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COMMENTARY AND ANALYSIS

Along with WTOP's continuing news coverage, WTOP Radio also offers opportunities for commentary and analysis, from both sides. Both local and national commentators regularly discuss various perspectives on the political and diplomatic trends that shape our times. Featured analysts on the national stage include Candy Crowley, Cal Thomas, Bob Schieffer, Gwen Ifill, John King, Chris Wallace, and Chip Reid. Local commentators, such as Clinton Yates and Gordon Peterson also add to the analytical diversity featured on WTOP Radio.

Candy Crowley

Candy Crowley is CNN's award-winning chief political correspondent and anchor of State of the Union with Candy Crowley, a political hour of newsmaker interviews and analysis of the week's most important issues.

Chris Core • Core Values

When my boss hired me, he told me I could comment everyday on Washington's biggest radio station about whatever is on my mind. What a deal, huh? What I try to do, however, is to figure out what is on your mind, and comment about that. Sometimes, I chose a topic based on e-mail you send me, which I always appreciate. Oh, and Core Values is my opinion, and nothing more. Sometimes you will agree, other times disagree, and, I hope, occasionally chuckle.

Clinton Yates • My Take

Clinton Yates is a Washington Post Columnist and frequent in in-studio guest, offering his perspective on life in the DMV and beyond, from politics to sports to pop culture.

Data Doctors

Ken Colburn and Ken "Spanky" Moskowitz talks to listeners about technology and how it affects our lives.

David Gregory

David Gregory is moderator of NBC News' "Meet the Press." He is also a regular contributor for "Today" and serves as a back-up anchor for the broadcast. Gregory lends his voice and reporting to all NBC News broadcasts including coverage of special events.

Dr. Drew

Dr. Drew Pinsky, a practicing physician, is considered a "relationship expert" because of his 28-year run as host of the nationally syndicated "Loveline" radio program. Dr. Drew is a member of the staff at Huntington Memorial Hospital, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the Keck USC School of Medicine.

Dr. Oz

Dr. Oz, daytime Emmy Award-winning host of "The Dr. Oz Show," is vice chair and professor of Surgery at Columbia University. He directs the Cardiovascular Institute and Complementary Medicine Program at New York Presbyterian Hospital. His research interests include heart replacement surgery, minimally invasive cardiac surgery, complementary medicine and health care policy.

J.J. Green

JJ Green is the National Security Correspondent at WTOP. He reports daily on global intelligence, national security and terrorism developments. He's interviewed the leadership of the CIA, DIA, DHS, U.S. military Joint Chiefs of Staff about issues that are critical to international security. He provides daily analysis and guidance on global security

Gwen Ifill

Gwen Ifill is moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "The PBS Newshour." She is also the best-selling author of "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama."

Colby King

Colbert I. "Colby" King is a weekly columnist for "The Washington Post", specializing in urban and national affairs. His column appears on Saturdays.

John King

John King is CNN's chief national correspondent and anchor of John King, USA, a one-hour political program. In this role, King aims to connect what happens in Washington with the lives of Americans across the country.

Lou Peck

Louis Peck is a contributing editor to CongressDaily, a position he assumed in 2010 after serving as editor in chief since 2007. Previously, he was the publication's editor dating back to its founding in 1991.

Gordon Peterson

Gordon Peterson is hailed as 'Dean of Anchors' by the Washington Post. He brings a rich 41 years of experience covering news in the nation's capital to his assignment as senior correspondent and anchor of ABC7/WJLA-TV's News at 6 p.m. He's also moderator and producer of the nationally-distributed political roundtable 'Inside Washington.'

Politico

Politico is an American political journalism organization based in Arlington, Virginia, that distributes its content via television, the Internet, newspaper, and radio. Its coverage of Washington, D.C., includes the U.S. Congress, lobbying, media and the Presidency.

Chip Reid

Chip Reid is the CBS News Chief White House Correspondent. Reid joined CBS News in 2007 as Capitol Hill Correspondent and covered the 2008 Presidential campaign extensively, most recently traveling with Sen. John McCain.

Dave Ross

Dave Ross is a talk show host on Seattle's KIRO-FM radio station, with whom he had been a news anchor from 1978 until his talk show started nine years later in 1987. Ross is also heard on a national daily commentary for the CBS Radio Network where he provides political commentary.

Bob Schieffer

Bob Schieffer is the anchor of Face the Nation. He has covered Washington for CBS News for 31 years and is its chief Washington correspondent.

Cal Thomas

Cal Thomas is an American conservative syndicated columnist, pundit, author and radio commentator.

U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report is an American news magazine published from Washington, D.C.

Chris Wallace

Chris Wallace is the host of "FOX News Sunday" (FNS), FOX Broadcasting Company's Sunday morning public affairs program. He also contributes to FOX News Channel's political and election news coverage and is based in Washington, D.C.

West Wing Report

Paul Brandus is an award-winning member of the White House press corps and the White House Correspondents Association. His background includes five years in Moscow, including a posting at the U.S. Embassy during the end of the Cold War, and then as a correspondent for NBC Radio and the award-winning public radio business and economics program "Marketplace." He also spent many years as a New York-based network television producer and also worked on Wall Street. He has traveled to 53 countries on five continents and reported from places like Iraq, Chechnya, China and Cuba.

PUBLIC SERVICE CAMPAIGNS

WTOP News, in addition to its public affairs programming, broadcasts the following public service campaigns throughout the year.

- 🎧 Adoption
- 🎧 Ad Council Fatherhood
- 🎧 Adventist HealthCare Flu Shots
- 🎧 AFCEA NOVA
- 🎧 Americas Adoption Golf Tournament
- 🎧 Appalachian Trail
- 🎧 BGCGW
- 🎧 Blindness Foundation
- 🎧 Butler Wyatt Clubhouse #2
- 🎧 CASA
- 🎧 Casey Cares 5K
- 🎧 Civilian Jobs Military Job Fair
- 🎧 Cornerstone Charity Tournament
- 🎧 Fisher House
- 🎧 Kids Museum
- 🎧 Manassas Park City
- 🎧 Montgomery County
- 🎧 National Building
- 🎧 Navy League
- 🎧 NFB
- 🎧 SUSCO 8K
- 🎧 TigerLilly
- 🎧 WARL
- 🎧 Willing Warriors
- 🎧 SoberRide
- 🎧 USO
- 🎧 VOA
- 🎧 WRTC
- 🎧 WTOP Blood Drive

ASCERTAINMENT

As part of our continuing effort to serve our listeners, WTOP Radio talked with various governmental and community leaders about the issues facing our area. The Top Three concerns were: Government Accountability, National Security, and Jobs/The Economy.

The Top Issues were:

1. Government Accountability
2. National Security
3. Jobs/The Economy
4. Transportation
5. Education
6. Income Inequality
7. Crime and Public Safety
8. Income Inequality
9. Immigration Reform
10. Health Care

WTOP CHARITIES AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

WTOP works to make a difference in our community. Below are the featured charities we've supported and currently support:

- 🎧 **Blue Hope Bash**
- 🎧 **Butler Wyatt Clubhouse 2**
- 🎧 **Cornerstone Montgomery**
- 🎧 **Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs in DC**
- 🎧 **Rock and Stroll To End Homelessness**
- 🎧 **Vision Walk**
- 🎧 **World of Montgomery Festival**
- 🎧 **World of Wheels for CASA**

WTOP's In Your Neighborhood consists of area activities and events listeners may have missed. The following were highlighted this quarter:

- 🎧 "The President's Own" United States Marine Band
- 🎧 2014 Free Summer Concert Series
- 🎧 2nd Annual Halloween Hustle 5K/1K Fun Run
- 🎧 4th Annual Rock and Stroll to Prevent Homelessness
- 🎧 58th Potomac Country House Tour and Festival
- 🎧 6th Annual "Hit the Link" Charity Gold Classic
- 🎧 76th Annual Potomac Rose Society Rose Show
- 🎧 Annual Downtown Hyattsville Arts Festival
- 🎧 Annual Greenwing Day
- 🎧 Art Exhibit at Glen Echo Park, The Yellow Barn
- 🎧 Community Day 2014
- 🎧 Community Fest
- 🎧 Fall Festival and Trunk & Treat
- 🎧 Foodlink's Bling and Blue Jean Bash
- 🎧 Frederick County Fair
- 🎧 Free Health Screening
- 🎧 Glass: Visions and Voices Exhibition
- 🎧 Inaugural DC Tour de Cure
- 🎧 Jazz at Meade
- 🎧 Labor Day Art Show

