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ISSUES OF CONCERN

WTOP 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 significant issues facing our community this quarter:

1. **Government** – The balance of political power in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of governments. Impeachment hearings dominated, SCOTUS hears D.C. Sniper case, and another government shutdown averted.
2. **Local Politics and Elections** – Covers local issues including state, county, and city governments, law enforcement efforts, ballot measures, and social issues affecting local communities.
3. **National Security** - Reports on international security, intelligence, foreign policy, terrorism and cyber developments.
4. **Roads and Transportation** – The latest information on Metro, road closures, construction, and transportation projects that affect commuters, including plans for more tolls around the region and the Bay Bridge rehabilitation project.
5. **Crime and Public Safety** – Incidents of crimes and how local law enforcement and community officials are responding to issues, including hate crimes and gun violence.
6. **Health** – The return of flu season, which started early in Maryland, kicks off the importance of getting flu shots; a major water main break affected the drinking water for thousands of people and prompted a boil water alert that lasted 3 days.
7. **Business and Consumer News** – Covers stories related to the local economy, jobs, consumer information, and real estate.
8. **Weather** – Severe weather alerts keep listeners informed about current conditions and help them stay safe. A look at what to expect as the region prepares for winter.
9. **Sports and Entertainment** – The Washington Mystics and the Washington Nationals became World Champions in October. Fans relied on WTOP for everything from transportation options to watch parties and celebrations. The struggling Washington Redskins also made major changes that brought fans' voices to the forefront.

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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE – RESPONSIVE PROGRAM

WTOP is the go-to new 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

 **Beltway sniper Lee Boyd Malvo argues before Supreme Court for new Sentence**
October 15 • 6:40a/ 7:51a/ 8:41a/ 9:43a/ 10:36a/ 11:36a/ 12:11p/ 1:35p/ 2:40p • 55 seconds
October 16 • 11:43a/ 12:41p/ 1:35p/ 2:34p/ 3:40p/ 4:41p/ 5:41p/ 6:42p/ 7:34p • 58 seconds
October 16 • Live from SCOTUS • 3:40p • 2:30 / Rpt. 5:05p/ every hour thru 11:20p • 1:13
October 19 • 12:40p/ 1:36p/ 2:40p/ 3:40p/ 4:50p/ 5:50p/ 6:40p/ 7:51p/ 8:40p/ 9:40p • 1 minute
It was 17 years ago, Tuesday, that then-17-year-old Lee Boyd Malvo looked across U.S. Route 50 in Falls Church, Virginia, and gave the “go” signal. John Allen Muhammad then pulled the trigger of a rifle from the trunk of his Chevrolet Caprice. Lawyers for the younger Capital Beltway sniper Malvo - convicted in the shootings that left 10 strangers dead in a 2002 spree spanning three weeks - will argue before the U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday that he should be resentenced for his Virginia crimes because of recent Supreme Court rulings on life sentences for juveniles.

 **Is Congress getting anything done other than impeachment?**
November 8 • 11:35a/ 12:32p/ 1:36p/ 2:34p/ 3:40p/ 4:41p/ 5:41p/ 6:42p/ 7:34p • 1 minute
The daily drumbeat of developments in the impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump may have many Americans wondering: What else is Congress doing? Republicans accuse Democrats of not doing much else, suggesting legislative action has stalled while witness after witness is called in for testimony in an inquiry the president has called a “hoax” and “deranged.” Democrats, in turn, argue that the House has been passing legislation for months that goes to die in the “legislative graveyard” led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. There are discussions on a broad range of issues taking place, along with committee hearings, but not much bipartisan progress to show for it. Among the key matters that members of Congress are addressing is the overall federal budget and military spending.

 **Congress passes, Trump signs shutdown-averting spending bills**
December 17 • 2:31p/ 3:31p/ every hour through 11:31p and overnight • 1:25
The House passed major spending legislation that averts a government shutdown, and the vote came a day ahead of the historic vote on impeachment that's been the focus of a final House proceeding. WTOP's Mitchell Miller reported that the nearly \$1.4 trillion includes a 3.1% pay raise for federal workers. It went onto the Senate - where separately - a sweeping defense bill for the pentagon that includes 12 weeks of paid family leave for federal workers was passed. The Senate passed the full bill on December 19 and the President signed it into law on December 20.

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President Donald Trump impeached by U.S. House, 3rd in history

December 18 • Live 9:31a / every hour thru 8:31p and overnight reports • 1- 2 minutes

December 19 • 5:31a / 6:31a/ 7:31a/ 8:31a/ 9:31a • 1-2 minutes

December 19 • Live 10:31a / 12:31p • 1-2 minutes / 1:31p/ every hour thru 11:31p • 1:12

WTOP's Mitchell Miller began reporting live from Capitol Hill Wednesday morning ahead of the historic vote. The U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Donald Trump Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors. The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over a charge that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation. The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial.

Local Politics and Elections



Rep. Elijah Cummings of Maryland dies at 68, remembered as a voice for social justice

October 17 • Breaking news live reports 6:03a/ 6:20a/ every 10 min. thru 8:50a • 45 seconds

October 17 • Live Interview Senator Ben Cardin 8:40a / Michael Steel 10:10a • 2 minutes

October 17 • Updates and reports 9:03a/ every half hour through 11:40p/ overnight • 1 minute

October 25 • 10:40a/ 11:41a/ 1:20p/ 2:05p/ 3:05p/ 4:05p/ 5:11p/ 6:11p/ 7:06p • 1 minute

Rep. Elijah E. Cummings, D-Md., a powerful politician who spent more than 20 years in Congress and 16 in the Maryland House of Delegates, is being remembered as a politician with a moral compass who worked tirelessly for his constituents. Cummings, who had been in failing health, died early Thursday at Gilchrist Hospice Care in Baltimore. He was 68. In Congress, Cummings chaired the House Oversight and Reform Committee and was a key figure in the impeachment inquiry into President Donald Trump. He represented the 7th District congressional seat, encompassing parts of Baltimore City and Howard County, since the late 1990s. The body of the late U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings will lie in state in the National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol.



