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**Quarterly Issues/Programs List for WTOP  
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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
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** – Up-to-date information on health related matters.
7. **Business and Consumer News** – Covers stories related to the local economy, jobs, consumer information, and real estate.
8. **Education During the Pandemic** – Issues related to local education.
9. **Coronavirus Pandemic** – Coverage related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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### **Most Significant Issues- Responsive Programs**

WTOP News on 103.5 FM Washington DC comprise the key source of breaking news, information and analysis for the Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia areas that comprise the metro area. As part of our continuing effort to serve our listeners, WTOP has consulted community leaders and policy makers to address issues of concern to members in our community. Programming dealing with each issue listed is outlined below.

#### **Government**

News Coverage- January 5

503a, 603a, 703a, 803a, 903a, 1003a, 1103a, 1204p, 103p, 203p

1:10 sec each

The Capital grounds are preparing for protests around the Electoral College certification.

D.C. will be front and center again for protest over the election results. Thousands of Trump supporters will arrive in the District today and tomorrow. The biggest event is expected to take place tomorrow, as Congress gets set to tally the Electoral College votes. Protests are expected to start this afternoon. A number of street closures and parking restrictions around the White House and parts of the National Mall are already in effect. You can see those at WTOP DOT COM. And, we'll have reporters downtown for the planned protests.

News Coverage – January 6- 103p, 130p, 142p, 203p, 205p, 220p, 221p, 242p, 244p, 250p, 252p

2:00- 4:00 min. each

Supporters of President Trump have stormed the U.S. Capitol Building

WTOP's Mitchell Miller is live on site with dramatic news of breaching security at one of the most carefully secured buildings in D-C. The Capitol Building is in lockdown and there is no guidance on when the siege will end. Members of Congress inside the House chamber were told by police to put on gas masks after tear gas was dispersed in the Capitol Rotunda, Vice President Mike Pence has been escorted from the Senate Chamber. Televised images from Capitol hill show Trump supporters bearing Trump and American flags ... swarming both the steps of the East Plaza and the center staircase leading to floor of the House. This has of course disrupted the joint session of Congress in which electoral votes were to be tallied. And DC Mayor Muriel Boswer has ordered a citywide curfew starting at 6 pm. effective until 6 am Thursday morning. Reporting from Ken Duffy, Alejandro Alvarez, and Steven Portnoy on the Capital site.

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News Coverage February 16 - 504a, 604a, 704a, 814a, 914a, 1011a, 1123a  
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Virginia House Democrats unveil to help kids and teachers get back to school

Virginia House Democrats have unveiled legislation requiring school districts to offer at least some in-person learning this school year. The bill would also offer a fully virtual option for families who want one. The measure has the support of House leadership and Gov. Ralph Northam. Teachers in Virginia might be getting bigger raises -- because there is more money available than was anticipated. The budget gap was not as large as expected which will help fund the transition of kids and teachers back to school this school year.

News Coverage February 16 - 103p, 203p, 303p, 404p, 504p, 605, 705p, 805p, 905p,  
1021p

:60 each

Maryland legislature signs bill to pay stimulus checks

Thousands of low-income Maryland residents will soon get stimulus checks under a relief package signed yesterday by Governor Larry Hogan. This represents about 300,000 payments being made to citizens of the state who are due governmental relief from the costs of the pandemic. And Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot says almost all of those payments will be processed by in the same week.

News Coverage March 3 - 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1121a  
:60 each

DC Council office of Racial Equity is concerned about vaccine equity

How can The District increase the coronavirus vaccination rate among its Black and Brown citizens? CORE sees several factors that are driving down awareness including lack of funding and voices in the community. It has been discovered that only 1/5 of black people have received the vaccine and that is causing concerns. It's something the City Council is working on, even though the solutions are not always easy.

