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Issue: Federal Criminal Code Changing

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Congress is trying to make big cuts in the federal criminal code. Lawmakers say that the code is so big that every American 18 or older has in some way broken the law in some way without even knowing it. The House Judiciary Committee have purposed a resolution, called "The Over-Criminalization Task Force Resolution of 2013". This Committee will be head up by Wisconsin Republican Rep. James Sensenbrenner and Virginia Democrat Rep. Bobby Scot will be the ranking Democrat on the task force. The conservative Heritage Foundation, the liberal ACLU, and the Libertarian CATO Institute all support the resolution.

Issue: Surveillance Cameras Fighting Crime?

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The use of surveillance cameras can be effective in fighting crime and locating missing people and suspects in crimes, but it also makes people skittish thinking their privacy is being invaded. After the Boston Marathon bombing, the city's police chief said he wants more cameras to help law enforcement keep watch over high value areas downtown and other cities will be quick to follow suit. Privacy advocates worry the cameras can lead to government over-reach.

Issue: Economic Recovery & Unemployment

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A slow down in March job gains could signal a weak economy. The March slowdown shows 88-thousand jobs were added, but that 63.3-percent of the unemployed are still looking for work. The unemployment rate went down point-1-percent to 7.6-percent. Experts say that the reduced rate is due to the fact that people have stopped looking for work.

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Economists hope the economy will keep climbing as housing prices have improved. New reports on home prices are up 10-percent since last year. Many economists predict that the economic recovery will continue thru the rest of the year.

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The U.S. job market is improving despite higher taxes and government spending cuts. U.S. employers added 165-thousand jobs in April. The unemployment rate is down to 7.5-percent, a 4 year low. The only sector that cut jobs was in construction and government. With news of the report the Dow Jones hit an all time high and broke the 15-thousand mark for the first time. Despite all of this, some say there are not seeing a difference; journalists say it's a matter of expectations.

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Scott Paul is president for the Alliance of American Manufacturing. He says that the bulk of middle class is manufacturing employment in this country and most all of the jobs were in the low wage paying service industry and none in manufacturing. Paul says that the President's plan to increase manufacturing jobs could be accomplished if he provided for workforce training, invest in our infrastructure of roads and bridges and such, invest in innovation, making sure that we have the research and development to make high-tech goods in this country, and lastly, make sure there is a level training field on trade.

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The Federal Reserve will continue with its efforts to stimulate the U.S. economy. Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress that the country's job market remains weak and warned against the ending of the Fed's stimulus too soon. It has initiated low interest rates for the housing market and has helped the stock market rally this year.

Issue: Economic Recovery & Unemployment cont.

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There were 175-thousand jobs added to the American economy last month despite the rise in unemployment. The Labor Department report shows April's unemployment rate is up .1% to 7.6%, yet employers have added an average of 155-thousand jobs in the last 3 months and almost matches the average 12-month increase of 172-thousand a month. The economy has grown 2.4% this year.

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The Feds say they will keep long-term interest rates at record lows by buying \$80-billion in monthly bonds. In a statement today, Ben Bernaki would do what he can to move closer to the stimulus, but says he doesn't know when that will happen. In the meantime, the Federal Reserve will continue to buy monthly bonds in order to prop up the economy, at least until unemployment reaches 6.5%. Officials don't expect to see a hike in interest rates until 2015.

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The Federal Reserve Board Chairman, Ben Bernanke says the U.S. economy is improving and doesn't need as much need from the government as in recent years. But he says the feds will to take a "go slow" approach and continue the stimulus, including the purchase of \$80-billion in bonds. But as the economy improves, the stimulus will be scaled back. Although the unemployment rate is still high at 7.6%, Bernanke and others say it could drop as low as 6.5% in 2014. New construction of homes and the sale of homes has boosted the economy. But mortgage rates remain high and they could be on the rise; 1% increase in the rates, makes owning a home 10% more costly. That translates to \$239 more per month for a home that costs \$500,000. As for car loans, it would cost an additional \$200/year to replace their current vehicle. The upside is Americans will receive higher rates on their savings accounts and investment CD's.

Issue: Taxes & the IRS

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Just a week to go as the tax deadline of April 15th looms before all Americans. More than 25-million tax payers will face possible tax audits. Millions will pay combined untold billions to the government, and some of it maybe money they don't even owe. Author Daniel Pilla wrote a book to help taxpayers navigate the IRS system so they don't have to stress over an audit. The book is called "The IRS Problem Solver." The book addresses how to solve your tax problems and keep the IRS off your back.

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Tax litigator and author of the book, "The IRS Problem Solver", Daniel Pilla talked about the 5 tips to do before the April 15th deadline to keep the IRS from auditing you.

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America's tax laws are a huge burden according to the National Small Business Association survey. It found that 38-percent of small business spend 2-weeks working on their federal taxes, and another 84-percent of small business owners have to pay an outside tax practitioner or accountant to handle their taxes. The report concludes with, "weighing in at more than 700-thousand pages, the U.S. tax code punishes work, investment, risk-taking and entrepreneurship."

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Seton Motley with the group Less Government says that people who are for small business cannot be for big government. Motley explains that with this over-exorbitate amount of tax codes and regulations the government has put into place, it makes for less time the small business owner able to build his business, in turn, job growth is slow, hence the economy is slow. Motley says the more taxes are lowered, the more business grows, and more tax dollars come into the government coffers.

Issue: Taxes & the IRS cont.

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Today is Tax Freedom Day. It takes until today for Americans to be able to pay their taxes for the year. It is 5-days later than last year and reason is that Americans will pay more on taxes than food, housing, and clothing this year – spending 29.4-percent of their income on all their taxes in 2013. This year, Americans will pay 2.76-trillion dollars in Federal taxes but that's not enough - an additional 833-billion is required to pay for the Federal deficit. Americans will also pay another 1.45-trillion in state taxes. That all adds up to 4.22-trillion dollars in taxes. Washington's solution to the problem is to find another revenue stream, but spending, especially useless spending, is the key to the answer that Washington deliberately fails to see. After 3 and a half months into the year, Americans can finally start keeping the money they've earned.

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A new bill working it's way thru the Senate would allow new taxes on your internet shopping. The bill would allow states to require online businesses to collect state and local sales taxes. That would be sent to the state where the shopper lives. Right now, businesses that have a physical location in the state can collect sales taxes. So essentially, most sales are tax-free. The White House supports it, but it could face trouble in the House. Opponents say it would impose complicated regulations.

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Did the IRS attempt to intimidate and silence the Tea Party during the Presidential campaign last year? Today, the IRS admitted it singled out Tea Party groups applying for tax-exempt status last year pointing the finger at low-level workers in Cincinnati. The ACLJ took the case calling the IRS' barrage unconstitutional and smacking of McCarthy-ism. Lois Lerner that oversees the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Div. is admitting wrong-doing, saying that the IRS singled out organizations with "tea party" or "patriot" in their application. It even asked for a list of donors, which violates its own policies. Lerner said they targeted 75 groups and called it insensitive. One of the targeted groups rejected the IRS' apology, calling it an "outrageous abuse of power" and is calling on Congress to investigate.

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The ACLJ's Jordan Sekulow says they represent 27 clients with 15 being resolved, but although they received an apology, there is still the 12 other cases against the IRS that are waiting for a response from the IRS. Selulow says that how can this not be politically motivated when one of their own admits that they single out the organizations with "tea party" or "patriot" in their application for tax exemption.

Air Date and Time: 5-14-2013 @ 6:30pm

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U.S. Attorney General Erik Holden has ordered an investigation into the targeting of conservative groups by the IRS. Initially the IRS said only 1 branch was to blame – the Cincinnati branch, but now lawmakers representing conservative groups have released evidence showing several offices were involved, including 2 in California and Congress is now ready to get involved. One letter requested information about donors, which is against their own policies. Jennifer Stefano tried to start a tea party group, but after so many questions from the IRS, she decided to stop. She blames President Obama saying that people like her are his political enemy. The President says the abuse is outrageous and says his administration will find out what happened. The acting IRS Commissioner, Steven Miller said "mistakes were made but they were in no way politically motivated." Congress will hold a hearing on the IRS scandal on Friday.

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President Obama is pledging to work with Congress to prevent the IRS from abusing its power. Obama made that promise today during his Rose Garden statement just one day after announcing the early resignation of the agency's acting commissioner. Conservative and Tea Party groups are seeking more questions to be answered and investigations into why certain groups were being scrutinized by the IRS. The ACLJ represents more than a dozen tea party groups with many of them are still waiting for approval. Mr. Obama also discussed the fall-out in the terror attack in Benghazi that left 4 Americans dead. He is asking for more money to better secure embassies, hire more Marines to guard them, and better trained diplomats. In exchange for what he is asking, his administration says they will reveal more information from emails on the attack, but Republicans says that it isn't enough.

Issue: Taxes & the IRS cont.

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Congressional hearings today on the scandal involving the IRS treatment of conservative groups. Lawmakers seeking answers to the questions of “who is responsible and why weren’t they told?” And in a new twist the scandal is now linked to Obama Care. A tough day of questions for former IRS Commissioner Steven Miller, with lawmakers on both sides trying to get the bottom of why the IRS targeted conservative groups, asking those groups only invasive questions and why the agency kept quiet about it. The President continues to do damage control. Conservative groups are linking the scandal to Obama Care, saying the IRS is responsible for the tax breaks and credits included in the healthcare bill, and the office in charge of the scandal on conservative groups is now the office in charge of Obama Care.

