

# **WOND/WBSS/WMGM /WTKU-FM/WWAC**

## **ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST**

### **FOR 2nd QUARTER 2016**

**A QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY ISSUES AND RELATED  
PROGRAMMING FOR THE STATIONS OF LONGPORT MEDIA**

## **GENERAL SUMMARY:**

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the stations of Longport Media aired regularly scheduled programs dealing with community programs. More importantly, WOND dedicated most of its programming every day to local community issues through its regular “live and local” News/Talk programming.

## **NEWS PROGRAMMING:**

WOND aired national news from ABC at the top and bottom of every hour throughout the day. WOND also aired local news, weather, and sports after the ABC news at the top and bottom of every hour from 6:00 to 10:00am weekdays, and local news and weather at the top of every hour 10:00am to 10:00pm weekdays. WOND also aired local weather at the top of the hour after ABC news from 10:00pm to 6:00am weekdays and all hours on weekends.

WOND aired THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION PRIME, a news program focusing on local news, sports, and weather, from 6:00 – 6:30pm weekday evenings. The hosts were David Spatz, Chuck Betson, and Dan Skeldon.

WMGM and WTKU/WBSS aired local entertainment and other news every hour during 6:00 to 10:00am as part of those station’s local morning shows. They also aired weather throughout the day.

## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING:**

### THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION

This program aired on WOND from 12:05 to 1:00pm and from 3:05 to 4:00pm every weekday. The host, David Spatz, reported the local news of the day, interviewed local public officials, and took calls from listeners. A half hour portion of the best of these shows during the week was selected for rebroadcast on all of Longport’s stations every Sunday morning. The summaries of each program follow.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Atlantic Cape Community College's 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Restaurant Gala

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND** March 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 6:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

**AIRED: SUNDAY** April 3<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 5:30 to 6:00 am

On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S):** ACCC Dean of Culinary School Chef Kelly McClay, ACCC President Peter Mora.

**SUMMARY:** David Spatz broadcast the South Jersey Edition Prime live from the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Restaurant Gala to benefit the culinary school and educational endeavors at Atlantic Cape Community College. Spatz spoke with the school's President, Peter Mora, who announced his retirement earlier this year. He also spoke with Dean Kelly McClay about putting together the gala and what it means for students in the culinary program.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Dual press conferences held by Governor Chris Christie and Atlantic City elected officials regarding the State Senate's takeover bill and Atlantic City's finances

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND April 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m.**

**AIRED: SUNDAY April 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 5:30 to 6:00 am**

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S): Tom Lamaine**

**SUMMARY:** Governor Chris Christie held a press conference in the Atlantic County offices in Atlantic City to discuss why he is in favor on the takeover bill which has been passed in the State Senate, but is stalled in the State Assembly. Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto proposed a modified bill that calls for a five person committee to handle AC's finances and not end collective city employee union bargaining. Christie was blunt during his conference, which was exemplified in his dismissal of Atlantic City resident, retired CBS journalist and Longport Media correspondent Tom Lamaine, who spoke to Bob Burns and David Spatz about his experience at the press conference.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Lewis Katz inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Atlantic City's financial crisis, The North Jersey Casino Referendum

**Aired LIVE ON WOND April 8<sup>th</sup> 2016, April 11<sup>th</sup> 2016, April 13<sup>th</sup> 2016, April 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 12:00-1:00pm , 6:00-6:30pm**

**Aired: SUNDAY April 17, 2016 April 24, 2016, May 1, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am**

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S):** Deb DeLorenzo, President and CEO of South Jersey Chamber of Commerce and Chairperson of "No Casinos in North Jersey Coalition"

**David Schwartz, Director of Center of Gaming Research at UNLV**

### **SUMMARY:**

A news story that aired on WOND by David Spatz about Lewis Katz, who was inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame

As Atlantic City's financial troubles make national news, David Spatz talks to David Schwartz about the perception of Atlantic City in Las Vegas. Schwartz is the Director of Gaming Research at University of Nevada Las Vegas. Schwartz says there are mixed reactions in Nevada, especially since Atlantic City isn't really hurting when it comes to gaming revenue.

A referendum was added to the November ballot to amend the state constitution, allowing two casinos to be built more than 72 miles from Atlantic City. North Jersey properties such as the Meadowlands has expressed interest in building a casino to siphon gaming money from New England casinos, however, many South Jersey casino businesses believe that interstate competition will end the gaming industry in Atlantic City. David Spatz talks to Deb DeLorenzo who is the President and CEO of South Jersey Chamber of Commerce and a Chairperson of the "No Casinos in North Jersey" Coalition, two organizations opposed to the referendum and the devastating effects it could have on Atlantic City's struggling economy.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Cutting the Atlantic City Budget, Increases in Gaming and Hospitality revenue in Atlantic City.

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND** April 28<sup>th</sup> 2016, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 6:00-6:30pm & 12:00-12:30pm

**AIRED: SUNDAY** May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S):** Marty Small, Atlantic City Council President

**Dr. Rummy Pandit, Executive Director of the Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism.**

### **SUMMARY:**

After a proposal by 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Atlantic City councilman Kaleem Shabazz to cut the salaries of several government positions, including the council's salary by 20%. David Spatz interviews an opponent to the plan, Atlantic City Council President Marty Small, who thinks the proposal didn't go through the proper process – including discussion with the revenue and finance committee. Atlantic City is amidst a budget crisis, with the city in more than \$400 million in debt and a request from the state to cut the city budget in half. Small says council continues to propose ways to cut spending without sacrificing city services and jobs.

Despite a financial crisis in the city government, the hospitality and gaming industry in Atlantic City has shown growth. David Spatz talks to Dr. Rummy Pandit, the Executive Director of the Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism about the figures released earlier in the week showing increases in casino parking fees and hotel occupancy in 2015, compared to 2014. Dr. Pandit suggests it is a combination of reduction in competition, with four Atlantic City casinos closing, but also an increase in revenue. Dr. Pandit also explains what may keep casinos going in the future, not gaming but the hospitality and nightlife industries, which attract millennials.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Added Conference Rooms to Atlantic City. Country Concert on the Wildwood Beach Beaches. New Street Crimes Unit in Pleasantville

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND** May 16<sup>th</sup> 2016, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016, May 19<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 6:00-6:30pm

**AIRED: SUNDAY** May 22, 2016, May 29, 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am

On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S):** Jim Woods, President & CEO of Meet AC

**Pete Byron, Commissioner of Finance for the City of Wildwood**

**Chief Sean Riggan, Pleasantville Police Department**

### **SUMMARY:**

The Claridge Hotel announced a plan to build a 15,000 square foot, 600-person conference center on its property. The Atlantic City Sales and Convention group, Meet AC will add this venue to its list of Atlantic City meeting areas, for exhibitors to book to bring conventions to the city. President and CEO Jim Woods explained that companies are looking to diversify their portfolios in amenities to bring their clients, not just gaming and hotel rooms. Atlantic City is slowly coming back in the convention market during the city's financial crisis.

The City of Wildwood Announced on July 4<sup>th</sup> they would host a Tim McGraw concert on the beach at Schellinger Avenue. After the success of the Kenny Chesney beach concert in 2012 and the growth of the Atlantic City beach concerts in the past two years, the Wildwoods decided to host a concert on the busy holiday weekend. A bacon festival is also a part of the concert, as well as closing event fireworks.

After six calls of shots fired and two shootings in the Pleasantville area in just one week, Police Chief Sean Riggan announced a street crimes unit is being implemented in the department. The street crimes unit would be assigned to investigate shooting and gun violence crimes. Riggan also announced he is looking for ways to get a gunfire detection system in the city, like the one used by Atlantic City.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Beach Clean-Ups, Atlantic City Mayor responds to Criticism from the Governor, Summer in Cape May County.

**Aired LIVE ON WOND** May 31<sup>st</sup> 2016, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 12:00-2:00pm, 6:00-6:30pm

**Aired: SUNDAY** June 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S): Wildwood Mayor Ernie Troiano**

**Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian**

**Joe Bogel, the Fudge Kitchen**

**Cape May Mayor Ed Mahaney**

### **SUMMARY:**

A video of garbage scattered on the Wildwood beach after the Memorial Day weekend went viral online, thanks to the Facebook Group "Watch the Tram Car Please". Wildwood Mayor Ernie Troiano was on the South Jersey Edition with David Spatz to express his anger with the situation and explain that the beach is cleaned daily, starting at 4 am. However, Troiano did explain that the Memorial Day weekend was a great weekend in the Wildwoods, with many people on the beach and visiting. The mayor hopes if the weather and low gas prices hold out, it will be the best summer for the Wildwoods.

In a press conference, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie mentioned that Atlantic City was not making any steps forward in its budget restructuring and cost cutting, 5 days after the plan of a 5 member committee with 150 days to organize the city's finances was approved. Atlantic City mayor Don Guardian explains how surprised he was at the Governor's comments, since the timeframe of the 150 days hasn't really officially started and because the city has always been compliant with the state and the state monitor's request.

During his annual broadcast from the Cape May Convention Center on Memorial Day, David Spatz talks to Cape May Mayor Ed Mahaney and local business owner Joe Bogel from the Fudge Kitchen about the joint efforts by the cities in Cape May County for tourism advertising. Bogel, who has multiple locations of his store, talks about bringing people to the Cape May County beach towns and Mayor Ed Mahaney explains how the county as a whole can do well during the summer season, with each city hosting events like concert series and event festivals.



## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** AC Council Tables Ordinance for Open Containers of Alcohols on the Boardwalk. Showboat owner announces plan to open 800 hotel rooms at the property by July 8<sup>th</sup>, Revel owner announces opening of former casino as a multi-use facility by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Aired LIVE ON WOND** June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2016, June 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, from 12:00-12:30, 6:00-6:30pm

**Aired: SUNDAY** June 12 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S):** Tom Forkin, Chairman of Atlantic City's Alcohol Control Board

**Bart Blatstein, Developer and CEO of Tower Investments**

**Glenn Straub, owner of the Revel building and CEO of Polo North Country Club**

**SUMMARY:** After Atlantic City Council proposed and tabled an ordinance to allow open containers of alcoholic beverages on the Atlantic City boardwalk, David Spatz spoke to the chairman of the city's alcohol control board Tom Forkin, who believes it is a missed opportunity for the city. The city would need to explore the legality of the open containers of alcohol on the boardwalk, compared to state law, but Forkin rationalizes that the sale of alcohol without the limitations of staying in one boardwalk locale would generate more business and wouldn't have a major negative effect of the city, since many people attempt to drink on the boardwalk anyway. The ordinance would provide guidelines and more structure to the atmosphere of the boardwalk.

Philadelphia developer Bart Blatstein bought the former Showboat Casino property from Stockton University in 2015 and after figuring out issues with deed restrictions and fighting off battles from a neighboring developer, he told David Spatz on the South Jersey Edition he is ready to re-open the property. The Showboat plans to have 800 rooms open by July 8<sup>th</sup>, along with some amenities, and staff the building after a job fair is held. Blatstein does not plan to reopen the casino portion of the Showboat.

Conversely to that, Lauren Carroll interviews Glenn Straub, the owner of the former Revel Casino building, which has been dormant for almost a year. After battles with Power Company and the state over the use of generators, Straub has kept his plans close to the chest, but also proposing a complete change in the business of the building. Straub mentioned to the Press of Atlantic City he will be reopen with a ropes course in the facility by June 15<sup>th</sup>. He also has plans to bring E-gaming to the former Revel and announce his properties new name.

# **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** Muslim perspective after the mass shooting in Orlando. City safety after the country's worst mass shooting in recent history.

The effects a union strike would have on Atlantic City's gaming industry.

A news report from the casino workers union rally.

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND June 13<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-6:30pm & 12:00-12:30pm**

**AIRED: SUNDAY June 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am**

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S): Atlantic City 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Councilman Kaleem Shabazz**

**Tom Gilbert, Commander of the Atlantic City Tourism District**

**Dr. Rummy Pundit, Executive Director of the Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism**

**Unite Here Local 54**

**SUMMARY:** In light of the mass shooting in an Orlando night club, presumably carried out as an act of ISIS terrorism, David Spatz speaks with Atlantic City councilman Kaleem Shabazz, a large figure in the Atlantic City Muslim community, about how the violent actions carried out in Orlando are not the teachings of Islam.

David Spatz speaks with Tom Gilbert, the Commander of the Atlantic City Tourism District about the measure Atlantic City takes to keep its local and visiting patrons safe from mass attacks. Recent targets of mass casualty attacks, typically labeled acts of terrorism have occurred in entertainment venues, like the night club shooting in Orlando and the bombings in several locations in Paris last November. Gilbert assures that the AC Tourism District has taken into consideration recent national events and has a patrol out nightly.

Unite Here Local 54, the casino workers union have threatened to strike if contract negotiations fall through July 1<sup>st</sup>. David Spatz speaks to the executive director of the Levinson Institute of Gaming, Hospitality and Tourism at Stockton University, Dr. Rummy Pandit about what a strike at any of the 4 casinos in negotiations could mean for Atlantic City's gaming. The four casinos include Harrah's Atlantic City, Bally's Atlantic City, Tropicana Casino Resort and the Taj Mahal.

WOND reporter Dan Borowski was on the scene at a Local 54 rally, where Unite Here President Bob McDevitt announced the threatened strike against Atlantic City casinos that will not negotiate as union contracts expire at the end of the month.

## **PROGRAM: THE SOUTH JERSEY EDITION**

**ISSUE(S):** “The Rumors of Atlantic City’s Death are Premature” – at the New Jersey Broadcaster’s Association’s Radio Reporter’s Roundtable

**AIRED LIVE ON WOND June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm**

**AIRED: SUNDAY June 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 from 5:30 to 6:00 am**

**On WOND, WWAC, WTKU-FM, WMGM and WBSS**

**HOST: DAVID SPATZ**

**GUEST(S): Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian.**

**WCBS Morning Host Wayne Cabot**

**WPG 1450 Morning Host, Harry Hurley;**

**WCTC 1450 Morning Host Bert Baron,**

**Matt Rooney with Save New Jersey.com**

### **SUMMARY:**

David Spatz moderated the Radio Reporter’s Roundtable at the annual NJBA Conference, held at Caesar’s Entertainment, for a discussion among a group of local radio broadcasters and the Mayor about the perception of Atlantic City during its financial crisis.

