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ISSUES OF CONCERN

WTOP Radio is Washington's top news, traffic and weather station. Listeners in the Washington, D.C. community and surrounding area rely on WTOP for timely and accurate news and information that affects their daily lives. WTOP has identified the following as significant issues facing our community this quarter:

1. **Government** – The balance of political power in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of our national and local governments; national and local debates on public funding, immigration policy, healthcare access and tax reforms.
2. **Elections** – Midterms to choose leaders in all local jurisdictions: Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.
3. **National Security** – Reports on international security, intelligence, foreign policy, terrorism and cyber developments; in-depth look at ISIS and Russia.
4. **Transportation** – The latest information on Metro, road closures, construction, parking restrictions and transportation projects that affect area commuters.
5. **Crime and Public Safety** – Incidents of recent crimes and how local law enforcement and community officials are responding; preventing internet crimes against children; in-depth coverage of the murder trial of Darren Wint, accused of the heinous murders of a local family.
6. **Education and School Safety** – Issues related to local public schools and universities, including administrative challenges, curriculum changes, tuition, and creating a safe environment for students.
7. **Weather Alerts** – Severe weather alerts help listeners stay safe; Record rainfall throughout the summer caused mass flood damage; Maryland, D.C. and Virginia prepare for flooding, declare emergency ahead of Hurricane Florence.
8. **Health** – Addresses issues from affordable health care, breakthroughs in medical science, prevent or cure ailments, and issues related to the opioid crisis; a look at the dangers of child birth and why pregnancy-related deaths are on the rise.
9. **Business and Finance** – Covers stories related to the local economy, jobs, consumer information and real estate.

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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE - RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

WTOP is the go-to news source for the Washington, D.C. region, providing listeners with 24-hour news and information, and traffic and weather every 10 minutes on the 8's. As part of our continuing effort to serve our listeners, WTOP has talked to elected officials and community leaders about the issues facing our area. Programming dealing with each issue listed is outlined below:

GOVERNMENT

 **Live Interview: MD Gov. Larry Hogan on WTOP with Bruce Alan and Jenny Glick**

July 3 s 9:31 a.m. s 8:00

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan was in studio for a short, live broadcast interview with WTOP to discuss issues facing Marylanders including the recent shooting at the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, road construction and transportation funding, and education funding. He said his administration is looking into why a series of threats over several years didn't trigger a stronger response before the suspected Capital Gazette gunman opened fire on an Annapolis newsroom. Hogan also praised the performance of police after the shooting; On gun control, he says Maryland already has the toughest laws in the country and he supports current laws; On election issues, Gov. Hogan says he disagrees with the President on some issues including healthcare, separating families at borders, and other issues, but his job is to run the state, not engage in national protests. He says regardless of what happens with the Supreme Court, Maryland already has laws that would protect women's rights as they are;

 **Ask the Governor**

July 25 s 10:00 a.m. s 54:00

Virginia Gov. Northam talks trade policy, Charlottesville and more – Gov. Northam, just back from his international trade trip, discussed a variety of topics including the Trump administration's trade policies, school safety, I-66 tolls and the upcoming anniversary of the white nationalist protest in Charlottesville. Northam called the Trump administration's tariffs "very detrimental to the business world in the United States." On the anniversary of the white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville, the governor said that the state had stepped up its efforts alongside local governments, local law enforcement and the state police on safety efforts. He mentioned the possible closing of roads. In response to a listener's call, Northam reinforced his opposition to so-called school choice legislation, which would give parents public money to send their children to nonpublic schools. He characterized vouchers as a step to "take funding away from public schools." Northam reiterated his support for an increase in the **minimum wage** in Virginia. He sympathized with a listener about the burden placed on her daughter, who was recently released from prison and is unable to get a driver's license until her **restitution** is paid back. Northam also said that he supported Attorney General Herring in his decision not to challenge a court ruling that **Virginia House district boundaries** should be redrawn because they were drawn based on race.