Ex- Md. state lawmaker pleads guilty to misusing campaign funds

October 17 • 12:05p/ 1:04p/ every hour through 11:05p/ overnight • 56 seconds

State Del. Tawanna P. Gaines, 67, of Berwyn Heights, Maryland, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud Thursday morning. Gaines was accused of using a secret PayPal account to pocket more than \$22,000 in donations meant as campaign contributions for her personal use. The news about Gaines stunned her colleagues in Annapolis, where she was well-regarded and served as the vice chair of the Maryland House Appropriations Committee. Before her sudden resignation in early October, Gaines had served in the Maryland statehouse since 2001, including as vice chair of the powerful Appropriations Committee and as assistant majority leader.

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2019 Virginia, Maryland election guide: Questions, key races to watch

October 24 • 5:41a/ 6:50a/ 7:50a/ 9:42a/ 10:40a/ 11:34a/ 12:12p/ 1:33p • 35 seconds

November 4 • 5:03a/ 6:03a/ every hour through 11:04p and overnight • 1-2 minutes

Virginia votes Nov. 5 in crucial races that will determine the direction of the state's government in Richmond and install new leaders in local governments across Northern Virginia. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Voters casting ballots in person must show acceptable photo identification, such as a driver's license, passport, work ID or student ID from a Virginia school. There are also a limited number of local races in parts of Maryland. In Maryland, polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Election Day 2019: Democrats take control of Va. Legislature, 2 DC-area county boards

November 5 • 5:03a/ 5:31a/ every half hour thru 11:31p and overnight • 2-3 minutes

November 6 • 5:03a/ every half hour thru 2:31p • 2:30 / 3:03p/ every hour thru 11:03p • 1:30

Democrats have taken control of both the Virginia Senate and House for the first time in more than two decades after Tuesday's elections. Democrats also took control of the boards of supervisors in Loudoun and Prince William counties, as well as the Loudoun County School Board and Commonwealth's attorney's office. In Maryland, The City of Bowie elected Tim Adams as its new mayor; In Gaithersburg, incumbent council members Neil Harris, Ryan Spiegel and Robert T. Wu were reelected. In Rockville, a total of 12,213 ballots were cast in the city's first election by mail. Incumbent Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton took 63.75% of the votes. In Laurel, Mayor Craig Moe was elected to his sixth term, and College Park Mayor Patrick Wojahn was reelected.



Former Baltimore mayor enters guilty pleas in children's book scheme

November 20 • 12:03p/ 1:03p/ every hour thru 10:04p and overnight • 1 minute

November 21 • 2:03p/ 3:03p/ every hour thru 11:03p and overnight • 57 seconds

The disgraced former mayor of Baltimore, who resigned amid investigations into deals to sell her self-published children's books, has been charged with fraud and tax evasion. An 11-count federal indictment unsealed Wednesday accuses Catherine Pugh, 69, of abusing her office for personal gain. She pleaded guilty Thursday to federal conspiracy and tax evasion. Pugh resigned in early May after authorities began probing whether she arranged bulk sales of her "Healthy Holly" books to disguise hundreds of thousands of dollars in kickbacks for her 2016 mayoral campaign and renovations for her Baltimore City home.



DC Council committee recommends expulsion of Evans

December 3 • 2:32p/ 3:03p/ 4:03p/ every hour thru 11:04p and overnight • 48 seconds

December 17 • 5:05p/ 6:11p/ 7:06p/ 8:12p/ 9:21p/ 10:20p/ 11:21p • 37 seconds

A committee of the D.C. Council composed of all members except Ward 2 Council Member Jack Evans has voted to expel Evans from the council. An ad hoc committee voted 12-0 on Tuesday to expel him. Evans would be the first member ever expelled from the council. It takes 11 votes to expel a member. Evans has faced ethics complaints for most of the year. The ad hoc committee has been investigating allegations that Evans used his public office for personal gain. A report on behalf of the committee released last month claimed Evans had committed numerous ethics violations, such as failing to disclose tens of thousands of dollars in outside income he was being paid, and failing to recuse himself from votes in actions on behalf of

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clients who were paying him at the time. D.C. Council member Jack Evans' future on the council will be the focus of a public hearing planned for Jan. 7. Council Chair Phil Mendelson outlined Tuesday the specific procedures for moving the expulsion process forward.



Stafford supervisors vote to make county second amendment sanctuary

December 18 • 5:50a/ 6:50a/ 7:50a/ 8:50a/ 9:40a/ 10:51a • 50 seconds

After hours of passionate demands from both sides of the gun debate, the Board of Supervisors in Stafford County, Virginia, voted Tuesday night to make the county a second amendment sanctuary. The board voted 7-0 to approve the resolution. The resolution declares that Stafford County residents have the right to 'keep and bear arms as guaranteed by Amendment II of the Constitution.' Hundreds of residents showed up and dozens spoke, as many stood outside to show their support. A small group of gun control advocates also came out. Since Democratic victories in last month's Virginia General Assembly election, a number of local governments in other parts of Virginia passed similar resolutions opposing new gun laws amid a significant push from gun ownership groups. Culpeper, Spotsylvania and Prince William counties are among those that have declared themselves second amendment sanctuaries.



Public Service Announcement: Prince George's County Board of Elections

October 7 – December 31 • Broadcast 48 times at various times of day • 30 seconds

The Prince George's County Board of Elections is recruiting election judges to serve for the presidential primary election on April 28, 2020 and the presidential general election on November 3, 2020. The board especially needs Republican and unaffiliated election judges, and judges who are fluent in Spanish. This announcement alerts the community of this special need and directs them to call the Board for more information.

National Security



Md. Coast Guard lieutenant pleads guilty to gun and drug crimes

October 3 • 1:03p/ 2:03p/ 3:03p/ 4:03p/ 5:03p/ 6:03p/ 7:50p/ 8:50p • 56 seconds

A Coast Guard lieutenant from Silver Spring, Maryland, accused of stockpiling weapons and targeting prominent Democrats and TV journalists, pleaded guilty Thursday to gun and drug charges. Christopher Hasson, 50, signed the plea agreement moments after stepping into the courtroom. His guilty plea to all four of the counts he faced resolves a case in which federal prosecutors called him a self-described white nationalist and domestic terrorist intent on carrying out mass killings. But prosecutors didn't file any terrorism-related charges against Hasson, who was arrested in February. With his plea, he now faces up to 31 years in prison. His sentencing is set for Jan. 31.

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Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi killed in U.S. operation

October 27 • Live reports & updates 5:31a/ every hour through 4:31p • 1:25

October 28 • 6:31a/ 8:31a • 2 minutes / 9:34a/ 10:34a/ 11:32a/ 12:36p • 55 seconds

Fleeing from U.S. military canines in a dark subterranean tunnel in the northwestern Syrian village of Barisha, ISIS leader Abu Bakr al Baghdadi dragged young children with him - using them as human shields. Sensing his end was approaching, he detonated a suicide vest, killing himself and the children. “We had him under surveillance for a couple of weeks,” said President Donald Trump during a Sunday morning news conference announcing the death. WTOP learned that Iraqi authorities arrested two of Baghdadi’s wives in September, one of whom sometimes acted as a courier. A source told WTOP the courier gave up details about his location, which triggered the surveillance activity. As U.S. forces bore down on him, President Trump said al-Baghdadi fled into a tunnel with three of his children and detonated a suicide vest. “He was a sick and depraved man, and now he’s gone,” Trump said. “He died like a dog, he died like a coward.”



The Hunt: ISIS wrestles with big questions after death of al-Baghdadi

November 6 • 7:34p • 2:03

Since the killing of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi more than two weeks ago, the group has already lost another leader. In this week’s edition of The Hunt with WTOP National Security Correspondent J.J. Green, terrorism expert Bruce Alexander says the biggest question facing ISIS is not who’s next, but what’s next.



Pentagon chief fires Navy secretary over SEAL controversy

November 25 • 5:31a/ 6:31a/ every hour thru 12:31p • 1:05

Defense Secretary Mark Esper has fired the Navy’s top official, ending a stunning clash between President Donald Trump and top military leadership over the fate of a SEAL accused of war crimes in Iraq. Esper said Sunday that he had lost confidence in Navy Secretary Richard Spencer and alleged that Spencer proposed a deal with the White House behind his back to resolve the SEAL’s case. President Trump has championed the matter of Navy Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, who was acquitted of murder in the stabbing death of an Islamic State militant captive, but convicted of posing with the corpse while in Iraq in 2017.



What happened in the Pensacola terror attack

December 6 • Breaking news updates 9:20a/ 9:31a/ 10:00a/ every hour thru 11:31p • 1 minute

December 11 • 7:34p / December 14 • 12:31p • 2:10

An aviation student from Saudi Arabia opened fire in a classroom at the Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday morning, killing three people in an attack that the Saudi government quickly condemned and that U.S. officials were investigating for possible links to terrorism. The assault, which ended when a sheriff’s deputy killed the attacker, was the second fatal shooting at a U.S. Navy base this week and prompted a massive law enforcement response and base lockdown. On this week’s edition of The Hunt with WTOP National Security Correspondent J.J. Green, former Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson wonders about some key questions.

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Roads and Transportation



Public hearings on I-270 expansion proposal

October 28 • 5:06a/ every hour thru 2:12p • 50 seconds

November 22 • 5:03a/ every hour thru 1:10p • 54 seconds

December 17 • 5:03a/ every hour thru 11:05a • 55 seconds

Drivers traveling daily on Interstate 270 from Frederick County to D.C. often have long commutes, and Maryland is taking suggestions on moving traffic faster between Gaithersburg and Frederick. A lot of attention has been given to Maryland's plan for proposed toll lanes on the southern section of I-270 and on 495. As that project moves forward, the state has started asking the community about how to alleviate traffic on I-270 north of I-370, especially where the roadway narrows to just two lanes in each direction.



Bay Bridge Rehabilitation Project

October 30 • 5:05a/ every hour thru 12:12p • 50 seconds

November 26 • 5:03a/ every hour thru 12:03p • 50 seconds

Crews to work through Thanksgiving week - Maryland announced its plan to speed up work on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, and it will affect tolling and Thanksgiving holiday travel. The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDTA) said it is moving forward with steps to shorten the duration of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge rehabilitation project in response to Gov. Larry Hogan's directive to expedite it. One step the department of transportation will take is to work day and night shifts, seven days a week, including during the week of Thanksgiving. Cashless tolling is currently in effect Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 10 p.m. However, moving forward, it will end at 8 p.m. to let crews implement two-way operations on the eastbound span earlier and close the westbound span for overnight work.



