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Overview

WAMU 88.5 American University Radio is Washington D.C.'s NPR station serving the District of Columbia, Northern Virginia, and Suburban Maryland. The listening area comprises a population of six million people. The station has consistently ranked among the country's top public radio stations in audience share and size. Nielsen ratings put WAMU at the top of radio stations that serve the Washington D.C. region. The station supports diverse, equitable, and relevant award-winning programming, and puts us among the most respected and trusted voices in the world of traditional and emerging media.

Issues of importance addressed by locally produced programs.

The 1A Program

1A is a show about a changing America. Every weekday, host Jenn White convenes a conversation about the most prominent issues of our time. The show takes a deep and unflinching look at America, bringing context and insight to stories unfolding across the country and the world. Issues of local importance are inherent in the discussions because the nation's capital is the heart of our listening area.

With a name inspired by the First Amendment, 1A explores prominent issues such as policy, politics, technology, and what connects us across the fissures that divide the country. The program also delves into pop culture, sports, and humor. The goal of 1A is to function as a national mirror, taking time to help America look at itself and to ask what it wants to be.

On Fridays, the 1A Program features a two hour "News Roundup - Domestic and International". Guests include subject matter experts in news gathering, politics, economics, and international relations.

The 1A program is produced by WAMU and distributed by NPR to over 445 public radio stations throughout the United States. During this reporting period there were five issues of importance that accounted for a substantial amount of programming time. They are detailed below with examples of the programs that addressed those issues.

Arts, Culture and Entertainment

April 4: 11:20 AM 35 minutes: Ask a circus performer. On May 21, 2017, the Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey Circus told the world the tent was coming down. After 146 years, declining ticket sales and rising transportation costs forced the circus to close. But it is coming back this fall. Tour dates were announced last month. And the new circus tour will be without animals. Johnathan Lee Iverson knows the ups and downs of this world all too well. He was the ringmaster at Ringling Bros and Barnum and Bailey for nearly 20 years. He was the youngest ringmaster in the history of the company at age 22 and the first African-American to hold the position. Veronica Blair recognizes the importance of African-Americans trailblazing in the circus industry. The aerialist started The Uncle Junior Project, which documents the histories of Black circus performers. We assemble a whip master, aerialist, clown, and ringmaster to answer your questions. Guests are: **Jonathan Lee Iverson**, Ringmaster at Vargas Circus and Omnium Circus Board Member, **Jack Lepiarz**, Professional Circus Performer, former WBUR host, **Veronica Blair**, Aerialist and Aerial Director for Celebrity Line Cruises, and **Murray Horwitz**, Film historian, Host of WAMU's Big Broadcast

April 12: 10:06 AM 47 minutes: The 2023 Sounds of America. The Library of Congress is famous for its collection of American cultural treasures. And each year, the National Recording Registry at the Library of Congress chooses just 25 pieces of audio to showcase the rich heritage of America's recorded sound — an audio hall of fame. Those being inducted this year have just been announced. The inductees include Madonna and Mariah Carey, the Super Mario Bros.

theme, and Daddy Yankee's "Gasolina." For the return of our series, The Sounds of America, we sat down with **Carla Hayden**, Librarian of Congress, to talk about this year's new honorees.

May 11: 11:00 AM 46 minutes: 1A Movie Club: 'Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret'. Maybe you were in class and someone pointed out a spot on your jeans when you stood up. Or one morning you woke up to blood in your bed and got a bit spooked. Menstruating can be a very pivotal part of life. It certainly is in Judy Blume's story "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret." But the 1970 novel wasn't well-received by all when it was first published. It was banned in libraries and schools, including the one Blume's children went to. It follows an 11-year-old Margaret stepping into the world of adolescence (breasts, boys, and periods included) and exploring her religious identity along the way. Her father, Jewish, and her mother, Christian, kept religion out of Margaret's upbringing to allow her to decide her faith for herself. Now, the story has the film treatment by writer-director Kelly Fremon Craig. For this edition of the 1A Movie Club, we discuss periods, adolescence, and grappling with your identity with guests: **Lovia Gyarkye**, Arts and Culture Critic at The Hollywood Reporter, **Rachel Kauder Nalebuff**, Author of "Our Red Book: Intimate Stories of Periods, Growing and Changing", **Kelli Weston**, Film Critic and Programmer, and **Kelly Fremon Craig**, Screenwriter and Director of "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret"