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 **Ask the Governor**

August 22 s 10:00 a.m. s 54:00

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam on WTOP: What's next for redistricting and controversial pipeline projects? - Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam says Democrats in the state are preparing a revised map of Virginia house districts that were the subject of a lawsuit over gerrymandering - and the redrawn map will be ready to go on the first day of a special session of the General Assembly Northam has called to deal with the issue. A federal court in June ruled that 11 House of Delegate districts had been unconstitutionally redrawn during the 2011 redistricting process, packing African-American voters into certain districts, which effectively diluted their voting power in other districts. The court order set an Oct. 30 deadline for the General Assembly to redraw the district lines. Northam also addressed recent developments regarding the construction of two natural-gas pipelines planned to crisscross through Virginia, which have drawn concern from environmental groups. "I have tried and I will do it today as well and ensure Virginians that these pipelines will not move forward unless they're done environmentally safe and unless they're done abiding by the law," Northam said. Regarding one of the pipelines - the Atlantic Coast pipeline, which is being developed by Dominion Energy - Northam said his administration is conducting a "stream-by-stream analysis, looking at erosion and sediment." He called the review "the most rigorous oversight that has ever been done in a Virginia project.

 **Ask the Governor**

Wednesday, September 26 s 10:26 a.m. s 54:00

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam defends Florence prep: 'My job is to keep Virginians safe' - Gov. Northam defended his precautionary measures ahead of Florence's arrival last week during his monthly appearance on WTOP's Ask the Governor program Wednesday, saying that his job is to protect Virginians and that it was a success. The storm cost Virginia around \$60 million, much of which was from storm prep. Some state lawmakers were surprised by the expense and have asked for more scrutiny of the expenditures. The Governor also talked about climate change and Virginia's focus on renewable energy. Amazon has the potential to bring a lot of jobs to the D.C. area if it moves to the region. Northam says Virginia has put a very competitive package on the table. Virginia's voter registration site was down for National Voter Registration Day. The Governor said it was only down for about an hour and the issue was technical, not security based. Gov. Northam says women could have a huge impact on the 2018 election. "There was just a tremendous amount of energy across Virginia," Northam said. He noted that it was a reaction to the dysfunction in Washington. "I think you're going to see a large turnout" for 2018 and beyond, Northam said.

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ELECTIONS

 **David Blair asks for partial recount in Montgomery Co. exec race**

July 19 s 1:06 p.m./2:53 p.m./4:50 p.m./7:21 p.m. s 30 seconds

July 20 s Every hour, 5:06 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. s 43 seconds

David Blair is asking for a partial recount in the tight race for Montgomery County executive. The request comes days after the Montgomery County Board of Elections certified Blair's opponent — longtime county council member Marc Elrich — as the winner in the Democratic primary race for county executive by just 79 votes. Blair, a political newcomer and businessman, had publicly struggled with whether to file for a recount. He told WTOB earlier this week he was "torn" over the decision, saying he wants to do what's best for the Democratic Party but also make sure every vote is counted.

 **With Signatures, Floreen set to make county executive race a 3-way contest**

Core Values: August 7 s 3:40 p.m./6:10 p.m./8:41 p.m s 1:12

Liveshot interview with Bruce Deputt: August 7 s 12:10 p.m./10:10 p.m. s 3:33

Floreen qualifies to run for Montgomery County executive

August 22 s 1:10 p.m./2:10 p.m./3:10 p.m./4:06 p.m./8:10 p.m./ 10:10 p.m. s 45 seconds


Voters in Montgomery County, Maryland will see another choice for county executive in November. The Montgomery County Board of Elections approved the candidacy of Nancy Floreen after she submitted thousands of signatures in order to appear as an independent on the ballot. Floreen collected more than 20,000 signatures in just 25 days, and more than 13,000 of those were considered valid by the board — well over the threshold of 7,255 needed to be listed as an unaffiliated candidate.


 **Comstock, Wexton hit hard in first debate of VA-10 congressional race**

September 21 s Every hour, 12:07 p.m. to 11:07 p.m. s 51 seconds


Democrat Jennifer Wexton launched a series of attacks on incumbent Republican Rep. Barbara Comstock, who also hit back in a debate Friday morning that felt heavily scripted at times. The 10th Congressional District stretches from the West Virginia line through Loudoun County into McLean along the Potomac River, and is seen as a key race for Democrats if they hope to make significant gains in the House. Comstock is hoping to head off any so-called blue wave with the help of her incumbency, pointing to her votes for bills such as the Republican tax cut plan and what she called "a booming economy." President Trump is one of the issues Wexton raised. She called the GOP tax cut plan the "Comstock-Trump tax scam," describing it as unfair to the middle class, with far too much of the benefit going only to the rich.


