

First Quarter 2008
3/31/2008

**DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAMS PROVIDING
MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES**

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY	Monday through Friday	6:00-9:00am
WACH NEWS AT TEN	Monday through Friday	10:00-11:05 pm
WACH NEWS AT TEN WEEKEND EDITION	Saturday-Sunday	10:00-10:35 pm

All of the above programs are locally-produced news programs presenting a mix of news, weather, sports and issue-related feature stories and segments. Multi-part mini-documentary news series, usually dealing with one issue or a series of related issues, are aired during the 10 pm newscast. The duration of each program is usually two to three minutes, unless otherwise indicated.

FOX NEWS SUNDAY	Sundays	10:00-11:00 am
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This is a Fox News public affairs interview program featuring one or more guests being questioned about subjects in the news. Moderator Chris Wallace and other reporters conduct the interviews. Subjects addressed are generally national in scope.

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED	Saturdays	9:00-10:00 pm
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This network program features criminals wanted for various charges. The program has been responsible for capture of suspects wanted by the FBI, including the FBI's Most Wanted list.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS	Any Day	Any Time
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Varying length announcements (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60) that air throughout the station's broadcast day about issues of community interest.

PROGRAMS PROVIDING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Public Safety and Crime

(including homeland security, crime rate, youth violence, gun control, increased presence of law enforcement, antiquated prison system, tougher sentencing, school safety, neighborhood crime watch)

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

The City of Lexington is taking a strong stand against sex offenders. The town council has voted to limit where registered offenders can live. Town Council unanimously approving an ordinance preventing sex offenders from living or loitering within 2,000 feet of schools, churches, parks, playgrounds and other sites where children might gather.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

The University of South Carolina has settled a complaint concerning parking at home football games. The university will now provide adequate handicapped parking access at Williams Brice Stadium. A disabled fan complained the school was violating federal law by not providing reasonable access to the stadium. The school has agreed to ensure sufficient accessible parking and lift-equipped transportation to the stadium.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-05-08

Inside Lexington Middle School big brother is watching. Roughly 1100 students have their lockers secured. And now the entire school is under surveillance. The eyes hidden inside these black bubbles - a high tech security system. The cameras weren't cheap - the system cost \$70,000. Donations and fundraisers paid the bill. Lexington Intermediate School has the cameras as well. Right now only administrators at each school can access the video. The security company is working on providing access to the Lexington Police Department.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-12-08

Governor Sanford is hard at work moving his agenda forward tackling the complicated DUI laws in the state. He met with his cabinet to get their take on the changes a senate subcommittee made to the DUI bill that would stiffen penalties and make DUI easier to prosecute.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-21-08

The Richland County Sheriff's Department is recycling for a good cause. Donations of old phones will help the elderly and victims to get in touch with sheriff's department. Leon Lott says everyone should be able to call for help even if you cannot afford a phone.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-20-08

Lexington County Sheriff James Metts will present traffic safety awards. Nine Law Enforcement Officers will receive recognition of their hard work to enhance traffic safety in Lexington, Edgefield, McCormick and Saluda Counties.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-21-08

A new report is giving insight into gang activity and crimes committed by youth in the Midlands. Researchers at the University of South Carolina and Benedict College releasing the "2008 Columbia and Richland County Gang Assessment" report. The report says nearly half of the violent crimes in Columbia and Richland County are committed by young people between the ages of 12 and 24. Abigail Rogers from Benedict worked on the study. She says Law Enforcement needs to work together for a change.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-22-08

South Carolina Legislator says colleagues with permits to carry concealed weapons should be able to enter the State House with their guns. Representative Keith Kelly filed a bill to extend that exemption to current legislators with permits. Currently it is illegal to have a weapon on Statehouse grounds including the underground parking lot.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-22-08

In the Upper Chamber the State Senate has approved a bill that increases cockfighting penalties. The proposal would make it a felony to own game birds that take part in cockfighting. It would also make attending a fight a felony. Currently cockfighting is a misdemeanor with no minimum fine.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-27-08

The public would no longer be able to find out who holds a concealed weapons permit under legislation that's cleared the senate Judiciary Committee. With the measure, the state law enforcement division would be barred from releasing names or information about permit holders.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-29-08

Richland County Deputies are working to keep the streets safe. Sheriff Leon Lott is unveiling two new Harley Davidson Motorcycles. The Department's Traffic Safety Unit will use the bikes to help increase awareness for folks to drive safely. Sheriff Lott says the bikes can do things patrol cars can't.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

