

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/30/2020

**AB**   **Tube Talk**  
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Tom Hall  
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With millions of Americans sequestered at home during the early weeks of the pandemic, the number of household hours spent watching TV surged from an average of 57 hours a week in March to 66 hours per week in May. Last month, Comcast reported a 35% increase in consumption of streaming and web video. Movie studios have transitioned their theatrical releases to streaming services, and the competition for those services gets even more intense next week when NBC launches its entry into the national market, Peacock.

So, with a holiday weekend on the horizon, we thought we'd survey the landscape of TV and streaming shows and perhaps suggest some binge-worthy titles you might want to check out.

Joining us from North Carolina for this edition of Tube Talk is Bridget Armstrong. She is a podcast producer for VOX media.

Jamyla Krempel is a screenwriter and WYPR's Digital Producer.  
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6/29/2020

### A As MD Reopens, A Child Care Crisis Looms (1 of 3)

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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Rohde, Steven

Deputy Director fo Resources and  
Referral

Maryland Family Network

While the COVID-19 data for Maryland are good in comparison with many other states, more than 3,000 people have died, and the pandemic is still having a profound impact on the lives and livelihoods of Marylanders. Even as Governor Hogan's Stage Two re-opening plan allows businesses to resume limited operations, one of the pillars of the state's economy - child care services for working parents - is in crisis.

State-wide there are more than 8,000 child care programs licensed to care for over 213,000 children. A little under half of them have been closed since late March. The rest have been authorized by the state to care for the children of essential first-responders.

According to a survey by the non-profit Maryland Family Network, just over half of all child care programs in the state say they may be forced to permanently close if families continue keeping their children home as a result of the pandemic. Two thirds of the state's child care service providers reported significant financial losses due to the closures and reduced attendance.

Today we're taking a look at the challenges facing child care providers and parents.

Tom's first guest is Steve Rohde, the deputy director for Resource and Referral at Maryland Family Network, a private non-profit advocacy group that's been supporting quality child care, early education and Maryland families since 1945.

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### B As MD Reopens, A Child Care Crisis Looms (2 of 3)

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Huffman, Richard*

*founder, CEO*

*Celebree Schools*

*Casey, Beth  
Drummond*

*executive director*

*Bolton Hill Nursery*

*Goldman, Scott*

*working parent; executive director, The 6th Branch (non profit group)*

We continue examining the challenges facing Maryland's child care providers, as the state emerges from the pandemic shutdown. Tom next guests are the directors of two successful child care centers: Richard Huffman, the founder and CEO of Celebree Schools, which operates 26 locally-owned child care centers in Maryland and Delaware; and Beth Drummond Casey, the executive director of the Bolton Hill Nursery, an independent, non-profit child care center established in 1969. Tom also talks with Scott Goldman, a working Baltimore parent of three child-care-age children.

### C As MD Reopens, A Child Care Crisis Looms (3 of 3)

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Peusch, Christina*

*executive director*

*Maryland State Child Care  
Association (MSCCA)*

Tom continues his conversation about the challenges facing the state's child care community with Christina Peusch, the executive director of the Maryland State Child Care Association. The non-profit advocacy group represents more than 4400 child care centers across the state, and recently launched an online campaign called SaveMarylandChildCare.org.

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6/26/2020

**AB Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen: A  
C Resurgent Virus**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*ER Physician, vis prof, Milken  
Institute SPH*

*GW University*

It's the Midday Healthwatch, with Dr. Leana Wen.

29 states around the country are seeing a spike in the number of new cases of COVID 19. The CDC has revised its risk assessment for the disease to reflect the fact that more young people are being infected. Are the numbers headed in the wrong direction because the US is re-opening too soon?

Dr. Leana Wen is a visiting professor of health policy and management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, a distinguished fellow at the Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity and a contributing columnist for The Washington Post. She is the former Health Commissioner of Baltimore City.

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6/25/2020

**AB WYPR's Oliver& MPT's Unger on PubMedia,  
C Pandemic**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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*Oliver, LaFontaine President and General Manager WYPR  
Unger, Larry President, CEO Maryland Public Television*

The torrent of news that NPR and its affiliates around the country need to cover would be daunting in the best of times, but to cover it while the health risk is high and revenue is down presents unprecedented challenges.

About a year ago, when LaFontaine Oliver took over as president and general manager of WYPR, we talked with him on this program about his plans for our station moving forward. We promised to have him back occasionally to give listeners an update on where the station is heading. Today, we are keeping that promise.

Before taking the helm at WYPR, Mr. Oliver led the Orlando NPR station, WMFE, for six years. Before that, he was the general manager of WEAA over at Morgan State University.

He also brings a national perspective to the challenges facing public radio today. He has served on the NPR Board of Directors since 2016.

And joining us a bit later in the show is Maryland Public Television President and CEO Larry Unger.

In addition to his role leading MPT, Mr Unger is also a trustee of America's Public Television Stations, the Washington, D.C.-based advocacy organization for the public television system; and chair of the board of trustees of American Public Television, the largest syndicator of programming for U.S. public TV stations.

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6/24/2020

AB NewsWrap 06.24.2020

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Superville, Darlene*

*White House correspondent*

*Associated Press*

*Howe, Amy*

*lawyer, Supreme Court reporter,  
founder*

*Howe on the Court blog*

As we went to air today, the House Judiciary Committee convened an investigative hearing into “political interference and threats to prosecutorial independence” at the U.S. Justice Department. The hearing opened on the heels of last weekend’s firing of Geoffrey Berman, the US Attorney for the Southern District of New York. President Trump’s plan to install in his place a political ally with no prosecutorial experience drew pushback from even Trump loyalists like Lindsey Graham. The Committee chairman, Democratic Congressman Jerrold Nadler of New York, is expected to subpoena US Attorney General William Barr in early July, although whether Mr. Barr will comply is an open question...

The imbroglio over the Berman firing and the opening of a new round of oversight investigations into alleged corruption in the Trump Justice Department are the latest headaches for a President already under fire for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, his response to the nationwide calls for police reform and racial justice, and for his decision to stage large indoor campaign rallies in Oklahoma and Arizona, two states of many currently experiencing sharp spikes in new COVID-19 infections.

Darlene Superville is a White House reporter with The Associated Press. She joins us via Skype from Washington.

Then, Tom looks at how several recent opinions by The US Supreme Court -- blocking a White House order to terminate President Obama’s DACA (Delayed Action on Childhood Arrivals) program, asserting workplace rights for LGBTQ employees, and refusing to hear a DOJ challenge to California’s immigration sanctuary laws -- have gone sharply against the Trump Administration’s conservative agenda. More controversial SCOTUS opinions are due in the days and weeks ahead.

Joining Tom with her unique perspectives on the High Court is Amy Howe, an attorney and Supreme Court reporter, a former editor at SCOTUSBlog, and the founder of the independent blog, Howe on the Court. She has also taught Supreme Court litigation at Stanford and Harvard Law Schools. Amy Howe joins us via Zoom from Wilson, Wyoming.

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C    **Rousuck on Theater: Drake's "Kramer" +Other Stream**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Rousuck, J. Wynn      theater critic*

*independent WYPR vendor*

The region's theaters remain dark as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to prevent traditional indoor public stagings. But as we've reported previously here on Midday, the shows must - and do - go on, through a rich variety of live-streamed and pre-recorded streaming productions.

Midday theater critic J. Wynn Rousuck joins Tom today to tell us about some upcoming and continuing virtual theater events. Notable among them is the first-ever live streaming at 7 p.m. this Sunday (June 28) of the recorded 2013 production of *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, by Obie Award-winning actor and playwright David Drake, with The Provincetown Theater. The show, directed by Tony nominee Robert La Fosse, weaves threads of the LGBTQ coming-out experience with the story of veteran AIDS activist and playwright Larry Kramer (who passed away just three weeks ago). It features an all-star cast, including Mr. Drake, Tony Award-winners BD Wong (*M. Butterfly*) and Andre de Shields (*Hadestown*, *Ain't Misbehavin'*), plus 3-time Tony nominee Robin de Jesus (*In the Heights*, *Boys in the Band*), and Tony-nominated star Rory O'Malley (*Book of Mormon*).

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6/23/2020

### A COVID-19 Update with Dep. Health Sec Fran Phillips Kathleen Cahill

*Phillips, Fran*

*Deputy Secretary*

*Maryland Health Department*

Tom Hall

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We begin today with a check on the state of Maryland's efforts to mitigate the coronavirus and continue Gov. Larry Hogan's Roadmap to Recovery.

Tom's first guest is Fran Phillips.

She is Maryland's deputy health secretary for public health services and a member of Gov. Larry Hogan's Coronavirus Response Team.

Before being named to her current role in the Maryland Health Department, Phillips was the health officer of Anne Arundel County for many years.

### BC Midday on the Arts: Pandemic Impacts Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Barkan, Todd*

*jazz impresario, manager, producer*

*Keystone Korner Baltimore*

*Schaefer, Audrey Fix*

*communications director*

*National Independent Venue Association*

*Skrzesz, Ken*

*executive director*

*Maryland State Arts Council*

Theaters, concert halls and live performance venues were the first to close when the pandemic arrived, and many will be among the last to re-open. Tom talks with jazz impresario Todd Barkan Co-owner of Baltimore jazz club Keystone Korner and Audrey Fix Schaefer communications director of the National Independent Venue Association on what's needed to keep independent music venues alive.

Then Ken Skrzesz, executive director of the Maryland State Arts Council, joins Tom to discuss how Maryland artists and arts organizations are coping with COVID 19.

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6/22/2020

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

Tom Hall

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*Cardin, Ben*

*Maryland's Senior Senator*

*US Senate*

Joining Tom for the hour today is the senior Democratic senator from Maryland, Ben Cardin. First elected to the Senate in 2006, he is currently the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. He also serves on the Senate Finance Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee.

Among today's topics :

President Trump held a rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Saturday. The arena wasn't as full as his campaign predicted it would be, but Mr. Trump did attract more than 6,000 people, despite numerous warnings from health officials that the rally posed a major health risk.

A federal judge denied the Trump Administration's request that Simon and Schuster be blocked from releasing former National Security Adviser John Bolton's tell-all memoir, noting how many copies of the book were already circulating. Bolton is making the rounds of national news shows, verifying reports in previous tell-all books that Mr. Trump is not fit to serve in the highest office in the land....

The Supreme Court handed the Trump Administration two legal losses last week, blocking its order to end DACA protections for so-called Dreamers, and disallowing workplace discrimination against LGBTQ employees.

And as more businesses open in Maryland, the metrics around the COVID-19 pandemic in our state continue to improve. Our positivity rate is now within the guidelines set by the World Health Organization for easing restrictions. Other states, like Arizona and Florida, are seeing a spike in cases and an uptick in positivity rates.

Sen. Ben Cardin joins us on the line from his home in Pikesville. We take your calls for the senator a little later in the program.

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6/19/2020

**AB Juneteenth &Tulsa: Reflections on  
C America's Past**

Ciann  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Brown, DeNeen*

*reporter, essayist*

*Washington Post*

In June, 1921, White mobs destroyed Tulsa, Oklahoma's Greenwood neighborhood, a thriving African American community known as Black Wall Street. An estimated 200 to 300 African Americans were killed during the attack. Perhaps as many as 10,000 people were left homeless.

There has been renewed interest in this bloody chapter in America's history because President Trump is set to hold a campaign rally in Tulsa tomorrow. The rally was originally scheduled to take place Friday, on Juneteenth, but the date was changed after a national outcry.

Washington Post reporter DeNeen L. Brown joins Tom to discuss the significance of Juneteenth, the sacred space that the Tulsa massacre holds in our history, and the event's significance for race relations in the current moment.

You can read DeNeen L. Brown's moving essay, 'Black people are tired of trying to explain racism, here.'

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6/18/2020

**AB Police Officers On Demands to "Defund"**  
**C Police**

Kathleen  
Cahill,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Templeton, Seth</i>	<i>beat cop, author of Balt Sun letter to protester</i>	<i>Baltimore County Police Dept</i>
<i>Russell, Melvin</i>	<i>retired police officer</i>	<i>Baltimore City Police Department</i>
<i>Horace, Matthew</i>	<i>veteran local, state, fed law enforcement officer</i>	<i>author The Black and the Blue</i>

Streets around the world remain filled with protesters demanding that police be "defunded." Today on Midday, a police perspective on the intensifying calls to defund and reform the nation's police departments.

Tom is joined by Officer Seth Templeton, a beat cop in Baltimore County who wrote an open letter in the Baltimore Sun to a protester, hoping to bridge the gap between demonstrators and law enforcement; Chief Melvin Russell, who served in the Baltimore City Police Department for 40 years; and Matthew Horace, a 28-year veteran of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and author of *The Black and the Blue: A Cop Reveals the Crimes, Racism and Injustice in America's Law Enforcement*.

