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ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	1/10/2024	9am hr	10 min	Morning Show	Peculiar People Day. To celebrate the oddballs in your life: a musical tip o' the hat to the eccentric and unique folks that help to make life interesting.
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS	1/24/2024	8am hr	6 min	Morning Show	Robbie Robertson, the late songwriter, composer and composer renown for his music with The Band, earns a posthumous Oscar nomination for his score from Killers of the Flower Moon. Sadly, this was Robertson's first nomination – and he was the first Indigenous person to be nominated for Best Original Score.
BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND ARTS	1/21/24	7:00am hr	25 min	On The Record	Multimedia artist Oletha DeVane makes art from an enormous variety of material: glass, fabric, beads, string, steel and much more. One of six winners of the 2023 Baker Artist Awards, DeVane describes her process and where she draws inspiration. We check out DeVane's Baker Artist portfolio, and learn more about the "Memorial to Those Enslaved and Freed." Maryland Public Television will air profiles of all six 2023 Baker Artist Award winners. You can catch this special on MPT-HD or online at mpt.org/livestream . An encore broadcast of the special will air on MP2/Create and online.
BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND ARTS	2/4/24	7:00am hr	17 min	On The Record	Fiber artist Elizabeth Talford Scott celebrated citywide. Elizabeth Talford Scott created fiber-based art that broke all the rules — so did her career. Her colorful quilts and tapestries evoke ancestors and community. Now nine Baltimore museums and colleges will join to honor her creative legacy. We get a preview from artist and archivist Deyane Moses.
BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND ARTS	3/17/24	7:00am hr	9 min	On The Record	An exhibit at the Walters Art Museum, Through Our Eyes, showcases the work of teenage photographers new to the craft. Their work reveals a new perspective of Baltimore, and of a refreshing approach to creative pursuits. Baltimore-native SHAN Wallace is an artist, archivist, and photographer who instructed the teenagers involved with Through Our Eyes. Wallace's own work has been exhibited internationally and nationally, including at the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Reginald F. Lewis Museum, the Contemporary and the African-American Museum and Cultural Center in Prince George's County. We ask her about the surprising lessons we can learn these young artists.
BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND HISTORY AND HERITAGE	2/11/24	7:00am hr	13 min	On The Record	Documenting a crucial chapter of the Chesapeake Bay's untold Black history. The Chesapeake Bay's watermen have long put food on the plates of restaurants and family dinners across the region. An often overlooked but crucial part of the Chesapeake Bay's history are the stories of Black watermen. Now there is discussion among these watermen and their advocates about a memorial and cultural center dedicated to their history. We speak with Vincent Leggett, the founder and president of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation. The nonprofit seeks to preserve and document the maritime history of African Americans on the Chesapeake Bay. We also speak to Clayton Mitchell Sr., who lives on the Eastern Shore and contributes commentary to news site Maryland Matters.
BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND HISTORY AND HERITAGE	2/25/24	7:00am hr	26 min	On The Record	The musical legacy of Mahalia Jackson, the Queen of Gospel, is immense. Arena Players tells her story, through song in "Mahalia!" How do you bring that legacy to the stage? We talk with musical director and performer Tevin Brown, and Tierra Strickland, who portrays Mahalia. Plus, the Banneker-Douglass museum revisits the past with a look to the future ... pairing archival civil rights photos with contemporary art. It's called REvisit REImagine. Curator Thomas James gives us a preview! Links: Arena Players performances of Mahalia!, Banneker Douglas Museum, REvisit/REImagine opening party.

