What to look for on Smart Talk Monday, October 5, 2015:

Our justice system is an adversarial one. In criminal cases, the state, usually represented by a lawyer from the local jurisdiction, prosecutes the defendant who is charged with breaking the law. The accused has a Constitutional right to his or her own attorney. During a trial, a judge mediates and ensures the letter of the laws is being followed.

After court is dismissed the competing attorneys sometimes socialize or are even friendly toward one another. Judges are usually another story. Even the perception that a judge has a social relationship with attorneys who may argue cases in his or her courtroom may be troublesome.

That's why former U.S. Attorney Peter Vaira says pornographic, racist, and religiously offensive emails exchanged between state police, officials in the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office, and judges may be inappropriate.

Vaira appears on Monday's Smart Talk to explain.

Also, America's first superhighway turned 75-years-old last week. The Pennsylvania Turnpike opened to motorists on October 1st, 1940. It ushered in a new era in Pennsylvania and national transportation. A permanent exhibit has opened at the State Museum of Pennsylvania that includes a toll booth and other mementoes.
Joining us on Smart Talk to discuss turnpike history and the exhibit is Dr. Curt Miner, senior curator at the State Museum of Pennsylvania and Carl DeFebo, Director of Public Relations & Marketing for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Original link to article:  

Turnpike's 75th Celebrated By State Museum:
http://wesa.fm/post/turnpikes-75th-celebrated-state-museum

Curtis Miner, Senior Curator of History, State Museum of Pennsylvania:  
http://cpa.ds.npr.org/wesa/audio/2015/10-2-15_seg_b_1.mp3

Dick Todd tune "Pennsylvania Turnpike, I Love You So.":  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXTDihR4yvo&feature=youtu.be