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6/17/2020

**AB Law Professor Kim Wehle: Why Voting  
C Matters**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
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Wehle, Kim      *Law prof. aut:h, What U Need To  
Know About Voting*      University of Baltimore School of Law

Nationally, the United States ranks 26th in the world in voter turnout.

Given the pandemic, a battered economy, widespread civil unrest and all that is at stake in the upcoming presidential election, it remains to be seen whether more voters will embrace the power they yield at the ballot box in November.

Tom's guest is Kim Wehle, a constitutional scholar who has written a primer on voting: how voting differs from state to state, what the structural barriers are to voting, and how those barriers can be overcome.

Wehle is a law professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law and a legal commentator for CBS News.

Her last book was called How to Read the Constitution and Why. Her new book is What You Need to Know About Voting and Why.

Also today, this sad note: Dr. Shirley Basfield Dunlap, the director of Theater Morgan at Morgan State University, passed away Sunday at her home in Baltimore.

Dr. Dunlap was a highly respected theater artist who directed productions nationwide.

She worked with Melba Moore and Ossie Davis, but it was her students, at Morgan and elsewhere, who will forever remember her intensity and her vitality.

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6/16/2020

### A Hopkins COVID-19 Expert Cautions on MD's Reopening Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Inglesby, Dr. Thomas director, Center for Health Security Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

All 50 states are in some phase of re-opening their economies after a few weeks, and in some cases several months, of lockdown. Here in Maryland, health officials announced another day of fewer than 400 new cases of COVID-19, and the statewide positivity rate has dropped to 6.2%. It's been 10 weeks since we've had as few COVID patients in ICU beds as we do now, and as of yesterday (6/15/20), overall hospitalizations had dropped for 20 days in a row. With 150+ testing sites now open, state officials hope that many more people will be tested in the coming weeks.

These trends propelled Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to announce last Wednesday further easing of restrictions for a greater number of businesses. Indoor dining is now allowed in many jurisdictions, and as of Friday, gyms and malls will also be allowed to re-open.

Tom's first guest today is considered one of the world's leading experts on infectious diseases, and at a media briefing last week he expressed concerns about the pace at which our state, and others, are re-opening. Dr. Tom Inglesby is the director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. He has served on Governor Hogan's Coronavirus Response Team since the governor announced a state of emergency in early March. Dr. Inglesby joins us via Skype.

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### B-Cow Baltimore Eateries Have Survived COVID-19

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Lucius, Martha*

*restaurant strategist*

*MarthaLucius.com*

*Seel, Dave*

*restaurant marketing consultant,  
Relief Fund*

*Blue Fork Marketing*

*Alex Perez*

*restaurant owner, chef*

*Papi Cuisine*

Now, a look at how restaurants are adapting to "the new normal." The National Restaurant Association estimates that about 40% of US restaurants will be forced to close because of the pandemic. Many will never re-open. Here in Maryland, indoor dining is now allowed in many jurisdictions, although not yet here in Baltimore City.

Later in this program, we'll be joined by two chef-owners of restaurants here in Baltimore City. Alex Perez is the owner and executive chef of Papi Cuisine, a six-year-old custom catering service and recently, a brick-and-mortar Fells Point eatery serving Afro-Cuban fusion and traditional Dominican food. Khari Parker is the owner and executive chef of Connie's Chicken and Waffles, a family-style sit-down and take-out eatery he founded in 2016 with his brother Shawn, now with four locations in Lexington and Broadway Markets, Charles Plaza and in Wilmington, Delaware.

But Tom begins with Martha Lucius, a former Charm City restaurant owner who is now working as an independent restaurant strategist. Dave Seel is a founder and principal with Blue Fork Marketing, a firm that caters to clients in the food and hospitality industries. At the start of the pandemic shutdown three months ago, Seel set up the Baltimore Restaurant Relief Fund. Lucius and Seel also co-host a new podcast exploring creative food-biz solutions to the pandemic called Holy Guacamole! They join Tom on the line from their homes in Baltimore.

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**6/15/2020**

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AB On Redefining Policing: Three Perspectives Rob Sivak  
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Tom Hall

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<i>Mckesson, DeRay</i>	<i>community activist,, protester, co-founder</i>	<i>Campaign Zero</i>
<i>Vitale, Alex</i>	<i>author The End of Policing; dir. Polic/SocJustice</i>	<i>assoc. prof soc Brooklyn College</i>
<i>Scott, Terry Anne</i>	<i>assoc. prof history, dir. African American studies</i>	<i>Hood College, Frederick MD</i>

We are nearly three weeks into sustained worldwide protests over the Minneapolis police killing last month of George Floyd. On Friday night, a white police officer in Atlanta named Garrett Rolfe killed a 27-year-old Black man, Rayshard Brooks, as he fled after failing a sobriety test. Brooks had taken a Taser gun from another officer and pointed it, and possibly fired it at Rolfe. The coroner has declared Brooks' death a homicide. Rolfe has been fired, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation is investigating.

This latest incident has further intensified calls for reform of police use-of-force policies, and growing demands in cities across the country to "defund the police." The Baltimore City Council met virtually on Friday night to discuss cuts to the Baltimore Police Department budget. The U.S. Senate and the House are considering federal legislation, and leaders in Annapolis have vowed that police reform will be a high priority in the next General Assembly.

Some call for reform within traditional law enforcement structures; others advocate for reallocating funds from police to social services...

So far this year in Baltimore, 146 people have been victims of homicide. If police departments are de-funded or abolished altogether, can entities other than police adequately safeguard communities wracked by almost daily violence?

Later in this hour Tom talks with Alex Vitale, an associate professor of sociology at Brooklyn College and the director of the Policing and Social Justice Project. Dr. Vitale is also the author of The End of Policing and a proponent of new paradigms for public safety and security. Then, Tom speaks with historian Dr. Terry Anne Scott, an associate professor and specialist in African American history at Hood College.

But Tom begins today with DeRay Mckesson, who has concentrated his activism on reducing police violence for years. He's a co-founder of Campaign Zero, a national movement for police reform that recently launched what it calls the 8 Can't Wait Project, a prescription for police departments designed to curb the use of force against civilians. DeRay Mckesson joins us on the line from New York City.

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6/12/2020

## A Boycott Organizer Kellie Vaughan: Costs of Racism Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Vaughan, Kellie local social justice activist*

A Middle River crab house has become a flashpoint in the struggle for social justice in Maryland.

On June 1, Vince Meyer, the owner and operator of Vince's Crab House, wrote on Facebook, "There is one place I bet the protesters/rioters won't light on fire or break into or even block the road to .... the social services buildings."

Meyer closed all five of his establishments last week after this post and others came to light, prompting mass protests outside of his restaurants.

Tom's guest is local activist Kellie Vaughan, who organized the protests against Vince's Crab House.

## BC Midday on Politics: 2020 MD Primary Results Cianna

Tom Hall

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*Sullivan, Emily*

*politics, City Hall reporter*

*WYPR News*

*Sophia Silbergeld*

*political consultant, dir. Strategic Partnerships*

*Adeo Advocacy*

If history repeats itself and the Democratic nominees for local offices prevail in November, a new cadre of progressive leaders will take a sharp left turn on their way to Baltimore City Hall, where they will assume responsibility for the COVID-19 pandemic, the re-build of the local economy, a persistent murder rate and the reform of a police department.

Political strategist Sophia Silbergeld and WYPR City Hall reporter Emily Sullivan join Tom with analysis.

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6/11/2020

### A MDHealth Dept's Vickie Fretwell on Contact Tracing

Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

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Fretwell, Vicki

*spec assistant to MD Health Secty, leader MD health Dept's Contact Tracing Initiative*

At the heart of Gov. Hogan's plan to reopen the state economy are increased testing for COVID-19 and contact tracing. The state has tested more than 460,000 people, and it has deployed 1,400 contact tracers so far.

Vickie Fretwell is Tom's guest. She is special assistant and senior advisor in the office of Maryland Health Secretary Robert R. Neall. And she is leading the Maryland Health Department's new statewide effort to educate the public about contact tracing.

An important note: If a contact tracer for the state calls, your phone's caller ID will read MD COVID, and the call will come from this number: 240-466-4488. The Health Department's simple message: Please answer the call.

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### BC Could the Baltimore Sun Become a Local NonProfit?

Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

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Bowie, Liz	leader Baltimore Sun Guild, reporter,	The Baltimore Sun
Gallagher, Matt	president, CEO	Goldseker Foundation philanthropy

Next, a conversation about the future of The Baltimore Sun. Since 1986, when the A.S. Abell Co. sold the paper to the Times Mirror Corp., people throughout the community have lamented that our city's paper of record was not locally owned. Over the years, there have been efforts to buy the paper and make a go of it as a for-profit business.

Now a coalition of local business leaders, foundations and the union that represents journalists at the Sun have banded together to try once again to purchase the paper from its current owners, a company that is controlled by Alden Capital, a hedge fund with a history of buying newspapers and decimating them. The group has launched a campaign called Save Our Sun. Two of its leaders join Tom.

Liz Bowie is a Sun reporter and a leader of the Baltimore Sun Guild. Matt Gallagher is the president and CEO of the Goldseker Foundation, one of the philanthropic organizations that would help fund the purchase, if the current owners agree to a sale. To add your name to the petition of those who agree with the Save Our Sun campaign, click [here](#).

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/10/2020

A    **Midday with Tish the Commish: Dr. Letitia Szirasa**

Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

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*Dzirasa, Dr. Letitia      Commissioner,*

*Baltimore City Health Department*

One of the key elements in reopening plans, across counties or states, is to increase contact tracing to determine if people infected with COVID-19 may have exposed others to the virus. Maryland employs about 1,400 contact tracers so far, and it is looking to hire more. Last week, Mayor Jack Young announced the new Baltimore Health Corps, which will employ nearly 300 people as contact tracers.

To tell us more about that program and other aspects of COVID-19 in the city, including testing, Dr. Letitia Dzirasa joins Tom for another installment of Midday with Tish the Commish. Dr. Dzirasa is the health commissioner of Baltimore City.

If you are interested in applying for one of the 300 new jobs with the Baltimore Health Corps, [click here](#) for more information. The jobs include training and do not require previous public health experience.

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### BC Black Birders Week: Politics of Race & Green Space

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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<i>Lanham, J. Drew</i>	<i>poet, prof, Wildlife Ecology, Clemson U; author</i>	<i>"Sparrow Envy" "The Home Place"</i>
<i>Newsome, Corina</i>	<i>grad student, field biologist, co founder</i>	<i>Black Birder Week</i>

Black conservationists and avian enthusiasts are challenging the widely held racist stereotype that Black folks and people of color are more suited to urban landscapes than to the fields and forests of the natural world.

A group called BlackAFinSTEM declared last week to be the first-ever 'Black Birder Week,' a celebration using digital platforms to create virtual events that showcase African Americans working in the natural sciences, and who are lovers of the outdoors.

Tom's guests are Dr. J Drew Lanham, an Alumni Distinguished Professor of Wildlife Ecology at Clemson University. Dr. Lanham is the Poet Laureate of Edgefield, South Carolina and the author of Sparrow Envy -- Poems, and The Home Place -- Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature.

And, Corina Newsome, a field biologist who is pursuing a graduate degree in avian ecology at Georgia Southern University, and a co-founder of Black Birder Week.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/9/2020

**AB Richard Haass: "The World: A Brief Introduction"**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Haass, Richard*

*diplomat, ,pres, Council on For.  
Relations, author*

*"The World: A Brief Introduction"*

We begin our show today with a focus on foreign policy, and America's role in the world. Tom's first guest is Dr. Richard Haass, a veteran diplomat and policymaker who entered US government service in the 1970s. He was senior Middle East adviser to President George H. W. Bush and director of the Policy Planning Staff under Secretary of State Colin Powell. He is a recipient of the Presidential Citizens Medal, the State Department's Distinguished Honor Award, and the Tipperary International Peace Award...

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

C    "Same God:" Dr. Larycia Hawkins,Cost of Conscience

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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Hawkins, Larycia

Abd el-Kader Visiting Fellow, Inst  
for Adv Studies

University of Virginia

Tom's next guest is Dr. Larycia Hawkins. She's a political scientist and social activist who is currently the Abd el-Kader Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture and a lecturer at the University of Virginia. Before taking her current position, Dr. Hawkins was an associate professor and founder and director of the Peace & Conflict Studies Certificate Program at Wheaton College in Illinois, a Christian liberal arts college near Chicago known in some circles as the "Harvard of evangelical colleges."

In 2015, Dr. Hawkins, who is a Christian, was fired from her tenured position by the college after she posted on Facebook a picture of herself wearing a hijab, along with a statement expressing her "embodied solidarity" with Muslim women and her belief that Christians and Muslims "worship the same God."

Her actions put her in the middle of a firestorm of controversy over academic freedom and religious tolerance. Filmmaker Linda Midgett's new documentary, Same God, chronicles Hawkins' experience. The film is available online for streaming.