3-11-08

The Training And Career Development Division of the Columbia Police Department is offering a citizens police academy to help educate Columbia citizens in the training and operations of our police force. The deadline for sign up for class #23 is March 13, 2008. Classes begin March 20, 2008 and conclude on May 29;

Public service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to Public Safety and Crime issues. Announcements were in varying length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times between January 1 and March 31, 2008:

1/3 "Act Now 15" :15
Ad Council – Youth Reckless Driving

1/3-3/23	“Bulletin Board”	:30
US Dept. of Justice – Online sexual exploitation		
1/3-3/23	“Everyone Knows Your Name”	:60
US Dept. of Justice – Online sexual exploitation		
1/13-1/25	“Wreck”	:30
ALIVE AT FIVE – Teenage Drunk Driving		

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Minority Issues

(including urban neighborhood revitalization, affordable education, minority representation in government, confederate flag, discrimination in the workplace, television coverage of African American community events, race relations)

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-04-08

Classic Cars and the banging beats of bands filled Main Street this past weekend helping to kick off Black History Month. The theme: Education Through Entertainment. Folks in the parade had to bring information on a black leader who's made history. Brenda Watts went to the parade and says events like these are important for the community. It's very important to have events like these to have black people come out and see their history.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-10-08

Some black lawmakers say the Highway Patrol pulls over drivers based on race. These allegations coming after members of the black caucus showed a video of a 2004 traffic stop to Governor Mark Sanford. In that video a trooper uses a racial slur. In the wake of that, the head of the Highway Patrol Russell Roark and Public Safety Chief James Schweitzer announced their resignations last month. State Representative Leon Howard who obtained the tape and chairs the General Assembly's Black Caucus says he experienced racial profiling first hand when a white trooper stopped him in Hilton Head last year. Profiling is prohibited by the Highway Patrol.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-11-08

About 100 people gathered at the Statehouse yesterday to protest illegal immigration and call on legislators to pass a more strict reform bill. A conference committee continues meeting this week to work out differences between the House and Senate immigration bills. Both require employers to check the legal status of their workers. Both require employers to check the legal status of their workers. Contractors say they are losing business to competitors who undercut their bids by hiring illegal workers.

Public service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to Minority issues. Announcements were in varying length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times between January 1 and March 31, 2008:

1/1-3/31	"Build a Dream – 20"	:20
Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Fund – Fundraising		
1/2-3/31	"Build a Dream – 10"	:10
Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Fund – Fundraising		
1/3-2/2	"Schedule"	:30
Ad Council – Supporting minority education		
1/2-3/31	"Anthem"	:30
United Negro College Fund – Fundraising		
1/1-3/30	"Mower"	:30

United Negro College Fund – Fundraising

1/1-3/1

“Mailbox”

:15

United Negro College Fund – Fundraising

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Education

(including literacy, and S.C. national placement, more internships for youth, parental involvement, need to clean up school curriculum, funding for various programs.)

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

The State Board of Education has approved a biology textbook for public schools despite questions from a critic worried about the book's evolution lessons. Board member Charles McKinney argued those lessons are presented as fact rather than theory. Science teachers at the hearing applauded the book's approval.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

There is a legal battle between the Lee County School District and a local Charter School. A recent court decision has ordered the district to continue funding the school during an appeal to the State Supreme Court, leaving them \$50,000 dollars short each month. Three teachers already left their jobs because the schools could not pay them. The main case is expected to reach the state Supreme Court in four months.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-16-08

The State Education Department has released a poll that indicates single gender classes are growing in popularity. State superintendent Jim Rex wants more choices available to students and their families. Right now students can participate in several programs like middle or early college programs and night high school.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-05-08

Also on the education front this morning Governor Mark Sanford has signed a bill consolidating Sumter County's Two School Districts into one. Sumter County's Statehouse delegation pushed the bill through despite the apprehension of school district officials. Officials say that if you moved to a county by county model or if you move in that direction you could save millions and thousands of dollars that can go directly into teacher pay and the classrooms. Governor Sanford hopes to consolidate all school districts in the state by county. A housing committee is currently considering the bill

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-06-08

The University Of South Carolina has a new inventive for in-state students. Officials announcing a new scholarship program for engineering and computing students. It's for incoming freshmen who already will receive the life scholarship. The new engineering and computing expanded life scholarship covers any costs left over after the life scholarship has been applied. Deepal Eliatamby is a former student and is helping fund the scholarship. House speaker Bobby Harrell says students like Deepal are positive examples.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-07-08**

Columbia Mayor bob Coble speaking to city county and others about the Capital City's progress in 2007 and what it needs to work on in 2008. In his state of the city address Coble says the city needs to improve public safety and the relationship with Richland County. Bob Mayor coble says his top priorities for 2008 are the environment and education.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-12-08**

The Mayor along with city and county council members met last night to discuss ways to improve Richland One Schools with community members. The meeting centers around the District's recent trip to Mobile, Alabama. The Mobile district was able to improve their standardized test scores and Richland One hopes to copy its success. Mayor Bob Coble says the city's future depends on it's students. Mayor Coble says it will take numerous meetings to shape ideas and use data from the trip.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-21-08**

Benedict College's Annual Career Fair is free and open to the public and all Benedict students. More than 40 local and regional businesses will be there. The Fair will be held at the David H. Swinton campus center on the campus center on Benedict campus.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-25-08**

The Richland One School Board is seeking community input to help guide the search for a new superintendent. This is the first of three forums being held. Officials are looking for what qualities you think a new superintendent should possess. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night at Eau Claire High School it starts at 6:00P.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-21-08**

The Richland County Sheriff's Department is recycling. You donate your old unwanted cell phones and the department donates them to the elderly and victims. Sheriff Leon Lott says everyone should be able to call for help even if they cannot afford a phone. We are talking phones thrown away in the trash turning them into something very useful for seniors and crime victims.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-28-08**

The South Carolina House approved a bill to replace the annual PACT test for public school students. Teachers have long criticized the test since it does not give accurate details of student's strengths or weaknesses. PACT has been using the test to rate schools statewide and nationally. If approved by the senate, the new test will be multiple choice and effective in 2010.

WACH FOX GOOD DAY**3-04-08**

A Central Carolina Technical School student is a busy woman balancing a full time job with college and volunteer work Stuckey is among 17 students the South Carolina Technical College system and Phi Theta Kappa are honoring. Theresa Pope is another receiving the new Century Scholar Award - this wife with three sons is back in school. The 17 students honored yesterday are part of an elite group across the country. Less than one percent of students receive this particular Phi Theta Kappa honor.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-05-08

A measure approved by the house would stop South Carolina voters from electing the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Education. The proposed amendment would have the Governor and Lieutenant Governor run on the same ticket.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

3-11-08

Seven South Carolina Schools are being honored for their innovative single-gender programs. Among those, being honored is Dent Middle School in Richland Two. About 90 South Carolina public schools currently offer the option to parents and 100 additional schools are expected to do so next school year "Randall Gary" is Dent's Principal. "The single gender program we're in our 4th year." "We're proud of what we've done, we're not done, and we look forward to the future." All schools with single-gender programs could apply for the awards.

WACH FOX GOOD DAY

3-13-08

A senate committee is considering a preparation test for The High School Equivalency test. The State Adult Education Director David Stout says, the tests will be for students a few years behind in school and who expect to drop out. He added it would increase students' chances of passing the test first try. The bill would create a trial G-E-D programs at two high schools for student's ages to 16 to 19. In South Carolina, the legal age to drop out is 17.

WACH FOX GOOD DAY

3-21-08

Two Midlands Schools are celebrating. Blythewood Middle and Bookman road Elementary schools will be holding ceremonies marking their significant educational achievements this morning. Blythewood Middle School is being recognized as a National School to watch for being a high-performance Middle School. In addition, Bookman Road Elementary School is celebrating its 10th Anniversary.

WACH FOX NEWS

Public Service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to Education and Literacy. Announcements were in varying length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times between January 1 and March 31, 2008:

1/3-3/30	"Open your Child's Mind"	:30
Ad Council – Lifelong Literacy		
1/3-2/17	"Camelot60"	:60
Ad Council - Lifelong Literacy		
1/4-3/30	"Camelot30"	:30
Ad Council – Lifelong Literacy		
1/3-2/17	"OZ60"	:60
Ad Council – Lifelong Literacy		
1/4-3/30	"OZ30"	:30
Ad Council - : Lifelong Literacy		

1/3-3/30	“Woolfolk-RCPL”	:30
WACH-TV/Richland County Library – To promote reading		
1/25-3/31	“Bar 60”	:60
FEDERAL STUDENT AID – Student Loans		
1/24-3/22	“Charlie 60”	:60
FEDERAL STUDENT AID – Student Loans		
1/25-3/30	“Jared 60”	:60
FEDERAL STUDENT AID – Student Loans		
1/25	“Jennifer 60”	:60
FEDERAL STUDENT AID – Student Loans		
1/24-3/7	“Claes Nobel”	:30
NSHSSF – Encourage HS students to study		
2/24	“Ed Harris 20”	:20
NSHSSF – Encourage HS students to study		
1/24-3/30	“Ed Harris 30”	:30
NSHSSF – Encourage HS students to study		
1/24-3/30	“Exploravision”	:30
EXPLORAVISION – Promote science for kids		

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Health Services and Medical Care

(including affordable health care, parenting and family issues, teen drug use, teen pregnancy, child abuse, health care for elderly, funding for disaster relief, safety issues, and effects of budget cuts on mental health community.)

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

South Carolina received all F's from The American Lung association for failing to curb smoking. According to the associated press, the State of Tobacco Control report criticizes the Palmetto State for having the lowest cigarette tax in the entire nation at only seven cents a pack. Nationwide the average cigarette tax is one dollar and eleven cents.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-17-08

The season of sniffing, coughing and sneezing is here but the FDA is giving a strong warning to parents of children under two when it comes to some cold medications. Siegel says the FDA is convinced the parents are not listening. FDA is giving a much stronger warning on the labels. What parents need to know is the over-the-counter cold medicine labeled for children is the same adults use but in smaller dose. However, the real danger is how much of the medicine parents are giving their children.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-11-08

First Lady Jenny Sanford is encouraging teens to create videos with healthy messages. Mrs. Sanford calls it a creative new way to get people interested in better living and based on the response its working. On the Health WACH a look at the program success and how you can win a little cash.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-14-08

If you smoke you may soon be paying more for cigarette's. Governor Mark Sanford is touring the state selling his proposal to increase the state's cigarette tax. Right now it's just 7 cents a pack. The governor wants to raise that and cut state income taxes. He says the increase would make the tax system fairer. According to the governor if the bill passes the cigarette tax will go to 37 cents a pack providing more than a million dollars in income tax relief.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-21-08

Soon Seniors may not get the free meals they've depended on. In Governor Sanford's new budget plan he proposed a 2.9 million dollar cut. That money has helped feed about 5500 senior citizens across the Palmetto State for the past three years. Advocate Steve Edgar says if a senior goes to a nursing home the stay would cost well over \$800 per week. He says this program helps with care and food for seniors including the "Meals-on-Wheels" program.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

02-28-08

A house panel has approved a bill banning smoking in restaurants statewide. The proposal from Representative Todd Rutherford would prohibit smoking in restaurants facilities but would exclude cigar bars and private clubs.

Public Service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to Health Care and Education, child health and teen drug abuse, child safety, and other miscellaneous topics. Announcements were in varying length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times between January 1 and March 31, 2008:

1/3-3/30	"Dudley Tells The Story"	:30
American Dental Association – Benefits of brushing and flossing teeth		
1/3-3/7	"Neurofibromatosis-60"	:60
Children Tumor Foundation – Education and fundraising		
1/3-1/4	"The Works"	:10
PFDFC – Dangers of drugs (aimed at kids 6-10)		
1/5-3/30	"Be A Player-15"	:15
Ad Council – Preventing childhood obesity		
1/3-3/16	"Be A Player-30"	:30
Ad Council – Preventing childhood obesity		
1/3-3/31	"Tracey"	:30
Donate Life – Promoting organ donation		
1/5-3/31	"Tyler"	:30
Donate Life – Promoting organ donation		
1/3-3/30	"Bullseye-30"	:30
Ad Council – Strike awareness		
1/3-3/30	"Light the Night 60"	:60
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Fundraising		
1/4-1/5	"Light the Night 30"	:30
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Fundraising		
1/1-3/1	"Light the Night 15"	:15
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Fundraising		
1/3-1/15	"Broadway 30"	:30
Autism Speaks – Child Autism Awareness		
1/24-3/30	"Broadway 15"	:15
Autism Speaks – Child Autism Awareness		
1/3-3/7	"Stone Hawk 60"	:60
NARCONON – Alcohol and drug addiction		
1/1/-3/30	"Danielle 60"	:60
ALIVE AT 25 – Teenage drunk driving		

1/2-3/30	“Worth It 60”	:60
March of Dimes – Fundraising		
1/3	“Addiction Disease”	:30
LRADAC – Drug addiction is treatable		
1/3-3/30	“Birds”	:15
Ad Council – Childhood obesity		
1/23-3/30	“Coloring Book 10”	:10
Ad Council – Proper diet for kids		
1/3-1/4	“Coloring Book 15”	:15
Ad Council – Proper diet for kids		
1/1	“Still Time For a Shot 60”	:60
NFID – Flu vaccinations		

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Civic Responsibilities

(including need for volunteerism, lack of trust in elected officials, need for recreational facilities for families, safer streets and highways, increased pride in the community, littering, Homelessness, welfare reform, role modeling for youth, church involvement in charities, accountability for charities,)

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-11-08

Here in South Carolina State Senator Joel Lourie will co-sponsor a bill to help curb the number of car accidents involving teenagers. According to the National Safety Council, drivers 16-to-24, years old make up 14% of motor vehicle accidents. Lourie feels the state can reduce that number by requiring defensive driver training for 15 and 16 years olds.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-13-08

The City Lexington is taking a strong stand against sex offenders. Town Council unanimously approving an ordinance preventing sex offenders preventing sex offenders from living or loitering within 2,000 feet of schools churches, parks playgrounds and other sites where children might gather. It does not apply to the six registered offenders currently living in Lexington unless they choose to move elsewhere in town. The plan originally called for a 2500 foot guideline but was softened after concerns about that being excessive. Lexington is holding off on a final vote until getting input from Attorney General Henry McMaster.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-31-08

Public Schools officials are hoping "ADS" inside school buses will bring in millions of dollars for the state and school districts school. Transportation Director Donald Tudor says, ads above windows could bring in as much as three-million dollars in their first year and could double that in the second year. It is up to the individual districts to decide whether they want the ads.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-19-08

The Richland County council is taking up the digital billboard debate. Council members decided to push three proposals forward to the next meeting on March 4. That meeting will be open to the public. Several digital billboards are already up and operating with the Columbia City Limits. Some people like them others feel they are a dangerous eyesore.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-06-08

There are 67 armories in this state. National Guard officials say 57 of them are in need roof repairs. All of the needed work totals about 50 million dollars. Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Hamrick is the facility manager at the armory in Batesburg-Leesville. That facility was built in 1961 and now has a leaky roof. Hamrick says they need to be able to keep up with U. S. Military demands. As a start Guard leaders are asking state lawmakers to allocate 3 million dollars for immediate repairs. The Pentagon says they will match whatever the state allocates.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-06-08**

Major Florence is also speaking out this morning about the county's gang graffiti problems. Investigators say gang signs are popping up in the Southside of the city of Sumter. The biggest problem area is South of highway 15 along the Clarendon County Line. The department isn't saying which gangs are involved but they are saying the graffiti is sending message to a rival gang. More than 25 homes were vandalized with the gang graffiti.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-15-08**

A South Carolina Senate Committee has approved a bill to allow gambling in churches. The bill would let churches and other non-profit groups hold card games for charity. The state association of nonprofit organizations says groups want to raise money through events like casino nights.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-19-08**

Illegal immigration is an issue Americans have been following for years. It is something affecting states across the country including South Carolina. Some state lawmakers say the federal government is not doing enough. Therefore, it is South Carolina turn to fix the problem. However, local immigrants are not happy about state plans.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-12-08**

An old swindle with a new trick is hitting the Midlands. The Department Of Consumer Affairs is warning consumers not to give out their social security numbers in exchange for opting out of junk mail. A Lexington man says he responded to a mortgage loan letter promising to opt him out of junk mail. When he called a number listed on the pamphlet, he nearly became an identity theft victim. The Department says if consumers do not feel comfortable with a call just hang up the phone.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-14-08**

Richland County planners estimates by the year 2035 the county will grow by 40% in population. This has the county conservation commission wondering how the increase will affect the ecological system and water quality. The Commission held a workshop dealing with those issue.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-14-08**

The Senators have unanimously approved a bill requiring both public and private employers to check the legal status of their employees. The bill requires businesses with public and private employees to check the legal status of their employees. The bill requires businesses with public contracts to hire employees who have an approved driver's license or use a federal program to check their legal status. But it will also give private businesses a third option of using a federal from meant to verify that employees are authorized to work in the Country.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-29-08**

A bill heading to the house would give people wrongfully convicted up to \$50,000.00 for their time spent in prison. Before receiving payment a conviction would have to be reversed by a court and the victim found innocent. The proposal limits payments to no more than \$15,000 for each year served in prison up to a maximum payment of \$50,000.00 total

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

3-11-08

The State’s unemployment rate is heading in the right direction. Officials say a housing slump and seasonal hiring kept the January unemployment rate at 6.1% - that is down slightly from 6.2% in December. The national rate also dropped to 4.9%.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-14-08

A recent study says South Carolina women still trail in earnings and make less than women in most other states. The report by “Women Policy Research” shows women earn about 74 cents for every dollar earned by men. The study also shows more South Carolina women were living in poverty in 2005 than in 1999.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

3-19-08

The Columbia City Council candidates are talking green. .S.C. Green Squad sponsored a forum with the candidates regarding conservation and environmental issues. The candidates debated growth water concerns and the promotion of “green” energy practices.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-17-08

Mayor Bob Coble and City Council members will meet with representatives of the gang task force. Sheriff Leon Lott and members of the gang research team will also be there they will review a recently completed assessment of gang activity in Columbia and Richland County. This meeting is closed to the public but the outcome of the review will be discussed in a public meeting at a later date we’ll keep you posted

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

3-18-08

Governor “Mark Sanford” will push for tougher DUI laws and crackdown on illegal immigration during a conference scheduled for later. Lawmakers continue debating a bill that would be tougher on first-time DUI offenders. In addition, provide stiffer punishment for drunken drivers who are grossly intoxicated.

Public Service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to Civic Responsibilities, including need for volunteerism, community pride, combating littering, and other miscellaneous topics. Announcements were varying in length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times January 1 through March 31, 2008:

1/5-1/13	“Splash – 20”	:20
Bonnevillle Communications – Try Your Best		
1/3-1/13	“Splash – 60”	:60
Bonnevillle Communications – Try Your Best		
1/3-1/13	“Cupcake Girls – 60”	:60
Bonnevillle Communications - Sharing		
3/7-3/16	“Life Is Frustrating 60”	:60
IRS – Efiling tax returns		

1/1-2/10 IRS – E-filing tax returns	“Life Is Frustrating 30”	:30
1/4-1/18 IRS – E-filing tax returns	“Life Is Frustrating 15”	:15
1/5-3/30 Army National Guard - Recruitment	“Reflection of Honor 15”	:15
1/5-1/8 Army National Guard - Recruitment	“Own Words-Parents Combo”	:30
3/23 Army National Guard – Recruitment	“Cape May”	:30
2/15-2/17 PETA – Care for pets in cold weather	“Cold Weather”	:30
1/3-3/23 NASA – Astronaut recruiting	“Diversity”	:30
1/3-3/30 NASA – Astronaut recruiting	“Women”	:30
1/3-3/30 Harlem Globetrotters – Food pickup by postal workers	“Food Drive 15”	:15
1/3-3/30 Harlem Globetrotters – Food pickup by postal workers	“Food Drive 30”	:30
3/22-3/30 WACH-TV – Remind viewers to think carefully before acting	“Pause.com”	:30
1/23-3/29 SCBA/NCSA/PFST – Robot competition among HS students 3/28-29	“Regional Robotics 15”	:15
1/11-3/29 SCBA/NCSA/PFST – Robot competition among HS students 3/28-29	“Regional Robotics 30”	:30
1/26-3/29 SCBA/NCSA/PFST – Robot competition among HS students 3/28-29	“Regional Robotics 60”	:60
2/17-3/7 SC Employment Securities Commission – Salute to SC workers	“Salute to SC Workforce”	:30
1/13-3/30 SC Student Loans – Loans for college	“SC Student Loans”	:30

PROGRAMS PROVIDING MOST SIGNIFICANT TREATMENT OF COMMUNITY ISSUES

Business and Economic Development

(including need for high tech companies in the state, poor labor market for economic development)

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-07-08

It is a new year and a new proposed budget. Governor Sanford's 2008-2009 spending plan is six point eight billion dollars - more than 300 million less than last year. State Senator John Courson thinks it is a good document. However, Sanford says in the last five years spending is up

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-09-08

A new automobile plant will bring thousands of jobs to Georgia. Kia is opening a plant in Lagrange that will make the Sorrento SUV. The South Korea- based company says about nine thousand people have already turned in applications online.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-18-08

South Carolina's unemployment rate the rate jumped significantly in December to 6.6 percent from 5.5 percent the previous month. State Labor Market Analysts Stephen Gardner says it is the highest month-to-month increase in at least 17 years.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-14-08

The State Department of Commerce says 2007 was another record-breaking year for the recruitment of jobs and investment to South Carolina. Commerce Department officials say recruitment of nearly 16,000 jobs last year shattered the record set in 2006.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

1-23-08

The City of Columbia and the United States Housing and Urban Development Department are working to give homes to the needy. Tuesday officials announced an imitative to replace abandoned houses in the Belmont Community that is a federally designated empowerment zone off North Main Street. Replacement brick homes are being built where the houses originally stood. Henry Hopkins with the Eau Claire Development Corporation says it is not just an effort to provide affordable housing but will also serve as a model of success for future developments.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

1-28-08

Economic development officials is also getting into some uncharted waters in Fairfield County. Construction is about to start on a roughly 50 thousand square foot building in a growing industrial park area in Fairfield County. The hope being that something like that would be more attractive to a potential employer because they could more easily move into an existing space rather than building their own.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-04-08**

Housing prices has slipped in half of the cities in this country, but that is not exactly the story in South Carolina. Experts say the Palmetto State is experiencing a mild real estate recession and that the housing economy is relatively healthy considering the situations in other parts of the country. The good news recent federal numbers say home prices in the Columbia area have increased more than six percent since last year.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-04-08**

Electric parts maker Lamson & Sessions says it will close a warehouse in Columbia by May and put 87 people out of work. Lamson & Sessions was bought by Tennessee-based Thomas & Betts last November. A Thomas & Betts spokeswoman says the company wants to be able to ship whole orders from a single distribution facility.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-16-08**

Since early 2007 some folks have been trying to incorporate the small community of Ballentine to make it an official town so they can have more say on where their money goes but it hasn't happened in 50 years in Richland County. In 12 hours more than 1300 people came to the polls. Now both supporters and critics say no matter how folks voted, people in Ballentine show they care about their small communities future. The voters have spoken - there will be no new town in Richland County anytime soon. Saturday night the residents in Ballentine White Rock and the Hilton area voted against the plan. About 950 voted in the referendum almost 700 people voted against establishing a roughly 5 and half square mile town in the area. Opponents worried the plan could lead to higher taxes

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-19-08**

Good news for small business owners and employees, later this morning Governor Mark Sanford will sign a bill at Nuttall's Tire in Columbia that he says will give small businesses more flexibility to provide health insurance for their employees. The bill would help make health insurance more affordable for the employees of small businesses.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**2-11-08**

State budget forecasters are leaving their revenue estimate unchanged despite Governor mark Sanford's belief that a deep recession is coming. The Board of Economic advisors release their budget estimate. Members say even though they did not change their estimate a sluggish economy with state collections will not bring in enough to cover increase in education and health care. They say this will prompt cuts from lawmakers.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**2-12-08**

The Board of Economic Advisors has released their budget estimate and state budget forecasters are leaving their revenue estimate unchanged. Despite Governor Mark Sanford' s belief that deep recession is coming. This morning members are saying even though they didn't change their estimate a sluggish economy with state to cover increases in education and health care. They say this will have to cuts from lawmakers.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN

2-21-08

Governor Mark Sanford is taking issue with a house panel saying it is dangerous to pull money from reserve funds to balance the budget. House budget writers propose pulling reserve money from the Medicaid program to work out the seven billion dollar budget. No other state has ever done this.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-22-08

News from the State House Governor Mark Sanford is taking issue with a house panel saying it's dangerous to pull money from reserve funds to balance the budget. House budget writers propose pulling reserve money from the Medicaid program to work out the seven billion dollar budget. The House Ways and Means Committee also proposes using reserve money from the Barnwell Nuclear Waste Site.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-26-08

Owens-Corning says it is closing a fiberglass plant in Ridgeway leaving about 50 workers without a job. The Ridgeway plant makes fabric used to reinforce circuit boards and other products. A company spokesman told the state newspaper that the plant overlaps production at other U. S. locations.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-27-08

House Members are working to make South Carolina more attractive to filmmakers. They're talking to industry representatives about incentives including rebates on wages and supplies. House Speaker Bobby Harrell says the supply rebates can have a great impact on the states economy.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-27-08

Buy A Car Fix A Bridge that's what the state house is saying. A panel has approved a measure which would use taxes from the purchase of cars to help repair South Carolina roads and bridges. House Speaker Bobby Harrell says the legislation would generate more than 1-hundred-4million in taxes over the next years.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-29-08

Also coming to Columbia a new high rise! It will will be called the "Tower at Main and Gervais" Atlanta based holder properties is developing the project.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY

2-29-08

A new discount carrier will begin serving Columbia Metropolitan Airport. Spirit Airlines announced it will offer daily non-stop flights between Columbia and Fort Lauderdale, Florida beginning May 22nd. Fort Lauderdale is Spirit's hub. Doug Jennings says the airline will offer attractive deals for folks in the Midlands

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**3-13-08**

A controversial idea has been proposed to the County Council to lower property taxes. Sam Martin says video poker machines should replace property taxes and he has been collecting signatures from people who agree with him. He is asking the council to add a November ballot question asking voters if they want to legalize video gambling to lower property taxes.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**3-17-08**

The City of Columbia is working to help small businesses expand. Officials announced today the Business in Motion program, which will provide small businesses with the services and resources needed to continue to grow. Councilwoman Tameika Isaac Devine says, "businesses and Columbia should grow together."

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**3-21-08**

State Senators are urging Governor Mark Sanford to seek an extension to comply with federal identification requirements. Governor Sanford is trying to decide whether to ask for the extension for the I.D. program before the March 31 deadline. If there is no extension, South Carolinians may face hassles boarding airplanes and entering federal buildings. Governor Sanford has said the requirements are costly and impractical.

WACH FOX NEWS AT TEN**3-04-08**

At the State Capitol the house has approved an identity theft protection bill. It would allow you to put a security freeze on your credit which means no new loans or credit would be approved. Senate Banking and Insurance Committee Chair David Thomas praises house members and consumer advocates for working to pass the bill.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-04-08**

South Carolina is one of the top in the nation for having strong identity theft legislation. The newly approved bill also requires companies and state agencies to notify customers when a security breach occurs. Next week lawmakers hope to have a compromise on a proposed illegal immigration bill. A House-Senate Conference Committee met yesterday to begin hashing out differences in their separate bills. Both versions require public employers to check employee status. The Senate proposal also extends that requirement to private businesses.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-05-08**

State lawmakers are moving forward with a bill to allow judges to enforce new penalties on DUI offenders. Punishment would include wearing special monitoring equipment, also not being allowed to drink alcohol for several months. The bill won key approval in the senate yesterday.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-05-08**

South Carolina would not recognize new common law marriages after July under a bill being debated in the senate. Supporters say the state needs the law because common law marriages can be murky when it comes to deciding rights to property and children. The House Bill would allow people currently considering themselves to be married without a license to get one free. South Carolina is only one of eight states recognizing common law marriages.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-07--08**

Governor Mark Sanford is asking for a stronger immigration bill from both the House and Senate. Sanford says that both chambers have made the issue a priority but they are not strong enough. Currently both versions require public agencies and businesses with public with public contracts to hire employees with an approved drivers licenses or to use a federal program to ensure their employees are legally in The United States.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-13-08**

The House has given key approval to a 7.2 billion dollar budget. House members will give their final vote today on the budget before sending it to the senate. The plan relies heavily on raiding 'reserve accounts' and cutting spending by more than 4%. Governor Mark Sanford is criticizing the plans to take money from surplus accounts. Under the bill, nearly 900 kids may be dumped from a day care program that helps foster parents and women living in shelters. The State Department of Social Services cut a request for more money by \$6 million. Nearly half of that came from program that provides childcare vouchers for women on welfare programs and parents living below the poverty level. DSS cut the money request to conform to Governor "Mark Sanford's" philosophy to not fund new programs without a steady source of revenue.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-14-08**

Governor Mark Sanford says he is working to restore child care vouchers for moms in shelters. Yesterday we told you how the Department of Social Services cut a request for state money by 6 million dollars. Now Sanford and his staff say the vouchers are important because it allows mothers to leave children in a safe place while they look for housing and a job. In addition, the states 7.2 billion dollar budget is on its way to the Senate.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-19-08**

A bill banning automated political phone calls is before a Senate panel this week. Automatically dialed phone calls already are illegal in South Carolina, but the calls were made frequently anyway during the Presidential primary season. Pickens Senator Larry Martin says the bill would close a loophole in the law.

WACH FOX NEWS GOOD DAY**3-20-08**

A bill that encourages businesses and homeowners to install fire sprinkler systems has stalled in a Senate committee. The call came after nine Charleston Firefighters died in a furniture store blaze. The bill has been sent back to a subcommittee for more discussion.

Public Service Announcements

The station aired Public Service Announcements that pertained to business and economic development. Announcements were varying in length (:10, :15, :20, :30, and :60); each PSA aired multiple times July 1 through September 30, 2007: