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Issue: Adoption

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Every year about one million people seek to adopt and every year about one million seek an abortion. The March for Life group has declared the year 2014 the year to adopt. Our society has pushed abortion so much that young girls think that would be better for the baby than to adopt. The group is telling positive stories of adoption to let women know how good adoptions are for the female and the baby.

Issue: Virginia Laws Not Being Defended

Program: CBN Newswatch

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The newly elected Attorney General of Virginia (Mark Herring) says the states ban on gay marriage is unconstitutional. Mark Herring said he will not defend it in Federal lawsuits and has joined a suite challenging the ban. Herring said marriage is a fundamental right and the measure is discriminatory. Virginia voters approved the gay marriage ban in 2006. Peter Sprigg of Family Research Council said Mark Herring's job is not to try and change the law, but to uphold and defend the law.

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United States Attorney General Eric Holder told the State Attorney Generals if they feel the states gay marriage ban is unconstitutional they should not have to defend it. He said this kind of action can be done only under exceptional circumstances and he feels this is one.

Issue: Boy Scouts

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The Boy Scouts started their new policy at the beginning of the New Year. It allows openly gay boys to join the scouts, but the ban on gay adult leaders remains intact. Many Christians are unsettled about the new policy. Two alternatives for boys are Trail Life USA, just getting started and also the Royal Rangers, which was started by the Assembly of God Church over 50 years ago.

Issue: Cigarette Smoking Dangers

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-17-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The Surgeon General has put out a new report about smoking. It is much worse than we were previously told. Some of the dangers of smoking in the new report are diabetes, arthritis, liver cancer, weak immune system, and birth defects. Exposure to second hand smoke can cause a stroke. The report is exactly 50 years after the Surgeon General first warned about the dangers of smoking.

Issue: Cigarette Smoking Dangers Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

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One in five Americans is a smoker. Many hospitals including Bon Secours in Virginia are now not only banning you from smoking on the grounds they are also banning you from being an employee if you smoke. That attitude is now moving beyond the medical industry. Companies like Wheeler Interests are also changing. These companies say smoking employees waste valuable work time. Bruce Cameron of Regent University said this is completely legal. Obesity comes in as the second most preventable disease. It is costly as well. An obese employee's healthcare costs companies on average about \$2,000 more than an employee of normal weight.

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The drug store giant CVS has announced it will quit selling tobacco products like cigarettes by October 1st. CVS says they want to promote wellness and tobacco is inconsistent with their purpose. President Obama is praising the decision saying it sets a powerful example. The move will cost CVS up to \$2 billion in annual revenue. The store is the first national pharmacy to stop tobacco sales.

Issue: Creating New States

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Many people in America are interested in dividing up the states. Many across the country feel the government is too big and out of touch with what the people want. Those in rural areas feel the government is trying to cram more and more rules and regulations down their throats. The separation is mostly urban versus rural because the rural areas typically have more traditional conservative values. Many in rural America feel they are not being heard and their laundry list is long. At the top are gun control laws, other items include renewable energy, environmental policies restricting oil and gas drilling, and controversial social issues like gay marriage. The list of states is growing northern California, southern Oregon, western Maryland, northern Colorado, Arizona, and Michigan. 11 counties in Colorado have already taken it to the voters, so have western Maryland, Arizona, and Michigan. This is a valid process written into the Constitution to create new states.

Issue: Cyber Terrorist Treats

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America faces more terrorist attacks, cyber terrorists are poised to launch a massive attack on the United States economy. That statement is a conclusion from Kevin Freeman, a security expert. He says they have done it before and the signs are in place that they will do it again, hurting the finances of ordinary Americans through their retirement accounts, mortgages, and savings. Kevin said there are ways to protect yourself; 1) we need to build resiliency or be able to bring it back up quickly if it goes down, 2) We need to protect our electric grids, 3) We need to get out of debt.

Issue: Debt Ceiling

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 02-04-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The debt ceiling debate is starting to heat up again in Washington. Treasury Secretary, Jacob Lu said after Friday, February 7th the government would start using extraordinary measures to keep paying its bills. At the end of February the United States government will reach its borrowing capacity. Jacob Lu is calling on Congress to increase the debt ceiling, but many Republicans are seeking concessions in exchange for any increase.

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The Congress voted today to raise the debt ceiling and the Republicans agreed to it despite no spending provisions. Representative John Boehner said they did not have much choice in the matter. He said the Republican lawmakers are upset with the President for not being willing to negotiate and not willing to deal with our long term spending problems (without raising taxes). The Congressional Budget Office is warning of a financial crisis due to the United States staggering debt.

Issue: Economy

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The Obama administration is celebrating the five-year anniversary of its 2009 stimulus program. A self-congratulatory report out this week explains, "Considerable evidence suggests the Federal government's efforts to jump-start the economy were successful." "Businesses and households are now in far better shape as a result." Also out this week a new Gallup poll in which Americans say their biggest concern is jobs and unemployment. 25% of Democrats and Republicans agree it is the biggest problem. Their second biggest problem is the economy. American's worries are not eased by the government's report.

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Janet Yellen, the new Federal Reserve Chairman, announced today the Federal Reserve would make more cuts to the bond buying stimulus program that has been in place since the great recession. Janet said they would work at keeping the mortgage interest rates low for the time being. She also said unemployment numbers will not be the only indicator for keeping the rates low.

Issue: Education

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-16-2014 @ 9:30pm

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President Obama and first lady Michelle are pushing for more low-income children to be able to attend college. They met with leaders of more than 100 colleges and universities today. They all agreed to take action to help the disadvantaged students. They will do so by engaging students from elementary school encouraging them to pursue higher education and by boosting college advising and exam preparation among other strategies.

Issue: Education Continued

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As they look into strategies to get student to go to higher education, the cost for college continues to rise. Some leaders are saying we need to rethink student loans. Students need to work through college and live at home to save money if possible. Because of the shortage of jobs in the market today students are not able to pay back their loans. The leaders are starting to tell potential students of higher education they need to choose an affordable college, consider a community college, and research for free money like grants and scholarships.