This afternoon from 4:00-5:00pm, Dr. Hawkins will take part in a virtual dialogue with Heather Miller Rubens, the executive director of the Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies here in Baltimore. Follow this link to register for the free public event.

Dr. Larycia Hawkins joins Tom on the phone from her home in Charlottesville, Virginia.

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

**6/8/2020**

### **A    Protests Build Momentum for Sweeping Police Reform**

**Rob Sivak**

Tom Hall

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We begin today with a conversation about police reform. Yesterday in Minneapolis, nine members of the city council, a veto-proof majority, vowed to completely overhaul the Minneapolis Police Department. City Council President Lisa Bender told an audience, "Our commitment is to do what is necessary to keep every single member of our community safe, and to tell the truth: that the Minneapolis Police are not doing that. Our commitment is to end the city's toxic relationship with the Minneapolis Police Department, and to recreate systems of public safety that actually keep us safe."

In an essay in the New York Times about a week ago, co-writer Thenjiwe McHarris of the Movement for Black Lives proposed reducing the powers of the police as the only way to assure the safety of African Americans and other people of color. Are there people other than armed officers who can respond to traffic accidents, non-violent crimes (like passing counterfeit bills), missing children or even mental health emergencies?

And for situations that do require a police response, what can be done to reduce the chance that police will abuse their power?

We had planned to speak today with Sam Sinyangwe, a Stanford-trained social policy analyst and data scientist, and a co-founder with DeRay Mckesson of Campaign Zero, a national movement aimed at ending police violence and promoting new approaches to law enforcement. Mr. Sinyangwe was unable to join us.

Campaign Zero's "8cantwait" project is one of many proposals being advanced for reforming police practices. But more radical activists doubt if such proposals can ever gain a foothold in a policing culture they argue is resistant to change.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### BC COVID-19 in US Prisons: An Update

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Meagher, Tom (pron. MARE)</i>	<i>Managing Editor, Digital and Data Journalism</i>	<i>The Marshall Project</i>
<i>Sufrin, Dr. Carolyn</i>	<i>OB/GYN, Ctr Med Hum.&amp;Soc. Med/correctional health</i>	<i>Johns Hopkins School of Medicine</i>

Today, we follow up on the continuing crisis in America's prisons caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. The Marshall Project, an award-winning non-profit reporting effort that examines problems in the criminal justice system, has found in its coverage of the COVID-19 pandemic that more than 40,000 prisoners have tested positive for the coronavirus. More than 8,400 correctional staff have been infected. More than 500 people have died in prison facilities across the country. Our first guest in today's follow-up is Tom Meagher (pronounced "mare"). He is the managing editor of Digital and Data Journalism with the Marshall Project, and he joins Tom via Skype from his home in New Jersey...

Of course, prisons, like nursing homes, meat packing plants and other highly congregate facilities have been COVID-19 hot zones from the beginning of the outbreak. Joining Tom next to discuss the daunting public health challenges of controlling COVID-19 in a prison facility is Dr. Carolyn Sufrin. She's a board-certified OB/GYN with the Center for Medical Humanities and Social Medicine at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She's also with the Department of Health, Behavior and Society at the Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She studies health care and reproductive health issues in correctional settings.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/5/2020

**AB Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen**  
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Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
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*Wen, Dr. Leana      ER physician, vis.prof. health policy    GWU Milken Inst of Public Health  
/mgmt*

It's the Midday Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen. Dr. Wen is an Emergency Room physician and the former Health Commissioner of Baltimore City.

She's a visiting professor of health policy and management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, a distinguished fellow at the Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity and a contributing columnist for The Washington Post.

Yesterday, Dr. Wen testified before the Congressional Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis about the continuing problem of racial and ethnic disparities when it comes to illness and fatalities due to Covid-19. Today, she's kind enough to join us on Midday.

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

**6/4/2020**

### **A MD's Primary Elections: Update on Returns**

**Rob Sivak**

Tom Hall

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*Sullivan, Emily*

*Politics, City Hall reporter*

*WYPR News*

The Maryland State Board of Elections is in Day Two of its efforts to determine winners in the primaries for city-wide and city council offices in Baltimore City. Given the reports of problems with both in-person and mail-in voting, the Governor made it clear in his remarks yesterday that he would like to see State Elections Administrator Linda Lamone removed from her job. Other senior officials have made even more direct calls for her resignation.

As for potential winners, Former Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon maintains a lead in the race for Mayor, although she has not declared herself the victor in her race for her old job. Marvin James, the campaign manager for City Council President Brandon Scott, who is in second place at this juncture, issued a statement yesterday afternoon that said "We believe Brandon Scott will be the winner after all of the missing votes have been accurately accounted for and counted."

Joining Tom on the line to discuss these and other election developments is WYPR's City Hall reporter Emily Sullivan.

# **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

- B Midday at the Movies:2020 Virtual MD Film Festival** Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Hornaday, Ann* author "Talking Pictures," film critic *Washington Post*  
*Dietz, Jed* founding director *Maryland Film Festival*

It's another edition of Midday at the Movies, our monthly look at films and filmmaking. Today, we preview some of the hundreds of new documentary, feature and short films being showcased at the upcoming 2020 Maryland Film Fest - Virtual which will run completely online from June 12-21. Tom talks with two of our favorite film aficionados -- Washington Post film critic Ann Hornaday, who joins us via Skype, and Maryland Film Festival founder Jed Dietz, to spotlight some of the standouts in the festival's huge lineup.

For more information on the 2020 Virtual Maryland Film Festival, and to register for a free Friday night preview, [click here](#).

Ann and Jed also recommend some of best of the new studio films that are, or soon will be, available on streaming platforms, and comment on the uncertain prospects for the public's return to movie theaters this summer, a topic Ann explored in this recent piece.

- ## C Gary Vikan's "The Holy Shroud:" Debunking a Relic Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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Vikan, Gary                    fmr.dir. Walters Art Museum, art historian, author                    "The Holy Shroud"

Tom's guest is Dr. Gary Vikan. He was the director of the Walters Art Museum for nearly 20 years before retiring in 2013. He's been writing books since then. His latest is about one of the most famous religious artifacts the world has ever known. The Shroud of Turin came to prominence during another pandemic, this one in the 14th century. Claimed for centuries to be the linen death shroud that covered the body of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion, it's considered a holy relic by millions of believers. Vikan traces its origins and gives the context for how it came to be so widely revered. The book is called "The Holy Shroud: A Brilliant Hoax in the Time of the Black Death."

Gary Vikan and Tom Hall continue their conversation this evening at a virtual book launch. It starts at 7:00pm. To register for the free Zoom-based event, click [here](#).

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/3/2020

### A MD June 2 Primaries Early Returns Analysis Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Broadwater, Luke Statehouse reporter (now heading to NYT DC Bureau) Washington Post*

*Miller, Jayne politics, investigative reporter WBAL-TV Baltimore*

Maryland held its first statewide mail-in election yesterday (Tuesday, June 2, 2020). Late last night, the MD State Board of Elections announced the first batch of returns in the primaries, and then, at about 2:00 this morning, they removed their totals for Baltimore City from the website, without explanation.

At about 10:00 Wednesday morning, the Board issued a statement saying that there was a “proofing error” in the ballot title for the Democratic primary in the 1st Councilmanic District, and that mail-in ballots in that district could not be counted properly. They are looking into whether or not ballots in the other districts in the city were affected...

The Board had hoped that most voters would mail-in their ballots, but more than 6,200 people did vote in person yesterday at one of six in-person centers around the city. Lines were long at many of those centers. The polls closed to those who were not in line at 8:00, but the last vote wasn’t cast until just after 11:00 last night.

The bottom line is this: we don’t know who the Democratic nominees for Mayor, City Council president, Comptroller and members of the City Council will be, and we may not have those results certified for a while.

Tom’s first guest today knows a lot about the electoral scene in our city, and throughout our state. Luke Broadwater is a Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the Baltimore Sun. Yesterday, the New York Times announced that Luke will be joining their Washington Bureau, beginning Monday, covering the US Congress.

Then, Tom is joined by Jayne Miller, veteran investigative reporter for Baltimore’s WBAL-TV, for her analysis of what might have gone wrong with Maryland’s primary ballot printing and distribution operations for key races, and what the problems portend for future mail-in balloting efforts.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

**BC Midday Back to the Garden, Summer Edition**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Engel, Carrie*

*Greenhouse Manager*

*Valley View Farms*

*Mitchell, Denzel*

*Deputy Director, Baltimore Farm  
Alliance, farm ma*

*Strength to Love 2 Farm, IOC*

Time now for another edition of Midday's Back to the Garden, our seasonal foray into the essential pleasures and healthful rewards of planting and tending our own fruits, vegetables and flowers.

On Today's Summer Edition, Tom is joined on the line by two of our favorite gardening gurus:

Carrie Engel is the greenhouse manager at Valley View Farms, a family owned nursery in Cockeysville, where she's worked for most of the past half century.

And Denzel Mitchell is the Deputy Director of the Farm Alliance of Baltimore, a non-profit collective of urban farming operations in the city. Denzel is also serving as a farm manager at the Strength to Love 2 Farm, operated by Intersection of Change.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

6/2/2020

### A Autopsy Shows Floyd's Death a Homicide/Protests Up Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Williams, Brandt*

*street reporter in Minneapolis*

*Minnesota Public Radio*

More than 40 cities around the country, including New York and Washington, implemented curfews last night as protests against police brutality and the killing of George Floyd continued. More than 1,000 people assembled and marched peacefully in a youth-led demonstration here in Baltimore.

Brandt Williams of Minnesota Public Radio joins Tom from Minneapolis with an update from the epicenter of the international protests.

### BC Planning Your Financial Future in a Pandemic Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Rainey-Braxton,  
Lazetta*

*financial planner, co-CEO*

*2050 Wealth Partners*

*Abrams, Nicholas*

*president, CEO*

*AJW Financial Partners*

Overall, Americans are saving more and spending less during the quarantine. According to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, in April the personal savings rate in the US hit an historic 33%.

But with rampant unemployment, many people are facing an unknown financial future.

What's the best way to manage your money in a recession that is unlike any other economic downturn in modern times? How will the pandemic upend plans like saving for college, buying a home or planning for retirement?

Financial planners Lazetta Rainey Braxton and Nicolas Abrams talk about staying financially healthy during these uncertain times.

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6/1/2020

A	<b>Dr. Wilbur Chen on COVID Risks Amid US Protests</b>	Cianna Greaves
		Tom Hall
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	<i>Chen, Dr. Wilbur</i>	<i>infectious diseases specialist</i>
		<i>University of Maryland Medical System</i>
	Is social distancing possible for demonstrators who are demanding social justice? Infectious disease specialist Dr. Wilbur Chen joins Tom to discuss how the mass protests over the across the country could increase the spread of COVID-19.	
	Dr. Wilbur Chen, is an infectious disease specialist at the University of MD Medical System, and a member of Governor Larry Hogan's Coronavirus Task Force.	
BC	<b>Baltimore Protests/Legal Hurdles, Prosecuting Cops</b>	Cianna Greaves
		Tom Hall
		12417
	<i>Higginbotham, Michael</i>	<i>Professor of Law</i>
		<i>University of Baltimore School of Law</i>
	<i>Harrison, Michael</i>	<i>Commissioner</i>
		<i>Baltimore Police Department</i>

As violence continued to erupt in communities across the United States, over the weekend, the Baltimore metro region saw largely peaceful protests against police brutality, in response to the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer a week ago.

Legal scholar Michael Higginbotham discusses the prospects for further charges in the case that has been at the center of international attention. Plus, Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison talks about what happened in the city, and what he expects as protests around the country enter their second week.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/29/2020

### A Police Killing of George Floyd Sparks US Protests Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Klemko, Robert*

*reporter covering the Minneapolis protests*

*Washington Post*

*Harris, Ron*

*frm LATimes reporter, co-author w/Matt Horace*

*"The Black and the Blue"*

A third night of protests in Minneapolis in the wake of the killing of 46 year-old George Floyd on Monday by a Minneapolis police officer erupted in violence and looting. On Wednesday, the Mayor of Minneapolis called for the involved officers to be arrested.

Earlier today, former Minneapolis Police officer Derek Chauvin was arrested and charged with third-degree murder and second degree manslaughter in Mr. Floyd's death.

For more details on the developing story, Tom is joined by Washington Post reporter Robert Klemko in Minneapolis, and former LA Times journalist Ron Harris.

### B Nikki Charlson on MD's 1st Statewide Mail-In Vote Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

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*Charlson, Nikki*

*Deputy Administrator,*

*Maryland State Board of Elections*

Tuesday is the deadline to mail-in your ballot in the statewide primary election for President and Congressional offices, and here in Baltimore, all three citywide offices, and members of the city council.