Partial Metrobus strike in No. Virginia surprised many riders

October 24 • 1:06p/ 2:10p/ 3:12p/ 4:11p • 54 seconds

November 5 • 5:11a/ 6:12a/ 7:23a/ 8:23a/ 9:12a/ 10:12a/ 11:05a • 53 seconds

No sign of Metrobus strike resolution amid 'frustrating negotiations' - A Metrobus strike disrupting thousands in Northern Virginia will drag on, and could begin to affect bus routes that have been providing limited alternatives for travelers. Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689 sees the ongoing strike against a Metro contractor at the Cinder Bed Road garage in Lorton as part of a broader fight against private contracting, and other pay and staffing cuts in the transit industry. Local 689 went on strike against Metro contractor Transdev at the recently privatized Cinder Bed Road facility on Oct. 24, with the two sides remaining far apart at the bargaining table. They met again thrice - on Thursday, Friday and Saturday - all without reaching a deal.



More tolling on the way for DC area

November 13 • 5:03a/ every hour thru 12:06p • 54 seconds

Drivers in the D.C. area who have been holding off on getting an E-ZPass soon may not have much of a choice. Maryland is speeding up plans to put toll lanes around the Beltway and over the Legion Bridge, and more toll roads in the area are on the way: Virginia launches toll lanes next week on Interstate 395 in what used to be the HOV lanes. Virginia already has toll lanes around part of its portion of the Capital Beltway and down Interstate 95. A southern extension

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of the 95 Express Lanes is under construction. Virginia is also building two new toll lanes in each direction on Interstate 66 outside the Capital Beltway and has HOV or tolling rules in effect on Interstate 66 inside the Capital Beltway at rush hour. The District is studying congestion pricing for a downtown area, and already adjusts pricing every few months for some parking spots downtown based on the amount of use.

Metro Silver Line extension project

November 20 • 3:06p/ 4:06p/ 5:06p/ 6:05p/ 7:04p/ 8:12p/ 9:06p/ 10:12p • 53 seconds

December 18 • 2:06p/ every hour thru 11:06p and overnight • 52 seconds

New developments on the Silver Line timeline - It's a few steps forward - and maybe a step or two back - toward opening the Silver Line extension to Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County, Virginia. The stations and most of the rail yard appear to be ready to go and only await some finishing touches. New train testing started Wednesday, and fixes to other switch issues should allow new Metro trains to join the testing program next month. However, the actual schedule for opening the line remains in dispute. Metro is aiming for a September opening despite construction issues.

Morning I-66 trips slow under tolls, construction

December 2 • 1:06p/ every hour thru 11:06p and overnight • 49 seconds

More people are paying tolls on Interstate 66 inside the Beltway, even as rush hour travel speeds have slowed compared with a year earlier. The latest data from the VDOT - covering April, May and June - show slightly more drivers used the road in spring 2019 than spring 2018 during HOV or toll hours. The majority of that increase in usage was by drivers paying tolls, which might have helped drive the average toll price paid down from \$8.83 to \$8.20 eastbound in the morning and from \$5.11 to \$4.89 westbound in the afternoon. Tolls have also been lowered in part by lowering the target speed by which tolls are calculated, which is especially important given ongoing delays from construction on an eastbound widening project. Still, there was a significant increase in the number of trips that cost more than \$40.

Crime and Public Safety

'Public health approach', tougher gun trafficking penalties considered to tackle DC gun violence

October 4 • 5:04a/ every hour through 1:06p/ overnight • 47 seconds

Tougher penalties for gun violations and expanded intervention programs were among the wide ranging topics aired while city leaders considered legislative strategies to help D.C. respond to gun violence. The Chair of D.C.'s Committee on the Judiciary & Public Safety, Charles Allen, opened the hearing Monday by stressing that a holistic approach is needed. D.C. has had 131 murders so far in 2019, which is an 11% increase from the same time last year. Guns were used in 78% of this year's murders. Over the last year, the Office of the Attorney General has launched a violence interruption pilot program, Cure the Streets, in Ward-5 and Ward-8. It involves 19 people working to de-escalate violence, mediate conflicts and make people feel safer.

Want less crime? Arlington police say take some simple precautions yourself

October 11 • 5:05a/ 6:05a/ 7:42a/ 8:42a/ 9:42a/ 10:51a • 44 seconds

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While the overall crime rate is down regionwide, in 2019 there's an increase in the number of people calling police in Arlington, Virginia; and the police chief thinks it is because people are becoming engaged with law enforcement. That's a good thing! Everyone has a role to play in lowering the crime rate, including regular citizens. "When we talk about situational awareness, it doesn't mean that it's a heightened sense that's negative. It just means that you're aware of what's going on around you," Chief M. Jay Farr said. He said if you really want less crime, say something if you see something.

New plea by Capital Gazette Defendant

October 28 • Breaking News Live reports 2:50p/ 3:03p/ 3:31p/ 4:03p • 1:25

October 28 • Updates 3:20p/ 3:50p/ 4:20p/ 4:50p/ 5:20p • 36 seconds

October 28 • Reports 4:31p/ every half hour thru 11:31 and overnight • 1:15

October 29 • 5:04a/ every hour through 11:05p/ overnight • 52 seconds

Guilty plea in newspaper shootings - The Maryland man accused of killing five people in the 2018 Capital Gazette newsroom shooting pleads guilty but not criminally responsible by reason of insanity. A jury is expected to hear testimony next month about whether he was not responsible by reason of insanity. Jarrod Ramos pleaded guilty in the 2018 massacre at the Capital Gazette newspaper. Judge Laura Ripken accepted his plea Monday afternoon. Ripken said she determined that Ramos "freely, knowingly and voluntarily" waived his right to a jury trial to determine his guilt or innocence. Wearing green jail clothes and a long beard, Ramos stood in court and repeatedly answered "that is correct" when asked by the judge whether he understood he was giving up his right to the first phase of his trial to determine whether he committed the crimes.

