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WETA-FM and WGMS-FM cover areas of interest for the greater Washington, Frederick and Hagerstown communities through broadcasts produced by NPR and PBS. These programs are selected for quality and appropriate content, presentation and technical excellence, with our audience – real and potential – in mind.

We continue to broadcast NPR's "From the Top." From the Top is a non-profit organization that encourages and celebrates the commitment of young people to music and the arts through a variety of media, including nationally broadcast radio shows. The show aims to entertain, educate and connect young musicians, their parents and teachers. It features young musicians who, along with the host, Chris O'Reilly, demonstrate that classical music has a place in youth culture.

We also continue to broadcast PBS' NewsHour, a news program hosted by Gwen Ifill and Judy Woodruff that airs each weekday from 7-8 PM. NewsHour presents coverage of a wide range of subjects, as below:

The Supreme Court considered several cases this quarter, reviewing the President's recess appointment power, reconsidering warrantless cell phone searches, and evaluating State IQ guidelines for executions. The Supreme Court ruled unanimously against a man who was caught protesting military activities, despite having been barred because of previous activities, and also ruled that class-action lawsuits from investors who lost billions in former Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford's massive Ponzi scheme can go forward. The High Court also heard cases on the religious rights of corporations.

In National news, jobs and the growing economic gap provided sources for many stories, including: whether lawmakers should extend emergency benefits for long-term unemployed; what strides have been made in the war on poverty; weak job growth in the quarter; and a debate over the costs and benefits of boosting the minimum wage. In West Virginia, a major chemical spill contaminated the Elk River; in North Carolina, a coal ash spill raised questions about regulation; and in the largest fine ever for water pollution permit violations, Alpha Natural Resources, one of the largest coal producers in the nation, agreed to pay \$27 million in fines and spend another \$200 million to clean up its toxic discharges in five Appalachian states. Colorado became the first state in the Union to open retail stores for recreational marijuana, while in Vermont, the Governor is confronting a deadly heroin crisis. A historic drought created strain on California's towns and farms, while the rest of the country dealt with

exceptional cold and ice this season. As always, the NewsHour provided complete coverage of the President's State of the Union Address.

This quarter's International news was led by unrest in several regions. A pivotal vote on Egypt's new constitution stirred violence. The absence of Iran's participation cast a shadow on Syrian peace talks. Islamist militants murdered dozens of students in Nigeria. Protest riots spread across Ukraine, calling for President Viktor Yanukovych to step down. Adding to the conflict, Russia moved troops into Crimea, and Crimean lawmakers called for a vote on splitting from Ukraine. Eventually, Russia annexed Crimea, prompting sanctions from the EU, as President Putin declared that Crimea had always been a part of Russia. The Winter Olympics were held in Sochi, Russia, and the IOC president made a statement discouraging political protest. An extensive search by air and sea failed to find trace of a jet that vanished somewhere between Malaysia and Vietnam with 239 people aboard.

Media, Arts and Culture were represented by a wide range of stories. Retrospectives were given on the lives of Pete Seeger, Philip Seymour Hoffman, and Stokely Carmichael, who all passed away this quarter. Recordings revealed the Beatles before they inspired Beatlemania. Robert Gates critiqued President Obama and Congress in a new war memoir. Scientists searched for a deeper understanding of dark matter, and new evidence of cosmic inflation expanded our understanding of the Universe. University of Missouri football standout Michael Sam came out as gay to the national media, standing to be the NFL's first openly gay, active player. President Obama and Pope Francis met for the first time during a presidential visit to the Vatican. Accounts of the papal audience emphasized different points: Mr. Obama said they focused largely on their shared interest in topics such as helping the poor, while Vatican officials emphasized areas where their views differ, like the Affordable Care Act mandate on birth control.

Health and Healthcare featured several reports on the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, and although health care sign up improved, tech issues with the site remained. In California, Latinos lagged in health care enrollment, and in Arkansas, an alternative to the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion faced a crucial vote. News of three promising approaches raised hope at an AIDS conference: the prevention of HIV infections in monkeys through intravenous injections; the second successful treatment of a baby born with HIV; and a study showing the safety of genetically altering cells to prevent infection. Officials in India hit a milestone in their efforts to eradicate polio: It has been three years since the country's last reported case of the crippling disease.

The Military was wracked with scandal this quarter. Three of the military's five branches began investigations into some of the most serious scandals for the armed forces in a generation. The latest involves charges that Navy trainers cheated on certification exams to teach at a nuclear reactor school, and four Air

Force officers who conduct nuclear operations have thus far been implicated in a proficiency test cheating scandal. Army Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Sinclair, the highest ranking U.S. military officer ever court martialed for sexual assault, pleaded guilty on charges of sexual misconduct and was fined \$20,000, but will serve no jail time. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel presented a plan to reshape the nation's military after more than a decade of war. Measures include cutting active-duty rolls, eliminating certain technology and making adjustments to benefits; budget cuts will eliminate the military's entire fleet of A-10 Warthog aircrafts. President Obama awarded the Medal of Honor to 24 overlooked veterans.

Concerning politics and campaigns, lawmakers worked toward a budget, but were split on jobless benefits. However, a bill did advance to restore benefits for the long-term unemployed. Congress also came to a compromise on a farm bill deal, which President Obama signed in Michgan. Robust fundraising began ahead of midterm elections.

Reports on Education included a report on the College Board's announcement of a partial overhaul of the SAT, slated to take effect in the spring of 2016, which will eliminate the mandatory essay, revert to a top score of 1600 and create new fee waivers for lower-income students, among other changes. The Department of Education published a report that shows sweeping patterns of disparity by race in public schools across the country, including fewer advanced classes available to students of color and a disproportionately high percentage of suspensions. North Carolina mandated that all elementary school students have equal access to art instruction, but enforcement of the law appears inconsistent across the state. At Cesar Chavez Academy in East Palo Alto, Calif., 7th graders are learning yoga as a way to cope with the stress of life in a community rife with homelessness, shootings and gang war trauma. By teaching these children to pay close attention to their breathing and movements, Stanford University researchers are hoping they will focus better in school and beyond.

National Affairs	ISSUE
Solomayor delays birth control mandate for some religion-affiliated groups Couples urge Solomayor to allow same-sex marriages as Utah appeals struck-down ban Supreme Court reviews president's recess appointment power Supreme Court reviews president's recess appointment power Supreme Court may reconsider warrantless cellphone searches Supreme Court may reconsider warrantless cellphone searches Supreme Court may reconsider warrantless cellphone searches Supreme Court unanimously rules against military protester Supreme Court considers state lot open retail stores for executions Can corporations exercise religious rights? Supreme Court hears cess on contraception coverage Colorado becomes first state to open retail stores for recreational marijuana Envoy says administration to transfer Guantlamamo detainees More Latinos move to long-term care facilities Should lawmakers extend emergency benefits for long-term unemployed? Yellen is interested in the 'human face' of economics What strides have we made in the war on poverty? Yelmont gov. confronts deally heroin crisis December jobs growth weakest in three years What strides have we limits on U. Suyving California's drought could mean bad news at grocery stores Panel says MSA phone data collection is illegal Orange County's campaign to waste less to feed hungry kids Demand, infrastructure affects price and delivery of heat Welch the State of the Union – 2014 Why are startish dying off the Pacific Coast? State officials react to West Virginia chemical spill Keystone XL pipeline clears major hurdle Place of the State of the Union – 2014 Why are startish dying off the Pacific Coast of States Coal ash spill raises questions about regulation Fordia murder case adds to debate over race, self-defense Debating coast and benefits of boosting the	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
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Dissent in Egypt persists despite mass trials

Defiant Putin declares Crimea has always been part of Russia Obama, EU challenge Crimea succession with Russia sanctions

Japan surrenders part of its nuclear stockpile for disposal

Moscow amasses more troops in Crimea Japan considers energy future after Fukushima

As Ukraine starts over, taking stock of corruption, division

China asks all nearby ships to help search for Malaysian jet

Eastern Europe expresses concern about Russian aggression How Syria's shattered health care system affects civilians

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