Issue: Elections - 2014

Program: CBN Newswatch

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With all the debate, Democrats are trying to work damage control before the November Congressional elections. They are trying to convince the voters ObamaCare is not a big mess. Some Democrats are under fire for exaggerating the numbers of enrollees in and cost of ObamaCare. Senator Ben Cardin said when people see the law at work voter fears will subside. He insist the cost is down and there are more facilities than ever to get care. The Democrats hope the exemptions granted to businesses and some individuals will help put off much of the debate for the next election. The Washington Post said the Democrats claims are way off.

Issue: First Amendment Rights

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has abandoned a plan to place government monitors in newsrooms for now. First Amendment defenders are concerned even though the plans are on hold. Ajit Pai, FCC Commissioner blew the whistle on the whole plan. The questions on the list to be asked were not questions he felt belonged in the newsroom. Matthew Clark from the American Center for Law & Justice (ACLJ) said this is completely against the 1st Amendment. The ACLJ received over 80,000 signatures on a petition protesting the scheme. They feel it is no coincidence this monitoring plan is coming from the same administration whose IRS was holding up tax-exempt status for Tea Party and conservative groups and grilling them about their motives.

Issue: Federal Social Programs

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David Muhlhausen, author, "Do Federal Social Programs Work?" The President's administration feel the social programs are helping our low income and disadvantaged, but David combed exhaustively through tons of gold standard studies and found the social programs are not helping. Almost every test proves the government fails at improving American lives. An example would be the Head Start program started to help young disadvantaged children catch up with better off children. The government spent \$8 billion to improve the cognitive abilities of the students. Studies show there was no improvement, no difference.

Issue: Former Governor Bob McDonnell Scandal

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Former Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell and his wife are fighting charges filed against them in Federal Court. Prosecutors say credit card debt drove the McDonnell's to break the law and except gifts and loans from Star Scientific CEO Johnny Williams. In exchange Williams was given access to state officials that could help his business. McDonnell said no taxpayer money or government benefit was given to Williams and his company.

Issue: Global Warming/Climate Change

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Joe Bastardi from weatherbell.com says weather is reciprocal. He gave examples from 1930s, 1970s, and 1980s of the Polar Vortex weather pattern. He said it is not global warming causing climate changes. It is just part of the cycle we are in. He said what should alarm people is all the lose of electricity and the testing of the power grids with what is a formidable cold outbreak, but is not the coldest outbreak we have seen in this country in the last 40 to 50 years. He said some power companies are running low on electricity.

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A ship sent to the Antarctica to look for signs of global warming got stuck in the frozen ice from the fierce cold. Then the rescue ship got stuck in the ice. The climate change movement is stuck in denial over the fact that the climate is not getting warmer and seems to be getting much colder. Green Peace still put out a video warning against global warming. The ice is growing in the South and North Pole and the coldest arctic temperatures in decades have descended on to North America. There are signs the earth could be entering a very unpleasant cooling period. Sun spots remains very low. Jens Olaf Pepke Pedersen, Denmark Technical University, said the earth has actually been cooling off for about 15 years. He said the sun recently reached solar maximum and there should be a lot of sun spot activity, but there isn't. There would normally be 2 to 3 times the amount of sunspots than this year. You have to go back over 100 years to find a similar solar maximum. The last time the sun was this quiet from the 1600s to the 1800s North America and Europe suffered through a weather event known as "Little Ice Age". Pedersen said the climate scientists know the

Earth stopped warming 15 years ago, but they are ignoring it. Climate Scientist say they are saving the planet from a crisis that mounting evidence suggest is non-existent.

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Secretary of State John Kerry mocked all of those who do not believe or agree with him on global warming while giving a speech in Indonesia. He and other leading Democrats including President Obama point to the weather extremes as proof climate change is taking a toll on the planet. The President went to drought stricken California and in his speech said we must do more to combat carbon pollution that causes climate change or this trend will get worse. The President wants to spend \$1 billion on climate change, something Congress might not accept.

Issue: Global Warming/Climate Change Continued

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Air Date and time: 03-11-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The climate is changing but not like the politicians and weathermen have been predicting. The earth is cooling instead of warming as was predicted. The scientist for the United Nations (UN) put out a report saying the UN model is not correct. The UN Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change suppressed the findings and changed part of what the scientist wrote. Dan Gainor from Media Research Center said this is definitely a political agenda. The politicians are using climate change as a way to control economics and people. It gives the government entry into literally every aspect of our lives.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-02-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Most know bad habits are hard to break and good habits are hard to keep. Charles Duhigg, author of "The Power of Habit" says everything we know about the science of habits indicates any habit can be changed. The habit contains three parts; first is the cue (triggers us to start), second is the routine (the behavior itself), and third is the reward (what we crave and the key to the brain remembering in the future). We should focus on the cues and the rewards not the routine, but we usually focus on the routine.

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Herbs and spices can do more than add flavor to your foods. The right ones can fight cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. Both herbs and spices come from plants. Herbs come from the leaves where as spices come from other parts of the plant. Chef Christina Ferrare host of Home and Family gives examples of herbs and spices to help your health improve or stay healthy. Cinnamon comes from the bark and helps lower blood sugar and your triglycerides (a type of fat in your blood). Just a teaspoon packs a punch. A little brown sugar and cinnamon added to yogurt makes a healthy fruit dip. Paprika also makes for a healthy choice; you can add it to popcorn and use in rubs on chicken. It has anti oxidant effects that may lower the risk of cancer and is great for cardiovascular disease. Turmeric was so healthy it was used as medicine in ancient cultures. It contains curcumin, which inhibits the growth of cancer cells, reduces inflammation, supports your immune system, and great for liver function. The more herbs and spices we use the less sugar and salt we tend to use. Garlic is very versatile. To get the greatest health benefit let it sit for 15 minutes after chopping and only cook it on low heat. Garlic is a super food; it destroys cancer cells, disrupts metabolism of tumor cells so they will not develop, it reduces cholesterol and triglycerides, it is anti-inflammatory, and a great source of vitamin B, C, and iron. Oregano is gram for gram highest in anti oxidants of all the herbs. It is an excellent source of fiber and vitamin K.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 02-20-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Caesarian section (C-section) births account for about one third of all births in the United States, some of the nations top doctors say it is to many. A C-section is often performed to help a baby at risk, but in the last 15 years the number has climbed to more than 60%. Some doctors agree it may help the newborns, but they sharply increase the complications for the mother. The death rate for mothers who under go a C-section is three times higher than those who give birth naturally. The World Health Organization says C-sections are only necessary in about 10-15% of deliveries. Doctors from American College of Obstetrician and Gynecologist and the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine are urging doctors and mothers to have more patience during labor.