Judge says woman arrested in CIA trespass later visited Obama home

November 12 • 1:36p/ 2:05p/ 3:05p/ 4:21p/ 5:21p/ 6:21p / 7:51p • 50 seconds

The woman who allegedly trespassed three days in a row at the CIA headquarters and requested "to speak with Agent Penis" recently showed up at the home of former President Barack Obama, according to a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia. During a status hearing, U.S. District Court Judge John Anderson said he had been informed that Jennifer G. Hernandez, 58, of North Carolina - who is charged with trespassing at an agency installation without authorization for repeatedly visiting the CIA in May - later showed up at Obama's D.C.-area home, despite the court's order to stay away from all government-related facilities. She had been released before the trial. Hernandez's federal public defender, Whitney Minter, said she, prosecutors and probation officials are trying to find a way to resolve the case without trial, but said she was considering a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity.

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Man stabbed to death over Popeyes chicken sandwich in Oxon Hill

November 5 • 5:20a/ 6:20a/ 7:35a/ 8:36a/ 9:36a/ 10:35a/ 11:21a • 44 seconds

November 5 • Update 4:06p/ 5:40p/ 6:36p/ 7:10p/ 8:06p/ 9:10p/ 10:06p/ 11:06p • 49 seconds

November 14 • 5:03a/ every hour thru 2:04p • 50 seconds

December 17 • 5:04p/6:41p/ 7:04p/ 8:20p/ 9:05p/ 10:41p/ 11:05p and overnight • 50 seconds

December 18 • 5:04a/ every hour thru 11:23a • 47 seconds

A fight that broke out when somebody jumped ahead in a line for Popeyes' popular chicken sandwich turned deadly in Oxon Hill, Maryland, Monday night. Prince George's County police said a 28-year-old man died after he was stabbed multiple times in the parking lot of the restaurant on Livingston Road in Oxon Hill Plaza. Prince George's County police said early Thursday morning they arrested the suspect, Ricoh McClain, 30, and had charged him with the murder of Kevin Tyrell Davis, 28. A grand jury later indicted McClain on charges of common-law murder and carrying a dangerous weapon with intent to injure. The Prince George's County state's attorney is hopeful the common-law murder charge against McClain will allow them to seek a conviction on everything from manslaughter to first-degree murder.



Sean Urbanski guilty of 1st-degree murder in stabbing death of Lt. Richard Collins III

December 9 • 5:05a/ every hour thru 11:06a • 1:04

December 11 • 12:03p/ every hour thru 11:05p and overnight • 52 seconds

December 17 • 2:03p/ 3:03p/ 4:03p/ 4:40p/ 5:03p/ 5:40p/ every hour thru overnight • 1:03

December 18 • 11:04a/ 12:04p/ 2:05p/ 3:04p/ 4:35p/ 5:03p thru overnight • 57 seconds

December 18 • Breaking News Live reports on verdict 3:50p/ 4:03p • 47 seconds

Sean Urbanski, the man charged with fatally stabbing Army 2nd Lt. Richard Collins III on the University of Maryland's College Park campus in 2017, has been convicted of first-degree murder. The jury deliberated for about two hours Wednesday following a six-day trial in Prince George's County Circuit Court. Urbanski, 24, will be sentenced April 16 and faces a maximum sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole. Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha Braveboy said in a statement after the verdict was announced that her office would seek the maximum penalty. Prosecutors maintained the killing was racially motivated - even after a legal setback earlier this week when a judge tossed a separate hate-crime charge in the case.



2 suspects sought in Va. Denny's armed robbery that killed DoorDash driver

December 26 • 6:06a/ 7:03a/ 8:03a/ every hour thru 10:05p • 49 seconds

December 30 • 5:04a/ 6:04a/ 7:04a/ 8:05a/ 9:05a/ 10:11a/ 12:10p/ 1:05p • 45 seconds

Police are looking for two suspects in an armed robbery early Thursday that killed one man and wounded another at a Denny's in Manassas, Virginia. Around 2:30 a.m. Thursday, Prince William County police said two armed men walked into the Denny's, at 8201 Sudley Road, and attempted to rob customers and employees. One suspect brandished a handgun and another suspect had a baton. They told restaurant employees and customers to get on the floor, and they demanded their cellphones and wallets. The suspects also demanded money from the restaurant. As the suspects were leaving the restaurant, they shot a 34-year-old man from Rixeyville, who police said was being cooperative and sitting on the ground.

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Health



Time to get a flu shot: 11 cases reported in Maryland

October 8 • 4:22p/ 5:22p/ every hour thru 11:22 p.m. and overnight • 44 seconds
Flu season has come early to Maryland. The Maryland Department of Health is already reporting 11 laboratory-confirmed cases since Sept. 1. State health officials said the onset of flu only emphasizes the need for a flu shot. “It takes about a couple of weeks for the vaccination to be effective, and so that’s why we’re recommending people go ahead and get vaccinated starting now, just because we know there is flu around,” said Dr. David Blythe, the director of the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Outbreak Response Bureau with the Maryland Department of Health. The health department said it is unclear if the early flu season is any indication of whether this will be a particularly bad season for flu.



How contaminated is your drinking water? Find out

October 23 • 5:05a/ 6:05a/ 7:05a/ 8:05a/ 9:06a • 50 seconds
An environmental activist group is making it easier for consumers to know what contaminants are in local drinking water, and suggesting ways to reduce health risks. “Legal doesn’t necessarily equal safe,” said Sydney Evans, an analyst with The Environmental Working Group, which describes itself as a “nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to protecting human health and the environment.” The activist group maintains the Environmental Protection Agency’s “Safe Drinking Water Act,” which sets legal standards for drinking water quality, doesn’t go far enough to limit contaminants present in water that is determined safe. In its 2019 tap water database, users can enter a ZIP code and learn which contaminants are in local water systems. The information is provided by the water companies. The contaminants in water systems are often based upon the source of the drinking water, Evans said.



Public Service: WTOP Charity of the Month – Susan G. Komen

October 1 - 31 • Broadcast 33 times at various times of day • 20 seconds
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 October is Susan G. Komen. Komen National Capital serves the communities within the District of Columbia; Montgomery County and Prince George’s County in Maryland; and Prince William County, Loudoun County, Arlington County, Fairfax County and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park in Virginia



Gusher: Arlington water main break causes commute chaos, closes schools; boil water advisory issued

November 8 • 5:03a/ 6:03a/ every hour thru 11:04 p.m. and overnight • 1 minute
November 9 • 5:03a/ 6:03a/ every hour thru 11:03 p.m. and overnight • 1:25
November 10 • 6:03a/ 7:03a/ 8:03a /8:50a/ 9:03a / every hour thru 11:03p • 47 seconds
It looked like a wrecking ball fell from the sky and smashed down onto Chain Bridge. A 36-inch water main break closed down Chain Bridge for several hours Friday morning and caused water pressure issues that triggered a boil water advisory across Arlington County, Virginia,

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and parts of Northwest D.C. The long-standing boil water advisory continued Saturday morning across Arlington County, Virginia, and parts of Northwest D.C. after a water main break that closed down Chain Bridge for several hours Friday morning. Residents in D.C. under the advisory were told to boil their water through Sunday afternoon. Glebe Road remained blocked between Va. 123 and Military Road, and traffic impact was felt around the area as crews fix the road. The advisory was lifted around 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning.



Alexandria puts final touches on 3-year opioid action plan

November 19 • 5:11a/ 6:11a/ 7:22a/ 8:22a/ 9:22a/ 11:10a/ 12:23p • 46 seconds

November 23 • 5:41a/ 6:42a/ 7:21a/ 8:22a/ 10:12a/ • 46 seconds

In Virginia, Alexandria is close to finalizing a three-year strategic plan to fight the opioid crisis, and city leaders are asking one final time for input from the public.

The plan has a five-prong approach: Prevention and education; Addiction treatment; Overdose response and recovery; Diversion of addicted people into treatment; Supply reduction.

In 2015, the city formed an opioid work group made up of representatives from city law enforcement, public schools, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, the health department, Inova Alexandria Hospital and more. The work group meets monthly, and Emily Bentley, the city's opioid response coordinator, said it has been a collaborative effort.



Public Service: WTOP Charity of the Month – March of Dimes

November 1 - 30 • Broadcast 32 times at various times of day • 20 seconds

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Maryland debuts new program offering routine calls to check on older residents

December 31 • 12:05p/ 1:11p/ 2:12p/ 3:06p/ 4:13p/ 5:13p/ 6:23p/ 7:21p/ 8:21p • 50 seconds

You know the worry. You're trying to work and take care of your home while also trying to make sure mom or dad, living alone, is OK. Maryland wants to help. The state has started a new program - Senior Call Check. It is a first-in-the-nation statewide program that provides a call to seniors each day, at a designated time, to make sure they're all right.

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Business and Consumer News

-  **Bankrupt Taylor Gourmet makes a comeback with new owners**
October 1 • 10:55a/ 1:55p/ 2:55p/ 4:25p/ thru overnight • 17 seconds
Taylor Gourmet opens new North Bethesda location - Popular local hoagie chain Taylor Gourmet, which abruptly closed all 17 of its D.C. area stores after Chapter 7 bankruptcy last year, is making a comeback under new ownership. Source Cuisine acquired the Taylor Gourmet name and recipes in a bankruptcy auction earlier this year, and last month reopened a Taylor Gourmet location at 1750 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, near the White House. A second location has just opened at Federal Realty's Pike and Rose development in North Bethesda. A third will open at 1200 19th St., in Dupont Circle, in the near future.
-  **'New era of sports betting': Monumental Sports, William Hill to launch DC sportsbook**
October 3 • 8:03a/ 9:03a/ every hour through 10:06p and overnight • 53 seconds
Sports betting is getting closer to reality at D.C.'s Capital One Arena. Monumental Sports & Entertainment will partner with global betting and gaming company William Hill to create a sportsbook at Capital One Arena, the first of its kind at a professional sports venue in the nation, WTOP has learned. An exact timetable is not known, but construction of the William Hill Sports Book at Capital One Arena is expected to begin after the deal passes all required regulatory approvals. The D.C. Lottery also has to approve the deal. Signs at Capital One Arena indicate the sportsbook will open sometime in 2020.
-  **DC mobile sports betting plan to continue**
October 18 • 3:05p/ 4:03p/ 5:03p/ 6:03p/ 7:50p/ 8:40p/ 9:41p/ 10:40p/ 11:41p • 48 seconds
An obstacle has been cleared amid efforts to bring mobile sports betting to D.C. On Friday, a District judge lifted a temporary restraining order that had put mobile sports betting on hold. Dylan Carragher, a mobile app developer, filed a lawsuit claiming that the contract violated District procurement rules, and that it prevents him and other competing vendors from participating in the lucrative sports betting industry. Judge John Campbell ruled that the D.C. Council did not act illegally in issuing a \$215 million no-bid contract to Intralot. Carragher's suit will still move forward, however, said his attorney Donald Temple. "The city should be concerned" that if the case goes to an appellate court and Carragher wins, it loses the money it has paid to Intralot so far, he said.
-  **Gannett poised to become nation's biggest newspaper company**
November 14 • 2:25p/ 4:25p/ thru overnight • 15 seconds
November 20 • 5:55a/ 7:25a/ 8:55a • 15 seconds
Gannett shareholders have approved the company's \$1.2 billion merger with New York-based New Media Investment Group, the parent company of GateHouse Media, with the combination expected to be final next week. New Media shareholders have already approved the merger, as have regulators. When complete, it will create a publishing giant with nearly 600 daily and weekly newspapers. McLean based Gannett and GateHouse are already the two largest newspaper publishers in the U.S. Combined, with more than 24,000 employees.

