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QUARTERLY LISTING OF COMMUNITY CONCERNS/ISSUES  
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS  
**2nd QUARTER 2021**

The following is a list of issues and concerns for 2nd Quarter 2021, and addresses in Public Affairs Programming, Public Service Announcements, Community Involvement and special programming on WRMR-FM.

1. GUN VIOLENCE
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## **PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS**

During April, May and June, WRMR-FM broadcast 13 hours of Public Affairs Programming on Sundays from 6:00AM-7:00AM.

**NEWS & VIEWS WITH CHRIS FITZSIMON** is a 30-minute program, focusing on state policy issues that air Sundays at 6:00AM.

**NORTH CAROLINA NEWS MAKERS** is a 30 minute program

## **2021 2ND QUARTER ISSUES**

### **1. GUN VIOLENCE**

President Joe Biden urged Congress to pass meaningful gun reforms last week, following yet another pair of mass shootings that claimed the lives of eight people in the Atlanta area and 10 people in Boulder, Colorado.

### **2. WAGES**

Nearly 80% of North Carolinians surveyed in the Meredith Poll believe it's time to raise the minimum wage above \$7.25/hour.

### **3. VOTING**

More than 100 CEOs met on a Zoom call last week to map out how businesses should respond to new voting restrictions set to be enacted in Georgia, Texas and other states across the country.

### **4. RACIAL JUSTICE**

A tragic episode in America's long history of racial injustice finally reached a conclusion of sorts this week when a Minnesota jury unanimously found Derek Chauvin guilty of murdering George Floyd.

### **5. JOBS**

The state's billion dollar deal with Apple Computer that will bring 3,000 jobs to the state.

### **6. HEALTH**

One of the most worrisome public health developments in recent years involves the rapid growth in tobacco use by teens – particularly vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

### **7. BUDGET**

A new report by the NC Budget & Tax Center documents some of the lessons learned in the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic and the effects of previous pandemic aid.

## **8. EDUCATION**

House Bill 324 would prohibit teachers from promoting the idea that America is racist or sexist or even that it was created by members of one race or sex to oppress members of another group.

## **9. COVID-19**

While most Americans have been focused on getting either the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine to stave off COVID-19, researchers at Duke University have been busy creating a new vaccine with the potential to protect against a broad variety of coronaviruses

## **10. ENVIROMENT**

Republican legislators in the North Carolina General Assembly have been staking out some controversial positions of late on legislation impacting environmental protection and the rights of workers.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

### **1. GUN VIOLENCE**

#### **News and Views for 4-05-2021**

Guests: North Carolinians against Gun Violence Becky Ceartas, Rep. Marcia Morey, Rabbi Eric Solomon and Jessica Burroughs with the group Moms Rising.

President Joe Biden urged Congress to pass meaningful gun reforms last week, following yet another pair of mass shootings that claimed the lives of eight people in the Atlanta area and 10 people in Boulder, Colorado.

Amazingly, however, lawmakers in our state, have been moving in the opposite direction by introducing a series of bills at the General Assembly that would further loosen gun restrictions.

Recently, in response to these deeply troubling developments, advocates at North Carolinians against Gun Violence voiced their opposition to three of those bills. Representative Marcia Morey of Durham County is trying again this session to address the safety issue by following the lead of several other states in enacting legislation to allow judges to issue Extreme Risk Protect Orders.

### **2. WAGES**

#### **News and Views for 4-10-2021**

Guest: Meredith College political scientist David McLennan

A new Meredith College poll makes clear that the gap between the views of average North Carolinians and officials dictating policy in the General Assembly and Congress continues to grow on a host of issues.

For instance, despite the refusal of congressional and legislative Republicans to take action, nearly 80% of North Carolinians surveyed in the Meredith Poll believe it's time to raise the minimum wage above \$7.25/hour. Most of those people said it needs to be 12 dollars per hour or more. The polling found a similar disconnect between public opinion and the GOP blockade of Medicaid expansion.

Recently, we got a chance to learn more about the polling results and what they say about the disconnect between voters and elected officials with the political scientist behind the poll, Meredith College professor David McLennan.

### **3. VOTING**

#### **News and Views for 4-19-2021**

Guests: Rep. Marcia Morey, Rep. Amos Quick, Rep. Ashton Clemmons and Common Cause NC Executive Director Bob Phillips  
More than 100 CEOs met on a Zoom call last week to map out how businesses should respond to new voting restrictions set to be enacted in Georgia, Texas and other states across the country. The business leaders are finding themselves under increasing pressure to make a stand against conservative legislation intended to suppress voting rights.

Meanwhile, in our state this week, House Democrats introduced two bills intended to safeguard the rights of voters. Rep. Amos Quick, and Rep. Ashton Clemmons explain the merits for House Bill 446 and House Bill 542, the "Fix Our Democracy" Act. Other issues discussed: Independent redistricting and bringing an end to gerrymandering

### **4. RACIAL JUSTICE**

#### **News and Views for 4-25-2021**

Guest: Emancipate North Carolina executive director Dawn Blagrove

A tragic episode in America's long history of racial injustice finally reached a conclusion of sorts this week when a Minnesota jury unanimously found Derek Chauvin guilty of murdering George Floyd. The former Minneapolis police officer knelt on Floyd, who was handcuffed and face down on the pavement, for more than 9 minutes on a Minneapolis sidewalk last May.

On the day after the verdict was handed down, we got a chance to discuss what it means and doesn't mean for criminal justice reform (as well as some of the major policy changes elected leaders ought now to be discussing), with one of North Carolina's

leading voices for real and lasting racial justice, Emancipate North Carolina executive director, Dawn Blagrove.

## **5. JOBS**

### **News and Views for 4-26-2021**

Guest: North Carolina state Senator Jay Chaudhuri  
North Carolina state Senator Jay Chaudhuri discusses the state's billion dollar deal with Apple Computer that will bring 3,000 jobs to the state. Chaudhuri also shares his thoughts on the controversy surrounding recent police shootings and the latest from the General Assembly.

## **6. HEALTH**

### **News and Views for 5-3-2021**

Guest: Morgan Wittman Gramann of the North Carolina Alliance for Health

Summary: One of the most worrisome public health developments in recent years involves the rapid growth in tobacco use by teens – particularly vaping and the use of e-cigarettes.

It's the kind of problem that cries out for an aggressive response from public health officials and thanks to court settlements that states entered into with tobacco companies several years ago, there is a good deal of money available for the kinds of public education that would make a difference. Unfortunately, as we learned recently in a conversation with Morgan Wittman Gramann of the North Carolina Alliance for Health, the North Carolina General Assembly has been negligent in getting these dollars to the programs that need them. Here's how the state can correct that mistake.

