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PEOPLE IN POLITICS AND CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS ARE PRESENTED IN BOTH 30 AND 60-MINUTE VERSIONS. RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL IS PRESENTED IN 28-MINUTE FORMAT.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH WAYNE GOODWIN" INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF NORTH CAROLINA. HOME OWNERS INSURANCE, INSURANCE RIDERS, RENTERS INSURANCE, BUNDLING INSURANCE, AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, CAPTIVE INSURANCE, INSURANCE FRAUD, MALPRACTICE INSURANCE, FIRE SERVICE, OPERATION MEDICINE DROP.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: HOW WEATHER CAUSES PAIN

SYNOPSIS: MILLIONS OF AMERICANS SUFFER PAIN AS A RESULT OF WEATHER CHANGES. EXPERTS DISCUSS DIFFERENT CONDITIONS AFFECTED BY WEATHER, WHY PAIN RESPONDS TO WEATHER CHANGES AND POSSIBLE REMEDIES TO SOME OF THESE MALADIES.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DENI CANTRALL, RETIRED TEACHER AND ARTHRITIS SUFFERER; DR. ROBERT JAMISON, PROF. OF ANESTHESIA AND PSYCHIATRY, BRIGHAM AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AND HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL; BOB SMIRBECK, EXPERT SENIOR METEOROLOGIST, ACCUWEATHER.COM; DR. DAVID BORENSTEIN, CLINICAL PROF. OF MEDICINE, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES; DR. VINCENT MARTIN, PROF. OF MEDICINE AND DIRECTOR, HEADACHE AND FACIAL PAIN PROGRAM, UNIV. OF CINCINNATI.

SEGMENT 2: TOXIC CHEMICALS IN PRODUCTS

SYNOPSIS: THE AVERAGE AMERICAN IS EXPOSED TO MORE THAN 100 POTENTIALLY TOXIC SYNTHETIC CHEMICALS EVERY DAY, AND THERE IS LITTLE OVERSIGHT OF THEIR SAFETY. A NOTED EXPERT DISCUSSES THE VAST AMOUNT THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT THESE CHEMICALS, HOW THE US MIGHT REGULATE THEM BETTER, AND HOW TOUGHER REGULATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES COULD HELP KEEP AMERICANS SAFER.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUEST: KEN GEISER, EMERITUS PROF. OF WORK ENVIRONMENT, UNIV. OF MASSACHUSETTS, LOWELL, AND AUTHOR, CHEMICALS WITHOUT HARM: POLICIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO 2015, POLITICAL ANALYSTS ARE EYEING THE IMPACT OF ACTIONS BY THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE 2016 ELECTION CYCLE, AND THE SUBSEQUENT MESSAGING BY STATE REPUBLICANS AND DEMOCRATS AS EACH PARTY SEEKS TO SPIN 2015 TO THEIR BENEFIT. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ DELVES INTO THE TUG-OF-WAR AND ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AT THE BALLOT BOX WITH RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE LATEST FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL, WHERE KEY PRIMARY MATCHUPS HAVE EMERGED IN LEGISLATIVE SEATS HELD BY RETIRING SENS. TOM APODACA (DISTRICT 48) AND FLETCHER HARTSELL (DISTRICT 36) AND IN HOUSE DISTRICT 36, WHERE REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT NELSON DOLLAR HAS DRAWN A PRIMARY CHALLENGER. WITH ROUGHLY ONE-THIRD OF LEGISLATIVE RACES HAVING ONLY ONE CANDIDATE, MARTINEZ AND HENDERSON TALK ABOUT WHETHER THE LACK OF COMPETITION SHOULD BE A CONCERN. THEN MARTINEZ CONTINUES HER CONVERSATIONS WITH CANDIDATES SEEKING TO BECOME THE STATE'S NEXT TREASURER. DEMOCRATIC INCUMBENT JANET COWELL IS RETIRING, LEAVING DEMOCRATS TRYING TO DEFEND THE SEAT AND REPUBLICANS SEEKING TO GAIN A SEAT ON THE COUNCIL OF STATE, WHERE DEMOCRATS REMAIN DOMINANT. MARTINEZ HAS ALREADY

SPOKEN WITH DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE RON ELMER, WHO FACES FELLOW DEMOCRAT DAN BLUE III IN THE MARCH PRIMARY. THIS WEEK SHE TALKS WITH THE LONE REPUBLICAN IN THE RACE: FORMER FORSYTH COUNTY LEGISLATOR DALE FOLWELL, WHO RECENTLY RESIGNED HIS POSITION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE. THE TWO DISCUSS WHY FOLWELL IS RUNNING AND HOW HIS BACKGROUND AS A LEGISLATOR, LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, AND MCCRORY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL MAY GUIDE HIM AS TREASURER.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 10:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD" PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION. AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, MEDICAID EXPANSION, HEALTH CARE, NORTH CAROLINA BOND ISSUE, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, GASOLINE TAX, NORTH CAROLINA ECONOMY, ENERGY, JOB DEVELOPMENT, GOV. JIM MARTIN, COUNCIL OF STATE ELECTIONS.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: VIOLENCE AGAINST HEALTHCARE WORKERS

SYNOPSIS: HEALTHCARE WORKERS ARE ABOUT FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY THAN WORKERS IN ANY OTHER FIELD TO BE ATTACKED ON THE JOB, USUALLY BY PATIENTS OR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND MOST OFTEN IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. EXPERTS DISCUSS HOW AND WHY ATTACKS OCCUR AND HOW HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS CAN DO A BETTER JOB PREVENTING THEM.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: LISA WOLF, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR EMERGENCY NURSING RESEARCH, EMERGENCY NURSES ASSN.; DR. CHRISTOPHER MICHOS, CONNECTICUT EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN; DR. RONALD WYATT, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE IMPROVEMENT, THE JOINT COMMISSION

SEGMENT 2: ANKLE REPLACEMENT

SYNOPSIS: HIP AND KNEE REPLACEMENTS ARE COMMON, AND DOCTORS NOW SAY ANKLE REPLACEMENTS HAVE BECOME TECHNICALLY GOOD ENOUGH TO MAKE FUSION OBSOLETE FOR ARTHRITIS PATIENTS IN PAIN. A DOCTOR & PATIENT DISCUSS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUESTS: DR. SIMON LEE, FOOT & ANKLE SURGERY SPECIALISTS, RUSH UNIV. MEDICAL CENTER & MIDWEST ORTHOPEDICS, CHICAGO; ROBERT CORWIN, ANKLE REPLACEMENT PATIENT AND JUDO INSTRUCTOR, YORKVILLE, IL.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: THIS WEEK, A BIPARTISAN POLITICAL POWERHOUSE GATHERED FOR THE OFFICIAL KICKOFF OF THE CAMPAIGN TO CONVINCE VOTERS TO APPROVE A \$2 BILLION INFRASTRUCTURE BOND THAT WILL APPEAR ON THE MARCH 15 PRIMARY BALLOT. YOU'LL HEAR GOV. PAT MCCRORY EXPLAIN WHAT'S IN THE BOND AND THE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE STATE, REPUBLICAN HOUSE SPEAKER TIM MOORE OF CLEVELAND COUNTY TALK ABOUT THE BIPARTISAN NATURE OF THE BOND, AND DEMOCRATIC SENATE MINORITY LEADER DAN BLUE OF WAKE COUNTY DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECTS ON DISTRESSED AREAS. BUT NOT EVERYONE THINKS TAKING ON BOND DEBT IS A GOOD IDEA. WHILE THE PRO-BOND CAMPAIGN GOT UNDERWAY, A GROUP OF GRASSROOTS CONSERVATIVE ACTIVISTS SET UP SHOP ONLINE TO ENCOURAGE NORTH CAROLINIANS TO VOTE NO. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS TO THE ORGANIZER OF THE ANTI-BOND CAMPAIGN, NICOLE REVELS. THE TWO DISCUSS THE PETITION REVELS IS SPEARHEADING AND THE UPHILL BATTLE THE ACTIVISTS FACE IN COMMUNICATING THEIR MESSAGE STATEWIDE. THE BOND WASN'T THE ONLY SUBJECT THAT DOMINATED THE WEEK'S POLITICAL TALK. PRESIDENT OBAMA INJECTED GUN CONTROL INTO THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE WITH EXECUTIVE ACTIONS THAT WILL TIGHTEN THE RULES ON WHO CAN SELL AND OWN A GUN. YOU'LL HEAR THE PRESIDENT'S REBUKE OF POLITICIANS WHO OPPOSE HIS MOVE. IN NORTH CAROLINA, THE PRESIDENT'S ACTION HAS ALREADY IMPACTED THE U.S. SENATE RACE. MARTINEZ GETS THE DETAILS ABOUT DEMOCRATIC SENATE CANDIDATE CHRIS REY'S REACTION TO THE PRESIDENT FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF GUN CONTROL ON POLITICS AND ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS A NORTH CAROLINA VISIT FROM REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MARCO RUBIO, AND A

NEW APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH KEVIN LEONARD" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAKE UP OF COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA, JURISDICTION OF COUNTIES, PUBLIC EDUCATION CAPITAL, AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS, ZONING, ANEXATION, WORKING WITH THE N.C. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES, MANAGING GROWTH, NORTH CAROLINA BOND REFERENDUM, BROADBAND ACCESS, CITIES THAT RESIDE IN TWO COUNTIES, CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES, AND APPRAISALS.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: GENE EDITING

SYNOPSIS: SCIENTISTS HAVE DEVELOPED THE TECHNOLOGY TO EDIT SINGLE GENES, WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY ELIMINATE SOME INHERITED DISEASES. IF THE TECHNOLOGY IS USED ON EMBRYOS OR EGG AND SPERM CELLS, IT COULD ELIMINATE SOME DISEASES FROM SUCCEEDING GENERATIONS. HOWEVER, DOCTORS DON'T KNOW HOW SUCH "GERMLINE EDITING" OR ERRORS IN EXECUTION OF IT WOULD AFFECT OTHER GENES FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, CALLING THE PRACTICE INTO QUESTION.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. DEBRA MATHEWS, ASST. DIRECTOR FOR SCIENCE PROGRAMS, JOHNS HOPKINS BERMAN INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS AND ASSOC. PROF. OF PEDIATRICS, JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; ALTA CHARRO, WARREN P. KNOWLES PROF. OF LAW AND BIOETHICS, LAW AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS, UNIV. OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

SEGMENT 2: "LACTIVISM"