**Local Politics and Elections**

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News Coverage January 13 - 503a, 603a, 704a, 804a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1205p, 105p, 205p, 305p, 405p, 543p, 643p, 743p, 853p, 953p, 1053p, 1153p  
1:05 seconds each

**Maryland keeps Annapolis assembly safe amid concerns of riots and Covid-19**

The FBI is warning of plans for armed protests at all 50 state capitals and in DC in the days before the inauguration. But Maryland Governor Larry Hogan says the state capital in Annapolis will be a safe place for assembly. They have added additional police to guard against protests or other forms of interruptions. Also, the pandemic is top of mind as Plexiglas barriers have been installed and rules on who sits where are helping keep people safe within the session. As Maryland's lawmakers get to work on the first day of the 90 day legislative session, the focus was coronavirus and how it's impacting the lives of Marylanders.

News Coverage January 14 - 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1106a, 1221p  
:60 each

**Maryland and Virginia lawmakers convene to discuss pandemic recovery plan**

Lawmakers in both Maryland and Virginia convened their legislative sessions yesterday in the midst of the pandemic that has devastated businesses, closed down schools and left many people in need of help. We have team coverage, beginning in Maryland, where lawmakers will consider Governor Larry Hogan's plan to tackle some of those issues. Lawmakers see a need to act urgently to decide upon the Governors trillion dollar bill includes stimulus payments to families and aids to small business.

News Coverage February 5 - 506a, 621a, 721a, 821a, 921a, 1021a, 1153a, 1253p, 154p, 253p  
:60 each

**A bill would force local universities to pay slavery reparations**

There are five public colleges in Virginia with ties to slavery. They were built and maintained by enslaved workers. And one state lawmaker, Democratic delegate David Reed, has introduced a bill that would order them to pay reparations. Schools would be forced to pay reparations thru a fund, community based grant program or thru scholarships that would assist families with slave labor in their history. Reparations could not be paid by tuition or fees increases. The bill addresses the reparations issue within universities that include University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Military Institute, William and Mary College, and Longwood University.

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News Coverage February 5 - 505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1203p, 103p, 203p, 303p, 403p, 506p, 606p, 706p, 807p, 907p, 1007p, 1107p

1:05 each

Virginia Governor announces that local schools need to re-open in March

We're following breaking news in Virginia this afternoon. Governor Ralph Northam, wants schools in Virginia to reopen at least partially in person, by next month. In an order today the Governor says he expects every school division in the state to make in person learning an option. Northam also says while it's not mandatory, school districts should provide any additional learning opportunities needed, this summer. That could include extensive summer classes. Northam says federal funds are available to pay for any extension of the school year.

News Coverage March 26 - 1205p, 103p, 203p, 303p, 403p, 505p, 605p, 705p, 805p, 905p, 1005p, 1105p

:60 each

Prince George's County Executive announces new police chief

After its previous chief Hank Stawinski resigned last June amid allegations of discrimination inside the department -- a national search has been underway for Prince George's County's next leader. NOW a decision has been made. Chief Aziz is a 29 year veteran of the Dallas police force who County Executive Angela Alsobrooks says has an unblemished record. He says he's familiar with the county with friends in the region. Also, as the police department faces a lawsuit claiming unfair treatment for some minority officers without comment on the case he says he plans to hear from his officers...he's take over officially on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **National Security**

News Coverage January 19 - 506a, 606a, 7067a, u806a, 906a, 1006a

:30 each

FEMA denies extra emergency protections for Maryland and Virginia

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has turned down requests from both Maryland and Virginia for federal emergency declarations ahead of tomorrow's presidential inauguration. The declarations would have allowed the states to be reimbursed for money spent on sending thousands of National Guard troops to DC among other things. With extremist groups threatening to again descend upon Washington before or during Joe Biden's inauguration, thousands of additional

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police and National Guard troops have been deployed to secure a vast security zone around the Capitol and the White House. Both states say they plan to appeal the decision.

News Coverage January 20 - 505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1205p, 105p, 205p, 305p, 405p, 505p, 605p, 705p  
:60 each

Inauguration Day coverage includes security outlook.