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Smart Holidays

December 4 • 5:10a/ 7:11a/ 9:11a/ 12:10p • 1:25

December 5 • 5:11a/ 7:22a/ 9:42a/ 11:10a • 1:21

December 6 • 5:11a/ 7:11a/ 9:11a/ 12:35p • 1:20

WTOP's consumer series, Smart Holidays, explores concerns associated with smart devices and how consumers can protect themselves during the holiday season. The first report, protect your smart doorbell from hackers, offers precautions to take precautions if you monitor your front door on your phone. Part two, what to gift wrap along with a smart display, note that this season's upgrade to the smart speaker, has some privacy drawbacks. In the third installment, where not to charge your phone, explains how to keep your battery strong and your information secure.

Public Service Announcement: Holiday Gift Cards (OCC)

October 27 – December 29 • Broadcast 55 times at various times of day • 30 seconds

Before buying a gift card this holiday season, it's important to take the time to consider exactly what you're giving. Gift cards provide convenience and flexibility for shoppers and recipients, but they also come with terms and conditions. The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) has produced this announcement with gift card tips for holiday shoppers to encourage them to read disclosures so they know the terms and conditions that affect the card's value.

Weather

Tidal flooding submerges roads in areas along Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay

October 13 • 11:03a/ 12:03p/ 1:04p/ 2:05p/ 3:05p/ 4:10p/ 5:05p/ 6:10p/ 7:05p • 50 seconds

Flooding closed some streets in areas of Old Town Alexandria in Virginia, and in Annapolis, Maryland, Saturday, as coastal flood warnings were issued for locations near the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay due to another overnight high tide and affects of Tropical Storm Melissa. In Alexandria, a coastal flood advisory remains in effect until 2 a.m. Monday. Water will cover the easternmost end of King Street. A coastal flood advisory remains in effect until 8 a.m. Monday for the shoreline of Anne Arundel County. At 2.8 feet, flooding of much of the parking area near Dock Street in Annapolis is happening.

Why do water mains keep bursting? Temperatures keep dropping

November 15 • 12:04p / 1:21p/ 2:06p/ 3:06p/ 4:06p/ 5:21p/ 6:06p/ 7:21p/ 8:06p • 55 seconds

A recent spike in broken water mains has frustrated commuters and even upended water service around the region, but that doesn't mean residents are seeing more than they usually do this time of year. But that won't make you feel better if your drive home is disrupted or you have to stock up on bottled water. Blame it all on Mother Nature. Last month, the area was still dealing with temperatures in the 70s, 80s and even 90s. Now it's seeing overnight lows drop into the 20s. The infrastructure that brings water from the Potomac River simply doesn't react well to that sort of fluctuation.

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 **What happens when decisions are made about snow-related cancellations and closings**
November 17 • 5:21a/ 6:21a/ 7:21a/ 8:21a/ 9:50a/ 10:21a/ 11:11a/ 12:13p/ 1:12p • 43 seconds
Unusually cold temperatures this week are a hint of winter weather yet to come and that means the first real snow of the year is probably not far off. When it's time to make decisions about canceling school or closing governments in the Metro D.C. area, WTOP has a behind the scenes look at how those decisions are made. It all basically boils down to a series of snow event conference calls. First up, all the transportation agencies, “get all the nitty-gritty of what’s going to happen,” Bean said. Then, about 100 people have a conference call that includes representatives from the National Weather Service, Office of Personnel Management, local jurisdictions, local transportation agencies and public works agencies, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metrobus and rail) and State Departments of Transportation for Maryland and Virginia.

 **Weather service releases winter-long outlook for DC region**
December 23 • 5:04a/ 6:04a/ 7:05a/ 8:05a/ 9:41a • 54 seconds
The National Weather Service has issued its weather forecast for the entire winter season - and while it is expected to be a milder than normal winter across the northern tier of the U.S. extending into our region, you will still want to keep a close eye on the forecast. “Across the southern tier of the United States, more precipitation than normal is expected and that, to a lesser degree, also extends here into the Mid-Atlantic and Maryland,” said Chris Strong, a warning coordination meteorologist with the NWS.

Sports and Entertainment

 **Coach Jay Gruden is fired, but how much will really change with the Redskins?**
October 7 • 6:03a/ every hour thru 8:03p • 1 minute/ every 15 & 45 during live sports update
While Jay Gruden was relieved of his duties as coach of the Washington Redskins Monday, he also might be just plain relieved. The Redskins said owner Daniel Snyder and President Bruce Allen informed Gruden he was out early Monday, after a 33-7 loss to the Patriots left the Redskins with a 0-5 record - the team’s worst start since 2001.

 **Bruised, battered, but never broken, Mystics run it back, win 1st WNBA title**
October 10 • Live Interviews 11:35a • 2 minutes / 4:10p • 2:30
October 10 • Live game updates every 15 min. • 7:03p/ 7:15p/ thru 10:10p • 20-50 seconds
October 11 • 5:03a/ 5:31a/ every half hour thru 11:35a • 1 minute
October 11 • 3:03p/ 4:04p/ 5:04p/ 6:03p/ 7:06p/ 8:06p/ 9:22p/ 10:22p/ 1:22p • 1 minute
With an 89-78 win over the Connecticut Sun in WNBA Finals, Washington Mystics win their first ever title. Battling lingering injuries throughout the regular season and the playoffs, they found another gear with the return of Emma Meesseman, whose role continued to grow and blossom all the way to the decisive Game 5 finish at home, ultimately leading to her being named WNBA Finals MVP. For the rest of the crew, a title was validation of a yearlong promise to “run it back,” to make good on the promise of the talent and experience in D.C. A parade to celebrate will be held in spring of 2020.

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'Fight finished': Fans celebrate Nats to World Series title win

October 30 • Live Interviews 2:10p/ 4:10p/ 5:10p 6:40p/ 7:10p • 2 minutes

October 30 • Live game updates every 15 min. • 8:03p/ 8:15p/ thru 11:50p • 20-50 seconds

October 31 • 5:03a/ 5:31a/ every half hour thru 12:35p • 3 minutes

October 31 • 1:03p/ 2:03p/ 3:04p/ every hour thru 11:04p and overnight • 2 minutes

The streets of the District of Champions were crowded despite the rain Thursday morning, but no one seemed to mind. The Nationals had just won the World Series. Fans exiting Nationals Park were in no hurry to catch the last train on the four Metro stations that were open for the watch party. "It was amazing!" shouted one fan as he left Nats Park after the watch party early Thursday morning. Fans threw their beers up in the air, high-fived strangers, held up their red rally towels, jumped up and down. It was an absolute party at the Nats Park watch party - during and after. Howie Kendrick and Anthony Rendon homered in the seventh inning as the Washington Nationals overcame a two-run deficit and rocked the Houston Astros 6-2 Wednesday night in Game 7 to claim the first World Series title in franchise history.



'We are the District of Champions': Thousands pack DC for Nationals Celebration

November 2 • 5:03a/ 5:31a/ every half hour thru 11:35p • 2 minutes

Decked out in signature red, curly Ws and, yes, shark fins, thousands of fans streamed to downtown D.C. to give the Washington Nationals a jubilant hero's welcome after their 2019 World Series win. The victory parade kicked off at 2 p.m. as open-air double-decker buses carrying team members cruised down Constitution Avenue along the north side of the National Mall, culminating in a rally on Pennsylvania Avenue where players, coaches and other dignitaries gave elated and emotional speeches to a sea of red-clad fans. WTOP provided listeners with traffic conditions, road closures, Metro schedules, security and other information for parade goers, and area businesses and residents affected by the celebrations.



Bruce Allen fired from Washington Redskins

December 30 • 7:32a/ every hour thru 8:06p • 48 seconds / every 15 & 45 during sports update

Many Redskins fans have called for it and now it's happened. Washington Redskins President Bruce Allen has been fired from his position and is no longer with the organization, the team announced Monday morning. In a major shake-up, Allen - who had been with the Redskins since 2010 - was ousted from the team entirely, according to a statement on the team's website attributed to owner Dan Snyder. Allen was hired as Washington's executive VP and general manager in December 2009, then promoted to president in May 2014.



Reports: Ron Rivera named Redskins head coach on 5-year contract

December 31 • 9:15a/ every 15 & 45 during live sports update / Interview 7:10p • 3 minutes

The Washington Redskins have wrapped up a deal with Ron Rivera to be the team's new head coach, according to multiple sources. According to the NFL Network's Ian Rapoport, Rivera has reached agreement on a five-year contract. Rivera was head coach of the Carolina Panthers until he was fired after a Week 13 loss to the Redskins. In nine seasons in charge of the Panthers, Rivera guided the team to four playoff appearances and one trip to the Super Bowl.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WTOP broadcast 29 public service campaigns 1,555 times between October 1 and December 31 at various times of day. Each announcement was 30 or 60 seconds.

-  AARP Tutors
-  Arthritis Foundation
-  Best Friends Animal Society
-  American Red Cross
-  CASA World of Wheels
-  Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
-  Disaster / Flood Assistance (SBA)
-  Easterseals Bright Stars
-  Ethiopian Community Development Council
-  Foundation for Women's Cancer
-  Geico Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington
-  Heroines of Washington for March of Dimes
-  Holiday Gift Cards (Office of the Comptroller of the Currency)
-  Kars 4 Kids Mentors
-  Library of Congress Veterans History Project
-  Light the Night (LLS)
-  Make-A-Wish-Mid-Atlantic
-  Montgomery County Business Hall of Fame
-  Myositis Association
-  National Park Service GW Parkway Meet-up Walks
-  Newseum
-  NOVA Veterans Association
-  Prince George's County Board of Elections
-  Safe Disposal of Opioids (FDA)
-  Smoking Cessation (CDC)
-  Social Security Administration – Scam Warning
-  Stand Up To Cancer
-  Toys for Tots
-  Takata Airbag Recall (Toyota)