports

News	February 12, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:54	Local
News	February 13, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News February 12, 2007 10:00PM TRT 1:25 Local

The Gravelles have now set up a blog on MyFoxCleveland.com explaining their care giving. We read portions of their comments to the viewers.

News February 15, 2007 10:00PM TRT 2:25 Local

Previously found guilty of child endangering, and misdemeanor child abuse, the Gravelles listened as attorneys read letters from two of their adopted children, asking the court to send them to prison. The case got international notoriety because of cage-like beds some of the Gravelle children slept in. The Gravelles, silent through the trial, admitted making mistakes. Judge Earl McGimpsey said prison time is consistent with the charges. The Gravelles were each sentenced to two years in prison. The judge has allowed them to remain free on bond pending an appeal.

Additional reports

News	February 15, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:36	Local
News	February 15, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	February 16, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 1:55	Local
News	February 16, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:40	Local
News	February 16, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 0:50	Local

News	February 20, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 1:55	Local

A social worker involved in the so called kids in cages case pleads guilty to three misdemeanors. After the case exploded, she broke her silence to the Fox 8 I-Team. The plea deal eliminates multiple felonies that Elaine Thompson faced but still leaves her exposed to up to nine months in jail when she's sentenced in April. Her attorney told the I-Team today that Thompson felt sorry for the Gravelles because of the daily stress they faced, and was trying so hard to help them cope that she may have lost her objectivity as to what she was looking at. When Thompson broke her silence to us in 2005, it was clear she had struggled when she first saw those beds. The Gravelle's were sentenced to two years in prison each last week, but are free pending appeal. The adopted children have been removed from the Gravelle's home.

Additional reports

News	February 20, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	February 20, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 1:00	Local

TERRORISM

Issue: Good-bye Imam Damra

News	January 5, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 3:45	Local

It all began with an I-Team investigation. Tonight, Imam Fawaz Damra, once the leader of Ohio's largest mosque, has been deported. Two days after the planes struck the towers, Imam Fawaz Damra struck a memorable pose. His embrace of Bishop Anthony Pilla endeared him to Cleveland as a moderate, even holy man. Two weeks after 9/11, the I-Team first began to expose Damra's secret past first as a terrorist fundraiser and later, as an unindicted co-conspirator in the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. The I-Team found he was head of the mosque in Brooklyn in the late 1980's where five of the '93 bombers worshipped. The fact is his Brooklyn mosque was the first fundraising arm in the United States for Osama bin Laden.

Moving to Cleveland in 1990, Damra spent more than a decade carefully crafting a moderate image, mixing easily with Christians and Jews alike. Even today, some people who worked with him in Cleveland can't believe the two very different sides of Fawaz Damra.

The terror fundraising tapes we first broadcast were at the center of a federal case against Damra in 2004 charging he lied about ties to terrorists to obtain U.S. citizenship. His conviction stripped him of his citizenship, and for over a year now he's been in jail as the U.S. tried to find a place to deport him to. That search ended on a bridge to his native Palestine yesterday morning. Damra said education in America had led him to change his radical views, and he condemned the September 11 attacks. September 11 changed many minds about men like Fawaz Damra, a man who ultimately couldn't outrun his own radical past. Immigration officials say Damra's wife and three daughters were not on the plane with him. The Islamic Center of Cleveland, the mosque Damra used to lead in Parma, issued a statement calling his deportation sad and saying he was a moderate voice in the community. They also thanked Damra for his service, and said its heartfelt concerns go out to his wife and daughters.

Additional reports

News	January 5, 2007	Noon	TRT 1:30	Local
News	January 5, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:04	Local
News	January 5, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:20	Local

News	January 7, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:30	Local

Imam Fawaz Damra's family who's still here in the U.S. is asking Congressman Dennis Kucinich to help locate his exact whereabouts. Damra was arrested and convicted in 2004 after he lied about his ties to terror organizations in order to obtain citizenship here in the U.S. Damra's family members say he hasn't contacted them since he was deported. Congressman Kucinich says he will make calls to federal authorities to try and get the family some answers.

Additional reports

News	January 8, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News January 8, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:21 Local

We now know why Imam Fawaz Damra has not called his family in Cleveland since being deported. Israeli authorities arrested him as soon as he crossed into Palestine. The Fox 8 I-Team broke the original stories five years ago about Damra's radical past, but Damra, the former leader of the Islamic Center of Cleveland, was deported for lying on his U.S. citizenship application about past ties to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. U.S. authorities say that group has carried out a long history of terrorist attacks that have killed Israelis.

U.S. authorities still insist they turned Damra over to Palestinian officials last Thursday after he crossed the Allenby Bridge from Jordon. The Palestinian side of that bridge is controlled exclusively by the Israelis. Through an interpreter in the west bank, Damra's brother said Damra was arrested by Israeli authorities the moment he crossed the bridge. His brother said the Red Cross told him that Damra has been taken to a prison in the northern west bank. Don Bryant, Damra's friend and president of a Cleveland immigrant support group, calls the developments a nightmare for Damra. Damra's wife, who is still in Cleveland with the couple's three children, has declined to comment.