SYNOPSIS: MANY WOMEN WHO CAN'T OR DON'T WANT TO BREASTFEED THEIR NEWBORNS ARE PRESSURED INTO TRYING ANYWAY. AN EXPERT AND AUTHOR DISCUSSES THE POLITICAL FORCES CREATING UNUSUAL UNANIMITY BEHIND THE ISSUE, AND THE TRUTH OF HEALTH CLAIMS ON BREASTFEEDING'S BENEFITS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUEST: DR. COURTNEY JUNG, PROF. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, UNIV. OF TORONTO AND AUTHOR, LACTIVISM: HOW FEMINISTS AND FUNDAMENTALISTS, HIPPIES AND YUPPIES, AND PHYSICIANS AND POLITICIANS MADE BREASTFEEDING BIG BUSINESS AND BAD POLICY.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: WITH JUST EIGHT WEEKS REMAINING UNTIL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, WE FOCUS ON THE WIDE FIELD IN THE RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE – THE SEAT NOW HELD BY REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT RICHARD BURR. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ IS JOINED BY DEMOCRAT CHRIS REY AND BY REPUBLICAN LARRY HOLMQUIST TO DISCUSS WHY THEY WANT TO OUST BURR, THEIR VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES, AND THE CHALLENGE OF WINNING A STATEWIDE CONTEST. REY, THE MAYOR OF SPRING LAKE, IS ONE OF FOUR DEMOCRATS SEEKING HIS PARTY'S NOMINATION. THE OTHERS ARE DEBORAH ROSS, KEVIN GRIFFIN, AND ERNEST REEVES. HOLMQUIST JOIN BURR, GREG BRANNON, AND PAUL WRIGHT ON THE MARCH 15 PRIMARY BALLOT. THEN WE TURN TO TWO STORIES THAT BROKE DURING THE WEEK. IN OUR WEEKLY "FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL" SEGMENT, CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT A STATE BAR COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST ATTORNEY GENERAL ROY COOPER RELATED TO AN EARLY CAMPAIGN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND HE EXPLAINS WHY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY IS LOOKING AT A 2009 STIMULUS GRANT RECEIVED BY FORMER U.S. SENATOR KAY HAGAN AND HER FAMILY. FINALLY, MARTINEZ GETS AN UPDATE ON WHY THE STATE NAACP IS CALLING OUT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR ITS VOTER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ABOUT THE NEW STATE REQUIREMENT TO SHOW A PHOTO I.D. TO VOTE.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN" DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. SUCCESS OF DONALD TRUMP, REPUBLICAN PARTY, UNAFFILIATED SUPPORT, HILLARY CLINTON, MARCO RUBIO, POLLING AHEAD OF IOWA CAUCUS, GENERATIONAL VOTING PREFERENCES, HOW MILLENNIALS GET NEWS, PARTISANSHIP IN NEWS SOURCES, POLITICAL ADVERTISING, GUN CONTROL, FAVORABILITY ON BACKGROUND CHECKS, FAVORABILITY OF AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, IMPACT OF LOWER GAS PRICES, EDUCATION, IMPACT OF NATIONAL ISSUES, NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S RACE, AND RENEE ELLMERS CONGRESSIONAL SEAT.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: ICU PTSD

SYNOPSIS: A SURPRISINGLY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO'VE BEEN TREATED IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS LATER SUFFER FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER, OFTEN INCLUDING HALLUCINATIONS RECALLING HORRIBLE ICU INCIDENTS. THIS HAS LED TO COINING A NEW SYNDROME--PICS, OR POST INTENSIVE CARE SYNDROME. EXPERTS DISCUSS WHY THE SYNDROME APPEARS TO OCCUR AND WHAT'S BEING DONE TO TREAT AND PREVENT IT.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. JOE BIENVENU, ASSOC. PROF. OF PSYCHIATRY, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV.; DR. JAMES JACKSON, ASST. PROF. OF MEDICINE, VANDERBILT UNIV.

SEGMENT 2: SILENT REFLUX

SYNOPSIS: MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY HAVE ALLERGIES, ASTHMA, AND SINUS PROBLEMS MAY ACTUALLY HAVE "SILENT REFLUX" WHICH CAN TRAVEL UP THE ESOPHAGUS ALL THE WAY TO THE THROAT AND HEAD. AN EXPERT DISCUSSES TELLTALE SYMPTOMS AND THE DIETARY TRIGGERS THAT CAN CAUSE THE DISORDER.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUEST: DR. JAMIE KOUFMAN, DIRECTOR, VOICE INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK, PROF. OF CLINICAL OTOLARYNGOLOGY, NEW YORK MEDICAL COLLEGE AND AUTHOR, THE CHRONIC COUGH ENIGMA.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: U.S. SEN. RICHARD BURR IS FAVORED FOR RE-ELECTION IN POLLING, BUT FOUR DEMOCRATS, FOUR REPUBLICANS, AND ONE LIBERTARIAN WANT TO OUST THE VETERAN FROM HIS SEAT. THIS WEEK, HOST DONNA MARTINEZ CONTINUES HER FOCUS ON THE SENATE PRIMARY CANDIDATES. SHE TALKS WITH DEMOCRAT KEVIN GRIFFIN ABOUT WHY HE WANTS THE SEAT, HOW HIS BACKGROUND AS A DURHAM BUSINESSMAN IMPACTS HIS VIEW, HIS DISAGREEMENTS WITH SEN. BURR, AND HIS OVERALL VIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT. GRIFFIN'S PRIMARY OPPONENTS ARE FORMER WAKE COUNTY LEGISLATOR DEBORAH ROSS, ERNEST REEVES, AND SPRING LAKE MAYOR CHRIS REY. THEN MARTINEZ TURNS TO THE UNPREDICTABLE RACE FOR PRESIDENT AND NORTH CAROLINA'S ROLE AS A BATTLEGROUND THAT COULD PLAY A KEY FACTOR IN WHICH CANDIDATES GARNER THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATION. CATAWBA COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MICHAEL BITZER TALKS WITH MARTINEZ ABOUT THE RISE OF SOCIALIST BERNIE SANDERS ON THE DEMOCRATIC SIDE, AND THE DONALD TRUMP V. TED CRUZ MATCH-UP ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE. HE ALSO MAKES A PREDICTION ON THE LIKELY NOMINEES, IF THE ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY.