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 **Hogan, Jealous discuss issues, trade barbs in only debate before election**
September 24-25 s Every hour, 9:07 p.m. to 12:20 p.m. s 50 seconds
In their first and only debate before the Nov. 6 election, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan and his Democratic challenger, former NAACP president Ben Jealous, squared off Monday in a contentious showdown where each candidate painted a different picture of the state of affairs in Maryland. Hogan praised Maryland's economic growth after making the state's economy one of his top priorities four years ago. "We now have more businesses open and more people working in our state than ever before in the history of the state," Hogan said. But Jealous rejected the rosy view, insisting that Maryland's economic growth lags behind its neighbors. "Our job growth is so low that we're dead last in the region in job growth, dead last in income growth," Jealous said.




 **Ask the Governor**
Wednesday, September 26 s 10:45 a.m. s 4:30
Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam on voter registration – Virginia's voter registration site was down for National Voter Registration Day. Northam says it was only down for about an hour, and the issue was technical, not security based. "I want to assure Virginians that every vote counts and we take this very seriously," Northam said. He said he's taking more steps to ensure the election remains secure, including replacing the current system with new technology. He also talked about the difficulties some younger voters seem to have had with absentee ballots - particularly that Millennials don't know where to buy stamps.

NATIONAL SECURITY


 **The Hunt: Dissecting the Paris plot sleeper cell**
July 18 s 7:34 p.m. s 2:09 – Full interview on WTOB.com
The people behind a plot in Paris to bomb an event attended by high-profile U.S. national security officials and experts on June 30 is getting more scrutiny. On this week's edition of The Hunt, Fred Burton, vice president of intelligence at Stratfor, tells WTOB National Security Correspondent J.J. Green that the scheme, allegedly cooked up by the Iranian government, is not unusual.

 **Arrest of alleged Russian agent reveals complexities of spy craft**
July 25 s Every hour, 1:35 p.m. to 6:50 p.m./8:36 p.m./9:33 p.m./10:36 p.m. s 51 seconds
American University declined to comment about its graduate, but others in D.C. are talking about Maria Butina's activities and her curious and sometimes contradictory behavior. When she was arrested July 15, Maria Butina, a 29-year-old Russian, was portrayed in an online profile as a recent graduate of the American University's Kogod School of Business, and still working there as a research assistant. Federal prosecutors, who watched her for several years, said in a detention memo, "although she attended classes and completed coursework with outside help, attending American University was Butina's cover while she continued to work on behalf of the Russian Official.

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-  **Islamic State releases new audio, purportedly of its leader**
August 28 s Every hour, 5:21 a.m. to 11:36 a.m./8:33 p.m./10:38 p.m. s 51 seconds
The Islamic State group has released a new audio message, purportedly of its shadowy leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the first such recording to emerge in almost a year. The U.S.-led military coalition fighting the war on IS said it could not yet verify it was al-Baghdadi's voice on the recording, or even whether he was still alive. Col. Sean Ryan, a military spokesman, said al-Baghdadi has been "irrelevant for a long time" but remains a priority target in the war on the group.
-  **The Hunt: Is ISIS mounting a comeback?**
August 29 s 7:34 p.m. s 1:45 – Full interview on WTOP.com
ISIS is said to be regrouping. On this week's edition of The Hunt with WTOP national security correspondent J.J. Green, the spokesman for Operation Inherent Resolve, Col. Sean Ryan, discusses the operation to finish off the terror group.
-  **Tale of a Troll**
Part I: Inside the 'Internet Research Agency' in Russia
September 17 s 5:40 a.m./9:10 a.m./12:10 p.m./4:10 p.m./9:21 p.m. s 2:15
September 18 s 5:11 a.m./7:11 a.m./9:11 a.m./11:41 a.m./2:12 p.m./4:41 p.m./9:42 p.m. s 2:25
September 19 s 6:11 a.m./8:33 a.m./10:41 a.m./2:11p.m./6:41 p.m./9:10 p.m. s 2:15
Part II: The Russian Operation to target Hillary Clinton
September 20 s 5:10 a.m./7:10 a.m./9:41 a.m./11:10 a.m./1:10 p.m./3:41 p.m./9:10 p.m. s 2:25
Part III: Former Russian 'troll factory' worker faces retaliation; warns U.S. ahead of midterms
September 21 s 5:40 a.m./7:10 a.m./10:41 a.m./1:41 p.m./3:41 p.m./6:11 p.m./8:10 p.m. s 2:25
The "Internet Research Agency," as named by the U.S. Department of Justice in court documents, is believed to be the hub of a Kremlin-sponsored troll operation designed to interfere in U.S. politics. In WTOP's series "Tale of a Troll," J.J. Green delves into the inner workings of a troll house in St. Petersburg, Russia, that aimed to trick Americans on various social media platforms as part of a Kremlin-backed disinformation campaign.

TRANSPORTATION

-  **Live Interview: MD Gov. Larry Hogan on WTOP with Bruce Alan and Jenny Glick**
July 3 s 9:36 a.m. s 1:42
Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan says his administration has moved forward on the Purple Line, saved Metro to keep it afloat for long term; Maryland's plan to spend \$9 billion to expand portions of the Capital Beltway and Interstate 270 and add toll lanes is moving ahead, Hogan said. Widening lanes on Interstates 295, 495 and 270 is also on the administration's agenda. Last week, the federal government agreed to evaluate transferring part of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to the state. Another option, according to the agreement, would be to keep the land under federal control but allow state toll operations.

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Key I-66 ‘red X’ to switch off for final time

July 19 s 12:06 p.m./Every Hour, 2:06 p.m. to 10:06 p.m./overnight s 53 seconds

The “red x” or green arrow that can open up an extra lane to traffic on Interstate 66 will switch off for the final time Friday night between Virginia Route 123 and the Capital Beltway. Much of the Active Traffic Management system that has helped boost speeds outside of rush hour by opening the additional lane through Fairfax County is being turned off less than three years after the \$39 million system was activated. The overhead signs and related technology that are being eliminated are making way for four years of major construction to build two HOV or toll lanes in each direction between the Beltway and Gainesville, Virginia. Those lanes will run next to three regular lanes and a permanent shoulder.



6-week Red Line shutdown begins, other big track work this weekend

July 20 s Every Hour, 5:05 a.m. to 7:20 p.m. s 45 seconds

A six-week Red Line shutdown begins Saturday of Rhode Island Avenue and Brookland stations, and other major weekend track work disrupts the Silver, Orange, Blue and Yellow lines. On the Red Line, weekend shuttle buses run between Fort Totten, Brookland, Rhode Island Avenue and NoMa-Gallaudet Stations. There are additional backup options on weekdays during the shutdown. On the Blue, Orange and Silver lines, significant single-tracking Saturday and Sunday between Foggy Bottom and Smithsonian reduces trains on Orange and Blue lines to only every 26 minutes each.



Airplane pain: DC region fights the FAA

August 20 s 5:40 a.m./6:40 a.m./Every Hour, 8:10 a.m. to 9:40 p.m. s 2 minutes

Over the past four years, flight paths have been getting lower and more concentrated due to NextGen, a program being implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration. “There is no peace,” lamented Sunil Misra. Complaints, such as those from the Misra household, are becoming more common in the D.C. region, particularly in neighborhoods around BWI Marshall and Reagan National airports. Over the past four years, flight paths have been getting lower and more concentrated due to NextGen, a program being implemented by the Federal Aviation Administration. Maryland has just recently started to fight back. In June, Attorney General Brian Frosh filed a federal lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, hoping to get the FAA to reconsider its new flight patterns around Reagan National and BWI Marshall



Arlington Memorial Bridge to shut down for repairs

August 23 s Every hour, 12:05 p.m. to 11:10 p.m. s 50 seconds

The crumbling Arlington Memorial Bridge will be shut down for more than 60 straight hours in a few weeks to start major repairs that will include more than two years of significant lane closures. Weather permitting, the bridge will be closed to all traffic — cars, bikes and pedestrians - from 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14 through 5 a.m. Monday, Sept. 17, the National Park Service said Thursday.

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 **More vehicles being added to Maryland’s ‘Move Over’ law**

September 27s 12:06 p.m./1:13p.m./2:22p.m./4:23pm./6:43p.m./8:53p.m./9:43 p.m./10:53 p.m./11:52 p.m. s 40 seconds

Starting Monday, Oct. 1, a new law will require drivers to move over for transportation, service and utility vehicles, as well as waste and recycling trucks. The law applies to drivers who are approaching one of the protected vehicles from the rear in an adjacent lane. It requires drivers to move to a non-adjacent lane if the vehicle is stopped on the side of the road with their red, yellow or amber lights flashing. If there is too much traffic to move over safely, drivers are expected to at least slow down significantly. Under the current law, only emergency response and law enforcement vehicles, as well as tow trucks are protected.


CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY

 **Preventing Online Predators: Behind the screen with undercover detectives who track attackers**

August 6 s 5:40 a.m./7:40 a.m./9:40 a.m./11:10 a.m./1:10 p.m./2:40 p.m./7:10 p.m. s 2:30
August 7 s 5:40 a.m./8:40 a.m./10:40 a.m./12:40 p.m./3:10 p.m./7:10 p.m./9:40 p.m. s 3:10
August 8 s 11:10 a.m./1:10 p.m./2:40 p.m./9:10 p.m./11:10 p.m. s 2:45

August 9 s 5:40 a.m./7:40 a.m./9:40 a.m./11:40 a.m./1:40 p.m./3:10 p.m./10:10 p.m. s 2:49



The proliferation of smartphones and social media has provided more avenues for online predators to target children. In the WTOP series, “*Preventing Online Predators*,” WTOP goes behind the screen with undercover detectives who work to identify and track down child predators on the internet and speaks to a family about how their teen daughter was targeted.

 **A dangerous ‘spectacle’: At least 3 of 150 ATV drivers arrested for Sunday ride**


August 20 s Every hour, 4:06 p.m. to 11:06 p.m. and overnight s 50 seconds

At least three people are under arrest after more than 150 ATV riders swarmed throughout downtown D.C. Sunday. One man whose bicycle was hit by an ATV said more needs to be done to curtail the dangerous organized rides. Eric Adler was riding past the District Wharf with his wife and 9-year-old daughter, and said they waited for the large group to pass before crossing the street to talk with a D.C. police officer. Minutes later, while straddling his bike in the crosswalk, an ATV driver clipped his bike’s back tire, bending it beyond repair, Adler said. In the police report Adler filed, the officer said some of the 150 ATVs were traveling the wrong way on one-way streets. He said the driver that hit Adler was on an ATV that had a red and white triangular pattern.




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-  **Tortured and killed in DC: Revisiting 2015 mansion murder case as trial nears**
September 5 s Every hour, 5:06 a.m. to 11:06 p.m. s 58 seconds
Three years after three members of a D.C. family and their housekeeper were tortured and killed, the case remains one of the most heinous crimes in recent memory. Now — even as several frustrating, agonizing questions remain unanswered — jury selection has begun in the trial against the only man charged with their killings.
Potential jurors in DC mansion murder trial quizzed ahead of opening arguments
As lawyers question potential jurors — including asking whether they could remain impartial after seeing graphic photos of the victims — prosecutors shed light on some key testimony expected at trial
-  **Savopoulos family killings: Daron Wint on Trial**
September 11 – September 30 s Daily updates on trial days s 58 seconds
Three years after three members of the Savopoulos family and their housekeeper were held hostage for a \$40,000 ransom and then stabbed and beaten to death, the man charged in their killings finally goes to trial. Daron Wint, a former employee of Savvas Savopoulos' iron works company, has pleaded not guilty. The trial, which is expected to last nearly two months, began Sept. 11, 2018. WTOP's Megan Cloherty is following the trial from the courtroom and WTOP's Jack Moore maintains a liveblog on WTOP.com.


EDUCATION AND SCHOOL SAFETY

-  **Public Service: WTOP Charity of the Month – All Ages Read Together**
July 1 – 30 s Broadcast 35 times at various times of day s 20 seconds
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| July 1 s 12:36 a.m./1:37 p.m. | July 21 s 1:27 a.m./4:36 a.m. |
| July 4 s 7:27 p.m./10:47 p.m. | July 22 s 1:35 a.m./3:36 a.m. |
| July 8 s 11:37 a.m./3:37 p.m. | July 23 s 2:36 a.m./9:36 a.m. |
| July 9 s 1:35 a.m./3:37 a.m./4:35 a.m.
9:36 a.m./7:29 p.m./11:35 p.m. | July 25 s 12:35 a.m./4:11 a.m. |
| July 11 s 2:11 a.m./6:36 a.m. | July 28 s 6:46 a.m. |
| July 16 s 1:27a.m./3:36 a.m./4:36 a.m. | July 29 s 5:43 a.m./7:27 p.m. |
| July 18 s 2:35 a.m. | July 30 s 3:27 a.m./2:37 p.m. |
- The WTOP Charity of the Month is a public service program that highlights a charity's service to our community and raises awareness about a local issue or need the featured charity fulfills. Every month, WTOP broadcasts a 20 second announcement about 8 times per week and provides additional information and support on WTOP.com. The WTOP Charity of the Month of July is All Ages Read Together, a non-profit dedicated to educating children in need with free preschool programs in their communities. AART fills the gap left by publicly funded programs for 4 and 5 year olds whose families can't afford private preschool.





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-  **Live Interview: MD Gov. Larry Hogan on WTOP with Bruce Alan and Jenny Glick**
July 3 s 9:38 a.m. s 1:00
On education, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said funding schools has been his administration's number one priority. It has provided record funding for K-12 education, 25 billion dollars. Maryland invests more in its schools than most other places in the country – Baltimore City schools are 4th highest funded in the Country. Gov. Hogan says he has proposed a lock box to force casino revenues (that people were promised) to ensure 4.4 additional billion dollars goes into schools, plus adding 200 million toward school safety. Maryland has also had the largest in school construction in more than a decade.
-  **Debate over Fairfax school security continues as vote nears**
July 18 s Every Hour, 11:06 a.m. to 11:11 p.m. s 58 seconds
As the Fairfax County School Board vote over whether to implement more than \$24 million in security recommendations approaches, debate continues over one strategy that was voted down — hiring more school resource officers. In the wake of the Parkland, Florida shooting that left 14 students and three staff members dead, the Fairfax school system considered — and rejected — the idea of spending \$18 million on adding school resource officers at all elementary schools. Still, many of the comments at Tuesday's public hearing before the school board dealt with guns.
-  **Ask the Governor**
July 25 s 10:25 a.m. s 6:30
Virginia Gov. Northam on school security - A bipartisan group of lawmakers in Richmond is studying ways to keep children safer in school, and Gov. Northam has convened a working group of 20 experts to study the same issue. Northam said he brought his group together because the lawmakers' group "didn't address the gun-control issue to the extent that I would like to see." He added that the state had recently received a \$1 million grant for more school resource officers, but emphasized that he is "absolutely against" arming teachers. Citing his own professorship at Eastern Virginia Medical School and his wife's job as a science teacher, he said "teachers do not go to school to be police officers." He said his group would come up with legislation to help keep students safe, and he assumed the lawmakers' group would too.

WEATHER ALERTS

-  **Emergency Alert System Activated; Flash Flood Warning Issued**
Wednesday, July 25 s 6:21 p.m. s 1:15 / 6:31 p.m. s 1:25 / 7:05 p.m. s 1:30
Flash flood warning issued for the DC metro area Wednesday night – Wet weather continued to threaten the D.C. region for the fourth straight day. A flash flood warning was issued for much of the area from the National Weather Service until 9:15 p.m. Wednesday night. The weather service said the storms could produce torrential downpours, which again raise flooding concerns. The weather service also warned residents of the threat from trees toppling because of the heavily saturated ground from all the recent rain.

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-  **Several rescued amid flooding in Prince George’s Co. building, parking lot**
August 21s Every hour, 5:06 p.m. to 11:06 pm. and overnight s 40 seconds
About 4 feet of water poured into the Capital Heights, Maryland, building, which houses a limousine company. Boats were used to rescue at least eight people from inside the building. Others were rescued from cars in the parking lot. Boats were used to rescue at least eight people from inside the building. Several other people were rescued from cars in the parking lot. Flooding also forced several road closings, including Forestville Road, between Suitland Parkway and Rena Road, and Suitland Road, between Suitland Parkway and the Morningside Fire station. If you see high water, remember to turn around, don’t drown
-  **Live Interview: Virginia Governor Ralph Northam declares state of emergency ahead of Hurricane Florence**
September 11s 7:31 a.m.s 4:45
Hurricane Florence is Category 4, and expected to hit the Carolinas sometime on Thursday. Evacuations are already under way there. And in the next hour they go into effect in the lowest-lying areas of Coastal Virginia on the Eastern Shore. Governor Northam discusses the preparations being made ahead of the storm’s arrival and the resources available to help residents weather the storm.
-  **DC Wharf’s new businesses face old problem of hurricanes, flooding**
September 12 s 5:05 a.m./6:13 a.m./7:32 a.m./8:33 a.m./9:33 a.m./10:20 a.m.s 50 seconds
With businesses at the D.C.’s Wharf ready to mark a first year anniversary, owners and managers are getting ready for Hurricane Florence and the possible damage from flooding. Nick Fontana remembers the cleanup after Hurricane Isabelle in 2003. It was, in a word, nasty. Fontana is the Executive Manager of Hurricane Hospitality — yes, that’s the name of the business — which operates Pearl Street Warehouse at the DC Wharf. In 2003, he was with Marina Cantina when Isabelle caused catastrophic flooding. Now, he’s hoping Hurricane Florence fizzles, as he recalls the mess Isabelle left behind
-  **Florence sparks deadly tornadoes near Richmond**
September 18 s Every hour, 1:06 p.m. to 10:06 p.m. 44 seconds
Florence’s final act spawned several tornadoes near the greater Richmond area on Monday, leaving scores of trees down, buildings damaged and at least one person dead. The National Weather Service determined that at least five tornadoes touched down near Richmond on Monday afternoon. By late Tuesday, tornado damage was confirmed on the west side of the city and in the suburbs of Tuckahoe, Midlothian, Bon Air, Rockville and Hampton Park. Monday’s tornadoes came 14 years to the day after Virginia’s largest tornado outbreak on record. On Sept. 17, 2004, the remains of Hurricane Ivan spawned more than three dozen twisters across Virginia and Maryland.

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HEALTH



Dangers of childbirth: DC works to save dying mothers

July 16 s 5:40 a.m./9:10 a.m./12:40 p.m./4:40 p.m./6:20 p.m./9:20 p.m. s 3:23

July 17 s 5:10 a.m./7:40 a.m./10:10 a.m./12:40 p.m./2:10 p.m./9:20 p.m. s 3:11

July 18 s 5:40 a.m./8:40 a.m./1:10 p.m./2:40 p.m. s 3:06

The number of American women who experience severe, often life-threatening, complications during pregnancy and childbirth has increased almost 200 percent in recent years, and pregnancy-associated deaths are on the rise. The D.C. area is not immune to these troubling trends. In this 3-part series, WTOP takes a look at what's threatening the lives of mothers.



Maryland officials announce health reinsurance approval

August 22-23 s Every hour, 4:22 p.m. to 9:22 a.m. s 50 seconds

Maryland officials have announced federal approval of what they are calling the nation's largest health reinsurance program to protect insurers from very high claims to hold down rates in the struggling individual market of the state's health care exchange. Republican Gov. Larry Hogan announced Wednesday the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a waiver needed for the program. Maryland will use about \$380 million that health insurance companies no longer have to pay in federal taxes due to last year's changes to the federal tax code. Maryland also will receive federal matching money.



DC's CureFest advocates for cancer's youngest warriors

September 15 s 4:23 p.m./5:23 p.m./6:23 p.m./7:23 p.m./8:23 p.m. s 45 Seconds

Folks from across the nation are banding together for CureFest, an annual, weekend-long event in D.C., to raise awareness about pediatric cancer. During CureFest, representatives from pediatric cancer awareness foundations traveled to Capitol Hill to speak to lawmakers in hopes of getting increased research funding to find better treatments and, ultimately, cures for the various forms of childhood cancer.



Volunteer cuddlers help Fauquier newborns kick opioid dependence

September 19 s 6:23 a.m./7:23 a.m./8:23 a.m./9:23 a.m./10:23 a.m. s 50 seconds

Some newborns at Fauquier Hospital come into the world dependent on drugs that kill tens of thousands every year. But those babies, who are born to mothers taking opioids, are surviving the withdrawal process in part by the gift of human touch from volunteer cuddlers. Babies undergoing withdrawal "tend to be irritable, they aren't coordinated with their suck, they can't eat well, they can sneeze a lot, have loose stools — it's all part of withdrawing," said Cheryl Poelma, director of women services, at Fauquier Health. To help newborns weather the discomfort of withdrawal, the hospital has put together a group of volunteer cuddlers who hold, cuddle and soothe the infants when mom and dad aren't there, said Poelma.

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 **Ask the Governor**

Wednesday, September 26 s 11:04 a.m. s 10:00

Virginia Gov. Northam on healthcare – Virginia’s Medicaid expansion program is on track to launch January 1, 2019. Gov. Northam says the legislation provides access for up to 400,000 working Virginians. He says Virginians should go to CoverVA.org to find out if they are eligible and how to sign up for coverage. The Governor talked about the difficulties in getting Virginia’s needle exchange program up and running. He says a majority of individuals who are addicted to opioids start with a prescription, and that the key to solving Virginia’s opioid crisis is to prevent addiction. He says there is a stigma that the program condones drug use and he talked about resources available for people to get treatment, first responders carrying NARCAN. He says Virginia is coming at the issue from all sides. He says Virginia is also dealing with the rise in K2/Spice overdoses.

 **Public Service Announcement: Target Lyme**

July 1 – September 2 s Broadcast 62 times at various times of day s 30 & 60 seconds

Announcements promoted Lyme disease awareness, which is spread by tiny ticks. Each announcement contained information about the importance of checking for ticks when you’ve been outside, and seeing a doctor if you experience signs, which can include joint pain or flu-like symptoms.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

 **Business Report: Starbucks to open DC store with focus on sign language**

July 19 s 11:25 a.m./12:55 p.m./2:25 p.m./3:55 p.m./5:25 p.m.s 21 seconds

Starbucks is about to open its first U.S. location where the primary way of communicating is through sign language. The so-called “Signing Store” will land in D.C. in October at 6th and H Streets, Northeast, near Gallaudet University. In a news release, Starbucks said the store format “promotes accessibility and offers employment and career advancement opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing people.” All employees at the location will be fluent in American Sign Language.