One of the leaders of the inaugural committee, Lisa Rochester, outlined efforts to protect citizens and political officials on Inauguration Day. Rochester says that they are prepared for all eventualities with more National Guard troops being made available. They are considered extremist views that may be present in the ranks of the troops being assigned to the Capital. Law enforcement officials have been closely-monitoring the words and actions of far-right extremist and militia groups - - especially since the January 6th assault on the Capitol. And they've grown increasingly concerned about the possibility that the groups may try to disrupt today's inauguration. More than 25-thousand National Guardsmen have been activated to help protect the ceremony. They've been a highly-visible presence in the city. WTOP's National Security Correspondent JJ Green reported from DC and notes that there are other security measures in place that the public won't see. They are also encouraging people to watch the events at home and not travel to the Capital area to celebrate the event. Reports from John Aaron, Ken Duffy, Megan Cloherty and Mitchell Miller Live from the Capital and downtown DC continues throughout the day. And into the breakdown and cleanup of the area into the evening.

News Coverage February 8 503a, 603a, 703a, 804a, 905a, 1005a  
:60 each

After defending the Capital, DC Police honored at the Super Bowl

Close to a month ago, local officers who worked to stop the mob at the capital are being honored for their service. The trauma local police officers experienced has remained top of mind with Officer Brian Sicknick who died of injuries he received from the riots. The NFL came together to honor Officer Mike Finone and other local officers at the Superbowl. And, though it was a Super Bowl unlike any other with only a fraction of the fans in the stands, special people including healthcare heroes and U-S troops were still

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celebrated in-person in Tampa Bay. Honoring several DC officers who defended the Capitol during the Capitol Riot was a bright moment in a very distressing month.

News Coverage February 26 1111a, 1205p, 123p, 243p, 343p  
:60 each

US Park Police will start wearing body-worn cameras

The new chief of the U S Park police Pamela Smith, says she will implement a body-worn camera program within her first 90 days on the job. Virginia Congressman Don Beyer says he's glad to hear it, but says it should have happened long ago. Beyer, referencing the Bijan Ghaisar incident, where Park police shot and killed him during a traffic stop, says the swiftness with which this change was made, after over three years of advocacy following the killing -- suggests that it could have happened much sooner. Beyer says I commend Chief Smith and National Park Service leadership for finally making this happen. The two officers involved each face one count of involuntary manslaughter and one count of reckless discharge of a firearm, but have not yet gone to trial.

News Coverage March 3 1103p, 103p, 203p, 303p, 403p, 503p, 603p, 703p, 803p, 903p, 1003p, 1103p

1:15 each

Capital Police and the National Guard is ready for any March 4<sup>th</sup> security issues

U-S Capitol police say they've "obtained intelligence that shows a possible plot to breach the Capitol by an identified militia group" tomorrow March 4th. The department says it has "already made significant security upgrades to include establishing a physical structure and increasing manpower to ensure the protection of Congress, the public and our police officers. The increased security is related to a conspiracy theory that says former President Trump will be inaugurated tomorrow. Capitol Police say they have information about a ``possible plot" by a militia group to breach the Capitol tomorrow. The House is cancelling tomorrow's session in advance, but the Senate plans to carry on. The department says it has beefed up security around the Capitol to ward off any threats.

### **Roads and Transportation**

News Coverage January 16- 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204p  
:60 each

DC announces closures of Metro rail stations ahead of Inauguration Day

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With the recent riots at the Capital, there is greater awareness of the need for security and protection of area residents. To that end, several Metro stations are being closed temporarily to allow for customers to enter and exit at a set number of stations. Thirteen Metro stations had already been closed due to the pandemic. These closures also affect the Amtrak Northeast corridor heading south of Washington DC. WTOP reporter Neal Augustine reports from DC on how these changes will impact local public transit riders.

News Coverage January 20 - 505a, 605a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1011a, 1121a, 1211p,  
111p  
:60 each

Maryland Department of Transportation is studying tolls on 270

After years of study, the Maryland Department of Transportation has selected one of the six designs it had been considering for new toll lanes on I-270 and the Capital Beltway in an effort to ease congestion. There are 4 HOV lanes each way that are being considered for the adjustment to the current lane plan. Amounts of toll would vary depending on volume of cars. There is guidance that this would help break gridlock on the roads by having automatic toll lanes installed.

News Coverage February 10 - 1203p, 103p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 606p, 706p, 822p,  
923p, 1023p, 1123p  
1:25 each

White's Ferry shut down creates concern and gridlock

The ongoing legal battle that's affecting drivers in Loudoun and Montgomery Counties is now top of mind across the region. Whites Ferry, which shuttled drivers over the Potomac River remains closed as it's locked in a legal dispute over paying for the easement where it docks in Virginia. Loudoun County says it's possible that if the legal dispute is not resolved between the ferry and the Virginia farm that owns the land where it docks - it could affect traffic patterns in the area. The re-opening of the link will be crucial to the commute of the drivers in the area. It is estimated that 600 or more drivers used the ferry every day, resulting on 600 more drivers on route 15.

News Coverage February 18 - 721p, 806p, 906p, 1006p, 1106p  
February 19 - 1206a, 506a, 606a

:60 each

Metro bus service changes on weather concerns

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Metro is working on new schedules due to weather concerns in the metro area. Because of the weather conditions, Metrobus will remain on a severe snow service plan for the remainder of the night. That means buses will operate on major roads only. And if roads become too dangerous for travel, customers can expect some buses may not run some routes at all. As for TOMORROW, Metrobus will operate on a moderate snow service plan providing service to customers on 110 routes. Under a moderate service plan, detours will be in effect and some routes may be suspended. Metrorail and MetroAccess are expected to operate at normal service but there may be delays.

News Coverage March 4- 511a, 612a, 711a, 811a, 921a, 1021a, 1121a, 143p, 351,  
:60 each

A monorail is being considered to help ease DC area commute times

As Maryland works on plans to add toll lanes to I-270 and the Beltway, there's a more 'unconventional' plan involving a monorail. Studies show it would be a viable option, but the cost of \$4 billion dollars to build opens up many questions. Primarily, how would the state of Maryland pay for the monorail and how would it work considering the current rail options in the state. There are no easy answers, but commute times are seen as a threat to further growth of the region that a monorail could help with. Nick Iannelli reports from Maryland.

### **Crime and Public Safety**

News Coverage January 4- 503a, 603a, 703a, 803a, 903a, 1003a, 1103a, 1204p, 104p,  
204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 705p, 805p, 905p, 1005p, 1105p

1:30 each

Authorities expect protests for the certification vote

Supporters of President Trump will answer his call to protest in the nation's capital on Wednesday - the day that Congress is scheduled to vote to certify the results of the election. DC police have already announced road closures around the capital complex downtown as they seek to protect the areas within DC that could be affected by the protests and increased amount of people. Asbury Church has also asked for special consideration to protect their property as they announce their support for Black Lives Matter movement that could cause concern. Near Lafayette Square windows and retail shops have boarded up in anticipation of the protests. DC's Mayor wants DC citizens to stay off the streets starting on this day. WTOP's Valerie Bonk and Melissa Howell report from Washington DC.

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News Coverage January 25- 511a, 711a, 811a, 1021a, 1141a, 1211p, 242p, 341p, 441p, 541p, 641p, 741p, 841p, 951p, 1051p, 1151p

2:25 each

### Policing through Change

Police across our region worked to ensure Inauguration Day would go off without violence -- and many Americans appreciated their efforts. But in Part Four of her series "Policing through Change," WTOP Investigative Reporter Megan Cloherty reports many who wear the uniform today are telling potential recruits they should think twice before joining them on the force. Officers would not encourage others from joining the force. There is a question of support and expectations following the killing of George Floyd. And, there has been more scrutiny of those in the police force. It's been a tumultuous year for police officers, to say the least. In addition to the pressures of the pandemic, they've been dealing with social unrest and angry demands for changes in how they do their jobs. In Part Three, WTOP Investigative Reporter Megan Cloherty reports officers across our region are complaining that they aren't getting enough support. And they're worried about being prosecuted just for doing their jobs.