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BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND HISTORY AND HERITAGE	3/24/24	7:00am hr	19 min	On The Record	Maryland Day events to honor pre-settler history, focus on Indigenous people and arts. Almost four hundred years ago European settlers landed in what is now St. Mary's County and established the new state of Maryland. But they weren't the first to inhabit the fertile ground along the Chesapeake Bay. Events at Maryland Hall in Annapolis highlight the Indigenous people that inhabited the land long before English Catholic settlers arrived. We hear from program director Bilgesu Sisman, and dancer/educator Louis Campbell (Lumbee, Blackfoot) and tribal historian Rico Newman (Choptico Band of Piscataway-Conoy Confederacy and Elders Council member) and get the rest of the story. Links: Maryland Hall Maryland Day events, Baltimore American Indian Center, Indigenous history of the Chesapeake Bay.
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, FINANCE	1/21/24	7:00am hr	25 min	On The Record	The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance released its transit report card for the region. It's a D+. We ask executive director Brian O'Malley how they measure success and how things might improve. Plus, we hear from Baltimore transit riders about their experiences.
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, FINANCE	3/10/24	7:00am hr	16 min	On The Record	A Maryland coalition says investing in eviction prevention can save the state money, and prevent trauma. For every dollar invested in preventing evictions, Maryland could save nearly \$2.50 in what evictions cost. That's according to a study by Stout Risius & Ross with the Maryland Center on Economic Policy and members of the Maryland Eviction Prevention Funds Alliance. Lisa Sarro is legal counsel for Arundel Community Development Services. We ask Sarro about the need in Anne Arundel County and who is most at risk of eviction. Links: Public Justice Center press release, MEPFA policy analysis, SB0370 - Community Schools - Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program and Fund - Establishment, HB0428 - Community Schools - Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program and Fund - Establishment, The Americans Most Threatened by Eviction: Young Children
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS, FINANCE	3/31/24	7:00am hr	17 min	On The Record	In the wake of the Key Bridge collapse & the closing of the Port of Baltimore, Maryland longshoremen's livelihoods are at stake. We go On the Record with Scott Cowan, president of the International Longshoreman's Association Local 333, to ask what shutting down the Port of Baltimore means for workers. Then, WYPR reporter Scott Maucione talks about what is needed to reopen the port for business.
CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT	1/28/24	7:00am hr	18 min	On The Record	Is Baltimore seeing a 'soft return' to zero tolerance policing? Conversations about police reform in Baltimore often include the phrase "community policing," a model aimed at building relationships with residents, or call for a focus on "repeat violent offenders" instead of low-level offenses. How did we get here? What approaches came before? Guest host Ashley Sterner speaks with journalist Brandon Soderberg, who co-authored, "I Got A Monster," about Baltimore's disgraced Gun Trace Task Force.
CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT	3/3/24	7:00am hr	26 min	On The Record	Juvenile justice, what to do about young people caught up in crime, is a huge issue in this year's session of the Maryland General Assembly. After weeks of public hearings and committee discussion, the full House and Senate are close to debating changes to policy, just two years after previous reforms. To understand what's at issue and what may come out of the General Assembly's debate over juvenile justice, we turn to Brenda Wintrade, who covers state politics for our news partner The Baltimore Banner. There is not an emerging crisis with young people involved in crime, Wintrade says, but widely reported incidents are spurring lawmakers to revisit policy. We ask her how lawmakers are seeking to change juvenile justice policy, what the state's analysis says about possible reforms and about the journey of the family of NyKayla Strawder, who are pushing for reforms following the murder of their daughter.

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CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT	3/17/24	7:00am hr	15 min	On The Record	How are 'red flag' laws used in Maryland? Extreme Risk Protection Orders temporarily remove firearms from someone at risk of harming themselves or others. How can they be a tool to prevent domestic violence? How are 'red flag' laws working in Maryland? Lisa Geller and Spencer Cantrell are senior advisors at the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions. They will speak at a virtual seminar about Extreme Risk Protection Orders and Intimate Partner Violence on March 20th. The event is hosted by the Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
CRIME, LAW ENFORCEMENT	3/24/24	7:00am hr	27 min	On The Record	Each year in Maryland, hundreds of young teens accused of breaking the law are charged as adults. Judges could send their cases to juvenile court, but one third of the time they don't. WYPR's Rachel Baye has investigated how judges decide ... and the dire results for many kids. Read the investigation by WYPR and APM Reports: Judges use 'arbitrary,' 'horrendous' reasons to keep teens in adult court
EDUCATION	1/14/24	7:00am hr	26 min	On The Record	Black teachers in Maryland leave the profession at higher rates than their white teacher counterparts. Why? We talk with Baltimore Banner education reporter Kristen Griffith about what she learned. Plus, Wallace Lane, Michelle Early and Danielle Ferrentino talk about their very different experiences in the Maryland education system.