 **Ask the Governor**

July 25 s 10:44 a.m. s 5:00

Virginia Gov. Northam on Virginia’s business rankings - In CNBC’s recent rankings of the best states for business, Virginia has moved up to No. 4, up from No. 7 last year and No. 13 the year before that. Virginia Governor Northam crowed about the status, and predicted the commonwealth would soon battle for the top spot, as it did before the 2008 recession. He said that comprehensive regulatory reform, especially in the health care industry, as well as a tax code that is “simple and fair,” would help in that goal, as well as workforce training. Northam said his administration was working with colleges on affordability and asking businesses about the kinds of skills they need from their workers, and he mentioned Virginia’s 23 community colleges and its apprenticeship program.

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Fairfax Co. Oks new rules for Airbnb, other short-term rentals

August 1 s 12:34 p.m./1:12p.m./2:10 p.m./5:52 p.m./7:52 p.m./9:51 p.m. s 40 seconds

After more than a year of study, Fairfax County, Virginia has approved new rules for people who rent out their homes through websites, such as Airbnb and FlipKey. The new rules approved by the county board of supervisors Tuesday go into effect starting Oct. 1. Under the new rules, owners and renters can rent out their primary residence for up to 60 nights per calendar year. No more than six people will be able to stay in a rental at one time, and they all have to know each other and book under one contract.



Financial sanity for the ‘sandwich generation’

August 22 s 5:11 pm./9:40 p.m. s 3:20

About one in seven middle-aged adults is providing financial support to both an aging parent and a child. According to the Pew Research Center, nearly half of all adults in their 40s and 50s have a parent age 65 or older and are also either raising a young child or financially supporting a grown child. And, about one in seven middle-aged adults is providing financial support to both an aging parent and a child. While some parents need financial support, others may need help with the functions of day-to-day living and also may rely on their children for emotional support. Both men and women may be part of the “sandwich generation,” but it’s women who generally lose more than men in earnings and benefits because they are more likely to leave the workforce or reduce their hours to care for family members. Dawn Doebler of Her Wealth talks about what you can do to make this stage of life easier.



Visa, Mastercard in new settlement of credit card fee suit








































September 18 s 4:52 p.m./6:52 p.m.s 38 seconds

Visa and Mastercard said Tuesday they will pay \$6.2 billion to settle part of a long-running lawsuit brought by merchants over fees on credit card transactions. Visa says it will pay \$4.1 billion and Mastercard will pay about \$900 million. A group of 19 merchants and trade groups alleged Visa and MasterCard conspired to fix fees that are charged to stores for handling credit card payments. Tuesday’s settlement covers the monetary claims in the lawsuit.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WTOP broadcast 39 public service campaigns 2,148 times between July 1 and September 30 at various times of day. Each announcement was 30 or 60 seconds.

-  Advocates for Homelessness
-  America's Adopt a Soldier
-  American Cancer Society – Road to Recovery
-  BestFriends.org
-  Bowie Citizens for Local Animal Welfare (CLAW) Summer Appreciation
-  Bowie CLAW Fall Blanket Drive
-  Call 811
-  Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteers
-  CASA World of Wheels
-  Doctors Without Borders
-  End Lupus Now
-  FDA - Generic Drugs
-  Foundation for Fighting Blindness
-  Geico Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
-  Help Heal Veterans
-  INOVA Life with Cancer
-  Kars 4 Kids Safety Ap
-  Kars 4 Kids Mentor Program
-  Komen Race for the Cure
-  LLS - Light the Night
-  Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic Trailblaze for Wishes
-  March of Dimes Heroines of Washington
-  Marine Corps Marathon
-  Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame
-  Myositis Association
-  National Center for Children and Families (NCCF)
-  National Foundation for Cancer Research
-  National Pest Management Association
-  Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue
-  Prevent Cancer Foundation
-  Prince George's County Memorial Library Summer Reading program
-  PRS #Call Text Live
-  Sarcoma Foundation
-  Salvation Army Fairfax
-  Shatterproof – Rise Up Against Addiction
-  Sprout Therapeutic Riding & Education Center
-  Target Lyme
-  The Women's Center
-  Wounded Paw Project