

WROX-FM QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2024 (JANUARY-MARCH)

Public Affairs Program: "Focus"

Date: 28th January 2024

Time: 6:01a.m.-6:13a.m. (11½ minutes)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Maj. Chris Flanagan, Hampton Roads Area Commander, The Salvation Army

Topics:

- January's status as the most difficult month of the year for The Salvation Army with regard to the seasonal imbalance between donations and costs
- Some of The Salvation Army's services, such as a daily drive-through feeding pantry, thanks to a partnership with the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia
- The record number of shootings among young people and the shelter that The Salvation Army provides
- The Veterans' Housing Program
- The role of mental illness among the homeless and the hurdle it creates in bringing lasting resolution
- The number of families fed by The Salvation Army over the holidays thanks to community donations and volunteers
- The Salvation Army's programs, website, and contact information

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Date: 25th February 2024

Time: 6:03a.m.-6:33a.m. (29 minutes 50 seconds)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Robert "Bobby" Dyer, Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

Topics:

- Virginia Beach's reportedly excellent Quality of Life rating on a national scale, with accolades such as "Safest City in the Country"
- Financial challenges the city currently faces due to inflation
- The upcoming Hope Pipeline Project, an effort to help the homeless with mental health aid and job creation
- The Virginia Beach Fishing Pier incident of early February and the impediments to a swift recovery of the vehicle that was driven off the pier, resulting in the fatality of the driver
- The new 10-1 voting system legislated by the Commonwealth of Virginia, in which citizens in the City may only vote for a candidate representing their district, as opposed to the City's former "at-large" system

Guest: Col. Jeff Acosta, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), Adjunct Faculty Instructor, Tidewater Community College

Topics:

- Tidewater Virginia's' relevance to Black History Month and the American Revolution
- The major role of African-Americans in America's military history since the beginning and in Norfolk
- (Lord) Dunmore's Proclamation, also known as Lord Dunmore's Offer of Emancipation of 1775, by John Murray, 4th Earl of Dunmore and the last British Royal Governor of the Colony of Virginia, which decreed that any male slave who abandoned his plantation to join the British Army would be granted his freedom, which would be a strong catalyst for slave enlistment, matching the British promise of freedom at the end of the war
- The Ethiopian Regiment, a faction of ex-slave soldiers who fought in the Battle of Great Bridge in Chesapeake on the British side
- The freedom of army-enlisted former slaves as a genesis for the American Civil War
- A ban on African-Americans from serving in the U.S. Army and state militias following the Revolution, but not the U.S. Navy due to comparatively sparse enlistment numbers, leading to the U.S. Navy's advantage of high numbers of African-American sailors during the Civil War

Guest: Maj. Chris Flanagan, Hampton Roads Area Commander, The Salvation Army

Topics:

- The negative effect of current high food prices on The Salvation Army's programs and many local food pantries
- Extreme housing costs coupled with sudden loss of means as the most common cause of homelessness
- The frequent misconception of a lack of education as a common factor amongst the homeless
- The large numbers of later-in-life homeless people
- The services and programs offered by The Salvation Army, many of which are aimed at youth
- Schedules of food pantries and services
- How the public may make food and monetary donations

Public Affairs Program: "Focus"

Date: 31st March 2024

Time: 6:01a.m.-6:30a.m. (29 minutes 20 seconds)

Host: Tony Macrini

Guest: Tina Natoli, Co-Founder of the Martina Natoli Lagman Foundation

Topics:

- Cystic Fibrosis, a disease from birth requiring lifelong treatment (including the eventual need for lung transplants) with which Ms. Natoli's daughter was afflicted
- The Chesapeake, Va.-based Martina Natoli Lagman Foundation, a scholarship in honour of Ms. Natoli's daughter Martina, who lost her battle with C.F. in 2021, for the benefit of raising money for the many expenses in treating the disease
- The foundation's annual "Womanless Beauty Pageant" Comedy Show

fundraiser/awareness event

- How the public may make donations to the foundation
- Strides made in a cure for the disease
- Genetic factors that determine the development of the disease

Guest: Robert "Bobby" Dyer, Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

Topics:

- Inter-governmental relations involved in securing city finances
- New challenges in the allocation of city funds to stormwater mitigation leading to the need for new sources of revenue
- The frustratingly long ongoing removal of the old "service lanes" from and widening of Laskin Road
- Commencement of the Hope Pipeline, a source of career and mental health services, in an effort to fight homelessness
- The uptick in local taxes in Virginia Beach and efforts to mitigate them
- Improvements planned in easing traffic from Chesapeake and Suffolk to the city

Guests:

- Kursten Clark, police officer at the Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
- Teddy Smith, Chief of Security Operations, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

Topics:

- Hampton, Va. native Officer Clark's status as the youngest-ever federal police officer
- The New Horizons Vocational Center in Hampton
- The three-month training Clark underwent
- Means by which students may be trained and recruited as Federal police officers right out of high school
- Hiring incentives offered to new recruits by the Navy
- The passing of a physical exam and test as the only barriers to recruitment
- How interested potential recruits may apply