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH GREGG THOMPSON" NORTH CAROLINA STATE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS. CHALLENGES WITH GROWTH, TAX INCENTIVES, NFIB MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA, NORTH CAROLINA BOND ISSUE, GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS, PAID SICK LEAVE, AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, TAX REFORM, TRANSPORTATION, TEACHER PAY, EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION, AND 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

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SEGMENT 2: HARMFUL INFLAMMATION

SYNOPSIS: LOW-LEVEL SYSTEMIC INFLAMMATION IS BEING TIED TO MANY DISORDERS INCLUDING HEART DISEASE, AND NOW RESEARCH HAS EVEN TIED INFLAMMATION TO INTERMITTENT EXPLOSIVE DISORDER, A SYNDROME OF REPEATED RAGE. EXPERTS DISCUSS THESE FINDINGS AND HOW INFLAMMATION CAN BE COMBATTED THROUGH DIET AND SUPPLEMENTATION.

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FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS FITZSIMON" DIRECTOR OF NC POLICY WATCH. NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S RACE, PRIMARY DATE, NORTH CAROLINA INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS, REDISTRICTING, TEACHER PAY IN NORTH CAROLINA, RECRUITING TEACHERS, PRINCIPAL PAY, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHALLENGES FOR RURAL AREAS, NC BOND, TAX REFORM, TRANSPORTATION, LEGISLATIVE SESSION LIMITS, HEALTH CARE, UNIVERSAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR FIREARMS, PRESIDENTIAL RACE, IMMIGRATION.

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PEOPLE IN POLITICS: THE COUNTDOWN TO PRIMARY DAY HAS BEGUN. WITH JUST FIVE WEEKS UNTIL NORTH CAROLINIANS STREAM TO THE POLLS TO CAST BALLOTS, THE RACE FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOMINATIONS HAS GEARED UP. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE DEBORAH ROSS ABOUT HER RUN FOR THE PARTY'S NOMINATION, WHETHER OR NOT SHE WILL PARTICIPATE IN TELEVISED DEBATES, HER BACKGROUND WITH THE ACLU AND HER VIEWS ON NATIONAL SECURITY. ROSS HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND FACES ERNEST REEVES, KEVIN GRIFFIN, AND CHRIS REY IN THE PRIMARY. THEN WE HEAR FROM KEY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOLLOWING THE RAUCOUS IOWA CAUCUSES. VERMONT SEN. BERNIE SANDERS WOVES HIS SUPPORTERS FOLLOWING HIS RAZOR THIN LOSS TO FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HILLARY CLINTON, WHILE CLINTON REVS UP HER CROWD AFTER DECLARING VICTORY. WE ALSO HEAR FROM THE THREE KEY REPUBLICAN FINISHERS: WINNER TED CRUZ, SENATOR FROM TEXAS, ENTREPRENEUR DONALD TRUMP, WHO FADED TO SECOND PLACE, AND FLORIDA SEN. MARCO RUBIO, WHO OUTPERFORMED THE POLLS AND RODE HIS STRONG FINISH OUT OF IOWA AND INTO NEW HAMPSHIRE. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ' CONVERSATION WITH CATAWBA COLLEGE POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR MICHAEL BITZER, WHO OFFERS PERSPECTIVE ON IOWA AND WHAT'S AHEAD AS THE CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR WAY TO NORTH CAROLINA.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH PATRICK WOODIE" PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER. DISPARITY BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL NORTH CAROLINA, CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY GROWTH, ECONOMIC CYCLES, BROADBAND ACCESS, ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, POPULATION DRAIN, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, RURAL COMMUNITIES LEADING THE WAY, DEFERRED MAINTENANCE, CONNECT NC BOND, WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS, RETIREES, GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHORT SESSION, AND TRANSPORTATION FUNDING.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: INDUSTRY FUNDING OF CLINICAL TRIALS

SYNOPSIS: CLINICAL TRIALS ARE MUCH OF THE BASIS FOR THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE. FUNDING OF TRIALS HAS DRAMATICALLY SHIFTED SO THAT TODAY, TRIALS PAID FOR BY PHARMACEUTICAL AND DEVICE MAKERS OUTNUMBER PUBLICALLY FUNDED TRIALS 6-TO-1. SOME STUDIES INDICATE THIS MAKES BIAS IN TRIALS MORE LIKELY, JEOPARDIZING PUBLIC HEALTH. EXPERTS DISCUSS.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: JOCELYN ULLRICH, ASST. VICE PRESIDENT OF SCIENCE AND

REGULATORY ADVOCACY, PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF AMERICA (PHRMA); DR. JOHN ABRAMSON, LECTURER IN HEALTHCARE POLICY, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL; DR. JOEL LEXCHIN, EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIAN AND PROF. OF HEALTH POLICY, YORK UNIV.

SEGMENT 2: FIXING THE HEALTHCARE COST SPIRAL

SYNOPSIS: AMERICAN HEALTHCARE IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE IN THE WORLD. AN EXPERT AUTHOR DETAILS SOME OF THE CAUSES AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS NOW BEING ESTABLISHED.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUEST: DR. JOHN PATRICK, AUTHOR, HEALTH ATTITUDE: UNRAVELING AND SOLVING THE COMPLEXITIES OF HEALTHCARE

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: THIS WEEK, SUSPENSE AND INTRIGUE OVER THE LEGALITY OF NORTH CAROLINA'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS AND THE POSSIBLE IMPACT ON THE STATE'S MARCH 15 PRIMARY ELECTION. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL ABOUT THE POSSIBLE OUTCOMES FROM THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, WHICH IS REVIEWING A REQUEST FROM STATE OFFICIALS FOR A STAY OF A FEDERAL COURT RULING THAT SAYS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 12 MUST BE REDRAWN SINCE THEY WERE FORMED USING RACE AS A KEY FACTOR. HENDERSON ANALYZES THE POSSIBILITIES IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THOUSANDS OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN REQUESTED AND HUNDREDS OF VOTES ALREADY HAVE BEEN CAST. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE DEBATE OVER DEBATES IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE, TELEVISION ADS AGAINST 2ND DISTRICT CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS, ENDORSEMENTS IN THE STATE TREASURER'S RACE, AND A HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY POLL OF THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH DEMOCRATIC U.S. SENATE CANDIDATE DAN BLUE III ABOUT HIS RUN FOR THE FEDERAL SEAT. BLUE TELLS MARTINEZ HOW HE SEES THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS DEMOCRATIC OPPONENT RON ELMER, AS WELL AS HIS DIFFERENCES WITH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE DALE FOLWELL. BLUE EXPLAINS HIS APPROACH TO MANAGING STATE PENSION INVESTMENTS AND THE STATE HEALTH PLAN. THEN MARTINEZ PROVIDES A CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING UPDATE AND TELLS WHY VICE PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN WAS IN NORTH CAROLINA THIS WEEK.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH RENEE ELLMERS" NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSWOMAN DISTRICT 2. NEW DISTRICT MAPS, MILITARY, AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEES, OIL EXPORTS, CYBER SECURITY, SMALL BUSINESS, REGULATIONS, PROJECT GROW, MOTIVATION FOR GETTING INTO POLITICS, IMPACT OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, POPULATION GROWTH, NATIONAL SECURITY, AND TRANSPORTATION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: ZIKA VIRUS

SYNOPSIS: MOSQUITO-TRANSMITTED ZIKA VIRUS HAS ARRIVED IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND WHILE MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT AFFECTED BY IT, THE VIRUS HAS BEEN LINKED TO MICROCEPHALY, A SEVERE BIRTH DEFECT. EXPERTS DISCUSS THE VIRUS, HOW IT'S TRANSMITTED, ITS SPREAD TO THE US, AND HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IT.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. URIEL KITRON, PROF. AND CHAIR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES, EMORY UNIV.; DR. WILLIAM SCHAFFNER, PROF. OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES, VANDERBILT. UNIV. MEDICAL CENTER; DR. ANNA DURBIN, ASSOC. PROF. OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SEGMENT 2: THYROID DISEASE

SYNOPSIS: THYROID DISEASE AFFECTS MILLIONS OF AMERICANS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED. EXPERTS DISCUSS SYMPTOMS, CAUSES, AND TREATMENTS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUESTS: DR. JORDAN GELLER, ENDOCRINOLOGIST, BEVERLY HILLS, CA; SHANNON ROSEN, THYROID DISORDER PATIENT, CINCINNATI, OH; DR. JEFFREY GARBER, CHIEF OF ENDOCRINOLOGY, HARVARD VANGUARD MEDICAL ASSOC., ASSOCIATE PROF. OF MEDICINE, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND LEAD AUTHOR, CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR HYPOTHYROIDISM IN ADULTS.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: COURTS. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS. AND CHAOS. THIS WEEK, LEGISLATORS GATHER IN A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION CALLED BY GOV. PAT MCCRORY TO RESPOND TO A FEDERAL COURT ORDER THAT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 12 MUST BE REDRAWN. AND IT ALL HAPPENED AS LEGISLATORS AWAITED WORD FROM THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ABOUT A POTENTIAL STAY OF THE COURT ORDER. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS OF PRESS TIME FOR THIS CONTINUALLY DEVELOPING STORY FROM CAROLINA JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR RICK HENDERSON. THE TWO DISCUSS THE NEW MAP CREATED BY LEGISLATORS, WHICH CHANGES THE BOUNDARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS, AND THE DECISION TO DELAY THE CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY UNTIL JUNE 7, WITH ALL OTHER PRIMARY RACES STAYING ON MARCH 15. HENDERSON ALSO EXPLAINS THE LEGISLATURE'S DECISION TO ELIMINATE PRIMARY RUNOFFS DUE TO THE PRESSURE ON THE ELECTION SCHEDULE. THAT MEANS WHOEVER GETS THE MOST VOTES – EVEN IF THEY DON'T MEET THE TRADITIONAL 40 PERCENT THRESHOLD – WILL WIN THE NOMINATION. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS THE LATEST POLLING IN NORTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR'S RACE, THE DEBATE SCHEDULE FOR THE U.S. SENATE RACE, AND THE LIKELIHOOD OF NATIONAL MONEY FLOWING INTO THE SENATE RACE. THEN MARTINEZ TALKS WITH TOM JENSEN OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING ABOUT NEW DATA ON THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA, WHICH SHOWS CLINTON LEADING HANDILY, TRUMP STILL LEADING, BUT WITH MARCO RUBIO AND TED CRUZ RISING. AND FINALLY, AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CONTINUES TO PROVE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WRONG AND CONVENTIONAL CAMPAIGN STRATEGIES OUTDATED, WE GET HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FROM JOHN GIZZI, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT FOR NEWSMAX. HE MADE HIS REMARKS AT A RECENT LUNCHEON IN RALEIGH.

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH DALLAS WOODHOUSE" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY. PRIMARY DATE, VOTER IDENTIFICATION, RISE IN UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, MINDSET OF YOUNGER VOTERS, CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING, IMPACT OF GROWTH, ELECTORAL REPRESENTATION, EDUCATION.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: THE BYSTANDER EFFECT

SYNOPSIS: IT'S A PSYCHOLOGICAL PARADOX THAT THE GREATER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENT WHEN A PERSON NEEDS HELP, THE LESS LIKELY HELP WILL BE RENDERED. EXPERTS DISCUSS REASONS WHY THIS EFFECT OCCURS, HOW IT CAN BE BROKEN BY TECHNOLOGY, AND THE BACKGROUND OF INTENSE RESEARCH INTO THE EFFECT SPARKED BY THE FIRST INTERNATIONALLY FAMOUS "BYSTANDER EFFECT" CRIME.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: KEVIN COOK, AUTHOR, KITTY GENOVESE; THE MURDER, THE BYSTANDERS, THE CRIME THAT CHANGED AMERICA; DR. JAN-WILLEM VAN PROOIJEN, ASSOC. PROF. OF SOCIAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, V-U UNIV., AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS AND SENIOR RESEARCHER, NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE FOR CRIMINOLOGY; DR. JAMES STRICKLAND, PSYCHOLOGIST IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, COMACK, NY.

SEGMENT 2: THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EGG DONATION

SYNOPSIS: EGG DONATION CAN SOLVE INFERTILITY, BUT IT CAN BE A MINEFIELD OF EMOTIONAL RISKS, ESPECIALLY IF THE DONOR AND RECIPIENT ARE FAMILY OR FRIENDS. AN AUTHOR/JOURNALIST WHO HAS DONATED TWICE WITH VASTLY DIFFERENT RESULTS DISCUSSES THE TECHNOLOGY AND WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR WHEN APPROACHING EGG DONATION.

HOST: LYNN HOLLEY. GUEST: ALICIA YOUNG, AUTHOR, TWO EGGS, TWO KIDS: AN EGG DONOR'S ACCOUNT OF FRIENDSHIP, INFERTILITY AND SECRETS

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: THIS WEEK, IT'S A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS AS CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES SCRAMBLE TO DETERMINE WHAT TO DO IN LIGHT OF NEW DISTRICT LINES SUBMITTED TO A FEDERAL COURT, ALONG WITH A DELAYED PRIMARY ELECTION DATE. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST FROM THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL FROM RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THE TWO DISCUSS THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY 13TH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN GEORGE HOLDING THAT HE WILL CHALLENGE FELLOW REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN RENEE ELLMERS FOR THE 2ND DISTRICT SEAT IN CONGRESS. NEW MAP LINES PUT HOLDING OUTSIDE THE NEW 13TH DISTRICT AND WITHIN SEVERAL MILES OF THE 2ND. HENDERSON TALKS ABOUT ELLMERS' REACTION, AND WORD THAT STATE LEGISLATOR ANDREW BROCK OF DAVIE COUNTY HAS THROWN HIS HAT INTO THE RACE FOR THE NEW 13TH DISTRICT – WHICH WAS MOVED ABOUT 100 MILES WEST OF ITS CURRENT LOCATION IN THE GREATER TRIANGLE. THEN MARTINEZ ASKS HENDERSON ABOUT THE SENATE ENDORSEMENT FOR DEBORAH ROSS FROM THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, WHICH TYPICALLY DOES NOT ENDORSE IN THE PRIMARY, AND WHAT'S AT THE HEART OF A COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS BY A LIBERAL ACTIVIST GROUP ABOUT ADS FOR THE \$2 BILLION BOND REFERENDUM FEATURING VIDEO OF GOV. PAT MCCRORY. THEN MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST PRESIDENTIAL POLLING DATA FROM KENNETH FERNANDEZ OF THE ELON UNIVERSITY POLL. HE EXPLAINS THAT ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE, TRUMP STILL LEADS HANDILY IN NORTH CAROLINA BUT MARCO RUBIO AND TED CRUZ ARE ON THE RISE. HE ALSO DISCUSSES THE CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRAT HILLARY CLINTON, WHO IS LEADING BUT STILL FACES A STIFF RACE WITH BERNIE SANDERS.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 6:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH KIMBERLY REYNOLDS" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATIC PARTY. BACKGROUND ON KIMBERLY REYNOLDS, NEW CONGRESSIONAL MAPS, MILENIAL VOTING TRENDS, THIRD PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS, INFLUENCING UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, CABLE NEWS NETWORKS, VOTER IDENTIFICATION, IMPACT OF GROWTH, HISPANIC POPULATION IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND YOUNG VOTERS.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: CONCIERGE MEDICINE IN PRIMARY CARE

SYNOPSIS: MANY PRIMARY CARE DOCTORS ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE "FACTORY MEDICINE" THEY HAVE TO PRACTICE. SOME ARE CREATING "CONCIERGE MEDICINE" PRACTICES IN RESPONSE, CUTTING PATIENT ROLES AND ASKING FOR RETAINER FEES FROM THOSE THAT REMAIN. PATIENTS RECEIVE MUCH LONGER APPOINTMENTS, GREATER ACCESS, AND MORE PERSONAL CARE FOR THESE HIGHER FEES. TWO CONCIERGE DOCTORS AND A PATIENT DISCUSS.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. UDAY JANI, INTERNIST, LEWIS, DE; DR. JEFFREY PUGLISI, GLENVILLE MEDICAL CONCIERGE CARE, GREENWICH, CT; "SUZY," CONCIERGE PATIENT

SEGMENT 2: RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME

SYNOPSIS: RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME, A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION, STRIKES PEOPLE AT NIGHT, CREATING SOME OF THE WORST SLEEP CONDITIONS KNOWN BY ANY PATIENTS. EXPERTS DISCUSS IDENTIFYING AND TREATING THE SYNDROME.

HOST: LYNN HOLLEY. GUESTS: KARLA DZIENKOWSKI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME FOUNDATION AND PARENT OF DAUGHTER WITH RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME; DR. WILLIAM ONDO, PROF. OF NEUROLOGY, UNIV. OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, HOUSTON AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER, RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME FOUNDATION

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: JUST 10 DAYS TO GO AND WITH EARLY VOTING UNDERWAY, THE CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS ARE COMING IN AND THE ADVERTISEMENTS ARE GOING ON THE AIR AS THE POLITICIANS CRAFT THEIR FINAL MESSAGES TO VOTERS. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ

GETS THE LATEST CAMPAIGN TRAIL NEWS FROM RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THE TWO DISCUSS THE WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL ENDORSEMENT OF DEMOCRAT KEN SPAULDING IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR GOVERNOR, AS WELL AS THE TV AD BEING AIRED BY DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CANDIDATE DEBORAH ROSS. THEN HENDERSON EXPLAINS WHY CHARLOTTE'S NEW PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS ORDINANCE MIGHT BECOME AN ISSUE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FOR GOVERNOR. NEXT IS MARTINEZ' CONVERSATION WITH JANE PINSKY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COALITION FOR LOBBYING AND GOVERNMENT REFORM. WITH THE STATE'S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS CAUGHT IN A LEGAL FIGHT OVER ELECTION FAIRNESS, PINSKY IS CALLING FOR A NEW PUSH TO REMOVE DISTRICT DRAWING FROM STATE LEGISLATORS. SHE TELLS MARTINEZ HOW THE PROCESS IS WORKING IN IOWA, A STATE CONSIDERED TO BE A LEADER IN REDISTRICTING REFORM. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY MARTINEZ'S DISCUSSION WITH ERNEST REEVES, ONE OF FOUR DEMOCRATS SEEKING THE PARTY'S NOMINATION FOR U.S. SENATE. REEVES TALKS ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS, HIS VIEW ON FOREIGN POLICY AND DOMESTIC ISSUES, AND WHY HE THINKS HE IS THE BEST DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE TO FACE THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEE IN NOVEMBER. HE JOINS DEBORAH ROSS, KEVIN GRIFFIN, AND CHRIS REY IN THAT QUEST. ON THE REPUBLICAN SIDE, THE CANDIDATES ARE INCUMBENT RICHARD BURR, LARRY HOLMQUIST, PAUL WRIGHT, AND GREG BRANNON.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH DAVID PRICE" UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN FOR DISTRICT FOUR. REDISTRICTING, TRANSPORTATION, IMPACT OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON CONGRESS, FOREIGN POLICY, IRAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT, HOMELAND SECURITY, MILITARY FUNDING, IMPACT OF RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES, ECONOMIC OUTLOOK, TAX HAVENS, NORTH CAROLINA PRIMARY, AND GOVERNMENT FUNDING.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: ADVENTURES OF A PARAMEDIC

SYNOPSIS: PARAMEDICS AND EMTS ARE THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM AND OFTEN FIND VOLUNT, CONFUSING SITUATIONS ON THEIR ARRIVAL. A FORMER PARAMEDIC DESCRIBES THE "INSIDE STORY" OF THE JOB, ITS DANGERS AND REWARDS.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: KEVIN HAZZARD, AUTHOR, A THOUSAND NAKED STRANGERS: A PARAMEDIC'S WILD RIDE TO THE EDGE AND BACK

SEGMENT 2: KEEPING SECRETS FROM YOUR DOCTOR

SYNOPSIS: PATIENTS OFTEN KEEP LIFESTYLE SECRETS FROM THEIR PHYSICIANS EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE HARMFUL TO THEIR HEALTH. EXPERTS DISCUSS THE MOST COMMON REASONS FOR SECRET-KEEPING AND THE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY RESULT.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUESTS: DR. DAPHNE MILLER, FAMILY PHYSICIAN, SAN FRANCISCO; KAREN GIBLIN, PRESIDENT, RED HOT MAMAS MENOPAUSE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: IT'S HERE! PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MARCH 15. ALL EYES ARE ON NORTH CAROLINA AND OUR IMPACT ON THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE, BUT BIG RACES ALSO ON THE BALLOT INCLUDE MULTIPLE COUNCIL OF STATE RACES, KEY LEGISLATIVE PRIMARIES, AND A \$2 BILLION BOND REFERENDUM. THIS WEEK, WE OFFER LISTENERS ONCE LAST CHANCE TO HEAR THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. SENATE SEAT NOW HELD BY RICHARD BURR. YOU'LL HEAR FROM DEMOCRATS KEVIN GRIFFIN, ERNEST REEVES, CHRIS REY, AND DEBORAH ROSS AS THEY TALK WITH HOST DONNA MARTINEZ ABOUT THEIR BACKGROUND AND WHAT DISTINGUISHES THEM FROM THEIR OPPONENTS. YOU'LL ALSO HEAR COMMENTS FROM REPUBLICANS LARRY HOLMQUIST AND GREG BRANNON – TWO OF THE FOUR REPUBLICANS ON THE BALLOT. RICHARD BURR AND PAUL WRIGHT DID NOT RESPOND TO OUR REQUEST FOR INTERVIEWS. THEN WE TURN TO THE FASCINATING RACE TO REPLACE OUTGOING STATE TREASURER JANET COWELL, A DEMOCRAT. WE TALKED WITH THE TWO DEMOCRATS SEEKING THEIR PARTY'S NOMINATION – DAN BLUE III AND RON ELMER – AND YOU'LL HEAR EXCERPTS FROM THOSE INTERVIEWS IN

