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COMMUNITY ISSUES IN THE 2ND QUARTER OF 2014

What were the issues in our community? Read on.

AFTERMATH OF NARH CLOSURE AND EFFORTS TO RE-OPEN:
After the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital in March, local groups of citizens and healthcare workers dug in with efforts to restore a full service hospital to the Northern Berkshires. Berkshire Health Systems eventually purchased Northern Berkshire Healthcare, the operating body of NARH, at Bankruptcy auction – and re-opened the hospital's emergency facility. It's a great first step, but the healthcare workers and citizens are still pushing for a full service hospital, and have been meeting weekly at the American Legion Hall in North Adams. This is a county-wide issue as the people of the northern Berkshires are being forced to get their major healthcare needs met elsewhere in the county.

SECOND OF THREE MURDER TRIAL HELD IN TRIPLE MURDER CASE:
The second of three men charged in a triple murder went to trial and was found guilty this quarter. 47 year old David Chalue of North Adams was found guilty in the kidnapping, torture and killings of three Pittsfield men in August 2011 with the help of Adam Lee Hall and Caius Veiovis. Adam Lee Hall was previously convicted on three murder charges and was given consecutive life sentences. Chalue received a similar sentence. Caius Veiovis is scheduled to go on trial in September.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE TOWNS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS:
Every town in the Berkshires holds an annual town election and annual town meeting in this quarter, and the Northern Berkshires is no exception. The towns of Adams, Williamstown, Clarksburg, Florida, Savoy, Cheshire, and others hold elections each May and June to elect people to seats on local boards and various town government positions. During the same period town meeting voters gather to pass municipal and school budgets.

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City Talk

City Talk is a 30 minute public affairs program focusing on the city of Pittsfield and its workings. Guests include local lawmakers, educators, city officials, city councilors, etc. The program is hosted by Gamma Broadcasting News Director Tom Conklin and airs on AM1420 WBEC on Friday's at 11:30AM and – and also repeats on Sunday mornings on AM1420 WBEC, 100.1 WUPE-FM, WUPE-AM and LIVE 95.9 FM.

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CITY TALK – GUESTS 2014

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NO SHOWS

MAY

5/02/14 – Mayor Dan Bianchi – On city government and happenings in Pittsfield

05/09/14 – Superintendent of Schools, Jake McCandless – Taconic HS Renovations

05/16/14 – Community Connection director, Adam Hinds – Youth gang involvement

05/23/14 – At Large City Councilor, Chris Connell – City issues

05/30/14 – Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless – Heroin Addiction/Murder Trials

JUNE

06-06-14 – RE-AIR: Superintendent of Schools, Jake McCandless (from 05/09/14)

06-13-14 – Recreation Activities Director, Rebecca Tefft/ Mayor Bianchi – Local Events

06-20-14 – Cultural Development Director, Jen Glockner – City Happenings

06-27-14 – Mayor Dan Bianchi – Happenings at City Hall/Pittsfield Government

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NEWS

This is a sample of news copy presented on the air on the air during a normal broadcast day.

The Berkshire News Network provides extensive and rounded coverage of stories throughout Berkshire County. Stories are shared between stations on a routine basis.

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NA 04-01-14

HEALTH CONNECTOR HELPING TO INSURE NARH EMPLOYEES (NA)

A statewide effort by multiple organizations is looking to sign up former North Adams Regional Hospital employees for health insurance to provide temporary coverage. The executive director of Ecu-Health Care, Chip Joffe-Halpern, told the Berkshire Eagle that at least 300 people have lost their health insurance, probably many more, as a result of the hospital's closing. Massachusetts Health Connector officials reached out to Ecu-Health Care last week, sending four staff members to coordinate efforts to help employees get health coverage quickly. 14 representatives from several organizations will be on site today and tomorrow, including Health Care for All of Boston, Hilltown Community Health Center of Huntington, Caring Health Center of Springfield, Advocacy for Access of Pittsfield, and Community Health Programs of Great Barrington.

BERKSHIRE FOOD PROJECT LOOKS TO LEND A HAND TO NARH EMPLOYEES (NA)

As many as 530 people lost their jobs on Friday with the closing of North Adams Regional Hopsital. Though the former staff members will be eligible for unemployment benefits, it could take several weeks for those checks to come in. Valerie Schwarz, executive director of the Berkshire Food Project, has started a GoFundMe campaign to purchase gift cards for former hospital employees. The goal is set a $3,000, and Schwarz raised more than $2,000 in just the first two days the website was active. She is hoping the gift cards can be used as a temporary way to fill up a gas tank or buy groceries until unemployment benefits kick in.

NORTH BERKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICES ADAPTING (NA)

The closing of North Adams Regional Hospital has forced ambulance services in the northern Berkshires to re-evaluating their resources and turnaround times. The services are all facing longer drives to critical care centers in Pittsfield and Bennington, Vt. The Berkshire Eagle reports all three ambulance services -- in Adams, North Adams and Williamstown -- are working to minimize the impact of longer drive times, especially for cases like cardiac episodes and strokes that require immediate care. The extended travel time also increases the need to have enough crews and vehicles on duty to handle emergency calls.

EDEN HILS WILL HAVE COMPETITION ON DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY (NA, GB)

More than 20,000 people are expected to attend the annual Divine Mercy Sunday weekend on April 26th and 27th at the National Shrine of The Divine Mercy, home of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception on Eden Hill in Stockbridge. Thousands of pilgrims travel from around the world to celebrate at the National Shrine on Eden Hill. Traditionally, the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy at Eden Hill in Stockbridge has been the focus for celebration of the Feast in Berkshire County. But this year, the Blessed John Paul II Parish in Adams will be vying for that honor when the feast takes place on April 27th. The Parish will kick of its celebrations at 3 p.m. on Good Friday at St. Stanislaus Kostka Mission church with a Divine Mercy Chaplet novena. On Divine Mercy Sunday itself, the Parish will hold Mass at each of its two church locations: one at St. Stanislaus Kostka church at 8 a.m. and the other at the former Notre Dame Church. Finally, the parish in Adams celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday will conclude with a Benediction and Chaplet service at St. Stanislaus Kostka church at 3 p.m.

NA 04-01-14

LEGISLATORS HEAR FROM COUNTY AGENCIES (All)

Legislators gathered for the 14th Annual Berkshire Legislative Breakfast on Friday at the Itam Lodge in Pittsfield. The event brings local lawmakers together to hear from the numerous county agencies that support people with disabilities. Agencies such as the Berkshire County Arc and United Cerebral Palsy were represented this year. Iberkshires.com reports that clients of the agencies and members of their families spoke directly to the panel of legislators and to the nearly 300 people in attendance on a variety of subjects. Five legislators were part of the panel — state Senator Ben Downing and state Representatives William "Smitty" Pignatelli, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Gailanne Cariddi and Paul Mark.

CELLULAR SERVICE STILL SPOTTY AFTER TOWER COLLAPSE (NA, P)

Emergency radio frequencies have been fully restored and the WUPE 100.1 FM radio signal has been at least partially restored, after the collapse of two radio towers at the Western Summit of Florida Mountain on Saturday night. However, cellular phone service for AT&T, Verizon and Sprint is still not functioning up to par. Spokesmen for both AT& T and Verizon said they expected service to be restored at some point last night. Cory Thurston, owner of North Adams Tower Company which owns and operates the towers, told the Berkshire Eagle that the priority was to restore service to the emergency radio frequencies used by police, fire and ambulance services. They never fully lost service because back-up systems are in place, but full service was restored by Sunday afternoon.

DEAL TO REOPEN NARH EMERGENCY ROOM AS BMC SATELLITE (P, NA)

According to the Massachusetts Nurses Association, officials from BMC and the state Department of Public Health spent yesterday working on the parameters of a licensing agreement that would allow Berkshire Medical Center to operate parts of North Adams Regional Hospital. Governor Patrick commented yesterday that he was working to get the emergency room open as soon as possible. There is also an effort underway to designate the hospital as a Critical Access Hospital, a designation that allows hospitals to receive cost-based reimbursement from Medicare, instead of standard fixed reimbursement rates. Congressmen Richard Neal had previously mentioned that was something that he was working on. BMC spokesman Michael Leary said the hospital had nothing to say beyond the comments that it had released on Friday.

NA 04-02-14

GOVERNOR PATRICK ADDRESSES NARH ISSUE AT MCLA YESTERDAY (All)

Governor Patrick was in North Adams yesterday for a morning press conference at MCLA regarding the status of restoring services at North Adams Regional Hospital. There wasn't a lot of new information to take away from what the governor had to say, but he did make it clear that he and other officials are doing everything they can to get at the very least emergency services restored at the hospital. Patrick confirmed that, at his request, Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield has applied to open the emergency Department at North Adams Regional as a Satellite Emergency Facility. How long it will take to get that application approved is uncertain. Governor Patrick says he is trying to expedite the process...

: 16 Patrick#1 Cue: some control over

The Governor also reiterated that BMC has already hired 75 or so of the former North Adams Regional Hospital personnel, and that if the emergency department is able to open again, it could lead to the addition of more jobs.

AG SAYS SHE WILL LOOK FOR ANSWERS AFTER SERVICES ARE RESTORED (All)

Attorney General Martha Coakley held a press at North Adams City Hall yesterday to discuss the ongoing efforts to re-establish emergency services at North Adams Regional Hospital. Coakley said that the first priority is to make sure that those services are put into place. After state and federal permitting has been settled and the emergency department has reopened, then the Attorney General's office will look for answers...

:16 Coakley#1 Cue: orderly wind down

Sitting by Coakley's side were State Senator Ben Downing, Mayor Richard Alcombright and State Representative Gailanne Cariddi.

*DOWNING LEADS COMMUNITY MEETING (All)

State Senator Ben Downing received a standing ovation yesterday for his part in the effort to give the city of North Adams its hospital back. He quipped, "I'll take the standing-o when we re-open the hospital, and we are gonna re-open the hospital" - and that drew thunderous applause. A very passionate crowd filled the American Legion Hall in North Adams yesterday to get an update and to speak their minds. Downing told the people in attendance that they are not alone, and that support for them is far reaching...

: 24 Downing#1 Cue: their own communities

Also in attendance yesterday were former hospital employees, representatives if the United healthcare Workers East, Mayor Alcombright, State Rep. Gailanne Cariddi, and representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator's Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren.

NA 04-02-14

ROCKWELL RED SOX PAINTING EXPECTED TO GO FOR UP TO $30,000 (All)

A New York City auctioneer says a Norman Rockwell painting of Boston Red Sox players could bring up to $30 million. The painting appeared on the cover of the March 2, 1957, issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The title is: "The Rookie (Red Sox Locker Room)." The painting isn't hanging at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge however. Christie's is offering it May 22nd with a pre-sale estimate of $20 million to $30 million.

CHP'S MOBILE MEDICAL VAN TO PROVIDE RELIEF SERVICES (NA, GB)

A South County health program is sending some help to the northern Berkshires. In response to the closing of North Adams Regional Hospital and their physician services, Community Health Programs in Great Barrington is sending a team of medical professionals to provide relief services on its 35-foot mobile medical van, which will be parked near the NARH emergency department today from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Dr. Michael Kaplan, one of CHP's Family Physicians will be on board, along with medical assistants to triage and see patients as needed. CHP is also partnering with Ecu-Healthcare and will send four Enrollment Specialists to assist people who have lost their health insurance get coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

CONTE HAS A NEW NAME (NA)

The North Adams School Committee on has approved a recommendation to name the former Conte and Drury school as Colegrove Park Elementary School. IBerkshires.com reports the naming committee had been mulling a number of possibilities raised by members, residents and the school community. According to School Committee policy, the new name should have some significance within the community. Jeremiah Colegrove owned a grist mill near where the School Department's Educational Center on West Main Street had been, and he or his family had owned the land, originally a cemetery, in front of Drury.

