Third Quarter 2015 Quarterly Issues/Programs List

WCQS continues to take advantage of a number of opportunities it has during its twenty-four hour broadcast day to report on issues of importance to the residents of Western North Carolina, arts and culture, the economy, education, environment, health care, minorities, planning and development, transportation, and politics/government. Monday through Friday we produce local newscasts on the hour at six, seven and eight in the morning. The morning newscasts are two minutes long.

In addition to our local newscasts we produce in-depth stories that are inserted into our morning news-magazine "Morning Edition" and our afternoon news and cultural affairs program, "Fresh Air" and our afternoon news magazine 'All Things Considered'. These stories are also posted on our web-site www.wcqs.org.

The Quarterly Issues List includes the date, time story aired, and the length of each story.

ARTS AND CULTURE:

150711MOOGFESTLEAVES ASHEVILLE. LENGTH :55 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 5:00 PM MOOGFEST TO DEBUT IN DURHAM, MAY 2016 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, ART AND TECHNOLOGY A "SONIC BOOM FOR INNOVATORS IN THE TRIANGLE AND AROUND THE WORLD" LEADERS FROM CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS ANNOUNCED ON TUESDAY THAT MOOGFEST ---AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED FESTIVAL OF MUSIC, ART AND TECHNOLOGY -- WILL DEBUT IN DURHAM IN MAY 2016.

THE FESTIVAL WILL UTILIZE MANY OF THE CITY'S DOWNTOWN EVENT VENUES AND PUBLIC SPACES WITH A MIX OF TICKETED AND FREE PROGRAMMING.

150717 TONY KISS WEEKEND UPDATE LENGTH 5:40 AIR TIME 8:44 AM

150918TONY KISS TOTAL TIME 5:35 AIR TIME 8:44 AM

150911TONYKISS 18 AND 25. TOTAL TIME 5:45 AIR TIME 8:44 AM.

150924ALISON ARNOLD 6:35-8:35 AM TOTAL TIME 3:55 THE BEAUTY AND EASE OF PLANTING AND MAINTAINING ORNAMENTAL GRASSES AND ITS TIME TO BRING THE HOUSE PLANTS IN.....

ARTS AND CULTURE 150925TONYKISS TOTAL TIME 5:44 AIR TIME 8:44 AM

ECONOMY:

150720CIBO COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS MEETING TOTAL 1:20 AIR TIME 6:04-8:04 AM 4:29-5:29 PM. 2 CUTS: GENE BELL HOUSING AUTHORITY DIRECTOR AND CIBO EX. DIRECTOR MIKE PLEMMONS

THE CEO OF THE ASHEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS TO HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN PUBLIC-HOUSING. THE CEO OF THE ASHEVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS CALLING ON MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS OWNERS TO HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN PUBLIC-HOUSING. GENE BELL DELIVERED THAT MESSAGE TO A RECEPTIVE AUDIENCE AT THE CIBO (C-BO) BREAKFAST MEETING FRIDAY OPPORTUNITY... CUT: 150720JOBSBELL 30 SEC OUT. ... DIRECTOR MIKE PLEMMONS SAYS HIS MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING.....CUT: CIBOJOBS 22 SEC OUT...OTHER PEOPLE.

150831MIKEADAMSATC1 TOTAL TIME 4:16 AIR TIME 6:30-8:30 AM 4:29-5:29 PM.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WILL HEAR PUBLIC COMMENT ON INCREASING THE ROOM OCCUPANCY AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TAX AT THEIR MEETING TODAY. THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS GIVEN THE COUNTY AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE TAX FROM FOUR TO SIX PERCENT. NEARLY ALL THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE TAX IS USED BY THE TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO DRAW MORE VISITORS TO THE AREA. MOOG MUSIC PRESIDENT AND CEO MIKE ADAMS SAYS IT'S TIME TO RETHINK HOW THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS THE TAX GENERATES IS USED. HE TOLD DAVID HURAND A GREATER PERCENTAGE SHOULD GOTO THE CITY AND COUNTY GENERAL FUND AND BE USED FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.....