Air Date and time: 03-03-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The morning after pill will now be more widely available over the counter. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is allowing generic versions of the drug to be sold without a prescription. The move makes it cheaper for women of any age to get the emergency contraception. Penny Nance from Concerned Women for America is worried about young women getting the drug. She said this pill is the same drug as in birth control pills only 40 times stronger. She also said TEVA the drugs manufacturer never did test on young girls, so they have no idea what it will do to their growing bodies.

Air Date and time: 03-05-2014 @ 9:30pm

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A study from the University of Southern California say that being middle age and eating a high protein diet could be as bad as smoking a cigarette. The report said middle aged people who got most of their protein from animal sources like meat and dairy were four times as likely to die from cancer, but protein from plants did not have the same effect. Also, for people 66 and up a higher protein diet turned out to be good. They were less likely to die from cancer. The researchers said different diets have different effects at different stages of life. This study spanned out over 20 years and followed over 6,000 people over age 50. By higher protein diet they meant over 20% of their total calories. The plant based proteins effect on people did not change with age. They were healthy at any age.

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A new study on mice found the lack of sleep did damage to the brain and getting extra sleep later may not be enough to make up for it. Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania say their findings provide evidence that not getting enough shuteye really can lead to irreversible injury in key parts of the brain.

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High cholesterol is growing among kids. A new study out of Texas finds one-third of preteens has border line or high cholesterol. Doctors warn that half of the children with cholesterol problems will have high cholesterol as an adult. That will raise the risk for heart attacks, strokes and other problems. They will present the new study at the American College of Cardiology this weekend with a recommendation that cholesterol screening begin at age nine.

Issue: Health and Wellbeing Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 03-28-2014 @ 9:30pm

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A new study shows Autism is on the rise in America. One in 68 children have Autism, a 29% increase since 2008 and a 62% increase since 2006. Among boys it is one in 42 and among girls it is one in 189. Rob Ring, the Chief Science Officer from Autism Speaks said there is not one single answer or reason for the jump. They do not know exactly why, but they feel it is many different things.

Issue: Identity Theft/Personal Data Breach

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-10-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Target said 70million customers were affected by the pre-Christmas data breach. All personal information including personal identification numbers was stolen. Target is now offering free credit monitoring and identity theft protection to all its customers. People will have the opportunity to enroll over the next three months.

Air Date and time: 01-16-2014 @ 9:30pm

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One of the Obama administration's top cyber security officers says he was concerned about potential vulnerability in the health care website before the launch. Others are saying it is still riddled with problems. Some of which will compromise the confidentiality of users sensitive health and personal information. Michael Gregg, CEO of Superior Solutions, said this information could be used to gain information for financial data, for identity theft, or misused in many different ways. This could be long term and very damaging to an individual.

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Identity theft is getting worse and the recent breach at Target, of 110 million customers, is just the beginning of a new surge because identity thieves are not just targeting your credit cards. Experts are warning your tax refund may not be safe either. The number one complaint to the Federal Trade Commission is identity theft. With tax season coming up they expect it to stay number one. Tax related identity theft is becoming big business for cyber criminals. If the hacker is successful your tax return will be kicked out of the system and your refund will be denied because the Internal Revenue System computers will show someone was already paid. If you file by mail do it from the Post Office and if you file electronically use a secure computer on a secure network. If yours' is hacked you will get your money eventually, but it could take up to 6 months.

Issue: Increased Food Prices

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The drought and harsh winter will cost Americans more in food prices. The prices have already increased .4% and by the end of 2014 consumer experts expect the cost to rise 3.5% more. The supply for meat and produce is way down. Beef was hit the hardest.

Issue: Influenza

Program: CBN Newswatch

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High levels of influenza are already being seen in the southeastern part of the country. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) said the main strain of flu being seen is H1N1. It is the same strain that caused the flu pandemic in '09-10. The CDC is urging everyone to get vaccinated. Many are using home remedies instead of flu shots to take care of not only the flu, but also other health issues.

Air Date and time: 01-09-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Flu season is in full swing. It does not reach its peak till mid January and last through mid February. Twenty-one have died in Texas from the flu already this season. Doctors are recommending: 1. Wash hands and lather for 20 seconds, 2. If you cannot wash your hands use hand sanitizer making sure it is 60% alcohol. 3. Disinfect surfaces-your laptop, computer, doorknob, and refrigerator handle because germs can live on hard surfaces for two days. 4. Get 8 hours of sleep because sleep strengthens your immune system. 5. Take a multi-vitamin-powder is usually best. 6. Exercise and pray because they both reduce stress. 7. Avoid sugar and trans fats because they increase inflammation and inflammation weakens your immune system. 8. Take fish oil because it reduces inflammation. 9. Take coconut oil because it is a natural antiviral and antibacterial. It is good for preventing infection. Try to take a spoonful in the morning and one in the evening.

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says 41 states are reporting wide spread flu outbreak. The main strain of flu this season is H1N1. The CDC said young people are particularly vulnerable to this outbreak.