## **7. BUDGET**

### **News and Views for 5-10-2021**

Guest: North Carolina Budget and Tax Center economist Patrick McHugh

A new report by the NC Budget & Tax Center documents some of the lessons learned in the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic

and the effects of previous pandemic aid. The report shows that the recovery needs the action of state leaders. High-wage and medium-wage jobs have more than recovered from the initial losses, while more than 1 in 7 of the worst-paid jobs in North Carolina are still missing. And by the latter part of 2020, roughly 30 percent of women who had lost a job due to COVID-19 were out of work because they lacked child care — compared with only 4 percent of men.

Some of the key lessons documented in the report include:

- The response thus far has left North Carolina more divided, unequal, and vulnerable: Our response thus far has put already financially strained families in a deeper hole, while many wealthy people and big corporations have gotten even richer. Racial and regional economic divides have widened, the recession has been most devastating for North Carolina's lowest-paid workers, and we've lost years of progress in closing the economic gender gap. Many policy choices made over the past year have turned COVID-19 from a shared threat into a disaster wreaking havoc along the pre-existing fault lines of our economy.
- It is time to put the billions of dollars North Carolina has sitting in the bank to work: As of January 2021, North Carolina had over \$5 billion in completely unallocated funds sitting idle. Some of this was understandable in the early months of the pandemic when it was not clear how the recession would impact revenue collections, but it has been clear for several months now that North Carolina has the resources to invest in recovery.

## **8. EDUCATION**

### **News and Views for 5-15-2021**

Guest: NC Policy Watch education reporter Greg Childress

Republicans in the North Carolina House of Representatives recently approved a controversial bill that would restrict what North Carolina school children can be taught about American history. House Bill 324 would prohibit teachers from promoting the idea that America is racist or sexist or even that it was created by members of one race or sex to oppress members of another group.

Not surprisingly, as with many other education policy initiatives



advanced by legislative leaders in recent years, the proposal has sparked deep concern amongst educators, administrators and parents that lawmakers are micromanaging schools in a destructive and even dishonest way. Earlier this week, we sat down with NC Policy Watch education reporter Greg Childress to learn more about this issue, and some other education policy matters currently topping the headlines in Raleigh.

## **9. COVID-19**

### **News and Views for 5-17-2021**

Guests: Duke University researchers Kevin Saunders and Bart Haynes

While most Americans have been focused on getting either the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine to stave off COVID-19, researchers at Duke University have been busy creating a new vaccine with the potential to protect against a broad variety of coronaviruses that move from animals to humans, now and in the future.

Kevin Saunders is the director of research at the Duke Human Vaccine Institute and he recently discussed how this new vaccine is effective against multiple forms of coronavirus. Dr. Bart Haynes, director of the Duke Human Vaccine Institute, says work his group has put in over the past two decades to develop an HIV vaccine laid the groundwork for this new discovery. Another aspect of the work at Duke that makes this truly exciting is that it creates a platform that could allow researchers to pivot quickly against new virus variants.

## **10. ENVIRONMENT**

### **News and Views for 5-31-2021**

Guest: NC Policy Watch investigative reporter Lisa Sorg  
As has been the pattern for several years now, Republican legislators in the North Carolina General Assembly have been staking out some controversial positions of late on legislation impacting environmental protection and the rights of workers. In recent weeks, GOP senators took the unprecedented (and largely unexplained) step of voting to reject Gov. Roy Cooper's nominee to head the Department of Environmental Quality,

Dionne Delli-Gotti, while also advancing a bill that would create new roadblocks for workplace whistleblowers looking to sue for unfair retaliation by their employers.

Meanwhile, in more promising news, Gov. Cooper issued an executive order that could pave the way for a huge expansion in the production of electricity from offshore wind.

We got the details on all these developments from NC Policy Watch environmental investigative reporter, Lisa Sorg.

**CAROLINA NEWS MAKERS:**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS IS PRESENTED IN 30-MINUTE VERSIONS.**

**APRIL 3-4**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH BECKI GRAY - SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AT THE JOHN LOCKE FOUNDATION

COVID-19, ECONOMY, EDUCATION, BROADBAND, BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL DEBT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REDISTRICTING, ELECTIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND MEDICAID EXPANSION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-14

AIR WEEK: 4/4/21

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

SEGMENT 1: ASSESSING THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WRECKAGE OF THE PANDEMIC

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:14

SYNOPSIS: MANY PEOPLE ARE RELIEVED THAT, THANKS TO VACCINES, THE COVID-19

PANDEMIC SEEMS TO BE WANING. BUT THE MENTAL HEALTH WRECKAGE OF THE LAST YEAR

WILL TAKE LONGER TO OVERCOME. EXPERTS DISCUSS HOW IT'S SHOWING UP AND WHAT

PEOPLE CAN DO TO GET BACK ON TRACK.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. ANNA GLASSMAN-PINES, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC POLICY, PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE, DUKE UNIVERSITY; DR. ROBIN GURWITCH, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, DUKE UNIVERSITY; DR. JENNIFER PLUMB-VILARDAGA, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; DR. JUDITH ORLOFF, LOS ANGELES PSYCHIATRIST AND AUTHOR, THE EMPATH SURVIVAL GUIDE  
COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH; CONSUMERISM; SELFHELP; YOUTH AT RISK; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SEGMENT 2: THE BENEFITS OF WRITING BY HAND

TIME: 15:06

DURATION: 7:42

SYNOPSIS: TODAY'S STUDENTS OFTEN TYPE THEIR ASSIGNMENTS, NO MATTER THE GRADE LEVEL. WRITING BY HAND IS DONE LESS FREQUENTLY, AND SOME STUDENTS ARE BARELY ABLE TO PRODUCE CURSIVE WRITING. HOWEVER, STUDIES SHOW THAT WRITING BY HAND CREATES A BETTER CONNECTION TO THE BRAIN FOR LEARNING CONTENT. EXPERTS DISCUSS HOW WE MIGHT TAP THIS CONNECTION IN AN INCREASINGLY TECH WORLD.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: LIBBY FOSTER

GUESTS: DR. DANNY OPPENHEIMER, PROFESSOR OF DECISION SCIENCES, CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY; DR. VIRGINIA WISE BERNINGER, PROFESSOR EMERITA OF LEARNING SCIENCES AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PREVENTION; CONSUMERISM; EDUCATION; TECHNOLOGY; NEUROSCIENCE

**APRIL 10-11**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
PUBLIC POLICY POLLING

POLLING, COVID-19, POLITICAL PARTIES, UNAFFILIATED  
VOTERS, PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL,  
NATIONAL DEBT, GUN CONTROL, MARIJUANA, REDISTRICTING,  
AND EDUCATION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-15

AIR WEEK: 4/11/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: SURVIVING AN ACTIVE SHOOTER

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:24

SYNOPSIS: WITH THE RECENT ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENTS IN  
ATLANTA AND BOULDER,  
COLORADO, EXPERTS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A RETURN OF  
MASS SHOOTINGS THAT HAD  
DISAPPEARED DURING THE PANDEMIC. TWO EXPERTS DISCUSS  
THE CHANGING THEORY OF  
HOW TO SURVIVE AN ACTIVE SHOOTER INCIDENT THROUGH  
WHAT'S CALLED "RUN, HIDE, AND  
FIGHT."

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. CHERYL LERO JONSON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, XAVIER  
UNIVERSITY; DR. PARK DIETZ, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT,  
THREAT ASSESSMENT GROUP

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: MASS SHOOTINGS; PUBLIC HEALTH;  
PUBLIC SAFETY; GUNS AND GUN  
VIOLENCE; POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; YOUTH AT RISK;  
EDUCATION

SEGMENT 2: THE PANDEMIC IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

TIME: 15:16

DURATION: 7:21

SYNOPSIS: PLAGUES SUCH AS COVID-19 ARE NOTHING NEW,  
AND THIS PANDEMIC IS FAR  
FROM THE WORST THE WORLD HAS EVER FACED. A PHYSICIAN  
AND HISTORIAN EXAMINES  
COVID IN COMPARISON TO OTHER PANDEMICS AND DISCUSSES  
THE LESSONS THAT WILL  
SERVE US WELL IN THE FUTURE.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: POLLY HANSEN

GUESTS: DR. RICHARD GUNDERMAN, JOHN. A. CAMPBELL

PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGY,

INDIANA UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR, CONTAGION: PLAGUES,  
PANDEMICS, AND CURES FROM

THE BLACK DEATH TO COVID-19 AND BEYOND

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HISTORY, COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PUBLIC  
HEALTH

#### **APRIL 17-18**

#### **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH ANDY ELLEN - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH  
CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS

ASSOCIATION

COVID-19, TAXATION, RETAIL SALES, CHRISTMAS SHOPPING,  
SALES TAX, PAYCHECK

PROTECTION PROGRAM, PHARMACEUTICALS, HEALTH CARE,  
ALCOHOL, LOSS PREVENTION,  
RESTAURANTS, AND JOBS.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-16

AIR WEEK: 4/18/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: GIVING CASH TO THE HOMELESS

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:56

SYNOPSIS: HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO BE A STUBBORN  
PROBLEM DESPITE MANY WELLINTENTIONED PROGRAMS. A NEW  
EXPERIMENTAL STUDY FINDS THAT GIVING HOMELESS

PEOPLE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN CASH HELPS GET MANY OF THEM OFF THE STREETS

FOR GOOD, CALLING INTO QUESTION MANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT THE HOMELESS AND HOW THEY GOT THAT WAY. EXPERTS DISCUSS THE NEW PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR ENDING HOMELESSNESS.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: NAN ROMAN, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS; DR. JIAYING

ZHOU, CANADA RESEARCH CHAIR AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND

INSTITUTE FOR RESOURCES, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH

COLUMBIA; RUTGER BREGMAN, HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR, HUMAN KIND: A HOPEFUL HISTORY

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HOMELESSNESS; ECONOMICS; POVERTY; CHARITIES; UNEMPLOYMENT;

ALCOHOL ABUSE; GOVERNMENT; HOUSING

SEGMENT 2: TRACING COVID IN ANIMALS & WATER

TIME: 15:48

DURATION: 7:06

SYNOPSIS: SCIENTISTS ARE TESTING HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF ANIMALS AS WELL

AS WASTE AND STORM WATER FOR COVID-19, LOOKING FOR RESERVOIRS FOR POSSIBLE

MUTATION. THEY'VE LEARNED EVEN PETS CAN POSSIBLY HARBOR THE VIRUS BUT PROBABLY

AREN'T A THREAT. AN EXPERT DISCUSSES HOW THE KNOWLEDGE WILL COMBAT COVID

VARIANTS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: LIBBY FOSTER

GUESTS: DR. VANESSA HALE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF VETERINARY PREVENTIVE

MEDICINE, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: PREVENTION; PUBLIC HEALTH; PETS AND PEOPLE; ENVIRONMENTAL

SCIENCE; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

APRIL 24-25

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE - PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS

COVID-19, VACCINES, ECONOMY, UNEMPLOYMENT, UNITED STATES SENATE RACE, MEDICAID

EXPANSION, INSURANCE, HEALTH CARE, BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND REDISTRICTING.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-17

AIR WEEK: 4/25/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: HOW HIGH DRUG PRICES LEAD TO DRUG MISUSE

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:51

SYNOPSIS: MILLIONS OF AMERICANS CANNOT AFFORD THE MEDICATIONS THEY'VE BEEN

PRESCRIBED. MANY SKIP DOSES, SPLIT PILLS OR DON'T FILL PRESCRIPTIONS AT ALL AS A

RESULT, WITH SOMETIMES EVEN FATAL CONSEQUENCES. BUT DOCTORS ARE OFTEN UNABLE

TO CONSIDER COST VERY WELL IN PRESCRIBING, AS THE SAME DRUG OFTEN COSTS

PATIENTS VASTLY DIFFERENT AMOUNTS DUE TO INSURANCE DIFFERENCES. EXPERTS

DISCUSS THE PROBLEM AND WHAT PATIENTS CAN DO TO SAVE.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DAVID MITCHELL, CANCER PATIENT, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, PATIENTS FOR

AFFORDABLE DRUGS; DR. STACIE DUSETZINA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEALTH POLICY,

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; ECONOMICS; INSURANCE; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND

REGULATION

SEGMENT 2: BRAIN ANEURYSM THROUGH THE EYES OF A SURVIVOR

TIME: 15:43

DURATION: 7:08

SYNOPSIS: BRAIN ANEURYSMS—BULGING IN A BRAIN BLOOD VESSEL, LIKE AN INFLATED BALLOON—AFFECT 1 IN 50 PEOPLE AND ARE GENERALLY WITHOUT SYMPTOMS UNTIL THEY BURST. THIS OCCURS IN ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE PER YEAR IN THE US, ACCOUNTING FOR 3-5 PERCENT OF ALL NEW STROKES. HERE IS THE STORY OF ONE SURVIVOR IN HER OWN WORDS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: JANET SUTHERLAND-MADDEN, BRAIN ANEURYSM RUPTURE SURVIVOR AND

AUTHOR, NOSE OVER TOES

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; EMS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE;

REHABILITATION

## **MAY 1-2**

### **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH LYNN MINGES - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NORTH CAROLINA

RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION

COVID-19, RESTAURANTS, PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM, RESTAURANT RECOVERY

PROGRAM, LODGING, EVENTS, TRAVEL, TOURISM, EMPLOYMENT, IMMIGRATION, AND

TAXATION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-18

AIR WEEK: 5/2/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: BOTTLED WATER AND TRUST IN OUR INSTITUTIONS

TIME: 1:49

DURATION: 13:17



SYNOPSIS: BOTTLED WATER SALES HAVE SKYROCKETED, IN PART BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT IS SAFER THAN TAP WATER. ACTUALLY, BOTTLED WATER FACES FEW OF THE SAFETY REGULATIONS THAT TAP WATER DOES. THE DISCONNECT, ACCORDING TO A NEW STUDY, COMES FROM SOCIETY'S PERVASIVE DISTRUST IN ALL GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS. THE LEAD RESEARCHER DISCUSSES HOW RESTORING FAITH IN WATER COULD BEGIN TO RESTORE FAITH IN ALL AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. MANNY TEODORO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: PUBLIC HEALTH; LOCAL GOVERNMENT; INFRASTRUCTURE; DRINKING WATER SAFETY; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATION; POLITICS; ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

SEGMENT 2: COVID AND PTSD

TIME: 16:08

DURATION: 6:45

SYNOPSIS: STUDIES SHOW THAT AS MANY AS A THIRD OF PEOPLE WHO WERE VERY ILL WITH COVID-19 LATER DEVELOP PTSD. CAREGIVERS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS MAY BE AFFLICTED AS WELL. AN EXPERT DISCUSSES HOW THIS DEVELOPS AND WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO TO GET BETTER.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: LIBBY FOSTER

GUESTS: DR. SANAM HAFEEZ, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH; CONSUMERISM; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**MAY 8-9**

## **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH DAVID PRICE - UNITED STATES  
CONGRESSMAN FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S  
FOURTH DISTRICT

COVID-19, TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY, BROADBAND, CENSUS,  
REDISTRICTING, TERM LIMITS,  
WASHINGTON D.C. STATEHOOD, BIDEN ADMINISTRATION,  
NATIONAL DEBT, TAXATION,  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND IMMIGRATION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-19

AIR WEEK: 5/9/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: THE DISTORTED SMELL OF COVID-19

TIME: 1:52

DURATION: 12:40

SYNOPSIS: MANY OF THOSE WHO'VE HAD COVID-19 HAVE  
SUFFERED FROM A TEMPORARY  
LOSS OF THEIR SENSE OF SMELL, BUT SOME HAVE HAD WHAT  
SEEMS TO BE AN EVEN WORSE  
SYMPTOM WEEKS OR MONTHS LATER—A DISTORTED SENSE OF  
SMELL, WHERE EVERYTHING,  
FROM COFFEE TO FLOWERS, SMELLS SICKENINGLY AWFUL. AN  
EXPERT AND A FORMER  
SUFFERER DISCUSS HOW DISRUPTIVE TO LIFE THIS CAN BE  
AND WHAT PEOPLE CAN DO TO  
MAKE IT THROUGH TO RECOVERY.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DUIKA BURGESS-WATSON, RESEARCHER AND  
LECTURER IN MEDICAL SCIENCES,  
NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY; CHRISSI KELLY, FOUNDER,  
ABSCENT.ORG

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: PUBLIC HEALTH; CONSUMERISM; MENTAL  
HEALTH; FAMILY ISSUES;  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SEGMENT 2: RESEARCH ETHICS NOW VS. THEN: A CASE STUDY

TIME: 15:34

DURATION: 7:12

SYNOPSIS: IN THE MID-1960'S, MANY IVY LEAGUE AND SEVEN SISTER COLLEGES AS WELL AS PRESTIGIOUS PREP SCHOOLS ALLOWED RESEARCHERS TO PHOTOGRAPH INCOMING STUDENTS NAKED AS PART OF WORK ON A NOW DISCREDITED THEORY LINKING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS TO LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL. A FORMER STUDENT WHO WENT THROUGH IT, NOW A PHYSICIAN AND WRITER, DISCUSSES HOW RESEARCH ETHICS HAVE CHANGED IN THE LAST 50 YEARS.  
HOST: NANCY BENSON  
PRODUCER: REED PENCE  
GUESTS: DR. DAVID SKLAR, EMERITUS PROFESSOR OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, AND AUTHOR, ATLAS OF MEN  
COMPLIANCE ISSUES: EDUCATION; RESEARCH ETHICS; SEXUAL ABUSE; INFORMED CONSENT

**MAY 15-16**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH BOB PHILLIPS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMON CAUSE NORTH CAROLINA

U.S. CENSUS, REDISTRICTING, GERRYMANDERING, ELECTIONS, VOTER IDENTIFICATION, SAME DAY REGISTRATION, EARLY VOTING, MONEY IN POLITICS, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, MEDIA, AND LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-20

AIR WEEK: 5/16/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: THE COVID BABY BUST

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:26

SYNOPSIS: THE US BIRTH RATE HAS BEEN DECLINING SINCE THE CRASH OF 2008, BUT IT

TOOK AN EVEN LARGER DECLINE DURING THE PANDEMIC TO LEVELS UNSEEN SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. TODAY FERTILITY RATES ARE BELOW REPLACEMENT LEVELS, WHICH COULD HAVE BIG IMPACTS ON EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND THE TAX BASE YEARS DOWN THE ROAD. EXPERTS DISCUSS HOW PEOPLE MAKE FERTILITY DECISIONS AND THE IMPACTS THEY CAN HAVE ON THE NATION.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: NELL FRIZZELL, AUTHOR, THE PANIC YEARS: DATES, DOUBTS, AND THE MOTHER OF ALL DECISIONS; DR. PHILIP COHEN, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND; DR. LAURA LINDBERG, PRINCIPAL RESEARCH SCIENTIST, GUTTMACHER INSTITUTE

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: WOMEN'S ISSUES; FAMILY ISSUES; CONTRACEPTION; ECONOMICS; POVERTY; EDUCATION; PUBLIC HEALTH; EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE ISSUES; TAXES; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; PARENTING GOVERNMENT; CHILDCARE; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SEGMENT 2: THE CHANGING FACE OF COLON CANCER

TIME: 15:18

DURATION: 7:35

SYNOPSIS: COLON CANCER IS STRIKING MUCH YOUNGER PEOPLE THAN IT USED TO, LEADING EXPERTS TO LOWER THE AGE ON SCREENING RECOMMENDATIONS. A NOTED COLON SURGEON DISCUSSES SCREENING AND TREATMENT OPTIONS, AND THE WAY COVID-19 HAS CHANGED PATIENTS' APPROACH TO GETTING SCREENED.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. JAMES MCCLANE, CHIEF OF COLORECTAL SURGERY, NORWALK HOSPITAL, NORWALK, CT

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH;  
EDUCATION

**MAY 22-23**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH DALE FOLWELL - STATE TREASURER OF  
NORTH CAROLINA

COVID-19, STATE PENSION PLAN, STATE HEALTH PLAN, HEALTH  
CARE, BOND RATING,

UNCLAIMED CASH, FRAUD, INFRASTRUCTURE

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-21

AIR WEEK: 5/23/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: KEEPING GENERIC DRUGS SAFE

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:49

SYNOPSIS: SINCE THE 1980'S, ALMOST ALL PRODUCTION OF  
GENERIC DRUGS HAS MOVED

OVERSEAS, WHERE FDA INSPECTORS HAVE A MUCH TOUGHER  
TIME MAKING SURE THEY'RE

FOLLOWING RULES FOR SAFETY. AN INVESTIGATIVE  
JOURNALIST DESCRIBES THE WAYS

SHE'S FOUND THAT MANY DRUGMAKERS CUT CORNERS,  
PUTTING SAFETY AT RISK, AND

DETAILS WHAT CONSUMERS CAN DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; FRAUD;  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND

REGULATION; PATIENT SAFETY; CONSUMERISM; CONSUMER  
SAFETY

GUESTS: KATHERINE EBAN, AUTHOR, BOTTLE OF LIES: THE  
INSIDE STORY OF THE GENERIC  
DRUG BOOM

SEGMENT 2: COVID AND KIDNEY DISEASE

TIME: 15:11

DURATION: 6:25

SYNOPSIS: COVID-19 IS USUALLY A RESPIRATORY DISEASE,  
BUT IT CAN AFFECT VIRTUALLY  
ANY ORGAN IN THE BODY. THE NATION'S TOP KIDNEY DISEASE  
EXPERT DISCUSSES HOW  
COVID CAN PROMPT LIFE-THREATENING KIDNEY EFFECTS IN  
THE PREVIOUSLY HEALTHY, AND  
HOW THOSE WITH KIDNEY DISEASE ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE  
TO SEVERE COVID INFECTION.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: LIBBY FOSTER

GUESTS: DR. GRIFFIN RODGERS, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL  
INSTITUTE OF DIABETES, DIGESTIVE  
AND KIDNEY DISEASES.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH;  
EDUCATION; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## **MAY 29-30**

### **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH DEBORAH ROSS - UNITED STATES  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR NORTH CAROLINA'S  
SECOND DISTRICT

COVID-19, VOTING RIGHTS, REDISTRICTING, ECONOMY,  
SCIENCE, EDUCATION, CYBER  
SECURITY, AND ENERGY.

INTERVIEW WITH JOSH DOBSON - LABOR COMMISSIONER OF  
NORTH CAROLINA

LABOR DEPARTMENT BACKGROUND, MIGRANT WORKERS,  
AGRICULTURE, COVID-19,  
AMUSEMENT RIDES, AND DRUG TESTING.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-22

AIR WEEK: 5/30/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: MISSING THE GOAL OF HERD IMMUNITY

TIME: 1:49

DURATION: 12:21

SYNOPSIS: SINCE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC BEGAN, PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS HAVE LOOKED TO VACCINES WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING "HERD IMMUNITY," WHERE SO MANY PEOPLE ARE VACCINATED THAT THE VIRUS STALLS OUT. NOW IT IS CLEAR WE WILL NOT REACH THAT GOAL, MEANING THE THREAT OF THE PANDEMIC MAY DRAG ON FOR YEARS. ONE OF THE NATION'S LEADING INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS DISCUSSES HOW WE ARE MISSING THE TARGET AND WHAT IT MEANS.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. WILLIAM SCHAFFNER, PROFESSOR OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND INFECTIOUS

DISEASES, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; ETHICS;

CONSUMERISM; VULNERABLE

POPULATIONS; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SEGMENT 2: CLINICAL TRIALS AND TRUST IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

TIME: 15:12

DURATION: 7:36

SYNOPSIS: PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE LESS LIKELY THAN OTHERS TO RECEIVE TIMELY

TREATMENT FOR MEDICAL ISSUES. THIS IS REFLECTED IN COVID-19 VACCINATION NUMBERS,

IN CANCER TREATMENT, AND IN CLINICAL TRIAL

PARTICIPATION. EXPERTS DISCUSS WAYS TO

INCREASE PARTICIPATION, ESPECIALLY IN CLINICAL TRIALS

THAT MIGHT ULTIMATELY RAISE

TRUST IN MEDICINE.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. LANCE OKEKE, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND INFECTIOUS

DISEASES, DUKE UNIVERSITY; DANA DORNSIFE, FOUNDER AND CEO, LAZAREX CANCER

FOUNDATION; MIKE MCDANIEL, PARTICIPANT IN ACTIV-2 CLINICAL TRIAL

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH;  
EDUCATION; DISCRIMINATION;  
MINORITY ISSUES; VACCINATION; COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**JUNE 5-6**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH PATRICK WOODIE - PRESIDENT OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER  
ORIGIN, COVID-19,  
AGRICULTURE, POPULATION CHANGE, SMALL BUSINESS POLICY  
TASK FORCE, ECONOMICS,  
CORNERSQUARE COMMUNITY CAPITAL, AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN, BROADBAND, EDUCATION,  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, AND INFRASTRUCTURE.  
RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-23

AIR WEEK: 6/6/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: UNDIAGNOSED MYSTERY DISEASES

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:32

SYNOPSIS: HUNDREDS OF PATIENTS NATIONALLY HAVE  
DISEASES THAT HAVE CONFOUNDED  
DOCTORS AND YIELDED NO DIAGNOSIS AND NO RELIABLE  
TREATMENT. TODAY THE  
UNDIAGNOSED DISEASES NETWORK, FOUNDED AND FUNDED  
BY THE NIH, HELPS THESE  
PATIENTS, BUT ITS FUNDING IS UNCERTAIN BEYOND 2022.  
PATIENTS AND A PHYSICIAN  
LEADER OF THE UDN DISCUSS THE LONELY PLIGHT OF THESE  
PATIENTS AND THE HOPE UDN  
PROVIDES.

HOST: REED PENCE

PRODUCER: POLLY HANSEN



GUESTS: MEGHAN HALLEY, MOTHER OF CHILD WITH UNIDENTIFIED ILLNESS; TROY EVANS, PATIENT WITH UNIDENTIFIED ILLNESS; KIMBERLY LEBLANC, GENETIC COUNSELOR AND ASSOCIATE DIR. OF RESEARCH OPERATIONS, UNDIAGNOSED DISEASES COORDINATING CENTER, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL  
COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; ETHICS; CONSUMERISM; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATION

SEGMENT 2: TASTY FOOD VS. HEALTHY FOOD: FINDING A BALANCE

TIME: 15:24

DURATION: 6:57

SYNOPSIS: MANY AMERICANS BELIEVE THAT HEALTHY FOOD DOESN'T TASTE GOOD, AND TASTY FOOD ISN'T HEALTHY. A CHEF WHO IS ALSO A CARDIOLOGIST DISCUSSES HOW TO FIND A BALANCE BY SEEKING OUT HEALTHY INGREDIENTS RATHER THAN WHOLE CATEGORIES OF FOODS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. MICHAEL FENSTER, PROFESSOR OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA AND AUTHOR, FOOD SHAMAN: THE ART OF QUANTUM FOOD

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; PUBLIC HEALTH; CONSUMERISM; DIET AND NUTRITION

**JUNE 12-13**

**CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH STEVE LAWLER - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NORTH CAROLINA

HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION

COVID-19, VACCINATIONS, TELEHEALTH, AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, HEALTHCARE, INSURANCE,

MEDICAID EXPANSION, FINANCE, COMMUNITY HOSPITALS,  
TEACHING HOSPITALS,  
TECHNOLOGY, AND LEGISLATION.  
RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL  
PROGRAM 21-24  
AIR WEEK: 6/13/21  
WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE  
STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY  
SEGMENT 1: HOW COVID MASKS HAVE AFFECTED CHILDREN'S  
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT  
TIME: 1:50  
DURATION: 12:31  
SYNOPSIS: INFANTS, TODDLERS, AND GRADE SCHOOL  
CHILDREN USE MANY CUES TO LEARN  
LANGUAGE. SOME OF THEM ARE VISUAL, INVOLVING SEEING  
THE MOUTH MOVE. SOME  
DEPEND ON CLEARLY HEARING SPEECH. BOTH HAVE BEEN  
IMPACTED BY MASK WEARING  
DURING THE PANDEMIC. EXPERTS NOW STUDYING HOW FAR  
BEHIND CHILDREN ARE AS A  
RESULT DISCUSS HOW LANGUAGE DEVELOPS IN CHILDREN AND  
HOW IT'S BEEN AFFECTED IN  
THE PANDEMIC.  
HOST: REED PENCE  
PRODUCER: LIBBY FOSTER  
GUESTS: DR. STEPHEN CAMARATA, PROFESSOR OF HEARING  
AND SPEECH SCIENCES,  
PSYCHIATRY, PSYCHOLOGY, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION, VANDERBILT  
UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR, THE INTUITIVE PARENT: WHY THE  
BEST THING FOR YOUR CHILD IS  
YOU; SARA CHARNEY, SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, MAYO CLINIC  
ARIZONA  
COMPLIANCY ISSUES: EDUCATION; PUBLIC HEALTH;  
CONSUMERISM; YOUTH AT RISK;  
DISABILITIES  
SEGMENT 2: REFINERIES AND THEIR NEIGHBORS: HOW SAFE IS  
THE AIR?  
TIME: 15:23

DURATION: 7:06

SYNOPSIS: A RECENT REPORT SHOWS THAT MORE THAN A DOZEN REFINERIES AROUND THE US ARE EMITTING BENZENE POLLUTION INTO THE AIR AT HIGHER LEVELS THAN ALLOWED BY THE EPA. AN ACTIVIST DISCUSSES THIS NEWLY LABELED PROBLEM AND WHAT THE AGENCY CAN DO TO CURB IT.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: ERIC SCHAEFFER, EXEC. DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY PROJECT

COMPLIANCE ISSUES: AIR POLLUTION; ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE; FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND REGULATION; PUBLIC HEALTH; MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRY; MINORITY ISSUES

## **JUNE 19-20**

### **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD - PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION  
PRESIDENT BIDEN, COVID-19, ELECTIONS, DONALD TRUMP, 2022 NORTH CAROLINA US SENATE SEAT, REDISTRICTING, VOTER REGISTRATION, AND BUDGET.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-25

AIR WEEK: 6/20/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: SUDC—SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH OF A CHILD  
TIME: 2:01

DURATION: 12:23

SYNOPSIS: EACH YEAR, SOME 400 US CHILDREN OVER AGE 1, MOST OF THEM TODDLERS, DIE OVERNIGHT FOR NO KNOWN REASON. FAMILIES, LONGING FOR ANSWERS, OFTEN FIND THAT THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS, AND EVEN PEDIATRICIANS ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THIS

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATH, OR THAT THEY EVEN OCCUR.  
FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE LOST  
A CHILD, A MEDICAL EXAMINER, AND A RESEARCH EXPERT WHO  
HAS LOST A CHILD DISCUSS  
SUDC.

HOST: REED PENCE

PRODUCER: REGAN HUSTON

GUESTS: ESTUARDO TORRES, FATHER OF SUDC VICTIM; DR.  
ERIC EASON, ASSISTANT

MEDICAL EXAMINER, COOK COUNTY, IL; LAURA GOULD

CRANDALL, RESEARCH SCIENTIST,

DEPT. OF NEUROLOGY, NYU LANGONE COMPREHENSIVE

EPILEPSY CENTER AND MOTHER OF

SUDC VICTIM; RON AND JORDANA ZACHARA, PARENTS OF SUDC  
VICTIM

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: YOUTH AT RISK; PUBLIC HEALTH;

PARENTING; HEALTHCARE; CHILD

SAFETY

SEGMENT 2: "TONSIL STONES"

TIME: 15:26

DURATION: 6:31

SYNOPSIS: SOME PEOPLE FIND THAT SMALL "STONES" ARE  
GROWING ON THEIR TONSILS.

THEY'RE AN ACCUMULATION OF SKIN CELLS, FOOD, AND OTHER  
DEBRIS. WHILE THEY ARE

NOT MEDICALLY DANGEROUS OR PAINFUL, THEY OFTEN

PRODUCE BAD BREATH OR

SOMETIMES PAIN. TWO EXPERT PHYSICIANS DISCUSS TONSIL  
STONES' FORMATION AND

TREATMENT.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: MORGAN KELLY

GUESTS: DR. ALTER PEERLESS, OTOLARYNGOLOGIST, MERCY  
HEALTH, CINCINNATI; DR.

LAUREN BOHM, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY,  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTH CARE

**JUNE 26-27**

## **CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS**

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN - WILLIAM NEAL  
REYNOLDS DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR  
OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS AT NORTH  
CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT, COVID-19, JOB MARKET,  
ECONOMY, UNEMPLOYMENT, NATIONAL  
DEBT, HOUSING MARKET, PRODUCT SHORTAGES, FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION,  
INFRASTRUCTURE, BROADBAND, STOCK MARKET, AND CYBER  
SECURITY.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL

PROGRAM 21-26

AIR WEEK: 6/27/21

WRITERS/PRODUCERS: REED PENCE

STUDIO PRODUCTION: JASON DICKEY

SEGMENT 1: GROWTH HORMONE FOR SHORT KIDS

TIME: 1:50

DURATION: 12:23

SYNOPSIS: THOUSANDS OF PARENTS TAKE THEIR CHILDREN TO  
DOCTORS EACH YEAR

SEEKING SYNTHETIC GROWTH HORMONE TO CURE THEIR  
RELATIVELY SHORT STATURE,  
EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THESE CHILDREN ARE MERELY LATE  
BLOOMERS AND HAVE

NOTHING WRONG WITH THEM. GROWTH HORMONE ALSO  
MAKES LESS DIFFERENCE IN  
HEIGHT THAN PARENTS OFTEN IMAGINE. STUDIES SHOW THAT  
SHORT STATURE GENERALLY  
DOES NOT CREATE PSYCHOLOGICAL DAMAGE. EXPERTS  
DISCUSS THE ISSUE.

HOST & PRODUCER: REED PENCE

GUESTS: DR. LAURIE COHEN, DIRECTOR GROWTH AND  
NEUROENDOCRINE PROGRAMS,  
BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF  
PEDIATRICS, HARVARD  
MEDICAL SCHOOL; DR. DAVID SANDBERG, PROFESSOR OF  
PEDIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF

MICHIGAN MEDICAL SCHOOL AND C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: YOUTH AT RISK; PARENTING;  
HEALTHCARE; CONSUMERISM; CHILD  
SAFETY; EDUCATION

SEGMENT 2: MARFAN SYNDROME

TIME: 15:26

DURATION: 6:31

SYNOPSIS: MARFAN SYNDROME PRODUCES OBVIOUS PHYSICAL  
SYMPTOMS SUCH AS

EXTREME HEIGHT, BUT ITS HIDDEN SYMPTOMS, ESPECIALLY IN  
THE HEART AND EYES, CAN

BE MUCH MORE SERIOUS. EXPERTS DISCUSS ITS DIAGNOSIS  
AND TREATMENT.

HOST: NANCY BENSON

PRODUCER: SCARLETT O'HARA

GUESTS: DR. GREGORY PERENS, PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS,  
UCLA MATTEL CHILDREN'S

HOSPITAL; DR. SIMON FUNG, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF  
OPHTHALMOLOGY, UCLA MEDICAL  
CENTER

COMPLIANCY ISSUES: HEALTHCARE; CONSUMERISM; YOUTH AT  
RISK

### **Additional Topics**

Guest: Senator Natalie Murdock

It's prime time at the 2021 session of the North Carolina General Assembly as lawmakers work to wade through hundreds of bills on a host of important and controversial issues.

This week we got a chance to discuss some of them with one of the legislature's rising stars, state Senator Natalie Murdock of Durham County. Among other things, we talked about the so-called "Mominibus" bill that Murdock and others are pushing to address the state's troubling health statistics for new mothers -- particularly moms of color -- and the ongoing debate over elections and voting rights that's become one of the session's most hotly debated topics. Other issues discussed: the state

budget and efforts to end discrimination against LGBTQ North Carolinians.

Guests: Duke University researcher Emily Ury and Professor Emily Bernhardt

Some new and disturbing findings from Duke University researcher Emily Ury indicate that rising sea levels are killing trees along the Atlantic coast and creating so-called 'ghost forests' that are visible from space. This troubling development is attributable to the fact that sea level rise driven by climate change is making wetlands across the globe wetter and saltier. Recently, we caught up Ury and her colleague, Prof. Emily Bernhardt to discuss exactly how and where this phenomenon is taking place and what, if anything, can and should be done about it.

Guest: Rep. Susan Fisher and others

President Joe Biden announced plans this week to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers to \$15 an hour starting in January of next year.

But for hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians not covered by the order, the minimum wage remains stuck at where it's been for more than a decade -- a woeful \$7.25 an hour.

This past week, in an effort to jumpstart a pair of bills at the General Assembly that would help low paid workers by raising the state minimum wage, members of the Raising Wages North Carolina coalition held a virtual event that featured workers, advocates, state lawmakers and business owners.

Chanelle Croxton is the North Carolina organizing director for the National Domestic Workers Alliance. She says the Tar Heel state is falling behind many others. State Representative Susan Fisher of Buncombe County is the primary sponsor of House Bill 612, aimed at raising the state's minimum wage. Also joining the conversation: Connie Matisse, the CEO of East Fork Pottery in Asheville and Cummie Davis, a Certified Nursing Assistant and a member of the group, Fight for 15.

Guest: Erica Payne, co-founder of the national nonprofit group, Patriotic Millionaires and author of "Tax the Rich!: How Lies, Loopholes, and Lobbyists Make the Rich Even Richer""

So how do you rig an economy? According to former BlackRock executive Morris Pearl, the wealthy chair of the nonprofit group Patriotic Millionaires, and Erica Payne, the organization's founder, you start with the tax code. That's the subject Pearl and Payne explore in their informative and unapologetic new book, "Tax the Rich!: How Lies, Loopholes, and Lobbyists Make the Rich Even Richer"

The book takes readers on an engaging and enlightening insider's tour of the nation's tax code, explaining exactly how "the rich"—and the politicians they control—manipulate the U.S. tax code to ensure the rich get richer, and everyone else is left holding the bag.

Recently, we caught up with Erica Payne for a special two-part interview. In part one Payne tells us why so many successful American millionaires believe our economy is actually unfairly rigged in their favor and how the tax code has become the engine driving that injustice. In Part Two, we dig deeper into some of the scandalous details of the U.S. tax code as Payne relates some concrete and outrageous examples of how lobbyists for giant corporations and the wealthy have, quite literally and blatantly, purchased control of our government for their own benefit.

Guest: State Rep. Julie von Haefen

This past week was "crossover week" at the North Carolina General Assembly – an important, if artificial, mid-legislative session deadline that forces lawmakers to consider scores of proposed bills over just a few days.

Early in the week, we caught up with State Rep. Julie von Haefen of Wake County to get her assessment of where things stand, the issues Republican legislative leaders are prioritizing and the tactics they've been employing, and what she hopes can still be addressed this spring in order for the state to meet the enormous challenges still posed by the pandemic. Other issues discussed: childcare subsidies, NC's COVID response, and the state budget.



Guests: Health advocates Christina Adeleke and Alejandro Acosta  
It's been 40 years now since HIV/AIDS made its destructive presence known in the United States and while scientists and health experts have made enormous strides in helping people to both avoid and, if necessary, live with the virus, we're far from out of the woods. The COVID-19 pandemic has only added to this challenge.

Recently, as part of their ongoing effort to maintain awareness about HIV/AIDS – especially amongst state policymakers – advocates held a virtual lobby day at the North Carolina General Assembly they dubbed HIV Speaks on Jones Street. Soon after the event, we caught up with two of the event's chief organizers - - Christina Adeleke of the North Carolina AIDS Action Network and Alejandro Acosta of the Southern AIDS Coalition.

Guest: WRAL-TV documentary producer Clay Johnson

For most caring and thinking people, the word "racism" conjures up all sorts of disturbing thoughts and images of violence, hate speech and other forms of overt ignorance. In many, many instances, however, racism plays out in a much more subtle, if no less insidious way. Indeed, some actions that people of color rightfully experience as racist are often the result of white people simply being oblivious to the impact of their words and actions. Thankfully, a new and "must see" WRAL-TV documentary shines a light on this problem. In "The Skin We're In," several North Carolinians of color share some everyday but nonetheless powerful stories of how their lives were impacted by racist statements and actions. And recently I got a chance to get a sneak preview of the documentary with WRAL-TV producer Clay Johnson. "The Skin We're In" premieres on May 30th on WRAL-TV and multiple online platforms.

Guest: NC Policy Watch investigative reporter Joe Killian

Well, for what seems like the umpteenth time in recent years, a controversy involving hot button issues from the world of policy and politics is dominating discussions at the University of North Carolina. This time it's the decision by the UNC journalism school to appoint acclaimed journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones to the school's Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism.

Though she's a Pulitzer Prize and MacArthur Foundation genius award winner, Hannah-Jones is a strong Black woman who frequently tells hard truths about race in America in innovative and sometimes provocative ways and that's raised the hackles of some on the political right who succeeded in getting university leaders to deny Hannah-Jones a tenured position – something that's been afforded to all of her predecessors.

Recently, in order to get better handle on the situation at UNC, we sat down with the reporter who broke many details of the story – NC Policy Watch reporter Joe Killian. Killian discusses not only the situation involving Hannah-Jones, but the issue of how history and issues of race are taught in North Carolina's schools. Guests: Seton Hall University Professor Thomas Healy and former state Senator and utilities commissioner Floyd McKissick, Jr. It's been more than 50 years since civil rights leader Floyd McKissick announced an audacious plan to build a new city in rural North Carolina, open to all but intended primarily to benefit Black people.

Named Soul City, the community secured funding from the Nixon administration, planning help from Harvard and the University of North Carolina, and endorsements from the New York Times. McKissick's vision – built on a former slave plantation in Warren County – was projected to have 50,000 residents by the year 2000.

Unfortunately, as Seton Hall law professor Thomas Healy explains in his new book *Soul City: Race, Equality, and the Lost Dream of an American Utopia*, the utopian vision was not to be.

Professor Healy recently joined us along with former state Senator Floyd McKissick, Jr., the son of Soul City's founder, to discuss the dream, North Carolina politics, and some of the lessons the experiment holds for us today. Issues discussed: race, equity, civil rights, journalism and Southern politics.

Guest: Fiscal policy expert Alexandra Sirota of the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center

When it comes to state fiscal policy, North Carolina elected leaders have always pursued a conservative course that's

emphasized relatively low taxes and low spending. Over the past decade, however, Republicans at the General Assembly have kicked this approach into overdrive – so much so that many experts now have grave concerns about the enormous harm that’s being done to core services like public education and, indeed, the overall health of the state’s economy.

Earlier this week, we caught up with one of those experts – veteran fiscal policy watchdog Alexandra Sirota of the North Carolina Budget & Tax Center. And as Sirota told me, the latest tax proposal from state Senate Republicans represents yet another troubling step down a very dangerous path.

Guest: State Rep. Raymond Smith

There’s no core public service in our state that’s been more negatively impacted by the state legislature’s obsession with tax and spending cuts in recent years than public education. Once a point of national pride for the state, North Carolina’s public schools now stand comparatively tattered and threadbare thanks to more than a decade of sustained cuts to staffing and facilities.

To make matters even more maddening, the recent downward spiral has come at a time in which the state is subject to a court order in the longstanding Leandro school funding case to change direction and dramatically boost public education investments.

Earlier this week, we caught up with a state lawmaker who’s trying hard to do something about this absurd situation – Rep. Raymond Smith of Wayne and Sampson Counties.

Guest: Jenice Ramirez, executive director of the NC-based nonprofit ISLA

One of the unforeseen but fortuitous side effects of the North Carolina legislature’s ongoing chronic underinvestment in public education has been the rise of a growing group of highly-skilled, well-informed and deeply passionate advocates who are pushing back and demanding that the state meet its constitutional obligations.

One of those up-and-coming leaders is Jenice Ramirez of the Triangle-based nonprofit ISLA. And as Ramirez told us earlier this week, it’s vitally important that North Carolina start looking at English language learners and other differently abled kids as a valuable strength, rather than a liability.

Guests: Salisbury Mayor Karen Alexander and Vickie Miller of the North Carolina League of Municipalities

There is scarcely any aspect of modern public life in North Carolina that hasn't been impacted in some way by our state's troubled history of racism. While modern statute books may be officially color blind, for instance, that can't make up anytime soon for the billions of dollars in family wealth (and countless opportunities) that were lost by people of color due to things like redlining and other forms of housing discrimination that persisted well into the late 20th Century. The tragic ongoing crisis in law enforcement that the murder of George Floyd brought center stage is yet another unresolved aspect of this problem. Fortunately, many public leaders of good will are at least starting to acknowledge the scope and scale of the problem and commencing action to address it.

This month the elected leaders and staff of the North Carolina League of Municipalities unveiled a special report that examines the ways in which city leaders can and should have an impact on racial equity. And earlier this week, I got a chance to chat with two of the women behind this effort: League president, Mayor Karen Alexander of Salisbury and the group's Director of Learning and Development, Vickie Miller. Issues discussed: Racial equity, history, housing, reconciliation, economic development