ECONOMICS/ARTS AND CULTURE

150903APPLES TOTAL TIME 2:44 AIR TIME 6:04-8:04 AM 4:30-5:30 PM

THE ANNUAL NORTH CAROLINA APPLE FESTIVAL GETS UNDERWAY TOMORROW (FIRDAY) IN DOWNTOWN HENDERSONVILLE. THERE'S PLENTY OF FREE ENTERAINMENT AND OF COURSE LOTS OF GREAT LOCALLY GROWN APPLES. DAVID NICHOLSON IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE FESTIVAL...HE SPOKE WITH DAVID HURAND.....

150916 BEER ATC TOTAL TIME 4:23 AIR TIME 6:29-8:29 AM 5:44 PM

A YEAR FROM NOW BEER MAKER MILLERCOORS WILL CLOSE ITS NORTH CAROLINA BREWERY IN EDEN. MORE THAN 5-HUNDRED WORKERS WILL BE LAID OFF. THE COMPANY IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST MAKERS OF BEER. WHILE EDEN PLANS FOR ITS FUTURE WITHOUT THE BREWERY, MICRO BREWERIES CONTINUE TO THRIVE ACROSS THE STATE. DAVID HURAND SPOKE WITH BILL MANLEY. HE'S BEER AMBASSADOR WITH THE SIERRA NEVADA BREWERY IN MILLS RIVER....

EDUCATION:

150721WWCADMISSIONS TOTAL TIME 4:17

WARREN WILSON COLLEGE HAS JOINED A GROWING NUMBER OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES THAT WILL NOW ALLOW STUDENTS TO CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO SUBMIT THEIR S.A.T OR A.C.T EXAM SCORES AS PART OF THEIR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION. JANELLE HOLMBOE IS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT AT THE COLLEGE. SHE RECENTLY JOINED THE STAFF AT WARREN WILSON AFTER SERVING AS DEAN OF ADMISSIONS AT AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN SPRINGFELD, MASSACHUSETTS. SHE SPOKE WITH DAVID HURAND. 150804APLUSSCHOOLS TOTAL TIME :52 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM.

TEACHERS AND ARTISTS ARE IN DURHAM TO CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AN ARTS-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

150810BLACKMTCOLLEGE TOTAL TIME 4:09 AIR TIME 6:29-8:29 AM 5:44 PM

BLACK MOUNTAIN COLLEGE BURNED BRIGHTLY FOR NEARLY 25 YEARS. FOUNDED, IN 1933, DURING THE RISE OF ADOLPH HITLER, FASCISM, AND THE GREAT DEPRESSION, IT BROUGHT TOGETHER SOME OF THE MOST TALTENTED AND INNOVATTIVE ARTISTS AND THINKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, MANY OF WHOM WERE FLEEING EUROPE. CAROLINA PUBLIC PRESS INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER JON ELLISTON TOLD DAVID HURAND THE COLLEGES' UNIQUE APPROACH TO HIGHER EDUCATION

150814COLLEGE MOVEINDAY TOTAL TIME :36 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM. IT'S MOVE IN DAY AT WESTERN CAROLINA UNVERSITY AND AT THE UNVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE. DAVID HURAND REPORTS.

150819ABTECHATC TOTAL TIME 5:03 AIR TIME 6:30-8:30 AM 5:44 PM (BOTH DAYS)

A NEW SEMESTER IS UNDERWAY AT ASHEVILLE BUNCOMBE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. AS OF AUGUST FIRST A-B TECH PRESIDENT DR. DENNIS KING HAS BEEN ON THE JOB ONE YEAR. BUT PRESIDENT KING HAS BEEN WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR MORE THAN TWO DECADES. HE TOLD DAVID HURAND THE BIGGEST CHANGE ON CAMPUS HAS BEEN THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOW SERVES.....

150820ABTECHATC2 TOTAL TIME 5:03 THIS WEEK MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SEMESTER AT A-B TECH. COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT DENNIS KING SAYS TUITION AT NORTH

150903 NCED REPORTCARD :39 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM.

FROM RISING GRADUATE RATES TO SLOW MOVING READING SCORES, NORTH CAROLINA'S ANNUAL REPORT ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA BROUGHT THE USUAL MIX OF GOOD AND BAD NEWS. THE STATE BOARD OF DUCATION REPORT COVERS THE 20-14/15 SCHOOL YEAR... IT SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASES IN LANGUAGE AND MATH SCORES STATEWIDE, WITH JUST OVER FOUR OUT OF 10 STUDENTS ON TARGET FOR THEIR GRADE LEVEL. WHEN IT COMES TO SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, ASHEVILLE, ALONG WITH BUNCOMBE, HAYWOOD, HENDERSON AND MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS SCORED MOSTLY BS AND CS.OVERALL, ABOUT 85 PERCENT OF NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS WHO ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL FINISHED IN FOUR YEARS, A GRADUATION RATE SCHOOL OFFICIALS PRAISED AS THE HIGHEST IN STATE HISTORY.

150915 NCAE TOTAL TIME 4:39 AIR TIME 6:29-8:29 AM 5:44 PM

THE NEW STATE BUDGET FALLS FAR SHORT OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO FUND K-12 EDUCATION IN NORTH- CAROLINA. THAT'S THE OPINION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF EDUCATORS. RODNEY ELLIS ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEARLY 22 BILLION DOLLAR SPENDING PLAN DOES INCLUDE A BOOST IN PAY FOR FIRST YEAR TEACHERS. ELLIS SPOKE WITH DAVID HURAND....

ENVIRONMENT

150724TVA TOTAL TIME :42 SEC AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM

THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY HAS REOPENED THE SOUTH HOLSTON DAM VISITOR CENTER. THE CENTER WAS CLOSED DUE TO SECURITY CONCERNS FOLLOWING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS ON SEPT. 11, 2001.

150811FIRE TOTAL TIME :30 AIR TIME 6-7-8 AM 4-5:00 PM. FIRE FIGHTERS BATTLING A BLAZE IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ARE GETTING SOME OUT OF STATE HELP.

150819 DENR COAL ASH :47

A HANDFUL OF TESTS NEAR DUKE ENERGY COAL PLANTS FIND HEAVY METALS IN NORTH CAROLINA WATER WELLS OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF COAL ASH CONTAMINATION SEEPING FROM STORAGE PITS. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES SAYS TWENTY-FOUR WELLS WERE TESTED NEAR THREE OF DUKE'S COAL-BURNING POWER PLANTS IN THE CHARLOTTE REGION. OWNERS OF 20 WELLS WERE WARNED AGAINST DRINKING THE WATER BECAUSE OF THE LEVELS OF HEAVY METALS.

150910DUKELINE TOTAL TIME 4:06 AIR TIME 6:29-8:29 AM 5:44 PM

HENDERSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL HAS PASSED A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING ITS CONCERNS ABOUT A PROPOSED DUKE ENERGY TRANSMISSION LINE. THE RESOLUTION, WHICH WAS ADOPTED YESTERDAY, IS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO ONE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS EARLIER THIS WEEK. HENDERSONVILLE MAYOR BARBARA VOLK SAYS THE CITY AND THE COUNTY AGREE DUKE ENERGY SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MINIMIZE THE HARM THE LINE MAY CAUSE TO PROPERTY VALUES AND THE ENVIRONMENT. COUNTY COMMISSIONER MICHAEL EDNEY (ED-KNEE) TOLD DAVID HURAND MORE THAN HALF OF THE 45 MILE LINE WILL RUN THROUGH THE COUNTY. HE ADDED THAT BOTH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY WANT AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS

150915 DENR DUKE :46 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM

A JUDGE HAS REJECTED A BID BY NORTH CAROLINA'S ENVIRONMENT AGENCY TO BLOCK DUKE ENERGY FROM REMOVING COAL ASH AT THREE EXTRA POWER PLANTS NOW LEAKING POLLUTANTS LIKE ARSENIC AND LEAD INTO WATERWAYS. THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WAS UNABLE TO CONVINCE A STATE SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE TO STOP DUKE ENERGY FROM GOING BEYOND A NEW STATE LAW REQUIRING IT TO EXCAVATE PITS AT FOUR PLANTS.

150924 COAL ASH :52 AIR TIME 6-7-8 AM 4-5 PM

NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY COAL ASH SPILLS HAVE FORMED A NEW ALLIANCE... YESTERDAY THE GROUP CALLED FOR CHANGES TO THE WAY DUKE ENERGY CLEANS UP ITS COAL ASH PONDS. WCQS'S HELEN CHICKERING HAS DETAILS. THE NEW GROUP, ALLIANCE FOR CAROLINIANS TOGETHER AGAINST COAL ASH, HELD ITS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE YESTERDAY.

HEALTH CARE

150704VETS TOTAL TIME 5:00 AIR TIME 6:29-8:29 AM 4:29-5:29 PM

FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OUTWARD BOUND HAS BEEN OFFERING WILDERNESS COURSES FOR WAR VETERANS THE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO HELP VETERANS RE-ENTER CIVILIAN LIFE. DAVID HURAND RECENTLY SPOKE WITH MATT ROSKY VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS MANAGER AT NORTH CAROLINA OUTWARD BOUND ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM.

150717 MEDICAID RALLIES :50 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5;00 PM. HEALTH CARE ADVOCATES DEMONSTRATED IN RALEIGH, ASHEVILLE AND FOUR OTHER CITIES ACROSS ACROSS THE STATE YESTERDAY, CONTINUING TO CALL ON GOV. PAT MCCRORY TO RELEASE HIS PLAN TO EXPAND NORTH CAROLINA'S MEDICAID ROLLS. ALONG WITH RALLIES, ADVOCATES RELEASED A REPORT DETAILING THE EFFECT OF NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH CARE COVERAGE GAP ON CHILDREN. THE PAPER, FROM GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, NOTES THAT MORE THAN ONE-QUARTER OF NORTH CAROLINIANS ELIGIBLE FOR EXPANDED MEDICAID ENROLLMENT UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT ARE PARENTS. IT ALSO FINDS THERE ARE MORE THAN 140-THOUSAND UNINSURED CHILDREN IN THE STATE. REPUBLICANS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE ADAMANT THAT ANY EXPANSION OF THE STATE'S MEDICAID ROLLS MUST COME AFTER AN OVERHAUL OF THE SYSTEM. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE'S BEEN WORKING WITH WASHINGTON LEADERSTO GET TO GRANT WAIVERS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE STATE TO USE FEDERAL FUNDS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM.

150818 GSK PLANT REOPENS :35 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM. DRUGMAKER GLAXOSMITHKLINE SAYS IT'S ZEBULON, NORTH CAROLINA PLANT IS UP AND RUNNING... JUST A WEEK AFTER THE BACTERIA THAT CAUSES THE SEVERE RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE WAS DISCOVERED THERE. A GLAXOSMITHKLINE SPOKESPERSON SAYS THE ZEBULON PLANT THAT PRODUCES INHALED MEDICATIONS REOPENED YESTERDAY MORNING... THE FACILITY, JUST OUTSIDE OF RALEIGH... WAS CLOSED LAST WEEK FOLLOWING THE FINDING OF BACTERIA THAT CAUSES LEGIONNAIRES IN COOLING TOWERS. THE LONDON-BASED COMPANY SAYS THE TOWERS HAVE BEEN CLEANED AND DISINFECTED. THE COMPANY HAS SAID NO MEDICATIONS WERE COMPROMISED.

MINORITIES:

150710 NCAA CONFED FLAG:47

SOUTH CAROLINA COULD ONCE AGAIN HOST NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT GAMES AND OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE ORGANIZATION MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT JUST MOMENTS AFTER GOVERNOR NIKKI HALEY SIGNED THE BILL TO REMOVE THE CONFEDERATE FLAG FROM THE STATE CAPITOL. WCQS'S HELEN CHICKERING EXPLAINS.

150724 CONFEDERATE FLAG TOTAL TIME :41 AIR TIME -7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM ALAMANCE COUNTY HAS BOUGHT A CAMERA TO KEEP WATCH ON THE OLD COURTHOUSE AND THE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

TRANSPORTATION

150729 NCDOTSEC RESIGNS :49 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM.

JUST WEEKS AFTER SQUELCHING RUMORS THAT HE WAS LEAVING TO RUN FOR POLITICAL OFFICE, NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY TONY TATA RESIGNED ABRUPTLY YESTERDAY. THE RESIGNATION, ANNOUNCED IN A STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY, WAS SUDDEN, AND EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. THE GOVERNORS OFFICE THANKED TATA FOR HIS SERVICE, SAYING THE FORMER ARMY GENERAL WANTED TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND ON HIS WORK AS AN AUTHOR. WHILE TATA DENIES THAT POLITICS WERE BEHIND HIS DECISION TO STEP DOWN, HE SAYS HE'S NOT RULING OUT A RUN FOR HIGHER OFFICE.

150730 TRANSFUNDDEBATE :45 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM.

GOV. PAT MCCRORY AND REPUBLICAN LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE AT ODDS OVER FUNDING FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S ROADS. AS WCQS'S HELEN CHICKERING REPORTS, THEIR COMPETING PROPOSALS ARE FUELING A HEATED DEBATE. SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE LEADERS TOOK THE MOST RECENT JAB, HOLDING A NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY TO DENOUNCE THE GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO PLACE A BILLION DOLLAR BOND ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT TO FUND TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

POLITICS/GOVERNMENT .

150706 ELECTONS TOTAL TIME 4:35 TWO NORTH CAROLINA CITIES, GREENSBORO AND TRINITY, ARE CONSIDERING THEIR OPTIONS FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PASSAGE OF A BILL THAT CHANGES THE MAKEUP OF CITY COUNCIL IN BOTH CITIES. GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY SAYS FELLOW REPUBLICANS IN THE LEGISLATURE DIDN'T FOLLOW THEIR CONSERVATIVE ROOTS WHEN THEY APPROVED THE BILL. THE GOVERNOR CALLED IT SHAMEFUL AND ADDED HE WOULD HAVE VETOED THE BILL IF HE HAD THE POWER TO DO SO. DAVID HURAND SPOKE WITH HIGH POINT ENTERPRISE REPORTER PAUL JOHNSON ABOUT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF HOUSE BILL 263....

150713MCHENRYMEADOWS (VOICER) OTAL TIME 1:09 THE TWO- CONGRESSMAN THAT REPRESENT WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA IN THE U.S. HOUSE HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS CRITICAL OF THE ACCORD REACHED BETWEEN IRAN AND THE U.S.THE AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT OBAMA THIS MORNING LIMITS TEHRAN'S NUCLEAR CAPABILITIES. IN EXCHANGE, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WILL LIFT OIL AND FINANCIAL SANCTIONS. U.S. SENATOR TOM TILLIS SAYS THE ACCORD APPEARS TO BE A COMPLETE CAPITULATION TO THE IRANIAN REGIME, PAVING THE PATH FOR IRAN TO BECOME A NUCLEAR POWER IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE...AND CONGRESS NOW HAS A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO STOP IT FROM BEING IMPLEMENTED."

150806OAKRIDGEATC1 TOTAL TIME 4:41

70 YEARS AGO TODAY, AN ATOMIC BOMB EXPLODED OVER HIROSHIMA, JAPAN. THREE DAYS LATER A SECOND BOMB EXPLODED OVER NAGASAKI. MUCH OF THE WORK THAT LED TO THE BUILDING OF THE BOMB WAS DONE IN OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE. OAK RIDGE IS 18 MILES WEST OF KNOXVILLE AND LESS THAN A TWO AND HALF HOUR DRIVE FROM ASHEVILLE. THE OAK RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL PEACE ALLIANCE WILL LEAD A NAME AND REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY TODAY AT THE GATES OF THE WEAPONS PLANT AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL DEMONSTRATIONS THRUGH SUNDAY. THE ALLIANCE IS ALSO CALLING ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DROP PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW URANIUM- PROCESSING FACILITY. THE FACILITY WAS FIRST PROPOSED MORE THAN A DECADE AGO. THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE PLANT HAS SOARED TO OVER ELEVEN-BILLION DOLLARS. ALLIANCE LEADER RALPH HUTCHISON TOLD DAVID HURAND A COMBINATION OF FACTORS HAS DELAYED CONSTRUCTION.....

150813JONES TOTAL TIME: :48 BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMMISSIONER HOLLY JONES HAS ANNOUNCED SHE IS A CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR. DAVID HURAND REPORTS HER DECISION IS HAVING A RIPPLE EFFECT ON LOCAL POLITICS.

150814GENERALASSEMBLY TOTAL TIME :51 THE COST OF KEEPING STATE LAWMAKERS IN RALEIGH TO HAGGLE OVER A NEW FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IS MOUNTING. DAVID HURAND HAS MORE.... 150820 NC NEW LAWS :44 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM GOVERNOR PAT MCCRORY SIGNED 10 MORE BILLS INTO LAW YESTERDAY, INCLUDING LEGISLATION THAT GIVES TAX BREAKS TO BUILDERS AND MORE PRIVACY TO POLICE. HELEN CHICKERING HAS DETAILS.

AMONG THE NEW LAWS ONE THAT STOPS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM RELEASING EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION AND OTHER DETAILS THAT MIGHT IDENTIFY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S HOME. GOVERNMENT ISSUED MOBILE PHONE NUMBERS FOR POLICE, FIRE AND RESCUE PERSONNEL ARE ALSO NO LONGER CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS. ANOTHER MEASURE GIVES HOME BUILDERS A TAX BREAK. HOME BUILDERS HAVE TO PAY LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES ON THE VALUE OF THE LAND THEY OWN, BUT NOT THE CONSTRUCTION ON THAT PROPERTY FOR UP TO THREE YEARS. THIS APPLIES TO ANY HOME BUILDER FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BUYS A LOT TO BUILD ON, TO COMMERCIAL BUILDERS WHO BUILD THOUSANDS OF HOUSES EACH YEAR.

150828 NC BUDGET EXT :40 AIR TIME 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVED ANOTHER TEMPORARY SPENDING MEASURE THAT DIRECTS HOW NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT SHOULD OPERATE WHILE A BUDGET STALEMATE IS STILL UNRESOLVED. THE SENATE AND HOUSE APPROVED SEPARATELY BY WIDE MARGINS A THIRD "CONTINUING RESOLUTION." THIS ONE EXPIRES SEPT. 18. THE PROPOSAL IS HEADING TO GOV. PAT MCCRORY.

150904 NC MAGISTRATES :53 6-7-8:00 AM 4-5:00 PM

(WE'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THE CASE OF THE COUNTY CLERK IN KENTUCKY, HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY YESTERDAY AFTER SHE DEFIED A SUPREME COURT ORDER TO ISSUE MARRIAGE LICENSES. KIM DAVIS SAYS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE GOES AGAINST HER RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.THE NUMBER OF NORTH CAROLINA MAGISTRATES RECUSING THEMSELVES FROM PERFORMING CIVIL MARRIAGES UNDER A NEW LAW HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN RECENT WEEKS. WCQS'S HELEN CHICKERING HAS DETAILS.

150910 DSMITH AWARD :38 AIR TIME 6-7-8 AM 4-5:00 PM.

THE U-S BASKETBALL WRITERS ASSOCIATION HAS CHOSEN ONE OF DEAN SMITH'S CLOSE FRIENDS — AS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF THE AWARD NAMED FOR THE LATE NORTH CAROLINA COACH. THE USBWA ANNOUNCED THAT FORMER GEORGETOWN HALL OF FAME COACH JOHN THOMPSON HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE FIRST WINNER OF THE DEAN SMITH AWARD, THE ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED THE AWARD IN JUNE TO HONOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO EMBODIES SMITH'S VALUES AND SPIRIT. SMITH RETIRED IN 1997 AS THE WINNINGEST COACH IN DIVISION I HISTORY AND WAS KNOWN FOR STANDS ON SOCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS RACIAL EQUALITY AND OPPOSITION TO THE DEATH PENALTY. DEAN SMITH DIED IN FEBRUARY AT AGE 83.