In the handful of other states that had mail-in elections in place before the pandemic, switching from the ballot box to the mailbox involved years of planning. But in late April, Maryland election officials quickly organized mail-in balloting in the special election for the Congressional seat in the 7th District, and now, just weeks later, they are conducting the primary by mail, statewide. Nikki Charlson joins us on the line from Annapolis with an update. She is Deputy Administrator of the Maryland State Board of Elections.

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

### **C    Rousuck's Review: Top Virtual Theater Offerings**

**Rob Sivak**

Tom Hall

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*Rousuck, J. Wynn*

*independent theater critic*

*WYPR vendor*

Now, an update on how the American theater world is creatively adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic, which continues to keep its theaters and community stages dark. Theater critic J. Wynn Rousuck has been watching a steady stream of innovative online "virtual" productions by local and national companies, and she joins Tom via Skype to share a few recommendations...

Those include The Howard Ashman Celebration, an online documentary by Rainbow Sun Productions. Their YouTube video pays tribute to the late Baltimore-born lyricist, director and producer, whose work with songwriter Alan Menken on Disney animated feature films such as The Little Mermaid, Beauty and the Beast, and posthumously, Aladdin, won Ashman a bevy of honors before his death from HIV/AIDS in 1991; from The Public Theater in New York City, What Do We Need to Talk About?, a new, hour-long installment of playwright Richard Nelson's popular series of The Apple Family Plays, in which the characters commune -- about art in the pandemic and other things -- not at a dinner table set, but in an online Zoom chat.

A heads-up that on July 3, a stage-captured video production of Hamilton, Lin-Manuel Miranda's mega-hit Broadway musical, begins streaming exclusively on the Disney-Plus channel.

And here are links to the two new local theater companies and another stream Judy mentioned today:

Wyrd Sisters Shakespeare Society  
The Scattered Players  
The Shows Must Go On!

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/28/2020

### AB Baltimore's Digital Divide & How to Fix It C

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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<i>Horrigan, John</i>	<i>fellow, Technology Policy Inst., author</i>	<i>Abell Foundation Report on Digital Divide</i>
<i>Powell, Chrissie</i>	<i>memb Digital Equity Coalition, Balt Site Director,</i>	<i>Byte Back, Inc.</i>
<i>Coy, Andrew</i>	<i>memb Digital Equity Coalition, executive director</i>	<i>Digital Harbor Foundation</i>

Since the start of the pandemic several months ago, many of us have been working from home, ordering our groceries online, and Zooming with friends. Kids are learning remotely. It's the new normal, right?

If the pandemic has changed the way you do just about everything, consider yourself lucky. What about our neighbors who don't have a computer or a reliable way to access the internet? They are more cut off than ever, and their children fall behind when teachers are livestreaming lessons and asking kids to upload homework.

Why is it that 40% of Baltimore residents lack broadband access to the internet? In a city where red-lining in housing has a long history, has red-lining moved from the street to the internet?

We begin with Dr. John Horrigan. He's the author of a new report for the Abell Foundation that describes the impact of Baltimore's Digital Divide on low-income city residents. Dr. Horrigan is a senior fellow at the Technology Policy Institute.

Then, Chrissie Powell and Andrew Coy join the conversation. Powell is the Baltimore site director of Byte Back, Inc., a tech-inclusion nonprofit that offers free technical skills classes for adult learners. Coy is the executive director of the Digital Harbor Foundation, which teaches coding and other computer and tech skills to K-12 students. They are both leaders of the Baltimore Digital Equity Coalition, which includes about 50 groups that are working together to reduce our city's Digital Divide.

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5/27/2020

### A Hopkins Dr. Crystal Watson: COVID & Contact Tracing

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Watson, Dr. Crystal*

*Sen Assoc., Center for Health Security*

*Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health*

Even as the death count from the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States continues to climb, many local and state leaders across the nation, including here in Maryland, have pointed to gradual reductions in coronavirus hospitalizations to justify their decisions to begin lifting two-month-old quarantine restrictions. Over the Memorial Day weekend, some areas of the country saw a surge in mass public gatherings at reopened shops, on beaches and in public parks, where six feet of separation and masks seemed to be the exception, not the rule.

But public health experts warn that the coronavirus threat is far from over, and that in order to prevent a surge of new infections, a rigorous program of testing and contact tracing will be essential. What is contact tracing? And how do you launch a national and international contact tracing program? ...

Tom's guest today is someone who's helping to do just that. Dr. Crystal Watson is a Senior Associate at the Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Environmental Health and Engineering. Dr Watson recently co-authored a report with public health experts at the non-profit Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, entitled A National Plan to Enable Comprehensive COVID-19 Case Finding and Contact Tracing in the U.S.

Dr. Crystal Watson joins Tom on the phone from her Baltimore office.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### BC SpaceX Dragon Launch Restarts US Human Spaceflight

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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Wall, Mike      *author "Out There;" space program reporter*      Space.com

Logsdon, John M.      *space historian, author, Prof Emeritus, founder*      GWU Elliott School, Space Policy Institute

(Update: After Wednesday's weather delay, the SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket and Crew Dragon capsule were launched into orbit at 3:22pm on Saturday, May 30. Dragon's rendezvous and docking with the ISS was completed Sunday. Check the SpaceX or NASA websites for details)

At 4:33 this afternoon, if the weather and all systems are go, a SpaceX-built Falcon 9 rocket, carrying two NASA astronauts in a crew capsule called "Dragon," will lift off from Launchpad 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida and soar toward a rendezvous with the International Space Station. The mission, dubbed "Demo 2," will be the first time a privately-built rocket will carry humans into space from US soil, and the first US-built manned spacecraft in a decade. NASA Astronauts Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken, both veterans of multiple missions aboard the now-retired Shuttle Orbiters, will dock the CrewDragon with the International Space Station and remain aboard the ISS for at least several weeks.

What will this launch mean for NASA's bid to send humans back to the Moon by 2024 and to Mars in the coming years, and for the future of commercial space exploration?

Tom's first guest is reporter Mike Wall. He has covered the space program for Space.com since 2010, and he's the author of *Out There*, a 2018 book about the search for alien life. He joins us via Skype from his home in San Francisco.

Then, we get some historical perspectives on the SpaceX launch from esteemed space policy analyst, John M. Logsdon. He's a Professor Emeritus of political science at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. In 1987, he founded the Elliott School's Space Policy Institute. Professor Logsdon is also a former member of the NASA Advisory Council and its Exploration Committee. He is the award-winning author of three books about politics and the space program: *John F. Kennedy and the Race to the Moon* (2010); *After Apollo? Richard Nixon and the American Space Program* (2015); and *Ronald Reagan and the Space Frontier* (2019). He has also edited the recently published *The Penguin Book of Outer Space Exploration* (2018), a collection of original documents tracing the evolution of the U.S. space effort. John Logsdon joins Tom via Skype from his home in Washington, D.C.

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**5/26/2020**

**AB David Ignatius' "The Paladin" World of Cybercrime**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Ignatius, David*

*Washington Post columnist, novelist "The Paladin"*

Tom's guest today is the acclaimed journalist and author, David Ignatius. For forty years, Ignatius has been a highly respected reporter on foreign affairs. He joined the staff of the Washington Post in 1986 and he began writing his twice-weekly column in 1998.

Ignatius has also written 11 spy novels, the latest of which benefits mightily from his years of covering the CIA. It's a contemporary novel that transpires between 2016-2018 in locales all over the world. Its protagonist, Michael Dunne, has a score to settle, and as we follow Dunne around the globe, we are brought into a world where technology is used to spread disinformation in ways one might never have imagined were possible.

That reality is as scary as this novel is exciting. Cyber criminals continue to perfect a variety of ways to trick people into believing that which isn't true, fundamentally destabilizing society and causing upheaval in global markets and deep division in democratic politics...

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/25/2020

### A After the Uprising: 6 Views What's Changed 1 of 3

Rob Sivak,  
Cianna  
Greavs,  
Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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Parker, Ashiah

CEO

No Boundaries Coalition

Sean Yoes

Balt. Editor, AfroAmericanNews,  
author

"Baltimore After Freddie Gray"

Happy Memorial Day, and welcome to Midday.

The poet Langston Hughes asked "What happens to a dream deferred?" "Maybe it just sags like a heavy load," he observed. "Or does it explode?" Five years ago, Baltimore did explode in a paroxysm of violence that has come to be known as "The Uprising."

Today on this encore edition of Midday, we reflect on The Uprising with six people whose roots are in West Baltimore, who work with those who were most significantly affected in 2015 and who have been part of the positive change that the community has experienced, even as it continues to confront long standing challenges. This show originally aired on April 27, 2020.

We begin with a focus on how community-police relations have evolved since 2015: Tom talks with Ashiah Parker, CEO of the Sandtown-based community development group, No Boundaries Coalition, and Sean Yoes, Baltimore Editor of the Afro American Newspaper and author of the book Baltimore After Freddie Gray: Real Stories from One of America's Great Imperiled Cities.

### B After the Uprising: 6 Views What's Changed 2 of 3

Kathleen

Tom Hall

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Gill, Brion (Lady  
Brion)

Director

PA Ave. Vblack Arts & Entertainment  
District

Then, a look at the rich cultural history of Pennsylvania Avenue. Tom's guests are Brion Gill, executive director of the new Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District and Jim Hamlin, owner of The Avenue Bakery.

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C After the Uprising: 6 Views What's Changed  
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Rob Sivak

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Marcus, Todd

*activist, jazz musician, director*

*Intersection of Change*

Baylis, Daria

*coordinator, IOC*

*Jubilee Arts program*

Finally, Tom talks with Todd Marcus, jazz musician and executive director of the Intersection of Change, and Daria Baylis, coordinator for IOC's Jubilee Arts training and cultural programs.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/22/2020

**A New WYPR/Sun Poll: Mayor/Compt Races Close**

Emily  
Sullivan,  
Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Sullivan, Emily*

*Baltimore City hall Reporter*

*WYPR News Department*

A poll that was commissioned by WYPR, The Baltimore Sun and the University of Baltimore indicates that all three city wide races in Baltimore are close, with perhaps as many as one in five voters yet to make up their minds. WYPR's City Hall reporter Emily Sullivan joins Tom for a look behind the numbers.

**BC Barai Seller's Memoir "My Vanishing Country"**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Sellers, Bakari*

*civil rights activist, frmrr S.Carolina St. Rep.*

*author "My Vanishing Country"*

Bakari Sellers made history in 2006, when at the age of 22, he was elected to the South Carolina legislature, becoming the youngest elected African American official in the country.

Growing up in the rural south, Sellers father, Cleveland Sellers, was a civil rights activist who worked with Martin Luther King and other civil rights icons.

In his new memoir, My Vanishing Country, Bakari Sellers writes that he sees his life as an extension of his father's journey, writing compellingly about the particular challenges of small town Black communities that are far from the glare of urban centers.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/21/2020

### A Marian Grant NP, on Baltimore's COVID Front Lines Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Grant, Marian*

*Nurse Practitioner, palliative care*

*University of MD Medical System*

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic two months ago, more than 43,500 Marylanders have been sickened by the coronavirus. It has killed more than 2000 Marylanders, 270 of them residents of Baltimore County. And while the rate of hospitalizations in the state has finally begun to decline, as of today there are still 1,375 people receiving intensive care for COVID-19, many of them at medical facilities here in Baltimore.

Now, a story from the front lines of the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic, from Marian Grant. She is a palliative care nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and a policy consultant on health care issues with a DNP doctorate in nursing. And for the last several weeks, she has been working with COVID 19 patients, their families, and the medical teams in the UMMC's Intensive Care Unit.

She joins Tom via Skype phone from her home in Reisterstown, Maryland

Read Marian Grant's opinion piece in today's Baltimore Sun Op Ed section, [here](#).

### BC Conv. w/Cand: Thiru Vignarajah for Mayor Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Vignarajah, Thiru*

*attorney, form MD Dep AG DLA  
Piper, candidate*

*Mayor of Baltimore*

Today, the final installment in our pre-primary series of Conversations with the Candidates. Tom's guest is Thiru Vignarajah, a veteran city and federal prosecutor and one of a crowded field of Democratic contenders in the June 2nd primary election for Baltimore mayor.

A WYPR/Baltimore Sun/University of Baltimore poll released yesterday places Mr. Vignarajah just outside the group of three leading candidates in the race, but the poll also indicated that crime reduction is the top priority for a majority of likely voters. Will Baltimore choose a prosecutor to lead the City in the fight against violence and a global pandemic?

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/20/2020

A Conv. w/Cand.: Rep. Kweisi Mfume, 7th Dist Cong.

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Mfume, Kweisi*

*7th Dist Congressman, candidate  
for re-election*

*US House of Representatives, MD 7th  
Dist*

Today, our series of Conversations with the Candidates continues with the newest member of the Maryland congressional delegation, 7th District Congressman Kweisi Mfume. Rep. Mfume, who previously served five terms representing the 7th District from 1987-1996, before stepping down to head the NAACP until 2004, recently won back his old House seat in the April 28 special election held to fill the remaining term of the late Rep. Elijah Cummings.

