



ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

STATION WPTF

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WPTF PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

WPTF operates an "All News, All Day" format that includes "in-depth" news coverage. Many of the "news segments" that air each weekday deal with issues of politics, economy, human relations, morality, and other general topics affecting the community and our listeners in the Raleigh-Durham area. In 24-hours, 680 WPTF airs 12 hours of news programming and 12 hours of informative talk programming each weekday.

1. North Carolina's Early Morning News and Morning News (Monday - Friday, 5:00 am - 10:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson, Brian Freeman, and Donna Martinez focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and traffic and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this weekday program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their day started. The program includes updates from CBS Market Watch. There are regular guest appearances by people in the political, tech, business, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

2. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Patrick Johnson which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the entertainment, local news, political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

3. North Carolina's Mid-day News (Monday - Friday, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Bruce Ferrell which focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

4. North Carolina's Afternoon News (Monday - Friday, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Brandon Dickson focusing on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with people in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

5. North Carolina's Evening News (Monday - Friday, (4:00 pm-7:00 pm)

A locally-produced "all news program," hosted by Scott Briggaman focuses on world, national and local news, plus weather, and interview segments throughout the show. The program includes interviews with guests in the political, legal, financial, and health care fields. Program participants engage in conversation about the headlines of the day. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length

6. Clark Howard (Monday – Friday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

The nationally produced Clark Howard show is helping millions of Americans through all types of financial trouble. He simplifies complex issues, allays fears, and offers sound advice to help families thrive during financial crisis. In addition to the program, listeners are kept up to date with news updates from CBS and WPTF News.

7. Open Line with Tom Kearney (Monday - Friday 9 pm -10 pm)

Hosted by long time WPTF staff member Tom Kearney, this show spans a wide gamut of issues including current events, sports and pop culture. Guest experts normally participate in the show and calls are

taken from local listeners as well as many others within range of WPTF's 50,000 watt night time signal via a toll-free number.

8. Dr. Joy Browne

(Monday - Friday 10:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Nationally syndicated talk radio show focused on helping people deal with different life difficulties.

9. Red-Eye Radio

(Monday – Sunday, 1:00 am – 5:00 am, Saturday, to 7:00 am)

Nationally syndicated, Red-Eye Radio is the country's national clearinghouse of information, thoughts and opinions on numerous issues. Katie Award Winning hosts Eric Harley and Gary McNamara engage their millions of listeners and callers with the major issues of the day including current events, legislation, popular culture, family issues, detailed national weather forecasts, safety tips and interviews with trucking industry leaders.

10. WPTF News: WPTF broadcasts world, national and local news at the top and bottom of every hour 24 hours a day. Newscasts also include sports and weather. Breaking news is broadcast immediately by WPTF's staff of six full-time news anchors/reporters plus the resources of CBS News. All major news events, such as a State of the Union speech are carried live. Some examples of local news stories during the 1st quarter are listed at the end of this report, along with date, time and issue.

11. WPTF Traffic Reports:

WPTF broadcasts local traffic weekdays from 5 am to 9 am and 3 pm to 7 pm. Reports are aired at :08, :18, :28, :38, :48 and :58. Each report runs from a full minute in length and are produced locally within WPTF's studios by the Triangle Traffic Network

In addition to the weekday programs, WPTF airs numerous weekend programs in the public interest:

12. North Carolina's Morning News – Saturday (Saturdays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

A locally-produced morning "news wheel," hosted by Dave Richmond focused on world, national and local news, plus weather and interview segments throughout the show. The bulk of this program is news, weather, traffic and other information to help listeners get their Saturday started. All interviews are between one-minute thirty seconds and three-minutes in length.

13. Eye on Health (Saturdays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally-produced sponsored program about finding and coordinating care for elderly adults.

14. Weekend Gardener:

(Saturdays, 8:00 am – 11:00 am)

A locally-produced talk show that has experts fielding listener's calls about plants and gardening.

15. Dining Out with Greg Cox:

(Saturdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

A locally produced restaurant review program featuring News and Observer food critic Greg Cox and hosted by Dave Richmond. Greg gives listeners the inside scoop on eateries all over the Triangle covering all food categories, new restaurants and secret places to eat.

16. The Trader's Edge (Saturdays, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm and Sunday's, 9:00 am – 10:00 am)

Sponsored by "Online Trading Academy, this regionally syndicated, "paid," program, hosted by Scott Tansill, advises investors on methods and strategies to make money in the stock market.

17. The Financial Planning Hour with Rick Parkes (Saturdays, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm and effective March 8, 2014)

This locally produced call in program highlights financial expert Rick Parkes, who helps people keep their money and create a plan that will ensure that they do not outlive their money but live a comfortable life in retirement.

18. Joe Wade Formicola:

(Saturdays, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm)

Locally produced call in show that centers on topical news and debate on anything from entertainment to the latest in politics. Joe Wade offers up whatever is on his or his listener's minds with little to no holding back.

19. The Money Pit Home Improvement Show (Saturdays, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated and hosted by Leslie Segrete and Tom Kraeutler, Money Pit gives listeners advice and information on making home improvements, and solving home repair and maintenance troubles.

20. Into Tomorrow with Dave Graveline (Saturdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Nationally syndicated "Into Tomorrow" covers the latest in consumer electronics and technology. The program, hosted by Dave Graveline, is a dynamic blend of listener interaction and insightful and informative guests speaking on a variety of topics related to technology.

21. Sunday Morning Music (Sundays, 6:00 am – 7:00 am)

There's nothing better to start a Sunday Morning than light, reflective music. Paul Michels hosts.

22. Carolina Newsmakers (Sundays, 7:00 am – 8:00 am)

A locally produced, public affairs, programming highlighting local and state newsmakers discussing various topics. Hosted by Don Curtis.

23. Sunday Morning Magazine (Sundays, 8:00 am – 8:30 am)

Hosted by Don Curtis, this locally produced program reviews various stories in the news. Don is joined by Jason Kong, and Brian Freeman who comment on the stories presented.

24. Living in the Light with Anne Graham Lotz (Sundays, 8:30 am – 9:00 am)

Anne Graham Lotz is an American Christian evangelist and the second daughter of evangelist Billy Graham and his wife Ruth Graham. In this weekly 30-minute program, Anne allows listeners to get to know God personally, intimately...as His friend - living in the light of His Word.

25. People in Politics (Sunday's, 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

A locally produced, public affairs, program that centers on what's happening in state government political circles. Hosted by Donna Martinez.

26. Religious Programming: (Sundays, 10:00 am - 12 noon)

WPTF broadcasts the Sunday morning worship services of Duke Chapel, 10 am and Edenton Street United Methodist Church and White Memorial Presbyterian Church on alternate Sundays at 11 am.

27. Triangle Trader (Sundays, 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.)

Host "Trader Dave" Alexander takes calls from listeners, who are allowed to announce items they have for sale.

28. The Wine Crush (Sundays, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm)

The Wine Crush is a one hour dynamic, fast-paced lifestyle program that not only explains and demystifies the world of wine, but demonstrates how wine can be integrated with everyday life. Host Laura Lawson is a veteran in the wine business who manages to couple her vast wine knowledge with her unique sense of humor and tactful sarcasm.

29. CBS Weekend Roundup (Sundays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm)

CBS correspondent Dan Raviv gives listeners an in-depth report about the top story or stories of the week.

30. Money Matters (Sundays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

The hosts are Doug and Linda Lewis, certified financial planners, who answer questions about the economy, and personal finance. They deal with issues of 401K and other employer retirement plans, IRAs, Roth IRA's, etc. They discuss the markets, national, regional, and local financial news and the impact a story may have on the economy.

31. 60 Minutes

(Sundays, 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

This nationally known television news show highlights news maker interviews and investigative reports along with celebrity guest interviews and commentary. 60 Minutes is presented live to listeners even when the television version is delayed.

32. That Cancer Show

(Sundays, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Cornucopia Cancer Support Center presents a forum for conversations about the cancer journey. The host-guest call-in show, called That Cancer Show™, provides the Triangle community an opportunity to ask questions and talk about their personal experiences with cancer.

33. Hall of Fame

(Sundays, 9:00 pm – 1:00 am)

Curtis Media's founder, Don Curtis, takes listeners down a trip on Memory Lane with the hit songs of the past and the inside story about artists and the tunes.

34. NASCAR and NASCAR Live**(Schedule varies)**

Sprint Cup NASCAR races from the Motor Racing Network and the Performance Racing Network are heard on selected Saturdays and Sundays and each Tuesday evening at 7 pm NASCAR fans hear the latest news on upcoming races and events in the world of racing on NASCAR live from the Motor Racing Network.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO RALEIGH-DURHAM
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING**

CODE ISSUE

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EH	Environment/Health	RE	Religion
GA	Government Affairs	SO	Social Media
GR	Growth/Transportation/Roads	SP	Sports/Games/Races

WPTF news segments and interviews air as one-minute-thirty second to three-minute packages that air at various times during the day, within WPTF news hours.

AC-Arts & Culture

OCTOBER 6 – THE 26TH THAD AND ALICE EURE WALK FOR HOPE IS QUICKLY APPROACHING AND BRIAN FREEMAN HAD A CHANCE TO TALK TO VAN EURE ABOUT HOW THE EVENT BEGAN AND WHERE IT IS GOING. AC

OCTOBER 8 – HOMELAND RETURNED WITH A BANG THIS WEEK AND A MUCH ANTICIPATED SIT-COM PREMIERED KIND OF FLAT... WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON TALKS TUBE WITH THE KING OF TELEVISION PAUL GOBLE. AC

NOVEMBER 7 – IF YOU'RE HEADING TO THE MOVIE THEATERS THIS WEEKEND, THERE ARE A FEW NEW RELEASES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SEEING! KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN HIS REVIEWS OF "BIG HERO 6", "INTERSTELLAR" AND "LAGGIES". AC

NOVEMBER 14 – PANSIES ARE AMONG THE MOST POPULAR ANNUALS PLANTED IN THE TRIANGLE LANDSCAPE. WPTF WEEKEND GARDENERS MIKE RALEY, ANN CLAPP AND RUFUS EDMISTEN TALK TO CAMPBELL ROAD NURSERY OWNER PHIL CAMPBELL ABOUT THIS STAPLE OF THE TAR HEEL GARDEN. AC

NOVEMBER 14 – THE TEMPERATURES ARE GOING DOWN, BUT THERE'S STILL PLENTY TO DO ALL ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA AS BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT. AC

NOVEMBER 14 – TWO MOVIES THIS WEEK GO BEYOND “DUMB” AND “BEYOND THE LIGHTS.” BRIAN FREEMAN GETS THIS WEEKEND'S MOVIE REVIEWS FROM KEVIN CARR AT FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM. AC

NOVEMBER 18 – CINDERELLA IS A STORY THAT'S BEEN THE FANTASY OF LITTLE GIRLS FOR DECADES. IT'S COMING TO THE DPAC TODAY (18TH) THROUGH NOVEMBER 23RD FROM AN UPDATED BROADWAY TOUR TURNS SHY CINDY INTO AN EMPOWERED WOMAN. GAYLE HURD TALKS TO THE WOMAN WEARING THE GLASS SLIPPER, PAIGE FAURE. AC

DECEMBER 4 – WHAT'S HOT, WHAT'S NOT. WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT. TRENDS CHANGE SO QUICKLY THESE DAYS, IT'S HARD TO KEEP UP. BUT A NEW REPORT FROM A TRENDY INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND RESTAURANT CONSULTANT IS GIVING US SOME IDEAS ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT TO FIND IN RESTAURANTS AND GROCERY STORES IN 2015. DONNA MARTINEZ AND BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSS THESE ON EYE ON LIFESTYLE. AC

DECEMBER 12 – TWO MOVIES HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED "EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS" AND "TOP 5". KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN HIS REVIEWS OF BOTH FILMS. AC

DECEMBER 19 – IN DECEMBER OF 1791 INTO EARLY 1792 OUR STATE'S LAWMAKERS MET IN NEW BERN FOR A LEGISLATIVE SESSION... MORE ON THAT LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND WHAT WAS YIELDED OUT OF IT... IT'S THE FOCUS OF TODAY'S CAROLINA COLOR WITH PATRICK JOHNSON AND WARREN BINGHAM. AC

DECEMBER 19 – WHAT NEW MOVIES ARE HITTING THEATERS THE WEEKEND BEFORE CHRISTMAS? THE FINALE OF THE HOBBIT TRILOGY, A REMAKE OF 'ANNIE' AND THE LAST FILM STARRING ROBIN WILLIAMS. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH KEVIN CARR FROM FATGUYSATTHEMOVIES.COM TO GET HIS REVIEWS OF THESE LATEST MOVIES. AC

DECEMBER 29 – PLENTY OF FILMS RELEASED IN 2014 WERE HITS WITH CRITICS BUT VIRTUALLY IGNORED AT THE BOX OFFICE. MATT SINGER, FILM CRITIC AND MANAGING EDITOR OF SCREENCRUSH.COM, JOINS "CBS THIS MORNING" WITH HIS FAVORITES THAT YOU MAY HAVE NEVER HEARD OF. AC

CD - Crime/Drugs

OCTOBER 2 – THE WAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS A PRISONER BEING HELD ON A STATUTORY RAPE CHARGES WAS MISTAKENLY RELEASED FROM THE DETENTION CENTER TUESDAY NIGHT. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS OF HOW THAT HAPPENED. CD

OCTOBER 6 – A FAMILY IS GETTING READY TO SAY GOOD-BYE AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF A YOUNG MOTHER TAKEN FROM THEM TOO SOON. INVESTIGATORS SAY DANIELLE HODGES SCOTT, INSIDE A HOME, WAS SHOT TO DEATH TUESDAY NIGHT. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

OCTOBER 20 – ANOTHER NORTH CAROLINA MURDER CONVICTION HAS BEEN OVERTURNED. LAST MONTH, TWO MEN WHO HAD EACH SERVED OVER 30 YEARS IN PRISON ON A RAPE AND MURDER CHARGE WERE FREED AFTER NEW EVIDENCE POINTED TO A DIFFERENT SUSPECT. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE HAS DETAILS ON THE LATEST MURDER CHARGE TO BE OVERTURNED. CD

OCTOBER 21 – IT IS EVERY SICK PERSON'S NIGHTMARE: BEING TREATED BY A HEALTH CARE WORKER WHO'S HIGH ON DRUGS WHILE IN THE IN THE OFFICE, THE ER, OR IN SURGERY. SOME SAY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS SHOULD POLICE THEIR COLLEAGUES, BUT OTHERS SAY GOVERNMENT SHOULD REQUIRE RANDOM DRUG TESTING FOR THOSE WITH ACCESS TO DRUGS. DONNA MARTINEZ JOINS BRIAN FREEMAN WITH THIS EYE ON LIFESTYLE. CD

OCTOBER 29 – DURHAM POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A FATAL SHOOTING THAT APPEARS HAPPENED DURING AN ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. WTVD TV'S FRED SHROPSHIRE HAS THE LATEST DETAILS. CD

NOVEMBER 3 – THE ALLEGED DRIVER THAT RALEIGH POLICE SAY IS BEHIND A CRASH THAT KILLED TWO LOCAL COLLEGE STUDENTS WILL FACE A JUDGE TODAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS DETAILS FROM AN EYEWITNESS. CD

NOVEMBER 14 – ONE PERSON WAS KILLED THURSDAY MORNING WHEN A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION COLLAPSED ON THE NORTH RALEIGH CAMPUS OF WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. MORE FROM WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE. CD

NOVEMBER 18 – THE MAN CHARGED WITH THE INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER OF A 13-YEAR-OLD BOY IN A HOTEL OVER THE WEEKEND FACED A WAKE COUNTY JUDGE ON MONDAY. WTVD TV'S ANGELECA ALVAREZ HAS THE LATEST DETAILS FOR US. CD

DECEMBER 12 – AUTHORITIES HAVE RELEASED RADIO TRAFFIC FROM A POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING THAT LEFT A MAN DEAD IN SANFORD. SANFORD POLICE SHOT AND KILLED 26-YEAR-OLD TRAVIS FAISON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. ON THURSDAY, THE SBI RELEASED ITS OFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED. WTVD TV'S HEATHER WALLAGA REPORTS THE FAMILY OF FAISON IS QUESTIONING HOW IT COULD END LIKE THIS. CD

DECEMBER 23 – AN 18-YEAR OLD WAS CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH A CRASH THAT LEFT A BUS DRIVER DEAD. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ REPORTS. CD

DECEMBER 29 – POLICE ARE WARNING PARENTS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A SUSPICIOUS DUO TARGETING YOUNG KIDS. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE PAIR HAVE BEEN SEEN IN TWO WAKE FOREST NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG SAMUEL WAIT LANE AND LARIAT RIDGE DRIVE.. WTVD TV'S ELENA ATHENS REPORTS. CD

DECEMBER 29 – THE NEW CURRENCY OF ORGANIZED GANGS ISN'T DRUGS OR GUNS...IT'S SOMETHING THAT WAS ONCE THE PRIDE OF NORTH CAROLINA...TOBACCO. A NEW WEBSITE ENTITLED THE-NEW-TOBACCO-ROAD-DOT-COM, IS RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT BLACK MARKET CIGARETTES THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH A RETIRED A-T-F AGENT, RICH MARIANOS (MARY-AH-NOS), TO FIND OUT MORE. CD

CR- Civil Rights

NOVEMBER 3 – BILL LUMAYE WITH JAY DELANCEY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VOTER INTEGRITY PROJECT NORTH CAROLINA ON UNCOVERING POTENTIAL VOTER FRAUD IN THE TRIANGLE AREA OF NORTH CAROLINA. CR

NOVEMBER 17 - BILL LUMAYE WITH DONNA MARTINEZ - WPTF POLITICAL REPORTER ON RETAIL EMPLOYEE PROTESTS AHEAD OF BLACK FRIDAY SALES HOURS. CR

NOVEMBER 27 - BILL LUMAYE WITH GREG PALAST - INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST ON VOTER CROSS-CHECKING TO SUPPRESS MINORITY VOTES IN NORTH CAROLINA. CR

DECEMBER 4 - BILL LUMAYE WITH C. EDMUND WRIGHT - CONSERVATIVE CONSULTANT, AUTHOR ON RIOTS IN FERGUSON AND NEW YORK OVER PERCEIVED POLICE BRUTALITY TOWARDS MINORITIES. CR

DECEMBER 12 – US SENATOR RICHARD BURR WHO WILL HEAD THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE ONCE THE GOP TAKES OVER THE SENATE HAD SOME HARSH WORDS THIS WEEK CONCERNING THE SENATE REPORT ON CIA INTERROGATION TACTICS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN ASKED DAVID SCHANZER DIRECTOR OF THE TRIANGLE CENTER ON TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY AT DUKE AND UNC-CHAPEL HILL WAS BURR CORRECT IN SAYING THAT THE SENATE RELEASED THE REPORT TO EMBARRASS THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION. CR

EC - Economy/Employment

OCTOBER 2 – THE DURHAM INNOVATION DISTRICT WAS UNVEILED ON WEDNESDAY. AIMED AT BEING A NEW DEVELOPMENT FOR GAME-CHANGING RESEARCH AND JOB-CREATING COMPANIES. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE SPOKE WITH JESSICA BROCK, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LONGFELLOW REAL ESTATE PARTNERS - WHICH DONATED OVER 250,000 DOLLARS TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT. EC

OCTOBER 2 – THIS WEEK, THE CITY OF RALEIGH IS THE CENTER OF THE BLUEGRASS MUSIC WORLD. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH HARVEY SCHMITT, PRESIDENT OF THE RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ABOUT HOW THE WIDE OPEN BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL BOOSTS RALEIGH'S POPULARITY AND ECONOMY. EC

OCTOBER 6 – THE ECONOMY BOUNCED BACK IN SEPTEMBER WITH A DROP IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE FROM CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER. EC

OCTOBER 6 – SEVENTEEN MILES WEST OF CHAPEL HILL AN OLD COTTON MILL HAS SPRUNG BACK TO LIFE. BUT IT'S NOT SPINNING COTTON ANY MORE. IT'S NOW A DESTINATION FOR CONCERTS, ART, FOOD AND NEW BUSINESS IN THE RURAL TOWN OF SAXAPAHAW. SCOTT SESSOMS REPORTS FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST AT THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. EC

OCTOBER 8 – THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS IS EXPECTED TO RISE BETWEEN SEVEN AND TEN PERCENT THIS WINTER BUT ... RULING OUT THE CHANCE OF ANOTHER POLAR VORTEX ... THE ENERGY DEPARTMENT PREDICTS AMERICANS WILL -- OVERALL -- PAY LESS FOR ENERGY THIS WINTER. MEANWHILE, DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, AND NORTH CAROLINA MAY SOON PLAY A LARGER ROLE ITS PRODUCTION. JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED THE TAR HEEL STATE'S PLACE IN THE "GAS GAME" WITH CHRIS MCGILL AND BRUCE MCDOWELL AT THE AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION. EC

OCTOBER 14 – YOU, THE CONSUMER, MAY NOT REALIZE HOW MUCH USDA'S AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE IS PRESENT AT YOUR GROCERY STORE OR FARMER'S MARKET. ROD BAIN REPORTS. EC

OCTOBER 14 – FINANCIAL EXPERTS SAY THAT RETIREES NEED 70 PERCENT OF THE INCOME THAT THEY EARNED DURING THEIR WORKING YEARS TO BE ABLE TO LIVE COMFORTABLY DURING RETIREMENT. HOWEVER, SENIOR CITIZENS IN 49 OUT OF 50 STATES- INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA- AREN'T REPLACING ENOUGH OF THEIR PRE-RETIREMENT INCOME, ACCORDING TO A NEW INTEREST-DOT-COM STUDY. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MIKE SANTE (SAN-TEE)- MANAGING EDITOR OF INTEREST-DOT-COM- TO FIND OUT IF WE NEED TO KEEP AT LEAST A PART-TIME JOB AFTER WE RETIRE, OR DELAY RETIREMENT. EC

OCTOBER 20 – MANY PEOPLE LOOK TO WARREN BUFFETT FOR STOCK ADVICE, BECAUSE HE ALWAYS SEEMS TO PAVE A WAY TO PROFITABLE SUCCESS... DOUG KELLETT CHATS WITH THE AUTHOR OF "THE ESSAYS OF WARREN BUFFETT", LARRY CUNNINGHAM TO FIND OUT JUST WHAT MAKES BUFFETT GOOD AT PREDICTING PROFIT. EC

OCTOBER 20 – IT'S NOT YET HALLOWEEN, BUT THERE'S ALREADY A LOT OF FEAR IN THE NATION OVER LAST WEEK'S DROP IN THE MARKET. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS FROM CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER THAT THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC. EC

OCTOBER 21 – ALL THINGS OPEN CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE IN DOWNTOWN RALEIGH TOMORROW AND THURSDAY, WHERE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA, "BOB" GEOLAS, (GEE-OH-LAS) IS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE. EC

OCTOBER 29 – CHIQUITA RECEIVED MORE THAN \$23 MILLION IN STATE AND LOCAL INCENTIVES FOR MOVING ITS HEADQUARTERS AND JOBS FROM CINCINNATI TO CHARLOTTE. THE DEAL WITH CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY SAYS IF CHIQUITA -- WITHIN 10 YEARS -- DECIDED TO SPLIT FROM CHARLOTTE, IT MUST REPAY THE INCENTIVES IT RECEIVED. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH JOHN LASSITER -- CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH CAROLINA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP -- TO DISCUSS WHAT WILL HAPPEN, NOW THAT THE BANANA BEHEMOTH HAS BEEN ACQUIRED BY TWO BRAZILIAN COMPANIES. EC

NOVEMBER 3 – SO HOW DID THE MARKETS DO AT THE END OF OCTOBER? CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESSINGER SAYS IT BOUNCED BACK IN TIME. EC

NOVEMBER 7 – THERE'S A NEW TERM MAKING THE ROUNDS ... "AGRI-COMMUNITY". NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN TELLS US WHAT IT IS AND WHY ARE WE HEARING ABOUT IT TODAY. EC

NOVEMBER 7 – A LOCAL COMPANY IS GOING WORLDWIDE AGAIN WITH NEW ASTHMA DRUGS AND A CARY COMPANY IS GOING TO THE DRAWING BOARD FOR HELICOPTERS. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT THESE LOCAL BUSINESS STORIES FROM AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. EC

NOVEMBER 14 – SOME LOCAL COMPANIES ARE LOOKING TO FIND NEW OFFICE SPACE AND ONE OF NORTH CAROLINA'S BIGGEST FUNDS IS ALMOST MAXED OUT. AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL GIVES BRIAN FREEMAN A CLOSER LOOK INTO THESE LOCAL BUSINESS STORIES OF THE WEEK. EC

NOVEMBER 24 – IT'S THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING AND HOLIDAY SHOPPING IS IN FULL GEAR OR AT LEAST IT WILL BE BY FRIDAY. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER TO DISCUSS WHAT THE SEASON OF SHOPPING LOOKS LIKE NUMBERS-WISE. EC

NOVEMBER 24 – THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMERCE DEPARTMENT REPORTED FRIDAY THAT THE JOBLESS RATE IN OCTOBER DROPPED FROM THE MONTH BEFORE. JOSH ZACH COMBED OVER THE NUMBERS WITH LARRY PARKER WITH THE DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY. EC

DECEMBER 1 – EVEN THOUGH BLACK FRIDAY IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST SPENDING DAYS FOR AMERICANS, THIS YEAR SHOPPERS ARE FINDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO STANDING IN LONG LINES AFTER THANKSGIVING. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH CBS BUSINESS NEWS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER ABOUT THE DECLINE IN SHOPPERS AND WHY. EC

DECEMBER 4 – THE JOBLESS RATE IS FALLING, YET U.S. BUSINESSES CONTINUE STRUGGLING TO FILL MILLIONS OF JOBS DUE TO A LACK OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. MEANWHILE, THERE ARE ROUGHLY SIX MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT OF WORK AND LACK ACCESS TO MEANINGFUL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. THIS TALENT POOL OF YOUNG, MOTIVATED WORKERS ARE BEING LABELED "OPPORTUNITY YOUTH," AND JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH PAM HAMLIN -- GLOBAL PRESIDENT OF ARNOLD ADVERTISING -- TO FIND OUT HOW COMPANIES OF ALL SIZES CAN TAP IN TOP THIS UNTAPPED RESOURCE. EC

DECEMBER 4 – NEXT WEDNESDAY THE GREATER RALEIGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL PRESENT ANOTHER IN ITS C-SUITE PERSPECTIVE EVENTS FEATURING DR. WAYNE HOLDEN, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF RTI INTERNATIONAL. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH DR. HOLDEN ABOUT HIS UPCOMING ADDRESS. EC

DECEMBER 12 – WHY IS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENDING "EMERGENCY KITS" TO COMMERCIAL BANKS ACROSS THE U-S, EVEN AS THINGS ARE LOOKING UP ON WALL STREET?... THAT'S A QUESTION THAT WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON ASKED BUSINESS RADIO HOST AUSTIN HILL? EC

DECEMBER 12 – CREDIT REPORTING AGENCY TRANSUNION IS OUT WITH ITS ANNUAL FORECAST OF MORTGAGE AND CREDIT DELINQUENCY RATES, WHICH FINDS LATE PAYMENTS ON BOTH LINES OF CREDIT ARE EXPECTED TO DECLINE IN 2015 ... JOSH ZACH DISCUSSED MAKING LATE PAYMENTS AND THE OPTIMISTIC PREDICTIONS WITH EZRA BECKER, VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH AND CONSULTING AT TRANSUNION. EC

DECEMBER 12 – THE STATE HIGHWAY PATROL IS USING NEW WAYS TO CATCH DRIVERS TEXTING, NORTH CAROLINA IS HOME A LOT OF MANUFACTURING JOBS AND WINDS OF CHANGE MAY BLOW IN OUR FAVOR FOR ENERGY. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES THESE STORIES WITH AMANDA HOYLE FROM THE TRIANGLE BUSINESS JOURNAL. EC

DECEMBER 19 – WHILE SANTA CLAUS IS MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE TO FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR NICE, THE CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER BOARD OF STANDARDS IS ALSO MAKING A NAUGHTY OR NICE LIST TO FIGURE OUT IF WE HAVE BEEN GOOD WITH OUR FINANCES OR NOT. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH STEVE REPAK (RE-PACK)- CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER IN CHARLOTTE- TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE "SANTA CLAUS AUDIT." EC

DECEMBER 29 – THE STATE FILM OFFICE IS ONE OF SEVERAL COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DIVISIONS THAT MOVED TO THE STATE'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP. AARON SYRETT, DIRECTOR OF THE FILM OFFICE FOR SEVEN YEARS, WAS OFFERED A JOB WITH THE PARTNERSHIP BUT -- AMID THE ONGOING DEBATE OVER THE STATE FILM INCENTIVES -- SYRETT, IN JULY, 2014 -- ANNOUNCED HIS RESIGNATION. HE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S JOSH ZACH. EC

DECEMBER 29 – STAYCATIONS- WHERE PEOPLE FIND THINGS TO DO CLOSE TO HOME INSTEAD OF TRAVELING FOR A VACATION- HAVE BEEN A GROWING TREND SINCE THE START OF THE GREAT RECESSION. SO, WHAT ARE THE BEST CITIES FOR STAYCATIONS AND WHERE DOES RALEIGH RANKS ON THE LIST COMPILED BY WALLETHUB? BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT FROM JOHN KIERNAN (KEAR-NEN)- SENIOR ANALYST AT WALLETHUB-DOT-COM. EC

DECEMBER 29 – WHEN WE REVIEW THINGS FOR THE YEAR, WE NOTE THE BAD STUFF, BUT IT'S A DIFFERENT STORY FOR FINANCES. IT WAS AN OVERALL A GOOD YEAR FOR BUSINESS AND THERE WERE SOME UNEXPECTED SURPRISES THAT HELPED BOOST OUR ECONOMY AS WELL. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS THE DETAILS OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR REVIEW FROM CBS SENIOR BUSINESS ANALYST JILL SCHLESINGER. EC

ED- Education/PSA/Science

OCTOBER 8 - IF YOU'VE WALKED AROUND UNC'S CHAPEL HILL'S CAMPUS, YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN THEM. THEY MOVE QUICKLY ON THE STREET WITH THEIR REVVING ENGINES, BUT THEY AREN'T CARS. THEY'RE MOPEDS, AND THEY'RE BECOMING MORE POPULAR. NOW, THIS REPORT FROM RENE GUPTA WITH CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST OF THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. ED

OCTOBER 21 – UNC-CHAPEL HILL SAYS THE RESULTS OF AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO ACADEMIC IRREGULARITIES AT THE SCHOOL INVOLVING STUDENT ATHLETES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC WEDNESDAY. WPTF'S BLAKE HODGE WITH MORE. ED

OCTOBER 29 – IN THE WAKE OF THE WAINSTEIN REPORT AT U-N-C CHAPEL HILL -- WPTF'S PATRICK JOHNSON SPOKE WITH NEWS AND OBSERVER REPORTER DAN KANE -- WHO HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON THE TOPICS COVERED IN THE REPORT. ED

NOVEMBER 3 – LAST WEEK, WAKE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVED A REPORT OF "NO RECOMMENDATIONS" FROM A SITE VISIT TEAM FROM THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS, WHICH IS A KEY PART OF THE SCHOOL'S 10 YEARS ACCREDITATION PROCESS. BRUCE FERRELL TALKED WITH SCHOOL PRESIDENT STEPHEN SCOTT ABOUT SOME OF THE POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR THIS CYCLE. ED

DECEMBER 1 – INDIANA EARNED A "B-PLUS"- THE HIGHEST GRADE OUT OF ALL THE STATES FOR EDUCATION POLICIES, WHILE NORTH DAKOTA EARNED THE LOWEST GRADE OF A "D," ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EDITION OF THE "REPORT CARD ON AMERICAN EDUCATION" BY THE AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL (ALEC). BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DAVE MYSLINSKI (MISS-LEN-SKI)- WITH ALEC- TO FIND OUT NORTH CAROLINA'S RANKING. ED

DECEMBER 4 – THE PHARMACY SCHOOL AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL RECEIVED A MAJOR DONATION -- \$100 MILLION FROM FRED ESHELMAN (ESH-UL-MAN), A FOUNDER AND FORMER CEO OF A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. THE COMMITMENT – THE LARGEST FROM AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORY AND THE LARGEST EVER MADE TO A PHARMACY SCHOOL IN THE UNITED STATES. UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR CAROL FOLT OUTLINED HOW THE MONEY WILL BE USED. ED

DECEMBER 4 – THE WAKE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TUESDAY IN APPROVAL OF A NEW STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR. BILL LUMAYE TALKED WITH CHRISTINE KUSHNER, BOARD CHAIR, ABOUT THIS NEW PLAN AND THE CHANGES THEY HAVE MADE. ED

DECEMBER 29 – DUKE UNIVERSITY'S LEE D. BAKER, ASSOCIATE VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION, JOINED PRESIDENT OBAMA, THE FIRST LADY AND VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN ALONG WITH HUNDREDS OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS AND OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION LEADERS EARLIER THIS MONTH TO ANNOUNCE NEW ACTIONS TO HELP MORE STUDENTS PREPARE FOR AND GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE. BAKER SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY DAY OF ACTION. ED

EH - Environment/Health

OCTOBER 14 – THE FRACK FREE NC ALLIANCE -- WHICH IS MADE UP BY OVER TWO DOZEN GROUPS FROM AROUND THE STATE -- WILL DELIVER/DELIVERED OVER 50,000 PETITION SIGNATURES THIS MORNING (TUESDAY MORNING @ 11AM) TO GOVERNOR MCCRORY AGAINST FRACKING ... JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DAVE ROGERS, FIELD DIRECTOR WITH ENVIRONMENT NORTH CAROLINA TO FIND OUT WHY. EH

NOVEMBER 7 – OFFICIALS FROM NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA MET PRIVATELY THURSDAY WITH FEDERAL REGULATORS AND GROUPS FUNDED BY OIL AND GAS COMPANIES TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR DRILLING OFF THE ATLANTIC COAST. THE AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE SAYS IF OFFSHORE DRILLING IS APPROVED NORTH CAROLINA COULD SEE A FLOW OF NEARLY 4-BILLION DOLLARS INTO THE STATE OVER A 20-YEAR PERIOD. JOSH ZACH TALKED TO ERIK MILITO AT THE AMERICAN

PETROLEUM INSTITUTE WHO SAYS OPENING UP ATLANTIC TO OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT WOULD -- OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS -- CREATE 280,000 JOBS ALONG THE COAST ... AND 55,000 OF THOSE JOBS WOULD BE IN NORTH CAROLINA. EH

DECEMBER 23 – A STATE PANEL HAS APPROVED A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF REGULATIONS FOR COMPANIES THAT WANT FRACKING PERMITS TO DRILL FOR AND COLLECT NATURAL GAS IN NORTH CAROLINA. PERMITS COULD BE SENT OUT TO START THE FRACKING PROCESS AS EARLY AS NEXT SPRING. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN HEARS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE ARGUMENT FROM JENNIFER KRILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EARTHWORKS, A LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND CHRIS FAULKNER, CEO, FOUNDER OF BREITLING ENERGY AND AUTHOR OF THE "THE FRACKING TRUTH. EH

GA – Government Affairs

OCTOBER 21 – RALEIGH CITY STAFF HAVE PULLED A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO FOR THE LARGEST BOND REFERENDUM IN RALEIGH'S HISTORY FROM THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION WEBSITE. BRIAN FREEMAN AND DONNA MARTINEZ WHY THE VIDEO WAS PULLED AND WHY SEVERAL NC CITIES ARE UNDER FIRE FOR COLLECTING INFO FROM CELLPHONES! GA

DECEMBER 1 – CONGRESSMAN WALTER JONES RECENTLY APPEARED ON N-C-N AFFILIATE STATION W-T-I-B F-M IN GREENVILLE... THE VETERAN CONGRESSMAN HAD A WIDE-RANGING CONVERSATION WITH MORNING HOST HENRY HINTON. GA

DECEMBER 4 – GOVERNOR MCCRORY JOINED 16 OTHER STATES IN SUING TO STOP THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION. AND A LOCAL LATINO ADVOCACY GROUP IS DENOUNCING THAT DECISION BY THE GOVERNOR. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS MORE. GA

DECEMBER 23 – THE 4TH U.S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS ON MONDAY DECLARED AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL A NORTH CAROLINA LAW REQUIRING ABORTION PROVIDERS TO SHOW A WOMAN AN ULTRASOUND AND DESCRIBE THE IMAGES IN DETAIL FOUR HOURS BEFORE SHE CAN HAVE AN ABORTION. THE DECISION UPHOLDS A LOWER-COURT RULING FROM JANUARY AND COULD SEND THE ISSUE TO THE SUPREME COURT. WPTF'S DONNA MARTINEZ SPOKE WITH TAMI FITZGERALD WITH THE NC VALUES COALITION. GA

GR - Growth/Transportation/Roads

OCTOBER 2 – MOTORISTS AND BUSINESSES IN THE TRIANGLE AND TRIAD SAW SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS AT THE GAS PUMPS THIS SUMMER, THANKS TO A RULE CHANGE BY THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES THAT WAS APPROVED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY IN MAY. BRUCE FERRELL FOUND OUT MORE GR

OCTOBER 21 – CAR CRASHES ARE THE NUMBER ONE KILLER OF 14-TO-18 YEAR OLDS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND PARENTS CAN BE THE BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON THEIR TEENS' SAFETY BEHIND THE WHEEL. WITH THIS WEEK DESIGNATED AS NATIONAL TEEN DRIVER SAFETY WEEK, JOSH ZACH DISCUSSES THE PROBLEM AND SOLUTIONS WITH NOLAN KATERBERG, PROGRAM MANAGER WITH FORD'S DRIVING SKILLS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN. GR

NOVEMBER 3 – THANKSGIVING IS NORMALLY A TIME FOR FAMILY GATHERINGS,BUT IT'S ALSO A GREAT TIME TO TRAVEL WITHOUT MISSING THE FEAST. MANY HOTELS, RESOTS AND LODGES AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE GREAT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DEALS INCLUDING DINNER WITH NO COOKING OR CLEANUP. TRAVEL EDITOR PETER GREENBERG JOINS "CBS THIS MORNING: SATURDAY" WITH GREAT TRAVEL IDEAS FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DESTINATIONS. GR

NOVEMBER 14 – A QUARTER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE SET NEXT WEEK AND THE FOLLOWING WEEK IN DURHAM AND CHAPEL HILL ON THE FUTURE OF PASSENGER RAIL. BRUCE FERRELL HAS MORE. GR

NOVEMBER 18 – A PANEL OF LAWMAKERS, SAFETY ADVOCATES AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS BACK NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER'S PROPOSAL TO INSTALL MORE CAMERAS ON SCHOOL BUSES. COOPER SAYS THE CAMERAS WILL DETER DRIVERS FROM SKIRTING AROUND THEM AS THEY PICK UP OR UNLOAD STUDENTS. AS THE SCHOOL YEAR KICKED OFF IN LATE AUGUST WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TOUCHED ON THE SUBJECT WITH SGT MIKE BAKER WITH THE HIGHWAY PATROL. GR

NOVEMBER 24 – AAA CAROLINAS IS PREDICTING THE FALLING GAS PRICES WILL FUEL AN INCREASE IN TRAVEL FOR THANKSGIVING IN NORTH CAROLINA. JOSH ZACH CALLED ON THE MOTOR CLUB'S TIFFANY WRIGHT TO FIND OUT HOW MANY OF US ARE EXPECTED TO TRAVEL AND -- FOR THOSE OF US WHO DO -- HOW MUCH WE'LL BE PAYING AT THE PUMP. GR

DECEMBER 1 – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND IS OVER AND FOR MANY THE HOLIDAY TRAVELS HAVE ENDED AS WELL. WTVD TV'S ANGELICA ALVAREZ HAS A LOOK AT HOW RDU DID OVER THE HOLIDAY WEEKEND. GR

DECEMBER 19 – EXPENSIVE CARS FOR TEENS MAY NOT SEEM LIKE GOOD IDEA, BUT IF IT SAVES A TEENS LIFE THAT'S MONEY WELL SPENT. HERE'S CBS NEWS CORRESPONDENT BARRY BAGNATO. GR

HO – Housing

OCTOBER 6 – AS HOME-BUYING IMPROVES, MORE HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOOKING AT TAKING OUT A MORTGAGE. THE KEY FACTOR OF ANY MORTGAGE --POSSIBLY -- IS THE INTEREST RATE. NC STATE ECONOMIST MIKE WALDEN TELLS US HOW THESE RATES LOOK. HO

DECEMBER 12 – THE HOLIDAYS CAN BE A TOUGH TIME IF YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED AND IT CAN BE EVEN TOUGHER IF YOU RUN THE RISK OF LOSING YOUR HOME. HELP IS AVAILABLE FROM THE N.C. FORECLOSURE PREVENTION FUND. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNED THE INS AND OUTS OF THE PROGRAM FROM CHARLENE SMITH WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY. HO

HSM – Health, Safety and Medical Affairs

OCTOBER 2 – THE VA DOES MORE THAN PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR VETERANS, IT ALSO PERFORMS IMPORTANT RESEARCH. BRANDON DICKSON SPOKE WITH DR. TIMOTHY O'LEARY- THE VA'S CHIEF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER- TO FIND OUT SOME OF THE DISCOVERIES BY VA MEDICAL CENTERS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. HSM

OCTOBER 6 – FEMALES IN NORTH CAROLINA MAKE UP 30 PERCENT OF THE HIV-POSITIVE COMMUNITY, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST FIGURES FROM 2012. OVERALL, WOMEN MAKE UP 22 PERCENT OF ALL NEW HIV DIAGNOSES, AND BLACK FEMALES ARE 11 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE DIAGNOSED THAN WHITE NON-HISPANIC FEMALES. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH MARIA DAVIS - WHO HAS HIV - AND DR. MICHAEL GOTTLIEB- HIV AND AIDS RESEARCHER- TO FIND OUT WHAT CHALLENGES PEOPLE WITH HIV FACE. HSM

OCTOBER 6 – DALLAS, TX HAS BECOME GROUND ZERO FOR THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF THE EBOLA VIRUS DUE TO THOMAS DUNCAN'S RETURN TO THE U.S. FROM LIBERIA. HIS RETURN SPARKS A NATIONAL DEBATE ON WHETHER THE CDC IS DOING ENOUGH TO STOP THE SPREAD OF EBOLA. DR. VINCENT ELLETT TALKS WITH DOUG KELLETT AND CO- HOST RON PENNY OF THE MORNING TO DRIVE TO FIND OUT IF BANNING ALL FLIGHTS FROM THESE INFECTED AREAS WOULD BE THE PROPER STEPS TO KEEPING THIS VIRUS FROM SPREADING TO US CITIZENS. HSM

OCTOBER 8 – LABELING FOOD THAT CONTAINS GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IS NOT REQUIRED IN THE U.S. DESPITE WORRIES ABOUT THE POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS. A CONSUMER REPORT STUDY SHOWS SURPRISING RESULT OF TESTING ON CEREALS, CHIPS, BABY FORMULAS AND MORE. URVASHI RANGAN, CONSUMER SAFETY AND SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR AT CONSUMER REPORT, DISCUSSES WITH "CBS THIS MORNING" THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY. HSM

OCTOBER 8 – THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TODAY CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THREE ADDITIONAL CASES OF ENTEROVIRUS D68, OR EV-D68, IN NORTH CAROLINA, TOTALING NINE SINCE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014. THE THREE SPECIMENS THAT TESTED POSITIVE FOR EV-D68 WERE OBTAINED FROM CHILDREN AGES 10 AND UNDER WITH RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES. JOSH ZACH SPOKE WITH DR. ZACK MOORE AT THE STATE THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH; HE SAYS WHILE ENTEROVIRUS D68 HAS BEEN CROPPING UP IN CHILDREN, INFECTION IS NOT LIMITED TO JUST YOUNG PEOPLE. HSM

OCTOBER 14 – THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR KICKS OFF THIS THURSDAY, AND OFFICIALS ARE PROJECTING ATTENDANCE DURING THE 10-DAY EVENT WILL REACH ONE-MILLION. AHEAD OF THE FAIR OPENING FOR BUSINESS, STATE LEADERS HELD A MEDIA CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS SEVERAL CONCERNS. ONE OF THEM IS LAST YEAR'S ACCIDENT INVOLVING A THRILL RIDE. AG COMMISSIONER STEVE TROXLER ADDRESSED SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT SURROUNDED THE VORTEX. HSM

OCTOBER 14 – FEDERAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ARE TELLING THE NATION'S HOSPITALS TO "THINK EBOLA." ON MONDAY CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION DIRECTOR TOM FRIEDEN URGED HOSPITALS TO WATCH FOR PATIENTS WITH FEVER OR SYMPTOMS OF EBOLA WHO HAVE TRAVELED FROM THE THREE EBOLA-STRICKEN AFRICAN NATIONS IN THE PAST 21 DAYS.HSM

OCTOBER 14 – WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANOTHER EBOLA PATIENT HERE IN THE UNITED STATES...THERE ARE COMPANIES IN THE RTP THAT ARE DOING RESEARCH TO FIGHT THE DEADLY VIRUS. BRIAN FREEMAN GETS MORE FROM "BOB" GEOLAS, (GEE-OH-LAS) PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE RESEARCH TRIANGLE FOUNDATION OF NORTH CAROLINA. HSM

OCTOBER 20 – WHEN IT COMES TO THE EBOLA VIRUS, METICULOUS CARE AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL MUST BE PAID -- NOT ONLY TO THE PATIENT AND TO THE SAFETY OF WORKERS PROVIDING CARE -- BUT ALSO TO THE PHYSICAL SURROUNDINGS WHERE AN INFECTED PERSON HAS BEEN, WHERE THEY HAVE STAYED AND WHERE THEY'VE BEEN TREATED. JOSH ZACH SPEAKS WITH STATE EPIDEMIOLOGIST DR. MEGAN (MEE-GAN) DAVIES TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS OF CONTAINMENT AND DECONTAMINATION. HSM

OCTOBER 21 – ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER OR ADHD AFFECTS OVER 6 MILLION CHILDREN IN THE U.S. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON CHILDHOOD NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS AND CAN CONTINUE THROUGH ADOLESCENCE AND ADULTHOOD. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DR. ADELAIDE (AD-UH-LAID) ROBB- LEADING ADHD EXPERT- TO FIND OUT SOME OF THE SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS OF CHILDREN WITH ADHD. HSM

OCTOBER 21 – THE KEY TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF BACTERIA AND VIRUSES LIKE EBOLA, MIGHT BE IN THE TRIANGLE. PURTHREAD IS AN INNOVATIVE COMPANY IN CARY THAT EMBEDS POWERFUL ANTI-MICROBIAL SILVER INTO THE CORE OF FIBERS TO KILL HARMFUL BACTERIA SUCH AS SALMONELLA AND E.COLI. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH PURTHREAD'S MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DR. RUSS GREENFIELD, TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE COMPANY. HSM

NOVEMBER 3 – ARE PEOPLE GROWING MORE CONCERNED ABOUT EBOLA? ONE RECENT SURVEY OF NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS ASKED THAT QUESTIONS. HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. HSM

NOVEMBER 7 – THE 90-DAY DEADLINE MANDATED BY CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT REFORMS WITHIN THE V-A HAS OFFICIALLY EXPIRED, AND THE AMERICAN LEGION HAS RELEASED A REPORT TO SHOW THE PROGRESS SO FAR. BEFORE ADDRESSING THE PROGRESS, BRANDON DICKSON ASKED ROSCOE BUTLER-THE AMERICAN LEGION'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HEALTH CARE- WHAT SOME OF THE NECESSARY REFORMS WERE. HSM

NOVEMBER 14 – PREVENTION IS KEY IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO FRY YOUR TURKEY THIS YEAR, AS JOHN CLARK OF WTVD FOUND OUT FROM DURHAM FROM EDWARD REED, THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF AND FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE CITY OF DURHAM. HSM

NOVEMBER 18 – THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY REPORTS OBESITY WILL SURPASS TOBACCO AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER WITHIN A COUPLE OF YEARS. YET ACCORDING TO AN ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL, LESS THAN TEN PERCENT OF AMERICANS KNOW THERE'S A LINK BETWEEN EXCESS WEIGHT AND CANCER. SO WHY IS OBESITY TAKING OVER AS THE LEADING CAUSE OF CANCER? WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH DR. NICHOLETTE MARTIN AUTHOR OF *LOVE WHAT YOU EAT: CHOOSING FOODS THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE.. SHE'S ALSO A NUTRITIONAL COUNSELOR & CERTIFIED HEALTH COACH*, THAT TEACHES HOW TO INCORPORATE DISEASE-FIGHTING FOODS INTO YOUR DIET AND LOVE IT! HSM

NOVEMBER 18 – DO YOU EVER FIND YOUR EYES GLUED TO YOUR SMARTPHONE, EVEN WHILE YOU'RE TUCKED IN FOR BED? RESEARCH FROM THE PEW INTERNET PROJECT SHOWS THAT MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF CELLPHONE USERS SLEEP WITH THEIR SMARTPHONES IN THEIR BED. BUT AN IPHONE DOESN'T MAKE THE BEST TEDDY BEAR AS WE HEAR FROM PARTH SHAW WITH CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST OF THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. HSM

NOVEMBER 18 – THOUSANDS OF NORTH CAROLINIANS WILL BE TRAVELING BY AIR OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. BUT THE EXCITEMENT OF VISITING FAMILY AND FRIENDS COMES AT A PHYSICAL COST. THANKFULLY, THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN BE MINDFUL OF WHEN TRYING TO FEND OFF, OR DEAL WITH, JET LAG. DONNA MARTINEZ JOINS BRIAN FREEMAN WITH THIS EYE ON LIFESTYLE. HSM

NOVEMBER 24 – THE STATE'S SECOND DEATH FROM FLU HAS HEALTH OFFICIALS PROVIDING WORDS OF CAUTION.. BRUCE FERRELL HAS THIS REPORT. HSM

DECEMBER 1 – WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF ANOTHER FLU SEASON, AND AS THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO GET COLDER, WE CAN EXPECT MORE SNIFFLING, COUGHING, AND SNEEZING. BUT, IS THAT HOW THE FLU GETS SPREAD? BRANDON DICKSON FINDS OUT FROM DR. LEONARD FRIEDLAND- AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND IMMUNIZATION EXPERT WITH GSK. HSM

DECEMBER 19 – THE N.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS ANNOUNCED THAT A FIFTH PERSON HAS DIED BECAUSE OF COMPLICATIONS FROM AN INFLUENZA INFECTION. HOSPITALS AND URGENT CARE CENTERS ARE GEARING UP FOR FLU PATIENTS AS WTVB'S CAITLIN KANUTE (KA-NOOT) FOUND OUT AT REX HOSPITALS. SHE SPOKE WITH REX ER DOCTOR MICHAEL AZRAK. HSM

DECEMBER 19 – WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN FULL SWING, THAT MEANS MANY OF US WILL BE COOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND GET- TOGETHERS. BUT, IF WE DON'T TAKE THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS, OUR HOLIDAYS COULD END WITH A CALL TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. BRANDON DICKSON GOT SOME TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID THE FLAMES AND ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE HOLIDAYS FROM SHAWN GRIFFIN- TRAUMA AND BURN OUTREACH COORDINATOR AT WAKE FOREST BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER. HSM

DECEMBER 23 – PHYSICAL FITNESS IS A GOAL SOUGHT BY MANY OF US, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. ONE OF THE TOP NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS PEOPLE MAKE IS TO LOSE WEIGHT OR GET IN SHAPE. A NEW BOOK -- CO-AUTHORED BY A CHAMPION ATHLETE -- MAY BE JUST WHAT THEY NEED. JOSH ZACH TALKED TO THREE-TIME TOUR DE FRANCE WINNER, GREG LEMOND -- AND DR. MARK HOM OF JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY -- ABOUT THEIR BOOK, "THE SCIENCE OF FITNESS." HSM

DECEMBER 23 – AS WE APPROACH THE PEAK OF THE FLU SEASON, THE CDC IS RECOMMENDING THAT ALMOST EVERYONE SIX MONTHS AND OLDER GET A FLU VACCINATION. BRANDON DICKSON FOUND OUT WHAT TYPES OF VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM DR. LEONARD FRIEDLAND- AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND IMMUNIZATION EXPERT WITH GSK. HSM

IA- International Affairs

OCTOBER 20 – PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTERS IN HONG KONG HAVE CAPTURED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION DURING THE PAST FEW WEEKS. THE SUSTAINED TENSION BETWEEN MAINLAND CHINA AND THE CITY MAY THREATEN UNC'S RELATIONSHIPS IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD. ANDY WILLIARD REPORTS FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST AT UNC'S SCHOOLS OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. IA

NS - National Security

NOVEMBER 3 – REESE ERLICH IS A CBS RADIO NEWS FREELANCE REPORTER AND AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST WHO HAS COVERED SYRIA AND HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE REGION WHERE ISLAMIC STATE MILITANTS (ISIS) ARE FIGHTING FOR CONTROL. HE SPOKE WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN. NS

NOVEMBER 7 – SOME ARAB ALLIES OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND KUWAIT ARE DISCUSSING THE CREATION OF A MILITARY PACT AGAINST ISLAMIC MILITANTS, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT FORCE TO INTERVENE AROUND THE MIDDLE EAST. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN CONTINUES HIS CONVERSATION WITH DAVID SCHANZER ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S SANFORD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY. HE IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF THE TRIANGLE CENTER ON TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY AT DUKE AND UNC-CHAPEL HILL. NS

NOVEMBER 14 – SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IS A CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING FORM OF PUNISHMENT THAT AMOUNTS TO TORTURE AND MUST NO LONGER BE USED IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AS TORTURE, A NEW REPORT RELEASED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY SEMINAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW. DEBORAH WEISSMAN PROFESSOR AT THE UNC SCHOOL OF LAW SERVED AS FACULTY ADVISER FOR THE REPORT CONTINUES HER DISCUSSION WITH WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN.. NS

NOVEMBER 24 – THE ISRAELIS HAVE VOWED REVENGE AFTER A PAIR OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS ARMED WITH GUNS, AXES AND MEAT CLEAVERS SLAUGHTERED FOUR RABBIS, THREE OF WHICH WERE US CITIZENS, AND A POLICE OFFICER IN A JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE BEFORE THEY TOO WERE KILLED. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN GOES OVER THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE ATTACK WITH DAVID SCHANZER ASSOCIATE

PROFESSOR AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S SANFORD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND DIRECTOR OF THE TRIANGLE CENTER ON TERRORISM AND HOMELAND SECURITY AT DUKE AND UNC-CHAPEL HILL. NS

PA – Political Affairs

OCTOBER 2 – THE 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HAS REVERSED A FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT'S DENIAL OF A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION ON SOME PARTS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONTROVERSIAL NEW VOTER ID LAW. THE HIGHER COURT WILL DELAY ELIMINATION OF SAME-DAY REGISTRATION AND PROHIBITION ON COUNTING OUT-OF-PRECINCT BALLOTS. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN FINDS OUT WHAT THIS MEANS FOR VOTERS FROM CHRIS BROOK LEGAL DIRECTOR WITH THE ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA. PA

OCTOBER 8 – SENATOR INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN AND REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER THOM TILLIS WENT HEAD TO HEAD LAST NIGHT IN THEIR SECOND DEBATE ON TOPICS FROM ISIS THREAT TO EBOLA TO EQUAL PAY. BRIAN FREEMAN DISCUSSES WITH WPTF SENIOR POLITICAL ANALYST DONNA MARTINEZ ABOUT THE CANDIDATES' AND THEIR ARGUMENTS. PA

OCTOBER 29 – WITH THE ELECTION NOW DAYS AWAY, A HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL SHOWS A GREAT DEAL OF DISENCHANTMENT AMONG THE ELECTORATE. HERE'S BRUCE FERRELL. PA

NOVEMBER 3 – THE SENATE RACE IS NOT THE ONLY RACE ON THE BALLOT TUESDAY AS DON CURTIS DISCUSSED ON CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH ANDY TAYLOR, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AT NC STATE UNIVERSITY. PA

NOVEMBER 7 – ON THIS WEEKEND'S EDITION OF CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS WITH DON CURTIS, JOHN HOOD WITH THE CONSERVATIVE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION GIVES HIS TAKE ON TUESDAY'S ELECTION RESULTS WHERE STATE HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS UNSEATED STATE HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. PA

NOVEMBER 14 – ON THURSDAY, REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS RE-ELECTED MITCH MCCONNELL AND HARRY REID TO THEIR LEADERSHIP POSTS IN THE SENATE, BUT THE POWER WON'T SHIFT TO THE GOP UNTIL CONGRESS COMES BACK IN JANUARY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH CBS' PAM COULTER IN WASHINGTON. PA

RE – Religion, Civil Service & Social Climate

OCTOBER 29 – WHILE MANY TIMES LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS BEFORE HALLOWEEN EVEN PASSES WOULD BE SHUNNED, AN EXCEPTION CAN BE MADE FOR THE N-C CARES CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH TERRY SNYDER- THE FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN OF OPERATION NORTH STATE- TO FIND OUT WHAT OPERATION NORTH STATES IS, AND TO GET ALL THE DETAILS OF THE CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT. RE

OCTOBER 29 – THE BAN ON SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA HAS BEEN DROPPED FOR WEEKS NOW WHICH SOME ARE GIVING POSITIVE FEEDBACK TO, BUT A RECENT POLL FOUND A MAJORITY OF NORTH CAROLINIANS ARE AGAINST SAME-SEX MARRIAGE. BRIAN FREEMAN LEARNS MORE ABOUT THE POLLS FINDINGS FROM WPTF'S SENIOR POLITICAL CONSULTANT DONNA MARTINEZ. RE

NOVEMBER 7 – ONE LOCAL COMPANY IS DOING ITS PART TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY. BRIAN FREEMAN SPOKE WITH RICHARD AVERITTE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED. RE

NOVEMBER 18 – ON THURSDAY, THE CHILDREN'S PROMISE RADIOTHON FOR THE UNC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IS YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BRUCE FERRELL TELLS US THE STORY OF A FAYETTEVILLE COLLEGE STUDENT WHO RECEIVED CARE AND NOW IS TELLING THE STORY OF HOW THE HOSPITAL IS CHANGING LIVES. RE

DECEMBER 1 – A NEW REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER ON FAMILY HOMELESSNESS FINDS THAT 2.5 MILLION U.S. CHILDREN ARE HOMELESS, AN ALL-TIME HIGH. CHILD HOMELESSNESS INCREASED IN 31 STATES, INCLUDING NORTH CAROLINA AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA..WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN SPOKE WITH ANN GASSMAN-PINES AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT DUKE UNIVERSITY'S SANFORD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND A FACULTY FELLOW AT THE DUKE CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY POLICY. RE

DECEMBER 23 – WE KNOW HIM AS A JOLLY OLD ELF, BUT YES ST. NICHOLAS DID EXIST, AS WE HEAR IN THIS CONVERSATION WITH TALK RADIO 850 MORNING DRIVE HOST DOUG KELLETT WITH HISTORIAN WILLIAM J. FEDERER. RE

DECEMBER 29 – TRADITIONAL FAMILIES ARE NO LONGER THE NORM ACCORDING TO THE LATEST PEW RESEARCH CENTER POLL. BRIAN FREEMAN TALKED WITH PAUL BEDARD OF THE WASHINGTON EXAMINER ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF FAMILIES TODAY. RE

SO – Social Media

OCTOBER 8 – CELLPHONE CARRIERS LIKE SPRING, AT&T AND VERIZON ARE COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER IN TRYING TO WOO MORE CUSTOMERS BY INCREASING THE SIZE OF THEIR MOBILE-DATA PLANS. TREND AND TECH GURU GREGG STEBBEN FROM MEN'S HEALTH.COM/RADIO TELLS BRIAN FREEMAN THESE BIGGER PLANS ARE CATCHING PEOPLE'S EYES BECAUSE THE PRICES AREN'T GOING UP. SO

OCTOBER 20 – GOOGLE KEEPS TRACK OF WHAT PEOPLE SEARCH FOR, AND THEIR TRENDS PROGRAM PROVIDES A REVEALING LOOK AT THE TOPICS THAT CAPTIVATE OUR CULTURE EACH AND EVERY WEEK. THIS PAST WEEK THE TOPIC WE SEARCHED FOR MOST WAS ... YOU GUESSED IT ... EBOLA. BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD, AND JOSH ZACH CAUGHT UP WITH GOOGLE TRENDS MANAGER ROYA SOLEIMANI (ROY-UH SOO-LEH-MAH-NEE) TO GET A SNAPSHOT OF THIS PAST WEEK'S TOP SEARCHES. SO

OCTOBER 29 – WE LOVE OUR TECHNOLOGY TO BE SMARTER WHICH RIGHT NOW INCLUDES OUR MOBILE DEVICES, BUT THERE'S A MOVEMENT BUILDING TO MAKE THE TECHNOLOGY AT YOUR HOME SMART TOO! BRIAN FREEMAN TALKS WITH GREGG STEBBEN FROM MEN'S HEALTH.COM/RADIO TO LEARN ABOUT SMART LIGHTBULB'S AND GE'S SMART HOME PRODUCTS. SO

NOVEMBER 24 – MILLIONS USE SITES LIKE TWITTER AND FACEBOOK TO TALK ABOUT THE LATEST BUZZ, BUT IS ALL THE CHATTER CLEAN AND LEGAL? A RECENT STUDY REPORTED 40 PERCENT OF ADULTS WHO USE THE INTERNET HAVE EXPERIENCED ONLINE HARASSMENT. CHARLIE SHELTON REPORTS FROM CAROLINA CONNECTION, THE STUDENT NEWSCAST OF THE UNC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATION. SO

DECEMBER 1 – TODAY IS CYBER MONDAY ... THE ONLINE VERSION OF BLACK FRIDAY ... JOSH ZACH AND RETAIL ME NOT DOT COM'S TRAE (TRAY) BODGE DISCUSS TODAY'S DIGITAL DISCOUNTS, AND JUST HOW MUCH WE'RE EXPECTED TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THEM SO

DECEMBER 23 – DID YOU KNOW?...THERE ARE 12 VICTIMS PER SECOND OF CYBER CRIME AROUND THE WORLD, ACCORDING TO THE 2013 NORTON REPORT. BRANDON DICKSON TALKED WITH DOUG JOHNSON WITH THE AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION TO GET SOME TIPS ON HOW TO PROTECT OURSELVES. SO

SP – Sports/Games/Races

OCTOBER 21 – KENNETH WAINSTEIN, THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR IN CHARGE OF THE PROBE INTO "NO SHOW" AND "PAPER CLASSES" IN THE UNC-CHAPEL HILL AFRO AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RELEASE HIS FINDINGS ON WEDNESDAY. WPTF'S SCOTT BRIGGAMAN TALKS BEST AND WORST CASE SCENARIO WITH DAVID GLENN OF THE ACC SPORTS JOURNAL AND ACCSPORTS.COM SP

DECEMBER 4 – YOU KNOW BRIAN LEBLANC AS ONE OF THE VOICES OF TRIANGLE TRAFFIC ON WPTF... HE ALSO COVERS THE CAROLINA HURRICANES FOR N-C-N SPORTS AND THE BLOG CANES COUNTRY DOT COM... BRIAN TALKS ABOUT THE PLAY OF THE HURRICANES -- WHO HAVE A HOME DATE TONIGHT WITH THEIR RIVAL -- THE WASHINGTON CAPITALS. SP

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PA BLOCK FOR 10-5-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BECKI GRAY", VICE PRESIDENT OF OUTREACH FOR THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION
HOW CONTROL OF U.S. SENATE WILL IMPACT NATION, HAGAN-TILLIS POLLING, ADVERTISING IMPACT ON
HAGAN-TILLIS RACE, DIFFERENCE BETWEEN POLITICAL ADS AND ADVOCACY ADS, DEMOGRAPHICS OF
UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, RISE OF WOMEN AS LOBBYISTS, ROLE OF THE LOBBYIST, CATEGORIZING FEMALE
VOTERS, ECONOMIC DISPARITY IN NORTH CAROLINA, OFF-SHORE DRILLING IN NORTH CAROLINA,
POPULATION DYNAMICS EFFECTING REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DEFERRED
MAINTENANCE FOR STATE INFRASTRUCTURE, MEDICAID SPENDING, IMPACT OF NATIONAL DEBT,
PREPARING FOR ECONOMIC CYCLES, IMPACT OF TERM LIMITS **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED: GA**

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

POLITICAL WATCHERS SAY THE GROWING BLOCK OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS COULD DETERMINE WHO WINS
AND WHO LOSES ON NOVEMBER 4, SO WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE REJECTING BOTH DEMOCRATS
AND REPUBLICANS? CATAWBA COLLEGE PROFESSOR OF POLITICS AND HISTORY, MICHAEL BITZER, TELLS
HOST DONNA MARTINEZ WHAT THE TYPICAL UNAFFILIATED VOTER LOOKS LIKE AND WHY MANY OF THEM
ACTUALLY FAVOR ONE PARTY. DR. BITZER ALSO DISCUSSES THE STATE'S ABSENTEE BALLOT PROGRAM
AND WHAT WE CAN LEARN AHEAD OF EARLY VOTING ABOUT WHO HAS REQUESTED A BALLOT AND WHO
HAS RETURNED IT. BITZER ALSO WEIGHS IN ON THIS WEEK'S COURT OF APPEALS RULING THAT PUT A STAY
ON TWO PROVISIONS OF NORTH CAROLINA'S RECENT ELECTION REFORM LAW. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS
WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON ABOUT FORMER PRESIDENT BILL
CLINTON'S VISIT TO THE STATE THIS WEEK ON BEHALF OF SEN. KAY HAGAN. THE CLINTON VISIT OCCURRED
AS HAGAN'S CHIEF RIVAL, REPUBLICAN THOM TILLIS, SAW SEN. RAND PAUL CAMPAIGN FOR HIM THIS WEEK
AND NASCAR'S RICHARD PETTY CUT A PRO-TILLIS AD. HENDERSON AND MARTINEZ ALSO DISCUSS THE
LATEST DYNAMICS OF THE 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL RACE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT
RENEE ELLMERS AND DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER CLAY AIKEN. AIKEN EARLY ON SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO
BE KNOWN FOR HIS RUN ON AMERICAN IDOL, BUT HAS RECENTLY TURNED TO HOLLYWOOD AND TWO
FORMER AMERICAN IDOL CHAMPS FOR SUPPORT. ELLMERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS BEEN HOLDING
SMALL EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO HENDERSON. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS WHY AND
HOW SEVERAL STATEWIDE JUDICIAL CANDIDATES HAVE TEAMED UP WITH ADVERTISING. **LOCAL ISSUES
DISCUSSED: PA**

PA BLOCK FOR 10-12-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN", PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AT
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

SHRINKING OF U.S. G.D.P. FOR FIRST QUARTER, GROWTH OF NORTH CAROLINA G.D.P., CONSUMER
SPENDING AS AN INDICATOR OF ECONOMIC HEALTH, CHANGES IN TEACHING ECONOMICS OVER TIME,
GROWING DISPARITY BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL NORTH CAROLINA, HOW AGRICULTURE CAN HELP
RURAL NORTH CAROLINA, TECHNOLOGY HELPING SMALL BUSINESS, CREATING ASSETS FOR RURAL
NORTH CAROLINA, ACCESS NC APPLICATION, MANAGING MEDICAID SPENDING IN THE STATE, CHANGING
DEMOGRAPHICS IN HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY, PROJECTING HOW BUSINESSES WILL USE CASH
RESERVES, ADJUSTING THE RETIREMENT AGE, IMPACT OF POTENTIAL CUTS TO FORT BRAGG,

ENTITLEMENT SPENDING, POTENTIAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HYDROLIC FRACTURING, AND IMPORTANCE OF THE SUCCESS OF SMALL BUSINESSES. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** EC

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

IN A 7 TO 2 DECISION, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT NORTH CAROLINA'S RECENT ELECTION REFORMS SHOULD BE ENFORCED FOR THE NOVEMBER 4 MIDTERM. THE HIGH COURT OVERRULED A FEDERAL APPEALS COURT, WHICH HAD PUT A STAY ON TWO PROVISIONS OF THE LAW PERTAINING TO OUT OF PRECINCT VOTING AND SAME-DAY REGISTRATION. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ UPDATES LISTENERS ON REACTION TO THE RULING FROM STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KIM STRACH, WHO HAD EXPRESSED CONCERNS ABOUT ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS AND VOTER CONFUSION THAT WOULD BE CREATED HAD THE LOWER COURT RULING STAYED IN FORCE. GOV. PAT MCCRORY ALSO ISSUED A STATEMENT PRAISING THE RULING. THEN WE TURN TO THE NECK-AND-NECK U.S. SENATE RACE BETWEEN DEMOCRAT KAY HAGAN, REPUBLICAN THOM TILLIS, AND LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH. WE HEAR COMMENTS FROM HAGAN AND TILLIS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN A TUESDAY NIGHT STATEWIDE DEBATE THAT AT TIMES WAS POINTED AND TESTY AS THEY DEBATED AN ARRAY OF ISSUES. THE DEBATE WAS MODERATED BY ABC NEWS CORRESPONDENT GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS AND SPONSORED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. THEN MARTINEZ REVISITS HER SUMMER CONVERSATION WITH LIBERTARIAN SEAN HAUGH, WHO WAS NOT PART OF THE TUESDAY DEBATE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY ANALYSIS OF THE HAGAN-TILLIS DEBATE. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL TELLS MARTINEZ WHAT HE VIEWED AS THE HIGHLIGHTS AND LOWLIGHTS OF THE DEBATE, WHY HAGAN IS DOUBLING DOWN ON THE ALLEGATION THAT TILLIS "GUTTED EDUCATION" AND WHY TILLIS KEEPS REMINDING PEOPLE THAT A VOTE FOR HAGAN IS A VOTE FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PA BLOCK FOR 10-19-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH COMMISSIONER WAYNE GOODWIN", INSURANCE COMMISSIONER AND FIRE MARSHALL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

HOME OWNER INSURANCE RATE INCREASE HEARING, REVIEWING INSURANCE POLICY CONTRACTS, INSURANCE RIDERS, BUNDLING INSURANCE POLICIES, IMPACT OF NATURAL DISASTERS ON INSURANCE RATES, AUTO INSURANCE IN NC, SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING AUTO INSURANCE IN NC, IMPROVEMENTS IN AUTOMOBILE SAFETY, NEW OFFICE FOR DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, REGIONAL OFFICE IN CHARLOTTE OPENING, NEW TOLL-FREE PHONE NUMBER, INSURANCE FOR STATE-OWNED BUILDINGS, OTHER INSURED STATE-OWNED PROPERTY, DUTIES AS FIRE MARSHALL, SAFE KIDS NORTH CAROLINA PROGRAM, AND MEDICARE ELECTION PERIOD. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** HO

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

EARLY VOTING GETS UNDERWAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23. WITH A RECENT POLL SHOWING THAT ROUGHLY SEVEN OUT OF 10 NORTH CAROLINIANS UNDECIDED ON RACES FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ REVISITS JUDICIAL CANDIDATE COMMENTS AT THE FORUM SHE RECENTLY MODERATED FOR THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER OF THE FEDERAL SOCIETY, AN ATTORNEY GROUP. SEVEN OF THE EIGHT CANDIDATES FOR SEATS ON THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE STATE PARTICIPATED. MARTINEZ BEGINS THE FORUM WITH A CONVERSATION WITH CURRENT CHIEF JUSTICE MARK MARTIN, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO THE TOP JOB. HIS OPPONENT, JUDGE OLA LEWIS HAD ORIGINALLY CONFIRMED HER PARTICIPATION AT THE EVENT BUT CANCELLED SEVERAL HOURS BEFORE THE FORUM BEGAN. MARTIN'S COMMENTS ARE FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ' DISCUSSION WITH CURRENT JUSTICE BOB HUNTER AND HIS OPPONENT, COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SAM ERVIN IV. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH INCUMBENT JUSTICE ROBIN HUDSON AND HER CHALLENGER, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE ERIC LEVINSON. AND FINALLY, THE CANDIDATES FOR THE FOURTH SEAT ON THE SUPREME COURT TAKE THE STAGE FOR A QUESTION FROM MARTINEZ. THEY ARE CURRENT JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY AND HER CHALLENGER, ATTORNEY MIKE ROBINSON. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** GA

PA BLOCK FOR 10-26-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS SINCLAIR", PARTNER AT CORNERSTONE SOLUTIONS, LLC

LACK OF BI-PARTISAN DIALOGUE IN POLITICS, IMPACT OF MILLENIAL GENERATION ON FUTURE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, RULES FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING, IMPACT OF NEGATIVE POLITICAL ADS, TENDENCIES OF UNDECIDED VOTERS AND TARGETING THEM, PERSUADING VOTERS WHO SUPPORT A SPECIFIC CANDIDATE, TRANSPARENCY WITH THIRD-PARTY AND ISSUE ADVERTISING, INFLUENCE OF NEW MEDIA ON POLITICAL ADVERTISING, BUILDING NAME RECOGNITION, HOW DO UNAFFILIATED VOTERS IMPACT ELECTIONS, OUTLOOK FOR THE MAKEUP OF THE U.S. SENATE, POTENTIAL CAMPAIGN SPENDING IN 2016, AND BRANDING OF CANDIDATES IN THE NORTH CAROLINA U.S. SENATE RACE. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

EARLY VOTING IS UNDERWAY AT MORE THAN 350 LOCATIONS ACROSS ALL 100 COUNTIES. AND ACCORDING TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, THERE ARE MORE POLLING PLACES THAN IN 2010, AND A 70 PERCENT INCREASE IN EVENING HOURS. STILL, CRITICS OF RECENT ELECTION LAW CHANGES SAY LEGISLATIVE LEADERS HAVE MADE CHANGES INTENDED TO DISENFRANCHISE SOME VOTERS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ DISCUSSES EARLY VOTING OPPORTUNITIES WITH RICK HENDERSON, MANAGING EDITOR OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THE TWO ALSO TALK ABOUT THE FLAP OVER KAY HAGAN'S DECISION NOT TO JOIN THOM TILLIS IN A TIME WARNER CABLE DEBATE, A STORY THAT DREW NATIONAL ATTENTION, AND A NEW AD FROM DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE CLAY AIKEN. THE AD HAS BEEN RULED BY FACT CHECKERS TO CARRY FALSE INFORMATION BUT AIKEN IS DEFENDING IT AS PART OF HIS FIGHT TO UNSEAT 2ND DISTRICT REPUBLICAN REP. RENEE ELLMERS. THEN WE DISCUSS WHY SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE MARK MARTIN FAILED TO SHOW UP FOR A DEBATE WITH HIS CHALLENGERS, SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE OLA LEWIS AS THE TWO COMPETE FOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE'S SEAT ON THE HIGH COURT. NEXT IS A LOOK AT A VOTE TRACKING WEBSITE THAT SHOWS WHERE VOTING IS HEAVY AND WHERE IT IS LIGHT, AND WHICH PARTY HAS THE TURNOUT MOMENTUM. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH SUSAN MYRICK OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE ABOUT THE DATA AND WHAT CAN TELL US. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE POLITICS OF GAY MARRIAGE. TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE NORTH CAROLINA VALUES COALITION TELLS MARTINEZ WHY HER GROUP IS STANDING WITH SENATE LEADER PHIL BERGER IN HIS QUEST TO PROVIDE A RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION FOR REGISTERS OF DEEDS AND MAGISTRATES WHO DON'T WANT TO PERFORM SAME-SEX MARRIAGES, WHICH A FEDERAL COURT HAS RULED IS NOW LEGAL IN NORTH CAROLINA. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** GA

PA BLOCK FOR 11-2-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DR. ANDY TAYLOR", NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

SPENDING ON U.S. SENATE RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA, LANDSCAPE U.S. SENATE RACES, USE OF POLITICAL ADS AND ADVOCACY ADS, POLITICAL ADVERTISING STRATEGY, POSITIONING OF U.S. RACE CANDIDATES, KAY HAGAN PERFORMANCE AT POLLS IN 2008, PARTY BALANCE IN U.S. SENATORS FOR NORTH CAROLINA, PERFORMANCE OF CLAY AIKEN, WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FOR U.S. SENATE MAJORITY TO CHANGE, IMPACT OF A MAJORITY CHANGE, CORRELATION BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL VISITS TO N.C. AND LACK OF POPULARITY, DIFFICULTY OF POSITIONING AROUND GASOLINE AND OIL PRICES DROPPING, TRENDS IN VOTING WITH REGARD TO GENDER, POLITICAL ADVICE FOR THOM TILLIS AND KAY HAGAN, AND BIGGEST MISTAKES FOR TILLIS AND HAGAN. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

WITH JUST DAYS TO GO BEFORE ELECTION DAY, STATE DEMOCRATS PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS WITH A TURNOUT EFFORT DUBBED "VOTER SHAMING." DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TELLS HOST DONNA MARTINEZ THAT LETTERS SENT TO REGISTERED DEMOCRATS TELLING THEM THEIR VOTING RECORD IS PUBLIC INFORMATION WILL GENERATE MORE POSITIVE REACTION THAN NEGATIVE AMONG THE FAITHFUL. MILLS ALSO DISCUSSES THE HAGAN/TILLIS/HAUGH RACE FOR U.S. SENATE AND WHY DEMOCRATS HAVE THEIR EYES ON TWO CANDIDATES: CLAY AIKEN AND LAURA FJELD. THEN CATAWBA

COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MICHAEL BITZER DISCUSSES WITH MARTINEZ THE PROFILE OF THE UNAFFILIATED VOTER AND THE INFLUENCE THE GROUP MAY, OR MAY NOT, HAVE ON THE MIDTERM ELECTION. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A FINAL-WEEK BREAKDOWN OF ADS, POLLS, AND MESSAGING FOR THE SENATE CANDIDATES. RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT THE MICRO-TARGETING OF ADVERTISING THAT'S OCCURRING AS HAGAN AND TILLIS REACH OUT TO PARTICULAR SEGMENTS OF VOTERS. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PA BLOCK FOR 11-9-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD", PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

FACTORS ON HAGAN-TILLIS U.S. SENATE RACE OUTCOME, IMPACT AND TRENDS OF UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, OUTCOMES FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN THE MID-TERM ELECTION, VOTER TURNOUT, IMPACT OF EARLY VOTING REFORM IN NORTH CAROLINA, IMPACT OF REPUBLICAN U.S. CONGRESS, ISSUES ON THE AGENDA OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, INFLUENCE OF THE TEA PARTY ON THE MID-TERM ELECTION, POTENTIAL OF IMMIGRATION REFORM, HOW FOREIGN POLICY CAN IMPACT THE PRESIDENT, HOW CHANGE OF PARTY MAJORITY IN U.S. SENATE ALTERS COMMITTEES AND INFLUENCE, POLITICAL ADVERTISING AND MISLEADING FIGURES, IMPACT OF CITIZENS UNITED AND INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES ON MID-TERM ELECTION, AND OUTLOOK FOR THE 2016 ELECTION. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE VOTE IS IN – AND SO IS THOM TILLIS. THE REPUBLICAN DEFEATED DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN TUESDAY NIGHT IN A RACE THAT HELPED REPUBLICANS SECURE CONTROL OF THE U.S. SENATE. YOU'LL HEAR THE SEN. ELECT'S COMMENTS ON THE CAMPAIGN AND HIS PRIORITIES. THEN HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS PERSPECTIVE ON WHAT THE TILLIS WIN MEANS TO NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS, AS WELL AS THE NATIONAL POLITICAL LANDSCAPE, FROM FORMER WHITE HOUSE POLITICAL DIRECTOR JONATHAN FELTS. HE DRAWS ON HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE GEORGE W. BUSH ADMINISTRATION TO ASSESS HOW THE DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION SHOULD REACT TO THE MASSIVE SHIFT IN POWER ON CAPITOL HILL, AND WHAT TILLIS SHOULD DO AS HE PREPARES FOR A NEW JOB. THEN MARTINEZ DISCUSSES THE RESULTS OF CONGRESSIONAL AND LEGISLATIVE RACES WITH RICK HENDERSON, MANAGING EDITOR OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THEY DISCUSS WHAT THE FUTURE COULD HOLD FOR LOSING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES CLAY AIKEN AND LAURA FJELD AS THE STATE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY SEEKS TO REBUILD. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PA BLOCK FOR 11-16-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BARRY PORTER", REGIONAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS TRIANGLE AREA CHAPTER

ORIGIN OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, FUNCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND OTHER RED CROSS SOCIETIES, RED CROSS SWIMMING TRAINING PROGRAM, BLOOD DONATION PROGRAM, PROGRESSION OF BLOOD TRANSFUSION SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY, SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO LOSE THEIR HOME TO FIRE, BACKGROUND OF RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS AND FUNDING FOR THE RED CROSS, PARTNERING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, RED CROSS RELIEF EFFORTS IN HAITI, RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RED CROSS AND THE U.S. MILITARY, RED CROSS BABYSITTING PROGRAM, CPR TRAINING, AND EDUCATING VOLUNTEERS. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** ED

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

STINGING FROM THE MIDTERM ELECTION DEFEAT THAT SAW THEM LOSE A U.S. SENATE SEAT AND FAIL TO GAIN APPRECIABLY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS ARE TRYING TO REBUILD THEIR PARTY AND LOOK FOR A WINNING STRATEGY IN 2016. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL STRATEGIST THOMAS MILLS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES DEMOCRATS FACE,

WHETHER A NEW PARTY CHAIRMAN CAN BRING THE PARTY BACK, AND WHAT 2016 COULD LOOK LIKE. THEN WE TURN TO LINGERING QUESTIONS ABOUT POLLING LEADING UP TO THE MIDTERMS. THE VAST MAJORITY OF POLLSTERS FAILED TO ACCURATELY PREDICT THE VOTER MAKEUP, BUT ONE NORTH CAROLINA FIRM WAS ONE OF THE FEW TO ACCURATELY PREDICT A THOM TILLIS WIN OVER KAY HAGAN. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH FRANCIS DELUCA OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE ABOUT WHAT HIS POLLSTER DID RIGHT AND WHAT THEY'LL BE LOOKING AT DOWN THE ROAD. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE CRITICISM BEING HEAPED ON DEMOCRAT CLAY AIKEN BY SOME OF HIS HOLLYWOOD CONTRIBUTORS. MARTINEZ IS JOINED BY RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL FOR A LOOK AT AIKEN'S CAMPAIGN DOCUMENTARY THAT SOME ARE CALLING A REALITY SHOW, AS WELL AS WHY THOM TILLIS IS ALREADY BEING SINGLED OUT BY A NATIONAL PUBLICATION FOR WHAT IT CALLED HIS ABILITY TO BROKER DEALS WHEN HE TAKES HIS SEAT IN THE SENATE. HENDERSON ALSO DISCUSSES THE BID BY FORMER ASHEVILLE LEGISLATOR PATSY KEEVER TO GRAB THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PA BLOCK FOR 11-23-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH PATRICK WOODIE", PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

REORGANIZATION OF THE NC RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER, COUNTIES THE CENTER WORKS WITH, TRANSITIONAL COUNTIES IN N.C., DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTIES, NEW STRATEGY FOR THE CENTER, IMPACT OF RETIRING FAMILIES COMING TO N.C., HOW EVOLUTION AND URBANIZATION OF N.C. EFFECTS RURAL COMMUNITIES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDERSTANDING OF EVOLUTION OF THE STATE, RELATIONSHIP WITH THE N.C. COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, CHALLENGES FACING KEEPING YOUTH IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, INTERNET ACCESS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, IMPACT OF TOURISM ON RURAL N.C., HEALTHCARE IN SMALLER COMMUNITIES, WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE, RECRUITING INDUSTRIES TO RURAL AREAS, POPULATION GROWTH, ADVOCACY PRIORITIES, AND RECESSION IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND FUNDING. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** HO

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

RECOUNTS! ELECTION NIGHT IS NEARLY THREE WEEKS IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR, BUT ABOUT A DOZEN RACES ARE STILL UNSETTLED. MOST NOTABLY, WE'RE AWAITING RESULTS OF THE STATEWIDE RACE FOR A SEAT ON NORTH CAROLINA'S SUPREME COURT. INCUMBENT JUSTICE CHERI BEASLEY LEADS BY ABOUT 5,000 VOTES OVER ATTORNEY MIKE ROBINSON. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE DETAILS ON THE UNDECIDED RACES FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS COMMENTS MADE BY CONGRESSMAN-ELECT MARK WALKER ABOUT HIS PRIORITIES WHEN HE TAKES HIS 6TH DISTRICT SEAT IN JANUARY, A NEW POLL THAT SHOWS GOV. PAT MCCRORY'S APPROVAL HAS JUMPED, AND AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM FAYETTEVILLE DEMOCRAT TIM DUNN THAT HE WILL SEEK THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN 2016 IF CURRENT AG ROY COOPER MAKES A RUN FOR GOVERNOR. HENDERSON ALSO LOOKS AT THE LEADING CANDIDATES TO REPLACE HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS AS THE LEADER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON PATRICK CANNON, WHO WENT TO PRISON THIS WEEK. THE FORMER CHARLOTTE MAYOR WAS ONCE A RISING STAR IN THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, BUT AFTER TAKING BRIBES FROM UNDERCOVER FBI AGENTS, CANNON WAS SENTENCED TO 44 MONTHS IN PRISON. MARTINEZ ALSO LOOKS AT A RECENT TWITTER DEBATE BETWEEN REPUBLICAN REP. CHUCK MCGRADY AND A LIBERAL ACTIVIST, AS WELL AS A NEW APPOINTMENT FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION JUNE ATKINSON. AND FINALLY, WE HEAR FROM DEMOCRATIC STATE REP. RICK GLAZIER, WHO TOLD A RALEIGH LUNCHEON AUDIENCE ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN THE LEGISLATURE AND HIS WISH FOR A MORE BIPARTISAN, CIVIL DEBATE. PA

PA BLOCK FOR 11-30-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH RENEE ELLMERS", U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, NC DISTRICT 2

REDISTRICTING IN NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT 2, COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES, ENERGY COST AND INDEPENDENCE, IMPACT OF MAJORITY SHIFT IN U.S. SENATE, JOB CREATION, GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY,

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, PHARMACUTICAL OVERSIGHT AND REGULATION, EMERGENCY CARE AND LAW, NEW CONGRESS'S OBJECTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, CONCERNS FOR MILITARY IN N.C., IMMIGRATION REFORM, DECREASE IN PARTISAN POLITICS, HOMELAND SECURITY AND FOREIGN POLICY, INTERNET SECURITY, CONCERNS OF DISTRICT 2 CONSTITUENTS, FEDERAL DEFICIT, TAX REFORM, AND AGENDA FOR CONGRESS IN 2015. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** GA, EC

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

HOUSE REPUBLICANS CHOOSE THE PERSON TO REPLACE OUTGOING NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE SPEAKER THOM TILLIS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE BACKGROUND ON SPEAKER-DESIGNEE TIM MOORE OF CLEVELAND COUNTY FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO DISCUSS WHY MOORE IS THE CHOICE OF THE HOUSE GOP AND WHAT A MOORE SPEAKERSHIP COULD HOLD FOR THE 2015 GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. THEN HENDERSON DISCUSSES THE RECOUNT EFFORT, WHICH HAS FINALLY DETERMINED THAT INCUMBENT DEMOCRAT CHERI BEASLEY HAS WON THE RACE FOR A SEAT ON THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT. FOLLOWING A RECOUNT, BEASLEY PREVAILED OVER HER REPUBLICAN CHALLENGER MIKE ROBINSON BY ABOUT 5,000 VOTES. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CONGRESSMAN-ELECT DAVID ROUZER, WHO IN JANUARY WILL TAKE NORTH CAROLINA'S 7TH DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS FOLLOWING HIS RESOUNDING WIN IN NOVEMBER. ROUZER TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT HIS RECENT ORIENTATION SESSION FOR FRESHMEN, HOW HE PLANS TO STAY ON TOP OF ISSUES IN HIS VERY DIVERSE DISTRICT, AND THE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS HE'S HOPING TO SNAG. NEXT IS A REVIEW OF STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY EFFORTS TO REBUILD FOLLOWING THEIR RESOUNDING DEFEAT IN THE MIDTERMS. DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT THOMAS MILLS TELLS MARTINEZ ABOUT THE ADVICE HE WOULD GIVE TO THE PARTY. AND FINALLY, WE LOOK AT MIDTERM POLLING EFFORTS WHICH, IN MOST CASES, WAS VERY WRONG ABOUT THE RESULTS. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH POLLSTER FRANCIS DELUCA OF THE CIVITAS INSTITUTE, ONE OF THE FEW FIRMS THAT GOT THE PROJECTIONS RIGHT, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT CAME TO REPUBLICAN THOM TILLIS' ULTIMATE DEFEAT OF DEMOCRATIC SENATE INCUMBENT KAY HAGAN. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA

PA BLOCK FOR 12-7-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH BILL PULLY", PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

NORTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION BACKGROUND, CHALLENGES OF OPERATING A HOSPITAL, CHALLENGES FACING HOSPITALS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PROGRAM AT CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY, EMERGENCE OF URGENT CARE, THE ROLE OF THE PHARMACIST, REGULATIONS ON HOSPITALS REGARDING URGENT CARE, FOREIGN LANGUAGE CHALLENGES FOR HOSPITALS WITH GROWING IMMIGRANT POPULATION, TEACHING HOSPITALS IN NORTH CAROLINA, AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, UPCOMING SUPREME COURT HEARING, AND EBOLA AND DISEASE PREPAREDNESS **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** HSM

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THE USE OF POLITICAL POWER TOOK CENTER STAGE THIS WEEK AS GOV. PAT MCCRORY JOINED OTHER GOVERNORS AND ATTORNEYS GENERAL IN A LAWSUIT THAT CHALLENGES PRESIDENT OBAMA'S USE OF EXECUTIVE POWER BY SHIELDING FROM DEPORTATION SEVERAL MILLION ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S REASONING AND WHY DEMOCRATIC ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER – RUMORED TO BE EYEING A 2016 GUBERNATORIAL CHALLENGE TO MCCRORY – HAS NOT SIGNED ON TO THE LEGAL CHALLENGE. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS MCCRORY'S LAUNCH OF HIS 2016 CAMPAIGN WEBSITE, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERS, AND A KEY ASSIGNMENT FOR A VETERAN LEGISLATOR FROM HARNETT COUNTY. THEN WE TURN TO COMMENTS MADE ON CBS BY SEN. ELECT THOM TILLIS, WHO TOLD FACE THE NATION HIS VIEWS ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S EFFORTS WITH CONGRESS AND THE CHALLENGE REPUBLICANS FACE WHEN THEY TAKE CONTROL OF THE SENATE IN JANUARY. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY RECENT COMMENTS FROM 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS ABOUT HER SUPPORT OF IMMIGRATION REFORM AND EFFORTS TO WORK WITH CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS. FINALLY, 7TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN ELECT DAVID ROUZER WEIGHS IN ON WHAT COULD BE AHEAD FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WHEN HE TAKES HIS SEAT IN JANUARY. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** GA

PA BLOCK FOR 12-14-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JUNE ATKINSON", NORTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

DRAW OF RUNNING FOR SUPERINTENDENT, TESTING IN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS, ASSISTING STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, FOREIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION, INCREASE IN GRADUATION RATE AND FACTORS FOR INCREASE, DISCIPLINE IN NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOLS, DROP IN TEENAGE PREGNANCY, BULLYING AND PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS, CHARACTERISTICS OF GREAT SCHOOL SYSTEMS, TEACHER PIPELINE CONCERNS FOR NORTH CAROLINA, OVERCOMING POPULATION DISTRIBUTION AND DISPARITY IN GROWTH ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA IN SCHOOLS, DISTANCE LEARNING, DIGITAL TEXTBOOKS, CHANGES IN LEARNING AND CURRICULUM, ASSISTING THE AVERAGE STUDENT, CAREER AND COLLEGE PROMISE, AND FUNDING FOR EDUCATION **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED: ED**

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

2014 IS BARELY IN THE BOOKS AND ALREADY WE HAVE POLLING FOR THE 2016 ELECTION SEASON. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT NEW POLL RESULTS THAT SHOW SEN. RICHARD BURR LEADING THREE THEORETICAL DEMOCRATIC OPPONENTS, AND GOV. PAT MCCRORY HOLDING A COMMANDING 7-POINT LEAD OVER POTENTIAL DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER ROY COOPER. JENSEN ALSO OFFERS PERSPECTIVE ON REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS FOR THE 2016 CYCLE, PREDICTING IT WILL BE A GOOD YEAR FOR THE GOP. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH A VETERAN OF WHITE HOUSE POLITICS ABOUT WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR SEN. ELECT THOM TILLIS. BUSH ADMINISTRATION POLITICAL CONSULTANT JONATHAN FELTS DISCUSSES THE DYNAMICS OF A NEW GOP MAJORITY AND THE NATIONAL MEDIA PROFILE THAT TILLIS IS ALREADY ENJOYING. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE RISING INFLUENCE AND POWER OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT THE "WHIP" ROLE TO BE TAKEN BY 10TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN PATRICK MCHENRY, THE RESPECT EARNED BY REP. RENEE ELLMERS WITH HOUSE LEADERSHIP, THE NEW CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS FOR REP. G.K. BUTTERFIELD, AND THE HIGH MEDIA PROFILE OF 11TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN MARK MEADOWS. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED: PA, GA**

PA BLOCK FOR 12-21-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH JOHN FENNEBRESQUE", CHAIRMAN OF THE UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS

HOW THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OPERATES, FUNDING FOR THE UNC SYSTEM, BENEFIT OF OUT OF STATE STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, STUDENT DEBT, ROLE OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES IN THE UNC SYSTEM, PERCEPTION OF THE UNC SYSTEM, COOPERATION WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, INCREASING THE SPEED OF STUDENT GRADUATION, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE WITHIN THE UNC SYSTEM, FUNDRAISING FOR THE SYSTEM, SUCCESSES OF THE NON-RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE SYSTEM, DISTANCE EDUCATION, SUPPORT OF VETERANS, ROLES OF INSTITUTES AND CENTERS, ROLE OF ATHLETICS IN THE UNC SYSTEM, WAINSTEIN REPORT, UPCOMING GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, AND FACULTY DEMOGRAPHICS **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED: ED**

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

BEST C-SPAN POLITICAL MOMENT EVER?! NORTH CAROLINA POLITICAL STRATEGISTS AND BROTHERS DALLAS AND BRAD WOODHOUSE MAKE NATIONAL NEWS WITH THEIR C-SPAN APPEARANCE THIS WEEK, FEATURING A PHONE CALL FROM THEIR MOTHER JOYCE IN RALEIGH, WHO GIVES THE BOYS A 'TALKING TO' AND GIVES THE VIEWERS A BELLY LAUGH. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DALLAS AND HIS MOM ABOUT THE MOMENT THAT IS NOW ENSHRINED IN POLITICAL HISTORY – WITH MORE THAN 1 MILLION HITS TO THE YOU TUBE VIDEO CLIP WITHIN JUST DAYS. THEY TALK ABOUT THE INCIDENT ITSELF AND WHAT IT HAS BEEN LIKE RAISING TWO MEN WHO FIND THEMSELVES AT PROFESSIONAL ODDS AND UNDER THE

MICROSCOPE: DALLAS THE CONSERVATIVE ACTIVIST VERSUS BRAD THE DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL CONSULTANT. THEN WE TURN TO THE WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OVER AN AP STORY ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S STOCK PAYOUT FROM A FINANCIAL SERVICES BOARD HE SAT ON. THE AP QUESTIONED THE ETHICS OF THE PAYOUT, WITH THE GOVERNOR PUSHING BACK THAT THE STORY WAS RIDDLED WITH ERRORS AND MISCHARACTERIZATIONS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ' INTERVIEW WITH NC STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDY TAYLOR. THE TWO DISCUSS SEN. ELECT THOM TILLIS' TWO KEY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS, HIS ROLE AS PART OF THE NEW REPUBLICAN SENATE MAJORITY, AND THE 2016 SENATE AND GUBERNATORIAL RACES. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** SO, GA, PA

PA BLOCK FOR 12-28-14

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

"INTERVIEW WITH DALE FOLWELL", ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

HOW DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY OPERATES, DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, HOW BENEFITS ARE FUNDED, WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS, HOW TO MAINTAIN BENEFITS, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DEBT, CHANGES IN POLICY AT D.E.S., FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE IN UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, D.E.S. SERVICES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, LEGISLATION STREAMLINE JOB SEARCHES FOR THE UNEMPLOYED, HOUSE BILL 4, COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, HOW TO CONTACT THE D.E.S, UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS, AND RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** EC

PEOPLE IN POLITICS

THIS WEEK, A HUGE LEGAL RULING FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS REPUBLICAN-DRAWN ELECTION MAPS THAT HAD BEEN CHALLENGED BY DEMOCRATS AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON EXPLAINS THE IMPORT OF THE DECISION, WHICH MEANS THE MAPS WILL BE USED THROUGH THE 2020 CENSUS. THE TWO DISCUSS CONTINUING CALLS FROM ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM FOR MOVING TO A SO-CALLED INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION. HENDERSON ALSO WEIGHS IN ON THE BIG POLITICAL STORIES OF 2014, INCLUDING KAY HAGAN'S DEFEAT TO THOM TILLIS IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT WAS UNFRIENDLY TO PRESIDENT OBAMA, WITH WHOM HAGAN WAS CLOSELY ALIGNED. NEXT IS A LOOK AT THE ROLE TILLIS MAY PLAY IN THE REPUBLICAN-LED U.S. SENATE IN LIGHT OF HIS HIGH MEDIA PROFILE AND TWO KEY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS. NC STATE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR ANDREW TAYLOR OFFERS MARTINEZ HIS VIEW ON TILLIS' LIKELY WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN THE CHAMBER. TAYLOR ALSO WEIGHS IN ON 2016 POLITICS, INCLUDING THE POTENTIAL MATCHUP BETWEEN GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON 2014 MIDTERM ELECTION TURNOUT, AS WELL AS NEW POLLING DATA FROM PUBLIC POLICY POLLING THAT SHOWS LIKELY DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HILLARY CLINTON WITH A 51 PERCENT DISAPPROVAL RATING IN NORTH CAROLINA. AND FINALLY, GOV. PAT MCCRORY WEIGHS IN ON RECENT ECONOMIC NEWS THAT SHOWS THE STATE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HAS DROPPED AGAIN AND NOW EQUALS THE NATIONAL RATE. **LOCAL ISSUES DISCUSSED:** PA, EC