

Summary

Sinclair welcomes the opportunity to discuss the many ways in which broadcasters, and in particular Sinclair, serve the public interest and their local communities. As demonstrated by the extensive record in this proceeding, Sinclair and other broadcasters have a long tradition of working to address the needs and interests of their local communities and have strong market incentives to continue to do so. Broadcasters make these efforts not in response to the FCC's mandate, but as a matter of survival. Indeed, many of the rules the Commission is proposing were already deemed unnecessary by the Commission itself nearly twenty-five years ago, largely based upon the proper realization that market forces obviate the need for such regulations. Today, broadcasters face significantly more competitors than they did when the Commission chose to deregulate, including competition from thousands of cable and satellite television and radio channels, fiber-optic systems, on-demand programming, and the vast local content of the Internet, among others. The *NPRM* nevertheless tentatively concludes that the Commission should re-impose various program-related regulations on the broadcasting industry.

As demonstrated herein, the Commission's proposed regulations would impose tremendous costs and operational burdens on broadcasters while simultaneously restricting their ability to make programming decisions by impermissibly mandating specified amounts of government-favored speech. Simply put, the *NPRM*'s proposals are nothing more than a bad solution to a nonexistent problem. Sinclair therefore urges the Commission to retain its current regulatory model which has served the public well and has allowed broadcasters the flexibility to discern and respond to the needs and interests of their communities.

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Washington, D.C. 20554**

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To: The Commission

COMMENTS OF SINCLAIR BROADCAST GROUP, INC.

Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. (“Sinclair”), by its attorneys, hereby submits these comments in response to the Commission’s *Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* (the “*NPRM*”).¹ Sinclair is a television broadcaster that owns or provides programming or sales services to fifty-seven television stations in thirty-seven markets throughout the United States. Sinclair welcomes this opportunity to provide details regarding the extensive outreach efforts its stations provide to their local communities of license. As demonstrated by the extensive record in this proceeding, Sinclair and other broadcasters have a long tradition of working to address the needs and interests of their local communities and have strong market incentives to continue to do so. It would therefore be the very antithesis of localism for the Commission to adopt the proposed *national* regulatory agenda mandating what *local* communities allegedly need.

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¹ *In the Matter of Broadcast Localism*, Report on Broadcast Localism and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 23 FCC Rcd 1324 (rel. January 24, 2008) (“*NPRM*”).

make programming decisions by impermissibly mandating specified amounts of government-favored speech. Indeed, many of the rules the Commission is proposing were already deemed unnecessary by the Commission itself nearly twenty-five years ago, largely based upon the proper realization that market forces obviate the need for such regulations. In short, the *NPRM*'s proposals are nothing more than the FCC looking for a solution for which there is no underlying problem.

Discussion

The FCC's *NPRM* seeks specific comment on various proposed rules that would mandate how broadcasters serve their local communities. Sinclair submits that no new steps are required to improve the communication between broadcast licensees and their local communities or to ensure that broadcasters air programming responsive to those interests. The Commission itself has previously agreed with Sinclair's position and deregulated television and radio broadcasting in the 1980s, recognizing that the marketplace forces which were in effect at that time were sufficient to ensure that broadcasters would ascertain and meet the demands of their local communities, even in the absence of regulation.² According to the Commission, it "deregulated many behavioral rules for broadcasters in the 1980s ... [because] market forces, in an increasingly competitive environment, would encourage broadcasters to [focus on localism], and certain rules were no longer necessary."³ Without question, competition and market forces are

² See, e.g., *Deregulation of Radio*, Report and Order, 84 F.C.C.2d 968 (1981) (eliminated the FCC's nonentertainment guidelines, ascertainment guidelines, and program log requirements for radio station licensees); *Revision of Programming and Commercialization Policies, Ascertainment Requirements, and Program Log Requirements for Commercial Television Stations*, Report and Order, 98 F.C.C.2d 1076 (1984) (eliminated the FCC's nonentertainment guidelines, ascertainment guidelines, and program log requirements for television station licensees) ("*1984 Deregulation Order*"); *Amendment of Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130 of the Commission's Rules, the Main Studio and Program Origination Rules for Radio and Television Broadcast Stations*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 3 FCC Rcd 5024 (1998) (eliminated the FCC's community-specific main studio rule).

³ *Broadcast Localism Order*, Notice of Inquiry, 19 FCC Rcd 12425, ¶ 1 (2004).

significantly greater today, making the regulations now being proposed by the Commission even less necessary.

Nevertheless, the Commission seems determined to commit an unnecessary about-face by proposing to revive some of its outdated standards for broadcasters, based largely on its cursory and unsupportable conclusion that “many stations do not engage in the necessary public dialogue as the community needs....”⁴ Among the more onerous of the FCC’s proposals that Sinclair takes specific issue with in these comments are tentative findings in the *NPRM* to (1) re-impose certain ascertainment and specific programming requirements by forcing broadcasters to create “community advisory boards;” (2) re-introduce its defunct renewal application processing guidelines; and (3) re-adopt a more rigorous main studio rule.⁵ Without exception, the so-called “support” that the *NPRM* cites cannot serve as the basis for the massive and sweeping re-regulation the Commission is proposing.

I. The Proposed Mandatory Programming Edicts Are Unnecessary, Unjustified, and Violate the First Amendment

A. Ascertainment and Advisory Boards

With respect to ascertaining what programming supposedly serves local interests, the *NPRM* proposes to require each broadcaster to “convene a permanent advisory board made up of officials and other leaders from the service area of its broadcast station” in order to determine “matters of local interest for broadcasters.”⁶ This proposal, if adopted, would require all stations to return to the era of conducting a form of “community ascertainment,” even though the FCC itself recognized long ago that formal ascertainment was unnecessary because broadcasters generally provided much more of the required programming than required under the rules then in

⁴ *NPRM* at ¶ 1.

⁵ *Id.* at ¶¶ 11-16, 25-44, 114-124.

⁶ *Id.* at ¶ 26.

existence.⁷ The record in this proceeding contains *zero* evidence that broadcasters have become less relevant to their communities or that less community-specific programming is aired today than when the FCC properly deemed such rules to be unnecessary. In reality, the opposite is true and stations, including Sinclair's, receive input from local residents like never before, informing broadcasters as to what viewers and listeners would like to see and hear. Contacting broadcasters has obviously never been easier, whether it be via e-mail, community and station blogs, texting, mobile phones, or other means, and there has never been more local programming on the air than is currently broadcast.

Despite these facts, the *NPRM*'s proposal would force every station to create a community advisory board comprised of civic leaders to advise broadcasters regarding what news to cover, what issues to deal with, and how licensees should program their stations.⁸ However, because this requirement would specifically mandate the "proper" type and amount of coverage of issues of local concern the proposal, by definition, raises serious Constitutional concerns. The Supreme Court has specifically held that the "FCC's oversight responsibilities do not grant it the power to ordain any particular type of programming that must be offered by broadcast stations."⁹ Yet that is precisely what the *NPRM* is proposing to do with respect to its ascertainment and community advisory board proposals. These proposals are unlikely to pass Constitutional muster, particularly in light of the FCC's own acknowledgement in the *NPRM* that many other less invasive means for ascertainment exist, including "town hall meetings," "managers' service on community boards," "dedicated telephone numbers" and the like, and that

⁷ See *1984 Deregulation Order*.

⁸ *NPRM* at ¶ 26.

⁹ *Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. v. FCC*, 512 U.S. 622, 650 (1994). The Court has also stated that "broadcasters are entitled under the First Amendment to exercise the widest journalistic freedom consistent with their public duties." *FCC v. League of Women Voters*, 468 U.S. 364, 378 (1984).

these methods have been successful in licensee efforts to determine community needs.¹⁰ Simply put, the FCC’s community advisory board proposal would exceed the Commission’s purview by “ordaining particular types of programming,” thereby violating the First Amendment.

B. Renewal Processing Guidelines

The *NPRM* also tentatively concludes that the FCC should “reintroduce renewal application processing guidelines that will ensure that all broadcasters, not just the ones we heard from in this proceeding, provide some locally-oriented programming.”¹¹ Based on nothing more than opinion and generalized assertions, the *NPRM* proposes to reintroduce specific procedural guidelines for the processing of renewal applications based on their localism programming performance, *i.e.*, whether they have “enough” of the “right types” of “local” programming.¹² The FCC is thus proposing to re-introduce proposals it rejected as outdated more than *two decades ago* when it concluded that renewal guidelines were not necessary to ensure that broadcasters provide sufficient local and non-entertainment programming.¹³ In reaching this conclusion at that time, the Commission stated that “the guidelines appear to have *no impact* on the levels of informational (news and public affairs) programming.”¹⁴ The FCC also found that UHF stations that were exempt from the processing rule “actually outperformed some of the television stations that remained subject to the guidelines.”¹⁵

The record contains additional evidence that broadcasters provide abundant amounts of locally responsive programming. The *NPRM* notes that broadcast commenters “provided detailed data concerning the amount, nature, and variety of the programming that each airs to

¹⁰ *NPRM* at ¶ 27.

¹¹ *Id.* at ¶ 40.

¹² *Id.* at ¶ 40, 124.

¹³ *1984 Deregulation Order* at ¶¶ 8-19.

¹⁴ *Id.* at ¶ 18 (emphasis added).

¹⁵ *Id.* at ¶ 17.

meet those needs and interests.”¹⁶ However, even while acknowledging and specifically identifying the substantial local programming aired by many broadcasters,¹⁷ almost without exception the contrary “evidence” that the *NPRM* cites in support of new regulations is no more than subjective opinions or generalized propositions with no supporting evidence. For example, the *NPRM* recites that some commenters “feel that broadcasters are not complying with their obligations as public trustees”¹⁸ and that other commenters “conclude that deregulated markets will not provide society with the responsive diverse local broadcast matter that our democracy needs to thrive.”¹⁹ This sort of so-called “evidence,” consisting of nothing more than opinion unsupported by objective evidence, should not and cannot serve as a justification for the proposed re-regulation.

Sinclair has seen this type of “evidence” previously in this docket. Specifically, Sinclair provided concrete evidence that centralized news operations (like the one it operated at the time), which consolidate the production of *national and international* news, can result in cost savings allowing broadcasters to reallocate resources to stations for the provision of additional and more in-depth *local* news.²⁰ In response, a minority of vocal commenters criticized Sinclair’s programming, but Sinclair was able to conclusively demonstrate that the legitimacy of these unfounded criticisms was doubtful. The vast majority of the criticisms of Sinclair’s programming were nothing more than form letters riddled with factual inaccuracies that were generated on websites created by organizations with specific agendas. Sinclair demonstrated that many of the criticisms were from individuals complaining about programming from markets in which they did not even reside and had no first-hand knowledge as to the programs or subjects

¹⁶ *NPRM* at ¶ 9.

¹⁷ *Id.* at ¶¶ 31-33.

¹⁸ *Id.* at ¶ 34.

¹⁹ *Id.* at ¶ 35.

²⁰ See Comments of Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc., MB Docket No. 04-233 (filed Nov. 1, 2004).

on which they opined. For example, the following verbatim e-mail campaign “comments” were filed in the docket by a number of “viewers” located in Iowa:

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what’s good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at “News Central” far away, it’s more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Sinclair’s actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.

In reality, Sinclair’s News Central was never responsible for producing news for its Iowa stations.²¹ Moreover, even in markets where Sinclair had a station that did air centralized national news, all local news in the market was locally produced. This single example demonstrates the dangerous folly of relying on such organized campaign filing of “comments.” The same can be said here about many of the so-called “comments” cited by the Commission in the current *NPRM* which were clearly prepared as part of organized campaigns by entities with specific agendas. By citing similar un-empirical and subjective views of those who would impose new regulations, the *NPRM* reduces the value of the record evidence in this proceeding.

Nothing in the current record compels a conclusion that the Commission should re-impose an additional level of review for broadcast renewal applications, especially when such review is based on whether or not a licensee has broadcast minimum amounts of government-favored content. Undoubtedly, the proposed renewal obligations would impose *de facto* programming quotas on broadcasters because broadcasters would feel compelled to air particular forms of programming that will satisfy Commission review. Stations will feel forced not to

²¹ Sinclair’s Iowa stations did air editorials produced by Sinclair’s New Central department for broadcast on its news stations. As noted in the above text, however, no news content was provided to the Iowa stations, contrary to the factual underpinnings of the identical comments provided by many residents of Iowa. In addition, a review of the publicly available quarterly issues report prepared by, for example KGAN, Sinclair’s station in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, reveals the myriad local issues covered by the station on a daily basis.

ascertain the programming that best serves their local communities but will instead be focused on offering programming they believe would satisfy the Commission or the critics most likely to complain. A renewal processing guideline is by definition coercive and threatening and would blatantly and impermissibly force broadcasters to air programming they believe would best satisfy government mandates.²²

The Commission's tentative conclusions in the *NPRM* are surprising, to say the least, especially given that nearly twenty-five years ago the FCC eliminated the very same rule it is now proposing to re-adopt. Today, Americans enjoy thousands more broadcast outlets than they did in 1984 and broadcasters face significantly more local competition in the modern multimedia environment, including thousands of cable and satellite television and radio channels, fiber-optic systems, on-demand programming, and the vast local content of the Internet. The only differentiating factor between television stations and these new media competitors is that most new competitors are national in scope, whereas television stations are inherently local. Thus, market forces require that broadcasters focus their attention on that differentiation by improving local service, and thus as a practical matter broadcasters must learn and address the needs and interests of their local communities in order to survive. As discussed more fully below, broadcasters, including Sinclair, provide a greater variety of local news, entertainment, sports and community affairs programming than ever before. The Commission must not forget what it recognized in 1984, namely, that the market works quite well and also that the First Amendment places severe limitations on the Commission's authority to create rules affecting broadcasters'

²² As the D.C. Circuit has held: "A regulatory agency may be able to put pressure upon a regulated firm in a number of ways, some more subtle than others. The Commission in particular has a 'long history of employing a variety of *sub silentio* pressures and raised eyebrow regulation of program content....'" *Md/DC/DE Ass'n, et al. v. FCC* 236 F.3d 13 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (quoting *Community-Service Broadcasting of America, Inc. v. FCC* 593 F.2d 1102, 1116 (D.C. Cir. 1978).

programming, particularly where, as is the case here, there is no demonstrated need to re-impose the unnecessary guidelines.

II. The Proposed Reversion to the Pre-1987 Main Studio Rule is Unnecessary, Would be Incredibly Costly for Broadcasters, and Would Do Nothing to Achieve the Commission’s Stated Goal of Increasing the Amount of Locally Originated Programming

The *NPRM* seeks comment on whether the Commission should return to the pre-1987 main studio rule (which required that a station’s main studio be located within its community of license) in order to encourage broadcasters to produce locally-originated programming.²³ However, the record contains no evidence that links the location of a station’s main studio with the amount of locally originated programming. As noted by more than 100 members of Congress, imposing a highly restrictive main studio rule “to encourage broadcasters to produce locally originated programming, requires a logical leap that has no place in government regulation, and is a thinly guised method of controlling broadcast content.”²⁴ Not surprisingly, the FCC itself provides no rational basis in support of its proposal. As an initial matter, the Commission’s Rules already require that, in most cases, a licensee’s main studio be located within or very near to the station’s community of license.²⁵ As the Commission itself has previously concluded, the rule permits “community residents to readily contact the station to voice suggestions or complaints.”²⁶ The Commission also touted the idea that additional flexibility would introduce efficiencies such as co-location of studios and transmitter sites or

²³ *NPRM* at ¶ 41.

²⁴ Letter from Representative Mike Ross, *et al.* to Kevin J. Martin, MB Docket No. 04-233, at 1 (April 15, 2008).

²⁵ See 47 C.F.R. § 73.1125. The main studio is required to be located: (1) Within the station’s community of license; (2) At any location within the principal community contour of any AM, FM, or TV broadcast station licensed to the station’s community of license; or (3) Within twenty-five miles from the reference coordinates of the center of its community of license.

²⁶ See *Amendment of Sections 73.1125 and 73.1130 of the Commission’s Rules, the Main Studio and Program Origination Rules for Radio and Television Broadcast Stations*, Report and Order, 2 FCC Rcd 3215, ¶ 29 (1987) (“1987 Main Studio Order”).

moving studios to lower cost areas.²⁷ Consequently, the Commission itself has repeatedly recognized that the *current* rule is more than sufficient, and the record in this proceeding provides no compelling evidence that there is any reason to re-adopt the new rule.

More importantly, adoption of the proposed rule could have disastrous consequences for broadcasters, including Sinclair, which have spent millions of dollars on their main studios based upon compliance with the current rule. Sinclair alone owns several stations with main studios that fully comply with the current main studio rule but are not located in the station's community of license. In addition, Sinclair provides programming for a number of stations pursuant to Local Marketing Agreements ("LMAs"). As part of the LMA arrangements, Sinclair has co-located its main studio with that of some of its LMA partners, and such co-location has resulted in considerable staffing efficiencies, permitting Sinclair to continue to provide significant amounts of locally-oriented programming that could not be provided without the economies of LMA operation.²⁸ A Commission decision to revert to the old main studio rule would likely require Sinclair to either construct entirely new studios or unwind its consolidated studios in at least several markets at a immense financial cost.

Reverting to a rule that was abandoned as too restrictive more than twenty years ago would require an untold number of stations across the country to needlessly build new studios at an enormous total cost to the broadcast industry. The record in this proceeding, large as it is, contains *no* evidence that reverting to the pre-1987 main studio rule would have any effect on local origination of programming. It would, however, have disastrous consequences for an

²⁷ 1987 Main Studio Order at 3217-3218.

²⁸ In many of these cases Sinclair entered into agreements with struggling stations located several miles away and the currently co-located studios are not located within the once-struggling station's community of license. Due to the benefit of economies of scale and a single management team, both stations have been successful and provide significant amounts of local programming. A reversion back to the old main studio rule would require that Sinclair unwind the arrangement, undermining all of the efficiencies that makes the combination of stations profitable.

industry that has built billions of dollars of infrastructure over the past twenty-plus years based on different rules²⁹ and has spent billions more as part of the digital transition. The costs resulting from the proposed new regulations would potentially force Sinclair (and other broadcasters) to divert resources, sacrificing locally produced programming to offset the increased costs. Such an outcome would result in exactly the opposite of what the FCC is allegedly seeking to accomplish.

III. The Proposed Additional Regulatory Burdens Are Unnecessary, As Sinclair and Other Broadcasters Are Already Providing Programming Tailored to the Needs and Interests of Their Local Communities

Sinclair and most other broadcasters have established close ties with the communities they serve, and have demonstrated their commitment to those communities through countless examples of responsive programming, including news and public affairs programming, public service announcements, on-air fundraising initiatives, political coverage, emergency response initiatives, and many other community-specific efforts. While a limited number of examples are highlighted herein, Sinclair stations undertake extensive community ascertainment efforts, air a large amount of community-based programming, and participate extensively in outreach efforts in their local communities. A more detailed accounting of these efforts is attached as Exhibit A.

Although, as noted, the FCC eliminated its formal ascertainment requirements for stations in the early 1980s,³⁰ Sinclair television stations continue to conduct formal ascertainment interviews with community leaders. The stations then take the feedback from

²⁹ See, e.g., Letter from Representative Mike Ross, *et al.* to Kevin J. Martin, MB Docket No. 04-233, 1 (April 15, 2008) (“Reverting back to out-of-date [main studio] rules would impose significant costs on broadcasters that have made good faith investments based on the rule changes, costs that will harm broadcasters’ ability to serve the public interest.”).

³⁰ *1984 Deregulation Order*. In eliminating the requirement that television stations conduct formal ascertainments, the Commission stated: “Moreover, we believe that licensees become and remain aware of the important issues and interests in their communities for reasons wholly independent of ascertainment requirements, and that our existing procedures are, therefore, neither necessary nor, in view of their significant costs, appropriate.” *Id.* at ¶ 48.

these interviews, as well as input from other sources, into consideration when making programming decisions for the station. Each Sinclair station values the relationship it has with its community, which is made possible only by providing the local information and assistance that viewers expect from their local broadcast stations. An example of these efforts is Sinclair station WLOS(TV), Asheville, North Carolina, which conducts meetings with local business leaders at least six times per year. The station's general manager also requests news and story suggestions from various community organizations, and station reporters contact a variety of community agencies to develop local news programming. Station staff meet with various charities for annual drives, producing public service announcements for local community service organizations. Last year alone, the station ran almost *one thousand* such Public Service Announcements.

In addition to Public Service Announcements, many of Sinclair stations air an extensive amount of locally produced news programming, with a significant number exceeding 20 hours per week of locally produced news.³¹ For example, Sinclair television station KABB(TV), San Antonio, Texas produces both a local morning and local evening news program daily. The station's daily morning news program features interviews with local civic leaders, business leaders, political candidates, community groups, and school groups. The evening news contains a profile of a community member who has had a positive impact on the local community. Additionally, a weekly public affairs program, "Focus on South Texas" is locally produced and features local community and business leaders. The station also regularly televises local events

³¹ Stations KABB(TV), San Antonio, Texas; KOCB(TV), Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; KOKH-TV, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; KMYS(TV), Kerrville, Texas; WBFF(TV), Baltimore, Maryland; WCHS-TV, Charleston, West Virginia; WEAR-TV, Pensacola, Florida; WGME-TV, Portland, Maine; WKEF(TV), Dayton, Ohio; WLOS(TV), Asheville, North Carolina; WRGT-TV, Dayton, Ohio; WSYX(TV), Columbus, Ohio; and WVAH-TV, Charleston, West Virginia each air greater than 20 hours per week of locally produced news programming.

and airs public affairs specials. Station WBFF(TV), Baltimore, Maryland, also produces a daily morning news program. Each program contains stories responsive to major ongoing community issues. For example, on February 6, 2008, a local student nominated by a teacher assisted with the weather forecast and the news featured stories regarding the Baltimore City Schools CEO's current proposals, a local business summit held at the Baltimore Convention Center, and a local event that assisted parents and students with college financial aid information. On February 25, 2008, the headline story addressed police actions taken to increase safety on the Baltimore City bus system. As an example of the responsiveness to community needs provided by just one Sinclair station, a complete listing of community-responsive programming aired on WBFF in February and March of this year is attached as Exhibit B. As shown in this exhibit, WBFF has provided over two hundred local news stories in the months of February and March of this year alone, clearly indicating the station's responsiveness to the needs of its local community.

Sinclair station personnel take the goal of meeting local community needs seriously, working outside of the station in order to more fully address community concerns. For example, WLFL(TV) station personnel in Raleigh, North Carolina, have recently participated in local community events encouraging teenagers to avoid substance abuse, participated in job fairs, discussed careers in broadcasting with community members, provided station tours, and hosted local events.

Given the number and breadth of competing broadcast stations, cable channels, satellite radio channels, print media, and the Internet, Sinclair's local stations must continually strive to remain relevant and responsible to the lives and interests of their audience members and the communities in which they reside. As demonstrated above, Sinclair's stations are making the necessary efforts to remain relevant in their local communities. These extensive efforts also

demonstrate that Sinclair's stations are active and responsible community citizens, like most broadcasters, and that Commission intervention to promote localism is therefore unnecessary.

CONCLUSION

The evidence before the Commission in this proceeding demonstrates that broadcasters are serving their local communities and the public interest. The proposed additional regulations promulgated in the name of localism are not only unnecessary and counterproductive but would also violate the First Amendment. Sinclair thus urges the Commission to retain its current regulatory model which allows broadcasters to discern and serve the needs of their local communities as they deem appropriate and results in substantial programming and non-programming efforts that consistently benefit the local communities that broadcasters serve.

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Exhibit A

Community-Responsive Activity	Description or Example(s) of Community-Responsive Activity, as Carried Out by One or More Sinclair Station	Sinclair Stations that Engage in Community-Responsive Activity
Locally Produced News	Stations air up to 210 news stories per week regarding their local communities	WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, KDSM, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, KOCB, KOKH, WSYX, WTTE, KBSI, KVCW, KVMY, WGME, WBFF, WTTA, WMSN, KGAN, WTAT, WMMP, WSMH, WUTV, WNYO, WKEF, WRGT, WSTR, WDKY, WRLH, WZTV, WUXP, WCHS, WVAH, WYZZ, WUHF
Local Community Programming	Stations air local events such as high school football games and parades; station produces program honoring top area teachers	WLOS, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WTWC, WSYX, WNYS, WZTV, WUXP, KDSM
Local Public Service Announcements	Stations air thousands of Public Service Announcements annually for local charitable organizations	WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, WCGV, WVTV, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, KBSI, WDKA, WUCW, WBFF, KGAN, WTAT, WMMP, WTWC, WSMH, WKEF, WRGT, WSTR, WSYX, WNYS, WDKY, WRLH, WTTO, WABM, WCHS, WVAH, WYZZ, KOCB, KOKH, WGME, WTTA
Local Crawls	Stations run crawls for local school closings or delays, breaking news, and/or emergency weather	WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, KDSM, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WMYV, WXLV, KOCB, KOKH, WSYX, WTTE, KBSI, WDKA, KVCW, KVMY, WGME, WBFF, WTTA, WMSN, KGAN, WTAT, WMMP, WTWC, WSMH, KDNL, WKEF, WRGT, WSTR, WSYX, WNYS, WDKY, WRLH, WZTV, WUXP, WCHS, WVAH, WYZZ, WUHF, WCGV, WVTV

<p>Meet with Local Community for Ascertainment</p>	<p>Stations meet regularly with local community leaders; station reporters contact a variety of local community members and agencies for local news story ideas</p>	<p>WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, WCGV, WVTV, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WMYV, WXLV, KOCB, KOKH, WSYX, WTTE, KBSI, WDKA, KVCW, KVMY, WUCW, WBFF, WMSN, KGAN, WTAT, WMMP, KDNL, WDKY, WRLH, WZTV, WUXP, KDSM, WGME, WTTA</p>
<p>Meet with Charities and Assist with Fundraisers</p>	<p>Employees speak at or host charity events; stations air news stories to assist with fundraising activities for local charities</p>	<p>WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, WCGV, WVTV, KDSM, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WUCW, WBFF, KGAN, WSTR, WSYX, WNYS, WZTV, WUXP, WCHS, WVAH, WYXX, WUHF, WTVZ, WTWC, WMYV, WXLV, KBSI, WDKA, WDKY</p>
<p>Staff Members Participate in Local Organizations</p>	<p>Station employees actively participate in hundreds of local community organizations and stations host community events</p>	<p>WLOS, WEAR, WRDC, WLFL, WTVZ, WCGV, WVTV, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WMYV, WXLV, KOCB, KOKH, WSYX, WTTE, KBSI, WDKA, KVCW, KVMY, WGME, WUCW, WBFF, WTTA, WMSN, KGAN, WTAT, WMMP, WTWC, WSMH, KDNL, WUTV, WNYO, WKEF, WRGT, WSTR, WSYX, WNYS, WDKY, WZTV, WUXP, WTTA, WABM, WCHS, WVAH, WYZZ, WUHF</p>
<p>Locally-Oriented Electronic Communications</p>	<p>Stations host a station website which contains numerous types of local information, such as streaming portions of the local news; station passes e-mails from the public directly to the news department</p>	<p>WLOS, KDSM, WPGH, WPMY, KABB, KMYS, WSYX, WTTE, KBSI, WDKA, KVCW, KVMY, WBFF, WTTA, WMSN, WSYX, WNYS, WDKY, WRLH, WCHS, WVAH, WYZZ, WUHF, WCGV, WVTV</p>

Exhibit B

**Sample of WBFF(TV) Local Community News Programming –
February and March 2008**

February

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Fri

Sat

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					AM NEWS BGE Rate Increase Smoking Ban Pres. Debate High School Play COVER STORY Silent Cancer Cells	
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Friday February 1, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:48 - Lee Burroughs, MD Coalition to the Stop the BGE Rate Hike

Constellation Energy files a lawsuit to recover \$386 million it agreed to give to consumers in a state settlement. Burroughs commented on efforts to keep Constellation to its original deal, and what would be the impact on customers if the settlement is reversed.

7:18 - Stephen Peregoy, American Lung Association

A statewide smoking ban went into effect, including bars and restaurants. The American Lung Association commented on the new legislation, and what it could do to lower the smoking rate in Maryland.

7:25 - Chris Wallace, Fox News Sunday

Super Tuesday is just 5 days away. John Edwards and Rudy Giuliani dropped out of the race. What does that mean for the remaining candidates? The Democratic debate was held Thursday night, who were the big winners?

8:30 - Oldfield's School (All girl academy), Girl Talk

Oldfield's is holding a play called "Girl Talk". Several members came on to discuss the play and act out a scene. The segment ended with a fullscreen promoting the performance.

Monday February 4, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown Hotspot, Baltimore Museum of Industry

A new exhibit called "Architectural Confectionaries" is open at the museum.

6:48 - Bob Frank, Attorney

A man was killed in a hit and run while on his way to work. The suspect is a police officer. Several facts aren't being released in the case. The victim's family believes police are trying to protect their own.

8:18 - Jawuana Green - Maryland Transit Authority

The MTA announces new bus routes which could impact most bus riders. The new routes are laid out, along with a schedule and website link for more information.

8:24 - Gia Magliano - Baltimore's Best Party Entertainer

A "Pajama Networking Party" is to be held for anyone interested in meeting business leaders in the community. Funds raised from the event will go to charity.

8:30 - Liz Clarke - NASCAR Journalist

The popularity of NASCAR is growing among women. Why the increase, and what's the attraction?

8:48 - Champions of Courage

Once a week in the month of February, someone in the community is recognized as a "Champion of Courage" for their commitment to keeping the vision of Dr. Martin Luther King alive. This week's person is Carolyn Bruce, teacher at Digital Harbor High.

Tuesday February 5, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown Hotspot - Dunbar High School

A local high school club is creating robots to compete in a science competition.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino, WebSightings

The FBI is planning to spend \$1 billion to create a database of peoples' characteristics. The goal is to better track terrorists. Will it lead to an invasion of privacy? How the information is kept safe?

7:18 - Ken Harris, Political Commentator

Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon gives here "State of the City" address. She's asking for more money for construction of schools, libraries and parks. Will she be able to follow through with her vision?

7:48 - Question of the Day

A Maryland lawmaker wants to pass a bill allowing cameras in state courtrooms. Should it be allowed? We solicited viewer comments over the phone and put them on the air.

7:55 - Cal Ripken Jr.

Cal Ripken is working with Energizer to find people to be given the "Keep it Going" award.

8:18 - Griffin Fundraiser

A Parkville family was killed by a drunk driver in Ohio after Christmas. The childrens' teachers put together a fundraiser for the surviving family members.

Wednesday February 6, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

- 6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - Body Worlds 2
The Body Worlds exhibit just opened at the Maryland Science Center
- 6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday
Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.
- 6:48 - John Dedie, Political Analyst
Who were the big winners and losers of the Super Tuesday Primaries?
- 6:55 - Dr. Andres Alonso - Baltimore City Schools CEO
Dr. Alonso proposed a controversial plan to pay students when they improve their test scores.
- 7:18 - Eric Stewart - E Mortgage Solutions
Maryland lawmakers are considering several bills to reform the mortgage industry.
- 8:00 - Larian Finney - VMG Business Summit
Anyone interested in starting a business of their own can get free advice at a summit at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- 8:24 - Sharon Hassan - College Goals Sunday
Promotion of an event to help parents and students get financial aid information for college.

Thursday February 7, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - Chocolate Affair
Fundraiser for Healthcare for the Homeless

6:54 - Ed Norris - Fox Undercover
Baltimore's crime rate is falling. The murder rate is at its lowest in 30 years. Why? What's working now?

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber WCBM - Hot Button Topic
Constellation Energy was supposed to sit down with the Public Service Commission to discuss rates, but Constellation was a no-show.

7:45 - 8:00 - Nina Heck - Consumer Credit Counseling, and Joanna Smith-Ramani CASH Campaign - Take Action Thursday
Provided help with getting your finances in order. We took viewer calls during this segment.

8:24 - Amy Eveleth - Maryland Zoo at Baltimore
The zoo is preparing to open for the new season.

8:30 - Dr. Craig Vander Kolk - Mercy Medical Center
What you need to know if you're considering Botox.

Friday February 8, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - Intl. Car Show - Convention Center

6:48 - Rep. Elijah Cummings (D) District 7

Congress is working toward solving the mortgage crisis. Also, Rep. Cummings is on the committee investigation steroids in baseball.

7:18 - Dr. Tonya Sharp - Psychologist

A 15 year old killed his family in Cockeysville. Dr. Sharp discussed how to cope with a tragedy like this.

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

A review of Super Tuesday and how Maryland's Primary will play an important role in nominating the Democratic candidate.

8:18 - Dr. Beverly Yates - Heart Health for Black Women

Author talks about how to avoid toxins in your life.

8:24 - Nancy Scheinman, Artist & Monica Fulton, St. Joseph Medical Center

St. Joseph is hosting an art show featuring works from cancer patients. The proceeds benefit the cancer center.

Monday February 11, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

- 6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - It Takes a Village
Black History Month celebration sponsored by Mayor Sheila Dixon
- 6:48 - Del. Don Dwyer (R) District 31
Is opposed to gay marriage legislation but wants the issue brought to the floor for a full vote so Marylanders know how their elected officials stand.
- 7:18 - Dr. John Cmar - Sinai Hospital
The flu is still affecting Maryland. Is it too late for a shot? What's the best treatment if you're sick?
- 7:24 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent
Free tax advice. How do you properly fill out your W4?
- 7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent
Teddy takes viewer calls regarding tax questions.
- 8:18 - Angie & Mike McCallister - Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Asking viewers to consider volunteering for Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- 8:30 - Champions of Courage
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Tuesday February 12, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - Federal Hill Fest-of-All

Federal Hill businesses put on an annual festival to spur interest in the neighborhood.

6:48 - John Dedie - Political Analyst

Discussing the Chesapeake Primaries and what role they will play in the Democratic nomination.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

eBay is changing its feedback policies. What that means for buyers and sellers on the site.

7:18 - Avi Ruben

Avi studied the Diebold voting machines and the security problems associated with them.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature.

Wednesday February 13, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

- 6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot - Nina Amaya
Promoting Belly Dancing lessons at a Towson studio.
- 6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday
Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.
- 6:48 - Ken Harris - Former City Councilman
Discussing Republican congressional race. Wayne Gilchrest lost the primary to challenger Andy Harris.
- 6:55 - Johanna Neumann - Maryland PIRG
Discussing the February 2009 change to digital television.
- 8:30 - Sister Constance Fenwick, Oblate Sisters of Providence & Sharon Knecht, Author
New book on the first order of black Catholic nuns in the world.

Thursday February 14, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:48 - Kevin Camps - Beyond Nuclear

The group is protesting utility rates and trying to keep Constellation energy from building a new nuclear plant at Calvert Cliffs.

6:55 - Ed Norris - Fox Undercover

A Baltimore police officer was shown abusing a skateboarder. The video was posted on YouTube. What is the proper way of handling the discipline of the officer?

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber WCBM - Hot Button Topic

Wayne Gilchrest loses his congressional seat, as did Albert Wynn. What are the ramifications of these losses?

7:45 - 8:00 - Take Action Thursday

Dr. Renee Harding - Harding Consulting

How to deal with anxiety and depression of Valentine's Day. Dr. Harding also took calls from the viewers.

8:00 - DL Hughley

Promoting the NAACP Image Awards on Fox

8:24 - Dr. Hollie Hood-Mincey - Baltimore City Youth Choir

Keep kids out of mischief by getting them involved in music programs.

Friday February 15, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

George Washington's birthday at the National Museum of Dentistry.

6:48 - 7:00 - Mayor Sheila Dixon, Baltimore

Talked about the crime rate, the search for a new Fire Chief and the promotion of Fred Bealefeld to Police Commissioner.

7:18 - Heather Hauck - Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene

AIDS funding could be drastically reduced in Baltimore. What could that mean to the people of Baltimore?

7:25 - Chris Wallace, Fox News Sunday

Discussing the results of the Chesapeake Primaries. Will Hillary Clinton survive?

8:18 - Kevin Locke - Native American Performer

Will be performing a Native American dance at a local elementary school.

8:25 - Cathy Aitken & Robyn Anderson

Putting on fundraiser for the Anderson Snyder Memorial Fund. It's in honor of two marines killed in fighting in Iraq.

Monday February 18, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Black History Month at the B&O Railroad Museum

6:48 - Stephanie Murdock - Skatepark of Baltimore

Wants to build more skate parks to keep kids off of the streets.

7:18 - Adam Fogel, Right to Vote & Lindsay Brewer, Montgomery Blair High School

The group Right to Vote wants to lower the voter age in Maryland.

7:24 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

The Federal rebate checks might be coming soon. What is the current plan?

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy takes viewer calls regarding tax questions.

8:18 - Champions of Courage

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8:24 - Edwin Avent - Heart and Soul Magazine

Tips on weight loss.

8:30 - Jeremy Fisher

Jeremy rode his bike across the U.S. playing his guitar. He performed live on air.

Tuesday February 19, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Popsicle Plunge to raise money for the Marshy Point Nature Center

6:48 - David Kosmos - Maryland PIRG

Discussing the toy safety release from the CPSC. What toys to avoid and why.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - WebSightings

The digital deadline is just a year away. What you need to know before the analog TV signal is turned off.

7:25 - Dr. John Cmar - Sinai Hospital

The largest U.S. recall of beef. What you should do if you contract e-coli.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. This week's topic is stricter teen driving laws.

8:24 - Howard Hammon - Get Fit with Fox

At home and in your car workouts.

Wednesday February 20, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

- 6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot
Great Tastes Culinary Expo at the Tremont Grand
- 6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday
Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.
- 6:48 - Ragina Avarella - AAA Mid-Atlantic
Street racing in Maryland. Is it a safety problem?
- 6:55 - Dr. Andres Alonso - Baltimore City Schools CEO
Fidel Castro resigned as leader of Cuba. Alonso is from Cuba, and gave us his thoughts.
- 7:18 - Tyrone Powers - Former FBI Agent
Amtrak is stepping up its security on trains. What will that mean for travelers, and will it really make the rails safer?
- 7:48 - 8:00 - Eric Stewart - E Mortgage Solutions
The governor has a plan to slow down foreclosures in Maryland. Will the plan work? Eric also took calls from viewers with questions about home financing.
- 8:24 - Family 411
Choosing the right dentist for your child.

Thursday February 21, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

American Craft Show at the Baltimore Convention Center

6:55 - Ed Norris - Fox Undercover

Several people were killed or hurt in an illegal drag race. Police vow more enforcement, but should they focus on those crimes when there are violent crimes that are more prevalent?

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber WCBM - Hot Button Topic

John McCain is being tied to a lobbyist. Was he influenced by her? Will it cost him his Presidential bid?

7:48 - 8:00 - Robbie Baldwin - Best Buy - Take Action Thursday

The television industry will switch to digital broadcasting in less than a year. Do you need a hi-def TV by then? If not, what do you need? Robbie also took calls from viewers.

Friday February 22, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

There is an election scandal brewing in New York. Some districts voted 100% for Hillary Clinton. Is it fraud or error?

8:24 - Dr. Nidhi Desai - University of Maryland School of Medicine

Promoting Women's Heart Day health fair at the Convention Center

8:30 - John Miller, Hopewell Cancer Support & Kevin Sottak, Ethyl & the Merman

Performance to promote the "Concert for Hope", to benefit the Hopewell Cancer Support

Monday February 25, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Baltimore Composers - jazz and classical music at the Merrick Lecture Hall at Goucher College

6:48 - Steve Allen - Defense Attorney

Several Duke Lacrosse players are suing the University and the city of Raleigh because they were unfairly persecuted during a rape investigation.

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau - Enrolled Agent

The rebate check program continues to evolve. What's the latest?

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau - Enrolled Agent

Teddy takes tax related questions from the viewers

8:18 - Champions of Courage

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8:48 - Save the Music

Houlihans restaurant is hosting a fundraiser for VH1's Save the Music program, which provides instruments to low income schools.

Tuesday February 26, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Frogs at the National Aquarium

6:48 - Del. John Cardin, (D) Baltimore Co.

Legislator wants to ban smoking in cars when small children are present.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

The Bluray, HD-DVD battle is over. Bluray won, so will prices start to drop?

7:18 - Johanna Neumann - Maryland PIRG

The battle between the Public Service Commission and Constellation continues. The PSC is ordering Constellation to appear at a hearing today.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. This week's topic is in-state tuition for illegal immigrants.

Wednesday February 27, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Charm City Rollergirls - A local group has formed a roller derby team and is kicking off their new season.

6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday

Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.

6:48 - Joe Weaver - Global Design Interactive

Local tech companies are protesting the new "tech tax" passed during the special session. A new 6% tax on tech services could drive companies out of Maryland.

6:55 - John Dedie - Political Analyst

Obama and Clinton debate before the Ohio primary. Who came out on top?

8:24 - Deborah Flateman - Maryland Food Bank

There is a renewed need for food. Promoting Harvest for the Hungry food drive.

Thursday February 28, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

- 6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot
Maryland Home and Garden Show at the State Fairgrounds
- 6:48 - Tyrone Powers - Former FBI Agent
Maryland prisoners are found with cell phones. Guards are the suspects.
How do you keep prisons secure?
- 6:55 - Ed Norris - Fox Undercover
Illegal immigrants can get drivers licenses in Maryland. What kind of
security risks does that create?
- 7:18 - Kristen Campbell - Baltimore Collegetown
The universities in Baltimore are joining to market themselves to people
outside of the immediate area, in hopes of attracting new and better
students.
- 7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber WCBM - Hot Button Topic
Same sex marriage and same sex union legislation is up for vote in the
state legislature. Is it an issue lawmakers should be addressing?
- 7:48 - 8:00 - Vito Simone - Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors - Take Action Thursday
Discussed the state of real estate in Baltimore. Is this a good time to buy
or sell? Also took real estate calls from the viewers.
- 8:24 - Anne Schroth - South Baltimore Learning Center
Discussed upcoming fundraiser for learning center. Learning center helps
dropouts and older students get their diplomas and learn to read.

Friday February 29, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Cirque Voila! at Community College of Baltimore County - Essex

6:48 - Del. Dana Stein, (D) Baltimore Co.

He's introducing road rage legislation. Would define road rage, making it easier to prosecute.

7:18 - Sarah Longwell - Indoor Tanning Association

The group is against proposed legislation to severely limit the amount of tanning teenagers can do in the state of Maryland.

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

Early voting is underway in Ohio and Texas. 400 Democratic delegates are up for grabs. Who will win the states?

8:25 - Shannon Pinder - The Pinder Group

Promoting National Entrepreneurship Week

Monday March 3, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Sports Legends Museum - New exhibit showing artwork featuring
Baltimore sports legends

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Many people aren't aware of the tax deductions they can take. Teddy
gives tips on getting the most from your tax return.

7:25 - Geraldo Rivera

Wrote a book called His Panic, focusing on the immigration in Maryland.
Are immigrants ruining this country, or have they just become easy targets
for politicians and angry voters?

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy takes viewer calls regarding tax questions.

Tuesday March 4, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Maryland Zoo at Baltimore - Grand opening of the Zoo

6:48 - Karen Hardingham - Safe Kids Baltimore

3 children died in a house fire over the weekend. Karen shows us what kind of escape plan you should have for yourself and your children.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

A spammer recently got 9 years in prison for fraudulently soliciting customers. Lawmakers are getting serious about stopping spam, but you should still be vigilant and not get suckered into giving up your identity.

7:18 - Anna Sowers - Supporter of Zach's Law

Anna's husband was brutally beaten and left in a coma. The people responsible were convicted on assault charges. Anna wants a new law that would bring murder charges against people who beat someone into a coma.

7:24 - Chief Kevin Cartwright - Baltimore City Fire Dept.

3 children died in a house fire over the weekend. Kevin shows us what kind of escape plan you should have for yourself and your children. He demonstrates a fire escape ladder.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. This week's topic is should the state abolish the death penalty?

8:48 - Marshall Weston & Student Ryan Meliker

21 high schools are competing in the Maryland ProStart Student Invitational. The cooking contest will provide scholarships to the winning teams.

Wednesday March 5, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

"It's in the Details" fashion exhibit at the Mount Claire Museum House

6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday

Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.

6:48 - John Dedie - Political Analyst

John McCain wraps up the Republican nomination. But, when will the Democrats settle on their candidates?

6:55 - Dr. Andres Alonso - Baltimore City Schools CEO

One out of every six elementary school students is chronically tardy. How can the schools get these kids in school and convince parents to make sure they stay there.

7:18 - Eric Stewart - E Mortgage Solutions

Lenders are trying to find ways to slow down foreclosures. This is being done independent of new proposed laws. Why is it the industry's best interest to keep people in their homes?

8:48 - Eva Sauvageau - Maeva Designs

A woman formed a company that takes soldier fatigues and turns them into purses. Many military wives are doing it as a sign of support for their husbands.

Thursday March 6, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Read Street Books is starting a new music series, open to the public.

6:48 - Agnes Welch - Baltimore City Council

The city council is considering a law banning trans fats in all Baltimore restaurants. Is it really necessary?

6:55 - Ed Norris - Fox Undercover

One in every 100 adults in the U.S. is in prison. This is the first time we've reached such a high number. Is jail really the answer for many of the country's criminals?

7:18 - Jim Kraft - Baltimore City Council

The council is considering several "green" bills. Jim Kraft says the city can't afford to ignore the need to conserve energy.

7:48 - 8:00 - Robert Logston - Home Energy Loss Professionals - Take Action Thursday

There are several ways to make your home more energy efficient. Robert offers simple ways to save money. He also takes calls from the viewers.

Friday March 7, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

The new Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center is open in Howard County.

6:48 - Del. Steve Schuh, (R) Anne Arundel Co.

Despite \$1.3 billion in new taxes, the state must find a way to make up \$300 million in next year's budget. Del. Schuh suggests budget cuts.

7:18 - Donald Fry - Greater Baltimore Council

The number of businesses opposed to the recently passed "tech tax" is growing. The GBC is joining the fight, starting an ad campaign to repeal the tax.

7:24 - Irwin Kramer - Legal Analyst

A woman who killed a Howard Co. police officer in a car accident won't face manslaughter charges. Why would you not pursue charges in the case? Is it too hard to prove malice? Was the officer somehow responsible for the accident?

7:55 - Dave Copenhaver - Ed Block Courage Awards Foundation

The Ed Block Courage Awards Foundation is holding its 30th anniversary dinner. The money from the foundation helps children who are victims of sexual abuse.

8:18 - Kimberly Robinson - Delta Sigma Theta

The DST "Day of Service" is coming up. People who attend can learn how to earn money for college.

8:24 - Bern Nadette Stanis, Actress & Darrin Bastfield, Artist

African American Actress Bern Nadette Stanis is being honored at the Eubie Blake Center as part of Women's History Month.

Monday March 10, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Non-profit Downtown Sailing Center is offering sailing lessons for spring.

6:48 - 7:00 - Fred Bealefeld - Baltimore City Police Commissioner

The murder numbers in Baltimore are at their lowest in decades. We talked to the commissioner about what led to the decline, and how the city can drive the numbers even lower.

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy discusses what you should look for in a reputable tax professional.

7:25 - Dr. Tim Doran

Federal health officials say a vaccine caused a 19-month old girl to come down with autism. Is there a link? What should parents know about vaccines?

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Our tax expert takes phone calls from viewers.

8:18 - Eddie Kinnison, Kansas City - Ed Block Courage Awards Foundation

The Ed Block Courage Awards Foundation dinner is tonight. Eddie Kinnison is one of the honorees. The money from the foundation helps child sex abuse victims.

Tuesday March 11, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Eubie Blake Cultural Art Center is offering free dance classes.

6:48 - John Dedie - Political Analyst

A person tied to the mayor of Baltimore is convicted of fraud.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

A new technology is now emerging to challenge Bluray discs. Is another format battle brewing?

7:25 - Dr. Fermin Barrueto - Upper Chesapeake Medical Center

A new study shows there are prescription drugs in our drinking water. Should we be concerned?

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. This week's topic is the sluggish economy and proposed budget cuts.

8:48 - Dominique Dawes - Olympian

The Olympic tryouts are coming to Washington, DC. Dawes is touring to promote the event.

Wednesday March 12, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Teelin School of Irish Dance. School will be in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday

Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.

6:48 - Irwin Kramer - Legal Analyst

Irwin is the attorney representing Republican lawmakers who are suing to challenge the results of the special session. If the special session was repealed, the tax increases passed would be rolled back.

7:18 - Steve Allen - Legal Analyst

NY Gov. Eliot Spitzer is accused of paying for prostitutes. How much trouble can he get in legally? Money laundering, prostitution, etc.

7:25 - Dr. Andres Alonso - Baltimore City Schools CEO

Dr. Alonso plans on cutting 300 jobs from school headquarters. Money saved would be given to individual schools to spend on what they see fit.

8:30 - Jonathan Nelson - Gospel Singer

Baltimore gospel singer is out with a new gospel album. He performed live on air.

8:48 - Chef Mick the Pirate - Empty Bowls

Fundraiser for St. Vincent DePaul of Baltimore, which helps feed and clothe the poor.

Thursday March 13, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Bellobration - Live at the circus.

6:48 - Del. Dana Stine - (D) Baltimore Co.

The state legislature is toying with the idea of raising taxes on homeowners.

6:55 - Ed Norris - WHFS Talk Show Host

A woman was beaten on an MTA bus. The suspects deny the claim. Who do you believe when you are an investigator? How do you sort through the he said/she said.

7:18 - Sen. Andy Harris - (R) Baltimore Co.

The state senate is debating cell phone restrictions for teenagers. Is it a fair law?

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber - WCBM

Gov. Spitzer of NY is getting into worse and worse trouble in the prostitution scandal.

8:30 - Ryan Greene - Author

Wrote "My Little Black Book of Leadership". How past relationships taught him how to become a better person.

Friday March 14, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:48 - Rep. Elijah Cummings, (D) District 7

The House is working on the new spy bill. Lawmakers had a secret hearing.

7:18 - Ragina Avarella - AAA Mid-Atlantic

AAA is offering "Tipsy Taxi" to keep drunk drivers off the street.

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

Eliot Spitzer was a super delegate, which could hurt Hillary Clinton's campaign for President.

8:48 - Charles Fusco - Hyatt Wellness Weekends

Couples can spend the weekend together learning about healthy living, including exercise, cooking, and meditation.

Monday March 17, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Festival of Maps. A new display is open at various locations in Baltimore.

6:48 - Ken Harris - Political Commentator

The State Teachers Union is now backing slots. Do they think this is the best way to fund schools?

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

The federal rebate check program is a done deal. What should taxpayers expect, and when will they get their check?

7:25 - Mike Gimble - Sheppard Pratt

Mike is a substance abuse educator who brought in "beer goggles" to demonstrate what driving drunk is like.

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy took tax phone calls from the viewers.

8:18 - Dr. Yu Chen - Acupuncturist

Ancient cures for every day ills. Acupuncture can relieve stress and help you lose weight.

8:30 - Bruce Anderson - MD Poison Center

Poisons in your house can look like something else, making them dangerous for your children. Cleaners can look like juice, etc.

Tuesday March 18, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:48 - Mark McGrath - Financial Advisor

The unstable stock market is scaring off investors. Should we still be invested in Wall St.?

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

A website exists that has all of your "private" information, and it's all for sale. What's worse is that it's all legal.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. This week's subject is whether the state should legalize slot machines.

8:30 - Dr. Laura Erdman - GBMC OBGyn

A new study shows 1 in 4 teenage girls have an STD. Why are the numbers so high?

Wednesday March 19, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Lunch with the Elephants - Lexington Market. An annual tradition with the circus. Elephants are fed lunch at the Baltimore landmark.

6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday

Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.

6:48 - John Dedie - Political Analyst

Barack Obama gave a speech on race that some compare to the JFK speech on religion. Can Obama overcome this religious controversy?

7:18 - Sen. Janet Greenip - (R) Anne Arundel Co.

The state legislature passed a bill to give domestic partner rights to gay couples. She is one of the few Republicans who voted for it.

7:48 - Eric Stewart - E Mortgage Solutions

The Fed reduced interest rates, is now the time to borrow? There are new rules for FHA loans as well. Eric also took phone calls.

Thursday March 20, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Spring into Wonderland - Alice in Wonderland themed flower show at the Howard Peters-Rawlins Conservatory and Botanic Gardens at Druid Hill Park.

6:48 - Johanna Neumann - Maryland PIRG

Discusses the dangers of lead in Easter toys.

6:55 - Ed Norris - WHFS Talk Show Host

The Washington DC gun ban is being challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court. As former police commissioner, does he think a ban like this is a good idea?

7:18 - Steve Allen - Defense Attorney

5 students are found guilty of beating a woman on an MTA bus. Will they have a case for appeal?

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber - WCBM

Barack Obama's pastor is still causing controversy. Is there a double standard when it comes to being politically correct?

7:48 - 8:00 - Mark McGrath, Financial Planner - Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. Inc.

Take Action Thursday - How can you prepare for retirement in such a volatile market? Mark also took phone calls from viewers.

8:24 - Michelle Pasko - Moms Away for Mother's Day

Asking for donations to create gift baskets to give to mothers serving in the military overseas.

Friday March 21, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Breakfast with the Bunny - Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Easter activity for kids.

6:48 - Irwin Kramer - Legal Analyst

Nicholas Browning is accused of killing his entire family. There's a push to move it to juvenile court. What would that mean for prosecutors and the defense?

7:18 - Ken Harris - Political Commentator

Former Baltimore Police Commissioner Kevin Clarke is cleared to pursue a lawsuit against the city. He was fired and is suing for millions. What should the city do from here?

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

Chris takes the national perspective on the controversy caused by Barack Obama's pastor.

8:18 - Spring Break

More than 70% of teens drink on spring break. What you should say to your child if they plan on traveling for the break.

Monday March 24, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Spring Break at Port Discovery - Activities for kids.

6:48 - Brad Heavner - Environment Maryland

There is mercury in energy efficient light bulbs. What should you do when the bulbs burnout? Will they hurt the environment?

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

The schedule is out for the federal rebate checks. Depending on what number your social security number ends in will determine when your money will arrive.

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy takes viewer tax questions by phone.

7:55 - Iraq War

The anniversary of the Iraq war was over the weekend. Many veterans are looking for quality care. How can you make sure they're taken care of?

Tuesday March 25, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Location - A 3 story townhouse in downtown Baltimore has been renovated for urban artwork

6:48 - Steve Allen - Defense Attorney

The first test of the state's "Viable Fetus Law" is being put to the test in a Baltimore Co. Courthouse. A man is on trial for killing his ex-girlfriend and her unborn baby.

6:55 - Larry Fiorino - Websightings

The computer sales tax is still being challenged in the state legislature. Many businesses say they'll have to move out of the state if it's not repealed.

7:18 - Thomas Wilcox - The Baltimore Community Foundation

The William Donald Schaefer fund has just been announced. Neighborhoods in Baltimore can apply for grants to improve the area.

7:54 - StateHouse Spotlight

Republican Del. Pat McDonough and Democrat Del. Curt Anderson discuss issues facing the state legislature. The state is considering "green" laws. Should we be passing laws on global warming?

8:30 - Casey Baynes - Casey Cares Foundation

A band performs to promote Stardust Gala. Money will benefit charity that helps children with cancer.

Wednesday March 26, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Greek Independence Parade - Preview of parade that weekend.

6:30 - WeatherKid Wednesday

Local student nominated by a teacher does the weather forecast with the help of our meteorologist.

6:48 - Irwin Kramer - Legal Analyst

A police officer is suing Baltimore because he had to look at KKK websites. How do you file suit over something you might have to view during your normal workday?

7:18 - Vito Simone - Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors

House prices nationally are falling. Will Baltimore remain immune to the lagging housing industry?

8:24 - Randall Luce - Author

Randall is a Baltimore area author who is the finalist in an Amazon.com book contest. The winner gets \$25,000 and their book is published.

Thursday March 27, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Almost April Fool's Fest - Comedy festival in Howard County

6:48 - Donald Hutchinson - Maryland Zoo at Baltimore

The zoo might lose its accreditation. Losing that distinction would mean a loss of funding and it would not be able to attract new animals. But, budget problems keep the zoo from doing the necessary repairs.

6:55 - Ed Norris - WHFS Talk Show Host

The latest on the Baltimore police officer suing the department over accused discriminatory practices.

7:18 - Mary Pat Clarke - Baltimore City Council

Clarke supports the city skate park bill, which would give teens a safe place to skateboard.

7:25 - Sean Casey & Frank Luber - WCBM

Gov. O'Malley is pushing his "green" bills, but are they too expensive considering Maryland must make up \$300 million in next year's budget.

8:48 - Palmer Williams Jr. & Tony Grant - The Marriage Counselor Play

Promoting Tyler Perry play at the Murphy Fine Arts Center on the Morgan State University Campus.

Friday March 28, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

6:10, 7:10, 8:10 - Hometown HotSpot

Westside Story at Centennial High School in Ellicott City - Student produced play

7:18 - Chief Lloyd Carter - Baltimore City EMS

Baltimore City is using new CPR machines that are more consistent and efficient than manual CPR. The city hopes to get more. Segment included a demonstration.

7:25 - Chris Wallace - Fox News Sunday

Hillary Clinton was caught fibbing about coming under "sniper fire" while she was the First Lady.

8:18 - Randi Vega - Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts

Promoting Artscape in July. There is still time to apply to enter artwork.

Monday March 31, 2008
Fox 45 Morning News

7:18 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

It's not too late to save on taxes by investing in your retirement account

7:48 - Teddy Prioleau, Enrolled Agent

Teddy takes tax questions from the viewers.

7:55 - Steroids in Baseball

A strength and conditioning coach talks about the prevalence of performance enhancing drugs in Major League Baseball.

8:18 - Angel Bivens - MD Poison Center

Clean out your medicine cabinet for spring. Make sure you old prescriptions are thrown out. Be sure your cleaning products are carefully stored to keep your kids safe.

8:30 - Jerry Edwards - Chefs Expressions

Promoting "Culinary Extravaganza". It will benefit Maryland's Meals on Wheels.