June 15: 11:00 AM 46 minutes: A conversation with celebrated carpenter Mark Ellison. For most of us, a house is a place to live. A staircase is something to help us move between floors, and a door is simply a space we pass through. But for carpenter Mark Ellison, a house, a staircase, a doorway are opportunities for beauty. Ellison has been called many things, including the best carpenter in New York City and the man who builds impossible things. His specialty is lavish and challenging projects for the wealthy. His clients have included the late David Bowie and the late Robin Williams. But in his new book, "Building: A Carpenter's Notes on Life and the Art of Good Work," Ellison is less interested in these extravagant projects and more interested in what they've taught him: how to build a life worth living. We speak about that life and what he's learned in it. Guest: **Mark Ellison**, Author, "Building: A Carpenter's Notes on Life and the Art of Good Work"

Politics

April 6: 10:00 AM 46 minutes: 1A Remaking America: Safeguarding free and fair elections ahead of 2024. While campaigning for the position of Alabama Secretary of State, Republican Wes Allen promised that if elected, he'd remove his state from a once-obscure partnership known as the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC). On his first day in office, he delivered on that promise. Alabama followed Louisiana in leaving ERIC. And in the months since, a number of other Republican-led states have done the same, including West Virginia, Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and Iowa. A bevy of other partisan-led efforts, including court cases and state-level legislation, are shifting election policy ahead of 2024. In the midst of heightened scrutiny, how do states continue to ensure free and fair elections? Guests: **Carrie Levine**, Story editor, Votebeat **Rick Hasen**, Professor and Director, Safeguarding Democracy Project, UCLA Law, and **John Merrill**, former Secretary of State, Alabama

April 17: 10:18 AM 46 minutes: Clarence Thomas, undisclosed luxury trips, and Supreme Court ethics. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has been on the bench for almost 32 years. For more than 25 of those years, he's been close with a billionaire Republican donor. A ProPublica investigation found that Justice Thomas went on luxury trips with Dallas billionaire Harlan Crow for 20 years and did not include them on his financial disclosures. He frequently took trips on Crow's private jet and yacht. One such excursion in 2019 was worth \$500,000. Justice Thomas said he consulted with his colleagues at the beginning of his tenure on the court. It was his understanding that he didn't need to report "personal hospitality from close personal friends." Harlan Crow's companies also bought Georgia real estate from Justice Thomas which was also not disclosed. Four ethics law experts told ProPublica this was a violation of a federal disclosure law passed after Watergate. The Senate Judiciary Committee plans on holding a hearing to discuss the Supreme Court's ethical standards. If there isn't a Supreme Court code of ethics, what rules govern what its justices can do, or who they can have relationships with? We put together a panel to discuss. Guests: **Amanda Frost**, Professor of Law at University of Virginia, **Joshua Kaplan**, Reporter at ProPublica, and **Senator Sheldon Whitehouse**, Senator, D-RI