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Senate lawmakers got a chance to grill top IRS officials about the agency’s targeting of conservative groups and an admission from President Obama that key players in the White House were, in fact, informed about the scandal ahead of time. Three men were on the hot seat today, including Jay Russell-George, the Treasury Dept. Inspector General who submitted the report detailing the IRS abuses and outgoing security head, Steven Miller. Douglas Schulman also testified; he was the one running the IRS when agents were targeting conservative groups.

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There was outrage on lawmakers on Capitol Hill today; the official at the center of the IRS controversy is refusing to answer questions at a Congressional Hearing. Now Republicans are threatening to re-call her to testify again. Lois Lerner in a statement said she had nothing to do with the rest of the division that targeted conservative groups and then invoked her 5th Amendment rights. In a letter from her council, she didn’t testify because she didn’t want to incriminate herself while the Dept. of Justice investigates. Republicans were furious that she gave her side of the story then refused to be cross-examined. Former commissioner of the IRS, Douglas Shulman, also appeared before Congress, and stressed that political partisanship was not involved. Officials from both parties criticized IRS workers at the hearing.

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At least 2 Congressional Panels are planning more hearings next week in the IRS scandal. One House subcommittee is going to call new acting IRS commissioner. Lawmakers want to know why the IRS was asking ordinary citizens things like what they were reading to what they were praying about. Freedom Works Adam Brandon says he knew something was going on when he was getting phone calls from people, who applied for tax-exempt status, asking if it was normal for the IRS to be asking what books they were reading, the names of donors, social media posts, and some groups were asked to give information about their prayers. With the controversy swirling around Lois Lerner, she now has been put on administrative leave. The White House is taking heat for it’s shifting story of who knew what when. Now people want to know who is responsible, who gave the orders, and who knew what.

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Betrayal, fear and intimidation are some of the words that describe how conservative groups felt while applying for tax-exempt status with the IRS. Some of them testified for the 1st time on Capitol Hill. One groups said it waited 3 years before the IRS approved its tax-exempt status, and another is still waiting. They’re all united in their belief that they were targeted because they were conservatives. Today, the House of Ways and Means Committee kicked off the 1st of several hearings that will investigate the IRS this week.

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A senior IRS official has apologized to Congress for wasting taxpayer dollars at an employee conference. The IRS spent more than \$4-million at a training event in Anaheim, California 3 years ago. Along with the hotel rooms and lavish meals, major league baseball tickets and more than \$64-thousand in gifts for the attendees were given out. They also spent \$50-thousand on a Star Trek spoof training video and another video of IRS agents dancing.

Issue: Taxes & the IRS cont.

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A leading conservative group is taking the IRS to court. The National Organization for Marriage says that the tax agency leaked its confidential information to its opponents and that information was used to harass its supporters. The IRS leaked the names and addresses of businesses and donors to the those who opposed single sex marriage and the results were boycotting of businesses and employees of those businesses where boycotted in front of their homes. The pro-marriage group believes that someone in the IRS gave the private donors list to the pro-gay group, the Human Rights Campaign. NOM says that after the list of donors was posted on the Internet, many were harassed, boycotted, and ultimately intimidated from sending in any more money. NOM is suing the IRS for civil penalties.

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After special targeting by the IRS, Tea Party and conservative groups are on Capitol Hill to say it's time for Americans to target the tax agency. Thousands gathered at a rally they are calling "Audit the IRS." One rallier says that everyone should be concerned about what the IRS has done, not just conservative groups, "because it takes away our liberties and that affects us all." Wetumpka Tea Party Pres. Becky Gerritson recently went before Congress to say that Washington politicians aren't in charge of this country. Jenny Beth Martin's Tea Party Patriots organized the rally. The main message from this rally is all Americans should be concerned because as Americans, we all rise and fall together.

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The IRS is about to pay \$70-million in bonuses despite a White House directive to cancel all discretionary bonuses because of automatic spending cuts. Iowa Sen. Chuck Raslee says the IRS bonuses should be canceled, and says the IRS always claims to be short on resources for union bonuses. The IRS says it is negotiating on those union bonuses issue.

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The IRS says that it has screened more than just Tea Party and conservative groups who were looking for tax-exempt status. The IRS now says that it checked liberal groups with the words "progressive" and "occupy" in their name. They said the screenings had stopped in May last year, but now say that those screenings had stopped just this month.

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There is no evidence that the IRS targeted "progressive" groups in the same manner as they did conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status. That is according to top treasury watch dog. In a letter to Congress, Tax Inspection General Jay Russell George acknowledged the tax agency flagged the fillings if it had "progressive" in the name, but wasn't sure if it was for further scrutiny. This comes as the chief of the Internal Revenue Service David Werfel faced further questioning from the House Ways and Means Committee and said that these were the same findings he discovered in his own investigation.

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The IRS targeting of conservative groups is back in the headlines. House lawmakers fought today with the IRS official at the heart of the scandal. They voted to bring Lois Lerner back in to testify saying she violated her right to remain silent. Republicans say she violated her right when she testified about her innocence and following it up with her invoking her 5th Amendment right in an interview back in May. They say that they are here not because of Louis Lerner, but because of the American people affected by the targeting the IRS did by using their powers of a government agency. A poll says 3 out of 4 Americans say the IRS should be investigated for targeting specific groups, especially the Tea Party and conservative groups.

Issue: Federal Debt Ceiling Problems

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Treasury Secretary Jack Lew says Congress needs to come up with a budget plan before the debt crisis hits the ceiling in September. Lew said “the uncertainty caused by putting this off is not good. The anxiety caused to the U.S. and world economy by putting this off until the last minute is not good.”

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President of American Commitment, Phil Kerpen says the debt ceiling was suspended earlier this year, but it will end on May 18th. The Treasury will be using extraordinary measures to pay the bills and manage the finances so to speak. He says they still haven’t done enough to cover their spending even with all the tax hikes that took place this year. The threat of the U.S. defaulting on its loans has worldwide implications as the U.S. has key influences on growth.

Issue: Health Care

Program: CBN Newswatch

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A federal judge is ordering the Plan B drug to be available to all women of reproductive age without a prescription. That reverses the bill that says that girls 17 and under must have a doctor’s prescription. That decision came after a reproductive rights group sued to overturn the law.

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Cancer patients could be hit with higher costs under Obama Care. Experts are warning there will be increased thousands of dollars of extra costs on prescriptions, as well as those who need drugs for chronic diseases with the cost varying by state.

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Obama Care could cost hospitals billions in healthcare costs over the coming years. Less money coming from the government is the reason. Texas could lose 56-million dollars, Pennsylvania, 34-million, and Missouri, 26 million in healthcare dollars from the government.

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Many health insurance policies could be canceled this Fall and that could be bad for the 14-million Americans who buy their own health insurance. Obama had promised that “if you like your health care plan, you’ll be able to keep (it).” But insurance regulators say that that is not true. Many of the policies don’t satisfy the basic demands of QbamaCare. Many insurance companies plan on cancelling existing plans and offering new because they say it is easier than changing the plans.

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Senator Marco Rubio told CBN News that he has a plan to get rid of ObamaCare. It involves passing a constitutional amendment banning any law that taxes Americans who don’t buy a better service. The new healthcare law does just that. Under the logic of this ruling, Rubio says for instance if the government issued a law saying everyone is required to have a smartphone, but if you do not, you will be taxed. He says in essence, the healthcare law punishes people. The new law is being called “The Right to Refuse Amendment.”

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It’s suppose to create jobs, provide health insurance for all Americans who want it, and save money. But already the healthcare act bill is causing us pain. Michael Tanner with the CATO Institute says 17,500 pages of new regulations written by Beaucrats on top of an already complex law passed by Congress. Kevin Kulman with the Nat’l Federation of Independent Business says for example employers with 50 or more full-time employees pay health insurance or pay penalties turns into 150 pages with 44 definitions. One study predicts ObamaCare will put 3.2 million jobs in jeopardy. For now there is confusion and uncertainty about the law is stifling economic growth. The President maintains that those who like their healthcare will be able to keep it, but that’s not turning out to be the case. In a study, there are 11,000 plans and less than 2% comply. That means 98% of plan must change or the people using them must find new plans. According to the CBO, 7 million will be dropped from employer’s health plans and forced into new health exchanges. By the end of 2023, 30 million Americans will be uninsured and American will have spent \$1.6-trillion implementing the law.

Issue: Social Security and Medicare Program: CBN Newswatch

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A government report says that 2 of the largest entitlement programs are in bad shape: The Social Security Administration and Medicare. The giant trust fund of Medicare will run dry in 2026, 2 years later than what was predicted last year. Social Security is still on track to run out in 2033. After those dates, benefits can still be paid on deduced rates at about 75%. Currently, 58-million Americans are on S.S. with the number growing as 10,000 near retirement.

Issue: Gasoline Prices
Program: CBN Newswatch

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Summer gas price predictions for 2013 by the Energy Department are expected to be around \$3.53 a gallon. That's down 10-cents from last year. Triple-A says the current average is hovering around \$3.63 a gallon. Illinois and Michigan are seeing a spike – Illinois' average is \$4.19, Michigan at \$4.17.

Issue: College Tuition Program: CBN Newswatch

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Tuition prices have gone up at some schools 40% in recent years. Some students are not going into debt by working through summers and after classes, and living at home and commuting. Student loan debt is One-trillion-dollars nationwide, with 23-thousand-3-hundred-dollars on average in borrowed funds. To avoid college debt, Financial Expert Dave Ramsey says choose an affordable college, consider a community college, and research where you can get free money. Ramsey says to avoid the extra little things, like eating out all the time and living on campus.

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House lawmakers are set to pass a bill that connects student loan rates to the commercial loan rate. That's in spite of the President threatening to veto, saying the new plan would impose greater interest hikes on low and middle class students. Interest rates on new subsidized Stafford loans are scheduled to double after July 1st from 3.4% to 6.8%; the Republican bill would postpone that and provide some students a deal increasing interest rates later.

Issue: Global Warming Program: CBN Newswatch

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Another big winter storm is hitting the upper Midwest from the Rockies to the upper Plains. Science shows that we are not suffering from global warming. Scientist say that greenhouse gases have soared in the past 15-years, air surface temperatures have not. According to "The Economist" regarding global warming, 100-billion tons of carbon were added to the atmosphere during the period of 2000 to 2010. That's one-fourth of all man-created CO₂'s put there since 1750. A NASA scientist says the 5-year mean global temperature has remained flat for the past decade.

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Weather Bell's Chief Forecaster, Joe Bastardi says the Earth will never be in balance so there is always a fluctuation back and forth in seasons so in fact global warming is a hoax. The Earth seasons, temperature, weather patterns are cyclical. This year there will be more storms to come off Africa, he says, and he encourages a research of weather charts from the 1950's.

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Joe Bastardi with the Weatherbell says cooler temperatures will continue with the global cooling trend that began 4 years ago, but it has leveled off a bit. He says we have to take a look at the long term and what the atmosphere is capable of. Bastardi says if there were no greenhouse gases, the Earth's temperature would be -18 Celsius. He says it takes more energy to cool things and to grow thing. He also states that more people live closer to the equator than the poles.

Issue: Global Warming cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Cities across America have set records for coldest temperatures this spring. Some experts say we are in for more global cooling. Spring not only has been one of the coldest, it has also been one of the snowiest. Scientists at an observatory in St. Petersburg, Russia are saying that a global cooling is on the way, lasting 200 to 250 years. The Weatherbell's chief meteorologist, Joe Bastardi says a global cooling is worse than global warming because plants and crops have a hard time growing in the cooler temperature.

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It's safe to say that tornado season is in full swing, but forecasters say 2013 has been pretty quiet on the twister front. This marks the longest the U.S. has gone into the month of May without EF1+ tornado. They say a cool spring has kept the numbers down. Typically tornados appear a month sooner.

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The WeatherBell's Joe Bastardi says it takes more cold air than warm in fact to make a twister the size of Oklahoma's just recent twister. He says we are in the same cycle that we were in during the 1950's – it's not global warming nor the rapture, it's just the cycle of the planet.

Issue: Gun Control

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-4-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Connecticut has passed sweeping new gun control laws in response to the deadly Sandy Hook Elementary shooting. Both parties voted for the measures, which were signed into law today. It's being called the "strongest, most comprehensive gun bill in the nation". Conn. becomes the 3rd state to pass tougher gun control laws. The bill expands current state ban on assault weapons, requires background checks for all firearms sales, and bans the sale or purchase of magazines holding more than 10 rounds. The bill also addresses mental health and school security measures. But critics of the bill say the new law would still not be able to stop someone with evil intentions from securing s weapon and that it punishes law abiding citizens and violates 2nd amendment rights.

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The strongest, most comprehensive gun laws in the nations just passed in Maryland and Massachusetts. In Maryland, fingerprints need to be submitted before gun, mostly for pistols, sales can be complete and a purchase limit for magazine rounds are capped at 10. Democratic lawmakers say that the new gun laws won't stop criminals from getting guns, but it will cut down on their purchase. In Connecticut, the gun bills were signed into law while still feeling the affects of the Newtown massacre that left 20 children and 6 adults dead. Meanwhile, 10 states passed the pro-gun laws that weaken gun restrictions. A recent CBN News poll says 47-percent of Americans support stricter gun-control laws.

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Ken Klukowski with the Family Research Council says what the President is pushing for is a made-up term for an assault weapon – which is not even a type of firearm – it's not even an assault rifle, which is a type of firearm. He says the "assault weapons" actually cover the most commonly used firearms, and says the ban focuses on the features, such as a pistol grip versus a standard grip. Klukowski says he thinks the only thing that will actually pass nationwide is the universal background checks for firearm purchases.

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The President has been making his way across the country pushing his campaign of more gun control measures. It's doubtful that lawmakers will pass the new gun control measures, and doesn't make the Obama Administration very happy. The Administration is using the Newtown massacre to secure more votes in the Senate. Parents of some of the children who were killed were flown in on Air Force One to Capitol Hill to speak to lawmakers. The Administration used the families to try to sway support for the tougher gun control laws. The gun control measures include stricter background checks, a ban on so-called assault weapons, and a ban on high-capacity ammunition clips. There is growing support in the Republican Party to filibuster the vote.

Issue: Global Warming cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Support for background checks is gaining ground on Capitol Hill. Two Senators, one Democrat, the other Republican, announced today their bi-partisan deal to expand background checks to include gun shows and online purchases to keep firearms away from criminals and those who are mentally ill. The families from the victims of the Sandy Hook massacre pleaded with lawmakers to find a common ground.

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The Senate has voted to begin debate on the issue of gun control. It was the first win for gun control supporters in what will be likely a long fight. They needed 60 votes to block an effort by some conservatives to push back debate. That win comes on the heels of a push by the President including using the parents of the shooting victims at Sandy Hook to make his case on stricter gun regulation.

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Supporters of gun control measure won't let Wednesday's defeat in the Senate stop them. The Senate rejected key elements in President Obama's gun control plan. They were trying to create tighter background checks, ban assault weapons, and limit the number of rounds in a magazine that can be purchased. The President tried to blame Republicans as he surrounded himself with the families of the victims of the Newtown massacre. Obama says he will take matters into his own hands now.

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The Department of Homeland Security has been buying up massive amounts of ammunition. Americans are wondering why and so is Congress. House Republicans started looking into in Thursday. Federal officials have denied the rumors that have been circulating on the Internet even as they continue to purchase hundreds of thousands of rounds. Republicans ask because they are trying to cut excess spending by the government. Officials with the Homeland Security Dept. say there is nothing going on and their purchases will not create a shortage of ammo to the public. But Republicans are still wondering why DHS agents need more ammo than any U.S. soldier. Meanwhile, DHS official in charge of purchasing says they plan to purchase another 750-million more rounds. The DHS is now under review.

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President Obama is vowing not to push for more and tighter gun control in the U.S. He says the recent defeat in Congress was quote, "the first round." Meanwhile the annual National Rifle Association's convention begins today in Houston, TX. It will be the largest in U.S. history, with about 80-thousand in attendance. David Keene, president of the NRA says it's not the guns that aren't the problem, it is the people who shouldn't have the guns, that's the problem; the real problem is the mental health issue. The gun debate took center stage after the Sandy Hook Elementary massacre. Michelle Green organized a new group called Moms Demand Action that is made up bi-partisan support of making new sensible gun control laws.

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Leaders of the NRA say the gun lobbying group is ready for a long war. The NRA held it's annual convention in Houston over the weekend. Supporters of less gun control and the NRA won the 1st fight in Congress when lawmakers fought against the new gun control laws, striking it down. The NRA focused its criticism of Obama's gun control laws. They also targeted NY Major Michael Bloomberg who ear-marked 10-million dollars to prevent guns from getting on the streets. Supporters of tougher gun control laws confronted members and goes to the NRA's convention trying to find common ground. Meanwhile the President looks for ways to bi-pass Congress' approval.

Issue: Global Warming cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-9-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Gun control advocates continue to push for more and tougher restrictions, but a recent study shows that gun violence is decreasing in the U.S. The Bureau of Justice statistics show that gun-related violence is down 39-percent since their peak in 1993. The PEW Research Center found that it has dropped by 49-percent. Both report that non-fatal crimes are down 70-percent over that same period.

Air Date and Time: 5-10-2013 @ 6:30pm

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3-D printing is revolutionizing the way we make things in the U.S. President Obama even praised the technology in his State of the Union address. But a Texas man's 3-D creation is having the government stepping in and blocking distribution. The object in question is a 3-D plastic gun. The 25-year old law student, Cody Wilson has been working on the prototype for more than 8 years, and now his group, Defense Distributed, claims it has succeeded. It's called the Liberator. The gun was made on the 8-thousand dollar stratasy 3-D printer. Wilson put the design online for anyone to view, but the State Dept. said no way and demanded it be pulled off. Several members of Congress are calling for the 3-D printed guns to be made illegal.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-4-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A new study shows that walking can be just as healthy as running and can be helpful in reducing high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and heart disease. On the reverse, sitting for more than 6 hours a day can be bad, even deadly. The average American sits for 9 hours a day. Sitting for that amount of time shuts down our bodies and may lead to an early death. People who sit for most of the day are more apt to be diagnosed with diabetes or other serious health and mental issues. So this led to the invention by a doctor of a combination desk and treadmill. But there are other alternatives, such as the truck desk or standing desk. Other things you can do are occasionally standing up, going for a short walk, or walking the stairs. Wear a pedometer to track your steps. A good goal is 10-thousand steps a day. Try to avoid sitting at home. Studies show there is an 11-percent higher death threat.

Air Date and Time: 4-8-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A new report says that the same ingredient found in red meat and energy drinks can cause heart disease. L-Carnitine is the source of the concern and scientist say that it could be the cause of clogged arteries. The Cleveland Clinic conducted the research. L-Carnitine is the ingredient that converts fat into energy.

