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ISSUE – Politics

WMRA News Story: Dueling Lexington Parades Show Stark Political Divide (5:39 min)

1/16 William Faulkner famously wrote that ‘The past is never dead. It's not even past.’ And nowhere is that more evident than in Lexington, Virginia. A tale of two cities played out there this past weekend, as rival groups took to the streets to celebrate two very different holidays: Lee-Jackson Day, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. WMRA’s Jordy Yager has the story.

WMRA News Story: Local Activists Attend Women's March (5:15 min)

1/23 One day after Donald Trump’s inauguration, the largest protest against a new president took place in Washington, D.C., and in cities around the world. WMRA’s Jessie Knadler caught up with a few locals who helped spearhead efforts to get people from our area to the Women's March on Washington, and she also was in Washington, for this report on the massive protest in the nation’s capitol.

WMRA News Story: Virginians Rally Against Trump's Muslim Ban (1:25 min)

1/29 In cities and airports across the nation this weekend protesters responded to the recent executive order signed by President Trump that bans immigrants from seven countries with Muslim majorities. WMRA’s Christopher Clymer Kurtz filed these excerpts from what people had to say at a rally in Harrisonburg yesterday.

WMRA News Story: Justice Ginsburg Speaks at VMI, an Institute She Transformed (4:20 min)

1/31 Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visits Virginia Military Institute in Lexington on Wednesday, February 1. This is significant because Justice Ginsburg had a profound impact on the school by writing the majority opinion in a landmark case that forced the all male Institute to admit women. WMRA’s Jessie Knadler examines the impacts of that case.

WMRA News Story: Charlottesville Takes an Official Stand (1:18 min)

1/31 Executive orders from President Trump affecting immigrants and refugees have spurred city officials in Charlottesville to take an official stand of opposition. WMRA’s Jordy Yager has the story.

WMRA News Story: Ginsburg at VMI: "All Doors Must Be Open" (2:20 min)

2/2 Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg visited Virginia Military Institute yesterday to talk about the case that transformed the school. WMRA's Jessie Knadler filed these excerpts from the event.

WMRA News Story: A Virginia Lawmakers Battle Again Over Women's Health (5:02 min)

2/2 During the presidential debates, President Trump pledged to send abortion "back to the states." That means that regardless of what ultimately happens with the Supreme Court and Roe v. Wade, advocates on both sides of the abortion issue should be paying close attention to what's happening in their state legislature. And here in Virginia, there's a LOT going on in the area of women's reproductive rights and health. WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente reports.

WMRA News Story: Friday General Assembly Roundup (5:02 min)

2/3 Our weekly roundup of events in Virginia's State Capital. From our partner station WCVE in Richmond, Craig Carper speaks with Richmond Times Dispatch Political Columnist Jeff Shapiro.

WMRA News Story: Protestors Gather Again at Republican Congressman Tom Garrett's Office (1:16 min)

2/7 Protests against President Trump's agenda continued in Charlottesville this week. WMRA's Jordy Yager has the story.

WMRA News Story: Protesters Rally to Defund -- and Defend -- Planned Parenthood (4:44 min)

2/13 This weekend, anti-abortion advocates protested at Planned Parenthood clinics around the country. And pro-choice advocates rallied in response — in Staunton and Charlottesville. WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente spoke with a few advocates on both sides of the issue at the Charlottesville rallies.

WMRA News Story: After the Women's March, What's Next? (4:01 min)

2/13 The pink pussy cat hats of the Women's March may have been taken off, but a spirit of rebellion on the local level has swept up and down the Shenandoah Valley. WMRA's Jessie Knadler has this survey of activist groups that have mushroomed in the wake of the election, dedicated to resisting the new Administration.

WMRA News Story: Trump Voters on President Trump's First Few Weeks (4:32 min)

2/16 We are one month into the Trump administration and ample attention has been paid to the growing activism and protests against it. But what about those who support President Trump? WMRA's Jessie Knadler caught up with a handful of Trump voters in Rockbridge County to find out how they think the new President is doing.