Now, Rep. Mfume hopes to keep the seat for the next full term, and is campaigning for the Democratic primary election June 2 against a strong field. He joins Tom on the line from his home in Baltimore to discuss the campaign, and some of the urgent issues now before the House.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### BC Building A Post Pandemic Workforce: 2 Innovators

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Hsu, Jacob*

*Green, Jason*

*President, CEO*

*founder, Senior VP*

*Catalyze, Inc.*

*SkillSmart (workforce dev.)*

Today, a look at the road ahead for the millions of Americans who've lost their jobs during the coronavirus pandemic.

Over the past three months, as COVID-19 has taken the lives of more than 90,000 Americans and sickened over a million and a half others, it has also ravaged the US economy. Nationwide business shutdowns have produced levels of unemployment and business failure that haven't been seen in the US since the Great Depression of the 1930s -- a crisis that prompted Congress to pass a series of multi-trillion-dollar financial relief measures. Now, as the nation's economy gradually begins to re-open, what are the job prospects for the legions of unemployed, both here in Baltimore and across America?

Tom's guests today run two of the region's most innovative workforce development and technology training companies.

Jacob Hsu is the CEO of Catalyze. His 20-year old company uses AI systems to identify, train, and employ people as software developers, regardless of their educational backgrounds. Mr. Hsu recently announced that Catalyze is partnering with other companies and government agencies to create a national employment exchange, called RetrainAmerica, that will help workers find jobs in the nation's technology, cybersecurity, logistics and health care sectors.

Jason Green is the co-founder and Senior Vice President of SkillSmart, a workforce development company that since 2013 has been using innovative data-driven software to help businesses find and train skilled workers. Mr. Green previously held positions in local and federal government, most recently serving as Associate Counsel to President Barack Obama, advising the president and senior staff on legal, economic and domestic policy matters.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/19/2020

**A MD Spkr Adrienne Jones: COVID & The Digital Divide** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Jones, Adrienne*

*Speaker,*

*MD House of Delegates*

On May 6, MD Education Secretary Dr. Karen Salmon closed schools for the rest of the academic year, which means students and teachers across the state will have to rely on distance learning until schools are dismissed for the summer break.

Maryland House Speaker Adrienne Jones has urged Secretary Salmon and other education leaders to develop benchmarks for re-opening MD schools, and to address the problems that disparities in access to computers and Wi-Fi have created for many MD students and families.

**BC Conv w/Candidates: T.J.Smith for Mayor** Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

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*Smith, T.J.*

*frmr Baltimore Police Dept,  
spokesman, candidate*

*Mayor of Baltimore*

Former Baltimore Police Department spokesman T.J. Smith is one of six Democrats who are considered leaders in the race for Baltimore mayor.

This is Mr. Smith's first run for political office. He is a former Anne Arundel County police lieutenant who joined the Baltimore Police Department in 2015, with the arrival of Commissioner Kevin Davis. Smith served as the BPD chief of communications until 2018. He then served as press secretary and communications adviser to Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Jr.

Note about a mayoral debate tonight: Baltimore mayoral candidates will share their perspectives on fair development, housing, transportation and zero waste in a free online forum tonight, Tues., May 19, from 6-8 pm, moderated by Baltimore Sun reporter Jean Marbella.

Confirmed participants include T.J. Smith, Sheila Dixon, Mary Miller, Brandon Scott and Thiru Vignarajah. Watch this free event at: [Bit.ly/fairdevelopmentforum](http://Bit.ly/fairdevelopmentforum) or by phone at 415-655-0001. The event access code is 472 484 895 and the password is 2020.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/18/2020

**A Conv w/Candidates I: Maya Cummings, 7th Dist Cong** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12396

*Cummings, Maya Rockeymoore*

*widow of Elijah, frmr Chair, MD Dem. Party, cand.*

*7th District Congressional seat*

Maya Rockeymoore Cummings is a public policy consultant who holds a doctorate in political science. She's the former head of the Maryland Democratic Party and she worked for several years on Capitol Hill. For a brief period, she was a candidate in the 2018 Maryland gubernatorial race. She left that race when her husband encountered some serious health problems.

Dr. Cummings placed 2nd behind Mr. Mfume in February, losing that primary by more than 25 points. The field of candidates in that race numbered two dozen. In this primary, that field has been whittled only slightly, to 19 candidates, all of whom also ran the last time.

Maya Rockeymoore Cummings is 49 years old. She lives in Baltimore's Madison Park neighborhood, on the west side.

The primary in two weeks will decide who the Democratic nominee is in the November election, for the term that begins in January, 2021.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

**B-C Conv. w/Cand. II: Sen.Jill Carter, 7th Dist Cong.**

Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

12397

*Carter, Jill P.*

*MD State Senator, Dem. Candidate 7th Dist Congressional seat*

Maryland Senator Jill P. Carter is Tom's guest. She is running for the 7th District Congressional seat that until last fall was held by the late Rep. Elijah Cummings. It's now held by Kweisi Mfume, who won the Special Election last month to finish Mr. Cummings' term.

Sen. Carter is one of the 19 Democrats running in the upcoming primary for a full term as a member of Congress from MD-7. After 14 years in Maryland's House of Delegates, Sen. Carter has represented the 41st District in the Senate for the last two years. Sen. Carter is the daughter of the late Baltimore civil rights activist, Walter P. Carter. A lawyer, she's 55 and lives in Hunting Ridge, in Southwest Baltimore.

A reminder that Maryland's primary election is being conducted mostly by mail. Ballots were mailed later than originally promised, but we are told to expect them in our mailboxes this week. If you are a registered voter and do not receive your ballot this week, please contact the Board of Elections to make sure they have your correct address. And if you're not registered, there's still time. The deadline for registering to vote is May 27.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/15/2020

- A MDSt.Sen Pres Bill Ferguson Reacts to Hogan Vetoes** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12394

*Ferguson, Bill*

*President,*

*Maryland State Senate*

Last Thursday Gov. Hogan vetoed more than 36 bills including funding for Maryland's HBCUs and the Kirwan Commission's education reforms.

State Senate President Bill Ferguson joins Tom to discuss how the legislature will move forward in light of the Governor's vetoes of virtually all of the legislation passed in the abbreviated 2020 session that requires any additional state funding.

- BC Novelist Sue Monk Kidd's "The Book of Longings"** Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12395

*Kidd, Sue Monk*

*essayist, novelist*

*The Book of Longings*

Now, a break from our coverage of the coronavirus pandemic: Tom welcome a best-selling author who has written a fascinating novel that takes place before COVID-19. Way before.

The plot unfolds in 1st-century Palestine and Egypt, in locales that are familiar to anyone with even the most minimal knowledge of Christianity and Judaism. It is peopled with figures whose imprint on biblical history is indisputable, and it includes a gutsy and intriguing turn of imagination.

In her new novel, *The Book of Longings*, Sue Monk Kidd imagines a marriage between Jesus of Nazareth and a gifted young woman named Ana. As Ana navigates the patriarchal and misogynist culture of the Biblical era, Ms. Kidd crafts a portrait of Jesus as a person, a delightful one at that, looking past his standing as a holy icon.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/14/2020

**AB Conv. w/Candidates: Mary Miller for Mayor  
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Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
12393

*Miller, Mary*      *frmr USTreas., fellow, 21st Cent  
Cities, candidate*      *Mayor of Baltimore*

Today, we continue our series of Conversations with the Candidates. Tom's guest is Mary Miller, one six Democrats considered leaders in the race for mayor.

This is Ms. Miller's first run for political office. After a long career at T Rowe Price, she was appointed by President Obama to top jobs at the Treasury Department. She was the first woman to serve as Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. For the last few years, she has been a Senior Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University 21st Century Cities Initiative.

A reminder that the primary is being conducted primarily by mail. If you are a registered voter, you should be receiving your ballot soon. Remember that the ballot has to be signed and postmarked by June 2. If you are not yet registered to vote, there's still time. The deadline to register is May 27. For more information about how to register to vote, [click here](#).

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/13/2020

### AB Strike Teams Ease COVID Risks at MD Nursing Homes

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12391

*McNabney, Dr.  
Matthew*

*geriatrician, Member GoTeams,  
director*

*Hopkins ElderPlus*

More than half of Maryland's COVID-19 fatalities have been nursing home residents - a population that's especially vulnerable to this virus. At least six nursing facilities in the state have each reported 100 or more cases of COVID-19. Clearly, we need to protect them and the nurses, doctors, aides, therapists and others coming to work each day in America's nursing homes.

To that end, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan last month announced the establishment of statewide "strike teams" to support nursing home facilities now struggling to keep the coronavirus at bay. The teams are made up of members of the National Guard, representatives of local and state health departments and emergency medical clinicians, as well as doctors and nurses from local hospital systems. Dr. Matthew McNabney is a geriatrician at Johns Hopkins Medicine and the medical director of Hopkins ElderPlus, a voluntary preventive and long-term healthcare program for independent seniors. As a member of Hopkins' Go Teams, he has taken part in several of the state's strike team missions to assist local nursing facilities.

Dr. McNabney joins Tom on the line from his office at the Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

C    **Dr. Faheem Younus: 2020  
Ramadan: Spiritual Bootcamp**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall  
12392

*Younus, Dr. Faheem      memb, Ahmadiyya Comm.,  
infectious diseases expert*                  *University of MD Medical System*

The Holy Month of Ramadan is a time when Muslims around the world mark the Prophet Mohammad's receiving of the first chapters of the Quran from Allah. It is a time of reflection, prayer, and celebration. This year, however, the coronavirus pandemic has made observance of Ramadan exceptionally difficult.

Joining Tom to discuss those challenges is Dr. Faheem Younus. He is an infectious diseases expert at the University of Maryland and a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community.

Dr. Younus speaks to us by phone from his office.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/12/2020

A    **Jogging While Black: Justice for Ahmaud Arbery**

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12389

*Scott, Terry Anne      Assoc. Prof. of History, Dir, Afr.Am Studies      Hood College, Frederick MD*

On February 23, a young Black man named Ahmaud Arbery was jogging near his home outside of Brunswick, GA, when he was shot and killed by two white men. No arrests were made in the case until a video of the encounter came to light two months later. Arbery, 25, was unarmed. Was the killing of Ahmaud Arbery a modern day lynching?

Tom's guest is Dr. Terry Anne Scott, Associate Professor of History and Director of African American Studies at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

**BC Conv. w/Candidates: Brandon Scott for Mayor**

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Scott, Brandon*

*frmr Council 2nd Dist., Council  
Pres., candidate*

*Mayor of Baltimore*

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

Mr. Scott was first elected to the Council in 2011 to represent the 2nd District. Prior to 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 bid in the Democratic Gubernatorial primary.

Brandon Scott is 36 years old, which is, BTW, about the same age that Martin O'Malley was when he was elected Mayor, Johnny Olszewski, Jr., the Baltimore County Executive, and Pete Buttigieg, the former Mayor of South Bend Indiana, who ran for President.

This year's primary election will be conducted almost entirely by mail. Voters should receive a ballot soon. The ballot is marked April 28th, but you'll find instructions that remind you that the April primary has been moved to June. You must mail your ballot back to the Board of Elections, postmarked no later than June 2.

# WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/11/2020

## AB When Home Isn't Safe: Domestic Violence In Pandemic

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12387

*Jordan, Lisae C.*

*attorney, exec director*

*Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault*

*James, Inga*

*Memb. MD Network Against Dom. Violence*

*exec dir, Heartly House*

Today on Midday, a conversation about how COVID-19 has exacerbated the crisis of domestic violence, and what resources are available to victims. Tom's guests are two of Maryland's leading advocates for victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse.

He speaks first with Attorney Lisae C. Jordan. She is executive director and counsel of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA), a federally recognized coalition of state organizations working to combat sexual assault. MCASA provides training, expert advice, and public policy advocacy throughout the state of Maryland. Ms. Jordan is also the founder and executive director of MCASA's Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI), a project that provides legal services to survivors of sexual assault, and legal training and technical assistance for professionals working with survivors.

Tom's next guest is Dr. Inga James. With decades of experience in the field of family violence, Dr. James currently serves as board president of the Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence, and executive director of Heartly House, a 24/7 domestic-abuse hotline and survivor-support service based in Frederick, Maryland. The organization has been helping victims of abuse and sexual trafficking for more than 40 years...

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### C    Baltimore Ceasefire 365 Continues Despite Pandemic

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Bridgeford, Erricka*      *co-founder, leader*

*Baltimore Ceasefire 365*

Baltimore Ceasefire 365 is a community-based movement that soon will be marking the third anniversary of its campaign to reduce violence in Baltimore. Throughout the year, and annually on four designated weekends -- including this past Mother's Day weekend -- the group holds activities across the city designed, it says, to "promote peacefulness and celebrate life," as it asks people in Baltimore, in essence, to stop killing for 72 hours.

Tom is joined now by Erricka Bridgeford, one of the co-founders and leaders of Baltimore Ceasefire 365. She describes how the movement has carried on through the difficult days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you're interested in learning more about the Baltimore Ceasefire movement, visit its Website.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/8/2020

**AB Conv. w/Candidates: Sheilah Dixon, Dem for  
C Mayor** Kathleen Cahill

Tom Hall

12386

*Dixon, Sheila former mayor, Democratic candidate Mayor of Baltimore*

Tom's guest is former Baltimore City Mayor Sheila Dixon, who is in a crowded field of Democrats running for the office she held from 2007 to 2010.

Ms. Dixon represented the 4th District on the City Council for 12 years in the late '80s and '90s. She served as president of the City Council from 1999 until January 2007, when she became mayor after Martin O'Malley became governor. Ms. Dixon was elected to her own term later that year. In 2010, she resigned following a conviction for embezzlement and an Alford plea in a separate case in which she was charged with perjury. She ran for mayor again in 2016. She narrowly lost the Democratic primary to Catherine Pugh, and she garnered more than 51,000 votes in the general election as a write-in candidate.

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# WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/7/2020

## AB Mayor Jack Young: Fighting COVID Running for Mayor

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12384

*Young, Bernard C. "Jack"*      *former City Council President, now Mayor*      *City of Baltimore*

It's another edition of our series of Conversations with the Candidates, and Tom's guest today is the Mayor of Baltimore, Bernard C. "Jack" Young, a veteran city lawmaker and former City Council President who stepped into the mayor's job about a year ago when Catherine Pugh resigned.

Mayor Young has spent years in city government, and the year he has spent as Baltimore's mayor has been eventful, to say the least. It began with a crippling ransomware attack on the city's computer system and now, of course, the city is dealing with an unprecedented global pandemic. More than 2,800 city residents have been infected with the coronavirus. Nearly 150 Baltimoreans have died from COVID-19. And, the longstanding problem of violence on city streets remains. More than 92 people have been victims of homicide so far this year.

## C Surviving COVID: Cara Ober's Story

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12385

*Ober, Cara*      *founder and publisher, online /print arts magazine*      *Bmore Art*

And now, a first-person account from a woman who was diagnosed with COVID-19 last month after experiencing symptoms in the middle of March.

Cara Ober is the founder and publisher of Bmore Art, an online and print magazine that covers art and culture in the Baltimore-Washington corridor. The magazine has published two extended essays Ms. Ober wrote, over the course of a month, describing her harrowing experience with the disease. You can read them [here](#), and [here](#).

Cara Ober is now recovering from her illness, and she joins us via Skype Phone from her home in Baltimore.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

**5/6/2020**

<b>AB</b>	<b>Healthwatch w/ Dr.Leana Wen: Reopening w</b>	<b>Cianna Greaves</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>COVID-19</b>	
		Tom Hall 12383

*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*visiting prof. of health policy*

*GW University, Milken Inst School of PH*

On today's Midday Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen: When can the state and the country reopen safely? What have we learned about the virus so far, and are researchers getting closer to a treatment?

Dr. Leana Wen is a visiting professor of health policy and management at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University, and a distinguished fellow at the Mullan Institute for Health Workforce Equity.

# **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

5/5/2020

- A Luke Broadwater, Baltimore Sun Win Pulitzer Prize** Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Broadwater, Luke*

*State House reporter*

*Baltimore Sun*

The Pulitzer Prize is journalism's most prestigious award. Yesterday, the Pulitzer committee announced that our local paper, the Baltimore Sun, won the 2020 Pulitzer for Local Reporting. Its series of reports on the Healthy Holly scandal, which began in March of 2019, were described by the Pulitzer judges as "illuminating and insightful." The Sun's reporting led to the conviction and upcoming imprisonment of former Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh, and to some significant anti-corruption legislative reforms.

Tom's first guest today is one of the reporters on the Sun team. Luke Broadwater, who currently serves as the paper's State House reporter, broke the story about former Mayor Catherine Pugh's financial relationship with the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System, and similar relationships the board had with other members.

Broadwater describes the Sun staff's reactions to the Pulitzer -- the paper's first in 17 years -- and how it reinforces the value of local investigative reporting at a time when newsrooms like the Sun's face uncertain futures.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

BC Dr. Harsh Trivedi: COVID-19 & Mental Health

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12382

*Trivedi, Dr. Harsh      prof. psychiatry Umd Med School;      Sheppard Pratt Health System  
Pres., CEO*

Now, a conversation about how the COVID-19 pandemic is threatening not only our physical and financial well-being, but also our mental health.

Across the nation, tens of millions of people in all walks of life - from front-line hospital staff and shuttered small business owners to unemployed restaurant workers and parents staying home with their kids — are reporting increased levels of psychological stress about the COVID-19 illness and the threat it poses to them, their loved ones, and their livelihoods.

The impact of this heightened stress is indisputable. What kinds of services are available during the pandemic to help people cope with psychological trauma?

Tom's guest is Dr. Harsh Trivedi. He's is the President and CEO of the Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore, one of the nation's largest private, non-profit providers of mental health, substance use and other special-needs services. He is also a professor of psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/4/2020

**AB Non-Profits, Philanthropies, Helping with COVID-19** Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Hoey, John*

*president, CEO*

*The Y In Central Maryland*

*Sauls, Shanaysha*

*President, CEO*

*Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF)*

Today on our program: the role of non-profits and philanthropies in confronting the community challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, as seen through the experience of two local leaders.

With the profound social and economic disruptions caused by the coronavirus, the need for food, child care, and medical services has never been greater.

How are charities and grant makers responding? And how are non-profits themselves staying afloat to continue their important work in their communities, at a time when the challenges of providing assistance to those in need are stretching resources thin?

In the first half of the program, Tom talks with John Hoey, the President and CEO of The Y In Central Maryland. Among its expanded array of community-support activities during the pandemic, the Y is now providing day care at more than a dozen emergency child care sites.

In the second half of the show, Tom is joined by Shanaysha Sauls. She is the President and CEO of the Baltimore Community Foundation, a 45 year-old coalition of more than 800 charitable organizations that collectively support food assistance and other services for residents in all corners of Baltimore City.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

5/1/2020

**A NewsWrap: COVID-19 Impacts: Sen Chris Van Hollen** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Van Hollen, Chris*      *Junior Senator from Maryland*      *US Senate*

Sen. Chris Van Hollen joins Tom with an update from Washington DC on the Congressional COVID-19 relief package.

**BC NewsWrap: COVID-19 Impacts: Businesses/Banks** Cianna Greaves

12379

*Hicks, Tim*      *entrepreneur, co-owner*      *Baltimore Body Shop*

*Acap, Mariah*      *spouse of Tim Hicks), co-owner*      *Baltimore Body Shop*

*Scully, Mary Ann*      *Chairman, CEO*      *Howard Bank*

Small business owners Tim Hicks and Mariah Acap, who operate the Baltimore Body Shop, share their experience applying for, and getting a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program.

Plus, Mary Ann Scully, president of Howard Bank discusses how small business are working to meet the high demand for PPP loans.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

4/30/2020

**AB Racial Health Disparities in COVID-19** Cianna  
**C Pandemic** Greaves

12377

Brown, Anthony	Congressman, (D., 4th Dist.-PG County)	US House of Representatives
Flowers, Willie	executive director	Park Heights Community Health Alliance
Brown, Dr. Lawrence	racial health researcher	Population Health Institute (Madison, WI)

With more than 60,000 deaths nationwide from Coronavirus, more than 1,000 here in MD, the racial disparities in those who are infected, and those who die from COVID 19 continue to be staggering, and heartbreaking. Nationally, African Americans are dying at twice the rate of whites and Asians.

Today on Midday, we examine what is happening in two MD African American communities that are Hotspots for Coronavirus: Prince George's County and here in Baltimore, the Park Heights neighborhood in the northwest corner of the city. Representative Anthony Brown represents parts of Prince George's County in Congress. Willie Flowers is the Executive Director of the Park Heights Community Health Alliance. Dr. Lawrence Brown studies racial disparities in health care at the Population Health Institute in Madison, Wisconsin.

4/29/2020

**AB Balt Co. Exec Olszewski Responds to the** Kathleen  
**C Pandemic** Cahill

Tom Hall

12376

Olszewski, Johnny, Jr.	County Executive (Democrat)	Baltimore County
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Tom's guest for the hour is Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski, Jr.

Baltimore County, which is home to dozens of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, has nearly 3,000 confirmed cases of COVID 19. More than 100 people in the County have died. We'll hear how the county is responding to the pandemic and what the shutdown might mean for the county's proposed budget. At a time when revenue to the county is expected to decline significantly, what will that mean for funding schools, police and other essential services? Johnny Olszewski, Jr. joins us via Skype from his office in Towson.

**WYPR / Midday Program Log**

4/28/2020

- ## A Dr. Rameen Molavi: COVID-19 Testing Realities Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12374

*Molavi, Dr. Rameen internist, partner*

*Park Medical Associates*

As the number of new COVID-19 infections and the death toll from the pandemic continue to mount, universal testing for the coronavirus is still an aspiration for most Americans who might want to know if they've been exposed to the disease. In order to get a coronavirus test, in most cases, a patient must have an order from a doctor.

Tom's guest today is a physician who has to decide who should be tested. Dr. Rameen Molavi is a board-certified internist who's been in private practice for more than 20 years. He's a partner at Park Medical Associates in Lutherville and he teaches part-time at The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He joins us via Skype phone.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

### BC Louise Erdrich's New Novel: "The Night Watchman"

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Erdrich, Louise essayist, novelist (16 novels); the latest: "The Night Watchman"*

Tom's guest is the acclaimed writer Louise Erdrich. From her debut novel, Love Medicine, published more than 35 years ago, through 16 subsequent novels, Erdrich has introduced readers to some of literature's most fascinating and intriguing characters and dazzled her legions of fans with prose that is consistently distinctive and powerful.

Her latest novel is called The Night Watchman. It takes place in rural North Dakota in the 1950s. It chronicles the efforts of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians to thwart the government's attempt to terminate them, which is to say, end federal recognition of the tribe, and force them off their ancestral land. It's based on the story of Ms. Erdrich's grandfather, Patrick Gourneau, who led the Turtle Mountain Band's fight against what the government called "emancipation."

Tom spoke with Louise Erdrich on March 11th, when public understanding of the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic was in its nascent stage. They talked about the pandemic before they began recording their conversation, but they didn't discuss it in the interview. On that day, Louise Erdrich was at the end of a 6-city book tour, still flying in full planes. She was in Lawrence, Kansas. They spoke in the afternoon, before her appearance that evening at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Louise Erdrich lives in Minnesota with her daughters and is the owner of Birchbark Books, a small independent bookstore in Minneapolis.

A reminder that because this conversation is pre-recorded, we can't take your calls and comments.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

4/27/2020

### A After the Uprising: Six Views: Pt 1 of 3

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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Parker, Ashiah	MD Comm to Restore Trust in Policing, CEO	No Boundaries Coalition
Yoes, Sean	author, 'After Freddie Gray,' Baltimore Editor	Afro Newspapers

We begin with a focus on how community-police relations have evolved since 2015: Tom talks with Ashiah Parker, chief executive officer of the Sandtown-based community development group, No Boundaries Coalition. Ms. Parker is also a member of the Maryland Commission to Restore Trust in Policing, a State commission formed to examine the culture of corruption that allowed the Gun Trace Task Force criminal enterprise to thrive for years. Tom also speaks with Sean Yoes, Baltimore Editor of the Afro American Newspaper and author of the book, Baltimore After Freddie Gray: Real Stories from One of America's Great Imperiled Cities.

### B After the Uprising: Six Views: Pt 2 of 3

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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Gill, Brion ("Lady Brion")	spoken word artist, executive director	Pennsylvania Ave. Arts & Entertainment District
Hamlin, Jim	founder, proprietor	The Avenue Bakery (Pa. Ave.)

Then, a focus on the rich cultural and commercial history of West Baltimore's Pennsylvania Avenue corridor, which runs from Penn North, the epicenter of the 2015 unrest, down to MLK Jr Blvd, skirting Sandtown and Uptown along the way. Tom's guests are Brion Gill, the executive director of the new Pennsylvania Avenue Black Arts and Entertainment District; and Jim Hamlin, a community native and founding proprietor of The Avenue Bakery on Pennsylvania Avenue.

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C After the Uprising: Six Views: Pt 3 of 3

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Marcus, Todd</i>	<i>activist, jazz musician, exec director</i>	<i>Intersections of Change</i>
<i>Baylis, Daria</i>	<i>coordinator, training and cultural programs, IOC</i>	<i>Jubilee Arts</i>

In the final segment, two more perspectives from an innovative community development group that's been working for more than two decades to move Sandtown forward. Tom talks with Todd Marcus, community activist, jazz musician and executive director of the non-profit Intersection of Change, and with Daria Baylis, coordinator for IOC's Jubilee Arts training and cultural programs, which have engaged tens of thousands of West Baltimore teens and adults over the years.