EDUCATION	2/18/24	7:00am hr	14 min	On The Record	Education news roundup: absenteeism, teacher pay, City Schools CEO contract. Baltimore Banner reporter Liz Bowie joins us for a round-up of news about schools. Why are so many kids chronically absent, and why is it getting worse? What's up with a pay raise for Baltimore teachers? Will the head of City Schools renew her contract?
ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY, AGRICULTURE	2/4/24	7:00am hr	27 min	On The Record	Rising tides, saltier waters are a challenge for farmers along the Chesapeake Bay. Climate change, driven by human activity, has upset the balance of ecosystems and natural processes the world over. In the Chesapeake Bay, changes to the natural environment that usually occur over hundreds or thousands of years are taking place in the span of a lifetime. Sea-level rise is causing salty ocean water to crawl farther and farther into the bay and onto nearby coastlands. Jeremy Cox is a Chesapeake Bay Journal staff writer who has written about saltwater intrusion. Some of the oldest farmland in the country is on the Delmarva peninsula, and threatened by eroding coast lands and saltwater. Bob Fitzgerald lives on the Eastern Shore in Somerset County. His family has farmed in the same area for many generations. And Sarah Hirsh, Ph.D., has been an extension educator for University of Maryland in Somerset County since 2018. Her research and Extension program focuses on soils, conservation and cover crops.
ENVIRONMENT, ECOLOGY, AGRICULTURE	2/11/24	7:00am hr	11 min	On The Record	A Chesapeake Bay oyster farmer reflects on her industry. One of the crucial contributors to the bay's ecosystem is the oyster. The Chesapeake Bay's oyster population plummeted in the later half of the 20th century...but there are recent hopeful signs the bay's oysters are making a comeback. Here to talk about all things oysters is Imani Black, an oyster farmer who is pursuing a Master's degree at University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science at Horn Point Laboratory. She is also the CEO and founder of Minorities in Aquaculture—an advocacy group dedicated to increasing diversity in the cultivation and study of marine life. We ask Imani about recent good news for the region's oysters, diversity within her industry and her connection the bay's waters.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	1/7/24	7:00am hr	7.5 min	On The Record	A Stoop Story from Sujata Massey about embracing a connected sense of the world. You can hear her story and others at Stoopstorytelling.com
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	1/8/2024	8am hr	8 min	Morning Show	"Dry-nuary" A look at current trends in the alcohol-free month following the holidays and an examination of the drinking habits of the American founding fathers (hint: they drank a LOT).

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HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	1/14/24	7:00am hr	16 min	On The Record	In "I Will Eat You Alive," audiences are invited to a dinner party. With each "course," a trio of actors confront diet culture, fatphobia, and society's expectations. We speak with Baltimore playwright Katie Hileman about reclaiming the word "fat." "I Will Eat You Alive" runs from January 25th through February 10th at The Voxel theater in Baltimore. Round table discussion with the cast and director Katie Hileman moderated by Kayla Stansberry, February 4th, 4:30 – 5:30pm, Two Strikes Theatre Collective storytelling hour, February 10th, 2:00 – 4:00pm
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	1/14/24	7:00am hr	9 min	On The Record	Christy Villalobos shares a Stoop Story about love, loss, and letting go. Listen to the Stoop podcast. The next Stoop event is two weeks from tomorrow - January 27th - at Morgan State University, in partnership with the Baltimore City House Delegation. The theme is "Baltimoreed: Stories about transportation barriers to getting around town."