WMRA News Story: Friday General Assembly Roundup (5:12 min)

2/17 With one week left in Virginia's Legislative session, it's time to check in on this past week's events in Virginia's State Capital. From our partner station WCVB in Richmond, Craig Carper speaks with Richmond Times-Dispatch Political Columnist Jeff Shapiro.

WMRA News Story: Friday General Assembly Roundup (3:07 min)

2/24 To recap this final week of Virginia's Legislative session, we turn to Virginia Public Radio's Michael Pope and Luke Church.

WMRA News Story: A People's Town Hall for Bob Goodlatte (2:03 min)

2/24 After a whirlwind first month of the new Congress — lawmakers took a recess this week, and many are facing the music back home. Constituents have gotten vocal, and are demanding face time. Jessie Knadler was in southwest Virginia for what was originally scheduled to be a town hall meeting with Congressman Bob Goodlatte.

WMRA News Story: Call for Congressman Goodlatte Town Hall in Harrisonburg (4:23 min)

3/2 This weekend, area protesters will again assemble in Harrisonburg and Staunton. But the protests will be less about resisting President Trump than they will be about something closer to home... or rather about bringing Congressman Bob Goodlatte closer to home for a visit. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.

ISSUE – Arts/Culture

WMRA News Story: UVA Memorial (5:22 min)

2/27 A team of designers are set to unveil their latest proposals for a memorial to the enslaved men and women who built and operated the University of Virginia for much of the 19th century. WMRA's Jordy Yager has more.

WMRA News Story: The Virginia Slave Who Mailed Himself to Freedom (1:17 min)

3/3 Henry “Box” Brown was born into slavery in Louisa County. At 15, he was sent to Richmond. Today, a group of musicians has chosen to honor Brown's story with a song about his escape. They performed recently during a Black History Celebration on Virginia's Northern Neck.

WMRA News Story: Exploring the 'Art of Failure' (1:28 min)

3/7 Last night, a crowd gathered at the Christ Episcopal Church in Charlottesville. Not to celebrate faith, but to explore failure. The event was the latest installment of a popular speaker series focused on Charlottesville artists and sponsored by the New City Arts Initiative and the Garage. Emily Richardson-Lorente was in attendance.

WMRA News Story: The Hidden World of Stolen Art and Artifacts (4:40 min)

3/14 Where does the art you enjoy in any given exhibit come from? The Department of Art and Art History at Washington and Lee in Lexington collaborated with the University's Roger Mudd Center for Ethics to host a conference in early March that looks at the ethics of acquiring cultural heritage objects around the globe. It's an open secret in the art world that many objects are stolen. WMRA's Jessie Knadler filed this report.

WMRA News Story: Joseph Stiglitz, Kwame Alexander Headline 23rd Festival of the Book (3:44 min)

3/21 The 23rd annual Virginia Festival of the Book kicks off Wednesday, March 22 in Charlottesville with some pre-festival events planned for as early as Tuesday evening. WMRA's Sefe Emokpae spoke with organizers and several authors for this preview of what attendees can expect.

WMRA News Story: An Artist for the Downtrodden in JMU Exhibit (1:29 min)

3/31 An exhibition centering on the artwork of Ben Shahn has attracted a stream of visitors to James Madison University. Shahn advocated for the downtrodden from the 1930s through the 1960s. WMRA's Bonnie Barrineau reports.

ISSUE – Society

WMRA News Story: The Housing Divide (5:18 min)

1/11 The cost of living has steadily risen in Charlottesville, as has the average income. But what happens when the city's lowest wage earners can no longer afford to live there? WMRA's Jordy Yager has this report on the state of affordable housing in Charlottesville.

WMRA News Story: Finding Guidance from Writer James Baldwin (3:33 min)

1/16 At this time of great political change and uncertainty, some Charlottesville residents are looking to history for direction. Their guide is the writer James Baldwin, as WMRA's Miranda Bennett reports.

WMRA News Story: Zoning and Gentrification Debated in Charlottesville (1:15 min)

2/22 Nearly 200 people showed up Tuesday evening to learn about zoning and housing regulations in Charlottesville. WMRA's Jordy Yager has this report.

WMRA News Story: Sheltering the Homeless From Winter Nights (5:21 min)

2/23 In 2004, religious congregations in Charlottesville formed a coalition to prevent homeless people from freezing overnight in the winter. Today, that group shelters more than 200 people, 150 nights out of the year. WMRA's Jordy Yager has this report.

WMRA News Story: International Women's Day in Charlottesville (3:49 min)

3/9 Yesterday, in honor of International Women's Day, some women stayed home from work, others wore red and hit the streets to protest, and still others got together to

celebrate. WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente went to one such celebration in Charlottesville.

WMRA News Story: Women's Day Rally in Harrisonburg (1:14 min)

3/13 Last Wednesday was International Women's Day. To celebrate, local organizers held a march in Harrisonburg from the Rockingham County Administration Building to a rally at Court Square on Saturday. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz filed this report.

ISSUE – Education

WMRA News Story: Teens Find a Way to Help 'Seniors Connect' to Technology (4:53 min)

1/12 If you've ever grown frustrated trying to explain some super simple technology — like texting — to an older person, OR if you're a senior citizen frustrated by the condescending way your grand-kid told you that texting is “super simple,” this story by WMRA's Emily Richardson-Lorente is for you.

ISSUE – Environment/Energy

WMRA News Story: An 'Electric' Avenue of New Car Options (4:13 min)

1/4 High-end electric vehicles such as Tesla's Models S and X are fast, powerful, glamorous -- and also expensive. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz wanted to know more about the view from inside a more subtle -- and affordable -- electric car.

WMRA News Story: Buckingham Approves Pipeline Component, Against Opposition (1:22 min)

1/6 The Buckingham County Board of Supervisors voted late Thursday night to approve a compressor station as part of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. WMRA's Jordy Yager reports.

WMRA News Story: Environmentalists Decry Preliminary Approval of Pipeline (3:57 min)

1/24 The proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline is undergoing regulatory review. Anti-pipeline and environmental groups are not satisfied with a recent report -- called a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, or DEIS -- from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, (FERC). WMRA's Jessie Knadler reports.

WMRA News Story: A Concrete Solution for Disappearing Oyster Reefs? (4:54 min)

1/25 According to the Nature Conservancy, 85% of the world's native oyster reefs have disappeared — including most of those in the Chesapeake Bay. Scientists and environmentalists are working hard to rebuild some of those lost reefs, but one of the

most promising solutions yet may be from a Charlottesville woman with no science degree, but a unique obsession. Emily Richardson-Lorente has the story.

WMRA News Story: Tracking American Kestrels in Virginia (4:16 min)

2/8 The American kestrel is North America's smallest falcon, and across Virginia and other states, efforts are underway to study and save this raptor. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz accompanied one couple whose kestrel nesting boxes dot the countryside of northern Rockingham County.

WMRA News Story: Conservationists Promote the Long View (4:47 min)

2/9 Yesterday we brought you an account of trapping and banding a kestrel in the Shenandoah Valley Raptor Study Area. Today, WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz explores the current balancing act between human development and wildlife -- and asks about the long view.

WMRA News Story: New Solar Options for Homeowners (1:23 min)

3/6 Home and business owners thinking about going solar can learn more about a cost-cutting and helpful option at several meetings in the Valley this week. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz reports.

ISSUE – Health

WMRA News Story: Rural Medicine and UVa's Telemedicine Program (3:35 min)

1/2 Rural Virginia still struggles with not having enough doctors – particularly specialists. But one University of Virginia program is working on trying to bridge that gap by providing a variety of telemedicine services. WMRA's Kara Lofton reports.

ISSUE – Refugees

WMRA News Story: New Anxiety for Harrisonburg's Refugees and Immigrants (4:54 min)

2/21 A recent Brookings Institution report named Harrisonburg as one of the top ten communities in the United States in terms of the proportion of immigrants from the seven countries on President Trump's temporary travel ban. WMRA's Christopher Clymer Kurtz spoke with several people in Harrisonburg whose lives and work are being affected by the recent turmoil in immigration and refugee policy.