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- 🎧 Learn to Sing with Your Naked Voice
- 🎧 Literacy Council of Montgomery County Volunteers
- 🎧 Middle Eastern Fall Bazaar
- 🎧 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair
- 🎧 National Capital 5KRun/WALK for Hydrocephalus
- 🎧 Pray, Eat, Love
- 🎧 SoberRide
- 🎧 The Dances at Glen Echo Park
- 🎧 The Vineyard's Fall Festival
- 🎧 To Kill a Kelpie Performance
- 🎧 Volunteers Needed for Senior Connection of Montgomery County
- 🎧 Washington Redskins 35th Annual Alumni Charity Golf Tournament

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JULY

1st Ask Chief Lanier (DC)

AUGUST

6th Cub Scout Tour

8th WTOP/ABC 7 American Red Cross Blood Drive

14th Sudanese Visiting Journalists Tour WTOP Newsroom

18th Sudanese Visiting Journalists Tour WTOP Newsroom

27th Ask Governor McAuliffe (VA)

SEPTEMBER

17th American University Career Fair

24th Montgomery College Journalism Tour WTOP Newsroom

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

FIVE YEARS IN HELL: THE STORY OF PRISONER NUMBER 16

July 14th -18th

National Security Correspondent J.J. Green spent several weeks in North Africa investigating and reporting on al-Qaida's evolving terrorism pipeline, refugee camps and the fragile security profile in the region. In the process of his reporting, he met Mohammed Cherif. This is his story.

RECOGNITION AND SERVICE

WTOP RADIO WAS RECOGNIZED THIS QUARTER WITH THE FOLLOWING AWARDS:

NATIONAL HEADLINER AWARDS

Radio Affiliated Website:

First Place

WTOP.com • WTOP Staff

Radio stations Newscast, all markets:

First place

“September 17th, 7 a.m.” • WTOP Staff

Radio stations Breaking News or Continuing Coverage of a Single News Event:

First place

“Washington Navy Yard” • WTOP staff

Radio stations Feature and Human Interest Story, all markets:

Second place

“United Pets” • Lori Lundin • WTOP

Third place

“VE Day” • Kristi King • WTOP

Radio stations News Series:

First place

“Spy in the Sky” • JJ Green and Andrew Mollenbeck • WTOP

Second place

“Troubled Waters”

Neal Augenstein, Michelle Basch, Megan Cloherty, Brennan Haselton, Andrew Mollenbeck • WTOP

Best Brand Extension Through Streaming • WTOP.com

WTOP RADIO EMPLOYEES DONATED TIME TO THE FOLLOWING CHARITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS:

- 🎧 American Red Cross
- 🎧 American University Journalism
- 🎧 B'nai Brith Youth Organization
- 🎧 Boy Scouts of America
- 🎧 Brent Elementary
- 🎧 Butler Wyatt Boys and Girls Clubhouse
- 🎧 Calverton Recreational League

- 🎧 Catholic Charities
- 🎧 Chantilly Youth Club
- 🎧 Chesapeake Orchestra
- 🎧 Cloverly Elementary School
- 🎧 Colonial Seaport Foundation
- 🎧 Cub Scouts of America
- 🎧 Internews
- 🎧 Justice4Vets
- 🎧 Maryland Westie Rescue
- 🎧 Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs
- 🎧 Miriam's Kitchen
- 🎧 Petconnectrescue.org
- 🎧 Prince George's Fire Department
- 🎧 Silver Diner's Eat Well Do Well Program
- 🎧 State Department Visiting Journalists Program
- 🎧 Stratford Knolls Swim Team
- 🎧 Washington Ear

WTOP SAVES YOU MONEY

In the spring of 2008, the economy hit the skids. With great economic uncertainty, WTOP listeners were (and still are) scared and confused. WTOP looked for ways to report on the crisis beyond the numbers. As we all started to tighten our belts and looked for way to save pennies, we thought to share our knowledge and research with listeners. WTOP Saves You Money has proven to be a hit with our listeners.

🎧 Debunking 8 common investing myths

You don't need to pick stocks or eschew all risk to be a good investor.
Sept. 24th

🎧 How to be frugal and invest the difference

This powerful combination has the potential to make anyone wealthy.
Sept. 24th

🎧 10 ways consumers are often duped

Don't fall for these sneaky advertising and pricing techniques designed to draw you in.
Sept. 23rd

🎧 Allowance advice for well-meaning parents

Giving out a regular allowance might not be the best way to impart financial lessons.
Sept. 23rd

🎧 5 401(k) gotchas to avoid

Between employer contributions and the ability to defer income tax on your own contributions, 401(k) plans often help you come out ahead in retirement saving. However, high fees, expensive investments, poor plan design and a lack of company contributions can sometimes diminish these benefits.
Sept. 22nd