4/24/2020

## **AB Five Years After Freddie Gray, What's C Changed?**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

12370

*Moore, Wes* author, radio host., President CEO *Robin Hood Foundation*  
*Green, Erica* journalist., former *Baltimore Sun* *New York Times*

Some call it "The Uprising." Some call it "the riots." Whatever your point of view, the paroxysm of destruction that followed the death in police custody of Freddie Gray, in late April, 2015, exposed old wounds, and created a host of new ones for our city.

Wes Moore and Erica L. Green are two thoughtful observers of Baltimore, then and now. They've collaborated on a book that will be released this summer called "Five Days: The Fiery Reckoning of an American City."

Wes Moore is the CEO of the Robin Hood Foundation, one of the largest anti-poverty organizations in the country. He's also the New York Times-bestselling author of "The Other Wes Moore" and the host of Future City here on WYPR.

Erica Green is an award-winning reporter who covers education for The New York Times. She is a former Baltimore Sun reporter who was part of a team that was a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for its breaking news coverage of the death of Freddie Gray and the events that followed.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

4/23/2020

### AB Protecting Against COVID-19 Related C Cybercrime

CiannaGreas

Tom Hall

12369

*Williams Koroma,  
Tina*

*cybersecurity expert, president,  
CEO*

*Tcecur, Inc.*

*Schleifer, Isaac  
"Yitzy"*

*Councilman, 5th District (Democrat) Baltimore City Council*

Cybercrime is on the rise as threat actors exploit our increased reliance on digital networks during to the coronavirus health crisis.

Lots of people are keeping in touch these days using video conferencing platform, Zoom. The platform conveniently links groups of all sizes for everything from check-ins with the grandparents to business meetings that are helping lots of people navigate the vagaries of working at home.

Last month, more than 200 million people participated in Zoom meetings. But, is Zoom safe, and are there things we can do to make it safer?

Plus, nearly one year after Baltimore's ransomware attack, how has the City addressed vulnerabilities in its digital infrastructure?

Tina Williams-Koroma is a cyber security expert and the President and CEO of TCecure. Baltimore Councilman Isaac "Yitzy"Schleifer co-chairs the city's Cyber Security Committee.

## WYPR / Midday Program Log

4/22/2020

<b>AB</b>	<b>COVID-19 Threat in Prisons: 3 Perspectives</b>	<b>Rob Sivak</b>
<b>C</b>		
		Tom Hall
		12368
<i>Mosby, Marilyn</i>	<i>State's Attorney</i>	<i>Office of Baltimore City State's Attorney</i>
<i>Owens, Tammie</i>	<i>Union president,</i>	<i>PG County Correctional Officers' Association</i>
<i>Rubenstein, Leonard</i>	<i>lawyer, Center for Health and Human Rights</i>	<i>Hopkins Bloomberg Sch of Pub Health</i>

The COVID-19 pandemic poses a particular threat to people in prison -- both inmates and correctional officers. The basic tenets of virus mitigation -- social distancing and frequent hand washing -- aren't possible, and the number of older inmates is substantial. Roughly 12 percent of the nation's 2.3 million inmates are over the age of 55.

Last Sunday, Governor Larry Hogan issued an executive order that will accelerate the release of inmates who meet certain criteria, such as those who are already scheduled to be released within the next four months. It came after weeks of urgent appeals by health experts and human rights advocates.

There are about 18,400 people currently in custody in correctional facilities in MD. It's estimated that the Governor's executive order will result in the release of about 800 of them. Is that enough to slow the spread of COVID 19 among this very vulnerable population?

Today, Tom talks first with Baltimore City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby, who has been a vocal advocate for the expedited release of prisoners. We join her by phone at her home office in Baltimore.

Next, Tom is joined on the line by Tammie Owens, the president of the Prince George's Correctional Officers Association, the union that represents the corrections staff at the County Corrections Center in Upper Marlboro. Lt. Owens' union was one of the signers of a recent letter to Governor Hogan urging him to protect the staff and inmates in the prison system.

Then, Tom welcomes Leonard Rubenstein, a lawyer with the Center for Public Health and Human Rights at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Rubenstein organized a collective letter to Governor Hogan in late March, and again last week, on behalf of 200 faculty at Johns Hopkins, about the urgent need to address the problems in MD prisons. The appeal raises the fundamental question: what do we owe people who are incarcerated when it comes to protecting their health?

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4/21/2020

**AB With Pandemic, Food Insecurity is Soaring  
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Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Del Guercio, Carmen President, CEO*

*Maryland Food Bank*

*Wilson, Michael director*

*Maryland Hunger Solutions*

Today, a discussion with the people working to put food on the tables of Maryland families who are experiencing food insecurity because of COVID-19.

Tom's first guest is Carmen Del Guercio, the president and CEO of the Maryland Food Bank, a non-profit organization that distributes food to pantries, soup kitchens and other organizations. Donations of to the Food Bank are currently down 90%. To make a donation, click [here](#).

A little later in the program Tom is joined by Michael J. Wilson, the director of Maryland Hunger Solutions and an advocate for the expansion of nutrition and food assistance programs. Wilson sets the record straight on new guidelines for federal food assistance programs.

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4/20/2020

### A COVID-19 Maryland Update: Dr. Lisa Maragakis Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12365

*Maragakis, Dr. Lisa      Executive Director, Biocontainment Unit      Johns Hopkins Medicine*

Today on Midday, updates on efforts to mitigate COVID-19, the outlook for testing, and redoubled efforts of outreach to the African American community here in Baltimore. Later this hour, Tom is joined by Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department. Their conversation is posted separately, here.

Tom's first guest is Dr. Lisa Maragakis, an epidemiologist and infectious disease specialist with Johns Hopkins Medicine, who serves on Governor Hogan's Maryland Coronavirus Response Team. She's also the Executive Director of the Hopkins Biocontainment Unit and the Incidents Commander for COVID-19 response at John Hopkins.

This morning, Maryland officials announced 854 new confirmed cases of the coronavirus over the past 24 hours, bringing the total to at least 13,684 patients afflicted with COVID-19. At least 582 Marylanders have perished so far in the pandemic.

### B-C COVID Baltimore Update: Health Comm. Dzirasa Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

12366

*Dzirasa, Dr. Letitia      Commissioner,      Baltimore City Health Department*

Today on Midday, two leading public health experts provide updates on efforts to mitigate COVID-19, the outlook for testing, and redoubled efforts to reach out to the African American community here in Baltimore.

Earlier in today's program, Tom spoke with Dr. Lisa Maragakis, a senior specialist in epidemiology and infectious diseases with Johns Hopkins Medicine, and a member of the Governor's MD Coronavirus Response Team. Their conversation is posted separately on this site. Now, Tom talks with Dr. Letitia Dzirasa, the Commissioner of the Baltimore City Health Department, who joins us on the line to discuss the local dimensions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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4/17/2020

### A Sonja Santelises- Challenge of Distance Learning

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Santelises, Dr. Sonja CEO*

*Baltimore City Public Schools*

Over the past couple of weeks, City kids, like many of their counterparts across the state, have dipped their toes into the waters of remote learning. We'll see how it's going so far, as the City and other jurisdictions brace for the possibility that distance learning may be the new normal for a long time.

Baltimore City Public Schools CEO, Dr. Sonja Santelises joins Tom with an update on how teachers, students and parents are working through the challenges of distance learning.

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### BC Plays in the Pandemic: Virtual Theater

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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<i>Grays, Donnetta Lavinia,</i>	<i>playwright; Where We Stand</i>	<i>Center Stage</i>
<i>Ybarra, Stephanie</i>	<i>Artistic Director</i>	<i>Center Stage</i>
<i>deMahy, Genevieve</i>	<i>Artistic Director, founder</i>	<i>Single Carrot Theater</i>

Last month, after Governor Hogan issued a stay-at-home order for Marylanders, theater companies had to cancel the live performances that are at the heart of their artform.

But many of the 40+ theater groups in our area are pivoting to digital technology to stream performances directly onto computers and tablets and TV screens, and they're devising other imaginative ways to keep their audiences engaged.

Joining Tom on the line today is the award-winning Brooklyn-based actor and playwright Donnetta Lavinia Grays. She stars in the one-person play she wrote and video-produced with Baltimore Center Stage, called *Where We Stand*. The play is being streamed online to pay-what-you-can ticket buyers until April 26. Center Stage Artistic Director Stephanie Ybarra also joins Tom to discuss the theater company's innovative response to the pandemic shutdown, and its quick pivot to virtual audience engagements, including its multi-theater collaboration on *Play At Home*, in which playwrights (including Ms. Grays) were commissioned to write short, ten-minute plays that house-bound audiences can download, for free, to read or perform in their homes.

Then, Tom talks with Genevieve de Mahy, founder and Artistic Director of Single Carrot Theatre, a company that intentionally left its theater home last year to seek novel venues and to engage in more educational and community-centered theater. Ms. DeMahy talks about the next installment in Single Carrot's popular *Flipside Series* (which include its Cabarets and Drunk Classics), one-night-only events that de Mahy says "are fun...and embrace the unexpected." Tonight's event, called "Pajama Party! A Virtual Variety Show," takes place via Zoom at 8pm.

For more info on the Single Carrot theater event, [click here](#).

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

4/16/2020

**AB E.J. Dionne's "Code Red" - Uniting to Save  
C America**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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Dionne, E.J.                   columnist, Washington Post; sen. fellow Brookings,           author, "Code Red"

When we head to the mailbox to cast our votes in Maryland's June 2 Primary Election, the winner of the Democratic Presidential Primary will be a foregone conclusion. Joe Biden is the last person standing among two dozen candidates. This week, Pres. Barack Obama, Sen. Bernie Sanders and Sen. Elizabeth Warren have all endorsed the former vice president.

My guest today is Washington Post columnist and Brookings Institution senior fellow E.J. Dionne, who has written a timely book that makes the case for how Biden can bring the Progressive and Moderate wings of the party together. The book is called *Code Red: How Progressives and Moderates Can Unite to Save Our Country*.

Dionne calls for a Politics of Remedy and a Politics of Dignity, premised in a shared vision of citizenship. He advocates for what the scholar Robert Wright first called, "Progressive Realism," which embraces democratic and social justice concerns, but also takes into account America's role in a dangerous world, rife with threats from countries like Russia, China and a handful of regional autocracies.

In this terrific book, Dionne takes an insightful look back at the ebb and flow of Conservative and Progressive ideologies, and he makes a cogent case for moving forward from the current administration, which six out of ten Americans have repudiated for the last four years.

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4/15/2020

### AB Pandemic of Mininformation: Steve Brill Factchecks

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

12360

*Brill, Steven journalist; founder, "NewsGuard" author, "Tailspin"*

As COVID 19 continues its stampede across the US and the world, there is a concurrent pandemic of misinformation being disseminated on websites that millions of people are visiting. Who can you trust? How can you tell if a source is credible? How do some conspiracy theories gain so much traction?

Today on Midday, author and entrepreneur Steven Brill discusses his latest project, NewsGuard, a source that exposes sites that are deliberately misleading people at a time when fear and anxiety are daily companions.

### C Lessons from COVID-19: Baynard Woods

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

12361

*Woods, Baynard former Real News Network reporter author, "I Got a Monster" (July 2020)*

Baltimore journalist Baynard Woods joins Tom now.

A month ago, on March 15th, Baynard suddenly developed a fever, and he was coughing. Over the next three weeks, on social media, he chronicled his experience as his illness got worse, and as it ebbed and flowed until he was finally without COVID- 19 symptoms.

He wrote about what the experience taught him for The Washington Post.

Baynard is a writer whose book about the Baltimore Police Department's notorious Gun Trace Task Force will be published in July. It's called "I Got a Monster: The Rise and Fall of America's Most Corrupt Police Squad."

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

**4/14/2020**

### **A April 28 Primary Election Update**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
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Here's an important update about the April 28 election to choose a successor to the late Rep. Elijah Cummings in Maryland's 7th Congressional District:

The State Board of Elections has decided there will be three in-person polling centers for people who are not able to vote by mail.

Host Reader: No studio guests

### **B-C Psychological First Aid, with Dr. George Everly**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
12359

*Everly, Dr. George      psychologist, prof. psychiatry and behavioral sci      Johns Hopkins School of Medicine*

Amid the extraordinary levels of physical havoc that caused by Covid-19, there is likely an even greater level of psychological consequence for those among us fortunate enough to have been spared, so far, by the illness itself.

