

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/31/2020

## AB "The Upswing": How Progressivism Can C Unite America

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Putnam, Robert</i>	<i>political scientist, author</i>	<i>Harvard University</i>
<i>Romney Garrett, Shaylyn</i>	<i>social entrepreneur, co-author</i>	<i>"The Upswing"</i>

(This program originally aired Nov. 17, 2020)

In a fascinating, compelling and wholly original new book, *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*, the political scientist Robert Putnam and social entrepreneur Shaylyn Romney Garrett assert that from the Gilded Age of the late 19th century to the present moment, America has oscillated between a society framed by colossal income inequality and political polarization to a more progressive notion of concern for the common good and political cooperation.

Putnam and Romney Garrett observe that following the inequality and political polarity of the Gilded Age a decades-long era began in which Americans embraced the need for cooperation to confront the existential challenges of an economic catastrophe in the 1930s and a World War in the 1940s, and, civil rights legislation and safety net programs in the 1960s.

But then the tide shifted, and deep polarity returned, and it defines our politics to this day.

Two scholars quoted in this new book note that political rivalry can devolve into partisan hatred, and that losing has somehow ceased to be an accepted part of the political process. Instead, it has become a catastrophe.

As the Trump administration comes to a close, the factions of the electorate remain separated by a wide, gaping hole. Can President-elect Joe Biden's aspiration of uniting the country be achieved in this climate?

In *The Upswing*, and in this archived conversation on Midday, Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett make the case that it can. They join Tom Hall on Zoom.

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12/30/2020

**AB Charles Johnson on "Middle Passage,"**  
**C Black Lives**

Cianne  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Johnson, Charles*      *novelist, literary scholar, artist, prof. University of Washington  
emeritus*

(This program was originally broadcast on October 15, 2019)

Today, Tom's guest for the hour is the award-winning novelist, literary scholar and artist, Charles Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is best-known as the author of *Middle Passage*, the epic novel about the 1830s slave trade for which he won the National Book Award for Fiction in 1990. At the time, he was only the second African-American man to have won the honor, after Ralph Ellison.

Johnson's other novels include *Night Hawks*, *Dr. King's Refrigerator*, *Dreamer*, and *Faith and the Good Thing*.

In 1998, Dr. Johnson received a MacArthur Fellowship, the so-called "genius grant." In 2002, he received the Academy Award in Literature from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Dr. Johnson began his career in the 1960s as a cartoonist, creating comic strips and editorial cartoons for a variety of publications, including *The Chicago Tribune*, *Ebony* and *Playboy*. In addition to his novels, Charles Johnson has written numerous screenplays, essays, and children's books.

Charles Johnson lives in Seattle, where he is professor emeritus at the University of Washington.

We livestreamed this conversation on WYPR's Facebook page. Watch the video [here](#).

This program was recorded previously, so we can't take your questions or comments.

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**AB Reich' s "The System:Who Rigged It.How**  
**C We Fix It."**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Reich, Robert author, professor of policy studies University of California, Berkeley*

(This program originally aired Sept. 17, 2020.)

Tom's guest today is Robert B. Reich. He's a busy and distinguished guy. He served in three administrations, including as Labor Secretary during Bill Clinton's presidency. He's a professor of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, a columnist for Newsweek and The Guardian, an award-winning filmmaker, the founder of the non-profit educational enterprise called Inequality Media, and a frequent presence on television and in the blogosphere.

He's also the author of 18 books, the latest of which is called *The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It*. It's a kind of open letter to Jamie Dimon, the CEO of the largest bank on Wall Street, JP Morgan Chase. Dimon is also the Chair of the Business Roundtable, a group of nearly 200 of the nation's most powerful and influential CEOs. Mr. Dimon and his fellow bankers were largely responsible for the economic catastrophe that gripped the US and the world in 2008, in which the total net worth of American households dropped by \$11 trillion dollars...

The net worth of Mr. Dimon has not suffered at all, nor has his influence in the halls of Congress. Robert Reich asserts that Dimon and his fellow members of the Business Roundtable should use their outsized influence to create a society in which no group of people or corporation is as rich and powerful as they currently are.

*The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It*, was published in March by Alfred A. Knopf.

Tom's conversation with Robert Reich was pre-recorded via Zoom, so we aren't taking calls today, but comments via email and Twitter are welcome.

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12/28/2020

**AB David Blight on the Life of Frederick  
C Douglass**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Blight, David*

*author, biographer*

*Frederick Douglass: Prophet of  
Freedom*

This program originally aired on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Frederick Douglass is one of the most gifted and admired figures in American history. He was enslaved for the first 20 years of his life. By the time of his death in 1895, he had become the world's most photographed man, a counselor to President Abraham Lincoln, an unparalleled public intellectual, and a super-star speaker.

David Blight's acclaimed biography of Frederick Douglass, the winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for History, offers trenchant and sweeping insights into the particulars of Douglass' many gifts, and how he changed the arc of the American story.

David Blight joins Tom to talk about Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom.

Our conversation was recorded earlier, so we can't take your calls and comments.

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**Pre-empted: NPR Special Xmas Day Program**

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12/24/2020

## AB Midday's Christmas Eve Special C

Midday Staff

Tom Hall

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<i>Hall, Tom</i>	<i>host, Midday; poetry reader</i>	<i>WYPR</i>
<i>Greaves, Cianna</i>	<i>Midday producer, poetry reader</i>	<i>WYPR</i>
<i>Krempel, Jamyla</i>	<i>digital producer, proverb reader</i>	<i>WYPR</i>

Hello and Happy Holidays! Welcome to the Midday Christmas Eve Special, with your host, Tom Hall.

Today, we'll spend the hour listening to some music and some poetry of the season, plus, a story by Baltimore writer Raphael Alvarez.

We've put together a playlist of our selections, and you can find them below (when you've clicked into this article) in the order you'll hear them in the program...

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12/23/2020

## AB Novelist Jess Walter's "The Cold Millions"

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Walter, Jess*

*novelist, author*

*"The Cold Millions"*

Tom's guest today is the New York Times best-selling author, Jess Walter. He is the author of seven novels, a short story collection, and a nonfiction book. His 2012 novel, Beautiful Ruins, was on the Times best-seller list for more than a year.

Jess Walter's latest novel is called The Cold Millions. It's an expansive and beautifully crafted chronicle of the nascent days of the labor movement in the west in the early 20th century. It takes place in Walter's hometown of Spokane, Washington, and it incorporates figures both historical and imagined...

## C In Memoriam: Tom Hall Remembers Those We've Lost

Luke Spicknall

Tom Hall

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*Hall, Tom*

*host, Midday*

*WYPR*

2020 comes to a close a week from tomorrow, and for many of us, it can't end soon enough. It has been a year of unprecedented calamity, with levels of disease and death that are incomprehensible. Nearly 80 million people are infected with the Coronavirus around the globe; about 18 million are infected in the United States. More than 10 million Americans are out of work. Hundreds of thousands have been killed by this pernicious disease, and our health care system, in some places, and for some people, is under tremendous strain.

It is my custom on this program to take some time at the end of the year to remember, briefly, some of the people in our local area who have passed away during the year. None of the folks I am mentioning died of COVID-19, and as always, this is not an exhaustive list. I simply want to call attention to a few of the people in the area who I was blessed to know, and who our community was blessed to have...

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12/22/2020

## A **Mary Pat Clarke on Her City, A Life of Service**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Clarke, Mary Pat*      *former City Councilwoman,*      *(retired)*  
*president*

Yesterday, Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott and Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Jr. held a news conference with the city's Inspector General, Isabel Mercedes Cumming, and the Baltimore County Inspector General, Kelly Madigan, to discuss the release of a joint report about serious problems with the city's water billing system. The two inspectors general estimate that the city and county have lost millions of dollars in water and sewer revenue. This despite the \$133 million dollars in contracts that have been awarded over the past ten years to improve the water system and billing processes.

We'll have more on this latest outrage from City Hall a little later in the program, but first, Tom welcomes a woman who has certainly witnessed her share of outrages during her long tenure in Baltimore City Government. Former City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke joins me. She retired earlier this month after more than three decades on the Baltimore City Council, representing the old 2nd and later the 14th Districts. Her service on the council included two different tours of duty as Council President - the first woman ever elected to the post.

Mary Pat Clarke joins us today on Zoom.

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### B-1 Baltimore Water Woes: Sun's Emily Opilo on OIG Rept

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Opilo, Emily*

*City Hall reporter*

*The Baltimore Sun*

Yesterday, Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott and Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Jr. held a news conference to announce the release of a joint report by the City and County Inspectors General that outlined egregious revenue losses in the water system that serves both jurisdictions.

The two inspectors general estimate that the city and county have lost millions of dollars in water and sewer revenue, despite the fact that \$133 million dollars in contracts have been awarded over the past ten years to improve the water system and billing processes.

Emily Opilo covers City Hall for the Baltimore Sun. She and her Sun colleague Alex Mann wrote about the report for today's paper. She joins us on Zoom...

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### B2- Midday on the Media: Our Favorite Podcasts C

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Tom Hall

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<i>Sullivan, Emily</i>	<i>City Hall reporter</i>	<i>WYPR</i>
<i>Harvie, Maureen</i>	<i>senior producer, On the Record</i>	<i>WYPR</i>
<i>Spicknall, Luke</i>	<i>sound engineer, Midday studio director</i>	<i>WYPR</i>

Need some podcast recommendations to freshen up your playlist? We asked a few of our colleagues at WYPR to drop by and share their current favorites:

Emily Sullivan, WYPR City Hall Reporter

Floodlines, (The Atlantic)  
My Year in Mensa (iHeartRadio)  
The Dream

Maureen Harvie, Sr.Producer, On The Record

Reply All (Gimlet Media)  
You're Wrong About  
Ear Hustle (Radiotopia)

Luke Spicknall, WYPR Sound Engineer / Director, Midday

This is Love (Criminal Productions)  
Snap Judgement Presents: Spooked (WNYC Studios)  
Office Hours Live (Starburns Audio)  
Stoop Storytelling Series

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12/21/2020

**AB Newsmaker: Sen. Ben Cardin**  
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Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Cardin, Ben*

*Senior Democratic Senator from  
Maryland*

*US Senate*

Tom's Newsmaker guest today is Maryland's Senior Senator, Ben Cardin.

As record numbers of new COVID-19 infections and deaths threaten the nation's beleaguered health system, 1.7 million people have applied for unemployment benefits in just the past two weeks.

Last night, Senator Chuck Schumer (D., NY) and Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell (R., KY) announced a deal for a \$900 billion dollar stimulus bill. The House and Senate are expected to vote on the bill today. It's the first COVID-relief package since the CARES Act was passed way back in March. It includes a direct payment to adults and children of \$600, half of what the direct payment was nine months ago, and a \$300 supplemental job benefit, which is also half as big as the first federal unemployment supplement that Congress passed at the beginning of the pandemic. Will the stimulus be enough to keep the economy -- and millions of struggling Americans -- afloat as winter sets in?

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12/18/2020

## A Midday with the Mayor: Mayor Brandon Scott

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Scott, Brandon*

*Mayor (elected November 3)*

*Baltimore City, Office of the Mayor*

Tom is joined by the 52nd Mayor of the City of Baltimore, Brandon M. Scott. In the first ten days of his administration, Mayor Scott has made several appointments and at least one very controversial decision about indoor and outdoor dining restrictions in city restaurants.

Mayor Scott discusses how he plans to attack the city's problems and how the government itself will operate.

## BC Helicon's Winter Solstice Concert (Preview)

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Kolodner, Ken*

*musical leader,*

*Helicon*

*Kolodner, Brad*

*son of Ken; leader*

*Charm City Junction*

*Norman, Chris*

*trio member*

*Helicon*

Today, Tom is joined by Helicon, the renowned traditional music trio.

Helicon, comprised of Ken Kolodner, Robin Bullock, and Chris Norman, has been delighting their super-loyal fan base with a Winter Solstice Concert for 35 years. Despite the pandemic, they will continue this great Baltimore holiday tradition with a streamed performance tomorrow night at 7:30 PM EST.

In addition to Helicon, the show will feature Charm City Junction, with Brad Kolodner, Alex Lacquement, Patrick McAvinue, and Sean McComiskey. The violinist Elke Baker will also be part of the festivities. You can find more information on the Creative Alliance website.

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12/17/2020

## AB Midday at the Movies: Celebrating Black Lives, etc

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Hornaday, Ann*

*film critic*

*Washington Post*

*Dietz, Jed*

*founder, former dir,*

*Maryland Film Festival/Parkway*

It's another edition of Midday at the Movies, our monthly conversation about films and filmmaking.

Tom is once again joined by Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday, author of the bestselling film-lovers' guide, *Talking Pictures: How to Watch Movies*, and by Maryland Film Festival founder Jed Dietz. Today, we spotlight a trend Ann noted in her recent piece in the Post: the year's remarkable run of new films by pioneering directors such as Steve McQueen (*Small Axe*) and George C. Wolfe (*Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*) that affirmatively chronicle and celebrate the Black experience, at a time when the pandemic and persistent racial injustice are exacting an especially deadly toll on Black Americans.

## C Rousuck's Reviews: One-Woman Streaming Plays

Rob Sivak

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*Rousuck, J. Wynn*

*theater critic*

*independent WYPR vendor*

Midday theater critic J. Wynn Rousuck joins Tom with reviews of several new productions for the pandemic-inspired virtual stage, including two one-woman shows.

Judy starts off with Everyman Theater's virtual production of "Black in the Green Mountains," the third and final installment in playwright Caleen Sinnette Jennings's "Queens Girl" Trilogy. Directed by Everyman's new Associate Artistic Director Paige Hernandez, the one-woman play features resident company member Felicia Curry as Jackie, who must confront the gulf between Black and White cultures as she begins her studies at a Vermont college. The play is available as a ticketed stream until February 4, 2021.

Join Everyman tonight for a unique conversation with the powerhouse women behind the Trilogy: *Queens Girl: An Inside Look*, featuring playwright Caleen Sinnette Jennings, Director Paige Hernandez, and the three transcendent actors who have portrayed the title character. Join them live tonight (Thursday, December 17) at 7pm or access it On-Demand until February 4.

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12/16/2020

### A **Henrietta Lacks Bill: Diversity in Clinical Trials**

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Mfume, Kweisi*

*Bill co-sponsor; Dem.  
congressman, MD 7th Dist*

*US House of Representatives*

Last week, the Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act passed the House of Representatives. The bill, which was first introduced by the late Elijah Cummings in 2019, aims to increase African American participation in clinical trials and address racial health disparities.

The bill is named for Henrietta Lacks, the 31-year-old woman from Turner's Station who died in 1951 and whose cells have been used in medical research ever since.

Congressman Kweisi Mfume, who sponsored the bill this year, joins Tom with details of the historic legislation.

### BC **Rev. Eugene Sutton: Reparations, Restor. Justice**

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Sutton, Rev. Eugene Bishop  
Taylor*

*The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland*

Today on Midday, a church's reckoning on race. In September, the reparations for slavery by creating a fund to support initiatives in the African American community.

Rev. Eugene Taylor Sutton, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland, joins Tom to discuss the role that a fund for reparations will play in how the church is repenting for its complicity in slavery and segregation.

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12/15/2020

## AB Amid Mounting COVID Woes: Promoting C Mental Wellness

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Young, Dr. Michael*     *psychiatrist, Service Chief, The*     *Sheppard Pratt Hospital*  
*Retreat*

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge across the nation, with the mounting US death toll surpassing 300 thousand on Monday, even as the first COVID vaccinations were finally being administered to Americans. But getting the vaccine into hundreds of millions of arms will be a slow process, and the dark cloud of COVID is certain to hang over the United States, and countries around the world, for months to come.

Even pre-pandemic, the stresses at this time of year have long been acknowledged by mental health professionals. This year, in addition to financial, physical, and mental health stresses that millions of Americans are experiencing because of the coronavirus, we are confronting other epidemics as well, from opioid addiction and depression to a rising incidence of suicide – which is at the highest rate in 30 years, especially among adolescents.

For many, this holiday season comes at a time of grief, loss and trauma...

Today, we explore some effective strategies for coping with the unique mental health challenges of these difficult times.

Tom's guest for the hour is Dr. Michael Young. He is the service chief of The Retreat, a residential psychiatric treatment center at Sheppard Pratt in Baltimore. Dr. Young's special interests are in treating mood, anxiety, and personality disorders.

Psychiatrist Dr. Michael Young leads a residential treatment facility at Sheppard Pratt in Baltimore.

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We welcome your questions or comments for Dr. Young about mental well-being and coping strategies.

If you are in active crisis or have considered harming yourself, call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or visit Sheppard Pratt's Crisis Walk-in Center, either in-person or virtually. For more information, visit the Walk-in center website.

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12/14/2020

## A Reckoning With Racial Injustice, Past & Pres. Pt 1

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall  
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*Shilliam, Dr. Robbie*     *political science professor*     *Johns Hopkins University*

Today on Midday, we begin with a look at new revelations that the founder and namesake of Johns Hopkins University, long described as a passionate abolitionist, was in fact a slave-owner.

Dr. Robbie Shilliam is a political science professor at Johns Hopkins.

## BC Reckoning With Racial Injustice, Past & Pres. Pt 2

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall  
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*Scott, Terry Anne*     *assoc. prof. history, dir. Afr-Am Studies*     *Hood College (Frederick, MD)*  
*Newkirk, Dr. Pamela*     *author, profesor of political science*     *New York University*  
*Ray, Dr. Rashawn*     *Rubenstein Fellow (Brookings)*     *University of Maryland (ColPark) Soc.prof*

Then, we consider the question: Is America finally having a reckoning about race? Since the nationwide protests against inequity and police brutality sparked by the death of George Floyd, racial justice issues have been front and center in the United States. We look back at an explosive year in American civil rights.

Guests:

Dr. Terry Anne Scott is an associate professor of History and the Director of African American Studies at Hood College. She is the author of *Seattle Sports: Play, Identity, and Pursuit in the Emerald City*.

Dr. Pamela Newkirk is a professor of journalism at New York University. Her latest book is called *Diversity, Inc.: The Failed Promise of a Billion-Dollar Industry*.

Dr. Rashawn Ray is a Rubenstein Fellow at the Brookings Institution and Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland in College Park. His latest book is *How Families Matter: Simply Complicated Intersections of Race, Gender, and Work*.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/11/2020

### AB COVID Vaccines, At Last: What We Need to C Know

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Kotloff, Dr. Karen</i>	<i>principle investigator, Center for Vaccine Develop</i>	<i>University of Maryland School of Medicine</i>
<i>Lushniak, Dr. Boris</i>	<i>Dean, School of Public Health</i>	<i>University of Maryland</i>
<i>Quinn, Dr. Sandra</i>	<i>Sen. Assoc.Dir., Maryland Center for Health Equity</i>	<i>University of Maryland School of Public Health</i>

Today, Tom talks with three public health experts with unique perspectives on the challenges we face as the new COVID-19 vaccines are rolled out. Later in this hour, we'll discuss how health agencies can ensure equitable public access to the vaccines with Dr. Sandra Quinn, a senior associate director of the Maryland Center for Health Equity at the University of Maryland's School of Public Health. Tom also talks with the Dean of that school, Dr. Boris Lushniak, a former deputy and acting US Surgeon General in the Obama Administration, about the logistical — and political -- challenges in launching and running a national vaccination campaign.

But Tom's first guest today is Dr. Karen Kotloff. She is a specialist in infectious diseases with the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where she also serves as Principal Investigator for the Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit at the School's NIH-funded Center for Vaccine Development. Dr. Kotloff was principal investigator on the Phase 3 human trials of the Moderna company's COVID-19 vaccine.

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12/10/2020

**AB** Healthwatch w/Dr. Leana Wen: The COVID  
**C** vaccine

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*ER Physician, prof. public health*

*George Washington University*

An FDA advisory committee has endorsed emergency use authorization for the COVID 19 vaccine developed by Pfizer. Moderna's drug is expected to be approved for use next week.

On today's Healthwatch, Dr. Lean Wen joins Tom to discuss the latest on the COVID-19 vaccines. How will scientists decide they are safe and effective? What are the side effects, and how will people who are reluctant to be vaccinated be convinced that it's in their best interest, and in the best interest of the public, to receive the medication?

Dr. Leana Wen is the former Baltimore City Health Commissioner, a visiting professor at George Washington University, a columnist for the Washington Post and a medical analyst for CNN.

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12/9/2020

## A A Tribute to Sen Paul Sarbanes (1 of 3)

Cianna Greaves, Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Sarbanes, John</i>	<i>Congressman, Democrat, MD's 3rd District</i>	<i>US House of Representatives</i>
<i>Cardin, Ben</i>	<i>US Senator, Democrat, Maryland</i>	<i>US Senate</i>
<i>Mfume, Kweisi</i>	<i>Congressman, Democrat, MD's 7th District</i>	<i>US House of Representatives</i>

Today on Midday: Remembering Senator Paul Sarbanes, who died Sunday night at the age of 87. The son of Greek immigrants, Paul Sarbanes rose to become one of the most respected and effective legislators in the United States Senate, where he represented Maryland for 30 years.

Tom is joined today by the late senator's son, Maryland's 3rd District Congressman John Sarbanes; Ben Cardin, who succeeded him in the Senate; his longtime Maryland congressional colleagues, Steny Hoyer and Kweisi Mfume; University of Baltimore president and former Baltimore mayor Kurt Schmoke; former Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank; and the Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden. We'll also hear a portion of the tribute Sen. Chris Van Hollen offered to Paul Sarbanes yesterday on the Senate floor.

They all reflect on the life and legacy of one of Maryland's most consequential and influential political leaders.

## B A Tribute to Sen Paul Sarbanes (2 of 3)

Cianna Greaves, Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Hoyer, Steny</i>	<i>Congressman, Majority Leader, Dem. 5th Dist.</i>	<i>US House of Representatives</i>
<i>Schmoke, Kurt</i>	<i>former Baltimore mayor, president</i>	<i>University of Baltimore</i>
<i>Frank, Barney</i>	<i>former congressman (D., Massachusetts)</i>	<i>US House of Representatives</i>

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## C A Tribute to Sen Paul Sarbanes (3 of 3)

Cianna Greaves, Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Hayden, Dr. Carla</i>	<i>Chief Librarian</i>	<i>US Library of Congress</i>
<i>Van Hollen, Chris</i>	<i>Junior Senator from Maryland (Democrat)</i>	<i>US Senate</i>

12/8/2020

## AB Election 2020: What Went Wrong with the Polling? C

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Kromer, Dr. Mileah</i>	<i>director, Sarah Hughes Field Politics Center</i>	<i>Goucher College</i>
<i>Levy, Ariel Edwards</i>	<i>senior reporter, polling editor, YouGov.com</i>	<i>HuffPost</i>
<i>Jackson, Dr. Natalie</i>	<i>director of research</i>	<i>Public Religion Reserarch Institute</i>

In the Presidential Election, there was no shortage of polls, and no shortage of outrage after the election from both sides of the political spectrum when much of the data appeared to have been unreliable. Many polls had Joe Biden cruising to a crushing victory, with the Democrats riding a blue wave to a Senate majority and an even bigger margin in the House.

Today on Midday, a conversation about the often precarious profession of polling. It's a complicated and somewhat risky proposition to suggest that we can know the outcome of the horse race before the race is over, but the obsession with the horse race, from any election cycles earliest moments, is at the heart of the problem. There are other things we can and should glean from polls that are ultimately more revelatory and enlightening than who's up and who's down.

### Guests

Dr. Mileah Kromer is the Director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College

Ariel Edwards Levy is a senior reporter and polling editor at HuffPost, where she oversees collaboration with the website YouGov.

Dr. Natalie Jackson is the Director of Research at the Public Religion Research Institute.

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12/7/2020

## A **Sen. Paul Sarbanes: A Reflection by Sen Mikulski**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Mikulski, Sen. Barbara*      *former US Senator (D. MD); now prof public policy*      *Johns Hopkins University*

Today on Midday, remembering former Maryland Senator Paul Spyros Sarbanes, who passed away last night at the age of 87, according to an announcement by his eldest son, Rep. John Sarbanes (D., MD 3rd District).

A long-time friend and colleague of Paul Sarbanes, former Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski -- now a professor of public policy at The Johns Hopkins University -- joins us with her personal reflections.

Born in Salisbury, Maryland on February 3, 1933, Paul Sarbanes was a graduate of Princeton University, Balliol College, Oxford, and Harvard Law School. He first won election to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1966, where he served two terms. In 1970, he won a seat in the United States House of Representatives, representing Maryland's 4th and later Maryland's 3rd congressional districts from 1971 to 1977.

He won election to the US Senate in 1976, and was re-elected four times until his retirement in 2007. Paul Sarbanes was the longest-serving senator in Maryland history until he was surpassed by Sen. Barbara Mikulski by a single day when her term ended on January 3, 2017.

During an hour-long remembrance of Sen. Sarbanes on this Wednesday's Midday program, friends and former colleagues will discuss the wide-ranging impact of Paul Sarbanes' life and work on Maryland and the nation.

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### B The Iron Pipeline:Fueling Balitmore's Gun Violence

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Cassie, Ron*                      *senior editor, author "The Iron Pipeline" article*                      *Baltimore Magazine*

*Timpson, James "*  
*J.T."*                      *director, Community Partnership and Safety*                      *Roca Baltimore*

One of the most disturbing, but necessary, measures of Baltimore's status as a place to live and work is its annual homicide count, which this year is on track to nearly match 2019's record 348 killings. Most of the homicide victims in Baltimore are young Black men, and most are shot to death. The city's persistently high body count reflects one obvious fact of crime in Baltimore: the seemingly limitless supply of illegal guns...

Ron Cassie is a senior editor at Baltimore Magazine. JT Timpson is director of Community Partnerships and Safety with Roca Baltimore.

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Later this hour on Midday, Tom will talk with James "JT" Timpson, the director of Community Partnerships and Safety for Roca Baltimore, a community-centered anti-violence group. Timpson previously worked as an outreach coordinator for Safe Streets, the city's street-violence interruption program.

But our first guest is Ron Cassie, a senior editor at Baltimore Magazine. His article in the December issue is entitled "Iron Pipeline," and examines the underground network of gun traffickers from out-of-state whose deadly merchandise fuels the seemingly intractable level of violence on the streets of Baltimore.

Ron Cassie and JT Timpson join us on Zoom.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### C D.Watkins' "We Speak For Ourselves": OneBook Balt

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Watkins, D. (Duane) editor at large, Salon; lecturer, Sch University of Baltimore  
of CommDesign*

Tom's next guest is D. Watkins, an editor-at-large for Salon and a lecturer at the University of Baltimore's Klein Family School of Communication Design.

D. is the author of the New York Times bestsellers, *The Beast Side: Living and Dying While Black in America*, and *The Cookup: A Crack Memoir*. His latest book is called *We Speak for Ourselves: How Woke Culture Prohibits Progress*, which has been named the 2020 One Book Baltimore selection.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/4/2020

**AB** **Evan Osnos's Probing Bio of PresElect Joe**  
**C** **Biden**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Osnos, Evan*      *journalist, author, senior staff writer*    *The New Yorker Magazine*

(Originally broadcast November 12, 2020)

On this archive edition of Midday, Tom talks with Evan Osnos, a staff writer for The New Yorker, about his latest book, Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now.

Tom spoke with Mr. Osnos about a week and a half after the election, on the day that several media sources had added Arizona to the win column for President-elect Joe Biden. Later that day, the state of Georgia was also called for Mr. Biden, as a hand count in that state got underway. By the following day, most media outlets had declared Mr. Biden the president-elect.

In his nearly fifty-year career in public service, Joe Biden has played influential leadership roles in the US Senate and served eight years as vice-president in Barack Obama's White House. Along the way, he has also endured deep personal losses and high-profile political missteps and disappointments, events that have given Mr. Biden a humility and an empathy for others in hardship uncommon in career politicians.

On this archive edition of Midday, veteran journalist Evan Osnos -- a winner of a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award, and a fellow at The Brookings Institution -- joins Tom for the hour to talk about what kind of president Joe Biden will be.

He joined us on Zoom.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/3/2020

**AB Robert Reich: "The System"**  
**C**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12616

*Reich, Robert*

*author, economist, professor of  
public policy*

*University of California, Berkeley*

Originally broadcast September 17, 2020

Tom's guest today is Robert B. Reich. He's a busy and distinguished guy. He served in three administrations, including as Labor Secretary during Bill Clinton's presidency. He's a professor of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, a columnist for Newsweek and The Guardian, an award-winning filmmaker, the founder of the non-profit educational enterprise called Inequality Media, and a frequent presence on television and in the blogosphere.

He's also the author of 18 books, the latest of which is called *The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It*. It's a kind of open letter to Jamie Dimon, the CEO of the largest bank on Wall Street, JP Morgan Chase. Dimon is also the Chair of the Business Roundtable, a group of nearly 200 of the nation's most powerful and influential CEOs. Mr. Dimon and his fellow bankers were largely responsible for the economic catastrophe that gripped the US and the world in 2008, in which the total net worth of American households dropped by \$11 trillion dollars...

The net worth of Mr. Dimon has not suffered at all, nor has his influence in the halls of Congress.

Robert Reich asserts that Dimon and his fellow members of the Business Roundtable should use their outsized influence to create a society in which no group of people or corporation is as rich and powerful as they currently are.

*The System: Who Rigged It, How We Fix It*, was published in March by Alfred A. Knopf.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/2/2020

**AB "Hoax" CNN's Brian Stelter on Trump & Fox**  
**C News**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Stelter, Brian*      *media reporter, host "Reliable Sources"*      *CNN*

(Originally broadcast Oct. 1, 2020)

Today, we revisit a conversation Tom had in October with Brian Stelter, the chief media correspondent for CNN, about his latest book, which explores the unholy alliance between President Donald Trump and Fox News. It's called *Hoax: Donald Trump, Fox News, and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth*.

That alliance has frayed after the election. Tom's conversation with Brian Stelter took place four weeks before the election, two days after the first, chaotic debate between the President and then former Vice President Joe Biden. Reaction to that debate fell along party lines to some extent, but as NPR's Mara Liasson had noted when she was a guest on Midday the day before Tom spoke with Brian Stelter, some leading Republicans did criticize the president for not condemning white supremacy and for his impolite and crass behavior. This was considered, at the time, progress...

Since the election, the President has had some harsh words for some at Fox News, and it may be that their mutual affection has unraveled. But it's also true that the opinion hosts led the charge for Mr. Trump's baseless claims of widespread election fraud.

As President-elect Biden prepares to assume power next month, today, we'll explore the particular role Fox plays in American politics.

Brian Stelter is the host of *Reliable Sources* on CNN. On this archive edition of Midday, he joined us on Zoom.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

12/1/2020

## AB Return Home Baltimore: Facing Re-Entry C Challenges

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Cobb, Dawna, co-founder*

*Return Home Baltimore*

*Jones, Joe founder*

*Center for Urban Families*

*Thompson, Emily Executive Director*

*PIVOT (for women returning citizens)*

(Originally broadcast Oct. 22, 2020)

For the thousands of inmates released from prison every year, the transition out of jail and back into society is often a transition to homelessness and unemployment.

Ex-offender status presents perpetual obstacles for returning citizens, who often lack access to critical resources and opportunities.

A new organization called Return Home Baltimore is trying to make it all easier. It has created a website that provides access to information and critical resources.

### GUESTS:

Dawna Cobb is the co-founder of Return Home Baltimore which helps people with re-entry.

Ed Rogers is a returning citizen who serves on the Return Home Advisory Board.

Joe Jones is the founder of the Center For Urban Families.

Emily Thompson is the executive director of PIVOT, an organization that works with women returning citizens.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/30/2020

**AB Gerald Seib: Trump & the Trials of US**  
**C Conservatism**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12613

*Seib, Gerald F.                      journalist, Executive Washington                      The Wall Street Journal*  
*Editor,*

Today, on this archive edition of Midday, a conversation Tom had two weeks before the November election with Gerald Seib, a journalist who's covered politics for The Wall Street Journal for more than forty years, and now serves as the paper's Executive Washington Editor.

The election results showed us that the divisions in our country and within the Republican and Democratic parties themselves have never been this pronounced in modern times.

Gerald Seib's fascinating new book, *We Should Have Seen it Coming: From Reagan to Trump-A Front Row Seat to a Political Revolution*, chronicles the transformation of the Republican party from the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980 to the shocking elevation of Donald Trump to the highest office in the land in 2016.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/27/2020

**AB Dr. Freeman Hrabowski: Diversity in Vaccine  
C Trials**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Hrabowski, Dr.                      president  
Freeman*

*University of Maryland, Baltimore  
County*

Rebroadcast: this program originally aired on Oct. 30, 2020.

African American participation in COVID-19 vaccine trials is critically low despite the pandemic's disproportionate impact on Black communities.

From the Tuskegee Study to Henrietta Lacks, centuries of anti-black racism and discrimination in American healthcare have led to chronic distrust of medical research among African Americans.

Tom's guest is Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a longtime civil rights activist. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have enrolled in a Phase 3 COVID 19 clinical trial at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and they are vocal proponents of more African American participation in the research process.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/25/2020

## AB Whatcha Got Cookin': Turkey Alternatives C

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Shields, John</i>	<i>founder, co-owner, chef</i>	<i>Gertrude's Restaurant (@ The BMA)</i>
<i>Thomas, David</i>	<i>Chef, co-founder</i>	<i>The Heirloom Food Group</i>

This Thanksgiving, as many Americans forego travel due to the pandemic, large gatherings of friends and families will give way to more intimate feasts.

Whether you're cooking for one, two, or ten - today, we're sharing recipes and tips to help make your Thanksgiving dinner a delicious and memorable affair.

Chefs David Thomas and John Shields are with us once again to talk you through any questions you might have and to share their favorite dishes.

Guests:

John Shields is a chef and the proprietor of Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen, his restaurant at the Baltimore Museum of Art. His latest book is called The New Chesapeake Kitchen.

Chef David Thomas is the Chef and co-founder with his wife Tonya of The Heirloom Food Group. He's the former Executive Chef and owner of Ida B's Table in downtown Baltimore.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/24/2020

**AB** Journalist Ron Cassie's "If You Love  
**C** Baltimore"

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Cassie, Ron*

*journalist, author, senior editor*

*Baltimore Magazine*

Today on Midday, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, we're going to take a break from news about the pandemic, or our recalcitrant president, or the intractable murder rate here in Baltimore City. Instead, we are going to take some time to show Baltimore a little love.

It is easy to complain about our town. It takes only a mild dash of cynicism to point out what's wrong with Baltimore. But as veteran journalist Ron Cassie's new book demonstrates, it's also easy to celebrate our town, and the many characters who populate it, and the many places in it where sometimes downright magical stuff happens.

Ron Cassie is a senior editor at Baltimore Magazine. These days, when you turn to the final page of BMag, you are treated to a column by Ron called "You Are Here: Life in Baltimore Observed." His new book is a collection of columns like these, which he began writing in 2008...

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/23/2020

## AB As COVID Rages, Contact Tracing Gets New Push

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Watson, Dr. Crystal</i>	<i>senior associate, Center for Health Security</i>	<i>Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health</i>
<i>Feldman, Dr. Kathleen</i>	<i>Chief public health scientist</i>	<i>Maryland Health Department</i>

Two weeks ago, the Maryland Department of Health launched MD COVID Alert, a smartphone-based notification system for people who have been exposed to the virus. So far, more than a million Marylanders have subscribed to the system.

Later this hour, Tom talks with Dr. Katherine Feldman about MD COVID Alert. She's the Maryland Health Department's chief public health scientist and the director of its Contact Tracing Unit.

But Tom's first guest is Dr. Crystal Watson. She's a senior associate at the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Earlier this year, as the pandemic was first taking hold, Dr. Watson co-authored a report for the national association of US public health agencies that described what a comprehensive contact tracing program - directed nationally by the federal government - should look like. Nine months later, with the US COVID-19 death toll at a quarter-million and rising, and with another 12 million people infected, is there a federal contact tracing program up and running?

Dr. Crystal Watson and Dr. Katherine Feldman join us today on Zoom...

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### C Rousuck's Review: Coates on HBO; Kennedy at Rhouse

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Rousuck, J. Wynn theater critic*

*independent WYPR vendor*

Midday theater critic J. Wynn Rousuck joins Tom with a look at a couple of new streaming-arts endeavors helping to entertain and inspire us as the raging COVID-19 pandemic keeps most of the nation's theaters and movie houses dark.

She leads off with a review of HBO's new all-star adaptation of writer Ta-Nehisi Coates's *Between the World and Me*, the testimonial he published in 2015 about the realities of being Black in America and growing up in Baltimore, written as a letter to his son. Based on a 2018 adaptation and staging of the book at New York's Apollo Theater, the HBO special combines elements of the Apollo production and dramatic readings from Coates' book, with documentary footage from the author's home life, archival footage, and animation. It premiered on HBO November 21st and is now streaming on demand. For more information on the HBO Special, [click here...](#)

Judy also spotlights a four-play virtual festival of works by acclaimed African-American playwright Adrienne Kennedy, produced and streamed by Round House Theater in Bethesda, Maryland. The first play, which began streaming Nov. 14, is Kennedy's newest work for the stage, a two-person show about an interracial relationship in the 1940s. The next play, co-written with Kennedy's son, is a semi-autobiographical account of the family's experience with police brutality and has a cast of 12. It began streaming on Nov. 22. For more information on Round House's *The Work of Adrienne Kennedy: Inspiration and Influence*, [click here](#).

Streaming performances will be available for ticketed viewing through February 2021.

Also, since there was barely time to mention it on the broadcast, we want to note it again here: tonight at 7pm, Baltimore's historic Hippodrome Theater hosts a live, virtual celebration of its 106th anniversary. For more information on the event, [click here](#).

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/20/2020

## A Midday News Wrap: Trump's Election Challenges

Cianna Greaves,  
Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Mystal, Elie*      *Legal scholar, justice correspondent*    *The Nation Magazine*

As the country falls deeper into the morass of a surging pandemic, President Trump has ignored the coronavirus and most of his other presidential duties, and instead -- through hundreds of Tweets -- has attempted to rile up his supporters around unfounded allegations of massive, Democrat-directed election fraud.

We begin today with the Friday Newswrap, and we'll discuss President Trump's increasingly desperate - and dangerous - election challenges with Elie Mystal, a legal scholar and justice correspondent for The Nation magazine. He joins us on Zoom from New York City.

## BC Smart Nutrition: Sleep, Hunger, Weight Control

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12606

*Reinagel, Monica*      *licensed nutritionist, podcast host*    *Nutrition Over Easy*  
*Wu, Dr. Jade*      *sleep psychologist, researcher*    *Duke University*

Now, it's another edition of Smart Nutrition, with our good friend Monica Reinagel — a licensed nutritionist and host of the Nutrition Diva podcast, one of the most popular health and fitness podcasts on the Web. Monica is the author of several books, including Nutrition Diva's Secrets for a Healthy Diet. She's also the co-host of a new podcast launched in March called Change Academy, which focuses on the science of behavior change...

We are also joined today by Dr. Jade Wu. She's a sleep psychologist and researcher at Duke University, and the host of the Savvy Psychologist podcast. Today, Dr. Wu brings her expertise to a discussion of one of the challenges many people are facing during this pandemic: disruptions to their normal work, play and sleep schedules. As we hear, inadequate sleep can make it harder to maintain a healthful diet, and that can make it harder to keep the pounds off.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/19/2020

**AB Newsmaker: Baltimore Police Commr**  
**C Michael Harrison**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Harrison, Michael*

*Commissioner*

*Baltimore City Police Department*

Our Newsmaker guest today is Baltimore City Police Commissioner Michael Harrison.

The COVID-19 pandemic has crippled businesses across the city and forced many to close, but it has had no appreciable effect on the number of murders in our city this year, which stands at 294 as of today.

Wednesday, the Baltimore Police Department announced the arrests of 14 people who are believed to have been involved in several car-jackings in the Northwest District.

And on October 29th, Judge James K. Bredar said in a quarterly hearing about the Consent Decree that, "there now is solid leadership in the Police Department, and there is beginning to flow real and substantial progress in achieving Consent Decree objectives."...

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/18/2020

## A COVID & the Biden Transition: Unusual Baton Pass

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Khalid, Asma*

*politics reporter, co-host Politics Podcast*

*National Public Radio*

Yesterday, at a news conference at the State House in Annapolis, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan gave a somber summary of the scope of the COVID 19 pandemic in the state. Some hospitals in Western Maryland are at or near capacity. For three of the past five days, the state has reported more than 2,000 new cases, as the country sees new infections surpass 140,000 every day.

Hogan announced that effective Friday, all bars and food establishments in the state will be required to close at 10:00 PM. This decision is based on the fact that compliance with coronavirus protocols tends to diminish substantially after 10. The Governor stressed, with no effort to hide his anger, that compliance must improve, and that local jurisdictions must do more to enforce the orders to wear masks and physically distance. Hogan said that retail businesses, fitness centers, religious institutions and other establishments will revert back to Phase 2 capacity restrictions.

Mr. Hogan announced that tomorrow, he will take part in a Governor's Call with President-elect Joe Biden and his transition team...

Also yesterday, amid encouraging news about not one but two promising COVID-19 vaccines, President-elect Biden again called on the Trump Administration to ascertain the election, and to begin sharing information about distribution of vaccines when they are ready.

Joining Tom is Asma Khalid, a political correspondent for NPR and a co-host of the NPR Politics Podcast. She's covered the Biden campaign; she's now covering the transition. Asma joins us on the line from Bethesda, Maryland.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### **BC Balt.County & City Schools Weigh COVID Reopenings**

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Williams, Dr. Darryl L. Superintendent*

*Baltimore County Public Schools*

*Santelises, Dr. Sonja President, CEO*

*Baltimore City Public Schools*

As administrators, teachers, and parents debate the safety of returning to in-person instruction, COVID infections are on the rise in virtually every community in the country.

Today, on Midday, the complex decision facing school administrators in Maryland and across the country: when and how to reopen schools for in-person learning.

Dr. Darryl L. Williams, the Superintendent of the Baltimore County School System, and Dr. Sonja Santelises, the CEO of Baltimore City Schools, discuss who's in school a building now, who's being asked to stay at home, and why.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/17/2020

## AB "The Upswing":How Progressivism Can C Heal America

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Putnam, Robert</i>	<i>professor of political science,</i>	<i>Harvard University</i>
<i>Romney Garrett, Shaylyn</i>	<i>social entrepreneur, founder, co- author</i>	<i>"The Upswing"</i>

In their fascinating, compelling and wholly original new book, "The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again," the political scientist Robert David Putnam and the social entrepreneur Shaylyn Romney Garrett assert that from the Gilded Age of the late 19th century to the present moment, America has oscillated between a society framed by colossal income inequality and political polarization to a more progressive era of concern for the common good and political cooperation. The authors observe that following the Gilded Age, a decades-long period began in which Americans acted collectively and cooperatively to confront the existential challenges of an economic catastrophe in the 1930s, a World War in the 1940s, and civil rights legislation and safety-net programs in the 1960s.

But then the tide shifted and a deep polarity returned, and it defines our politics to this day.

As the Trump administration comes to a close, the factions of the American electorate remain separated by wide, seemingly unbridgeable gulfs. Can President-elect Joe Biden's aspiration of uniting the country be achieved in a climate where political rivalry can devolve into partisan hatred, and losing ceases to be an accepted part of the political process and instead becomes a catastrophe?

In The Upswing, co-authors Robert Putnam and Shaylyn Romney Garrett make the case that it can. They join us on Zoom.

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11/16/2020

**AB MHE: Balt City Comm College Pres. Debra**  
**C McCurdy**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

12600

*McCurdy, Dr. Debra President*

*Baltimore City Community College*

Today, another in our occasional series, Midday on Higher Education in which we sit down with the presidents of colleges and universities throughout the state.

Tom's guest is Dr. Debra McCurdy, president of Baltimore City Community College.

Dr. McCurdy took the reigns at Baltimore Community College in May of 2019. Before coming to BCCC, she served for 11 years as the Rhodes Stage College president in Lima, Ohio.

During her more than 30 years in higher education, Dr. McCurdy has held administrative posts at Georgia Perimeter College, Clark Atlanta University, Paul Quinn College in Texas, and Brandeis University in Massachusetts.

With initiatives like the Mayor's Scholars Program, BCCC offers the lowest tuition of any community college in the state, making it an attractive option for low-income students who need access to higher education and career training. Dr. Debra McCurdy joins me to discuss how her institution is coping with the Coronavirus and her plans for the future of Baltimore City Community College.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/13/2020

**AB** **Evan Osnos's Probing Profile of Joe Biden**  
**C**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Osnos, Evan*

*New Yorker Magazine staff writer;  
author*

*"Joe Biden: The Life, the Run,  
and What Comes Next"*

Today on Midday, New Yorker Magazine staff writer and veteran journalist Evan Osnos joins Tom for the hour to talk about what kind of president Joe Biden will be. Osnos -- a winner of the Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award and a fellow at The Brookings Institution -- has written an unstinting and revelatory biography of the president-elect, called *Joe Biden: The Life, the Run, and What Matters Now*.

Evan Osnos comes to us on Zoom.

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11/12/2020

## A Baltimore's "Eye In the Sky": What's Next? Pt1

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Bell, Marshall*      *director, Community Support Program*

*Perpetual Surveillance Systems*

*Simmons, Rev. Duane*      *community activist, pastor*

*Simmons Memorial Baptist Church*

With the 6-month trial period and unsuccessful court challenges behind it, the AIR program has reached an inflection point, as new data on its effectiveness as a policing tool becomes available, and as new city leadership prepares to take office with serious reservations about the aerial surveillance plan.

On today's Midday, a range of perspectives on the AIR program. Tom talks first with Marshall Bell, director of the Community Support Program for Perpetual Surveillance Systems, the AIR program contractor. Next, Tom is joined by Rev. Duane Simmons, the long-time pastor of the Simmons Memorial Baptist Church in West Baltimore. Pastor Simmons is also the founder of a community and business coalition called Community With Solutions, whose 70+ members recently called on city leaders to proceed with the surveillance program.

(Pt 2 continues in next segment)

## AB City's "Eye in the Sky" Program: What's Next? Pt2

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Grandpre, Lawrence*      *director*

*Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle*

*Rocah, David*      *senior staff attorney*

*ACLU of Maryland*

Next, Tom welcomes Lawrence Grandpre to the Midday conversation. He's the director of research for Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle, a Baltimore community-action group that opposes the roll-out of the AIR program, and last April filed suit in federal court to stop it. The LBS suit, which was unsuccessful, was joined by the ACLU of Maryland, whose senior staff attorney, David Rocah, joins us on Zoom as Tom's final guest.

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### **B Baltimore's "Eye In the Sky": What's Next? Pt1**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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Last May, an Ohio-based company called Persistent Surveillance Systems was granted permission to conduct a six-month trial program in Baltimore -- paid for by a foundation in Texas -- to determine if an Aerial Investigation Research (AIR) program was an effective way to help local police and prosecutors in their efforts to solve crimes. The trial period ended on October 31st. Final data from the trial program has not yet been released, but since it was first revealed in 2016 that planes were flying over the skies of Baltimore and recording the goings-on below during a previously unpublicized surveillance trial, the "eye in the sky" program has been controversial. Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison was initially a skeptic about the efficacy of the AIR program, but after consulting with community members he agreed to the trial run...

Last week, a federal appeals court ruled that the planes do not violate privacy rights. But activists and opponents worry that the program can easily be abused, and Mayor Elect Brandon Scott has expressed little confidence in the program.

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### C Fred Payne: From Jazz to Pop and Back Again

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Payne, Freda*      *R&B, jazz recording artist, headliner*    *Keystone Korner Jazz Club (Baltimore)*  
@

Tom's guest is singer Freda Payne. Some might know Ms. Payne for the 1970 Holland-Dozier-Holland song she recorded called Band of Gold. It was a huge, international top-40 hit single for the then-28 year-old singer. Payne had a solid run in the R&B genre, with another gold-record hit two years later, an anti-Vietnam War song called Bring the Boys Home.

Despite her success in the 1970s with R&B, the Detroit-born singer's first love, and the abiding thread in her diverse career, has always been jazz. She grew up listening to Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. In the early 60s, well before her pop hits, she began working in New York with artists like Quincy Jones. At the age of 22, her debut album – After the Lights Go Down Low and Much More! (a jazz recording including songs by Duke Ellington and other standards) -- was released on the prestigious Impulse label. She has since recorded numerous jazz albums and toured the international jazz circuit. Her most recent release was the 2014 CD, Come Back to Me Love. She says another CD is in the works.

Freda Payne's career has taken her from the concert stage to Broadway, to movies and TV, and this weekend, it is taking her to Baltimore's Keystone Korner for a three-night gig, starting tonight at 7:30. For ticketing and streaming information, [click here](#). Freda Payne joins us on Zoom

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/11/2020

## AB Surviving the COVID Economy: Holiday C Retail Woes

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

12594

<i>Thorne, Bill</i>	<i>Sr. VP for Communications/Public Affairs</i>	<i>National Retail Federation</i>
<i>Simmons, Melody</i>	<i>reporter</i>	<i>Baltimore Business Journal (BBJ)</i>
<i>Ben Ray</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Hampden Village Merchants Association</i>

Today on Midday: another check on the economic impact of the pandemic. For retailers, it's supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year. But this year, as cases of Coronavirus surge across the country, consumer spending may be a ghost of holiday's past.

Bill Thorne, the Senior Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs at the National Retail Federation, explains the benefits of shopping early this holiday season.

Melody Simmons of the Baltimore Business Journal talks about her reporting on the Black business owners in Baltimore fighting to survive the pandemic.

Plus, Hampden Village Merchants Association President Ben Ray discusses the importance of keeping cash in the community this Christmas.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

11/10/2020

## A **The 2020 Vote: Discordant Politics, Divided Nation**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Scott, Eugene*

*Host, "The Next Four Years"  
podcast; reporter*

*The Washington Post*

Early analysis of the results of the 2020 presidential election underscore the deep divisions in our country. President Donald Trump garnered 8 million more votes this time than he received in 2016. He won solid majorities among white males. He was favored by both the wealthiest voters and those without a college degree. President Elect Biden won more votes than any candidate in history, winning majorities of African Americans, women and first-time voters.

The President remains recalcitrant and defiant, refusing to concede and waging legal fights that claim fraud. Senior Republican leaders are going to bat for him, as they gird for two Senate run-off elections in Georgia on January 5 that could end Republican control of the Senate.

The Biden-Harris ticket ran on a platform of uniting the country, a challenge that seems substantial, to say nothing of the challenges of arresting the Coronavirus, restoring the economy, addressing racial inequity and climate change, and rebuilding relationships with our allies.

Eugene Scott is a reporter with the Washington Post. He writes about identity politics for The Fix and hosts a new podcast miniseries hosted on Amazon Music called The Next Four Years. The series examines what the outcome of the 2020 election tells us about the country's profound political and social divisions, and how they are affecting Americans' sense of a shared national identity. Eugene Scott joins Tom on Zoom.

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### BC Nicole Krauss's New Collection, "To Be A Man"

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12593

*Krauss, Nicole*

*writer, novelist, author*

*"To Be A Man"*

Tom's next guest is the acclaimed author Nicole Krauss. She is the author of four novels, including the international bestsellers *Forest Dark*, *Great House*, *The History of Love*, and her debut novel, *Man Walks Into a Room*. She's been a finalist for the National Book Award and the Orange Prize, and she a winner of the Saroyan Prize and the Prix du Meilleur Livre Étranger in France.

Last week, on Election Day as it turns out, Harper Collins published Krauss's first collection of short stories. It's called *To Be a Man: Stories*. In it, we are introduced to a dazzling array of characters in locales that span the globe from Israel, to Japan, Switzerland, and both coasts of the United States.

Nicole Krauss is doing a number of virtual events in which she'll talk about her new short-story collection. Tonight, she'll be online with the Free Library of Philadelphia at 7:30. Tomorrow, the Harvard Bookstore in Cambridge, Massachusetts, will host an event at 7:00. And she'll be at an event sponsored by the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, California, next Wednesday afternoon at 3:00. [Ticketing fees for the online events cover the purchase of Ms. Krauss's new book.]

Nicole Krauss joins Tom on Zoom

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11/9/2020

### A Health Comm. Dr. Letitia Dzirasa: COVID-19 Updates

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Dzirasa, Dr. Letitia*

*Commissioner*

*Baltimore City Health Department*

As we head into the winter months, the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to rise in Maryland and across the country.

On Thursday, Governor Larry Hogan warned of difficult times ahead, urging residents to stay the course, comply with pandemic restrictions, and to "wear the damn mask."

Baltimore Mayor, Jack Young has announced new restrictions for bars, movie theaters, and other public places.

Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Letitia Dzirasa joins Tom with the latest on the city's effort to combat the uptick in infections.

### BC StoopTherapy for Trauma Victims; Ceasefire Weekend

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Walker, Dorian*

*Executive Director*

*Family Survivor Network*

The Family Survivor Network is a local non-profit organization in Sandtown Winchester that supports the hidden victims of gun violence - the survivors and witnesses of homicide who are left picking up the pieces after a traumatic death.

Today on Midday, FSN Executive Director Dorian Walker explains how through individual counseling, peer support groups, and community-centered engagement, his organization supports families and communities in their recovery from trauma

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11/6/2020

## AB News Wrap 11.06.20: Still Too Close To Call

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Wehle, Kim</i>	<i>author, lawyer, professor</i>	<i>University of Baltimore School of Law</i>
<i>Gearans, Anne</i>	<i>White House correspondent</i>	<i>The Washington Post</i>

At this hour, neither the Associated Press nor any of the networks have declared Mr. Biden the winner, but Mr. Trump's path to victory grows more unlikely with each passing hour.

Yesterday evening, the President took the podium at the White House Briefing Room and delivered a shameful, barely coherent diatribe in which he made claims so voluminous and false that NPR and other networks quickly cut away from his remarks to keep misinformation off of the air.

The Trump campaign has filed suit in several state courts to stop the counting of votes. Several of those suits have already been thrown out.

UB Law professor Kim Wehle, left; Washington Post White House reporter Anne Gearans.

CREDIT KIM WEHLE/WASHINGTON POST-ANNE GEARANS

Later in this hour, Tom speaks with The Washington Post White House reporter Anne Gearans about the President's controversial response to his increasingly dire re-election prospects.

But Tom's first guest is Kim Wehle. She is a law professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the author of *What You Need to Know About Voting and Why*. She joins us on Zoom.

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## **C Midday at the Movies: Political Angst on Film** **Rob Sivak**

Tom Hall

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*Hornaday, Ann*

*film critic*

*Washington Post*

*Dietz, Jed*

*founder, former director*

*Maryland Film Festival/Parkway Theater*

It's another edition of Midday at the Movies, our monthly look at films and filmmaking. As the world nervously awaits the results of vote-counting in multiple states that will determine who will be the next President of the United States, we spotlight some of the new films that have sought to capture the intense angst -- and hopefulness -- many Americans are feeling during this time of deep political, cultural and racial divisions.

Tom is joined once again by Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday, author of the popular filmgoers' guide, Talking Pictures: How to Watch Movies; and Jed Dietz, founder and former director of the Maryland Film Festival and SNF Parkway Theater on North Avenue in Baltimore.

Ann Hornaday and Jed Dietz join us on Zoom.

**11/5/2020**

## **AB Midday Healthwatch, w/ Dr. Leana Wen:** **C COVID Surge**

**Cianna Greaves**

Tom Hall

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*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*ER physician, media analyst, prof.  
Public Health*

*George Washington University*

Wednesday, a record 104,000 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in a single day. As infections surge, health officials in many areas once again fear that their health systems will be overwhelmed. England and Europe are in a second national lockdown.

Dr. Leana Wen joins Tom for the hour to examine what's behind this new wave of infections.

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11/4/2020

**AB The 2020 Local Vote: Analysis**  
**C**

Rob Sivak,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Chideya, Farai*      *multimedia journalist, podcast host*      *Our Body Politic*  
*Miller, Jayne*      *investigative reporter, analyst*      *WBAL-TV*

There were no surprises in local contests. All the incumbent members of the Maryland congressional delegation won re-election easily. Voters strongly repudiated a well-funded campaign in the 7th District by Kimberly Klacik, choosing incumbent Kweisi Mfume by a margin of 45 points.

And, as Jean Marbella noted in the Baltimore Sun, "as two septuagenarians battled for the White House, Baltimore sent its youngest Mayor ever to City Hall." Baltimore City Council President Brandon Scott is our Mayor-elect. Two other young politicians, Nick Mosby and Bill Henry, will join Scott in a troika that represents a complete overhaul of city-wide leadership.

We're going to talk about last night and the road forward with two keen political observers. Later this hour, Tom is joined by Farai Chideya, a multimedia journalist, author, broadcaster and scholar. She's also the creator and host of the new show, Our Body Politic, which airs Tuesday nights at 9 here on WYPR.

But we begin with Jayne Miller, the chief investigative reporter with the 11 Investigates I-Team at Baltimore's WBAL-TV.

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11/3/2020

## A "Ghosting the News" Why Local Journalism Matters

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Sullivan, Margaret*

*media analyst, commentator*

*Washington Post OpEd*

As the final voters cast their ballots on this final day of this extraordinary and historic election, we want to turn our focus to one of the most crucial tenets of the political process: local journalism. In the words of the iconic media tycoon William Randolph Hearst, News is what someone, somewhere, doesn't want reported. All the rest is advertisement

As The Washington Post media columnist Margaret Sullivan reports in her timely and important book, *Ghosting the News: Local Journalism and the Crisis of American Democracy*, there are more and more communities around the country that no longer have locally based reporters, who know what's important, who know who to talk to, and who know how to hold people accountable.

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### BC Saving Local News: NewsGuild's Jon Schleuss

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Schleuss, Jon*

*journalist, national president*

*News Guild (CWA)*

Tom's next guest today is Jon Schleuss, the national president of the NewsGuild, a division of the Communications Workers of America trade union. The NewsGuild represents more than 20,000 journalists and media professionals across the United States and Canada, including the newsroom employees of the Baltimore Sun.

Mr. Schleuss (pronounced "shloyce" ) got his start in journalism a decade ago as an online editor and manager of a staff of journalists at the Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He later worked part time as a reporter and weekend host at the local NPR station. In 2013 he joined the Los Angeles Times as a reporter, and five years later led the campaign to secure union representation at the Times, whose newsroom had been non-union for all of its 140 years.

Mr. Schleuss's union has been closely involved in the Save Our Sun campaign to protect the Baltimore Sun from continued cuts by its current owner, Tribune Publishing and its controlling hedge-fund partner, Alden Global Capital, and to press the company to sell the paper to a journalism-centered coalition of local buyers. The NewsGuild is also working with other newspapers and with digital newsrooms across the country facing similar corporate pressures.

Jon Schleuss joins Tom on Zoom.

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11/2/2020

## A Midday News Wrap: 2020 Election Eve Update

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall  
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*Sullivan, Emily*      *Maryland politics reporter*      *WYPR*

WYPR reporter Emily Sullivan joins us with the latest on the candidates making their final push before polls close tomorrow night

## BC News Wrap: Election Eve Update

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall  
12583

*Willis, John*      *former MD Sec. of State, Exec in Residence*      *University of Baltimore*  
*Novey, Sam*      *director*      *Baltimore Votes*  
*Parker, Ashiah*      *President, CEO*      *No Boundaries Coalition*

John Willis, former Maryland Secretary of State discusses early voting numbers in a historical perspective and talk about a multi-million dollar lobbying campaign by the gambling industry to push for sports betting.

Plus, Sam Novey of Baltimore Votes and Ashiah Parker of the No Boundaries Coalition join Tom with an update on their organization's efforts to get out those last-minute voters.

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10/30/2020

**AB UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski**  
**C**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Hrabowski, Freeman president*

*University of Baltimore, Baltimore  
County*

African American participation in COVID-19 vaccine trials is critically low despite the pandemic's disproportionate impact on Black communities.

From the Tuskegee Study to Henrietta Lacks, centuries of anti-black racism and discrimination in American healthcare have led to chronic distrust of medical research among African Americans.

Tom's guest is Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland Baltimore County, and a longtime civil rights activist. He and his wife, Jacqueline, have enrolled in a Phase 3 COVID 19 clinical trial at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and they are vocal proponents of more African American participation in the research process.

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10/29/2020

### AB McDaniel College President Roger Casey

Rob Sivak,  
kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
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*Casey, Roger*

*President*

*McDaniel College*

Today, it's another installment of Midday on Higher Education, our series of conversations with the leaders of the region's colleges and universities. Tom's guest today is McDaniel College President Roger Casey, who announced recently that he'll be stepping down next June after a decade at the helm of the 153 year-old institution.

McDaniel is an independent, four year, co-educational college. Dr. Casey is its 9th president. He is one of the longest serving college presidents in the area, having begun his tenure at McDaniel in 2010. McDaniel has campuses in Westminster, Maryland – about 40 miles northwest of Baltimore -- and in Budapest, Hungary.

In addition to his leadership role at McDaniel, Dr. Casey has been active in both state and national academic affairs: he's currently the chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. He is the immediate past-chair of the Maryland Independent College and University Association and sits on the Board of the American Council on Education.

Last year, The Daily Record named Dr. Casey to its list of "Influential Marylanders." Roger Casey joins us today on Zoom.

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### C "Soul Full of Coal Dust": Author Chris Hamby

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Hamby, Chris*

*author, investigative reporter*

*New York Times*

Now, a conversation with New York Times investigative reporter Chris Hamby about his new book, *Soul Full of Coal Dust: A Fight for Breath and Justice in Appalachia*, just published by Hachette Books (Little Brown). The book builds on Hamby's 2014 Pulitzer Prize-winning series of reports about how a resilient Appalachian mining community fought back against a resurgence of black lung disease, the indifference of coal industry executives, and the complicity of doctors at Baltimore's prestigious Johns Hopkins hospital.

In 2017, Hamby was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in international reporting for his accounts of how multinational corporations use aggressive legal tactics to pressure governments around the world. He has reported on a wide variety of subjects, including labor, public health, the environment, criminal justice, politics and international trade. His work has also been honored with Harvard University's Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, two White House Correspondent's Association awards and UCLA's Gerald Loeb Award for Distinguished Business and Financial Journalism, among other honors.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

10/28/2020

## AB The BMA Deaccessions: A Fine Art Feud C

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Eisenstein, Laurence</i>	<i>art collector, former BMA trustee, lawyer</i>	<i>Eisenstein Malanchuk, LLP</i>
<i>Ober, Cara</i>	<i>founder, managing editor</i>	<i>Bmore Art</i>

UPDATE: Just hours before a scheduled auction, the Baltimore Museum of Art's Board of Trustees voted Wednesday to temporarily suspend the controversial sales of three major works from its collection, according to The Baltimore Sun. The text of a statement released by the Board is posted at the bottom of this page.

A few weeks ago on this program, host Tom Hall spoke with the director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Christopher Bedford, about the museum's plans to "deaccession," or sell, three major works in its collection to raise as much as \$65 million dollars to fund the BMA's diversity and equity programs. The proceeds of the deaccessioning will be used to purchase art by women and people of color, and to give salary increases to museum staff, including the security guards and others who are currently making about \$13.50 per hour.

Criticism and legal challenges to the plan have come from some current and former board members, and some prominent art critics. We will hear from one of those former board members today.

We had also hoped to speak today with Clair Zamoiski Segal, who serves as the chair of the BMA Board of Trustees, but she is meeting with the Board of the BMA at this hour, and unable to join us.

Tom's first guest is Laurence Eisenstein. He's a lawyer, an art collector and a former BMA trustee. Mr. Eisenstein has been closely involved in the efforts by opponents to stop the deaccession of these three paintings and press the museum to find other ways to fund its diversity and equity programs. Laurence Eisenstein joins us on Zoom.

Later in the show, Tom talks with Cara Ober, the founding editor and publisher of BMore Art, a highly respected journal of the Baltimore arts scene, about what lessons can be learned in the current controversy about the relationship between an art museum and the community it serves. Some of Cara's recent writing on the issue can be found [here](#).

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

10/27/2020

## A COVID-19 News Update

Emily  
Sullivan,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Sullivan, Emily*

*Maryland reporter*

*WYPR*

Yesterday, more than 161,000 Marylanders braved long lines and gloomy weather to cast their ballots on Day One of in-person early voting.

WYPR reporter Emily Sullivan has an update.

## BC Midday on Ethics, w/Dr. Jeffrey Kahn

Ciana  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Kahn, Dr. Jeffrey*

*Director, Berman Institute of  
Bioethics*

*Johns Hopkins University*

Now, Midday on Ethics. President Trump declared himself cured of the coronavirus after receiving an experimental antibody treatment under the FDA compassionate use program.

But the president's treatment is vastly different than what most COVID patients receive.

As the rate of new infections continues to rise worldwide, who will be in line for the Trump treatment and for a preventative vaccine?

Dr. Jeffrey Kahn of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bio-Ethics joins Tom to discuss the ethics of compassionate use in the fight against the pandemic.

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10/26/2020

## AB Rep. Ruppertsberger vs. State Sen. Sallings C Debate

Rob Sivak,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Ruppertsberger, C.A. "Dutch"</i>	<i>Incumbent Congressman (D., 2nd Dist.)</i>	<i>US House of Representatives</i>
<i>Salling, Johnny Ray</i>	<i>Rep. Candidate for US 2nd Dist.; State Sen, Dist 6</i>	<i>Maryland State Senate</i>

It's another in our series of Conversations with the Candidates. Today, a live debate between the Democratic and Republican candidates for Maryland's 2nd Congressional District, which includes parts of Baltimore City as well as Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford and Howard Counties...

Joining Tom on Zoom is the incumbent, Democratic Congressman Dutch Ruppertsberger, who has represented the 2nd District in the US House for the past 18 years. A Baltimore native, he earned his law degree at The University of Baltimore Law School. Before entering Congress, he served as an Assistant State's Attorney in Baltimore County, and as Baltimore County Executive. Representative Ruppertsberger is a member of the House Committee on Appropriations. He also spent 12 years on the Intelligence Committee.

Congressman Ruppertsberger is 74 years old. He and his wife of 50 years have two grown children and five grandchildren...

Also with us on Zoom: Maryland State Senator Johnny Ray Salling. He is the Republican candidate in the 2nd Congressional District. A native of Dundalk, Mr. Salling is a US Army veteran. He spent 30 years working at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Sparrows Point, where he was an active member of the United Steelworkers of America Union. He has been representing District Six in the MD Senate, which includes Dundalk, Essex, and Rosedale, since 2015. He has served on the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee. He is currently assigned to the Budget and Taxation Committee.

State Senator Salling is 58 years old. He is the father of five and he's also a grandfather...

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10/23/2020

## AB Midday NewsWrap 10-23-20

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Greer, Christina</i>	<i>author, Black Ethnicity; political science professor</i>	<i>Fordham University</i>
<i>Langfitt, Frank</i>	<i>London correspondent</i>	<i>National Public Radio</i>

Last night, President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden debated in Nashville.

Mr. Trump interrupted Mr. Biden less, but he did not suspend his proclivity for a barrage of salient falsehoods and misleading statements.

The US has 8.4 million confirmed cases of Coronavirus. More than 223 thousand Americans have perished because of the disease.

Europe and the UK are experiencing a spike in cases as well. Governments across the continent have implemented new restrictions to combat the surge.

Plus, we'll hear about the Londoners protesting against police brutality in Nigeria.

### GUESTS

Dr. Christina Greer is a political scientist on the faculty of Fordham University, and the author of *Black Ethnicity: Race, Immigration, and the Pursuit of the American Dream*.

Frank Langfitt is NPR's London correspondent. He covers the UK and Ireland, as well as stories elsewhere in Europe.

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10/22/2020

## AB Return Home Baltimore: Returning Citizens C Pathways

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Cobb, Dawna</i>	<i>co-founder, president</i>	<i>Return Home Baltimore</i>
<i>Jones, Joe</i>	<i>founder</i>	<i>Center for Urban Families</i>
<i>Thompson, Emily</i>	<i>executive director</i>	<i>PIVOT (women returning citizens)</i>

For the thousands of inmates released from prison every year, the transition out of jail and into society is often a transition to homelessness and unemployment.

Ex-offender status presents perpetual obstacles for returning citizens, who often lack access to critical resources and opportunities.

A new organization called Return Home Baltimore is trying to make it all easier. It has created a website that provides access to information and critical resources.

### GUESTS:

Dawna Cobb is the co-founder of Return Home Baltimore which helps people with re-entry.

Ed Rogers is a returning citizen who serves on the Return Home Advisory Board.

Joe Jones is the founder of the Center For Urban Families.

Emily Thompson is the executive director of PIVOT, an organization that works with women returning citizens.

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10/21/2020

## AB Journalist Gerald Seib on US Conservatism C

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Seib, Gerald F.*

*author, Executive Washington  
Editor*

*Wall Street Journal*

There are less than two weeks to go before voting ends, and as we enter this critical stretch in the presidential race, the political and cultural divisions in our country appear more pronounced than they have ever been in modern times. And the differences between the Republican and Democratic parties are also more pronounced, when viewed over the past four decades.

In his new book, "We Should Have Seen It Coming: From Reagan to Trump -- A Front-Row Seat to a Political Revolution," veteran journalist Gerald Seib, the executive Washington Editor of The Wall Street Journal, observes that for 20 of the 36 years after Ronald Reagan was elected, "someone pledging loyalty to his precepts occupied the Oval Office."

10/20/2020

## AB Maryland Transit Equity in the COVID-19 Era C

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12571

*Quinn, Kevin*

*Administrator,*

*Maryland Transit Authority*

*Jordan, Samuel*

*president*

*Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition*

Across the country, ridership on public transit has declined precipitously.

To adjust to the new financial realities, the MTA says it needs to trim \$98 million dollars from its budget. The cuts it suggested to Baltimore's bus system were met with fierce opposition, and the MTA backed-off the plan.

Tom speaks to Kevin Quinn, the MTA Administrator, about what changes riders can expect, and plans to keep them and operators safe.

Plus, Samuel Jordan, the President of the Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition discusses efforts to create a regional transit authority, to develop a more fair and equitable transit system.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

10/19/2020

## AB Why the 2020 Election Won't Be Stolen C

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Charlson, Nikki</i>	<i>Deputy Administrator</i>	<i>Maryland State Board of Elections</i>
<i>Newman, Lily Hay</i>	<i>senior writer (info security, digital security)</i>	<i>WIRED magazine</i>
<i>Eldridge, Sean</i>	<i>co-leader Protect the Results, co-founder</i>	<i>Stand Up America</i>

Today, we're going to talk about voting: how to do it safely and correctly, and efforts to assure that the results are accurate and that the election is conducted fairly.

The 2020 election ends two weeks from tomorrow. More than 28 million people around the country - about 20% of eligible voters - have already cast their ballots, either in person at early-voting centers, by mail, or by depositing them in official drop boxes. Democrats have outvoted Republicans by a 2-1 margin in early voting, so far.

For Maryland voters, tomorrow (Tuesday, Oct. 20) is the deadline to request a mail-in ballot online for the November election. Tom's first guest today is Nikki Charlson. She's the Deputy Administrator at the Maryland State Board of Elections. She joins us on Zoom to explain what Maryland voters need to know about mail-in balloting, early in-person voting and election-day balloting... Tom's next guest is Lily Hay Newman, a senior writer at WIRED Magazine, covering information security, digital privacy, and hacking. Her piece in this month's WIRED -- called How We'll Know the Election Wasn't Rigged -- shows that fraud is the last thing absentee voters need to worry about. Lily Hay Newman joins Tom on Zoom...

In a remarkable break with norms and traditions, President Trump has repeatedly suggested that he might not accept the results of the November 3rd election. Such a scenario has raised widespread alarm that the prospects of a peaceful transfer of presidential power and the democratic process itself could be threatened.

In response, leaders of more than 100 grass-root groups, from Indivisible and Move On.org to Republicans for Rule of Law, formed a coalition they call Protect the Results. It's mobilizing thousands of people to counter any illegitimate challenges to the election outcome. One of the leaders of the coalition is Sean Eldridge, the founder and executive director of Stand Up America, a pro-democracy and voting rights group. He is Tom's final guest today, and he joins us on Zoom.

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10/16/2020

## A Midday News Wrap 10.16.20: The Debates

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Dejardin, Lisa*

*National correspondent*

*PBS News Hour*

Last night, Donald Trump responded to his Miami Town Hall questions with his trademark belligerence and bluster.

Joe Biden's Town Hall was a much calmer affair. Answering questions from voters in Philadelphia, he promised to restore stability and reaffirm America's leadership on the world stage.

PBS News Hour correspondent Lisa Dejardin joins Tom with a recap of the dueling broadcasts.

## BC COVID-19 Impact on Mentoring/Youth Programs

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Hemminger, Sarah*

*director, co-founder mentoring program*

*Thread*

Tom speaks to Sarah Hemminger, the co-founder of the mentoring program, Thread, about the challenges students and mentors face in the era of Coronavirus.

If you're interested in becoming a Thread volunteer, you can find more information on their website.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

10/15/2020

### AB Firmin DeBrabander's "Life After Privacy"

Rob Sivak,  
kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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*DeBrabander, Dr.  
Firmin*

*author, philosophy professor*

*Maryland Institute College of Art  
(MICA)*

You don't have to spend a lot of time on the Internet to know that these days, practically every move we make online is watched and recorded by marketers, security firms, scammers and a growing cast of unseen tech agents. People say they are worried about their privacy, but given how much personal data we routinely share on social media and online shopping sites, are we worried enough? In a sobering new book, MICA philosophy professor Firmin DeBrabander makes it clear that the tech companies have no problem whatsoever in learning a lot about each of us, and that their power to do so poses a serious threat to our democracy.

The capacity to track what we buy, where we go, and who we align with socially and politically is astounding, and troubling. The scope of the information that tech entities have acquired about us, and the profits that are made by harvesting and manipulating that information, are huge, and the possibility of abuse and malfeasance is ever-present...

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### C Builder Charles Duff's Ode to the Row House

Rob Sivak,  
Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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<i>Duff, Charles</i>	<i>author, "The North Atlantic Cities," president</i>	<i>Jubilee Baltimore (community development)</i>
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Tom's next guest is the urban planner, builder and architectural historian, Charles Duff. As the president of Jubilee Baltimore since 1987, Mr. Duff has helped to revive dozens of Baltimore neighborhoods and is an expert on the city's architectural evolution. He's written a book about how the homes in Baltimore and cities in other parts of the world came to look as they do.

The book is called *The North Atlantic Cities*. Among its many revelations, we learn that the row house, long a ubiquitous mainstay of the Baltimore cityscape, was invented in Amsterdam in the era of the great Renaissance painters Vermeer and Rembrandt.

How did row houses get from there to here, and why are they also a staple in cities like London and Washington, but less common in places like Paris or Minneapolis?

**10/14/2020**

### AB Midday on Politics: Goucher Polls/Elections C

Rob Sivak

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<i>Kromer, Dr. Mileah</i>	<i>director, Sarah Hughes Field Politics Center</i>	<i>Goucher College</i>
<i>Silbergeld, Sarah</i>	<i>partner, public relations &amp; communications analyst</i>	<i>Adeo Advocacy</i>

Today, it's Midday on Politics with Dr. Mileah Kromer, the director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College, and political consultant Sophia Silbergeld, a partner at Adeo Advocacy, a public relations and communications firm.

Three new Goucher College polls were released by the Hughes Center over the past few days, in which Marylanders were asked about a wide range of issues: the presidential race, police reform and the Black Lives Matter movement, and Governor Larry Hogan's management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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10/13/2020

## A Homegrown Terror: The Right-Wing Militias in US

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>German, Michael</i>	<i>frmr FBI agent; fellow Liberty &amp; Nat Security Pgm</i>	<i>Brenna Center for Justice</i>
<i>Ray, Rashawn</i>	<i>Brookings fellow; E.Dir Lab for App. Soc Sci Rsch</i>	<i>University of Maryland</i>

Thirteen men with links to far-right militias have been charged in a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. Far-right militias have also been active in Virginia, Oregon, and Wisconsin.

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security have identified far-right and racially motivated paramilitary-style groups as among the most significant national security threats facing our country.

What is feeding the rise of vigilantism? And how effective are our local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies at combating the growing threat of far-right paramilitary violence?

Guests:

Michael German is a former FBI special agent specializing in domestic terrorism, and a fellow with the Brennan Center for Justice's Liberty & National Security Program.

Rashawn Ray is a Fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Executive Director of the Lab for Applied Social Science Research at the University of MD College Park.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

**BC Gregg Bernstein, frm Balt SA, on Breonna Taylor GJ**

**Cianna Greaves**

Tom Hall

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*Bernstein, Gregg former Baltimore State's Attorney, Zuckerman, Spaeder mlaw fiirm partner*

Seven months ago today, two police officers broke down the door of the Louisville, KY apartment of Breonna Taylor in a botched drug raid in which Ms. Taylor was shot to death. Last month, Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron announced that a grand jury had decided not to indict those officers with a crime. Was this decision solely in the hands of the grand jury? What was Attorney General Cameron's role?

Tom's guest is Gregg Bernstein, the former Baltimore City State's Attorney, who is now a partner with the Zuckerman Spaeder law firm.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

10/12/2020

## A NewsWrap: Congress/25th Amend'mnt/COVID Relief,

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Jennings, Natalie*

*editor, The Fix, and political correspondent*

*Washington Post*

The 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was passed by the US Congress, ratified by 38 states, and enacted in 1967, to prepare for a situation in which a sitting U.S. president is no longer capable of performing his or her duties. It is divided into four sections. The last section begins: "Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President..."

When President Trump returned to the White House last Monday night after a weekend at Walter Reed Medical Center, it appeared to many that the medications he had been given to treat his infection with the Coronavirus might be affecting his mental status and intellectual capabilities. In a few rambling, sometimes incoherent interviews, it appeared to some observers that he was not completely in control of his faculties.

On Friday morning, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and MD 8th District Congressman Jamie Raskin announced legislation to create a commission to "help ensure effective and uninterrupted leadership" in the Presidency.

What would such a commission do? Why did the Speaker and her caucus see the need to introduce this legislation at this moment? Natalie Jennings, the editor of The Fix -- a live weekly news chat at the WashingtonPost.com -- joins Tom on Zoom to help us understand the House move on the 25th Amendment Commission bill. She also brings us up to date on the stalled COVID relief bill and the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on Supreme Court Justice nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

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### BC Goodbye Columbus? Hello, Indigenous Peoples Day

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Bergreen, Laurence</i>	<i>historian, author of several explorer bios, incl:</i>	<i>Columbus: The Four Voyages 1492-1504</i>
<i>Minner, Ashley</i>	<i>Lumbee native; professor, indigenous peoples expert</i>	<i>University of Maryland</i>

Today is the second Monday in October. Since the 1930s, the day has been recognized as a federal holiday commemorating the first arrival of Christopher Columbus and crew to the Americas in 1492. Last week, the Baltimore City Council passed a bill to rename Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples Day. Mayor Jack Young has yet to sign the bill into law.

If the mayor signs the bill or allows it to become law without his signature, Baltimore will join more than 130 cities and counties across nearly 35 states in creating an alternative to celebrating the life of Columbus, an explorer that Native Americans have long viewed as a brutal colonizer...

What do we know about Columbus, and what should we know to be able to put him in historical context? The historian and author Laurence Bergreen is Tom's first guest. He has written several books about explorers, including biographies of Marco Polo, Magellan, and Christopher Columbus, the subject of his 2011 book, *Columbus: The Four Voyages, 1492-1504*. Mr. Bergreen joins us on Zoom from New York...

Then, Tom welcomes Ashley Minner, a local artist and a professor and folklorist at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Ms. Minner is an enrolled member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, the largest native American tribe East of the Mississippi, and the ninth largest in the country. A small community of Lumbee tribe members has lived in Baltimore since the 1940s. She describes her work preserving the history of that community, and her advocacy for a heightened public awareness of the cultures of Indigenous People. She joins us on Zoom.

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10/9/2020

**AB** Healthwatch, with Dr. Leana Wen  
**C**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*ER Physician, public health expert,  
educator*

*George Washington University Sch of  
PH*

Today on Midday, it's another edition of the Midday Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen. She's an emergency physician and public health professor at George Washington University. Dr. Wen is also a contributing columnist for The Washington Post and a CNN medical analyst. She was Baltimore's Health Commissioner from 2015 to 2018.

Dr. Leana Wen is with us for the hour today. We also take your comments and questions. Among today's topics:

The Maryland State Department of Health reports today that 10 people died of COVID-19-related illness yesterday, the highest death toll in the last couple of weeks. More than 3,800 people have died in our state since the pandemic began in March. More than 130,000 Marylanders have been infected with the virus.

The coronavirus pandemic continues to dominate the national conversation as well. Since President Trump's treatment for his COVID-19 infection at the Walter Reed Military Medical Center last weekend and his return to the White House Monday, dozens of the president's staffers, as well as political and military leaders who had recent close contact with the president, have tested positive for the virus. And there has been growing concern among public health officials over Mr. Trump's tweets and video messages in the past few days about his self-proclaimed "recovery" from COVID-19, aided by powerful therapeutic drugs which he has falsely described as a "cure"...

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10/8/2020

**AB CWC: Brandon Scott, Democrat for  
C Baltimore Mayor**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Scott, Brandon*

*Dem. Candidate for Baltimore  
Mayor; Pres.*

*Baltimore City Council*

Brandon Scott was elected President of the City Council by his fellow council members last year when then Council President Jack Young became Mayor after Catherine Pugh's fall from grace.

He was first elected to the Council in 2011 to represent the 2nd District. Before that, he worked in the office of then Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake as her representative in Northeast Baltimore.

In 2018, Jim Shea picked Mr. Scott as his running mate in their unsuccessful campaign in the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

In last June's primary election, Council President Scott fended off a crowded field of challengers, including former mayor Shelia Dixon, to win his party's mayoral nomination.

Brandon Scott is 36 years old. He grew up in Park Heights, where his parents and family still live. He lives in the Frankford neighborhood in North East Baltimore.

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10/7/2020

## A Art for Equity: the BMA's Controversial Art Sales

Cianna Greaves, Rob Sivak

Tom Hall  
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*Bedford, Christopher Director*

*Baltimore Museum of Art*

Tom's first guest today is Baltimore Museum of Art Director Christopher Bedford. He joins us to discuss the BMA's plan to sell three of the paintings in its collection to raise money for several initiatives. The paintings, Andy Warhol's The Last Supper, Clyfford Still's 1957-G and Brice Marden's 3, might collectively command as much as \$65 million dollars when they go to auction.

(You can view digital images of the three works in the slide show, above.)

The BMA is one of eight museums across the country planning to sell some of the work in their collection this fall, but the BMA sale is far and away the largest, and perhaps the most controversial...

## BC Del. Nick Mosby: Dem for City Council Pres

Cianna Greaves, Rob Sivak

Tom Hall  
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*Mosby, Nick*

*Dem candidate, Balt City Council Pres; delegate*

*Maryland House of Delegates*

Today, another in our series of Conversation with the Candidates. Tom's guest is Maryland Delegate Nick Mosby, the Democratic nominee for Baltimore City Council President.

Delegate Mosby has represented Baltimore's 40th District in the Maryland House of Delegates since 2017. Previously, he served for five years as a member of the Baltimore City Council.

In June, Delegate Mosby beat a crowded field of challengers in a primary that included City Council members Shannon Sneed and Leon Pinkett III. His opponent in the general election next month is Republican Jovani Patterson.

Nick Mosby is 41 years old. He and his wife, Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby, live in Reservoir Hill with their two young daughters. Delegate Nick Mosby joins Tom on the line from his home.

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10/6/2020

**AB** **Balt Redev: Lexington Market to Innovation**  
**C** **Village**

Rob Sivak,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Manekin, Thibault* founder, CEO

*Seawall Development (Lexington  
Market developer)*

*McLeod, Ethan* associate editor, business reporter, *Baltimore Business Journal*

Today on Midday, we turn our attention to some significant development projects here in Baltimore. We begin with Lexington Market. It opened in 1782. It's the oldest continuously-running market in America. It has survived the Civil War, the Great Depression, and a six-alarm fire in 1949 that devastated its main buildings.

Its storied history notwithstanding, Lexington Market is badly in need of a makeover. That makeover is now underway: a \$40 million dollar re-imagining of the market that is slated to be finished by 2022. The first of two rounds of vendor applications to be part of the next chapter of the market has just been completed.

Some have voiced concerns about gentrification, fearing that African American and immigrant communities will be priced out of the new space. But officials with Seawall Development, the firm that's overseeing the project, promise affordability and diversity.

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10/5/2020

**AB UB Law Prof Kim Wehle: Supreme Court  
C Outlook**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Wehle, Kim*                      *author, media expert, professor of*      *University of Baltimore, School of Law*  
*law,*

Today on Midday -- on this First Monday in October and the first day of the Supreme Court's new term -- we'll consider the political turmoil surrounding the Barrett nomination, some of the big cases that the court will decide this term, and the possible role the court might play in a contested presidential election.

Joining us for the hour on Zoom is Kim Wehle, a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, and a former Assistant U.S. Attorney. She is a legal expert for CBS News and the author of two excellent books, "How to Read the Constitution—and Why," and "What You Need to Know About Voting, and Why."

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10/2/2020

## AB CWC: Rep. John Sarbanes, Dem for MD's 3rd District

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Sarbanes, John*      *Democratic congressman, MD 3rd*      *US House of Representatives*  
*Distr*

Today on Midday, it's another in our series of Conversations with the Candidates. Tom's guest is Democratic Congressman John Sarbanes, who is seeking election to an eighth term representing Maryland's 3rd Congressional district, which includes parts of Baltimore City, as well as portions of Baltimore, Howard, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties.

Congressman Sarbanes currently serves on the House Oversight and Reform Committee as well as the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Since 2017, he's chaired the Democracy Reform Task Force, a group of House lawmakers focused on minimizing the influence of special interests and ensuring fair elections.

Congressman Sarbanes is 58 years old. He and his wife live in Towson.

## C CWC: Shannon Wright, Republican for Baltimore Mayor

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Wright, Shannon*      *Repub. nominee Balt Mayor; non-*      *"Wright Way with Shannon & Mike in*  
*profit CEO, media host*      *the Morning."*

Pastor Shannon Wright is a non-profit executive and host of the radio program and podcast called "Wright Way with Shannon & Mike in the Morning."

Pastor Wright was born in New York. She's a second-generation American of West Indian descent. She is a former Vice President of the Yonkers NAACP; she also served on the New Jersey NAACP state board of directors.

In 2016 she was the Republican nominee in the race for City Council President. She lost in the general election to now incumbent Mayor "Jack" Young.

Pastor Wright is 53 years old. She lives in Parkville.

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10/1/2020

**AB "Hoax": Brian Stelter on Trump-FoxNews**  
**C Alliance**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Stelter, Brian*

*author "Hoax"; anchor, Reliable  
Sources*

*CNN*

Reaction to the chaotic Presidential debate on Tuesday night has fallen along party lines to some extent, but as NPR's Mara Liasson noted when she was with me on Midday yesterday, some leading Republicans have criticized the President for not condemning white supremacy and for his impolite and crass behavior.

His book is titled "Hoax: Donald Trump, FoxNews and the Dangerous Distortion of Truth"

Chris Wallace, the debate moderator, came under criticism for his inability to enforce the rules of the debate that had been agreed to by both campaigns. Wallace, the host of Fox News Sunday, is a highly respected journalist. But as CNN's Brian Stelter reports in his latest book, Wallace's affiliation with Fox News has caused him more than a little discomfort because his network also carries opinion shows with Fox stars Tucker Carlson, Sean Hannity, Jeanine Pirro and Laura Ingraham, all of whom have made their reputation, and a lot of money, as cheerleaders for Donald Trump.