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The government is paying people \$3,000 to become infected with influenza. They are researching why some are more immune to the flu even with the vaccine. The volunteers are being kept in isolation and their symptoms are checked on a daily basis. They are trying to learn how to improve the flu vaccines for the future. Researchers are hoping to conduct this study on 100 people over the next year.

Issue: Immigration

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-31-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Some House Republican leaders are laying out a blueprint for immigration reform. They are trying to gain support from other house representative members. The guideline includes a pathway to legal status for adults who are living here illegally, but not the pathway to citizenship, which many Democrats want. The plan does include a citizenship plan for kids brought here by their parents. President Obama hinted today that he maybe open to working with Republicans on an immigration deal, even if it does not include a pathway to citizenship for illegal adults.

Issue: Immigration Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Many children of illegal immigrants live in fear that one or both parents will be deported. Pastor Obed Jauregui of Bethany Church of the Nazarene said the fear is affecting their health. The children have depression as well as unknown diseases from the stress they live with not knowing if their parents will be taken from them. The Obama administration has deported 2 million illegal immigrants including hundreds of thousands of parents. Wendy Cervantes from First Focus said people tell her that they do not believe the government is actually deporting parents and separating families. Americans cannot imagine that it is happening to the extent that it is. Wendy has found many children of deported parents have Post Traumatic Stress Disorder; others suffer physical health and education. There is now some bi-partisan concern on Capital Hill for the immigrants' families. The Obama administration has stopped the deportation of the parents and further protection could be on the way. Pastor Obed said families are willing to do anything to keep their families together.

Issue: IRS Scandal

Program: CBN Newswatch

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The government has concluded that there was no criminal action just management mishandling. The attorney for the Justice Department in charge of the investigation is a supporter of Obama. Jordan Sekulow from the American Center for Law and Justice said that not one of his clients has been interviewed. Jordan does not understand how you can say there is no wrong doing when the Attorney for the Justice Department has not questioned any of the potential victims.

Air Date and time: 02-06-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced new rules that will allow them to continue targeting the Tea Party and other Conservative groups. Lawyer Cleta Mitchell, represents Tea Party groups, said the IRS is openly doing to all 501c groups what it was doing quietly to Tea Party groups from 2009 to 2013. She thinks the IRS wants to silence any group that talks about the way elected officials voted on ObamaCare. She has filed a Freedom of Information request to find out if the IRS, the Treasury Department, and the White House have been colluding in these efforts to muzzle Tea Party and other conservative groups. The Treasury Department has been stalling weeks past the deadline to get information to Mitchell.

Air Date and time: 03-05-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Lois Lerner refused to testify today on Capital Hill. The American Center for Law and Justice, Jordan Sekulow said even though Lois refused to testify on Capital Hill other civil lawsuits may help get to the bottom of the scandal. Jordan said Lois can plead her 5th amendment rights in front of Congress, but she cannot plead the 5th in a civil case. Jordan said her refusal to testify shows the lack of cooperation between investigators and the Obama administration.

Issue: Marriage In Today's Culture

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-09-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn have written another book dealing with how to make and keep marriages happy. The cliché is that many people are leading lives of quiet desperation, but the fact is many are not desperate at all. They are living in really happy marriages that will last a lifetime. There are a few key attitudes and actions happy couples share. The first one is to believe the best of your spouse no matter what happens. Choosing to believe they care for you turns almost any situation positive. The second thing is to thank your husband. Let him know you appreciate his efforts. The third is men need to not be afraid of public displays of affection, leave her little notes, and hold her hand. The next one is men need to learn how to quickly get out of a bad mood. Another action of the highly happy is no unrealistic expectations because if your spouse cannot realistically meet your expectations then you cannot ever really be happy with them. Research shows that if you practice these attitudes and actions you will be joy filled. The Feldhahns want people to know the 50% divorce rate is a myth. About 80% of marriages thrive and survive not a measly half. Most marriages do make it. Every couple has it in their power to make their marriage one that is truly called highly happy.

Issue: Mentoring

Program: CBN Newswatch

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We are seeing more and more single parent family homes. About 85% of young prisoners come from fatherless homes. Tim Anderson, Defense Attorney, said, "you cannot blame the mothers. They are working up to four jobs to keep their house afloat. We have to help as much as we can." Approximately 85% of young prisoners come from fatherless homes and those homes are on the rise. There are more than 12.2 million single-parent families across the country, single mothers head 80% of these families. After seeing the void Tim stepped up to the plate and started mentoring. Susan Taylor ex-publisher of Essence Magazine, left after 37 years to start a new platform. She started National Cares mentoring movement. Her new mission is to inspire people to take the time to mentor a child. She said over one million black young men are incarcerated and failing school is a pipeline to prison. She says mentoring is transformative. National Cares Mentoring is in more than 50 cities across the country and growing. The group is taking their message to specifically black men in churches.

Issue: Minimum Wage and Overtime Pay

Program: CBN Newswatch

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A new report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) shows the nation losing half a million jobs by 2016 if President Obama gets the minimum wage increase he wants. The Democrats are on the defensive about the report; they are the ones pushing for the increase to \$10.10 per hour by 2016. Republicans are saying it will be a job killer.

Issue: Minimum Wage and Overtime Pay Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

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President Obama plans to boost overtime pay. Critics say it could be another job killer. There are economists that say the President should focus on growing the economy for people to have the first level jobs and work toward promotions. Joshua Boak, an associated press economic writer said there are 700,000 less executive secretaries now than there were in 2007. Economists say these mid tier jobs have been hollowed out and as a result it is really hard for those on the low end to climb up. Big companies are struggling as much as the small ones because of government regulations. David Tovar, Wal-Mart Vice President said if more people had jobs the economy would grow and there would be more disposable income in people's pockets and the big stores like Wal-Mart would get their fair share of it. A weak recovery will cause companies to pull back and that will be one more sign of trouble for Democrats in November.

Issue: National Flood Insurance Program

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The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is trying to recoup some of their \$24 billion debt mainly from policy discounts, Hurricane Katrina, and Super Storm Sandy. Thousands of Americans are seeing their flood insurance premiums go up. Some along the rivers in Pennsylvania have gone from \$3,000 a year to over \$40,000 a year. Most policyholders are hoping to hang on till 2017 when NFIP is up for an overhaul by Congress.

Issue: National Security & NSA Scandals

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-03-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The Obama administration is looking to overturn a federal court ruling on the unconstitutionality of a government phone-monitoring program. The National Security Agency collects phone records on every American. District Judge Richard Leon said it appears the NSA is violating the 4th amendment. The Justice Department is appealing his decision. It will most likely go to the Supreme Court.

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A study out by the New America Foundation shows that the National Security Agency (NSA) collection of phone data does not really help in preventing terrorist attacks. They analyzed 225 terrorism cases since 9/11 and found the majority of the time traditional law enforcement provides evidence to initiate a case. A White House report released last month says much of the evidence could have been obtained in timely manner using conventional court orders. President Obama will announce on Friday possible changes to the NSA surveillance program.

Issue: National Security & NSA Scandals Continued

Program: CBN Newswatch

Air Date and time: 01-17-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The President announced today the National Security Agency (NSA) would be reformed. The NSA will still collect metadata on all of our phone numbers. Who we call and when we call will still be collected, but not stored by the government. In order to access the data the NSA will need court approval. Stephen Vladeck, a national security law expert said the devil is in the details. He wants to know how much of this reform is going to be about curtailing the specific surveillance programs and how much instead is going to be about improving the checks and balances on the programs that already exist. The White House insist the surveillance has been critical in preventing terrorist attacks, even though its own review panel concluded it has not stopped any terrorist attacks. President Obama wants the reform changes made by April.

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Senator Rand Paul, former Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, and Matt Kibbe, representing the Tea Party, went to the United States Federal Court House in Washington DC and filed to sue their own government. Senator Paul and others are filing for all Americans that have a cell phone against the President of the United States in defense of the 4th Amendment. They are trying to stop the vast sweeping up of all Americans phone records by agencies like the National Security Agency without suspicion or warrant. Sen. Paul said the suit is to stop the over reach that we already fought against in the Revolutionary War.

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A new electronic monitoring system will keep close tabs on government employees. This new monitoring system will continuously monitor approximately 5 million federal employees with top-secret security clearance. This system is not up and running yet. It is designed to catch rogue agents, corrupt officials, and leakers like Snowden.

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President Obama is asking the Congress pass legislation that would end bulk phone information collecting. Tuesday the President said, we need to win back the trust of countries and ordinary citizens by following the core values that Americans believe in, privacy, rule of law, and individual rights.

Issue: New Food Labels

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Food labels are getting their first make over in 20 years. The old label was based on what people were actually eating about 50 years ago, but things have changed. Portion sizes have gotten much larger. The new label will have serving sizes that reflect the size of portions we eat today. Calorie numbers will be much larger on the new label as well as vitamin D and Potassium. Companies will have approximately two years to comply with the new standards. Mrs. Michelle Obama along with others are hoping once people see how much they are really eating they will cut back.

Issue: New Laws for 2014

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With the New Year approximately 40,000 new policies go into affect from drone regulations to tighter gun control. Most new laws are at the local and state level. The federal government has now banned the production of incandescent light bulbs. The government is promoting more energy efficient alternatives.

Issue: Obama's 2015 Budget

Program: CBN Newswatch

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Military Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is recommending big cuts to the 2015 defense budget. The billions of dollars worth of cuts would shrink the army to its smallest size since 1940. The Chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee warned this would hurt military readiness.

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President Obama unveiled his budget plan for 2015. His \$3.9 trillion budget gives tax hikes to the rich while giving more than 13 million others a tax break. It will also cut social security benefits, and puts more towards education, job training, and infrastructure. Even with the President's announcement, a new budget is not likely because there is a two-year bi-partisan budget already in place. The Senate said they would not advance another measure this session. Phil Kerpen, President of American Commitment said even though the new budget plan would not be voted on, by law the President must have a budget plan out by the first week of February. Phil also said it is important for future elections to let Americans know how the Democrats would vote on issues if they can control the House and the Senate.

Issue: ObamaCare

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ObamaCare goes into effect today. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor blocked part of the law at the request of Catholics around the country. Many religious groups oppose the contraception mandate. The groups say it violates their beliefs. Sonia Sotomayor gave the government till Friday morning to respond to her order.

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The President's administration opposes a ruling that blocks some religious groups from adhering to the contraception mandate in the President's health care law. The Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court not to exempted Catholic groups from birth control under ObamaCare. This comes after Justice Sotomayor blocked part of the law that states everyone must have insurance coverage that includes birth control and abortion pills. It is not known when Justice Sotomayor will make her final decision.

Issue: ObamaCare Continued

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Approximately 2 million people have signed up for ObamaCare. Most are not sure if they have insurance or not. Insurance companies say they have received thousands of faulty applications. Thousands of Medicaid recipients are also in limbo. The Federal website that was suppose to send their application to the states failed to do so.

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There is a third party involved in ObamaCare when you are trying to add a new baby to your policy. You have to involve the government. Right now the healthcare.gov website cannot handle some updates. As the government scrambled to overhaul the website some features had to be postponed, adding a child was one of them. Parents will have to contact the government to formally bring their records up to date.

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Not enough young people are signing up for ObamaCare so it will not work like it is suppose to. ObamaCare needs large numbers of young healthy people to sign up to help pay the cost of the older people how have more health problems. Young people do not feel they can afford the premiums. Patrice Lee of Generation Opportunity says right now they are seeing a 169% average increase in premiums.

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The Supreme Court issued an injunction protecting the Little Sisters of the Poor from having to provide contraceptive coverage. The injunction will hold until an appeals court rules on their suit. The injunction covers another 400 Catholic groups that get their insurance coverage from the same provider.

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A report from the Congressional budget office says ObamaCare could cause millions of people to leave their jobs or reduce their hours in the next seven years due to the enabling of a "medicare" state enclosed in the legislation. For some dumb reason the White House is saying that is good news, but the Republican lawmakers on Capital Hill are say no. Republican Paul Ryan, House Budget Committee Chair, asked Doug Elmendorf, Congressional Budget Office Director, what he felt was the reason for the 10fold increase in Federal debt between 1974 and 2024? Mr. Elmendorf said it was growth in spending for Entitlement programs such as ObamaCare, the aging of the population, expansion of health insurance subsidies, and by rising cost of health care per person.

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The Obama administration is aggressively pursuing young healthy adults to sign up for the President's health care plan. They want young people to pay for insurance because it is crucial to ObamaCare's success. The Obama administration is far from reaching its goal in that age group. Those 18 to 24 are the age group needed and they do not seem to be onboard. Young people's premiums will rise as much as 169%. The young people do not feel they need insurance at that high cost. They say they would rather pay the \$95 fine than enroll in the President's health care plan.

Issue: ObamaCare Continued

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In January one million people signed up for ObamaCare according to the White House administration. To date there are 3.3 million signed up for the ObamaCare. That is still one million short of the target goal, the goal needed to pay for ObamaCare. It is unclear how many of those signed up are from those who lost their insurance due to ObamaCare. The administrators did not report how many if any have paid for their insurance.

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The cost of insuring employees is hurting small business. Some businesses are passing the cost to their customers and that is making the customers upset. President Obama promised his health care plan would help Americans, but it has created so many problems that parts of it have been put on hold. Hospitals will have to lay off nurses so a suggestion to those entering the hospital for over night stays is to hire a private nurse for at least the first couple of nights. Betsy McCaughey tells us in her new book it is important for people of faith to fight against the law because it is a bigger assault on our religious freedom.

Air Date and time: 03-06-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The Obama administration has announced another major delay in ObamaCare. The White House will let insurers keep offering healthcare plans that do not meet the law's requirements through 2016. That will prevent another wave of policy cancellations this fall weeks before the Congressional elections. The move will help Democrats avoid more bad news over ObamaCare. The polls show Democrats could lose control of the Senate.

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Only four of the top nineteen cancer hospitals in America say patients have access if insured through their state exchanges. Some patients under the exchange may not be able to get the most advanced treatment including clinical trials of new medications. Dan Mendelson, CEO of Avalere Health said by narrowing the availability it should keep the cost lower for the consumers. Analysts say it could become a concern for job based insurance coverage if employers turn to more narrow networks. The President's administration said networks would get closer scrutiny next year in the 36 states served by the federal exchange and adding cancer care will be a priority.

Air Date and time: 03-25-2014 @ 9:30pm

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Hobby Lobby along with other companies went before the Supreme Court today. They are fighting for the Religious freedom they feel they should get as business owners not just churches or religious non-profit groups. Hobby Lobby wants the freedom to not offer four of the twenty mandated birth control options in ObamaCare, which will cause an abortion. Hobby Lobby's options are to pay a \$475million fine, \$26million fine, or comply with the governments mandate. The opposing side including Planned Parenthood is saying it has nothing to do with ObamaCare it is about religious freedoms that they should keep in their churches. They feel Hobby Lobby is shouting religious freedoms, but really it is taking away the women's rights. A Planned Parenthood representative said companies like Hobby Lobby are trying to push their personal beliefs on all employees.

Issue: ObamaCare Continued

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The President extended the deadline again on ObamaCare for those who have started the process but will not be able to finish in time. There is no word on how long the extension will last. The White House needs to meet its goal of 6million enrollees by March 31. So far a little more than 5million are enrolled. The healthcare website takes twice as long to load compared to other insurance websites.

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The Obama administration said six million people have signed up for ObamaCare. The problem is only a quarter of the people are young and ObamaCare will not work unless they have 40% healthy young people signed up. The Obama administration has been making a big push for his health care trying to reach those who are young and healthy. The cost is way to high for the young healthy people. The young cannot afford it.

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Today is the deadline to sign up for ObamaCare or face federal fines. The administration said nearly 2 million people tried to get on the website this weekend. The website was down today because of a software bug. It came back up by 9AM only to have it go down again this afternoon. The White House made a last minute change-giving people who register before the stroke of midnight until next Monday to complete the sign up. That sudden announcement did not sit well with Republicans. Representative John Boehner, Speaker of the House and Senator Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader said this is a joke. The White House is saying 6 million have signed up for ObamaCare, but not everyone is buying the numbers. People want to know how many have actually paid for their coverage. People also want to know how many young people have really signed up.

Issue: Obesity in Children

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A new study shows much of a child's weight fate is determined by age five. The study in this week's New England Journal of Medicine also finds nearly half of children who are obese by the eighth grade were already overweight when they started Kindergarten. The study followed a nation wide sampling of more than 7,700 children through grade school. Overweight five year olds were 4 times as likely as normal weight children to become obese. One doctor said obesity is really hard to treat so the goal is to work hard to prevent it with more exercise and a healthy diet.

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Obesity rates have fallen in toddler age children over the last ten years. Between ages 2 to 5 over 14% were obese. Today, in 2014, the obesity rate has gone down to 8%. That is a decline of 43%. The drop off was only seen in pre-school age children not older children.

Issue: Olympic Terror Threat

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The Olympics are being threatened by terrorist, not only the Olympians, but also the tourist coming to see the games are being threatened. Lawmakers are cautioning Americans to be very alert and aware of their surroundings. At least one black widow (female suicide bomber) is in Russia already. The Russian police and military are looking for at least four suicide bombers.

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Russia is looking for the terrorist that got into Sochi, Russia weeks before the Olympics started. The United States (US) has offered military aid. The US Air and Naval are prepped and ready to go including two ships stationed in the Black Sea. Christopher Swift, Professor at Georgetown University said if the games were not attacked there would be attempts to attack. His examples were the transit routes into the games or venues on the outlying areas. President Putin has deployed 80,000 troops to the area.

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The State Department urged the Olympic competitors to use caution when it comes to wearing team USA clothing at the Olympic games. The competitors were told by the State Department it poses a serious risk in some areas. The warning comes because the terrorist threat against the games is growing. A video from the Islamic Jihad Union was posted threatening terrorist action at the games. President Putin insists the games are safe.

Issue: Presidential Overreach

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Air Date and time: 02-11-2014 @ 9:30pm

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The Treasury Department has postponed the mandate in ObamaCare that states companies with over 50 employees must provide insurance. Charles Krauthammer a syndicated columnist said, "this is stuff you do in a banana republic. It is as if the law is simply a black board on which Obama writes any number he wants..." The perception that Obama is acting more like a king than a president was not helped Monday when President Obama was over heard joking with French President Olan while touring in Monticello, saying "That's the good thing about being President, I can do whatever I want." This came after his State of the Union address in which the President threatened to act unilaterally without the approval of Congress. Representative Morgan Griffith from Virginia said it is a violation of the spirit of the Constitution if not a violation of the Constitution itself. It is inappropriate for the leader of the greatest nation on earth to say I am going to act on my own whether you like it or not. From the IRS turned political weapon against the Tea Party to the NSA spy scandal to threats to impose gun control by executive order and now changing the Affordable Care Act on a whim. Obama's critics say he looks more like a monarch. Senator Rand Paul from Kentucky said having a monarch is what we fought the American Revolution over and someone who wants to bypass the Constitution and Congress. Critics are saying it will take more than a King to fix ObamaCare.

Issue: Prison Ministries

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Many states are looking to reduce prison overcrowding, recidivism, and unfair sentencing. Now Congress is taking a step in that direction. The 2014 budget includes a measure to study reforms in the federal correction system. It sets aside \$1million for the Charles Colson Task Force on federal corrections. A panel will examine specific problems like violence, rehabilitation, employment and reducing the prison population. It is named for Chuck Colson who founded Justice Fellowship to advocate for Bible based prison reforms.

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Every year more than 700,000 people are released from state and federal prison. For many adjusting to the outside is tough. Finding a job is the hardest task for a lot of ex-cons. Dr. Toks Idowu, after taking part in the prison ministry at his church, started Leadership Call. It is a ministry to help those leaving prison remove barriers across Virginia. He helps them get away from the old neighborhoods, have confidence, and start businesses of their own. Dr. Idowu's ministry has about an 85% success rate. He hopes in 12 months to renew their hopes and transform their lives.

Issue: Privacy Rights/Drones

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Drones are becoming very popular. They are being used not only in the military, but also the police, many companies, and the private sector. Lawmakers in 39 states are trying to get legislation in place in dealing with drones. Many Americans are worried about privacy. Drones can be as small or smaller than a hummingbird making it impossible to know if you or your actions are being monitored. By 2017 the drone industry is expected to employ at least 70,000 people with an economic impact of \$14 billion.

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More than 35 states are considering drone legislation this year. Law enforcement and local governments want to use the remote controlled aircraft for everything from surveillance to search and rescue. The privacy activists are asking state legislatures to step in and head off any potential privacy issues.

Issue: Religion in Society

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Religious hostility has reached a six-year high and Christians are usually the ones on the receiving end. Some of the worse treatment for Christians comes in the Muslim countries; beatings, imprisonment, and even death. In many countries it is coming from governments and religious militants seeking to advance their radical ideology. The author of "Crucified Again," Raymond Ibrahim says you get rid of the leaders and regime in the communist nations and you get a nation that accepts Christianity, but you get rid of the leader in the Islamic terrorist groups and it gets worse.

Issue: Religion in Society Continued

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The American Bible Society and the Barna Group have come out with this years top 100 Bible minded cities. The report surveys people on how often they read the Bible and their belief in its accuracy. Chattanooga, Tennessee is ranked number one and Roanoke-Lynchburg, Virginia came in at number three. The least was providence, Rhode Island/New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Issue: Same-Sex Marriage

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A Federal Judge in Norfolk, Virginia heard arguments today on whether the states' voter approved ban on same sex marriage is constitutional. Gay couples are suing to overturn the law. Mark Herring, the newly elected Attorney General said he would not defend the ban.

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The Justice Department is extending new federal benefits to same sex couples. United States Attorney General Eric Holder is issuing a memo today that recognizes gay marriages to the greatest extent possible under the law. Under the new rules the same sex couple would receive recognition in federal legal matters like bankruptcies, prison visits, and survivor benefits. The privileges will be extended to all same sex marriages even in states where same sex marriages are illegal. Gay couples in the military would also be afforded the same benefits as heterosexual couples.

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A Judge in Virginia has over turned a voter approved state constitutional amendment that bans same sex marriage. It is the first time a court has overturned a state marriage law in the south and it marks a twist in a legal battle that the Supreme Court will likely resolve.

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Supporters of traditional marriage are trying to find ways to uphold it. Federal Judges in Utah, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and Virginia have voided all or part of voter approved bans on same-sex marriage. Lawmakers in both Houses have introduced a bill "the State Marriage Defense Act" that would require the Federal government to respect state determinations of marital status. In the states traditional marriage supporters are crafting a variety of bills some would protect bans on same-sex marriage and others would protect religious rights should those bans be struck down.

Issue: Safer Highways

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More than 30,000 people die every year on United States highways, but new technology could make the roads much safer. Anthony Foxx, US Transportation Secretary said VtoV (Vehicle to Vehicle) has the potential to help drivers avoid 70-80% of vehicle crashes involving unimpaired drivers. A report on the cost of these connected cars is due out this month. Requiring carmakers to install it is still years away.