News Coverage February 1 1211p, 111p, 253p, 322p, 421p, 543p, 633p, 741p, 843p , 951p, 1043p, 1153p

:60 each

### Washington DC's 911 system is under increased scrutiny and an audit

DC's 911 system is one of the busiest agencies, and one of the most-scrutinized. WTOP has learned new details about the agency's upcoming audit will begin and last for up to seven months. This will measure the system against national standards. It will also look at previous issues, internal investigations, OUC culture and training. Also, the audit will address concerns over delayed service and other problems. The study from the audit will be made public in the coming months.

News Coverage January 22- 512a, 612a, 712a, 812a, 912a, 1021a, 1121p, 1211p, 121p, 221p, 321p, 421p, 544p, 651p, 741p, 841p, 951p, 1051p, 1151p

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### Prince George's cold case turned into a podcast

New information today in a 23-year-old Prince George's County cold case. Police say they have new leads and are now closer than EVER to figuring out who killed Sherry

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Crandell - a nurse murdered inside Prince George's Hospital Center in 1998. With new DNA technology, the police have new details to pursue in the case. This process takes time to work and there is no guarantee that something will pop up. But, for the first time, there is new hope for a local family that justice may finally be done. Sherry Crandell's murder is the subject of WTOP's new American Nightmare Podcast Series.

News Coverage March 26- 203p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p, 804p, 904p, 1004p, 1104p

:60 each

**Shocking video emerges of Montgomery Police handcuffing a 5 year old child**

An encounter involving a five year old and Montgomery county police has led to a lawsuit claiming the child was mis-treated. The County Executive calls video released by police "hard to watch" saying it doesn't reflect training and expectations for officers. New video released today shows the encounter between police and a five year old who ran away from a Silver Spring School – It prompted a lawsuit by the child's parents. Warning: Some may find this report disturbing. These are Montgomery County Patrol officers brought the five year old back to his school. In a room with the child, his mom and school staff... The officer cuffs one wrist and pulls the child's hands behind him. The Fraternal Order of Police says patrol officers don't have training for these types of situations, the Police chief has now addressed how the matter was handled.

### **Health**

News Coverage January 12-1212p, 112p, 212p, 312p, 413p, 524p

**DC is expected to ban e-cigarettes**

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Nine members of the D-C city council are supporting a proposed ban on the sale of all flavored e-cigarette products in the city. More than 70 local and national organizations want the legislation to go even further -- they want menthol cigarettes and all other flavored tobacco products banned. The 2020 National Youth Tobacco Survey found almost 1 in 5 high school students regularly use e-cigarette products. Eighty percent of them use flavored products. California and Massachusetts have already approved legislation to end the sale of all flavored tobacco products and now it could become a reality in DC.

News Coverage January 25 506a, 606a, 706a, 806a, 906a, 1006a, 1106a, 1206p, 106p

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Dr. Fauci offers guidance on vaccine outlook

President Biden has set a goal of administering 100-million COVID-19 vaccine shots within the first 100 days of his term. But with questions about how much vaccine is available, some people are worried that there won't be enough for them to get their second shot. Dr Fauci explains to WTOP that there is some degree of protection before the second dose, and there is still more to learn about what happens between the first and second dose and what might happen without the full vaccine. For now, Dr Fauci recommends getting the vaccine as the first step in protection. WTOP's Mike Murillo reports from Washington DC.

News Coverage February 1 511a, 611a, 711a, 811a, 911a, 1006a, 1106a,

:60 each

Vaccination sites closures cause concern

People who planned to get their coronavirus vaccinations today, or even those who want to get tested for the virus, will have to make other plans. Many of the sites have been closed by the weather. And some are closed tomorrow too. The Maryland Department of Health said its state-operated testing sites in Annapolis and at the Baltimore Convention Center will be closed today. No testing in Montgomery County sites, Prince George's County vaccination sites are closed - but they will email instructions on how to reschedule today's appointments. In Virginia, the The Prince William County Government said that testing scheduled for today would be canceled.

News Coverage February 15- 505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1103a, 1203p, 105p, 205p, 305p, 405p, 505p, 605p, 705p, 805p, 905p

:60 each

Winter weather is causing vaccine delays in Prince George's County Maryland.

The White House says this afternoon that the weather has temporarily delayed shipment of 6 million coronavirus vaccine doses. There is more awareness that weather can play a huge role in how quickly vaccines can be delivered to different communities. Vaccine delivery delays caused by bad winter weather across much of the country has led to some appointment cancellations in our area. Today, Prince George's County health officials announced they will NOT be giving first doses through Monday. For now, they're focused on getting second doses out due to those supply issues. Those who had first-dose appointments are being notified. The county says a scheduling website allowed more first-dose appointments to be booked for over the weekend and they say

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those will NOT be accommodated. Michelle Basch reports from Prince George's County.

News Coverage March 2 503a, 603a, 703a, 803a, 903a, 1003a, 1103a

:60 each

Maryland receives its first vials of the new Johnson and Johnson vaccine

The first vials of Johnson & Johnson's one-shot coronavirus vaccine arrive in the DC region this week. In Maryland, where a little more than 72-percent of its vaccine has been administered, the arrival of this new vaccine is welcome news. These vials will go far and wide and not be directed at specific areas. Virginia is set to receive about 69-thousand doses of the J&J vaccine. DC will receive around 6 thousand vials for the first round of deliveries.

### **Business and Consumer News**

January

News Coverage January 12 - 505a, 605a, 705a, 805a, 905a, 1005a, 1105a, 1211p, 112p, 212p,

:60 each

DC extends the indoor dining restrictions to January 22

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser has extended the city's indoor dining restrictions until a couple of days after the inauguration. Her new order extends restrictions that were put in place before Christmas to - now - January 22nd. They include closing museums and libraries, requiring reservations to swim in a city pool, halting DC Circulator National Mall routes and recommending nonessential businesses to telework. The mayor has also recommended that nonessential businesses allow their employees to telework. Restaurants can continue outdoor dining and carryout and delivery services.

News Coverage January 21- 1212p, 212p, 333p, 433p, 553p, 622p, 722p, 824p, 922p, 1111p

:60 each

Virginia is now allowing sports betting

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As lawmakers debate legalizing weed -- legalized sports betting is starting across the Commonwealth. Fan Duel says the Virginia Lottery approved its mobile sports betting license this week, and a tweet this afternoon confirmed they are live. It got the license by teaming up with the Washington Football Team - which gave it preferred status. State lawmakers are hoping the decision to fast-track Fan Duel - might persuade the team to build its next stadium in Virginia. The Virginia Lottery is still reviewing two dozen other applications for up to 11 other licenses.

News Coverage February 15 511a, 611a, 712a, 812a, 912a, 1012a, 1114a, 1214p

Airport noise is getting more attention from the FAA

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If you live near one of the region's busy airports, this is your chance to tell the Federal Aviation Administration about how loud it gets. The FAA recently released results of a nationwide survey focused on aircraft noise and now it wants to hear from you. Arlington County is one of the counties being surveyed for response to airport noise. There is a public comment period open til March 15<sup>th</sup> to listen to local residents about their concerns over the increase in noise around local airfields and airports.

News Coverage February 22- 507a, 607a, 807a, 907a, 1007a, 1107a, 1221p, 143p, 253p, 343p

:60 each

How and when will live entertainment may come back to life in the DC area

With COVID vaccinations underway, and a decrease in the number of cases, fans of live music, eating out in restaurants, and watching a movie or play IN a theater are finally able to entertain the notion of a night out. And that raises the question of how that "night out" might be different. Venues may be able to require vaccination cards as a means to entry. This may mean that people come to venues as part of larger groups of people that are known to each other in advance and rent a suite ort space to watch a concert or play.

News Coverage March 2 1104a, 1205p, 105p, 206p, 306p, 451, 537p, 651p, 741, 842, 942p, 1044p, 1153p

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Washington DC's 911 system is under greater scrutiny after an injury

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When someone's injured, you want to get an ambulance there as soon as possible. But that's not what is happening in the District. A person was injured in a roadway and waited for 330 minutes for assistance. This brings the focus to the 911 system and how it does its job in helping citizens of the District. We asked for comment from DC's Office of Unified Communication and are waiting for their responses to this troubling case. WTOP's Neal Augustine reports on the situation.

### **Education during the pandemic**

News Coverage January 22- 503a, 603a, 703a, 803a, 904a, 1004a, 1111a, 1241p,  
221p  
:60 each

Maryland Schools and teachers union discuss re-opening schools

Maryland's Governor says the biggest road block to getting students back into classroom is the state teacher's union. Hogan wants students back in classrooms by March. He says science supports the decision, and the state has cooperated with teachers through the whole process. Hogan tells WBAL Radio if teachers don't agree to the March timeline, he will consider legal action. Cheryl Bost, (BOAST) President of the Maryland State Education Association, says that threat is not a collaborative approach to getting schools open again, and is not going to get results.

News Coverage January 28 807p, 907p, 1007p, 1107p,  
January 29- 1207a, 107a, 207a, 507a  
:60 each

DC Schools spar with teacher's union over safety guidelines

A mediator is set to decide a dispute between DC teachers and their union. The union has complained that the District hasn't met all safety guidelines outlined in an agreement last month and it believes the city is calling back more teachers than necessary. But Chancellor Lewis Ferebee calls it the union's "last-resort effort to prevent schools from reopening" and he vows to reopen schools on Monday as planned. The Washington Post says the city does not need an agreement with the union to reopen, but an agreement would make it more likely that teachers will show up to school buildings Monday.

News Coverage February 5 504a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1204p  
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Fairfax county parents and teachers express opinions over back to school plans

Fairfax County students got emotional at a school board meeting last night as they pleaded to return to in-person learning five days a week. Earlier this week the school board approved an updated phased plan to offer all students in-person classes twice a week by mid-March. But the Fairfax Education Association says that timeline doesn't allow all staff who want to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to get both shots first. That didn't sit well with some parents. The teacher's union president Kimberly Adams. According to FCPS, 90% of staffers have requested or scheduled their first dose, and the school district is working to ensure they get their second dose in the next few weeks.

News Coverage February 16 503a, 604a, 704a, 804a, 904a, 1004a, 1104a, 1206p, 111p, 211p, 321p, 411p, 521p, 621p, 721p, 821p

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Loudon County Virginia kids get back to in-person school

Third thru first graders are back in person for a hybrid learning. This is a combination of in school classes and at home virtual learning. But it is a step that has been a long time in coming for the students who have been impacted by the pandemic. Many safety protocols are being used to keep kids and teachers safe. There are new safety protocols to learn for all staff and students this time around. This includes a digital check in on the student's health before they get to school or on a school bus. WTOP's Neil Augustine reports from Loudon County VA.

News Coverage March 1 503a, 603a, 703a, 803a, 903a, 1003a, 1103a, 1203p, 104p, 204p, 304p, 404p, 504p, 604p, 704p

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Maryland schools begin process of re-opening

A big day for Maryland, in the fight against the coronavirus. For some students, today will be their first day back in their school building since the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020. At first, the youngest students can be in school two days a week. Then, gradually, older students will return to the classroom. In Montgomery County the hybrid approach will have students in class for 4 days and then virtual learning for the following week, with weeks rotating on an ongoing basis.

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News Coverage March 2 1004a, 1104a, 1204p, 111p, 221p, 311p, 453p, 543p, 623p  
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Arlington Virginia schools begin the phased return to classrooms for local kids

As vaccines are being distributed there is an increased focus on returning kids back to school. Its back to classroom for some students in Arlington County today, it's a major step the school district says they're ready to take. The youngest students start the process with older students returning to campus in the next week or two. There will be testing required for all students before returning to classrooms. Small groups of students also returned to classrooms in Alexandria City and High School seniors returned to in-person learning today in Fairfax County.

### Capital Insurrection, January 6th

WTOP employs JJ Green as our National Security Correspondent.

Green reported on the growing tension at the Capital on the day Congress symbolically rubber-stamped the Electoral College. As some lawmakers object to the electoral count -- thousands of the President's supporters have flocked to DC to showcase their loyalty. They did it during the President's rally on the Ellipse this afternoon -- where he decried his election loss. Protesters then responded to his call -- and marched to the Capitol with their flags and their message. And DC police are watching -- encouraging those protesters to stay peaceful.

WTOP employs Mitchell Miller as a correspondent on the Hill. Miller was inside the Capital when the riots occurred. Miller reported live from his studio as Riots were occurring in and around the Capital building.

WTOP aired the comments of Attorney General Carl Racine:

"We call on President Trump to immediately tell his supporters, who are trampling on the District of Columbia and have breached the U.S. Capitol, to cease and desist and return from whence they came in a peaceful manner. "The United States of America is the world's greatest democracy, and that rests on a peaceful transition of power. "We urge President Trump to do what he has not yet done, but what he must do: order his supporters to leave the District of Columbia and fully embrace the transition of power to President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris. "In the midst of this unrest, all District residents must remain at home. Under no circumstances should anyone travel downtown nor be in the vicinity of federal buildings."

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### **Top Kids Program**

Throughout the first quarter, WTOP has celebrated the incredible efforts of local kids in the community during the dramatic year of 2020. This multi-month effort will have semiweekly spotlight reports (across all platforms) recognizing kids' creativity and hard work in making the lives of those in our community better during a very challenging year. Top Kids continues to honor local children who make an impact in the community by awarding \$500.00 to every honoree.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

WTOP broadcast 72 public service campaigns 1,482 times between January 1 and March 31 at various times of day. Each announcement was 30 or 60 seconds.

- 🔊 African American Wellness Project
- 🔊 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 🔊 Centers for Disease Control
- 🔊 Chance for Life
- 🔊 Children International
- 🔊 Children's Miracle Network
- 🔊 College of American Pathologists
- 🔊 Combined Federal Campaign
- 🔊 Communities in Schools
- 🔊 Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
- 🔊 Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 🔊 Department of Veterans Affairs
- 🔊 Dulles Greenway
- 🔊 Easterseals Bright Stars
- 🔊 Equal Justice Initiative
- 🔊 Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- 🔊 Lions Club
- 🔊 Maryland Problem Gambling
- 🔊 Muscular Dystrophy Association
- 🔊 National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
- 🔊 National Association of Police
- 🔊 National Pest Management Association
- 🔊 National Police Association
- 🔊 National Council on Aging
- 🔊 National Insurance Crime Bureau
- 🔊 Obesity Action Coalition
- 🔊 OXFAM
- 🔊 Partners Against Child Trafficking
- 🔊 Pipeline Operators for Ag Safety
- 🔊 Save the Children
- 🔊 Scientology
- 🔊 Shriners Hospitals for Children
- 🔊 St. Joseph's Indian School
- 🔊 Thanks USA
- 🔊 Teach.org
- 🔊 Virginia Problem Gambling