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	1/21/24	7:00am hr	8.5 min	On The Record	Ryan Patterson shares a Stoop Story about finding his footing as a father. The next Stoop event is Saturday, January 27th at Morgan State University. The theme is "Baltimoreed: Stories about transportation barriers to getting around town."
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	2/4/24	7:00am hr	8.5 min	On The Record	Stories from the Stoop: Chasing your dreams, despite your parents! a Stoop Story from Terri Oni about following your heart, even when it means not listening to your parents. Visit Stoop Storytelling for more info about live events and the Stoop podcast.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	2/9/2024	8am hr	6 min	Morning Show	A discussion with Chef Zachary Pope about the 18th annual "SOUPer Bowl", an important fundraiser for the Light House, a homeless prevention support center serving Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	2/18/24	7:00am hr	11 min	On The Record	What we think will make us happy, like pampering ourselves, often doesn't. We ask Yale psychology professor Laurie Santos, who hosts "The Happiness Lab" podcast, how science shows the way. Santos will be in Baltimore on February 22nd for the Baltimore Speakers Series presented by Stevenson University.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	2/18/24	7:00am hr	15 imn	On The Record	Free dental clinics for children. One in four US children misses out on dental care. Dentist Dr. Brenda Shah tells about healthy habits and free clinics organized by the Maryland State Dental Association Charitable and Educational Foundation. Give Kids A Smile 2024 locations and dates here. Find additional resources through the Maryland Office of Oral Health: 2024 Maryland Oral Health Resource Guide (Spanish) 2024 Maryland Oral Health Resource Guide (English)
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	3/3/24	7:00am hr	13 min	On The Record	The day before her wedding, writer Mako Yoshikawa received news that upended her world: Her abusive, estranged father was dead. In her new memoir, "Secrets of the Sun," Yoshikawa reckons with grief and guilt.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	3/10/24	7:00am hr	9 min	On The Record	Baltimore will turn two hotels into homeless housing. Two hotels in downtown Baltimore will be converted into emergency shelters for the homeless. The city's Board of Estimates approved the deal ten days ago, authorizing \$15 million to acquire side-by-side hotels and \$3 million to manage the shelters from the end of March through December. We speak to Baltimore City's Chief Administrative Officer, Faith Leach.
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, MEDICINE	3/17/24	7:00am hr	11.5 min	On The Record	HopeWorks of Howard County helps survivors find power in poetry and art. Vanita Leatherwood is director of community engagement at HopeWorks of Howard County, a nonprofit that serves victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. In addition to shelter, legal services, and therapy, HopeWorks of Howard County also provides workshops focused on self-care and art. We hear about the power of self-expression.

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IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES	1/7/24	7:00am hr	18 min	On The Record	Baltimore is full of immigrant stories. Susan Muaddi Darraj adds to the tapestry with her debut novel: Behind You is the Sea. It draws on her Palestinian roots and her family's immigration experience, tracing the intertwined daily lives of three families. She will be in conversation with CityLit Project executive director Carla DuPree at Bird in Hand books on Tues. Jan. 16.
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IMMIGRATION, REFUGEES	3/31/24	7:00am hr	11 min	On The Record	The collapse of the Francis Scott Key bridge would be a disaster in any case, but the deaths of six Latino construction workers who were on the bridge makes it a heart-rending tragedy. We hear from Clara Longo de Freitas, a neighborhood reporter at The Baltimore Banner, about a vigil held in their memories and about support coming from the Latino community.
POLITICS, GOVERNMENT	1/7/24	7:00am hr	26.5 min	On The Record	At the third anniversary of the Capitol Riot, we look at the threat Christian nationalism poses to American democracy. Robert P. Jones of the Public Religion Research Institute shares survey data on who holds Christian nationalist beliefs. Jones' most recent book is, "The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy and the Path to a Shared American Future. Then, the new documentary, "Spiritual Warriors: Decoding Christian Nationalism at the Capitol Riot," explores the modern roots of Christian nationalism. We speak with Matthew Taylor, senior scholar at the Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies. The documentary will be screened January 31st at the Senator Theatre. Taylor's forthcoming book is, "The Violent Take it by Force: The Christian movement that is threatening our democracy."
POLITICS, GOVERNMENT	3/10/24	7:00am hr	19 min	On The Record	America's democracy is in crisis. A University of Maryland constitutional scholar has a plan to fix it -- maybe not the plan you'd expect. In "Parliamentary America," Professor Maxwell Stearns says the flaw is our two entrenched political parties. Stearns will be speaking on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Politics & Prose in Washington, DC and on Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Pratt Library's Writers Live! Series.
RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	1/28/24	7:00am hr	17 min	On The Record	Essays tell why HBCUs make a difference. We talk with NPR Sunday host Ayesha Rascoe about why she collected essays from another dozen-and-a-half alumni for her new book: "HBCU Made: A Celebration of the Black College Experience." Links: Wait list for Ayesha Rascoe at Enoch Pratt Library 1/31/24, Pratt event virtual stream, pre-order "HBCU Made."
RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	2/1/2024	8 am hr	15 min	Morning Show	A celebration of the great poet Langston Hughes, a central artist in the Harlem Renaissance, who sought to express honestly the joys and hardships of working class African American life. Though not a musician, Jazz had a profound effect on his work.

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RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	2/11/24	7:00am hr	17 min	On The Record	"Fly With Me" shows how 'stewardesses' helped propel the women's and labor movements. To reassure passengers who might feel that flying was dangerous, the first flight attendants were nurses. But as air travel grew safer, the industry promoted 'lovely hostesses of the air' as part of the travel package. How did these young women fight sexist labor practices and power the women's movement? We talk with Kathleen Barry, an academic advisor to the new PBS documentary that tells the story: "Fly With Me."
RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	2/25/24	7:00am hr		On The Record	Stoop Story: Creating community through food. Aisha Alfadhilah talk about making her way ... and finding community. You can find more information about Stoop Storytelling, including the Stoop podcast, at Stoopstorytelling.com
RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	3/8/2024	8am hr	12 min	Morning Show	International Women's Day (Part of Women's History Month). A segment focusing on lesser known all-female rock bands in the years before The Go-Go's, The Runaways and Fanny.
RACE, IDENTITY, GENDER, CULTURE	3/21-3/26/2024	8am + 9am hrs	12 min each	Morning Show	Women's History Month. Hourly features focusing on female musicians like Linda Ronstadt, Joni Mitchell, The B-52's, Chrissie Hynde, Fiona Apple, Bjork, Amy Winehouse, Tegan & Sarah and more.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY	1/5/2024	8am hr	12 min	Morning Show	National Bird Day (22nd annual). The survival and well-being of the world's birds depend upon public education and support for conservation. Birds are sentinel species whose plight serves as a barometer of ecosystem health and an alert system for detecting global environmental ills.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY	2/27/2024	7am hr	5 min	Morning Show	Having a star (you know, like our sun) for lunch today? Well, J0529-4351 will... Astronomers have characterized this bright quasar, the most luminous object ever observed. Quasars are the bright cores of distant galaxies and they are powered by supermassive black holes. The black hole in this record-breaking quasar is growing in mass by the equivalent of one Sun per day, making it the fastest-growing black hole to date.
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY	3/28/2024	8am hr	4 min	Morning Show	Though the theory was developed by the Belgian astronomer (and Catholic priest) Georges Lemaitre, the term "Big Bang" was coined 75 years ago today on the BBC Radio's 'Third Programme' by British astronomer Fred Hoyle (who actually favored a different theory, one of an eternal and unchanging universe).