Issue: Severe Winter Weather

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Another wave of Arctic air is coming across the country. This wave is going all the way to Florida. Wave after wave of Arctic air is depleting resources that should have lasted all winter. Energy companies say customers will spend 10% more to heat their homes. There are two major concerns with this air mass; 1) the unbearable cold across the North, temperatures will dip below -40 degrees. 2) It is setting up a dangerous winter storm in the Southeast, which will produce snow and ice. The deep Southeast does not have the equipment to take care of this much snow and ice.

Joe Bastardi of Weatherbell.com said this would be our coldest winter since the winters in the late 70's. Weather goes through cycles and he feels we will have weather similar to the 60's and 70's over the next decade.

Issue: Sex Trafficking/Child Predator

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Many churches unintentionally attract child predators. We are so focused on issues like forgiveness and grace; offenders are drawn to those places. Churches are always in need of volunteers and churches are very trusting. Boz Tchvidjian a child sexual abuse expert has started GRACE Initiative, which stands for Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment. In recent years he has seen progress as believers talk more openly about the problem. The church needs to respond quickly and take reports of abuse to authorities and be prepared to minister to victim, offenders, and their families. Shedding of light on darkness is the best way to move forward and demonstrate integrity in a fallen world.

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President Obama has declared the month of January "Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month." He is calling on business, communities, faith based groups and all Americans to join the fight. The Federal government is developing its first ever-strategic action plan to strengthen victim services and increase protections in human trafficking in federal contracts. A Congressional committee held a hearing this week on Human Trafficking at major sporting events and what is being done to fight the problem. The average age of entry into forced prostitution in America is 13 to 14 years old. Congressman Smith said the government must respond more aggressively to end sex trafficking.

Issue: Sex Trafficking/Child Predator Continued

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The Senate passes the \$1 trillion bi-partisan budget that will avoid a government shutdown. Not all lawmakers were happy with it. They felt a window of opportunity was missed to clear out some of the Federal government's wasteful spending.

Issue: Stem Cell Research

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Scientist discovered a new method of turning ordinary cells into stem cells. American and Japanese researchers found by taking ordinary blood cells from the spleen of mice and exposing them to acidic liquids for 30 minutes they were turned into stem cells. That means they were reversed into an undecided state where they could be reprogrammed into any type of healthy cell to grow and repair any parts of the body that are damaged. Researchers are now studying whether the technique works in human cells. If it does there could be a cheap and ethical way to grow tissue to treat illnesses like diabetes. This new method of harvesting stem cells is good news for people with ethical concerns about getting them from human embryos, but it raises new concerns for possibly cloning people.

Issue: Terrorism in the United States

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The government is warning for the third time in less than three weeks there are terrorist threats to smuggle different types of bombs onto planes coming into the United States. Travelers should expect more screenings, more pat downs, and more questioning.

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America faces more terrorist attacks, cyber terrorist are poised to launch a massive attack on the United States economy. That statement is a conclusion from Kevin Freeman a security expert. He says they have done it before and the signs are in place that they will do it again hurting the finances of ordinary Americans through their retirement accounts, mortgages, and savings. Kevin said there are ways to protect yourself; 1) we need to build resiliency or be able to bring it back up quickly if it goes down, 2) We need to protect our electric grids, 3) We need to get out of debt.

Issue: Terrorism in the United States Continued

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Last year's damage to the Metcalf Transmission Substation was "not two guys out having a beer" according to Rick Smith. Smith, a former FBI agent said it was an orchestrated attack and looked professional. The Santa Clara County, CA police said it was a military type attack. Jon Wellinghoff, former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), said, "it was the most significant incident of domestic terrorism involving the grid that has ever occurred..." Lawmakers and security experts wondered about the vulnerability of the American power grid in the event of a physical attack and the EMP (electric magnetic pulse) attack. Jim Patterson, Representative of Fresno and Tulare Counties, CA, said what keeps him up at night is "whether this was isolated or whether we need to see this as the beginning of a new security risk..." He also said it is an indication of our soft targets and variety of targets in this new attack on America. Electric companies are looking into drones to help fortify the grid especially at substations across America that have shown themselves to be quite vulnerable.

Issue: 3 Strikes and You're Out Law

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Many states including Virginia have a "3 strikes and you are out" law. The law was designed to take violent repeat offenders off the streets. It became popular in the nineties with President Clinton. There is an automatic life sentence for those convicted. The Judges in these cases have no freedom to consider the circumstances of the crime or the defendant. In California more than 10,000 people are serving life sentences for convictions of non-violent crimes like stealing a pair of socks and taking a cookie from a restaurant. The politicians are hesitant to change things and not be tough because they do not want to look bad. When parole comes up for these non-violent criminals they usually do not get it because of the "what ifs." "What if they get out and murder someone?"

Public support is building for reforming the way criminals are sentenced. Liberal and Conservative lawmakers are teaming up to sponsor a bill that would do away with mandatory sentences for non-violent offenders. Judges, Professors, Doctors, politicians and the public are all starting to say we need to find a balance between the crimes committed and the punishment.

Issue: Unemployment Benefits Bill

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Republicans join Democrats today in the United States Senate to advance debate on an unemployment benefits bill. The unemployment bill extension expired three days after Christmas. President Obama and the Democrats would like to see it extended another three months at a cost of \$6.4 billion. Some in Congress like Senator Rand Paul is for extending the benefit, but only if Congress can find a way to pay for it. They feel it is wrong to borrow money from China or just print up more money to cover it.

Issue: United States Budget Spending

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Senator Tom Colburn went before the House Committee Government Reform today. They questioned him on wasteful federal government spending. Senator Colburn gave example after example of wasteful or duplicate spending in government. Chairman Issa said America could eliminate one third of the deficit simply by eliminating known and recognized waste. Chairman Issa said his committee is willing to vote once a week for the major cuts in wasteful spending Senator Colburn targets.

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Lawmakers have laid out a massive bi-partisan spending bill. It boost military funding, eases spending cuts, and keeps ObamaCare spending at its current levels. Congress must pass the bill by midnight on Wednesday to prevent another government shutdown. If it is passed it will fund the government through September.