🎧 8 ways to maximize your credit card rewards

Get to know your plastic better and reap the benefits.
Sept. 22nd

🎧 How to save money on extracurricular activities

By taking advantage of the local school system, you can cut your costs.
Sept. 22nd

🎧 7 ways to stretch your child's wardrobe from summer to fall

Those favorite T-shirts and dresses don't have to be tucked away when the weather turns brisk.
Sept. 22nd

🔊 8 items you should always buy generic

When it comes to this list, you can skip the pricey name brands in favor of the generic version.
Sept. 22nd

🔊 Booking early may not help Thanksgiving travelers

The bad news for air travelers hoping to book early for that Thanksgiving flight is that buying early may not help them at all.
Sept. 18th

🔊 Do prepaid 529 plans ever make sense?

Prepaid plan can be advantageous in some situations, but the stars have to align.
Sept. 10th

🔊 529 plans: Should you choose static or age-based?

Are you a seasoned investor? You may be more likely to choose a static plan.
Sept. 10th

🔊 6 essential questions to ask before choosing a 529 plan

Direct-sold or advisor-sold? Prepaid or college savings plan? Get answers to these questions before you invest.
Sept. 10th

🔊 How to decide if a 529 plan is right for you

This college savings vehicle has many benefits, including tax-free growth.
Sept. 10th

🔊 Guide to understanding 529 college savings plans

Here is everything you need to know to pick the 529 plan that's best for you.
Sept. 10th

🔊 Olive Garden special offers seven weeks of pasta for \$100

Feeling hungry? A promotion at Olive Garden allows customers to wolf down all the pasta, salad, bread and Coca-Cola-brand soft drinks they can in a seven-week period.
Sept. 8th

🔊 5 costs to include in your retirement budget

Don't retire without a plan to pay for these expenses.
Sept. 8th

🔊 4 tips for winning the retail credit card game

Credit cards from retail stores typically come with seriously high interest rates.
Sept. 8th

- 🔊 **How to save when eating on the go**
Eating while traveling can be pricey, but there are ways to cut costs.
Sept. 5th
- 🔊 **Portfolio analysis: A hyper-aggressive \$182K retirement plan**
In theory, you can tolerate dips in the stock market, but it's easier said than done.
Sept. 5th
- 🔊 **Survey: 25 percent of Americans have more medical debt than emergency savings**
One-quarter of Americans say they have more medical debt than emergency savings -- and it's a trend that keeps people up at night, according to a new survey.
Sept. 4th
- 🔊 **Best months to buy everything**
From beauty products to cameras and camping equipment, here's how to time your next purchase.
Sept. 3rd
- 🔊 **Can you trust online reviews?**
Searching online for the best restaurant, business or hotel can be difficult, but an even bigger challenge is wading through online reviews to decipher which one to choose.
Sept. 2nd
- 🔊 **Tips for what to buy on sale this Labor Day weekend**
WTOP's Mike Murillo reports
Aug. 31st
- 🔊 **5 retirement planning must-haves**
In addition to money, you also need these five things to retire well.
Aug. 29th
- 🔊 **5 retirement myths that can derail saving**
Many retirement rules of thumb are wrong.
Aug. 29th
- 🔊 **How to adjust your budget when your income drops**
If your budget is taking a big hit, here are some strategies for staying afloat financially.
Aug. 28th
- 🔊 **10-step checklist for Labor Day car shopping**
Regardless of the deals, don't buy a car without first driving down this list.
Aug. 28th

- 🔊 **6 ways to save money on school lunches**
Pack lunches your kids and wallet will love.
Aug. 28th
- 🔊 **5 ways millennials can achieve financial independence**
Follow these tips, and you won't have to keep turning to mom and dad for a little help.
Aug. 28th
- 🔊 **Deals only a click away for back-to-school season**
Smart Spending: Deals only a click away for back-to-school shopping
Aug. 22nd
- 🔊 **Is it worth it to shop at Costco?**
Warehouse stores such as Costco can offer great deals for shoppers, but many people are left wondering whether shopping there is worth their money.
Aug. 19th
- 🔊 **Tips for scoring back-to-school savings**
Consignment shops, swap meets and re-sale websites can help cut back-to-school shopping costs as many students start a new school year.
Aug. 19th
- 🔊 **Where to find the best back-to-school deals**
As the last few days of summer dwindle for D.C.-area students, many parents are salivating at the deals they can score while back-to-school shopping.
Aug. 13th
- 🔊 **Maryland's sales tax-free week kicks off**
Pay less and save more this week in Maryland starting on Sunday. It's the beginning of the state's sales tax-free week and it's the second busiest shopping period of the year.
Aug. 10th
- 🔊 **The best and worst things to buy in August**
DealNews shares the things to buy and skip during August.
Aug. 6th
- 🔊 **Ways to save money at the grocery store**
The cost of groceries can take a bite out of shoppers' budgets, but Consumer Reports has some tips to combat rising food prices and other costs at stores.
Jul. 31st
- 🔊 **What you should and shouldn't buy on Amazon.com**
When it comes to online shopping, Amazon is king. But for some items, shopping at the e-commerce site can cost you money.
Jul. 31st

- 🔊 **Tax holidays arrive in time for new school year**
Mark your calendar, Virginia and Maryland's annual back-to-school tax holidays are around the corner.
Jul. 29th
- 🔊 **Consumer Reports warns about scammers targeting hotels**
Are you traveling this summer? Keep in mind scammers may try to prey on you during your hotel stay in creative ways, according to Consumer Reports.
Jul. 29th
- 🔊 **Coffee crunch: All that cash spent on java adds up**
Check out this coffee calculator to figure out just how much you could save by making that half-caf latte at home.
Aug. 24th
- 🔊 **High-tech thermostats simplify climate control**
Programmable thermostats are getting easier to use and syncing them with smartphones is revolutionizing the concept of climate control. Consumer Reports lists the best thermostats to buy.
Aug. 23rd
- 🔊 **What are the best ways to save for college?**
The cost for four years of college in 18 years could reach nearly \$800,000. Tips and advice on when to start saving and how to go about paying for college.
Aug. 22nd
- 🔊 **5 money saving tips for exchanging currency**
Get the most from your travel cash: 5 money saving tips for exchanging foreign currencies
Aug. 17th
- 🔊 **Kiplinger: Save money; buy used**
Consumers can save big on used electronics, furniture, children's play items and evening wedding dresses, according to Kiplinger's Finance.
Aug. 15th
- 🔊 **Which company offers the most car insurance discounts?**
If you're looking to save a few bucks, consider looking a little closer at your car insurance policies. You may qualify for more discounts than you think.
Aug. 14th
- 🔊 **What not to buy in July**
Save some money this summer by getting the most bang for your buck with July purchases. Here are some things to buy and not buy during the month.
Aug. 10th

🔊 **Mobile apps offer last-minute deals**

3 free mobile apps that offer last-minute deals for quick jaunts to destination cities
Aug. 9th

🔊 **What credit card offers the best rental auto insurance policy?**

With summer in full swing, for some tourists it might be a natural decision to rent a car for their travels. But the decision to purchase complementary rental car insurance is a little trickier.
Aug. 30th

“ASK THE...”

For nearly 11 years, one of the most constant things in Washington, D.C., radio has been WTOP's "Ask The..." programs.

Ask The Governor, Ask The Chief, Ask The Experts... when listeners need answers, WTOP goes directly to the source. In nearly every instance, the newsroom is swamped with calls and emails. And, what these community leaders have to say on our air often appears on the newspaper pages the following morning. Every program airs at 10am and is one hour long.

Ask the Chief airs the first Thursday of every month; *Ask the Governor* airs the last Tuesday of every month. All other "Ask The..." programs vary in air date.

- 🎧 Jul. 1st • 10am • 60 min
Chief Lanier (DC)
- 🎧 Jul. 30th • 10am • 60 min
Ask Governor McAuliffe (VA)
- 🎧 Aug. 27th • 10am • 60 min
Ask Governor McAuliffe (VA)

FREEBIES

Who doesn't want something for Free? A drink; a ticket; a personal service; an event; stuff. A spin-off of WTOP Saves You Money, WTOP Reporter Michelle Basch reports and tweets the weeks best free offers every Friday. Listeners have responded by sharing their finds, as well as companies eager to share their latest deals.

Free Coffee at Golden Corral

Golden Corral offers free coffee every day at lunch and dinner with purchase of a buffet. Just place your order, choose a seat, and then ask your server for a free coffee.
Sept. 25th

Nation to Nation at Museum of the American Indian

The National Museum of the American Indian, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2014, has an exhibit called "Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations" running through Fall of 2018. It documents the history of treaties and includes more than 125 objects. Also, at least 9 original treaties on loan from the National Archives will be displayed on a rotating basis.
Sept. 23rd

Washington From Light to Night

"Washington From Light to Night" is an exhibition of oil paintings by Web Bryant, depicting D.C. locations that don't typically get that much attention. See the paintings now through October 6 at the Art League Gallery in Alexandria.
Sept. 23rd

Home is Where the Art Is II

"Home is Where the Art Is II" at Zenith Gallery in D.C. is an exhibit of unique home and office furnishings crafted by artists from things like carved wood, cast glass and welded metal. See the display from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays through Fridays through January 3, 2015.
Sept. 23rd

Free Drink with Two Starbucks Grocery Purchases

Join Starbucks Rewards, and when you buy two specially marked Starbucks coffee in grocery stores, you'll earn a free drink. Offer good through October 10.
Sept. 22nd

Gabriel Figueroa Exhibit at the Mexican Cultural Institute

The exhibition "Gabriel Figueroa, Cinematographer. Great Moments in Mexico's Golden Age of Cinema" through November 3 at the Mexican Cultural Institute is a celebration of his life in documents, photographs, film clips, posters and more. Admission is free. Also, several free events are being held in conjunction with the exhibit, including film screenings October 15 and October 30. RSVP to attend any of these events.
Sept. 21st

- 🔊 **Loews Madison Guests Ride Free With Fiat**
Spread the word to visitors: Instead of grabbing a cab or other car service to get around town, guests of the Loews Madison Hotel in D.C. can get a free chauffeured ride in a new Fiat during their stay. Rides are available 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. daily to destinations within a 3 miles radius of the hotel.
Sept. 17th

- 🔊 **U2's Songs Of Innocence Free on iTunes**
U2's new album Songs of Innocence is available free on iTunes now through October 13. If you have iTunes, the album is already in your music library, waiting to be downloaded.
Sept. 17th

- 🔊 **Hometown Tour Pass for D.C. Area Residents**
Are you a resident of the D.C. area who's always taking visitors on tours? Get a Hometown Pass, and you'll get free admission to Old Town Trolley Tours, DC Ducks Tours and Monuments by Moonlight Tours when you bring a guest who buys a full fare adult ticket. The offer is good for those who live within a 50 mile radius of D.C.
Sept. 12th

- 🔊 **ApocalyptiCAT Woodcuts and Papercuts**
"ApocalyptiCAT" is a free exhibition of woodcuts and papercuts by Franca Bartholomai at Goethe-Institut Washington, now through October 10.
Sept 9th

- 🔊 **Washington Humane Society Cat Adoption Deal**
If you pay to adopt one cat from the Washington Humane Society and would like to take home a second kitty so the first one has a buddy, they will waive the adoption fee on the second cat. All of their animals leave the shelter spayed or neutered, vaccinated and micro chipped.
Sept. 9th

- 🔊 **"Making Their Mark" Exhibit**
The "Making Their Mark: Stories Through Signatures" exhibit at the National Archives runs March 21, 2014-January 5, 2015. It includes Adolf Hitler's signature on his marriage certificate and will, an "X" signed by a slave who couldn't read, and a patent for shoes filed by Michael Jackson and others allowing him to do an amazing signature move on stage. Admission is free.
Sept. 9th

- 🔊 **Vanished Birds Exhibit at National Museum of Natural History**
You'll find the exhibit "Once There Were Billions: Vanished Birds of North America" on the ground floor of the National Museum of Natural History now through October 2015.
Sept. 9th

🔊 **Bison at the National Zoo**

Starting Saturday, August 30, for the first time in a decade, the National Zoo will have two bison on public display. Their names are Zora and Wilma. Saving these animals was one of the reasons the National Zoo was founded, and putting a bison pair back on display is one way the zoo is celebrating its 125th anniversary.

Sept. 9th

🔊 **"Degas/Cassatt" at National Gallery of Art**

The National Gallery of Art is the only venue in the world for "Degas/Cassatt", an exhibition of 70 works by impressionists and longtime friends Edgar Degas and Mary Cassatt. The exhibition can be seen May 11-October 5.

Sept. 9th

🔊 **"Hawaii by Air" at Air and Space in D.C.**

"Hawaii by Air" is a new exhibition at the National Air and Space Museum in D.C. Today, we think of a trip to Hawaii as simply a long flight. But not too long ago, the islands were very difficult to reach. The exhibit explains how air travel to Hawaii developed. See it through July of 2015.

Sept. 9th

🔊 **"Wilderness Forever" Photography Exhibition**

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, the National Museum of Natural History has a photography exhibit on display now through the summer of 2015. The photos were selected by a jury from more than 5,000 that were submitted from around the country.

Sept. 8th

🔊 **Yousuf Karsh: American Portraits**

Portraits of Clark Gable, Helen Keller, Grace Kelly, Andy Warhol, and Elie Wiesel are included in the second installation of portraits by Yousuf Karsh at the National Portrait Gallery, on exhibit at the National Portrait Gallery May 2-November 2.

Sept. 8th

🔊 **"Beyond Bollywood" at Museum of Natural History**

"Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation," at the National Museum of Natural History runs from Feb. 27, 2014 through August 2015. It aims to dispel stereotypes and myths about Indian immigrants. Admission is free

Sept. 2nd

🔊 **Alexandria "Key to the City" Pass**

Buy one ticket to any of Virginia's three presidential estates (Monticello, Montpelier and Mount Vernon), show the ticket at the Alexandria Visitors Center and request the free "Key to the City" pass. The pass gets you free admission to nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria.

Sept. 1st

🔊 **"Perspectives: Chiharu Shiota" at Sackler Gallery**

The installation "Perspectives: Chiharu Shiota" will be on view from August 30, 2014-June 7, 2015 at the Sackler Gallery. It includes nearly 400 shoes and almost 4 miles of red yarn.
Aug. 31st

🔊 **Robin Williams Photo on View at NPG**

The National Portrait Gallery has installed a photograph of Robin Williams in its "In Memoriam" gallery. The playful photo was taken in 1979 by Michael Dressler for Time Magazine.
Aug. 26th

🔊 **Andrew Wyeth Exhibition**

The National Gallery of Art's exhibition "Andrew Wyeth: Looking Out, Looking In" is a first of its kind because it features a collection of some of his many paintings of windows. See it from May 4-November 30.
Aug. 24th

🔊 **National Parks Pass For Military**

Members of the military and their dependents can get a pass that allows them free admission to National Parks that charge entrance fees. The pass is good for one full year from the month you get it.
Aug. 20th

🔊 **One Life: Grant and Lee at National Portrait Gallery**

A special installation of "One Life" at the National Portrait Gallery explores how the lives of Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant came together during the Civil War. The show includes death masks of each man, portrait photography, drawings and more. See it July 4, 2014-May 25, 2015.
Aug. 8th

🔊 **"Salvatore Scarpitta: Traveler" at Hirshhorn**

The exhibit "Salvatore Scarpitta: Traveler" is on display at the Hirshhorn through January 11, 2015. It's built on the recent acquisition of five major works, including the only two examples of Scarpitta's full-size racecars outside Europe.
Jul. 30th

🔊 **Behind the Badge Exhibit at National Postal Museum**

The National Postal Museum's exhibition "Behind the Badge: United States Postal Inspection" shines a light on a lot of work most of us take for granted: the job of keeping our mail safe. Highlights include an anthrax-laced letter addressed to Senator Tom Daschle, handcuffs used on Unabomber Ted Kaczynski, and a touch table that lets visitors see if they can spot potentially dangerous mail.
Jul. 30th

WTOP PET OF THE WEEK

In 2013, WTOP Living partnered with the Washington Animal Rescue League to feature a Pet of the Week available for adoption. Founded in 1914, the Washington Animal Rescue League is the oldest animal shelter in Washington, DC. Its mission includes rescuing, rehabilitating and finding homes for animals that have nowhere else to go. The League also supports animals through affordable veterinary care, community outreach and education.



Pet of the Week: Liberty

Are you looking for a friendly, affectionate and playful dog? Then look no further than Liberty.
Sept. 22nd



Pet of the Week: Fuzz

Fuzz is a special dog looking for a special home.
Sept. 15th



Pet of the Week: Dandy Bubbles

If you're looking for an adorable little lap dog, look no further than Dandy Bubbles.
Sept. 8th



Pet of the Week: Bacon

Everyone loves Bacon, right? What better way to start each morning than with Bacon. And this week's Pet of the Week is just that. Meet Bacon.

Sept. 2nd



Pet of the Week: Peach

She may not be a "Georgia peach," but this little beagle is a Southern gal; she arrived at the Washington Animal Rescue League from South Carolina.

Sept. 1st



Pet of the Week: Flint

Poor Flint! This wonderful 8-month-old Lab mix arrived from Mississippi two months ago, and he keeps getting overlooked by prospective adopters.

Aug. 18th



Pet of the Week: Dudley Do-Right

Dudley Do-Right is the epitome of puppy cuteness.

Aug. 11th



Pet of the Week: Cherry Chutney

If you're looking for some sweet spice in your life, look no further than Cherry Chutney.
Aug. 4th



Pet of the Week: Summertime

This beagle/pug spent the first two years of her life in a Tennessee puppy mill with virtually no socialization or creature comforts.
Jul. 28th



Pet of the Week: Rock 'n' Roll

If you're looking for a great family dog and aren't "into" the dog park scene, Rock 'n' Roll might be the canine companion you've been looking for.
Jul. 21st



Pet of the Week: Scooter

Scooter is a darling little Southern gentleman, and he's available for adoption from WARL.

Jul. 14th



Pet of the Week: Sticky Wicket

Meet Sticky Wicket, an adorable puggle and this week's Pet of the Week.

Jul. 7th



Pet of the Week: Subway

Subway is a 2-year-old from Mississippi, and he's looking for his forever home.

Jun. 30th

TICKET BUSTERS

With hundreds of new traffic cameras (speed, traffic, and red light) in the D.C. area and a record number of parking tickets being written, more stories are surfacing about flaws in these systems. WTOP Sprawl and Crawl Reporter Ari Ashe will lead the "Ticket Busters", sharing the stories and fighting the good fight and fines of wrongly ticketed commuters and listeners.

- 🎧 **Lawmakers quarrel with Inspector General over speed cameras, parking tickets**
In an animated back-and-forth with many tense moments, lawmakers on Wednesday spent more than three hours questioning the Inspector General staff and top D.C. agencies about speed cameras and parking tickets.
Sept. 25th
- 🎧 **New safeguards to catch parking tickets mailed to innocent drivers**
Several months after a WTOP Ticket Buster investigation into erroneous parking tickets getting mailed to innocent people, the District's top parking enforcement agency is making changes.
Sept. 19th
- 🎧 **Handwritten tickets still pose problems in D.C.**
Although Metropolitan Police Department officers write less than five percent of all parking tickets, a majority of them are handwritten and prone to higher error rates.
Sept. 17th
- 🎧 **ParkMobile comes to the rescue in D.C.**
As an inspector general's report uncovers widespread confusion within the District of Columbia surrounding broken parking meters, one solution to the problem is growing in popularity: ParkMobile.
Sept. 17th
- 🎧 **Can you park at a broken parking meter?**
If you find a great parking space in front of a broken parking meter, can you park there? The answer is complicated.
Sept. 15th
- 🎧 **MPD changes ticket policy after OIG report**
What happens when someone steals your license plate, then speeds past a camera? In Washington D.C., you could get a ticket, or possibly several tickets.
Sept. 9th

- 🔊 **Parked at a broken meter in D.C.? Confusion rules the day**
When you park at a broken meter in the District of Columbia, what should you do? Can you report it broken and legally remain there? These questions confuse not only drivers but D.C. officials as well.
Sept. 3rd

- 🔊 **Maryland and Virginia residents get tickets in D.C. during overnight hours**
If you park overnight in D.C., you can get a ticket if you don't have a D.C. license plate. It's an issue for Maryland and Virginia residents frequently brought to WTOP Ticket Buster's attention.
Aug. 28th

- 🔊 **Woman gets tickets for license plates that don't exist**
Since 2010, a Maryland driver has been getting parking tickets in the mail from D.C. for different cars with a vanity plate, none of which belong to her.
Aug. 27th

- 🔊 **Red top parking meters coming to D.C. later this year**
Red top meters, reserved for handicapped drivers, are being installed, tested and expected in D.C.
Aug. 7th

- 🔊 **D.C. police remove speed camera from inside Md. line**
A WTOP investigation has uncovered one of D.C.'s speed cameras was actually operating in Prince George's County, Maryland, which could be illegal under D.C. law.
Aug. 5th

- 🔊 **When parking signs are wrong, pictures are your best friend**
One month after a woman received a ticket on a block with multiple incorrect parking signs, a judge has thrown out the ticket and waived all fines against her.
Jul. 10th

- 🔊 **DDOT: No need to feed the meter outside Nationals Park on 4th**
Are you driving to the Nationals game on July 4th? You won't need to feed the meters outside the ballpark.
Jul. 4th

- 🔊 **Conflicting parking signs in D.C.? Sorry, you're still guilty (Videos)**
Lisa Foreman got a ticket, even though she parked under a green sign. Now she wants the fine rescinded.
Jun. 30th