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For 20 years, many Americans have had a drinking problem and it's not alcohol; it's energy drinks. With names like Monster, Rockstar, and Full Throttle, energy drinks pack a punch that young people can't get enough of. One in twenty teens regularly drink the energy drinks. Americans are expected to spend 9-billion dollars on buy the drinks this year making them the fastest growing beverage market. Caffeine is the main ingredient, about as much as a cup of strong coffee contains. The FDA requires the presence of caffeine in a product not how much. The drinks have about a quarter cup of sugar in them on average, as well as non-regulated natural ingredients like taurine, guarana, creatine, and B-vitamins. American Pediatrics Assoc. warns that the energy drinks can cause heart palpitations, seizure, strokes, and even death in kids. Doctors say the energy drinks are highly addictive as well. Even sports drinks can be bad as well with their high acidity levels. Doctors say that milk is the one thing missing from the athletes diet which can help prevent broken bones. And water is a must.

Air Date and Time: 4-10-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Wellness Institute, Dr. Michael Roizen says inflammation is the silent killer that has eluded the medical community and it has only been in the past few years that doctors have grown to understand that it has an important role in causing diseases. Inflammation causes all kinds of illnesses, but an unhealthy diet is mostly the cause of inflammation.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-10-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The world's leading health officials are frantically studying a new mystery virus in an effort to avoid a serious outbreak. It's being called MERS with symptoms being fever, chills and muscle aches, later come breathing problems. All of the victims have one thing in common – they have either recently traveled to the Middle East or come in close contact with someone from there. Forty-nine cases have been reported since June with 27 of those have died, meaning that is a 52% mortality rate. The first cases were reported in Saudi Arabia, but people in 7 countries have become infected. Health experts compare the virus to SARS.

Air Date and Time: 6-3-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Missing your morning coffee could be a mental health disorder according to the American Psychiatric Assoc. Manuel of Mental Disorders. It now names caffeine withdrawal as a mental illness. Symptoms include fatigue, headaches, and difficulty focusing. Doctors say that caffeine is safe up to 400mg a day, which equals out to about 4 cups of coffee.

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Health officials are raving about the new super food, chia. Dr. Bob Arnot is author of the book called, "The Aztec Diet" and the cornerstone to the diet is chia. When placed in the stomach, chia seeds will grow 7 times its size, filling the stomach which makes the dieter feel full. The seeds bring 6 times more calcium than a glass of milk, 3 times more iron than spinach, and 8 times more omega-3's than salmon. It also contains magnesium, selenium, fiber, and protein.

Air Date and Time: 6-17-2013 @6:30 pm

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We don't often think about it but our body posture sends a message to other people, making you appear thinner, taller, and younger while looking more confident. Research shows that slouching will cause you to feel more tired. Slouching reduces your body's ability to inhale properly from your diaphragm and not just into the lungs, which in turn will make you more tired from lack of full oxygen. Bad posture also stresses joints and muscles, and causes headaches, sleepiness, and possibly, long-term back pain. Maintaining good posture is easier when you strengthen your abs, back and glutes, the powerhouse muscles. Calcium and vitamin-D also aids in bone strength. Too many hours on your duff can also lead to an early death. It's been diagnosed as SDS, sedentary death syndrome and it can lead to coronary heart disease, heart attacks and strokes, and certain types of cancer. Good posture leads to good health.

Air Date and Time: 6-19-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The American Medical Association now recognizes obesity as a disease. In a statement released by AMA, they say they "...will help change the way the medical community tackles this complex issue that affects approx. 1 in 3 Americans." The number of obese adults more than doubled from 1980 to 2010. And analysts believe that if trends continue, the percentage of obese Americans could rise from 36% today to 42% by 2030.

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The number of obese children have tripled since the 1980's. Lifestyle Magazine says the trend can reverse, but not without the help of entire families. Today, 1 in 5 children are obese and this can have serious medical implications in the future, like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. First Lady Michelle Obama has her "Let's Move' Campaign and a celebrity chief convinced some school districts to lighten it's school lunch menus. But children need the parents to be on board. Part of the plan could be to limit TV or screen time to 1 hour a day or no eating while on the computer, game playing or watching TV, give up fast food and limit the amount of food, and increase the amount of exercise.

Issue: Firework Safety

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 6-27-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission held firework safety demos at the grounds of the National Mall in D.C. Data shows that 60% of injuries caused by fireworks occur at around this time of the year. The U.S. CPSC Chairman Inez Tenenbaum says consumers should only use consumer approved fireworks, never professional or homemade fireworks. Nearly 5,000 people were treated for firework related injuries last year.

Issue: Judicial

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-11-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The Supreme Court will soon hear a case involving pro-lifers displaying images of aborted babies. Pro-lifer Ken Scott says that a picture is worth a thousand words and it shows the truth. But those images outside and in front of a pro-abortion church and the abortion clinic across the street earned them an injunction. UCLA Prof. Eugene Volokh is petitioning the Supreme Court saying the Constitution protects our right to free speech and to allow the images to be portrayed as a matter of free speech. Volokh points out that pictures of the Holocaust made it real, as well as African Americans lynching, and those photos helped put an end to both.

Air Date and Time: 4-15-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Planned Parenthood is being sued for over-billing the government for more than 100-million dollars. The American Center for Law and Justice is representing the vice-president of the finance department of Planned Parenthood in LA, Victor Gonzalez, in the case.

Air Date and Time: 5-2-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The Justice Department is appealing a judge's ruling to life all age limits on the so-called morning after abortion pill. The Justice Dept. said the judge exceeded his authority, and they want his decision suspended while the appeal is under way. U.S. district Court Judge Edward Corwin of New York mandated that Plan B be available on store shelves no matter what age they are. He said that the pill "should be sold like aspirin".

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The Supreme Court is refusing to hear a case that could help de-fund Planned Parenthood in Indiana. The high court decided not to take on a lower court's ruling. Abortion opponents were fighting against allowing Medicaid money to go to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood. A 7th Circuit Court of Appeals blocked the measure from going into affect. 1:09

Rep. Senators say the Attorney General cannot investigate himself or his offices in his role in spy on Associated Presses reporters. The President ordered Erik Holder to lead a review of the scandal. Several senators say there's conflict of interest, but stopped short of calling for a special prosecutor.

Air Date and Time: 5-30-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The ACLJ has filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of 25 Tea Party and conservative groups against the attorney general treasure secretary and the IRS. The lawsuit says the Obama Administration violated the political rights of Americans when the IRS targeted conservative groups seeking tax-exempt status.

Air Date and Time: 6-3-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Only a few weeks left in the continuance by the Supreme Court before it makes its decision on gay marriage. The high court heard arguments for and against DOMA and Prop 8. Since March, 3 states have approved gay marriage measures, leaving some to wonder in the justices will be influenced by those decisions.

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Supreme Court Justice Anthony Scalia warns the high court's ruling on a DNA case could lead to a police state, but sided with the ruling. The ruling would allow police to take DNA samples on those arrested, those taken into custody, and those who are suspects in a crime. Opponents say the taking of DNA without a warrant is a violation of the 4th Amendment.

Air Date and Time: 6-5-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Republicans in the House Judiciary Sub-Committee voted to expand Congressman Trent Frank's abortion bill to apply to the entire country. The Bill would ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy unless the mother's life is in danger. Roe v. Wade says a woman can have an abortion around the 24th week.

Issue: Media's Influence on Society

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-26-2013 @ 6:30pm

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NBC pulled an episode of its new serial killer drama, Hannibal, in response to the Boston Marathon bombing violence. Last night's broadcast was about children being brainwashed and turned into killers. The executive producer decided to pull the episode and air a different one. The episode that was aired was concerning human response to suffering. Other networks, including ABC and FOX, adjusted their programming in light of the Boston bombing.

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President of the Parents Television Council, Tim Winters says pulling this one episode really doesn't make a difference when it comes to any of the other programming that they are airing. The big TV networks try to tell the public that their programming doesn't have any affect on people's behavior. But Winter says 76-billion dollars was spent on advertising to change the behavior of the viewer. But not only advertising, but also thru the programs that they air. The entertainment industry has to understand that they play a role in the violence that in communities and cities across the nation. They also need more of an accountability by the Federal Trade Commission, which has control of what goes over the airwaves – they need to take their responsibility more seriously, says Winter.

Issue: Treat of War with North Korea

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-4-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The White House is down playing the possibility of war. The U.S. is ready to respond though if it has to. The down play comes as the war of words escalates on the Korean Peninsula. The United States is beefing up its presence there by sending in additional war ships. The North Koreans have moved its missile to the East coast and within considerable range of the U.S., but South Korea says there is not considerable threat of conflict. But still the Pentagon is surrounding the Korean peninsula with layered armed missile defense – 2 Destroyers and land based interceptors to Guam. A team of chemical weapons experts returned to South Korea for the first time in 8 years. North Korea has the world's 2nd largest stockpile of chemical weapons. The North says it has the ability to attack the West with smaller, diversified nuclear weapons, but some nuclear experts think they are bluffing. Others say the North Koreans know they couldn't win in a conflict with the U.S. But the U.S. with 28-thousand troops on the peninsula must take the threats from the dictator seriously.

Air Date and Time: 4-11-2013 @ 6:30pm

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New information on the North Korean Musadan Missile has come to light. It has a 2-thousand mile range with the ability to hit U.S. military targets such as Guam or Okinawa, but the U.S. has deployed a militant flotilla off the coast including radar ships that is capable of early launch detection. Japan has positioned patriot missile launches around Tokyo and South Korea is at its high state of alert.

Air Date and Time: 4-16-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Twenty-one U.S. service members were injured today when a helicopter experienced a "hard landing" near N. Korea. The incident with the Super Stallion Chopper occurred about 55 miles north of Seoul, S. Korea. The crew was from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit stationed in Okinawa, Japan was conducting routine flight operations. Fifteen crewmembers were treated and released while 6 remain hospitalized.

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State media reports for S. Korea say that N. Korean military officials are demanding a apology for protests against the North and warn of striking without notice. U.S. and S. Koreans remain on high alert for any provocation.

Air Date and Time: 4-22-2013 @ 6:30pm

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After weeks of heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, it appears the N. Koreans might be ready to talk, but only if the sanctions are dropped against the North, then it would be ready to talk to S. Korea and the U.S. They also are demanding that the countries stop engaging in what they call "nuclear war practice". But the change in rhetoric from the South has officials cautiously optimistic. The N. Koreans are demanding an apology and most of the U.S. troops in the region to be disbanded and leave the area.

Issue: Treat of War with North Korea cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-7-2013 @ 6:30pm

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North Korea is once again threatening the U.S. and South Korea, this time over joint naval drills taking place in the Yellow Sea. N. Korea says it will strike if any of the shells fall into its territories, and says it will hit 5 S. Korean islands. The President met with Korean officials saying that the U.S. and S. Korea are very capable of defending itself.

Issue: Women in the Military

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-15-20 @ 6:30pm

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Today is the deadline for branches of the military to release a plan to integrate women into combat. Former Defense Sec. Leon Panetta lifted the ban on females in combat back in February. He gave all branches of the military till today how they'll make that adjustment. Women's rights groups say it is a good thing, while other say it could impact the "ban of brothers".

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The rate of sexual abuse in the armed services is reaching alarming new highs, of which the Pentagon is stepping in and demanding changes. This comes after a week ago, an air force officer was arrested and charged with sexual battery. The latest was a sergeant working out of Fort Hood, Texas who allegedly forced another soldier into prostitution and sexually assaulting 2 others. Sec. of Defense Chuck Hagel is disgusted and outraged by the amount of abuse in the military. He is now ordering all of the military assault coordinators and military recruiters be re-trained, re-credentialed, and re-screened. A new report shows there has been a 6-percent increase in sexual assaults in the military since 2011.

Air Date and Time: 6-3-2013 @ 6:30pm

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It was the first time all the heads of the U.S. armed forces have appeared before the Senate Armed Services Division Committee. They were grilled about the problem of sexual assault in the military. A recent Pentagon report found there were 26,000 sexual assault cases within the military in 2012, up from 19,000 in 2011. Victims often hesitate to report the crimes because of a lack of trust in their commanding officer, saying many are soft on accountability. Congress is considering 7 bills that would overhaul the military's justice system. One of the bills would take sexual assault violations out of the chain of command.

Air Date and Time: 6-18-2013 @ 6:30 pm

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The military is planning to integrate women into special ops units. Under the new measures, women can start training as Army Rangers by mid 2015 and as Navy Seals in 2016. They would have to meet the same physical and mental standards as men to qualify. The Marines have already opened their tough infantry force, but only 4 women have shown interest and all 4 have washed out after a few days.

Air Date and Time: 6-14-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A defense bill could create tougher punishments for military members who are convicted in sexual assault cases. Members of the House are working on a measure that would require a mandatory 2-year sentence for those convicted in a military court. They say they want to put an end to the sexual assaults among service members and create an environment where victims are not afraid to come forward.

Issue: Abortion and Plan B Coverage

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-26-2013 @ 6:30pm

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President Obama being the first sitting President to address Planned Parenthood in person. Obama spoke at the #1 abortion provider's gala. He said states across the U.S. want to turn back the clock to the 1950's. Pro-life advocates say the President is talking out of both sides of his mouth. Bishop Harry Johnson of the Int'l Communion of Evangelical churches says that Obama is telling people that he is for gun rights and protecting human rights, but in the same breathe says that he will be there for Planned Parenthood, "fighting every step of the way."

Issue: Abortion and Plan B Coverage cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-29-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Dr. Alveda King, head of Priests for Life says that the reason the media gave for not reporting the story and the trial is because, they say, that it would hurt the cause for free legal abortions in America. King says that the media has put a spin on the Gosnell case saying that pro-lifers are to blame for Gosnell. But King explains that abortion clinics were granted a “buffer zone”, meaning that pro-lifer can’t pray or demonstrate in front of the clinics so how are the pro-lifers suppose to be able to tell the public what is going on inside the clinics. King says that the Gosnell case is not the only one – it’s happening all over this country.

Air Date and Time: 4-30-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Lila Rose with the group Live Action says that a study done by OB-GYN doctors group reports that 1 in 10 babies survive the abortion attempt. Now the question is, what do these doctors do with the surviving babies? It is know that they leave the babies to die and even put them in jars of toxic solutions. The reasons why the media hasn’t been reporting in and the President has shown lackluster is that they fear that it would push back women’s rights, but Rose says that it is the opposite because abortions cause physical, psychological, and emotional stress and damage on women.

Air Date and Time: 5-1-2013 @ 6:30pm

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It’s known as the morning after pill, and now girls as young as 15 will be able to buy it without a prescription. The FDA says the contraceptive, Plan B, will sit on drugstore shelves right next to other women’s products. That has many parents upset because they can be left out of an important decision-make process for their young daughters. The guides say that the girls will have to prove that they are indeed 15 to buy the pill; previously, women had to be 17 years to buy the drug. Opponents say the government is trying to usurp the role of the parents. The morning after pill is not guarantee that the pregnancy will be terminated or any STD’s. The Parent’s Coalition says offering the pill to young girls will lead to more risky behavior, pregnancies, and abortions.

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Kristan Hawkins with Students for Life says that the Plan B drug makers warn that the pill cannot be used for birth control and cannot be taken regularly because it is 8 to 12 times more potent than birth control. The World Health Organization has labeled the morning after pill a Type 1 carcinogen, the same as cigarettes. This pill carries 3 times higher rate of an epitomic pregnancy. This decision by the FDA is taking out the role of the parents and doctors, and if these young girls are able to get their hands on it, it could lead to term affects. In the U.K., they made it legal to purchase the pill over the counter, but abortions are still the highest ever. The CDC says that despite condoms in schools, STD’s are out of control.

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Meanwhile another poll done by the National Right to Life Committee shows that 57-percent of Americans don’t know that Planned Parenthood does abortions. Carol Tobias, president of NRTL, says Americans “have been duped into thinking that Planned Parenthood is nothing more than a mainstream heath care provider...” when in actuality preforms 27-percent of all abortions done in this country.

Air Date and Time: 5-7-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Eleven senators are calling for national standards to regulate the abortion industry. Those calls come as America waits for the verdict in the murder trial of former abortion doctor, Kermit Gosnell. His Philadelphia clinic went uninspected for 17 years. Most of the babies killed were blacks and minorities. Typical abortions have the baby partially birthed then killed, but Gosnell’s clinic repeatedly birthed the baby then cut their spines with scissors while outside the womb. Some say that it is a case of population control of minorities. Penn. Family Institute’s Michael Geer says Planned Parenthood has a history of targeting blacks and minorities.

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Students for Life’s Kristan Hawkins says a new study has come out that shows 62-percent of Planned Parenthood facilities are within walking distance – 2miles - of black neighborhoods and 79-percent if you add in Latino neighborhoods. Hawkins hopes this data will wake up black and Hispanic leaders to go into churches and neighborhoods and talk about it. Of all abortions performed in America, 30-percent are from black women which is staggering when the total population in the U.S., 12.5-percent are black. Gosnell, says Hawkins, despite being black, he was a racist against his own ethnicity and practiced racism.

Issue: Abortion and Plan B Coverage cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-23-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Hobby Lobby is back in court. The Oklahoma City based arts and crafts chain of stores is asking a judge to be exempt from part of Obama Care. Hobby Lobby doesn't believe that should be required to offer abortion-inducing drugs to their employees. They believe that businesses should be allowed to be exempt from that part of the mandate if it goes against their religious beliefs.

Air Date and Time: 6-11-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The White House is giving up their fight to stop offering the over-the-counter sale of the Plan B abortion causing drug regardless of their age. This comes after abortion rights groups criticized the President for siding with conservative groups who oppose the plan. This means that the Plan B one-step contraceptive can be sold to anyone of any age over the counter. The Family Research Council said they are very disappointed in the government as it caves to "political pressure instead of protecting the health and safety of girls and parental rights." The White House says the FDA and the Department of Justice made the decision independent of the Obama Administration.

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Concerned Women for America's President Penny Nance says this is a purely political move by the Obama Administration. This move opens up the possibility of very young girls to be abused by older men, and just shows the level of care and concern for women and girls in this administration. Nance says this pill is 40 times stronger than birth control pills and TEVA, the manufacturer of the Plan B pill, never did testing on children or women, and it is unknown what this could do to growing bodies. Nance says this is a step forward for pedophiles, not for women, and says that it also cuts parents out of raising our children.

Air Date and Time: 6-12-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A measure banning abortions after 20-weeks has been approved by the House Judiciary Committee. The Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act would narrow Roe v. Wade from 24-weeks to 20-weeks. The full House vote is planned for later this month. If it passed there, it is expected to die in the Senate.

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The House of Representatives has passed a measure banning abortions after 20-weeks gestation. Republican leaders took up the bill after the case of Kermit Gosnell, the Philly abortion doctor sentenced to life in prison for murdering 3 babies born alive. A woman is exempt if her life is threatened or in the cases of rape or incest. The Democrat run Senate plans to ignore the bill and the White House has threatened to veto it.

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Alison Howard with Concerned Women for America says HR1797 bill passing in the House was monumental because it saw women standing up for the themselves and for the ones who can't stand for themselves, and in the Gosnell case, it changed how the U.S. views abortion and changes the debate on the issue of abortion and women's rights. Howard says the late-term abortion discussion is such a tired talking point and the fact that they know that these babies feel pain should be talked about more and that 20-weeks is 5 months and at that juncture, doctors can determine the sex of the baby.

Air Date and Time: 6-24-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Republicans in the Texas House of Representatives has passed a series of bills on abortion restrictions. The restrictions include abortions banned after 20 weeks, requires doctors to have hospital admitting privileges, and limits abortions to surgical centers. Supporters say it protects women and their health, but opponents say it could close 37 of the 42 abortion clinics in the state. It now heads to the Senate where Democrats threaten to filibuster.

Issue: Immigration Reform

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-1-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A bi-partisan group of 8 Senators is nearly finished with immigration reform plan. Their proposal would provide a new kind of worker visas for low skilled workers, secure the border, and crack down on employers to improve worker relations, and also create a 13-year pathway to citizenship for the millions of illegal immigrants already here.

Air Date and Time: 4-14-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Protecting America's borders thru increased tighter security will be the centerpiece for landmark immigration reform. A bi-partisan group of Senators reached that agreement on Wednesday as thousands of illegal immigrants rallied nationwide. The Senate immigration agreement includes border surveillance, the 90-percent apprehension of those caught crossing the border, and those already here would be given Green Cards in 10 years. Employers would also adopt mandatory electronic worker ID verification of their legal status and a new electronic exit system will be put in place at airports.

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Immigration reform by the "Gang of 8" could be revealed as early as tomorrow. The proposed legislation by the group of bi-partisan Senators would provide 11-million illegal immigrants a 13-year path to citizenship, undocumented workers would have to pay thousands of dollars in fines to earn legal status. The proposal says Sen. Marco Rubio does not grant amnesty.

Air Date and Time: 4-16-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A sweeping immigration bill was set to be unveiled today by lawmakers, but because of the bombings, the press event has been delayed until next week. A bi-partisan group of 8 senators came up with the legislation that includes the massive legalization program to help illegals to become citizens in 13 years and also a multi-billion dollar plan to boost border security.

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Top Republicans are using the Boston bombing to point out loopholes in immigration, this as a Sen. committee took a look at the new immigration reform bill today that would grant citizenship to 11-million illegal immigrant U.S.

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After weeks of deliberations, the Senate Judiciary Committee could pass the controversial immigration reform bill that could grant citizenship to 11-million people as early as this week. But the decision doesn't come without dispute. Dispute over immediate granting of citizenship for skilled foreign workers and the sponsorship of foreign-born citizenship to same sex couple's partner. It will also deal with the 13-year path to citizenship. If it passes, the bill will go the Senate.

Air Date and Time: 5-22-13 @ 6:30pm

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Millions of immigrants living illegally in the U.S. could be on the path to gaining full citizenship. By a 13 to 5 margin, the Senate passed sweeping legislation that will allow it and also at the same time, tighten security along our border with Mexico. The 860-page bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee last night with chants of praise from bystanders in the room. The Immigration Bill provides "provisional immigrant status" to 11-million illegal immigrants, 2-million dreamers would receive green cards in 5-years, more Visas for highly skilled workers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Tighter security at the borders and for those coming and leaving thru the nation's busiest airports. The provision requires all employers to confirm their employee's immigration status. The controversial status of the one provisions that would have recognized same sex marriage where 1 of the partners was an illegal immigrant was pulled at the last minute as Republicans threatened to walk away from the bill if that provision was included. Some say that the bill doesn't deal with the real issue, and say that it could make the problem worse.

Issue: Immigration Reform cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Vice-President of the Heritage Foundation Genevieve Wood says that this new bill is actually part of the immigration problem because it is so large. Instead, she says, immigration reform needs to be taken 1 step at a time, the most important being border security.

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Republican Senator Marco Rubio is one of the senators behind the bipartisan immigration legislation and has been working to sell the idea to skeptical conservatives. He is working to convince influential Hispanic leaders and conservatives, such as those who listen to Rush Limbaugh. Rubio not only talks the talk, but walks the walk, and as the lone Tea Party sponsor, he also gives the effort a bi-partisan feel. But if he is not happy with the final bill, Rubio could walk away. His job is to bring conservatives on board. He believes that most of the country would accept illegal immigrants as long as there were penalties that go along with it. The hardest part of the bill is making sure border security is clearly followed and enforced.

Air Date and Time: 6-12-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The Senate is in the middle of a major political debate over immigration. The Senate voted 82 to 15 to invoke closure on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the Comprehensive Immigration Bill. But this is the 1st of many hurdles. Many of the Republicans that voted "yes" Tuesday say they won't a final "yes" unless the issue of strengthening border security is dealt with. The bill would offer a 13 year path to citizenship for 11 million illegal immigrants already in this country, they would be required to pay fines and back taxes, and could not participate in any government social programs during the process. It also requires employers to check the legal status of its workers.

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Derek Morgan with the Heritage Foundation says the bill takes 11.5 million people who are here unlawfully and puts them on a path to citizenship and also our entitlement programs which Morgan says will cost the American Taxpayers \$6.3-trillion over a lifetime. Morgan says the amnesty part of the bill is the most costly part. He believes that we are still a ways off from passing the current bill with more debates expected and amendment introduced. Those amendments being more security at the borders and the cost factors involved.

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A plan to tighten up security on the border between the U.S. and Mexico received bi-partisan support in Congress today after weeks of negotiations. Senate lawmakers agreed to amend a bill to include enhanced border security measures in exchange for immigration reform. For Republican lawmakers increased border security was the deal breaker to supporting a Senate immigration bill. Included in the bill is something called "Search" which puts 20,000 new agents on the America's southern border and adding 700 miles more fencing, and buying more surveillance tracking equipment. The price tag for this - \$30-billion over a decade. Another measure in the bill is making a 13 year pathway for illegals already living in the country, which is supported by Democratic lawmakers.

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Independent Institute fellow and author Alvaro Vargas Llosa says that the whole first section of the bill deals with border security and throws lots of money into the bill, creates a new agency, places a strong conditional link to border security. Research shows that illegal immigrants only contribute \$36-billion a year to the economy, but if those illegals were granted the path to citizenship, it would bring in an estimated \$100-billion in tax revenue a year, and over a decade it would bring in a trillion dollars, says Llosa.

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Lawmakers on Capitol Hill are on the verge of an immigration bill. The plan would open a pathway to citizenship to 11-million illegal immigrants. The bi-partisan bill also doubles the amount of agents along the border between the U.S. and Mexico. For Republican lawmakers, border security was the deal breaker. The bill calls for 13,000 new border agents, 18 unmanned drones, 50 miles of new fencing, and array of more surveillance equipment. The green cards for those who are qualified would not be handed out until the security is in place. Some GOP lawmakers are skeptical about the plan, and a vote is expected by the end of next week.

Issue: Immigration Reform cont.

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Senate Democrats say they will get the vote this week to pass an immigration bill, but at least one Senator says it will be dead on arrival in the House. Debate is raging in Washington about the danger it poses to the Republican Party. The GOP is sending out dire warning that they are thru if they don't get on the right side of the immigration bill. Some lawmakers are concerned that the immigration reform bill is being pushed thru for political reasons. Sen. Rand Paul says he won't support the bill because it doesn't include tighter border security.

Air Date and Time: 6-28-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The Senate has approved a new comprehensive immigration reform bill. House speaker John Boehner says he won't take up the bill, instead said he will take up his own bill that reflects the will of the people. The Senate sweeping immigration bill includes a path to citizenship for some 11-million illegals, visa's for low-skilled workers, and provides tough enforcement measures. Supporters of the bill also say it will help secure the U.S.-Mexico border, increasing the amount of agents and fencing. Opponents say there is no way the border will actually be secure because so much is left to the discretion of Homeland Security. Republicans in the House say they want to see to it that security is in place before they pursue the path to citizenship.

Issue: Cyber Security

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-8-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Cyber security is at the forefront of new legislation in the Senate. The bill moves to crack down on cyber espionage and the theft of data from American companies. It's called the Defer Cyber Theft Act. The introduction came before a Senate hearing today on how law enforcement responds to cyber attacks. The FBI says it's becoming increasingly important to combat attacks in cyberspace. Just this week, the Pentagon released a report to Congress that shows that China has been spying on the U.S. economic, defense, and diplomatic programs. The report also warns that the skills needed to conduct computer espionage, are also the skills to conduct cyber warfare.

Issue: Religion in Society

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-24-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Christians and Jews in Virginia took a stand this week for Israel. The Rock Church International in Virginia Beach hosted "A Night to Honor Israel" with Dr. Pat Robinson as a guest speaker who reminded those present to always stand with Israel. Christians United for Israel sponsored the event.

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An atheist group is urging the Pentagon to block officers from sharing their faith with subordinates. Mikey Weinstein with the Military Freedom From Religion met with military officials and said that even a bumper sticker or a Bible on a desk is "pushing this fundamentalist version of Christianity on helpless subordinates." Weinstein says that those that do that should face a court marshal.

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Retired Army Lt. General Jerry Boykin now works with the Family Research Council in Washington DC. He says that here is an agenda here to destroy any vestiges of Christianity in our military. The agenda not only attacks officers, but every airman, seaman, infantry, or marine who chooses to share their faith with others. Boykin says these group want to destroy Christianity in America. Freedom of religion is the 1st part of the 1st Amendment Rights.

Issue: Religion in Society cont.

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 5-2-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Today marked the 62th annual National Day of Prayer. Millions of Americans participated, but the main event took place at the Halls of the U.S. Capitol. They prayed for repentance, blessings, and for our leaders of government and military. Pro-gay groups opposed one of the events speakers, Greg Laurie because of his stance against homosexuality.

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Evangelicals could be the key to immigration reform. Public Religion Research Institute polls show that 60-percent of white Evangelical Christians support a pathway to citizenship as long as there are requirements in the bill. The Evangelical Immigration Tables goals are respect God-given dignity of every person and respect the rule of law. Their radio ads calls to support the stranger among us just as the book of Matthew tells us. But the part of the immigration bill that Evangelicals do not support is the option for gay couples to sponsor their “friend”.

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Each year, thousands of children enter America’s foster care system. Finding a safe home for these kids can be overwhelming sometimes for the social workers. But across the country churches are there to help bear the burden, especially in Denver, CO. James 1:27 says, “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...” Sharen Ford oversees adoption and foster care for Colorado’s Dept. of Human Services says that 2004, 900 children were introduced into the system. But lately that number has dropped significantly due to the pastors and church leaders going out and sharing with people the need of these children. Project 1.27 was established by Pastor Robert Gelinas to raise the awareness and to make a difference in the kid’s lives by rescuing kids in the system from the system and placing them in good families.

Air Date and Time: 5-30-2013 @ 6:30pm

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To silence religious freedom is to silence the moral conscience of society. That’s from the Rev. Samuel Rodriguez speaking at the American Religious Freedom Conference in Washington. Rodriguez is president of the Hispanic Evangelical Association. He called for Christians to build a firewall against the government’s unprecedented attempts for violating religious freedoms, and says that recent actions by the IRS to targeting Christian groups and the HHS birth control mandate are examples of the dangerous road America is traveling.

Air Date and Time: 6-6-2013 @ 6:30pm

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A House Committee voted to prevent restrictions from being placed on prayers of military chaplains. The House Armed Services Committee decided to let chaplains pray in the name of Jesus or their faiths deity at general events. One said that troops who don’t have the same beliefs would feel excluded. Critics say there is no reason to have a chaplain if their religious rights are denied. The vote is expected next week.

Air Date and Time: 6-27-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The President said the Supreme Court’s ruling on Wednesday on marriage is a victory for American democracy. New Jersey governor Chris Christie disagrees, calling the move to erase part of the Defense of Marriage Act a “bad decision” and an “example of judicial supremacy.” For many Christians now, it raises the question of religious freedoms and what that means for Christians. The Family Research Council fears discrimination lawsuits against Christians who don’t support gay marriage. Thomas Peters with the Nat’l Org. for Marriage says the President’s narrow-minded view of religious freedom is a great concern, and says that Christians only have their rights inside their church walls. Change at the federal level is on its way with the Pentagon pushing to extend benefits to the spouses of gay military members and gay activists have already filed legislation that would give gay partners or spouses benefits in all 50 states and state of ceremony would trump state of residence.

Issue: Science and Technology

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 6-3-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Smart phone users who want to ditch their passwords could soon be able to use electronic tattoos or even pills to do the trick. Motorola showed off their most recent technology at a tech conference. The so-called bio stamp contains a flexible computer chip that is attached to the skin with a rubber stamp. To verify, users would simply place their smartphone by their tattoo that contains their password. They also showed off their computer chip pill. Once swallowed, stomach acid powers the chip. Some call the technology as “creepy.”

Air Date and Time: 6-4-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Yahoo will now scan all email content that comes thru their email system., but users must agree to the new policy or close their accounts.

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Privacy expert, Dr. Katherine Albrecht addressed the new policy by Yahoo, saying what the company does is scans all emails coming and going for keywords, analyzes it, stores it, and decides what it should market to the individual. So then there is an immense dossier of private information on their servers. Albrecht likens it to writing a letter and mailing it to the person only intended to read the private letter, but then the post office comes along and opens up our mail. It is a right to privacy issue. Now with what Motorola has essentially done is created a tracking device for individuals, and as a Christian, Albrecht says it could be the mark the Bible talks about. She also says that technology has made things “efficient” or “convenient” which in affect makes us lazy.

Issue: Boston Marathon Bombing

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and Time: 4-16-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Families are reuniting today after the chaos of the Boston Marathon bombing. Some were stranded in Boston after the race, while others were unable to find their loved ones right away. Runner David Cairins was concerned that his family was waiting for him at the finish line; for more than an hour he didn't know if they were safe. He feels blessed to know that he still has his family. Investigators are calling the bombsite the most complex crime scene in the history of the Boston police department. The bombs were in 6-liter pressure cookers and placed in black duffle bags. They were filled with ball bearings, shards of metal, and nails, then were placed at strategic places on the ground. Investigators still don't know what set off the explosives and no one has claimed responsible so far. Three people have died, including 8-year old Martin Richard and 29-year old Crystal Campbell; 170 were wounded, 17 critically. Two explosive devices were responsible. Investigators noted the damage done wasn't as lethal as it was actually intended. President Obama says the explosions at the Boston Marathon are being investigated as an act of terrorism. He ordered all government buildings to flown at half-staffed to honor the victims.

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CBN News' Erik Stakelbeck says the big question right now is, “was this an act of domestic terrorism or a plot carried out from an overseas link?” Stakelbeck says if it was a person/s being disgruntled about the government then we would have seen the attack at a government building, while Islamists target indiscriminately. Investigators are going to look for all pieces and trace evidence that was part of the bomb and continue to search for people of interest

Air Date and Time: 4-17-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Staff and media were ordered to evacuate the Boston Court House this afternoon that after hours of conflicting stories about a possible arrest in the Boston Marathon bombings. Officials still don't know or they are not telling us yet who is responsible as the investigators sift thru evidence. Thousands of Americans honor the victims who were killed in the attack. Investigators have been collecting evidence including what's left of a pressure cooker that was used to make one of the bombs. Texas Republican Rep. Mike McCaul says this is the same type of IUD's that they found in Afghanistan and Iraq to kill our soldiers. The devices were implanted with nails, shards of metal, and ball bearings to maximize the pain when people were hit. More than 70 people remain hospitalized, many of them have had limbs amputated. The FBI is looking at photos of backpack remnants which authorities suspect were placed along the runners route that contained the bombs and are still asking the public's help in locating people of interest.

Issue: Boston Marathon Bombing cont.

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Air Date and Time: 4-18-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The President addressed the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings today at an interfaith memorial service at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Obama also promised justice for the victims of the attack.

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Authorities say there might be a break in the bombing case. Police have spotted a suspect from video footage taken before the deadly blast. The footage was obtained by video surveillance outside a Lord & Taylor near the finish line of the race. The footage shows a man talking on a cell phone carrying a black bag strapped across his chest. The suspect has not been identified. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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As reported earlier, the bombs that were used were pressure cooker bombs that were filled with ball bearings, nails, and metal shards and are the most commonly used IUD in Iraq and Afghanistan against our soldiers. It could be that the domestic terrorists are trying to make it look like al Qaeda, but anyone can obtain the items used and make their own in the kitchen; information on how to make a bomb can be found on the internet or the library or on the shelves in a book store.

Air Date and Time: 4-19-2013 @ 6:30pm

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One suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing is still on the loose. There are many unanswered questions tonight, but investigators suspect 2 Chechen brothers, Dzhokhar, 19, and Tamerkain, 26, Tsarnaev are behind the attack. Tamerkain was killed in a shoot out with police this morning, while Dzhokhar remains on the loose. The 2 had lived in the U.S. for almost 10 years and the younger of the 2 just became an American citizen. Not only did they plant and detonate the bombs that killed 3 and injured close to 200, they also robbed a convenience store, trapped and killed a campus police officer at MIT, then car-jacked a Mercedes. The 2 lived in the suburb of Cambridge and were known for riding bikes and skateboards. The brothers previously lived in Chechnya and Dagestan – both are hot spots for training up and coming jihadists.

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The 2 brothers who were responsible for the Boston Marathon bombing attack used a pressure cooker and other common household materials and items to cook up the deadly IUD's in their kitchen. A lot of damage can be done with a small amount of material as demonstrated by police and safety authorities in Smithfield, VA. Tripwire Operations Group has partnered with American K-9 Interdiction to keep first responders, law enforcement, and bomb squads on the forefront of detecting if a homemade explosive is present. According to a report from the U.S. Dept. of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, between 1998 and 2008, over 4-thousand incidents of explosions involved the homemade kind for experimentation and criminal purposes – 5 of those reported were terrorist bombings.

Air Date and Time: 4-22-2013 @ 6:30pm

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One week after the Boston Marathon bombing, the city has begun to bury its dead and remember those who were lost. Authorities still don't know how the 2 suspects got so radicalized in the teachings of Islam and who, if any, helped trained them. In the city and suburbs, a moment of silence. People lined the streets as they paid their respects to the first funeral of one of the victims – 29-year-old Crystal Campbell. At a nearby hospital, authorities question 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev who is giving written answers because of a neck wound he sustained at the time of his capture Friday. The Boston Police Commissioner said the 2 brothers had an arsenal of weapons and may have been planning more violence. The police are trying to determine if the brothers acted alone or were part of a larger jihadi sleeper cell. This brings the question up of the effectiveness of the FBI's monitoring of homegrown terrorists due to the fact that the older brother was questioned 2 years ago at the request of Russian Security Service, but closed the case. Now we know that the 29 year old traveled to Russia and Chechnya just last year. Nearly 50 of the victims of last weeks bombing are still recovering in the hospital and the city as a whole are trying to recover that has left many shaken, confused, and angry. Many want him to be tried as an enemy combatant, but authorities say he will be tried as a civilian.

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Daveed Gartenstein-Ross with the Foundation for Defense of Democracy says that authorities suspect that this was an open al Qaeda jihadist attack. He says that they draw these conclusions from testimonies from friends of the brothers, YouTube videos, and request from the Russian authorities to have the FBI question the oldest brother. But more evidence will still be revealed as the investigators do more digging.

Issue: Boston Marathon Bombing cont.

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Air Date and Time: 4-23-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing is in custody and is talking and says that his older brother was the brains behind the attack. Authorities say the brothers were motivated by the Islamic faith. The oldest, Tamerkain, 26, was an avid reader of jihadist websites and extremist propaganda, and he was angry with America and Christianity. The 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev remains hospitalized and under guard. He says that he built the pressure cooker bombs without help from jihadist groups overseas. Seth Jones with the Rand Corporation calls this act a “self-ratification”, but authorities still believe that radical Islamic leaders’ teachings inspired the 2 men. In question was the older brother’s 6 month trip to Chechnya, an area known for its clashes between Russian government security and radical jihadists, and is a training area for those dedicated to the global jihad. Neighbors say when the 26-year old returned from his trip, he was more extreme, saying stuff like “the Bible was a cheap copy of the Koran.” He was outspoken about American holidays and criticized Martin Luther King. Hundreds turned out for the memorial service Monday for 23-year old Lindsey Lu, one of 3 killed in the blast. More than 200 hundred victims, 48 still hospitalized, while the suspected bomb will be charged with federal crimes and could get the death penalty.

Air Date and Time: 4-24-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Boston Marathon bombings suspect mastermind, 26-year old Tamerkain Tsarnaev, his wife, and daughter were all on welfare according to the Boston Herald. They received welfare benefits until last year when they were no longer eligible. Both Tamerkain, younger brother, Dzhokhar, and the rest of the family had been on welfare when they were younger. Now questions are being asked if the bombs made were funded by U.S. taxpayers.

Air Date and Time: 4-25-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The suspect in the Boston Marathon bombs has been moved from the hospital to the prison. His move comes a day after investigators found out the brothers were planning on bombing Time Square in New York City. The 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev said he and his brother, Tamerkain, were planning to travel to NYC to finish detonating the rest of their explosives. The brothers had multiple explosives in their stolen SUV with the intent to use. But the brother in their attempt to drive to NYC, ran out of gas, that is when they got into a shoot out with police, which left the oldest brother dead. A judge read Dzhokhar his rights and at that point he stopped talking. Investigators are still trying to discover if Tamerkain had any contacts with radical Islamists when he went to visit the Russian region of Dagestan in the Northern Caucasus.

Air Date and Time: 4-29-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Some lawmakers believe the Boston bombing suspects had formal training to help them carry out their attack. The FBI says that Russian authorities intercepted a phone call between the older brother and his mother 2 years ago with a conversation about jihad. The mother says she is not a terrorist and her sons are innocent.

Air Date and Time: 5-1-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Three more suspects have been arrested in the Boston Marathon Bombing case. A lawyer representing them said 2 of the men are from Cozickstan and were friendly with the main suspect, 19-year old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. The 2 have been held in county jail more than a week on visa violations. They attended U of Massachusetts – Dartmouth, the same school Dzhokhar attended. Investigators haven’t released the name of the 3rd suspect.

Air Date and Time: 5-2-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The 19-year old suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing bragged to investigators that he knew how to build a bomb just a month before the deadly attack. Now 3 of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev’s friends have been arrested and accuse with lying to investigators, covering up evidence, and obstructing justice. It all started with text message that 1 of the friend’s sent Dzhokhar asking if he was the bomber after he recognized his image on TV; his response “LOL” and then texted “come to my room and take whatever you want”. According to police, the 2 friends took a backpack and hollowed out fireworks and a computer. They then threw them in a dumpster behind their apartment. Although there had no involvement in the bombing, they did say Tsarnaev did brag about knowing how to make a bomb. The 3rd friend is charged with lying to investigators. If convicted the 3 friends face 5 to 8 years in prison and a 250-thousand dollar fine.

Issue: Boston Marathon Bombing cont.

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Investigators say the 2 suspects of the Boston Marathon bombing says they had a different target in mind, but an attack on the 4th of July in Boston. Investigators hope to glean more information from a notebook computer they had recovered. Three of the 19-year old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev's friends have been arrested and accuse of lying to investigators, covering up evidence, and obstructing justice, but the lawyer for one of the friend's says that he handed the laptop computer over when an agent came to collect. Meanwhile, police have a new link to radical Islamic terrorists in the region where the older brother went to visit in Drakar in 2010, and a suspicious phone call to his wife.

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Many in America will feel some trauma from the Boston Marathon bombing for a long time. Israelis are in a constant state of alert with all the bombings taking place everyday there with no end in site for the trauma they experience daily. Memorials of those lost in the bombings dot the country. Terrorist expert, Boaz Ganor says that Americans should learn practically from the attack, but says it is impossible to screen everyone that comes to events like this, Americans should be more aware of their surroundings.

Air Date and Time: 5-6-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Investigators are taking a closer look at the wife of the older brother suspected in the Boston Marathon bombing. According to the younger brother, the bombs were built in the kitchen in the apartment that the younger brother shared with his brother and his wife, Katherine Russell, and kids. Russell denies any knowledge, but images of an al Qaeda magazine were found on her computer. Meanwhile, the family says it would be a disgrace if the brother's body were not to be buried in Massachusetts, but so far there has been no cemetery willing to take the body.

Air Date and Time: 5-16-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The youngest of the 2 brothers responsible for the Boston Marathon bombings left a handwritten note in the boat he hid in from police. The 19-year old Tsarnaev penned a note inside on the boat wall that said the attack was in retaliation for the Muslims killed in Iraq and Afghanistan by American soldiers. He also wrote he would join his older brother in paradise. He is being held at a prisoner hospital outside of town.

Issue: Terrorism

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Only 3 weeks after the Boston Marathon bombing, the FBI says they discovered another terror plot. Twenty-four year old Buford Rodgers was arrested at his home in Minnesota, that after authorities found pipe bombs, mazel tov cocktails, and a Romanian AK-47 at his residence. Authorities say that he was also a part of an American militia group and was planning an attack against local residents and possibly government officials.

Air Date and Time: 5-9-2013 @ 6:30pm

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The question was raised at a Congressional hearing on homeland security about the Boston Marathon bombing: could it have been prevented? The first of several hearings will be heard on Capitol Hill in the coming weeks. Right away, there was a new revelation in the break down in intelligence sharing. Boston's police commissioner authorities didn't know until 3 days later that the older brother, Tamerkain Tsarnaev, had been flagged by the intelligence community. In 2001, Russia asked the FBI and CIA to look into Tamerkain's possible ties to radical Islamists, but U.S. investigators looked into him and found nothing they said – and that piece of information was never shared with the Boston police. The other growing concern comes from the White House which continues to downplay the threat posed by radical Islam. The body of Tamerkain has been buried outside Massachusetts at an undisclosed location.

Air Date and Time: 5-23-2013 @ 6:30pm

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In the wake of the attack in Britain, the President has outlined a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy. The President insists that America is not at war with Islam, but with al Qaeda. He says that the organization will kill as many Americans as possible if we did not defend ourselves and made a strong case for using drones. Obama says that we must be careful to make a distinction between law-abiding Americans and law-abiding Muslims.

Issue: Terrorism cont.

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A few years ago, FBI agents uncovered documents uncovering the Muslim Brotherhood strategy to transform America into an Islamic state and one of the key methods is for the Brotherhood to promote its radical message. The 2 brothers responsible for the Boston Marathon bombing became radicalized here in the U.S. after attending a mosque in the Boston area that had radical ties. Charles Jacobs leads Americans of Peace and Tolerance, a group that promotes “peaceful coexistence in a ethnically diverse America.” The mosque in Cambridge, Mass. has seen convicted terrorists come thru its doors. Jacobs says it is unclear if the mosque played a roll in the Boston bombers radicalization. The Muslim American Society was founded in 1993 by Muslim Brotherhood members and is being called the “overt arm of the Muslim Brotherhood in America” by federal prosecutors.

Issue: Transportation

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Flight delays are piling up around the country that’s because air traffic controllers are being forced to take days off due to budget cuts – those automatic cuts due to the sequester when Congress could not agree on a budget deal. All FFA employees are losing a day of work as a result. Some say the White House is using air travel making the budget sequester cuts look worse than what they are. The GOP says the FFA could reduce their budget that wouldn’t delay travelers.

Air Date and Time: 4-26-2013 @ 6:30pm

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Today, Congress put a stop to the air traffic controller furloughs that were blamed for widespread flight delays. The Senate voted last night and the House today to erase about 200-million in cuts to the Federal Aviation Association. The cuts came as part of the sequester designed to decrease America’s massive deficit spending. Democrats went along with the cuts but said all the cuts should be lifted.

Issue: Drunk Driving

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Drunk driving standards could get a little tougher. The National Transportation Safety Board recommends state cut the drunk driving standards from .08 to .05 blood alcohol levels. More than 10-thousand people are killed in drunk driving accidents each year.

Issue: Hands Free Device Dangers

Program: CBN Newswatch

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A warning for drivers who use the hands-free devices, listen to the radio, and text while driving – a new study shows the convenient hand-free devices are 2x’s more distracting says a new study by Triple-A. Car companies have been making cars with features that allow drivers to check their email, Facebook, and talk on the phone without much effort, but that doesn’t mean more attention is paid on the road. Triple-A spokeswoman Yolanda Cade says they are urging car manufactures to come up with devices that limit the special features such as only allowing the driver to utilize the checking of emails when the car is stopped.