Additional reports

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News January 9, 2007 6:00PM TRT 3:47 Local

Damra is in Israeli custody for alleged ties to terrorists. There are big questions about how Damra wound up in Israel. Those questions concern whether the U.S. government may have been duped by Israel, or whether it may have worked with the Israelis to dupe Damra. Either way, he is not in the Palestinian territories, but is in an Israeli jail. His family is praying for some answers on his whereabouts.

According to reports from Jerusalem, Damra is now in the hands of Israel's internal security force. Last week Damra apparently thought he was being deported to live in Palestine with relatives. He never got there, and his American lawyer says that's a problem for U.S. due process and fairness. The U.S. government deported Damra thru Jordon last week, and since then has told wildly contradictory stories about exactly what happened.

But as to his deportation case, his family and supporters say first, they just want the most basic answers. Damra's attorney says he plans to see if the way the deportation was handled violated the terms of a federal court order. The family's desire is to have Damra returned to the U.S. Chances of that happening would appear slim. Even if the court order was violated, and that's unclear, Israel is not subject to the rulings of U.S. courts, and Israel now has Damra in its custody.

Additional reports

News	January 9, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 2:04	Local
News	January 9, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:17	Local
News	January 10, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	January 10, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 2:05	Local
News	January 10, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	January 10, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
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News	January 10, 2007	7:00AM	TRT 2:00	Local
News	January 10, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	January 10, 2007	8:00AM	TRT 1:45	Local
News	January 10, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local

News January 10, 2007 6:00PM TRT 1:41 Local

For the first time since Imam Fawaz Damra was deported, his family has heard about his condition. He is in good health and being treated well in an Israeli prison. According to a family spokesman, Damra's wife heard that information from a humanitarian worker who had visited with her husband. The family spokesman says Damra has had a hearing before an Israeli judge who ordered him held until another hearing in fifteen days. Israel wants to interrogate Damra about his ties to a terrorist group, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

U.S. immigration officials have issued their third statement in less than a week trying to clarify their role in Damra's deportation. First they said the U.S. worked with the Palestinians and that Damra passed thru this checkpoint to his native Palestine, where Damra thought he'd wind up. Then, they said he was presented to the Israeli's who control the checkpoint. Now they say "it is our practice to turn deportees over to the relevant border authorities." What is unclear is if that is standard practice, why immigration officials didn't say so in the first place. What is also unclear is whether Damra was duped and whether the fact that Damra wound up in Israeli hands would violate the deportation order issued by a federal immigration judge.

Additional reports

News	January 10, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:40	Local
News	January 11, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:30	Local

News	January 14, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:25	Local

Cleveland's Imam Fawaz Damra concealed his ties to Islamic Jihad when he applied for U.S. citizenship in 1994. He was deported earlier this month and taken into custody by Israeli authorities. His attorney says Israeli authorities are interested in any knowledge that Damra may have of Islamic Jihad. He says Damra is being treated well in the Israeli prison. Damra is scheduled to appear in an Israeli court January 25.

News	January 23, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 0:35	Local

The Fox 8 I-Team has confirmed that an Israeli judge has ordered Imam Fawaz Damra released from prison. The judge gave Israel three days to appeal that ruling so Damra remains in Israeli custody today. If released, Damra will be sent to his hometown in the west bank. His wife and three children remain in Cleveland.

Additional reports

News	January 23, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 0:30	Local
News	January 23, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 0:35	Local

News	January 25, 2007	6:00PM	TRT 2:33	Local

The Fox 8 I-Team has confirmed that Israel has freed Imam Fawaz Damra. The former leader of Cleveland's Islamic Center was deported last month. He's with relatives in the Palistinian territories. It is the latest chapter in the long and strange odyssey that has become his life. For a man who'd led a comfortable life for years in Cleveland, Fawaz Damra's time in various prisons may have finally come to an end. For more than a month, Damra has been in the Keeshon prison in Israel. It's the third prison he's been in during the last three years.

Five years ago, the I-Team first broadcast the now infamous 1991 tapes of Damra raising money for a terrorist group known as the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Damra later apologized, and said education in the U.S. had moderated his views. Three years ago he was convicted in Akron federal court of lying about past ties to terrorists. He was sentenced to two months at a prison South of Youngstown and ordered deported. He spent more than a year in hearings and in another prison in Michigan before U.S. authorities deported him last month, supposedly to the Palestinian territories.

U.S. authorities sent him from Jordon across the Allenby Bridge into the Palestinian territories and later acknowledged they knew Israeli border authorities control this checkpoint and would meet Damra. He was taken to the Keeshon Prison, where his lawyer says he's been well treated. That release has now occurred. Damra is back in the town of Nabulus in the west bank, where he was born. Damra's wife and three daughters, all American citizens, remain here in Cleveland.

Additional reports

News	January 25, 2007	Noon	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 25, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:25	Local
News	January 26, 2007	5:00AM	TRT 0:45	Local
News	January 26, 2007	6:00AM	TRT 2:23	Local

News	January 26, 2007	5:00PM	TRT 1:30	Local

There were tears today at the Islamic Mosque in Parma. Members heard from the deported Imam, Fawaz Damra that Damra is now a free man. Damra also thanked his attorneys and local Christian leaders who worked to free him after he was convicted of raising money for the Palestinian Islamic Jihad and had his citizenship revoked.

Additional reports

News	January 26, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 2:31	Local
News	January 27, 2007	10:00PM	TRT 3:55	Local

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public service announcements were aired for the organizations listed below during the first quarter of 2007.

Adoption
American Dental Association
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Blind Date Dogs
Buckle Up Cars
Champs in Action - RSVP
Classroom Honesty
Cruelty Not Cool
Dreams – MS Society
Forces of Nature
Four Nine
FOX Kaiser
FOX Ovarian Cancer
FOX V Chip
FOX TV Ratings
Garfield on Writing
Girls & Boys Town
Grapes Tour
Guide Dog
Habitat Build It
Help Wanted
Here Kitty, Kitty
Marines for Country
Matchsticks
Missing Children
Nature Explore
Open Childs Mind
Partners for a Drug-Free America-Various
Playhouse – Smart Seats
Polio - Rotary
Poverty Line
Precious Cargo
Protect Our Children
Ravenna Foreclosure
Runaway Switchboard
Shriners
Thomas – Every Child
Thyroid
U.S. Navy
Wonderful World

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PROJECTS
January-February-March 2007

GREATER CLEVELAND SPORTS AWARDS
January 29, 2007
FOX 8 sponsored the 2006 Greater Cleveland Sports Awards benefiting the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. FOX 8 produced and aired a :30 and :10 PSA promoting the event. We also put together several videos used throughout the evening to honor both amateur and professional athletes that evening. News ran teases in newscasts and also broadcast live from the event. FOX 8 sportscaster, Tony Rizzo participated in the evening's events.

THE 2007 CLEVELAND CRUSH PARTY
February 15, 2007
FOX 8 sponsored the annual Cleveland Crush Party to benefit the Easter Seals. FOX 8 feature reporter Kenny Crumpton served as master of ceremonies for the event. We produced and aired a :10 and :15 PSA promoting the event. The station also invited a representative from Easter Seals to be a guest on our Sunday morning show to discuss both the organization and the event.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER
March 1-31, 2007
FOX 8's public service commitment this winter revolved around the Cleveland Foodbank's Harvest for Hunger campaign. The month-long drive supports more than 540 emergency food programs throughout Northeast Ohio and helps to feed more than 620,000 hungry men, women and children in the area. FOX 8 lent its support in a number of ways:

- Provided news coverage throughout the month for Harvest for Hunger events, such as news conferences, celebrity bagging and fund-raising competitions
- Teased Harvest for Hunger events in newscasts, while reminding viewers to help the campaign
- Interviewed Harvest for Hunger representative in-studio to promote the kick-off of the campaign
- Booked FOX 8 talent to host or appear at several Harvest for Hunger events, including the important Celebrity Soup fund-raiser
- Aired:15 Harvest for Hunger PSAs regularly throughout the campaign.

5TH ANNIVERSARY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF COLOR
March 31 – April 2, 2007
FOX 8 partnered with the Women of Color Foundation for the first time this year. The purpose of the retreat was to foster networking and to provide personal and professional development, education and training to all women of color. FOX 8 lent its support in the following way.

- Produced and aired four, :15 PSA's promoting the event
- Interviewed Women of Color Foundation representative in-studio on morning news as well as on FOX 8's new show "That's Life."
- FOX 8's Stacey Bell served as emcee for the final day of the retreat

CHARTER ONE CHAMPION'S IN ACTION (1st Quarter Winner – R.S.V.P.)
January – March 2007
FOX 8 & Charter One teamed up to create the Champions in Action program, designed to provide financial support and public awareness to the non-profit organizations that work to champion change in our communities. The winner for first quarter was R.S.V.P. FOX 8 lent its support in the following ways

- Produced and aired a :30 an :20 PSA to encourage people to volunteer for the organization
- Aired a story on the organization and the work that they do in our community in our evening news
- Visited with some of the seniors at St. Augustine Manor (nursing home) where R.S.V.P. volunteers visit weekly. We had the on-air talent, as well as other FOX 8 employee's help with lunch and played a game of bingo with the seniors.
- Collected books to be donated to one of the schools that R.S.V.P. volunteers mentor at. We will hold a book fair for the children in early April.