Today, a look at Psychological First Aid in times of crisis. Dr. George Everly is Tom's guest. He's a pioneer in the field, and the co-author of The Johns Hopkins Guide to Psychological First Aid. For more than three decades, he has helped survivors of catastrophe -- including war, natural disaster, terrorist attacks and now, a pandemic.

Dr. Everly is a psychologist and an associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and an adjunct professor of international health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. He writes a blog for Psychology Today called When Disaster Strikes: Inside Disaster Psychology.

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4/13/2020

### AB Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Wen, Dr. Leana*

*former Baltimore Health Comm,  
visiting professor*

*GWU University School of Public Health*

With coronavirus testing, hospitalization, mortality and recovery data now being released that includes breakdowns by zip code and race, we are getting a clearer picture of who is becoming ill, and where concentrations of infection and fatalities are located. Northwest Baltimore has more cases than anywhere in MD. Federal, state and local officials have all warned that Baltimore City is likely to soon be one of the next hot spots for the disease in the country.

Today, it's the Midday Healthwatch with Dr. Leana Wen, the former Health Commissioner of Baltimore, and a leading expert on the pandemic. She's currently a visiting professor at the George Washington University School of Public Health. Dr. Wen is a licensed emergency physician and the former president of Planned Parenthood.

### C Mother Mary Lange: 1st AfroAmerican Saint?

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Moore, Ralph*

*community, civil rights activist*

*By Peaceful Means, advocate for  
Mother Mary Lange*

Longtime civil rights activist Ralph Moore is leading an effort to convince Pope Francis to canonize Mother Mary Lange, an African American nun who settled in Baltimore in 1813. In the 1820s, she founded an order of religious women in the city called the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first permanent community of Black Catholic sisters in the United States.

Mother Lange and the sisters were renowned for educating black children in Baltimore, providing shelter to orphans and tending to the sick during the cholera epidemic of 1832. Already named a "servant of God" by the Vatican, Mother Lange is a candidate for sainthood. If canonized, she would be the first African American saint. Ralph Moore joins Tom to discuss why that declaration is important.

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**4/10/2020**

### **A      Mental Health Support for COVID Hospital Workers**

**Rob Sivak**

Tom Hall

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*Ackerman, Dr. Marra    Director, House Staff Mental Health   NYU Langone Health Medical Center Program*

Each day, legions of health workers have been providing COVID patients with life-saving care — under conditions more difficult than most of them could have imagined. And there is a growing awareness that these critically important workers -- from physicians and nurses to technicians and operational staff – all face unique mental health stresses.

At NYU/Langone Health, one of New York's premier university hospital systems, psychiatrist Marra Ackerman directs the House Staff Mental Health Program, which is now providing an expanded array of psychiatric services to Langone's beleaguered front-line health workers.

Dr. Ackerman, who is normally based in Manhattan, joins Tom on the line from her remote home office in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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4/9/2020

### A-B Racial Disparities in COVID-19 Impacts

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Hannah-Jones, Nikole reporter, director the 1619 Project The New York Times*  
*Spence, Dorian director, Special Litigation and Lawyers Comm for Civil Rights Under Advocacy Project the Law*

The preliminary data on the impact of the coronavirus on Black communities nationwide paints a grim picture. African Americans are infected with and dying from COVID19 at much higher rates than whites.

As Blacks bear the brunt of this pandemic, federal and state lawmakers have been criticized for the lack of access to racial data on virus cases and outcomes.

Today on Midday, how America's enduring history of racial disparities in healthcare has compounded the COVID-19 crisis for African Americans.

Tom is joined by Dorian Spence of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law; and Nikole Hannah Jones, creator of the 1619 Project at the New York Times.

### C Theater in the Pandemic

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Rousuck, J. Wynn theater critic independent WYPR vendor*

Last month, after Maryland Governor Larry Hogan declared a ban on all large public gatherings, the region's theaters - like most of its businesses - were closed to the public. But actors gotta act, and it wasn't long before the theater community found new and creative ways to connect with their stay-at-home audiences. We'll hear about some of them today.

Tom is joined first by our theater critic, J. Wynn Rousuck, who has been sampling some of what's out there for home-bound theater lovers.

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<b>AB</b>	<b>Midday on Ethics: COVID19 Impact on Area</b>	Kathleen
<b>C</b>	<b>Hospitals</b>	Cahill
		Tom Hall
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	<i>Kahn, Dr. Jeffrey</i>	<i>director</i>
		<i>Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics</i>
	<i>Tarzian, Dr. Anita</i>	<i>program coord. MDHealthcare Ethics Comm Network</i>
		<i>University of Maryland, School of Law</i>

For weeks now, we've heard about the importance of "flattening the curve" of Covid-19 to save lives, but also to ensure that medical institutions do not become overwhelmed. So far, Maryland's hospitals are not overwhelmed. There is no shortage of ICU beds or ventilators. But if that changes, hospitals may be faced with unthinkable decisions about rationing equipment and life-saving treatments for patients in their care.

We talk about that today on this edition of Midday on Ethics. Dr. Jeffrey Kahn is the director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics. He was part of a committee of ethicists, physicians and others who have submitted a plan to Gov. Larry Hogan about how to allocate scarce resources in a time of crisis. Gov. Hogan is expected to issue a directive based on the plan soon.

Dr. Anita Tarzian is the program coordinator for the Maryland Healthcare Ethics Committee Network at the University of Maryland School of Law. She's also a professor at the UM School of Nursing.

In 2017, Dr. Tarzian was one of the experts who created a framework that served as the starting point for the plan that Gov. Hogan is now considering.

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4/7/2020

### A City Schools: Closing Gap: Distance Learning

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12350

Bowie, Liz

education reporter

Baltimore Sun

Yesterday was day one of distance learning for Baltimore City School students, and for kids all over the state. How can parents and students best maintain “continuity of learning?” And what about parents who can’t be at home, to homeschoold their kids?

Remote learning has laid bare the extent of the digital divide between poor communities and others. Many kids live in households that don’t own a computer, or access to Wi-Fi. How can we acquire and distribute the technology these kids need?

Guest:

Liz Bowie covers education for The Baltimore Sun.

### B-C Enoch Pratt Free Library: Student Digital Access

Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12351

Daniel, Heidi

CEO

Enoch Pratt Free Library

Like so many other institutions across the state, public libraries have shuttered pursuant to Gov. Hogan’s stay at home order.

But that hasn’t kept libraries from staying connected with their communities.

Through digital platforms, and telecommunication, the Enoch Pratt Library is making valuable resources like, tutors, research databases, online classes and of course, books, available to students across the city.

Guest: Heidi Daniel is the CEO of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.

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4/6/2020

### A John Willis: the Case for Mail-in Voting

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Willis, John*

*elections expert., former Md.  
Secretary of State*

*State of Maryland*

As we continue to hunker down in our homes (and that includes Midday host Tom Hall), a conversation about two very important elections coming up in the next couple of months.

Voters in the 7th Congressional District have three weeks to vote for a successor to the late Congressman Elijah Cummings. Democrat Kweisi Mfume is running against Republican Kimberly Klacik to fill the remaining time in the late congressman's term. Voters will vote by mail. Ballots must be postmarked no later than April 28th.

Ballots should start arriving in the mailboxes of 7th District voters soon. If you don't receive a ballot this week, you should go on line or call the Board of Elections to be sure you get a ballot in time.

We'll talk about the second election, the re-scheduled June 2nd primary for local and national races, in our segment later this hour with Democratic candidate Dan Sparaco, who's running to be Baltimore's next City Council President.

Last Friday here on Midday, we talked with the Secretary of State of Washington, Kim Wyman, who has overseen mail-in elections there for several years. Today, Tom checks in with a former Secretary of State of Maryland who is a nationally recognized expert on voting procedures and election reform.

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**B-C Dan Sparaco: Dem for Balt City Council President**

Rob Sivak

Tom Hall

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*Sparaco, Dan*

*lawyer, activist*

*Dem candidate, Dem. Candidate*

Now, another in our series of Conversations with the Candidates. Tom's guest is Dan Sparaco, an attorney in private practice and a candidate who's running in the June 2 primary election for Baltimore City Council President.

He is one of eight candidates -- seven Democrats and one Republican -- in the race. He is running on a platform of political reform and a fundamental restructuring of the City Council.

Mr. Sparaco is a native New Yorker who earned his law degree at the University of Pennsylvania and worked for several years as an attorney with The Legal Aid Society in New York. He moved to Baltimore in 2010 to work in Baltimore's Legal Department. In 2013, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Mayor for Operations under Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake.

Dan Sparaco is 44 years old. He lives in Greenmount West, and he joins Tom on the line from his home office.

Listeners with questions or comments are invited to call, email or tweet during the live broadcast.

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

4/3/2020

## A-B Vote By Mail: Can MD Get Up To Speed?

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall

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*Wyman, Kim*      *Secretary of State,*      *State of Washington*  
*Jones, Armstead*      *Election Director*      *Baltimore City*

Several states have decided to hold their primaries and other elections by mail. And for some states, this is nothing new. But for others, like Maryland, it is largely uncharted territory. Voters in the 7th Congressional District will be the first to use it. Ballots in the special election to fill the seat held by Elijah Cummings were mailed this week. Voters have until April 28th to postmark their ballots for that race.

We begin today with a look at mail-in elections, including Maryland's primary, now scheduled for June 2. Tom's first guest is Kim Wyman. She is the Secretary of State for Washington State, where elections have been conducted by mail since 2011.

Then, Baltimore City Election Director Armstead Jones joins the conversation. If you are a city resident in Maryland's 7th Congressional District and you have not yet received a ballot in the mail to vote in the April 28 Special Election, call 410-396-1444.

## **WYPR / Midday Program Log**

### **C COVID-19 Impact on Area Grocery Stores**

Kathleen  
Cahill

Tom Hall  
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*Kress, Ira*

*Interim president,*

*Giant Food*

Now, a conversation with Ira Kress, the interim president of Giant Food. We'll ask about those empty shelves you may have encountered at the grocery store, and whether the situation is improving.

Giant has 163 supermarkets in Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and DC, with about 20,000 employees. And those folks who work at grocery stores and pharmacies are on the front-line in the battle against Covid-19. They are among the essential employees who are allowed to take public transportation and travel around the state despite stay-at-home orders for everyone else. And they are important links in the supply chain for food, medicine and other essential products. And with an increased demand for groceries, at a time when so many of us are eating only at home, Giant is hiring.

Mr. Kress joins us on the line from Anne Arundel County.

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4/2/2020

## A-B Midday at the Movies

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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Hornaday, Ann

film critic

Washington Post

Dietz, Jed

founder, former director

Maryland Film Festival/Parkway  
Theater

There are plenty of new movies that are, by necessity, skipping theaters and going straight to streaming platforms.

Independent movie theaters have taken the lead in responding to the business downturn predicated by Coronavirus. Midday's movie mavens, Ann Hornaday, Washington Post film critic and author of Talking Pictures: How to Watch Movies, and Jed Dietz, founding director of the Maryland Film Festival, join Tom with their streaming suggestions.

## C Smart Nutrition: Foods & Immune Health

Cianna  
Greaves

Tom Hall

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Reinagel, Monica

licensed nutritionist, podcaster,  
blogger

Nutrition Diva

Licensed nutritionist Monica Reinagel talks about the relationship between healthy eating and our immune system.

Can we eat certain foods to boost our immunity? Are there foods we should avoid because they might suppress immunity? And, how can we shop strategically, to minimize the trips we need to make to the grocery store?

Monica Reinagel is the host of the Nutrition Diva podcast. She blogs for the Huffington Post and Scientific American.

Heard on the show: a new Omni Calculator that tells you how much food you need to purchase for two weeks of quarantine.

This innovative tool is the invention of Polish dietitian, and Ph.D candidate Joanna Michalowska. It's called the Quarantine Food Calculator. Click here to give it a try.

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4/1/2020

**A Rep. John Sarbanes on CARES Act- COVID Relief** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

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*Sarbanes, John*      *Md. 3rd District Congressman,*      *US House of Representatives*

Last Friday President Donald Trump signed a \$2 trillion relief bill to mitigate the effects of the COVID19 crisis on the American economy. The bill, named The CARES Act, is the largest ever financial stimulus in U.S. history.

Congressman John Sarbanes joins Tom to discuss the details of the package: What's in it? Who will benefit? And will further government subsidies be needed to keep the economy afloat for as long as it takes to conquer the coronavirus?

**B-C 2020 Census and Communities of Color** Cianna Greaves

Tom Hall

12343

*Morial, Marc*      *President and CEO*      *The National Urban League*

For Black and Brown communities across America, undercounting during the census can severely affects critical funding. At stake, trillions of dollars in funding for schools, social programs, health care and economic development.

The National Urban League is one of many groups that have partnered with the Census Bureau to ensure that historically marginalized and underserved communities are being accurately represented in the once a decade count.

Marc Morial, the president and CEO of The National Urban League, joins Tom for a discussion about the importance of the census for minority communities, and how the process will be impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak.