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COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS

January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013

Issue: Debate in Local School Districts over Starting Time

Topic: "Should High Schools Start Later?"

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Length: 00:52:00

Many high school students rise well before dawn to catch the bus for 7:25 a.m. first period classes. According to some parents, this means perpetually sleep-deprived students who aren't performing as well as they could. Whether high schools should start later is an ongoing debate, currently flaring in three local districts. Kojo and guests weigh sleep research and petitions from parents against bus schedules, after-school sports and the challenge of changing the status quo.

Guests:

Patricia O'Neill,

Member, Board of Education, Montgomery County Public Schools

Phyllis Payne,

Co-founder, SLEEP in Fairfax (Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal)

Judith Owens,

Director of Sleep Medicine, Children's National Medical Center

John McLaren,

Physics and Biology Teacher, Centreville High School, Fairfax County

Issue: New Approaches to Local Civic Engagement

Topic: "Let's Choose DC Project"

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Length: 00:20:00

The District is holding a special at-large election in April, and voters are scrambling to learn more about the candidates vying for the job. Curators of two of the area's vibrant online communities are hoping a new public forum can help voters learn more about the race and make informed decisions. We chat with the founders of the "Let's Choose D.C." project.

Guests:

David Alpert,

Founder, Editor-in-Chief, "Greater Greater Washington"

Martin Austermuhle,

Editor-in-Chief, DCist.com

Issue: The Growing Popularity of Online Petitions in the Washington Metropolitan Area

Topic: "The Power of Online Petitions"

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Length: 00:52:00

Anyone with a gripe or a cause can go to a website, create an online petition, and -- if it gets enough electronic signatures -- maybe even get a response from the president. Kojo examines the growing popularity of online petitions with leaders of Change.org, SignOn.org and MDPetitions.com, and explores their ability to influence the national discourse.

Guests:

Megan Lubin,

Washington Communications Manager, Change.org

Anna Galland,

Executive Director, MoveOn.org

Neil Parrott,

Member, Maryland House of Delegates (R-District 2B - Washington County);
Chairman, MDPetitions.com

Alex Howard,

Washington Correspondent, O'Reilly Media

Issue: Action in Maryland to Curb Gun Violence

Topic: "Local Gun Control after Newtown

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Tuesday, January 15, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Length: 00:20:50

A month after the tragic shootings in a Newtown, Conn., elementary school, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley has outlined a "comprehensive approach" to curbing gun violence. In a state known for tough gun-control laws, these would be among the strictest measures in the country, including an assault-weapons ban and new gun licensing requirements. Measures also include calls for improved mental health services and school safety. We look at our region's responses to the tragedy at Newtown.

Aaron Davis,

Washington Post Maryland Politics Reporter

Anthony O'Donnell,

Minority Leader (R-Calvert / St. Mary's); Maryland House of Delegates

Issue: Upcoming Challenges to Local Economy
Topic: "Economic Reckoning for Local Washington?"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Wednesday, January 16, 2013
Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Length: 00:33:00

The Washington region managed to avoid the worst effects of the Great Recession, thanks in part to the relative stability of government employment and contracting. But a new era of federal belt-tightening could have a profound impact on the economies of Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District. We ask whether local economies are facing a reckoning.

Guests:

Annie Lowrey,
Reporter, New York Times

Marc Fisher,
Enterprise Editor, The Washington Post; Washington Post columnist; and author of
"Something in the Air: Radio, Rock, and the Revolution that Shaped a Generation"
(Random House)

Issue: Preserving our Local Environment
Topic: "Managing our Region's Deer Population"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Length: 00:52:00

Residents of the Washington region -- even those in the urban core -- need only look outside their windows to notice the booming deer population. Managing the local herds is a sensitive matter: the animals affect the survival of forests and pose a threat to motorists. We explore what some communities in Maryland are doing to make sure humans, forests and deer coexist successfully.

Guests:

Kevin Sullivan,

Certified Wildlife Biologist; State Director (MD,DE,DC) of Wildlife Services,
USDA

Brian Eyler,

Deer Project Leader, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Bill McShea,

Wildlife Ecologist, Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo

Issue: The Washington Area's New Episcopal Bishop Speaks out on Controversial Issues

Topic: "Interview with The Very Reverend Gary Hall, Dean of the Washington National Cathedral

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

Length: 00:52:00

Last October, the Very Reverend Gary Hall became the 10th dean of Washington National Cathedral. Having led Episcopal dioceses in Massachusetts, California and Michigan before coming to D.C., Hall demonstrated early on that he's willing to make waves. He is an outspoken advocate for gun control and announced that same-sex marriages will be held at the cathedral. Kojo talks with Hall about his reputation as a fixer and his plans for the nation's landmark church.

Guest:

The Very Reverend Gary Hall

Dean, Washington National Cathedral

Issue: Capital Punishment
Topic: "Rethinking the Death Penalty in Maryland"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2013
Length: 00:23:30

Gov. Martin O'Malley's push to repeal Maryland's death penalty is part of a nationwide move away from capital punishment. But death penalty supporters say we still need a way to deter and punish the worst of the worst, like mass murderers whose guilt is unquestioned or prisoners who would harm their guards. Kojo examines the debate over the future of the death penalty.

Guests:

Benjamin Jealous,
President and CEO, NAACP

Charles Lane,
Editorial Writer, The Washington Post; Author, "Stay of Execution: Saving The Death Penalty From Itself" (Hoover Inst Press Post Copub, 2010)

Issue: Exploring Poverty and Hunger in an Affluent Region

Topic: "Local Leaders Try Eating on \$5 per Day

Program: *"The Kojo Nnamdi Show"*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Monday, February 11, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 PM

Length: 01:20:30

Could you eat for just \$5 a day? Three hundred Montgomery County, Md., officials and employees tried it last week to draw attention to poverty and hunger in the affluent county. But some people who regularly struggle to buy food found the week-long challenge offensive. Kojo explores hunger in our region and what local governments have the power to do about it.

Guests:

Valerie Ervin

Member, Montgomery County Council

Brian Banks

Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, Capital Area Food Bank

Issue: Politics in Virginia
Topic: "The Political Culture of the Commonwealth of Virginia"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2013
Time: 12 noon to 2 PM
Length: 00:52:00

The Virginia General Assembly is a legislative body that proudly traces its history back to Patrick Henry, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. But that history is every bit as quirky as it is monumental. In recent years, Richmond has hosted debates over everything from "droopy drawers" to reproductive rights. Join us for a history lesson about one of the oldest and most colorful political bodies in America, and analysis about what lies ahead for it in the future.

Quentin Kidd

Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Government, Christopher Newport University

Fredrick Kunkle

Staff Writer, The Washington Post

Russ Potts

Virginia State Senator (R- 27th District, Winchester)

Kristen Amundson

Former Member, Virginia House of Delegates (D-44th District, Fairfax); Senior Vice President for External Relations, Education Sector

Issue: Education

Topic: "The Legacy of Gallaudet's 'Deaf President Now' Movement"

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Time: 12 noon to 2 PM

Length: 00:52:00

Since its founding in the mid-19th century, Gallaudet University has been an academic and cultural hub for the Deaf community. But until 1988, the university never had a deaf president. Twenty-five years ago this week, students launched a protest on the Northeast D.C. campus, dubbed the "Deaf President Now" movement. The protest resulted in the school's first deaf president, and helped spur passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act two years later. Kojo explores the legacy of student protests at Gallaudet.

Guests:

Gregory Hlibok

Former Gallaudet University Student Body President and student leader of the Deaf President Now movement in 1988; Chief of the Disability Rights Division in the Bureau of Consumer and Governmental Affairs at the Federal Communications Commission

T. Alan Hurwitz

President, Gallaudet University

Fred Weiner

Interim Assistant Vice President, Gallaudet University; Member, Gallaudet University Class of 1983

The Honorable Tom Harkin

U.S. Senator (D-Iowa); Sponsor of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)

Issue: Harnessing Vast Amounts of Digital Information

Topic: “Predicting the Future with ‘Big Data’”

Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*

Host: Kojo Nnamdi

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2013

Length: 00:52:00

Science fiction fans have long pondered technologies to predict crimes and random events. But some say creative uses of "big data," the vast amount of digital information we create in our everyday lives, may make such a predictive tool a reality. The potential of the approach, however, is raising sensitive legal and ethical questions. Our guests explore the possibilities -- and dangers -- of a future in which everything we do is quantified.

Kenneth Cukier

Data Editor, *The Economist*; co-author "Big Data: A Revolution That Will Transform How We Live, Work, and Think" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Viktor Mayer-Schönberger

Professor of Internet Governance and Regulation, Oxford University; co-author "Big Data: A Revolution That Will Transform How We Live, Work, and Think" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Issue: Transportation
Topic: "Our Region's Growing Bike Culture"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013
Time: 12 noon to 2 PM
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The weather's warming up, and there are more reasons than ever to get on a bike, whether it's to get to work, for exercise or for fun. New, safer green bike lanes are popping up all over our region, online interactive trip planners are making it easy to plan the safest route and Bikeshare is expanding. We talk bike safety, rules of the road and the campaign to get more women on bikes.

Guests:

Shane Farthing

Executive Director, Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)

Chris Eatough

Program Manager for Bike Arlington

Veronica Davis

Founder, Black Women Bike

Issue: Surge of Youth Violence in the Washington Region
Topic: "Urban Gun Violence"
Program: *The Kojo Nnamdi Show*
Host: Kojo Nnamdi
Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Time: 12 noon to 2 PM
Length: 00:52:00

A recent surge in gun violence has left many residents across the Washington region wondering how and why disputes involving young people spiral into deadly confrontations. Kojo gets a local and national perspective on underlying causes of youth violence.

Guests:

Ben Calhoun

Reporter, "This American Life"

Charlie Whitaker

CEO and founder, Career Path DC

Delbert McFadden

Outreach coordinator, Columbia Heights Shaw Family Support Collaborative