May 1: 10:00 AM 46 minutes: States aren't being transparent about how they're spending opioid settlement funds. The settlement of opioid lawsuits means that states are seeing an influx of money. Purdue, Walgreens, and Johnson & Johnson are just a few of the companies pumping over \$50 billion into state and municipal budgets for addiction treatment and prevention. But what that treatment and prevention looks like is up to interpretation. Conversations about how to spend the money are turning contentious. In Pennsylvania, advocates are pushing back against some of that money going to law enforcement. In New York and San Francisco, groups pushing to fund safe injection sites are running into roadblocks. And there's another issue. Many states aren't being transparent about how the funds are being spent. Aneri Pattani of Kaiser Health News shares her reporting on where those settlement funds are going. We also hear from a mother who has been personally affected by the opioid epidemic. Guests: **Aneri Pattani**, Senior Correspondent, KFF Health News, **Josh Stein**, North Carolina Attorney General, **Christine Minhee**, attorney by training and Founder of OpioidSettlementTracker.com, **Jackie Lewis**, Mother, Grandmother and Advocate, and **Dr. Cara Poland**, Addiction Medicine Doctor ; Chair, Michigan's Opioid Advisory Commission; Associate Professor, Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine

June 22: 10:00 AM 47 minutes: A year after Roe v. Wade was overturned. A year ago, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, upending abortion law across the country. States like Kansas, Ohio, and Indiana rejected the abortion bans being considered in their states. But 14 other states implemented near-total bans. A lot has changed since the decision, but the debate over abortion in America is far from over. With Roe v. Wade overturned, what could replace it? WNYC's Supreme Court podcast "More Perfect" takes up that question in a two-part series. The two episodes focus on the origins of the viability line—that's the line that determines when a fetus is viable outside the womb. That line was around 24 weeks as defined by Roe v. Wade. Now it's whenever the state decides. Both pro-abortion and anti-abortion groups have criticized the viability line. With it gone, could this be a chance to create something better? Guests: **Julia Longoria**, Host, "More Perfect" podcast, **Gabrielle Berbey**, Producer, "More Perfect" podcast, **Julie Rovner**, Chief Washington Correspondent, Kaiser Health News; Host, "What The Health?" podcast; Author, "Health Care Policy and Politics A-Z"

World Affairs

April 20: 11:00 AM 47 minutes: The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan and 'The Secret Gate'. Abrupt. Rushed. Chaotic. Pundits, leaders, and many other Americans used a lot of harsh words to describe the United States' hurried withdrawal from Afghanistan in August 2021. Scenes of thousands of people pressed up against the gates and walls of the Kabul airport were broadcast across the globe. And on Aug. 26th, 2021, an attack at that airport would kill 170 Afghans and 13 U.S. servicemembers. A new report released by the White House attempts to make sense of that turmoil. We sit down with Mitchell Zuckoff to talk about it. And about his new book that tells the story of one Afghan woman's escape from the Taliban and the State Department worker who helped her along the way. Guests: **Mitchell Zuckoff**, author of "The Secret Gate"

April 24: 10:00 AM 46 minutes: Efforts to rescue Ukrainian children kidnapped by Russia are underway. An estimated 16,000 Ukrainian children have been taken to Russia or Russian-controlled territory since the start of the war. That's according to Ukraine's National Information Bureau. But some human rights experts place the number in the hundreds of thousands. The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin for the unlawful transfer of children out of Ukraine. Mykola Kuleba is fighting to get these Ukrainian children back home. He's the CEO of Save Ukraine and the former ombudsman for Children with the President of Ukraine. We speak with Mykola and journalists on the ground in Kyiv about the latest in the war. Guests: **Yuliya Tychkivska**, Executive Director for the Aspen Institute Kyiv, **Mykola Kuleba**, CEO of Save Ukraine, **James Waterhouse**, Ukraine Correspondent for the BBC, & **Liz Cookman**, Freelance Journalist based in Ukraine

May 8: 10:06 AM 12 minutes: Can Saudi Arabia broker peace in Sudan? Sudan peace talks brokered by Saudi Arabia have begun in Jeddah between two warring generals. Fighting has ravaged Sudan since April 15. This will be the first time Sudan's military and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces have met since the clashes broke out. The International Red Cross estimates that the conflict had displaced around 334,000 people within Sudan itself, while almost 65,000 were estimated to have moved over borders as refugees to neighboring countries. 45 million people remain in Sudan facing acute shortages. Guest: **Lyse Doucet**, BBC Chief International News Correspondent

June 21: 11:00 AM 12 minutes: What displaced people need most from the international community. More than 500 refugees are missing in the Mediterranean Sea from last week's accident off the coast of Greece. The United Nations says there are more displaced today people than ever before in our history – 110 million people have been forced from their homes. More than half of all refugees came from just three countries: Syria (6.5 million), Ukraine (5.7 million), and Afghanistan (5.7 million). The war in Ukraine that has led to the fastest growing refugee crisis since World War II. The U.N. says that of 8 million or so refugees who have fled the war in Ukraine, about 90 percent are women and children. We'll discuss the growing global refugee crisis and what displaced people need most from the international community. Guest: **Kevin Keen**, Spokesperson, UNHCR

Health

April 25: 10:06 AM 46 minutes: In Good Health: Experiencing and treating infertility. One in six people across the globe experiences infertility, according to a report the World Health Organization published this month. Infertility is defined as the inability to achieve pregnancy, by both men and women, after 12 months of trying. Going through fertility treatment can be a long, hard process and very costly. Becky Jacobsen wrote to us: *100 years ago, I'd likely never have been able to get pregnant. I have nothing but empathy for people who experience infertility. Even though my case was fairly easily remedied, it was so hard to go through. 10 years of my life were focused on pretty much only trying to get — and stay — pregnant.* For the first discussion in our new series "In Good Health," we talk about what it's like to experience infertility and seek treatment for it. Guests: **Dr. Asima Ahmad**, Reproductive Endocrinologist; Infertility Specialist; co-founder and Chief Medical Officer at Carrot, **Dr. Ginny Ryan**, Reproductive Endocrinologist; Infertility Specialist, & **Melissa Cummings**, Physical Therapist; mother through fertility treatment

May 2: 10:20 AM 34 minutes: The past, present, and future of nursing in America. Nurses, in many ways, are the backbone of the U.S. healthcare system. After the pandemic ravaged hospitals around the country, many nurses are trading in their scrubs and leaving the workforce in record numbers. The low rates of hiring, difficulty of training, and high rates of turnover have resulted in a nursing shortage. It's making it harder for hospitals to care for sick residents. How has the profession evolved into what it is today? How can hospitals better serve their nurses? Guests: **Sarah DiGregorio**, Journalist and author, "Taking Care: The Revolutionary Story of Nursing and Its Power to Change Our World", **Jeremy Nordquist**, President, Nebraska Hospital Association

May 22: 10:20 AM 34 minutes: Here's why maternal mortality increased during the pandemic. The maternal mortality crisis continues to impact the country. The U.S. has the highest number of pregnancy-related death of any developed nation. During the pandemic, those numbers increased. According to a new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, maternal mortality rose for the third consecutive year in 2021. The number of maternal deaths was 1,205 in 2021, up from 861 the previous year. And while the CDC's report covers

maternal mortality during the height of the pandemic, factors like age and other pregnancy-related illnesses contributed to the number of deaths reported. Why do Americans continue to die during childbirth? And what resources do expecting parents have to combat the crisis? Guests: **Dr. Jamila Perritt**, OB-GYN and President and CEO of Physicians for Reproductive Health, **Akilah Johnson**, Reporter covering health disparities, Washington Post, **Aza Nedhari**, Cofounder and Executive Director of Mamatoto Village

June 12: 10:00 AM 27 minutes: What wildfires and air pollution mean for your health. Hundreds of wildfires are blazing out of control across Canada, scorching millions of acres of land. More than 400 active fires were burning on June 9, according to data from the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center. Smoke then made its way south, causing hazardous air quality readings in major U.S. cities like New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. It's prompting renewed concern among researchers who warn that the particles suspended in wildfire smoke pose serious dangers to human health. As climate change makes certain that future wildfires will burn hotter, longer, and more frequently, how should we protect ourselves against harmful smoke? We convene a panel of experts to discuss. Guests: **Zahra Hirji**, Climate Reporter, Bloomberg News, **Mike Flannigan**, Professor of Wildland Fire at Thompson Rivers University, **Jason Sacks**, Research Epidemiologist at the Environmental Protection Agency, **Dr. Shawn Aaron**, Respirologist and Senior Scientist at Ottawa Hospital Research Institute

Relationships

April 10: 11:20 AM 35 minutes: The problem with politeness and the matter with manners. The last few years have been increasingly unhappy for many Americans. We are all – to some degree – stressed. And that can affect just how much we feel like saying hello to that person on the street or holding the elevator for the person we see around the corner. When you sit and think “How often do I hold the door open for people?” or “When was the last time I sent someone a thank you note?” the answer might be seldom. But do small gestures of manners and etiquette matter anymore? We gather a panel to discuss what's in and what's out when it comes to politeness. Guests: **Karen Grigsby-Bates**, Senior Correspondent for NPR's Codeswitch; co-author of the best-selling etiquette book “Basic Black: Home Training for Modern Times”, and **Catherine Newman**, former etiquette columnist for Real Simple's etiquette column, Modern Manners; author of "How to Be a Person" and "What Can I Say?"

April 25: 11:00 AM 46 minutes: The real differences between the generations. Today, the generational divide can seem... intense. From “Ok Boomer” to workplace philosophy, to political differences, the generations don't always see eye to eye. Which makes sense. There are currently six different generations living in the U.S. today. So, what are those differences, and how do they affect us? Jean Twenge is a psychologist who has spent her career studying generational change. She's the author of “iGen” and she's out with a new book called “Generations: The Real Differences between Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers, and Silents and What They Mean for America's Future.” We hear from Gen Z about their attitudes on today's issues and dig into Twenge's biggest findings. Guests: **Jean Twenge**, Psychology Professor, San Diego State University; author of “Generations: The Real Differences Between Gen Z, Millennials, Gen X, Boomers, and Silents—and What They Mean for America's Future” and “iGen”, **Rania Zuri**, high school senior in Morgantown, West Virginia; CEO and Founder, The LiTEArary Society, & **Karenna Barmada**, first year student, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

May 10: 11:06 AM 46 minutes: The choice to not have children. In 1905, Theodore Roosevelt told the National Congress of Mothers that women who do not reproduce are as useless as “unleavened bread.” That's one of many examples of American society denouncing women who choose not to have children. The Washington Post summarized some of the examples listed in the new book, “Without Children: The Long History of Not Being a Mother.” Author Peggy O'Donnell Heffington sought to understand why this attitude permeates culture. What do we misunderstand about the history of not having children? And how does that history affect how we think about family and motherhood today? Guest: **Peggy O'Donnell Heffington**, History Professor, University of Chicago

June 8: 11:00 AM 46 minutes: I Love You, Man: The male friendship recession. Friendships are one of the few relationships that we choose. They can last longer than our romantic relationships and be just as intimate. They can take on the role of family if our own falls short. Having friends is an important part of the human experience. But over the past few years, adult friendship has been on the decline. And men are suffering the most from it. According to the Survey Center on American Life, the percentage of men with at least six close friends has fallen by half since 1990. One in five single men says he has zero close friends. Why are men struggling to make and maintain friendships more than ever? And what can they—and the people who care about them—do to change this? We speak to two psychologists who specialize in friendships and men. We also hear from two guys who've been best friends for 30 years about their podcast on male friendship and how they keep the love alive. Guests: **Marisa Franco**, Psychologist and friendship expert, **Fredric Rabinowitz**, Professor of Psychology, University of Redlands, **Aaron Karo**, co-host, "Man of the Year" podcast, & **Matt Ritter**, co-host, "Man of the Year" podcast

Other notable 1A Programs that address issues of importance include:

April 10: 10:06 AM 46 minutes: Colleges are leaving the U.S. News rankings. Why?

April 11: 10:06 AM 46 minutes: 1A Remaking America: Behavior and discipline in public schools

April 20: 10:06 AM 47 minutes: How climate change factors into home insurance pricing

May 15: 11:06 AM 47 minutes: Life and Debt: Unpacking the federal debt ceiling

May 16: 11:06 AM 46 minutes: Life and Debt: Why credit card debt is at a historic high

May 17: 11:06 AM 46 minutes: Life and Debt: Getting the hospital bill

May 18: 11:06 AM 46 minutes: Life and Debt: What's next for student loan borrowers

May 22: 11:06 AM 47 minutes: 1A Remaking America: The future of higher education

June 5: 10:00 AM 46 minutes: How island nations are reckoning with climate change and sea level rise

June 13: 10:20 AM 35 minutes: 1A Remaking America: The anti-dollar store movement

The Politics Hour with Kojo Nnamdi

This program focuses exclusively on issues of importance in our listening area, and connects the dots between events happening in Washington DC and the state houses in Annapolis, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia. With resident analyst Tom Sherwood, the program maintains a vital forum for the public to engage with elected officials and hold them accountable.

Every Friday in this reporting period, Kojo and resident analyst Tom Sherwood hosted governors, statewide office holders, city and county elected officials, regional appointed officials, and candidates for public office. There were thirteen locally produced editions of The Politics Hour totaling 643 minutes of programming.

In addition to probing the guests on their views, listeners are encouraged to call in and ask questions directly of the guests.

Examples of programming to address issues of local importance include:

Crime

April 7: 12:06 PM 50 minutes: D.C. Attorney General Schwalb on crime, housing voucher discrimination. D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb joins Kojo and Tom for his Politics Hour debut. Schwalb talks about his approach to public safety and how he's tackling discrimination against people with housing vouchers. Plus, we ask whether or not Schwalb is pursuing a pair of lawsuits against the Washington Commanders, which were first filed by former Attorney General Karl Racine. After a weeks-long manhunt, the onetime chief of staff to former Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan was killed in an

FBI-involved shooting. The details surrounding Roy McGrath's death remain murky, as well as the reason he missed his court date, where he was charged with fraud, theft, and falsifying records. Baltimore Banner enterprise reporter Tim Prudente brings us the story.

April 14: 12:06 PM 50 minutes: Maryland lawmakers tackle cannabis, child sex abuse laws in session. Lawmakers in Annapolis adjourned this week after passing a slew of substantial bills, including setting up a recreational marijuana marketplace and eliminating the statute of limitations on child sex abuse lawsuits. Maryland House Majority Leader Marc Korman (D-Montgomery) joins the program to discuss what passed this year — and any priorities that were left behind.

June 30: 12:06 PM 50 minutes: D.C. Councilmember Brianne Nadeau is changing how sexual harassment accusations are investigated. In the wake of recent sexual harassment revelations against a former deputy mayor, D.C. Councilmember Brianne Nadeau is introducing two bills aimed at changing how such cases against senior city officials are investigated. She joins Kojo and Tom to discuss the legislation and why it's needed. Plus, a public hearing was held this week for D.C. Mayor Muriel Bower's crime bill. Nadeau shares her thoughts and concerns about the much-discussed legislation. WAMU and DCist Criminal Justice reporter Jenny Gathright attended those public hearings on Tuesday. She explains what she saw and heard inside the Wilson Building. Does the wide-ranging bill stand a chance of passing?