APRIL FOOLS DAY PRANK CAUSES SCHOOL DELAY IN WILLIAMSTOWN (NA)

Police are investigating an apparent April Fool's Day prank that forced a one-hour delay at Mount Greylock Regional School and Williamstown Elementary on yesterday morning. Police were called to the scene of the Dufour Tours bus lot on Main Street at 6:35 a.m. after Dufour personnel found that air had been let out of the tires on seven of eight buses on the lot.

NA 04-03-14

NARH MEDICAL STAFF DONATES $100,000 TO ECU-HEALTH CARE (NA)

The Medical Staff of North Adams Regional Hospital has donated approximately $100,000 to Ecu-Health Care, the health care access organization in North Adams. The donation was made on Tuesday by members of the medical staff to Chip Joffe-Halpern and the executive team of Ecu-Health Care. Dr. Jeffrey Bath says the Medical Staff shares the community's sadness at the loss of hospital services in northern Berkshire County. He says making the donation should go a long way to ensure continued access to healthcare. Joffe-Halpern expressed appreciation to the physicians and acknowledged the dedication of the providers for delivering quality care to the community, regardless of ability to pay. With the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital, the Medical Staff will no longer exist as an organization. The governing body of the Medical Staff voted April 1st to disperse the assets of the Medical Staff funds.

HOUSES PASSES MINIMUM WAGE HIKE (All)

The Massachusetts House has approved a bill that would increase the state's hourly minimum wage from $8 to $10.50 over the next two years. The legislation, which passed on a 123-24 vote, would also overhaul the state's unemployment insurance system and provide basic work standards and protections for nannies and other domestic workers. The Senate has already approved separate minimum wage and unemployment insurance bills. The Senate bill would increase the wage to $11 per hour over three years and link automatic increases to the rate of inflation. Massachusetts last increased the wage in 2008.

DOWNING AWARD GOES TO NBCC FOUNDER (All)

Northern Berkshire Community Coalition founder Alan Bashevkin is the winner of this year's Gerard D. Downing Service to Children Award. Bashevkin founded NBCC in 1986 with the idea of bringing the community together and providing an array of programs to create the best environment for children to grow up in. NBCC develops programs to combat poverty and hunger, and provides resources to neighbors and parents. Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless presented the award last night. The award, named for the late and former District Attorney Gerard Downing, is presented each year to someone who has made an impact in fighting child abuse. It is given out by the Berkshire County Sexual Assault Intervention Network, which is a collaboration of local services combating child abuse.

MOVEMENT ON THE LEHOVEC SITE (NA)

Williamstown's Public Safety Building Study Committee has decided to take two steps that it hopes will move it closer to making a decision on a potential site for a joint fire-police facility. IBerkshires.com reports the committee will ask the estate of Kurt Lehovec whether it will allow town-hired engineers to do test borings and wetlands delineation on the 3.7-acre Main Street parcel the estate owns. The committee will also to ask the town's procurement officer, Town Manager Peter Fohlin, to consult with the attorney for the Williamstown Fire District to decide whether the town can move forward on the property without issuing a request for proposals.

NA 04-03-14

FORMER NARH EMPLOYERS HOLD JOB FAIR (NA)

Former employees of the recently closed North Adams Regional Hospital looked toward securing their future yesterday, as more than a dozen regional health care employers held a job fair at the Clark House building at the hospital, providing job applications and other information. Other agencies such as the Berkshire Community Action Council provided applications for heating fuel and other forms of assistance for the newly unemployed.

TWO PRACTICES MOVING ACCORDNG TO WEBSITE (NA)

According to a post on the North Adams Regional Hospital website, two medical practices currently in Northern Berkshire Healthcare properties are moving into new offices. The move will however depend on details of the pending Northern Berkshire Healthcare bankruptcy. Berkshire Health Systems has agreed to provide administrative support to both practices to allow them to keep operating. Berkshire Health Systems spokesman Mike Leary says a final decision on relocation of the two practices has not been reached. According to the website, Northern Berkshire OB/GYN is set to relocate to 2 Park St. in Adams and Northern Berkshire Family Medicine is set to move to the Ambulatory Care Building at 77 Hospital Avenue in North Adams.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE HEARING PROPOSALS (NA)

The first developer to come before the Williamstown Affordable Housing Committee to discuss a proposal to develop the former Photech Mill property says the group's plans are preliminary. IBerkshires.com reports, the group led by Pittsfield's Berkshire Housing Development Corp. and Boston's Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, was the first to be interviewed by the committee, which plans to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen later this month about who to choose for both the Cole Avenue property and former town garage site. The committee will next interview representatives from the Boston based Arch Street Development, the only other developer to respond to the town's request for proposals.

NA 04-04-14

CHALUE LAWYERS FILE MOTIONS BEFORE TRIAL (All)

The lawyer for David Chalue, who is accused of the murders of three city men, is seeking to keep out information from three jailhouse informants scheduled to testify for the prosecution. The Berkshire Eagle reports attorney Donald Frank recently filed a number of motions in preparation for the triple murder case scheduled to begin April 22nd. The 47 year old Chalue of North Adams is alleged to have helped Adam Lee Hall and Caius Veiovis (VY-oh-veez) kid-nap, torture and kill three men in August 2011. Three informants who say Chalue made incriminating statements to them while they were in jail together were at the center of many of the lawyer's motions.

STREETSCAPE PROJECT GOES OUT TO BID (NA)

The Park Street streetscape project in Adams should have a contractor by the end of the month. The project has been in the planning stages for four years, and the town last year received a $900,000 Community Development Block Grant toward the project. The project went out to bid yesterday, and bids due back by April 10th. Construction on the project should start soon after the bids are opened, according to Town Administrator Jonathan Butler.

FARLEY BOUVIER TOUTS MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE (All)

State Representative Tricia Farley-Bouvier was among lawmakers who voted to pass a bill Wednesday that reforms the state's unemployment insurance system and raises the minimum wage. Farley-Bouvier said that the bill provides a tremendous amount of protections for workers and gives a significant bump to the minimum wage over the next three years. The minimum wage increase will be implemented in steps. The $8.50 wage will increase to $9.00 an hour effective July 1st of this year, to $10.00 an hour effective July 1st next year, and to $10.50 an hour in July of 2016. The tipped minimum wage will increase to $3.00, $3.35, and $3.75 an hour respectively.

WILLIAMSTOWN HOLDS SECOND INTERVIEW FOR HOUSING PROJECT (NA)

The Affordable Housing Committee in Williamstown held its second round of interviews of respondents to its recent requests for proposals to develop the former town garage site on Water Street and the former Photech property on Cole Avenue. IBerkshires.com reports only Boston's Arch Street Development submitted a plan to use both properties, and yesterday its principals met with the committee. Arch Street's proposal anticipates a 25-unit, four-story apartment house at 59 Water Street, and 60 units of apartments in a "series of townhouse clusters" at the Cole Avenue site.

04-04-14

NBH FILES FOR CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY (NA)

Northern Berkshire Healthcare yesterday filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection, which calls for the liquidation and sale of all the hospital's assets, and the dissolution of Northern Berkshire Healthcare. Judge John Agostini extended an emergency restraining order, until Tuesday, when attorneys will meet in Hampshire Superior Court in Northampton. The restraining order requires that all Northern Berkshire Healthcare equipment and materials remain at the hospital, and allow officials to re-establish emergency services at the hospital under the direction of Berkshire Medical Center, pending approval of permits. The order is being called into question because of the bankruptcy filing. The attorney for Northern Berkshire Healthcare argues that the Superior Court no longer has jurisdiction in the case because of the bankruptcy filing. The Attorney General's office says there are certain exceptions that allow the state court to maintain control of a case and this is one of those exceptions.

NBH FILES FOR CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY – Less Detailed Version (All)

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NURSES WILL HAVE SAY IN NARH TALKS (NA)

The Massachusetts Nurses Association, the labor union representing approximately 100 nurses that were recently laid off by the North Adams Regional Hospital when the facility closed its doors last Friday, has been granted what is called "intervenor status" in the hospital's bankruptcy case. That basically means that the union will have a say in any decision regarding the hospital and the nurses. The ruling by Judge John A. Agostini came during yesterday's Bankruptcy hearing in Berkshire Superior Court.

ADAMS HEALTH BOARD COPES WITH LOSS OF VNA (NA)

The Board of Health in Adams has approved a temporary Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network service – or "MAVEN" service – and has looked at options to replace visiting nurse services possibly lost in the closing of Northern Berkshire Healthcare. Iberkshires.com reports with the status of VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshires still uncertain, the board has been approached by different programs. The board funds public health nursing and MAVEN reporting and with North Adams Regional Hospital out of service, Adams has no working programs in place.

Epidemiologic (epp-ah-DEE-mee-oh-LO-jik)

NA-04-07-14

STATE POLICE INTRODUCE NEW MOBILE APPLICATION (All)

Mass State Police... There's an app for that. The Massachusetts State Police have a new mobile device app, which they say has many great features including a function that no other law enforcement agency is using: Push Notifications with Geo-fencing. This enables the law enforcement agency to immediately notify citizens with real-time alerts that are geographically configured. In response to the original posting about the app on the Mass State Police facebook page, some users commented that they were concerned that the geo-tracking could be used to monitor everyday citizen's activity. The description of the app says that the State Police do not have the ability -- or the desire -- to track individual users, and will never use the app to do so in the future. The sole purpose of the application is to deliver information related to public safety and the department. The app has several useful features including the ability for users to send in "tips" regarding suspicious activity.

LAWMAKERS CONTINUE PUSH TO RE-OPEN NARH EMERGENCY DEPT (All)

U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey and Congressman Richard Neal expressed their concerns about the closure of North Adams Regional Hospital on Friday in a letter to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator, Marilyn Tavenner. The lawmakers, in that letter, requested the agency to expedite the application of Berkshire Health Systems to restore emergency medical and hospice services at the hospital, given the importance of the facility to the northern Berkshire community. They further stressed that Berkshire Health Systems has been a successful Medicare provider. NARH, which has served the northern Berkshire community since 1885, closed its doors on March 28th after years of financial struggles.

BANK OFFERS FREE GAS CARDS TO FORMER NBH EMPLOYEES (NA)

Berkshire Bank is making an effort to help out former Northern Berkshire Healthcare employees. The North Adams branch of the bank will be offering $25 gas cards to the first two hundred individuals that visit the location beginning today. The gas cards are free and available to former Northern Berkshire Healthcare employees that were laid off last month, when the North Adams Regional Hospital and other Northern Berkshire Healthcare services shut down with little notice to its more than 500 employees. Officials of the bank, located at 37 Main Street in North Adams, say that the cards will be available while supplies last. Berkshire Bank is not alone in its effort to assist the former employees. On Thursday, the Northern Berkshire YMCA announced that free three- month memberships are available for former hospital employees, and the Chef's Hat in Williamstown donated $400 in gift cards to former staff members.

BANKRUPTCY HEARING SET FOR TODAY IN SPRINGFIELD (All)

Hearings on the bankruptcy proceedings for Northern Berkshire Healthcare and its subsidiary, Northern Berkshire Healthcare Physicians Group, are scheduled to take place today at 3pm in Springfield's Federal Courthouse. The board voted unanimously on April 2nd to file Chapter 7, which allows an appointed bankruptcy trustee to selling of assets to pay the claims of creditors. According to the petition that was filed, the healthcare system has between $500,000 and $1 million left in assets, but owes up to $50 million. The filings in the bankruptcy notice on Thursday included the top 20 unsecured creditors for each nonprofit organization.

NA-04-07-14

TOWN OF ADAMS BUSY WITH PROJECTS (NA)

The town of Adams is gearing up for a number of construction projects that will be significant for the town. Town Administrator Jonathan Butler says those projects include renovations at the Adams Memorial School and the Adams Library...

: 23 Butler – Cue: construction in May

That project will include the replacement of the roof and front entrance, as well as code and beautification upgrades. One of the other major projects is the Park Street Construction, which is out to bid. The bids are due back later this month and construction is expected to begin sometime in May.

WILLIAMS COLLEGE BUYS WILLIAMS INN (NA)

Williams College has purchased the Williams Inn. The announcement was made during a press conference on Friday afternoon. Marilyn and Carl Faulkner have owned and managed the Williams Inn on Main Street for 35 years. The couple announced that it was time for them to retire. IBerkshires.com reports the college, in turn, announced it has entered a partnership with Stockbridge's Main Street Hospitality Group to manage the inn. Main Street currently manages the Red Lion Inn, where the company was founded, and the Porches in North Adams, and it is part of the group working to develop Pittsfield's planned Hotel on North. As part of its agreement with the college, Main Street Hospitality has agreed to retain the entire 45-person staff at the inn (60 during peak seasons) for at least six months.

CLARKSBURG NO CLOSER TO HIRING ADMINISTRATOR (NA)

The search for a town administrator in Clarksburg has hit another road block. The two members of the town select board have twice met since their first choice, John Sanguinet of Plymouth, withdrew his application after salary negotiations failed. IBerkshires.com reports Selectman Jeffrey Levanos has argued that his second choice Carl McKinney should be appointed and Chairwoman Lily Kuzia (KOO-zuh) says that other applicants should be given a chance. The two selectmen remained at odds at their recent meeting, which adjourned without a resolution.

NA 04-08-14

NORTH ADAMS CITY COUNCIL HAS A BUSY AGENDA TONIGHT (NA)

The North Adams City Council meets tonight with a very busy agenda. One of the items that will be discussed is a communication submitted by councilor Benjamin Lamb on behalf of North Adams Chamber of Commerce President, Glenn Maloney in regards to a "Day of Service" in North Adams on April 27th. The communication invites the council members to attend the annual event in which community members from all aspects of life come together to clean, paint and otherwise beautify the City of North Adams. The day begins at 9:30am at the MCLA Church Street Center. Also on the agenda tonight is a pair of communications for Mayor Richard Alcombright recommending the re-appointment of Timothy Lescarbeau (Luh-SCAR-bo) and Michael Canales (cuh-NAL-iss) to the Hoosac Water Quality District.

BART SCHOOL EXPANSION ON TEMPERARY HOLD (NA)

Berkshire Arts & Technology Charter Public School is delaying its groundbreaking for a planned facility expansion of the school in Adams. The groundbreaking, which was originally scheduled for this coming Friday, has been put on temporary hold as the school responds to project bids that exceeded the school's budget for the project. BART executive director Julia Bowen say that they would like to keep the original scope of the project intact, but at the same time try to save some money...

:22 Bowen – Cue: within that budget

Bowen says that if the project does move forward this year, it would still have to be completed in time for the start of the 2014-2015 school year. The expansion plans include a stage, fitness facilities, and classroom space – among other items. ---- Bowen (BO-inn)

BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE: EMERCENCY SERVICES RESTORATION TOP PRIORITY (NA)

A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge agreed yesterday afternoon that reopening emergency services in the Northern Berkshires was a priority. Those services, however, may not necessarily end up on the campus of North Adams Regional Hospital. Iberkshires.com reports Judge Henry Boroff, presiding over the Chapter 7 liquidation filing of Northern Berkshire Healthcare, said that the first priority is to get emergency services up at this point. The state has licensed BMC to operate a satellite emergency facility, but further federal approvals are required. VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire and OB/GYN are also being restored but all could be off site. Representatives for BMC said the high cost of utilities for operating the Emergency Department and ancillary services at the hospital has the BMC officials looking at other locations.

NA 05-05-14

BMC WORKING WITHING UNION OWN CONTRACTS - HIRING FORMER NARH EMPLOYEES (All)

The unionized health care workers from the former North Adams Regional Hospital who are landing jobs as Berkshire Medical Center employees are doing so within the provisions of BMC's labor contracts with the unions. The Berkshire eagle reports officials with the Massachusetts Nurses Association and service workers' union 1199 SEIU say they have no substantive issues with the process as BMC sets up emergency and related services at the former hospital to open later this month. According to a statement from BMC parent company, Berkshire Health Systems, BHS works with both unions and will continue to do so.

BMC TO OPEN SATELLITE CARE CENTER – EAGLE (All)

Anyone seeking a primary-care physician and essential medical services has another choice beginning today. Berkshire Medical Center is opening the Lenox Family Health Center, a satellite outpatient department, at a new facility in the Lenox Commons mixed-use complex off Routes 7 and 20. Two physicians are relocating their practices from the Hillcrest Family Health Center in Pittsfield.

ADAMS TO DECIDE NEW TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (NA)

The town of Adams holds its Annual Town Election today. Voters will decide two races. Melissa McGovern-Wandrei and Kelly Rice are vying for the two years left on a term being vacated by retiring collector/treasurer, Holly Denault. Also on the ballot is a race for a three-year selectmen's seat. The polls will be open until 7 p.m. at the town Department of Public Works garage.

CHESHIRE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION TODAY (NA, P)

Voters in Cheshire will decide a three-way race for the one-year seat on the Board of Selectmen, as the town holds its Annual Election today. James Boyle, Robert Ciskowski and Karmen Field-Mitchell are running for the vacant seat. The polls in Cheshire are open from 9am to 7pm at the Senior Center on School Street.

CONCERTS AT WINDSOR LAKE RETURNING TO NORTH ADAMS (NA)

The City if North Adams will be busy with all kinds of events to attract visitors and entertain the local community this summer. Veronica Bosley, the city's Director of Tourism, says among those events is the return of the Concerts at Windsor Lake, which has been expanded this year. Bosley says there will be a wide range of musical genres...

: 20 Bosley – Cue: relaxing event

The concerts are being held at Windsor Lake each Wednesday, June 11th through August 27th. The concerts are tentatively set to start at 6:30pm and run go until 8 or 8:30 pm.

NA 05-05-14

PARK STREET PROJECT DRAWS ONLY 2 PROPOSALS (NA)

After receiving only two bids on its Park Street redesign project, the town of Adams may put out another request for proposals. The Berkshire Eagle reports the town is considering rebidding the estimated $710,000 renovation to its main corridor, according to Town Administrator Jonathan Butler. It could set the project's four-month timeframe back a few weeks. The renovation will be funded about 90 percent by a Community Development Block Grant awarded to the town in 2013. Park Street project entails new roads, sidewalks, and crosswalks as part of a beautification effort. The work will also include drainage improvements and a new fire hydrant. It will be the street's first major overhaul in 25 years.

MAYORS FITNESS CHALLENGE KICKED OFF FRIDAY (NA)

The North Adams Mayor's Fitness Challenge kicked off with fitness demonstrations at the Northern Berkshire YMCA on Friday night. The challenge will last for 10 weeks and participants will receive points depending on how much they work out or eat healthy. Mass in Motion project coordinator, Amanda Chilson, with the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition, said the challenge was created to bring the community together and increase the wellness of North Adams citizens.

NORTH ADAMS GIRL PRESENTED STATE'S YOUNG HERO AWARD (NA)

A North Adams six-year-old, Alexis Benoit, knew exactly what to do when her grandmother's kitchen caught fire. Get out... immediately. IBerkshires.com reports local firefighters credit Alexis' insistence they get out of the burning building with saving both of them, when Dolores Girard, her grandmother, thought that she could quash the blaze. They flagged down a passerby to call 911. Her quick thinking and bravery earned her a state Young Hero Award, one of less than 300 given out over the past two decades of the state's Student Awareness of Fire Education Program.

NA 05-06-14

SNOONIAN, RICE CRUISE TO VICTORY IN ADAMS ELECTION (NA)

The Town of Adams went to the polls yesterday, as the town held its Annual Election. IBerkshires.com reports that Adams Veteran Selectman Michael Ouellette has lost his seat on the board to newcomer Jeffrey Snoonian. The count was 711 to 450. Kelly Rice won the treasurer-collector's office over Melissa McGovern-Wandrei (WON-dree) by a count of 666 to 477. She will serve out the two years left on the three-year treasurer-collector term. In the only other race on the ballot, George Haddad handily beat out Dennis Gajda by a vote of 748 to 366 for the three-year seat on the Board of Assessors. That seat is being vacated by Lynn Avery. Town Clerk Haley Meczywor (MEZZA-wore) said 1,171 of the town's 5,861 registered voters – or about 20 percent- made it to the polls.

FLORIDA HOLDS ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION YESTERDAY (NA)

The town of Florida held its Annual Election yesterday. There was only one contested race on the ballot. Sara Russell-Scholl was elected to a three-year term on the school board. She defeated Darin Lane, 37 to 25, to replace Judy Embry, who decided not to seek re-election.

CHESHIRE VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS YESTERDAY (NA)

Voters in the town of Cheshire elected Robert Ciskowski to fill the unexpired term of Selectwoman Gloria Lewis, as the town held its Annual Election. Ciskowski garnered 275 votes to defeat James Boyle, who finished with 164 votes and Karmen Field-Mitchell who had 86 votes in all. Incumbent Selectman Paul Astorino held defeated his challenger, E. Richard Sholz by a tally of 288 to 241.

CLARKSBURG SEEKS NEW PRINCIPAL, CHANGES SCHOOL CHOICE POLICY (NA)

Clarksburg School will be looking for a new principal this summer. Principal Linda Reardon will retire in September after more than four years in the post. She had submitted her intention to retire at the last School Committee meeting. The committee also discussed the school budget for fiscal 2015 and concerns that it may not be acceptable to the town's Finance Committee. The total budget of $2,472,954 is up 2 percent, or about $48,000, over this year.

CHALUE TRIAL SEES PROSOCUTION WITNESS RELEASED (All)

The murder trial of David Chalue continues in Hampden Superior Court. A major prosecution witness has been released on personal recognizance after having his bail reduced from $1 million. The Berkshire Eagle reports that David Casey, who is charged with helping to bury the victims' bodies, was released on Thursday in response to a motion filed by Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless and Casey's attorney, Thomas Donohue Jr. -- Capeless said the request for the bail reduction was done for Casey's safety. Hampden Superior Court Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder allowed the motion after the 65 year old Casey, of Canaan, N. Y., testified against Chalue. The motion was not heard in open court.

A BIG CATCH FOR A NORTH ADAMS NATIVE NETS SECOND PLACE FINISH (NA)

North Adams resident Andrew Bostwick caught a 23.12 pound bass in the Hudson River in Troy, N.Y. this past weekend. IBerkshires.com reports that the catch netted him second place in the Ale House Striped Bass Tournament on Saturday. Last year, his first attempt in the tournament, one of his boat-mates came in third. This year, HE came in second — after leading most of the tournament.

NA 05-07-14

MNA PRESENTS FINDINGS ESTABLISHING VIABILITY OF FULL SERVICE HOPSITAL (NA)

As Berkshire Medical Center and local and state officials continue to work on re-establishing desperately needed health care services for Northern Berkshire County, researchers with the Massachusetts Nurses Association presented findings last night from a recently completed financial analysis of Northern Berkshire Health records over the last decade. The findings show that restoration of a full-service hospital is a viable and necessary option for the region, which serves more than 38,000 residents. The findings of the report were presented at the weekly Community Meeting at the American Legion Hall in North Adams last night. Ruth O'Hearn, RN, a long time nurse at North Adams Regional Hospital and an active Massachusetts Nurses Association member, says the report provides valuable information to support their contention that a satellite emergency service is only a small first step to meeting the needs of this community. Meanwhile, the report indicates that a series of bad investments based on "poor management" decisions led to the demise of North Adams Regional Hospital.

CHALUE CASE HEARS GRAPHIC AUTOPSY TESTIMONEY (All)

The David Chalue Murder trial continued yesterday in Hampden Superior Court. A medical examiner described in graphic detail – too graphic to describe here in their entirety – the wounds sustained by the three Pittsfield men that prosecutors say David Chalue helped to murder. Gunshot holes, gaping slices, and broken bones were among the wounds found on the bodies of David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell during the autopsy that took several days, performed by Dr. Jennifer Hammers at the state Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston. All three victim's bodies had been dismembered. Chalue is accused of killing the three men with the help of Adam Lee Hall, who has already been convicted, and Caius Veiovis, who has yet to stand trial.

NORTH ADAMS WALKING LOOP KICK OFF FRIDAY (NA)

North Adams will officially kick off the North Adams Walking Loop on Friday. The loop is one of many strategies to help achieve the goals of increasing the walkability and healthy design of the community. Amanda Chilson of Mass in Motion describes one of the loops...

: 19 Chilson – Cue: back on route 2

The loops will be marked by stencils of the north Berkshire Mass in Motion logo. There will be maps distributed during the kick-off as well, which will begin with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Alcombright. All North Adams Mayor's Fitness Challenge participants will receive 4 points for attending and participating in the walk. The event gets underway at 5:30pm in front of Berkshire Emporium at 59 Main Street on Friday.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CANDIDATE SHARES VIEWS (All)

Maura Healey has already overseen half of the attorney general's office. Now, she wants to jump into the driver's seat. With Attorney General Martha Coakley now seeking election as governor, Healey has launched a campaign to replace her. Healey Currently oversees the attorney general's public protection and business and labor bureaus. She says she knows the "power and possibilities" the office has to make positive impacts in people's lives. Healey spoke to the Berkshire Brigades on Saturday at Dottie's Coffee Lounge in Pittsfield.

NA 05-07-14

DRUG CHARGES DISMISSED AGAINST 2ND FAMILY MEMBER FROM NORTH ADAMS (NA)

Two of three North Adams family members charged with cultivating and distributing marijuana in January have now had their cases dropped. The Berkshire Eagle reports 44 year old Monique Suters, who operates Persnickety Toys in North Adams, had three misdemeanor drug charges dismissed in Northern Berkshire District Court on Monday. Her son, Makenzie, had the same charges dropped earlier this year. Whitney Suters, Monique's husband, still faces several drug charges from two separate cases.

KUZIA WON'T RUN FOR RE-ELECTION (NA)

Selectmen Chairwoman Lily Kuzia (KOO-zuh) has decided not to stand for re-election as selectman in Clarksburg. IBerkshires.com reports that the veteran selectman said she returned nomination papers because she did not want to leave the town hanging. But when she learned that there were candidates for both board seats, she removed her name from the ballot. Running unopposed for Kuzia's three-year seat is Debra LeFave, former board chairman who stepped down two years ago to apply for the town administrator's post. William Schrade is running unopposed for the final two years of former Selectman Carl McKinney, who also stepped down to apply for town administrator. All other offices are also unopposed. Today is the last day to register to vote in the town election. The annual town election will be held on Tuesday, May 27th. The polls will be open from noon to 7 p.m. at the Clarksburg Senior Center.

NA 05-08-14

NO FINGERPRINT OR DNA EVIDENCE LINKING CHALUE (All)

According to testimony yesterday in Hampden Superior Court, no DNA or fingerprint evidence linked David Chalue to the murder of three Pittsfield men. The Berkshire Eagle reports, Trooper Michael O'Neil told the jury in Chalue's murder trial that he was unable to get any fingerprints or only partial, unusable prints, from most of the evidence tested in the case – included a gun cleaning kit taken from the Hells Angels clubhouse in Lee and a Jack Daniels whiskey bottle found at the Daniel Cole property in Becket. The becket property is where the remains of David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell were discovered in August 2011. The plastic bags in which the remains were found were covered in soil and other debris and were oily, making prints unattainable. According to O'Neil, there are several factors that can prevent fingerprint evidence from being obtained, from the presence of water to the type of surface that was touched.

CLARKSBURG PUSHES OFF ATM DUE TO BUDGET GAP (NA)

Town officials in Clarksburg are mulling drastic cuts or a Proposition 2 1/2 override to fill a quarter-million dollar budget gap. IBerkshires.com reports, Selectmen on Tuesday night voted to push off the annual town meeting until June 18th to give it more time to deal with the deficit. Officials had begun the joint meeting with the Finance Committee on the assumption they had untapped revenue of $250,000 — enough to get by next year. They discovered, however that the figures provided by the treasurer were for a sewer enterprise account that likely can't be used, although they were going to verify that. The revelation was not good news for the board and committee, which had just made a deal with the school district to cut $35,000 from its budget rather than a larger figure.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HELD YESTERDAY IN GREAT BARRINGTON (GB – Of Interest)

More than 200 athletes took to the track to compete yesterday in the 2014 Berkshire County Special Olympics at Monument Mountain Regional High School. Volunteers and students from local high schools helped coordinate the games yesterday. The games got underway shortly after 9am. A group of local police officers ran the signature torch to the school from downtown Stockbridge. The games, including various track and field events – and frisbee and softball throws, continued until after 1pm. Participating athletes included people with disabilities from all over the county, aged 8 to 70 years old.

PARK PROJECT SET TO COMMENCE (NA)

The Colegrove Park school renovation project in North Adams has begun and a groundbreaking ceremony is being planned. That announcement coming from the North Adams School Committee reported on Tuesday. Mayor Richard Alcombright has set a ceremony for noon on Wednesday, May 21st, to formally begin the 16-month project. The fence around the property went up late last week and roll-off containers have been placed around the school building in preparation for demolition.

NA 05-08-14

POST RANKS DRURY HIGH SCHOOL IN MOST-CHALLENGING INDEX (NA)

Drury High School has been nominated on the Washington Post's most-challenging school index. The Post determines a school's ranking by the percentage of Advanced Placement and similar tests given in a year compared to the amount of students who graduate. Out of 3,500 schools across the nation, the school ranks number 1,270 and is in the top four-percent of challenging schools. It ranks 50th in the state and has an "equity and excellence" rate of 14 percent of students graduating passing at least one college-level class.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS RECOGNIZED IN NORTH BERKSHIRE (NA)

Dozens of local residents and businesses were recognized for "random acts of kindness" and community involvement at the semi-annual Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's Neighborlies on Wednesday night. IBerkshire.com reports, the celebration dates back to 1998, inspired by then neighborhood program director Kathy Keeser. Annie Rodgers, the current Northern Berkshire Neighbors Program associate, described the spring and fall events as the community's "love in."

PARK STREET PROJECT HITS WALL (NA)

The Park Street improvement project hit a speed bump when bids for the reconstruction came in over budget. IBerkshires.com reports, that according to Adams Town Administrator Jonathan Butler, streetscape project will be delayed about a month because of lack of bidders. With only two bidders, the lowest bid was $113,000 over $700,000 budget. When it does get underway, the project will reconstruct the streets and sidewalks from McKinley Square to Town Hall, and will decorative elements and safety improvements for pedestrians. It's been in the planning stages since 2010 and funded by a Community Development Block Grant. Butler said tweaks will be made to the project and it will be sent out to bid again. He says if the project does not meet the set budget, it's possible the state could take away the funding.

NOTE: HADLEY OVERPASS CLSING FOR CEMENT POUR (NA)

The Hadley Overpass is scheduled to be closed for a concrete pour today. North Adams Mayor Richard Alcombright says that the closure will be from 7 PM to 6 AM. Electronic message boards will be alerting motorists of the closure.

NA 05-09-14

NORTH ADAMS MAN MISSING SINCE MONDAY (NA)

Police in North Adams are seeking the whereabouts of 25 year old Joshua Bressette, who has been missing since Monday. According to published reports, Bressette was last seen in the city between 3pm and 4pm on Monday at the Price Chopper parking lot on State Road. Authorities say he requires a well-being check. Bressette is described as being about 5-foot-7, 140 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes. He has a number of distinctive tattoos, including "Live Fast Die Young" and a star with an eye on his neck; the Star of David on his right elbow; and a skeleton on his right side of his torso. According to police, he usually wears dark clothes, knit cap and glasses. Anyone with information on Bressette is asked to contact the Police.

MILL CHILDREN SOUGHT BY LOCAL AUTHOR (NA)

The 'Mill Children' exhibit is coming to the town of Adams this summer. Author and photographic sleuth Joe Manning is hoping to identify some of the children captured working in the Berkshire Cotton Mills by Lewis Hine. IBerkshires.com reports that he has already identified 350 of the children in the 5,000 photographs that Hine took in cotton mills, canneries, coal mines and factories in the United States in an era when children as young as 5 and 6 worked 10 to 12 hours a day in unsafe conditions. Accidents were not recorded then but Hine's photographs show that children's arms were in casts or missing in some cases. And sooner or later, unseen hazards would claim the lives of some mill workers: Their lungs damaged by the air thick with cotton dust they breathed.

BOARD APPROVES PLAN TO OVERHAUL HEALTH WEBSITE (All)

Massachusetts officials estimate their plan for replacing the state's failed health exchange website will cost more than $120 million, but hope that most of the money will come from the federal government. The board overseeing the state's health connector voted 10-1 on yesterday to support a "dual-track" approach that calls for purchasing software powering health exchanges in other states, while also laying the groundwork for a temporary switchover to the federal government's health care exchange, if necessary. The plan follows the disastrous rollout of a state website that dramatically slowed the transition from Massachusetts' first-in-the-nation universal health care program to the requirements of the federal Affordable Care Act. Officials said trying to rebuild the site would be too expensive and not guarantee a functional exchange by the next open enrollment period in the fall.

CHALUE MURDER TRIAL TESTIMONY CONINUES (All)

Testimony continued yesterday in the murder trial of David Chalue. A fellow inmate of Chalue's took the stand. He said that Chalue told him that the victims were tortured beyond torture. The Berkshire Eagle reports, Jason Lemieux testified in Hampden Superior Court yesterday that in September 2011 he was being held on multiple charges of assault and battery and other crimes when he met Chalue at the Berkshire County House of Correction. Chalue had recently been arrested on three counts each of murder, kidnapping and witness intimidation in connection with the killings of David Glasser, Edward Frampton and Robert Chadwell. Lemieux testified that Chalue, in bits and pieces, told him about the case and what happened to the victims. The witness said he was surprised that Chalue was telling him about the case and was "shocked" by what he heard.

NA 05-09-14

LETTER CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE TOMORROW (GENERIC-All)

The Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive takes place throughout Berkshire County tomorrow. Letter carriers all over the county will be collecting donations for local food pantries. It's part of the National Letter Carrier's "Stamp out Hunger" event, now in its 22nd year. The donations will be distributed to 19 different food pantries and roughly 25 around the county. Any resident in Berkshire County tomorrow can leave a sturdy bag of goods next to their door, mailbox or business before their regular mail delivery. Residents are urged to only donate nonperishables.

CHESHIRE MULLS WATER DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT (NA, P)

Town officials in Cheshire are researching the option of turning the Water Department into a district, but the transfer may not be beneficial. IBerkshires.com reports, Town Administrator Mark Webber has been talking to the Massachusetts Rural Water Association about the possibility. The government-funded agency, through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Agriculture, provides technical assistance to rural water departments in Massachusetts.

NORTH ADAMS WALKING LOOP KICK OFF TODAY (NA)

North Adams will officially kick off the North Adams Walking Loop this afternoon. The loop is one of many strategies to help achieve the goals of increasing the walkability and healthy design of the community. The event will begin with a ribbon cutting by Mayor Alcombright. All North Adams Mayor's Fitness Challenge participants will receive 4 points for attending and participating in the walk. The event gets underway at 5:30pm in front of Berkshire Emporium at 59 Main Street today. There is rain in the forecast today, so bring an umbrella. Thunderstorms may however postpone the event. Stay tuned and we'll keep you up to date with the latest.

MAJOR POWER OUTAGE IN NORTHERN BERKSHIRES (NA)

More than 18,000 electric customers in the northern Berkshires are without power this morning. National Grids power outage map has customers in Williamstown, North Adams, Adams, as well as parts of Clarksburg and Cheshire without electricity. The estimated time of restoration, according to the website, is not known at this time. Well, continue to monitor and to try and find out what the cause – and when power will be fully restored.

NA 05-12-14

MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGES MNA'S REPORT (NA)

A hospital trade group has challenged a Massachusetts Nurses Association report's conclusion about the recent closure of North Adams Regional Hospital. The Massachusetts Hospital Association says that the basic claims being made about the hospitals finances are not borne out by publicly available documents. The Berkshire Eagle reports that the report by the MNA, a union representing more than 100 NARH nurses, blamed the hospital's demise on "poor management decisions" that led to capital investments which caused a level of debt that was unsustainable. Without such debt, the report asserted, the hospital had enough patient volume to be profitable. The report was widely circulated in the media and presented during a public forum at the American Legion in North Adams on Tuesday as evidence that the community could again support a full-service hospital. The hospital association statement, maintains however, that figures used by the MNA are not a "recognized measure of hospital operating performance," and that in the first quarter of 2014, NARH experienced an operating loss "of more than $1 million." MNA spokesman David Schildmeier says union officials stand by their report.

CHP EYES OPENING NORTH ADAMS HEALTH CENTER (NA)

Philip Morrison, chief financial officer of Community Health Programs, says CHP is exploring the idea of opening a Federally Qualified Health Center in North Adams. CHP, which has 22 doctors and 130 total employees, is headquartered in Great Barrington and has a facility in Pittsfield as well. IBerkshires.com reports that Morrison told a group of about 50 people gathered for the Northern Berkshire Community Coalition's monthly meeting that CHP had tried to start discussions with the former North Adams Regional Hospital five years ago about opening such a center but their advances had been rejected. He said the idea behind the center is to provide primary care to residents so that a hospital is not providing that service.

WILLIAMSTOWN ANNUAL ELECTION TUESDAY (NA)

Williamstown will hold its Annual Town Election tomorrow. Four candidates are vying for two open seats on the Board of Selectmen there. Hugh Daley is a small business owner and Williamstown resident of 14 years. Jack Nogueira currently serves as chairman of the Rent Control Board, on which he has held a seat for 15 years. Gary Fuls is a 12-year veteran of the town's volunteer fire department. Andrew Hogeland is currently the chairman of the town's Finance Committee. The selectman's race is the only contested race — four other positions are unopposed. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the Williamstown Elementary School.

VINTAGE BUDD CAR PURCHASED (NA)

Berkshire Scenic Railway has purchased a vintage car to run on the planned Hoosac Valley line. IBerkshires.com reports, the organization recently closed a deal to buy a 1955 Budd Rail Diesel Car — a former Boston and Maine car that likely transported passengers through the Berkshires. Packing some 550 horsepower through two diesel, six-cylinder engines, the bidirectional rail car gives the organization another option for the North County expansion. The organization found the car for sale from a private individual in Maine. Budd Cars were first made in the late 1940s.

NA 06-03-14

THIRD MURDER TRIAL WILL BE THE DIFFERENT (All)

With two of the trials behind us in the 2011 murders of David Glasser, Robert Chadwell, and Edward Frampton – preparations are underway for the third trial. Adam Lee Hall and David Chalue have already been convicted and sentenced to consecutive life sentences without the possibility of parole. Berkshire District Attorney David Capeless told the Berkshire News Network the trial of Caius Veiovis will be much different from the first two...

: 28 Capeless – Cue: it's gonna be different

The trial of Caius Veiovis has been scheduled to begin in early September.

WILLIAMSTOWN ANNOUNCES CULTURAL DISTRICT DESIGNATION (NA)

The Massachusetts Cultural Council Board of Directors has unanimously voted to designate the proposed Williamstown Cultural District as the 25th Cultural District in the Commonwealth. Former select board member, Jane Allen, will be the administrator of the District during the first year. The distinct designation will add the Williamstown Cultural District to the MCC website, as well at the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism website. Visitors to the District will be welcomed by signage, as well as a District map that will be located in the existing map kiosk at the base of Spring Street.

GASOLINE PRICES IN BERKSHIRES ON PAR WITH STATE MOSTLY (All)

Gasoline prices in Massachusetts are down a penny from last week, according to AAA Southern New England. AAA's latest survey of prices in Massachusetts found self-serve, regular unleaded averaging $3.64 per gallon, down one cent from last week. The current price is three cents less than the national average for self-serve unleaded of $3.67. Here in the Berkshires, prices are more or less in line with the state average... maybe slightly higher. Depending on what station you frequent, you'll see prices ranging from $3.63 per gallon to $3.69 per gallon. Prices are slightly more elevated at full service stations.

NORTH ADAMS SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS 19 POSITIONS (NA)

The North Adams School Department is cutting some 19 positions to cover an $827,000 budget gap. IBerkshires.cm reports, Mayor Richard Alcombright, chairman of the School Committee, said the trend of rising costs and decreasing state aid over the last eight cycles is "frightening." Four of the 19 positions targeted were left vacant by retirement or people leaving. The positions being reduced include 10 classroom teachers across the district, five professional non-contract and four, possibly five, teaching assistants. Those include technology, Title One and a social studies teacher. The full School Committee will hold a public hearing tonight at 6pm, just prior to the regular school committee meeting.

NA 06-03-14

NORTH ADAMS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETS TONIGHT (NA)

The North Adams School Committee meets tonight with a fairly light agenda. The bulk of the meeting will be the report from Schools Superintendent, James Montepare (mon-tuh-PARR). He will report on personnel, the upcoming meeting schedule, Summer School at Drury High School, background checks and policy revisions, and administration of PARCC (PARK) or MCAS (EM-kass) in the spring of 2015. Prior to the regular school committee meeting, Montepare will give a report on the Fiscal 2015 school budget. The hearing gets underway at 6pm, and the regular meeting will immediately follow.

GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE BERWICK SAYS HE'LL BE ON BALLOT (All)

With the Democratic Convention just two weeks away, gubernatorial candidate Donald Berwick believes he will have the votes to get on the ballot. Berwick needs 15 percent of delegates to vote his way to be placed on the primary ballot. And with the momentum his campaign has gained recently, he believes he will get it. Berwick was in the Berkshires this past weekend to speak with voters here. His visit was simultaneous with Attorney General Martha Coakley's. The North Adams native is also running for Governor.

MASSWORKS PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO SMALLER MUNICIPALITIES (All)

A fourth round of the annual MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant program is open to new applications online through August 29th. The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking funding to support housing, economic development and job creation. In addition, the Program also supports municipalities with a population of 7,000 or less that may seek grants for road improvements to enhance safety. Municipalities can get more information at www.mass.gov/hed/massworks.

POLICE RAID ON NORTH ADAMS APARTMENT (NA)

Three people were arrested on drug charges yesterday after police served a search warrant at an apartment in the North Adams Housing Authority building at 45 Spring Street. Damien Rodriguez of Fall River was charged with possession of a Class B drug, subsequent offense. During his arraignment yesterday afternoon, he pleaded not guilty and was ordered held at the Berkshire House of Correction in lieu of $35,000 surety bond. Meanwhile, Alison Michelle Pike-Devio, a resident of the apartment, and Cheryl A. Plouffe, a neighbor, were released on personal recognizance after pleading not guilty to possession of a Class B drug.

NA 06-04-14

THUNDERSTORM CAUSES TEMPORARY PROBLEMS (All)

A an early evening thunderstorm system that moved through Berkshire County yesterday postponed sporting events and disrupted power in the region. National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning. Temporary power outages were reported across the county by National Grid and Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Neither electric company is reporting any power outages issues this morning. Emergency responders were kept busy as outages triggered home and business alarms and cause localized flooding of roadways.

NA SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADOPTS SPENDING PLAN (NA)

The School Committee last night adopted a $16 million spending plan for fiscal 2015 that includes the loss of 19 positions. IBerkshires.com reports, the committee also approved the transfer of $400,000 from the school choice account to balance the budget. The budget will be reviewed by the City Council's Finance Committee on Thursday at 6:30. Savings and staffing cuts account for some $827,000 in budget reductions. Four vacant positions are not being filled; 15 others are layoffs. The city's contribution to the budget is $4.9 million, about $100,000 above the state-set minimum spending.

ROUND-ABOUT PLANNED FOR TOWN OF ADAMS IN 2015 (NA)

The town of Adams is in the midst of a busy construction season, but the town is already looking ahead to another project that is set to begin soon. Town Administrator Jonathan Butler says plans for a new round-about in town are more than three years in the making...

: 15 Butler Cue: in some areas

Butler says that the round-about will be similar to the round- about near "look Park" on Route 9 before going into downtown Northampton.

NORTH COUNTY HAS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW MEDICAL MODEL (NA)

Health and Human Services Secretary John Polanowicz told the weekly meeting of the Save NARH group yesterday that the state is committed to supporting the recommendations of a health-care survey being done in North County. But exactly what those recommendations are won't be clear for some time. IBerkshires.com reports, that a report by health-care consultants Stroudwater Associates is expected to be completed by mid-August, but the secretary wasn't going to speculate if the recommendations would mean restoring North Adams Regional Hospital — or determining its failure. Meanwhile, officials are weighing how to restore additional medical services to Northern Berkshire. Polanowicz says the next step will be opening up diagnostic imaging.

NA 06-04-14

CLARKSBURG BOARD RENEWS SEARCH FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (NA)

The Clarksburg Board of Selectman has decided to re-advertise for the vacant town administrator position because of a lack of applicants. The select board currently has four applicants for the position through advertising on the Massachusetts Municipal Administration website. The board wants to try advertising in local media in attempt to attract more and local applicants. The budget for advertising is not very big. The board can only afford to spend up to $800 in advertisements.

N.Y. MAN GETS TIME SERVED FOR BEATING AND ROBBERY (NA)

A New York man was given time served after admitting to his role in a North Adams beating and larceny in January 2013. 33 year old Barton Jones of Troy, pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday to three charges related to a January 4th, 2013, attack on a 29-year-old North Adams man. He was sentenced to time served -- 17 months that Jones had been held awaiting the outcome of the case and unable to make bail.

DRURY STUDENTS WIN SECOND PLACE ENGINEERING AWARD (NA)

Twelve students from Drury High School have won the second place award for the Construction Career Day - Engineering Design Competition. It's the second year in a row students from Drury took second place in the state. A plaque and a book on civil engineering were presented to the students last week. Drury students competed against approximately 1,237 students from 130 different Massachusetts high schools at the New England Laborers' Training Center in Hopkinton in May. The students had to design and build working electrical control circuits, build a cable stayed bridge, estimate sizes from thousands of an inch to hundreds of feet, and design a cost efficient bridge.

DANGEROUS GATE AT ISSUE IN ADAMS (NA)

The Parks Commission in Adams is deciding what to do with a dangerous fence at the Valley Street Field. IBerkshires.com reports, the Board of Health approached the Parks Commission after a rolled-over fence was discovered at the park. The board was concerned that children who participate in the youth soccer league could harm themselves on the fence. The commission contacted the Department of Public Works to inquire about why the fence rolled over. They were told that the town rolled back the fence on purpose so workers could have access to balls that went over it. The commission said it would be better to make the opening smaller or install a gate, but instead of asking the town for emergency money, the commission decided more information on the fence was needed before making a recommendation.

NA 06-04-14

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NA 06-04-14

THUNDERSTORM CAUSES TEMPORARY PROBLEMS (All)

A an early evening thunderstorm system that moved through Berkshire County yesterday postponed sporting events and disrupted power in the region. National Weather Service issued a flash flood warning. Temporary power outages were reported across the county by National Grid and Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Neither electric company is reporting any power outages issues this morning. Emergency responders were kept busy as outages triggered home and business alarms and cause localized flooding of roadways.

NA SCHOOL COMMITTEE ADOPTS SPENDING PLAN (NA)

The School Committee last night adopted a $16 million spending plan for fiscal 2015 that includes the loss of 19 positions. IBerkshires.com reports, the committee also approved the transfer of $400,000 from the school choice account to balance the budget. The budget will be reviewed by the City Council's Finance Committee on Thursday at 6:30. Savings and staffing cuts account for some $827,000 in budget reductions. Four vacant positions are not being filled; 15 others are layoffs. The city's contribution to the budget is $4.9 million, about $100,000 above the state-set minimum spending.

ROUND-ABOUT PLANNED FOR TOWN OF ADAMS IN 2015 (NA)

The town of Adams is in the midst of a busy construction season, but the town is already looking ahead to another project that is set to begin soon. Town Administrator Jonathan Butler says plans for a new round-about in town are more than three years in the making...

: 15 Butler Cue: in some areas

Butler says that the round-about will be similar to the round- about near "look Park" on Route 9 before going into downtown Northampton.

NORTH COUNTY HAS OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW MEDICAL MODEL (NA)

Health and Human Services Secretary John Polanowicz told the weekly meeting of the Save NARH group yesterday that the state is committed to supporting the recommendations of a health-care survey being done in North County. But exactly what those recommendations are won't be clear for some time. IBerkshires.com reports, that a report by health-care consultants Stroudwater Associates is expected to be completed by mid-August, but the secretary wasn't going to speculate if the recommendations would mean restoring North Adams Regional Hospital — or determining its failure. Meanwhile, officials are weighing how to restore additional medical services to Northern Berkshire. Polanowicz says the next step will be opening up diagnostic imaging.

NA 06-04-14

CLARKSBURG BOARD RENEWS SEARCH FOR TOWN ADMINISTRATOR (NA)

The Clarksburg Board of Selectman has decided to re-advertise for the vacant town administrator position because of a lack of applicants. The select board currently has four applicants for the position through advertising on the Massachusetts Municipal Administration website. The board wants to try advertising in local media in attempt to attract more and local applicants. The budget for advertising is not very big. The board can only afford to spend up to $800 in advertisements.

N.Y. MAN GETS TIME SERVED FOR BEATING AND ROBBERY (NA)

A New York man was given time served after admitting to his role in a North Adams beating and larceny in January 2013. 33 year old Barton Jones of Troy, pleaded guilty in Berkshire Superior Court yesterday to three charges related to a January 4th, 2013, attack on a 29-year-old North Adams man. He was sentenced to time served -- 17 months that Jones had been held awaiting the outcome of the case and unable to make bail.

DRURY STUDENTS WIN SECOND PLACE ENGINEERING AWARD (NA)

Twelve students from Drury High School have won the second place award for the Construction Career Day - Engineering Design Competition. It's the second year in a row students from Drury took second place in the state. A plaque and a book on civil engineering were presented to the students last week. Drury students competed against approximately 1,237 students from 130 different Massachusetts high schools at the New England Laborers' Training Center in Hopkinton in May. The students had to design and build working electrical control circuits, build a cable stayed bridge, estimate sizes from thousands of an inch to hundreds of feet, and design a cost efficient bridge.

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NA 06-06-14

Today is the 70th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy - Allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy on the coast of France on this day in 1944. D-Day was the first day of the invasion in what was known as Operation Overlord.

PRE-RELEASE FACILITY PLANNED FOR INMATES NEARING END OF TERM (All)

The Berkshire County House of Corrections is one of the few in the state that does not have a separate building for those on the verge of reintegration. But, that might be changing. Iberkshires.com reports, by the end of the year, Sheriff Thomas Bowler will open the Second Street jail in Pittsfield to house a dozen or so inmates who are nearing the end of their terms and have become ready to go back into the community. The former jail on Second Street will house the program by the end of this year, but eventually, Bowler is hoping to build a new facility. The state House of Representatives has included funding in the capital bond bill to build a brand-new center — housing up to 50 — at the Berkshire County House of Correction property.

STEEPLECATS KICK OFF SEASON ON THE ROAD TONIGHT (NA)

The North Adams Steeplecats are getting set to kick off their 2014 New England Collegiate Baseball League season. They open the season tonight in Holyoke. After the Blue Sox tonight, the Steeplecats will head to Sanford for a Saturday night game against the Mainers – before heading back to Joe Wolfe Field for their home opener against the Blue Sox, Sunday. Tanner Bird of Adams is getting an opportunity to play for the Steeplecats this season, something he said he has always wanted to do...

: 13 Bird – Cue: gonna be a fun year

This Sunday's home opener at Joe Wolfe Field gets underway at 4:30.

MOUNTAIN-ONE SEES INTERIOR RENOVATION (NA)

The outside looks much the same as it did 122 years ago, but the interior of MountainOne Bank's 93 Main Street building has gone through a major change. IBerkshires.com reports, MountainOne cut the ribbon — appropriately made up of $50 bills — yesterday afternoon to note the most significant renovations to the building since 1993. Robert Fraser, president and chief operating officer of MountainOne Bank, says that the interior renovations ranged from the basement to the second floor. The ribbon of twenty 50 dollar bills was donated to the Berkshire Food Project.

MCCANN TECH GRADUATE POST SECONDARY STUDENTS (NA)

McCann Technical School graduated 25 students from its postsecondary programs during a ceremony last night. Superintendent James Bronson welcomed family and friends to the ceremony and congratulated the students and their families. School Committee Chairman Thomas Mahar also addressed the graduates. Seven individual scholarships were given to students who excelled in their fields.

NA 06-06-14

PERU BOARD IN VIOLATION FOR THIRD TIME (NA)

The Peru Select Board has been cited for violating the state Open Meeting Law yet again. The ruling was released last week by the state attorney general. The board is in violation for a third time since April. According to the Attorney General's Office the board deliberated before scheduled meetings, wrote inaccurate meeting postings and inaccurate and insufficient meeting minutes and delayed its response to open meeting law complaints beyond the allotted time period, between mid-July and early August 2013. The two other board violations of the Open Meeting Law were on September 9th and November 25th.

NORTH ADAMS MAN ACCUSED OF SEXUAL ASSAULT (NA)

A North Adams man accused of sexually assaulting an 11-yearold girl in Bennington, Vt., is being held without bail as he awaits transfer to Vermont. According to police, 24 year old Jesse LaFountain was arrested at an Eagle Street apartment early Wednesday by North Adams Police, who were acting on a request by Bennington Police. According to an affidavit by Bennington Detective Anthony Silvestro, the Vermont Department for Children and Families on May 8th notified police that a 14-year-old girl had disclosed being sexually assaulted numerous times by LaFountain when she was 11. The girl told police that LaFountain also punched her in the stomach because he thought she was pregnant.

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS are a staple party of the broadcast day on WUPE-FM. PSA's are aired free of charge whenever possible during the broadcast day. Gamma Broadcasting urges residents to fax, email or mail us public service announcements.

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LINCOLN EXHIBIT
END TBA – SUMMER 2014
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YOU CAN STEP BACK IN TIME RIGHT HERE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, AT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE. THE PITTSFIELD POST OFFICE, LOCATED ON FENN STREET, NOW HAS AN EXHIBIT WHERE YOU CAN SEE WHAT PITTSFIELD WAS LIKE IN HER YOUTH THROUGH THE LENS OF EDWIN HALE LINCOLN. THESE EARLY 20TH PHOTOS ARE DISPLAYED RIGHT NEXT TO CURRENT PHOTOS OF THE SAME LOCATION – SO YOU CAN SEE HOW MUCH HAS CHANGED. THE EXHIBIT WILL BE DISPLAYED UNTIL THE SUMMER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT WILL GARRISON AT 442-1793.

End Summer 2014 – no specific date given as of yet.

Pittsfield Post Office, 212 Fenn Street, Pittsfield

LIONS CLUB RECYCLING
ENDS SAT, APR 12TH
MD

IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS FOR A GOOD CAUSE. THE PITTSFIELD LIONS CLUB IS NOW ACCEPTING ALL SODA, BEER, TEA, JUICE, AND WATER BOTTLES, EITHER GLASS, ALUMINUM, OR PLASTIC UNTIL APRIL 12TH. THEY'LL ALSO TAKE YOUR OLD EYEGLASSES, CELLPHONES, AND INK CARTRIDGES, TOO. YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR RECYCLABLES OFF OR HAVE THEM PICKED UP – CALL 448-2855 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Sat: April 12th at NUMEROUS LOCATIONS (Berkshire Eye Center
Post Office, Walmart's Optical Care Associates)

LITERACY VOLUNTEER
ENDS TUE, JUN 3rd
MD

HAVE YOU EVER VISITED A FOREIGN COUNTRY WHERE ENGLISH IS NOT THE PREFERRED LANGUAGE AND FELT LOST? THE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY WANT TO HELP NON-ENGLISH SPEAKING RESIDENTS FROM FEELING THAT SAME WAY. INTERESTED IN HELPING AN IMMIGRANT LEARN ENGLISH? BECOME A TUTOR AND CONTACT KAREN FROMTHE LITERACY VOLUNTEERS AT 499 - 9847. TRAINING STARTS JUNE 3.

TUE: Jun 3

PASTA DINNER
ENDS MON, SEPT 8TH
MD

THE ELKS LODGE IS HOLDING PASTA DINNERS ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH THROUGH SEPTEMBER. EARLY BIRDS ARRIVING BETWEEN 4 AND 5 PM CAN DINE FOR JUST $8 DOLLARS. AFTER THAT, YOU PAY $10 DOLLARS. ON THE MENU IS PASTA WITH MEATBALLS AND/OR SAUSAGE, SALAD, ROLL, AND A DESSERT THAT CHANGES MONTHLY. FOR MORE INFO, CALL 447-9243.

Kill Sept 8TH

27 Union St. Pittsfield (Across from Barrington Stage entrance)

(DATES: 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, and 9/8)

PPF BENEFIT
ENDS WED, MAY 21ST
MD

MARK YOUR CALENDERS FOR THE 99TH ANNUAL FIREMAN'S BALL FOR SUNDAY, MAY 31ST. THE EVENT STARTS AT 5:30PM AT THE ONE WEST RESTAURANT IN THE CROWNE PLAZA WITH COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVER RECEPTION. JOIN FOR AN EVENING FILLED WITH DANCING, FUN, AND SURPRISES. PLEASE MAIL YOUR RSVP NO LATER THAN THE 21ST TO THE PITTSFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. $80 DOLLARS FOR A COUPLE AND $40 FOR A SINGLE TICKET, AND ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PITSSFIELD PERMANENT FIREMEN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION. FOR MORE INFO, VISIT I-A-F-F-2-4-6-7 DOT ORG.

WED: May 21ST to RSVP (ATTN: The Pittsfield Permanent Fireman's Benefit Assc. 74 Columbus Ave, Pittsfield)

Event is May 31st starting at 5:30 with dinner beginning at 7PM.

RABIES CLINIC
ENDS SUN, MAY 18TH
MD

THE GERMAN SHEPARD RESCUE OF NEW ENGLAND IS SPONSORING A RABIES CLINIC AT THE CHESHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT ON RT. 8 SUNDAY, MAY 18TH. DR. KERI LAPORTE OF BERKSHIRE VETERINARY HOSPITAL WILL VACCINATE YOUR DOG AGAINST RABIES FOR JUST $12. YOUR PET CAN ALSO GET WASHED AND ITS NAILS TRIMMED FOR JUST $5. PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS PURCHASING AND TRAINING A SERVICE DOG FOR GINA OTT. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL KATHY AT 413-347-0196.

Kill May 18TH

Cheshire Fire Dept at 29 South St. Cheshire

RUN TO HOME BASE
ENDS SAT, JUL 19TH
MD

THE RED SOX FOUNDATION HOME BASE PROGRAM IS TEAMING UP WITH NEW BALANCE AND MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL FOR THE 2014 RUN TO HOME BASE AT FENWAY PARK ON JUL 19TH. REGISTER NOW TO DONATE, RUN AT THE EVENT, OR EVEN AS A VIRTUAL RUNNER. PROCEEDS HELP LOCAL VETERANS RETURNING FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. EVENT BEGINS AT 8AM. FOR MORE INFO VISIT RUN-TO-HOME-BASE-DOT-ORG.

Sat: Jul 19th at Fenway Park, Boston

ST JOSEPH HIGH
ENDS FRI, JUL 11TH
MD

THE ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL GOLD TEAM IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY, JULY 18TH AT PONTOOSUC LAKE COUNTRY CLUB. THE EVENT WILL BENEFIT THE GOLF TEAM AND THE PETER BIANCHI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. A $70 FEE PER PERSON INCLUDES GOLF, CART, BUFFET DINNER, AND DOOR PRIZES. THE EVENT BEGINS AT 11 AM. YOU CAN PLAY ALONE OR WITH A TEAM. JUST REGISTER BY JULY 11TH! FOR INFO CALL FRAN AT 443-7927 OR PAUL AT 447-7669.

Starts Friday July 18th at Pontoosuc Lake Country Club (Kill on the 11th)

WINE TASTING
ENDS FRI APR 4
MD

UNICO IS HOLDING THEIR 7TH ANNUAL WINE TASTING AT THE BERKSHIRE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH. FOR JUST 25 DOLLARS, YOU CAN ENJOY A LARGE SELECTION OF WINES, BEERS, AND SPIRITS FROM AROUND THE WORLD, ALONGSIDE A SILENT AUCTION, FOOD, AND A LOT OF DANCING. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN NEED. EVENT STARTS AT 6. YOU CAN PICK UP TICKETS AT ELM ST. HARDWARE OR DITORE MOTORS. FOR INFO, VISIT UNICO-OF-PITTSFIELD-DOT-ORG.

Kill April 4th

Berkshire Hills Country Club, 500 Benedict Rd. Pittsfield

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COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

A weekly syndicated program featuring interviews and guest speakers talking about education, arts, children, religion and many other topics. Also airs on WUPE-AM, WBEC-FM 95.9 and WBEC-1420AM.

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Quarterly Issues/Programs List for January 2014-March 2014. The following is a listing of the significant isues responded to by the following radio stations: WHAB-FM Acton, WEEI-AM-Boston, WUNR-AM Boston, WRCA-AM Cambridge, WEIM-AM Fitchburg, WSBS-AM Great Barrington, WLYN-AM Lynn, WAZN-AM Marlborough, WBSM-AM New Bedford/Fairhaven, WDIS-AM Norfolk, WNAW-AM North Adams, WUMD-FM North Dartmouth, WZLX-FM North Hampton, WUHN-AM Pittsfield, WEEI-FM Providence, WBSL-FM Sheffield, WVEI-FM Springfield, WAZN-AM Watertown, WAAF-FM Worcester, WVEI-AM Worcester, WUMB-FM Boston, WBPR-FM Worcester, WFBP-FM Falmouth, WNEF-FM Newburyport, WUMG-FM Stow. WUMT-FM Marshfield, WUMV-FM Milford, WFPB-AM Orleans along with the most sifnificant tretment of those issues listed for the period above.

Description of Issue	Program Name	Date/Time Aired	Duration	Narrative of Type and Description of Issue
Services to Minority Groups	Commonwealth Journal-The Beauty Experiment	4/6/2014 7:30am	28:03	Phoebe Baker Hyde, Author of The Beauty Experiment, speaks about her life changing journey of self discovery & her new book
Services to Minority Groups/Education	Commonwealth Journal-Cultural Stereotypes: Artifacts, Images and Team Mascots	4/13/2014 7:30am	28:12	Anthony Harkins: Author of "Hillbilly: A Cultural History of an American Icon; Michael Taylor: Author and Member of the Seneca Nation-"Contesting Constructed Indian-ness: The Intersection of the Frontier, Masculinity & Whiteness in Native American Mascot Representations in Native American Mascots; Jack Tchen: Author of Yellow Peril! An Archive of Anti-Asian Fear These authors speak about how images in the media and society create stereotypes, rather than perpetuate existing ones.
Educational/Opportunity for Local self expression	Commonwealth Journal-Black Americana	04/20/2014 7:30am	28:12	Filmmaker Chico Colvard speaks about his new documentary project "Black Americana-A Love Story About America's Obsession with Racist Memorabilia", and the collectors of such artifacts.
Opprtunity for Local Self Expression	Commonwealth Journal-The Massachusetts Poetry Festival	04/27/2014 7:30am	28:12	Michael Ansara, Co-Founder of the Massachusetts Poetry Festival shares how the festival brings together poets from all walks of life, what has gone into shaping this event over the last 6 years and what attendees can expect.
Public Affairs/Service to Minority Groups	Commonwealth Journal-The Boston Foundatioin	05/04/2014 7:30am	28:11	Paul Grogan-President and CEO of The Boston Foundation, speaks about how his organization helps to set the civic agenda for the entire region, as well as some of projects they are involved in.
Public Affairs	Commonwealth Journal-Boston's Orange Line: Images of Rail	05/11/2014 7:30am	28:15	Jeremy C. Fox-Boston Globe Corrospondent & Andrew Elder-UMass Boston Archivist and Board Member at the History Project, discuss how the history of Bostons Orange Line is a timeline of the growth of Boston. They also speak about their photojournalism book "Boston's Orange Line:Images of Rail
Public Affairs	Commonwealth Journal-Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce	05/18/2014 7:30am	28:18	Paul Guzzi, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce speaks about his business experience, the road that led him to The Chamber of Commerce, and his plans for keeping it successful.
Religious Programs/Educational Programs	Commonwealth Journal-UMass Boston's Role in International and Local Mediation and Dispute	05/25/2014 7:30am	28:18	Professors Eben Weitzman and Darren Kew of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies speak about their experiences bridging political and religious differences both globally and locally.
Sports Programs	Commonwealth Journal-Race and Sports: The Donald Sterling NBA Controversy	06/01/2014 7:30am	28:01	Michael Jefferies, Knafel Assistant Professor of Social Sciences/Assistant Professor of American Studies, Wellesley College, and Author, speaks about the Donald Sterling NBA controversy, and what part race plays in the world of sports.
Public Affairs	Commonwealth Journal-Opportunity Nation	06/08/2014 7:30am	28:13	Mark Edwards, Executive Director of Opportunity Nation, discusses the the programs misson of expanding access to opportunities for success locally and nationally
Educational programs	The Future of the McCormack Graduate School	06/15/2014 7:30am	28:03	Ira Jackson, Dean of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global studies speaks about his road to UMass Boston and his plans to make the McCormack Graduate School more global.
Public Affairs	Commonwealth Journal-Share Our Strength	06/22/2014 7:30am	28:08	Billy Shore, Founder and CEO of Share Our Strength speaks about their No Kid Hungry campaign that provides food for low income families during the summer months
Public Affairs	Commonwealth Journal: Economic Outlook in Light of Economic Data	06/29/2014 7:30am	28:11	Eric Rosengren, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, speaks about how we can use economic data to predict where the economy is heading

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VIEWPOINTS

This is a sample of Viewpoint programs aired during this quarter of 2014.
The program airs at 8:00 A.M. on WBEC-FM.

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Viewpoints Programs 14-14 through 14-26

During the second quarter of 2014 the following compliancy issues were covered

Activism
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American History
Arts
Banking and Finance
Bereavement
Business
Charities
Child Abuse
Class Culture
Commerce
Consumerism
Discrimination
Divorce and Family Lawyers
Economics
Education
Employment & the Workplace
Energy
Environment
Family Issues
Firearms
Gay Issues
Good Samaritans
Government
Immigration
Industry
Labor Force
Law, Law Enforcement & Legislation
Marketing and Branding
Media
Mental Health
Minorities
Military
Nutrition
Pets
Poverty
Privacy and Internet Security
Public Safety
Race
Recreation
Religion
Social Media
Sports
Technology
Therapy
Third World Economies
Transportation
Travel
Women and Gender Issues

Human Health

Program # 14-14 **Air week: 4/6/14**

SEGMENT #1 – PTSD: What it is and how families can help sufferers

SYNOPSIS: Millions of Americans suffer with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, but often we think it's only combat veterans who live with the issue. We talk to a physician who specializes in PTSD about just what it is, its symptoms, and how it can affect the families of sufferers. We also discuss PTSD with a novelist who writes about the topic – and lived through the anguish of PTSD with her father, a veteran of World War II.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Dr. Matthew J. Friedman, MD, PhD, former Exec. Dir. and currently a senior advisor for the National Center for PTSD, and Professor of Psychiatry, Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth; Laurie Halse Anderson, best-selling author of young adult literature. Her latest book is titled, "The Impossible Knife of Memory,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: war, veterans, child abuse, mental health, alcoholism, therapy, family issues

SEGMENT #2- Kitty Genovese: The real story 50 years later

SYNOPSIS: In 1964, a young bar manager was brutally assaulted and stabbed to death in New York, supposedly while 38 bystanders watched and did nothing to help her. The story of Kitty Genovese made headlines around the world, and made New York City famous for its cold, unfeeling people who "didn't want to get involved." But was the story as told in the press true?

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Kevin Cook, author of "Kitty Genovese: The murder, the bystanders, the crime that changed America,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: crime, media, law enforcement, public safety, Good Samaritans

Program # 14-15 **Air week: 4/13/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Post-High School Ed: Are we doing all we can?

SYNOPSIS: There are many students and adults who don't go to a four-year college, but are out in the workforce looking for a job or seeking to get a better one. But how do they get the education they need to find a job or move up in the work world?

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Mike Rose, professor at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, author of the book, "Why School? Reclaiming education for all of us,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: education, labor force, immigrants, business, academic testing

SEGMENT #2- Internet Privacy: How you can fight snooping online

SYNOPSIS: It seems you can't get away from email spam, Internet scams and companies using your online purchases and web browsing to badger you with shopping opportunities. Every time you sign up for a blog or make a purchase, you are inundated with unwanted – and sometimes dangerous – intrusions into your personal and private information. We talk to a journalist who has tried to erase her digital footprint, and an attorney who deals with online privacy about the issue.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Julia Angwin, award-winning journalist, author of "Dragnet Nation: A quest for privacy, security and freedom in a world of relentless surveillance,"; William Kling, adjunct professor of law, IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, clinical assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health,

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: technology, commerce, law, privacy, Internet security, government.

Program # 14-16 **Air week: 4/20/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Hands-on Tinkering: How it can help kids get ahead

SYNOPSIS: Many U.S. school children have trouble with math and science and sometimes it's because these subjects are not taught in a way that engages students. We talk to two "hands-on" educators about how involving young people – and adults – in science, technology and engineering in creative and sometimes explosive ways helps them learn about the principles of science and math in ways that sitting in a lecture never could.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Tim Shaw, inventor, engineer, host of "None of the Above" on the National Geographic Channel Karen Wilkinson, Tinkering Studio Director, the Exploratorium, San Francisco, co-author of "The Art of Tinkering,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: science & technology, media, the arts, education, creativity

SEGMENT #2- Adult Swimming: It's important for safety and health

SYNOPSIS: Summer is a time for fun in the sun, and swimming is a favorite pastime when the temperature rises. With that in mind, it's amazing that millions of adults never learned to swim! We talk to a swimming expert about why it's important for adults to learn to navigate the pool for their own health, safety and the safety of their children. It's also a great activity where you can make new friends, keep fit and have fun.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Rob Butcher, Executive Director, United States Master Swimming (USMS)

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: recreation, health, safety, senior issues

Program # 14-17 **Air week: 4/27/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Bitcoin: What it is and why we need to take it seriously

SYNOPSIS: The virtual currency, "bitcoin," has been in the news lately for its fantastic rise in value, then it's dramatic fall after the world's largest bitcoin exchange filed for bankruptcy. We talk to two financial specialists about what it is, how it's used, the pros and cons of dealing in bitcoin, and what the future might bring for this novel currency.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Peter Leeds, owner and CEO of Peter Leeds Penny Stocks, author of "Penny Stocks for Dummies," Joe Deaux, Economic Analyst at The Street

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: banking & finance, technology, government, the Internet, crime

SEGMENT #2- Women of the Atomic Age

SYNOPSIS: The Atomic Age is credited mostly to men like Einstein, Oppenheimer and Fermi. Although there's no question that these eminent scientists were leaders in the development and understanding of nuclear power, there were also many women who contributed knowledge and sometimes their health and lives, but who are overshadowed by the men. We talk to two authors whose books give these women the recognition they deserve.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Craig Nelson, author of "The Age of Radiance: The epic rise and dramatic fall of the Atomic Era," Denise Kiernan, author of the best-selling book, "The Girls of Atomic City," now in paperback.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: women's issues, science, war, education, health

Program # 14-18 **Air week: 5/4/14**

SEGMENT #1 – The Gun that Changed History: The Colt Revolver

SYNOPSIS: The six-gun is an iconic emblem of the Old West as much as the face-off between the sheriff and the bad guy on a dusty street at high noon. What many people don't realize, though, is that the gun that was used back in those old show-downs was a relatively new invention that changed the history of the west and of our country from then on. We talk to an author who used the creation of the Colt revolver as the centerpiece of his novel, about Samuel Colt, how he fought for years to get his gun into the marketplace, and how it revolutionized firearms and the gun industry for decades to come.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Robert Lautner, author of the novel, "Road to Reckoning,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: firearms, history of the Old West, military, law enforcement, industry

SEGMENT #2- Twin Loss and Bereavement

SYNOPSIS: The loss of a loved one is always difficult, but when an individual loses a twin sister or brother, it's even more so. The bond between these siblings is different than with or between other siblings, and the grief often lasts a lifetime. We talk to two twin specialists, one who lost a twin brother herself, about the special relationship between twins, why the sorrow is often more intense and long-lived, and how family and friends can help a grieving twin through their loss.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Mary Rockefeller Morgan, psychotherapist, author of the book, "When Grief Calls Forth the Healing: A memoir of losing a twin," Dr. Nancy Segal, prof. of psychology, Cal State-Fullerton, founder and director of The Twin Studies Center, author of several books on twins

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: bereavement, mental health, children's & family issues

Program # 14-19 **Air week: 5/11/14**

The Foodshed & Urban Gardening

SYNOPSIS: It's spring, and backyard gardeners are gearing up to plant the tomatoes, zucchini, lettuce and carrots. Wouldn't it be great if everyone could have a garden that would produce enough so they'd have fresh produce most or all of the year? And just imagine not having to apples shipped in from Australia and tomatoes from Mexico. We talk to two agricultural specialists about how to grow a lot of food in very small space, and how regional and urban farming – even in vacant city lots and around public buildings – could provide healthy, fresh food for much of the community, increase employment in job-starved cities, and help revitalize economies in depressed areas of the nation.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Philip Ackerman-Leist, Dir. of the Green Mountain College Farm & Food Project, and of their Masters in Sustainable Food Systems Program, and author of "Rebuilding the Foodshed: How to create local, sustainable and secure food systems," Eric Toensmeier, urban gardener author of "Paradise Lot"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: agriculture & gardening; hunger issues; employment; transportation; energy; economy

SEGMENT #2- The Drunken Botanist: The plants behind popular spirits

SYNOPSIS: Cocktails are making a comeback, and the distilled spirits that go in them have very interesting and complex histories. We talk with an author who researched how many popular liquors are created, the myths that surround some of them and what fruits, vegetables and shrubs are used in the creation of some of your favorite drinks.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Amy Stewart, author of "The Drunken Botanist:

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: agriculture, recreation & leisure, manufacturing, science

Program # 14-20 **Air week: 5/18/14**

SEGMENT #1 – The Promise of a Pencil: Small actions make big changes

SYNOPSIS: There are many activists such as Bono, Bill Clinton and Oprah who stir large numbers of people to contribute to a cause or spend time helping others less fortunate than themselves. But there are also some non-famous people who start small but are making a big change in the world. We talk to one young

man who started by giving a poor Indian boy a pencil – just a pencil – and turned that one small act into a program to build schools for poor children in many countries around the world.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Adam Braun, Founder & CEO of Pencils of Promise, author of "The Promise of a Pencil,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: poverty, philanthropy, education, activism

SEGMENT #2- Sustainable Fishing: Is farming the answer?

SYNOPSIS: Doctors and nutritionists tell us to eat less red meat, and more fish. As a result, salmon, tuna, and various white fish have caught on in many households, with salmon being a favorite. A lot of Atlantic salmon is farmed in North America, and some people are skeptical that these operations are healthy – for people, the environment and the fish themselves. We talk to a scientist and to a chef about fish farming, how it can be done well, and how we should pursue good environmental practices as well as good aquaculture practices to make fish like salmon a sustainable option.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Meriel Brooks, Prof. of Biology, Program Director, Masters of Science Program in Environmental Studies, Green Mountain College, VT; Rick Moonen, Chef, Rick Moonen's RM Seafood restaurant, Mandalay Bay Casino and Resort, Las Vegas, NV

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: environment, nutrition, science, agriculture

Program # 14-21 **Air week: 5/25/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Making Education in Poor Areas Better and More Fair

SYNOPSIS: When schools are sub-par, who is to blame? There's a lot of blame to share, but there are also good public schools out there and models for making troubled schools better, if we want to learn from them. We talk to two education specialists who have ideas on how to create better learning environments in schools, how to better equip and support teachers, and how to even the playing field for poorer students who are often stuck in a district's lowest-performing schools.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Greg Duncan, Dist. Prof. in the School of Ed., Univ. of California-Irvine, co-author of "Restoring Opportunity: The crisis of inequality and the challenge for American education,"; John Kuhn, school superintendent in Texas, author of "Fear and Learning in America"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: poverty, race, education, politics, teachers, immigrants, labor unions & pensions

SEGMENT #2- A Higher Call: An amazing story of heroism – by the enemy!

SYNOPSIS: On Memorial Day this year, millions will gather to remember our heroic fallen soldiers, sailors and marines at events around the country. There were other heroes in war – those that survived and came home due to their courage and the courage of their comrades. We'll hear the story of a very unusual hero – a member of Hitler's air force – who risked his life to help an American pilot in distress, and who decades later met up with the man whose life he saved.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Adam Makos, journalist, author of the book, "A Higher Call: An incredible true story of combat and chivalry in the war-torn skies of World War II," (facebook: Adam Makos).

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: war, veterans, military

Program # 14-22 **Air week: 6/1/14**

SEGMENT #1 - James Madison: A Life Reconsidered

SYNOPSIS: James Madison was one of our busiest and most prolific Founding Fathers, yet he often doesn't get his due in discussions of the framers of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights or freedom of conscience. We'll talk to a biographer, and a historian about Madison, his presidency, personal life and how his contributions to our founding are still being discussed today.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Lynne Cheney, former "Second Lady," scholar, and author of "James Madison: A life reconsidered) Kenneth C. Davis, historian, author of "Don't Know Much About the American Presidents,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: freedom of religion; presidency, war, government, U.S. Constitution

SEGMENT #2- Baby Names: Why and how parents choose them

SYNOPSIS: Why do parents name their babies what they do? What goes into that decision? And why do some names become popular and others fall out of favor? We talk to a baby name specialist and a branding expert about how and why people name their kids what they do.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Jennifer Griffin, author of "1,107 Baby Names that Stand the Test of Time"; Jonah Berger, Prof. of Marketing, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, author of the NYTimes and WSJ best-seller, "Contagious: Why things catch on,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: children and family issues, marketing and branding, social media

Program # 14-23 **Air week: 6/8/14**

SEGMENT #1 – A Son Remembers His Father, Jack Lemmon

Synopsis: Oscar-winning actor Jack Lemmon entertained audiences for more than 50 years in films such as "Some Like It Hot," "The Days of Wine and Roses," "The Odd Couple," "The Apartment," and many, many more. We knew Jack Lemmon as the "everyman" in his films, but we didn't know much about his life outside of Hollywood. His son, Chris, offers us a look behind the scenes at the life of his dad and the relationship they shared until his death in 2001.

Host: Gary Price. Guest: Chris Lemmon, actor, author of "A Twist of Lemmon: A tribute to my father."

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: family issues, media, the arts, alcoholism

SEGMENT #2 - Cat Care During the Dog Days of Summer

SYNOPSIS: It's summer, and families are heading out to beaches, resorts and on camping trips and taking the family dog with them. But what about the family cat? Is it a good idea to take your feline family member with you? And how do cats fare, overall, during the summer at home or away? We talk to two cat experts about caring for your cat during the dog days of summer.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Dr. Marty Becker, veterinarian, member of the "The Dr. Oz Show" medical advisory panel, and author of "Your Cat: The owner's manual,") Jackson Galaxy, cat behaviorist, host of Animal Planet's "My Cat From Hell," author of "Cat Daddy,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: pets, pet & human health, recreation, travel

Program # 14-24 **Air week: 6/15/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Pope Francis: What changes can we expect in the Church?

SYNOPSIS: The Catholic Church has been embroiled in problems during the past few decades, and the new pope, Francis, is being looked to for guidance and significant changes during his tenure. But is he really a breath of fresh air? How much will the Church change? Which of the "hot button" issues will the pope address head-on? What will remain the same? We talk to two Vatican observers about what *they* think is in store with the Church under Pope Francis.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: John Thavis, journalist, author of "The Vatican Diaries: A behind-the-scenes look at the power, personalities, and politics at the heart of the Catholic Church," Dr. Joe Wenke, satirist, journalist, author of "Papal Bull: An ex-Catholic calls out the Catholic Church,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: religion, gay issues, child abuse, divorce & family issues

SEGMENT #2- The High Cost of Cheap Fashion

SYNOPSIS: The summer home clean-out is here, and old clothes and shoes are often the items that end up in the charity bin. Why is it that Americans have so much clothing to throw away? What happens to the clothing and other items that go off to the resale store? And how does the consumerism of Americans affect emerging economies and Third World countries? We talk to an investigator and author who went inside the "fast fashion" industry for the answers to those questions, and discuss some solutions to the "clothing pollution" that plagues the world.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Elizabeth L. Cline, journalist, author of "Overdressed: The shockingly high cost of cheap fashion,"

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: consumerism, international business, charities, environment, Third World economies

Program # 14-25 **Air week: 6/22/14**

SEGMENT #1 – Michael Jordan: The Life

SYNOPSIS: Michael Jordan is without question one of the premiere athletes of the 20th century. But what made him so good? How did he take a mediocre basketball team with rag-tag players and help make it into a sports dynasty? We talk to a man who has followed and written about professional basketball and the Chicago Bulls for decades, about Jordan, the team and his contribution.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: Roland Lazenby, sports journalist, author of "Michael Jordan: The life." (twitter.com/lazenby)

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: sports, family issues, media, business

SEGMENT #2- Creating a Consensus: Bringing diverse groups together

SYNOPSIS: Activists working to make something happen in a community often have problems getting people to come to meetings or take part in other gatherings for a common cause. Why is that? What impediments of race, education, and economic status create roadblocks to building a consensus, and how can they be overcome? Our guest, an activist for more than 30 years and a director of a national non-profit organization, researched the issue and has some surprising answers.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: Betsy Leondar-Wright, Program Dir. of the national non-profit organization Class Action and author of the book, "Missing Class: Strengthening social movement groups by seeing class cultures."

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: class culture, education, activism, economics

Program # 14-26 **Air week: 6/29/14**

1:48 SEGMENT #1 – The Tolerance Trap 10:33

SYNOPSIS: Despite having a black president and laws designed to ensure equalities for minorities, unequal treatment is still widely present in American life. Our guests discuss how laws can go only so far in addressing inequality as long as society merely tolerates minorities, regarding them as "the other" and requiring them to be labeled.

Host: Gary Price. Guests: F. Michael Higginbotham, Wilson H. Elkins Prof. of Law, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law and author, Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America; Suzanna Walters, Prof. of Sociology and Director, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northeastern Univ. and author,

The Tolerance Trap: How God, Genes and Good Intentions are Sabotaging Gay Equality; Ellen Bravo, Director, Family Values at Work and author, Taking On the Big Boys.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: discrimination; minorities; women's and gender issues; laws and legislation; equality; economics

14:26 SEGMENT #2- The Tolerance Trap Part 2 10:57

SYNOPSIS: In part 2 of this program on combatting discrimination, our guests discuss concrete ways activists and the "man on the street" can attack inequality on the job, in family situations, in religion and in basic civil rights.

Host: Marty Peterson. Guests: F. Michael Higginbotham, Wilson H. Elkins Prof. of Law, Univ. of Baltimore School of Law and author, Ghosts of Jim Crow: Ending Racism in Post-Racial America; Suzanna Walters, Prof. of Sociology and Director, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northeastern Univ. and author, The Tolerance Trap: How God, Genes and Good Intentions are Sabotaging Gay Equality; Ellen Bravo, Director, Family Values at Work and author, Taking On the Big Boys.

COMPLIANCY ISSUES COVERED: discrimination; minorities; women's and gender issues; laws and legislation; equality; economics; employment and the workplace

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