Local Politics

April 21: 12:06 PM 50 minutes: Democratic candidates for Fairfax County commonwealth's attorney. Virginia primary season is well underway. And one trend we're seeing: Many progressive commonwealth's attorneys in Northern Virginia are being challenged by more moderate candidates. Kojo and Tom sit down with the Democratic candidates for Fairfax County commonwealth's attorney. Steve Descano was elected four years ago as a progressive reform candidate. Did his campaign promises turn into action? Attorney Ed Nuttall hasn't been happy with Descano's performance in office. What would he do differently as the top law enforcement officer in the county? We talk with the candidates and take your questions.

May 5: 12:06 PM 49 minutes: Sen. Ben Cardin on his decades-long political career. Sen. Ben Cardin of Maryland announced this week he won't be seeking reelection in 2024, marking the end of a political career spanning more than half a century. The senator joins our show to talk about the issues he's championed over the years, like the health of the Chesapeake Bay and the Equal Rights Amendment. Days after Cardin's announcement, notable Maryland Democrats are already jockeying for his open seat. Mileah Kromer of Goucher College gives us context on what to expect in the 2024 senate race. Plus, a new Goucher College / Baltimore Banner poll tells us how Marylanders think Gov. Wes Moore is doing. And early voting begins today in Virginia's primaries. WAMU's Margaret Barthel tells us what's on the ballot.

June 23: 12:06 PM 49 minutes: Drama, cliffhangers, and upsets defined this year's Virginia primary elections. Virginia's primary elections were held this week after a campaign season that was full of drama and emotion. We wrap up everything that happened with WAMU Northern Virginia reporter Margaret Barthel. Plus, we get an update on how ranked choice voting went in the Arlington County Board race and when we might have the final results. One of the most closely-watched races was the one for Commonwealth's Attorney in Arlington and the City of Falls Church. The winner and incumbent Parisa Dehghani-Tafti joins Kojo and Tom to talk about why she thinks residents voted to give her a likely second term. Plus, what will her priorities be over the next four years as the county's top prosecutor? Perhaps the biggest upset on Tuesday was Saddam Salim defeating long-time lawmaker Chap Petersen for the Democratic nomination to vie for a seat in Virginia State Senate representing the 37th District. We ask him about his unique path to the General Assembly and what locals can expect from him going forward.

Affordable Housing

April 28: 12:06 PM 48 minutes: A creative approach for D.C. land use. There's not a lot of undeveloped land in D.C. But the need for more housing — particularly affordable housing — remains a top priority for lawmakers. We talk with D.C. Councilmember Brianne Nadeau (D-Ward 1) about her new idea to help D.C. create and retains its housing. And we ask

Nadeau to weigh in on D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee's retirement announcement. Former Takoma Park Mayor Kate Stewart now sits on the Montgomery County Council, where lawmakers are considering dueling rent stabilization bills. Where does Stewart stand on the two proposals? Plus, we ask about public safety and the latest developments in the Planning Board saga.

June 2: 12:06 PM 50 minutes: Prince George's County Council Vice Chair Wala Blegay on visions of the future. After a months-long and sometimes contentious debate, the D.C. Council has passed a nearly \$20 billion budget for next year. At-large Councilmember Christina Henderson tells us why she voted for it, despite a few misgivings. Plus, earlier this year, the city approved a nearly 9% hike on rent-controlled apartments. Many on the council argue the increase is too high. We ask Councilmember Henderson where she stands. D.C. Public Schools handed out nearly \$300 million in unlawful contracts. Councilmember Henderson gives us her take.

June 9: 12:06 PM 49 minutes: Why D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson thinks rent hikes should be capped. The D.C. Council passed emergency legislation this week capping rent increases to 6% at some apartment buildings. Chairman Phil Mendelson tells us how the bill came together and why this is needed now. And D.C. elections took center stage this week on Capital Hill with an hours-long hearing. It could result in a Republican-led bill changing how the city conducts its elections. We ask Chairman Mendelson about that. And what does he want in a new police chief?

WAMU also produces **The Big Broadcast** with Murray Horwitz and **Hot Jazz Saturday Night** with Rob Bamberger.