WHICH THEY TALK ABOUT STATE SPENDING ON INVESTMENT PROFESSIONALS. AND FINALLY, MARTINEZ GETS THE LATEST ON ENDORSEMENTS AND ADS IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY FOR LT. GOVERNOR, FROM RICK HENDERSON OF CAROLINA JOURNAL. THE TWO ALSO DISCUSS FUNDRAISING NUMBERS IN THE U.S. SENATE RACE, PRESIDENTIAL POLLING NUMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND TWO KEY LEGISLATIVE RACES THAT COULD PORTEND THE FUTURE OF HOUSE SPEAKER TIM MOORE.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 20:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH PAUL MEYER" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES. NC CONNECT BOND, WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, TRANSPORTATION, ANNEXATION, SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTION, POPULATION DRAIN, CONSOLIDATION OF SERVICES, 2016 NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATIVE SESSION, CONTROL OF LOCAL ASSETS, SERVICE TAX, BODY CAMERAS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS, AND HISTORICAL TAX CREDIT.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: INCIDENTAL GENETIC FINDINGS

SYNOPSIS: GENETIC TESTING HAS BECOME A WIDESPREAD REALITY IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BUT DOCTORS ARE STRUGGLING WITH WHAT MANY GENETIC FINDINGS REALLY MEAN. SHOULD PATIENTS SHOULD BE TOLD ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF GENES THAT MIGHT BE EITHER DANGEROUS... OR PERFECTLY HARMLESS? EXPERTS DISCUSS.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. DAN RODEN, PROF. OF MEDICINE, PHARMACOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS AND ASST. VICE CHANCELLOR, PERSONALIZED MEDICINE, VANDERBILT UNIV. MEDICAL CENTER; DR. GERALD FELDMAN, PROF. OF MOLECULAR GENETICS IN MEDICINE, PEDIATRICS AND PATHOLOGY, WAYNE STATE UNIV. AND PRESIDENT, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS; DR. ELLEN WRIGHT CLAYTON, MEMBER, CENTER FOR BIOMEDICAL ETHICS AND SOCIETY AND PROF. OF PEDIATRICS AND LAW, VANDERBILT UNIV.

SEGMENT 2: THE HIGH HEALTH COST OF SUGAR

SYNOPSIS: MANY EXPERTS DISAGREE OVER THE ROOTS OF THE OBESITY CRISIS SOME 40 YEARS AGO. ONE WELL-KNOWN EXPERT DESCRIBES WHY HE BELIEVES SUGAR IS TO BLAME, AND THE CHANGES IN THE MARKET AND GOVERNMENT ADVISORIES THAT MADE SUGAR A MUCH HEAVIER PART OF OUR DIETS.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUEST: DR. ROBERT LUSTIG, PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGIST, UNIV. OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO, PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIBLE NUTRITION AND AUTHOR, FAT CHANCE: BEATING THE ODDS AGAINST SUGAR, PROCESSED FOOD, OBESITY AND DISEASE.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: ELECTION NIGHT SPECIAL EDITION! HOST DONNA MARTINEZ PLAYS RECORDED INTERVIEWS FROM NORTH CAROLINA'S PRIMARY NIGHT WITH SOME OF THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS OF THE NC ELECTION, SUCH AS JONATHAN FELTS, LARRY HALL, JOE STEWART, AND BRAD CRONE.

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27:

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS: "INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN" EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING. DONALD TRUMP, NORTH CAROLINA SWING STATE STATUS, HILLARY CLINTON SERVER ISSUE, MARCO RUBIO AND JEB BUSH, IS A HOTDOG A SANDWICH, TED CRUZ, BERNIE SANDERS, CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING, U.S. SENATE RACE, GOVERNOR'S RACE IN NORTH CAROLINA, EDUCATION, ANTI-DISCRIMINATION BILL, GAY MARRIAGE, AND MINIMUM WAGE LAWS.

RADIO HEALTH JOURNAL:

SEGMENT 1: BIOFILM

SYNOPSIS: DOCTORS OFTEN DEAL WITH BACTERIAL INFECTIONS, BUT THEY ARE LESS FAMILIAR WITH INFECTIONS INVOLVING SEVERAL DIFFERENT KINDS OF BACTERIA IN A MATRIX. THIS FORM, KNOWN AS BIOFILM, IS SURPRISINGLY COMMON, RESISTANT TO MANY ANTIBIOTICS, AND GAINING NEW ATTENTION AS A SOURCE OF HARD TO ERADICATE INFECTIONS. EXPERTS DISCUSS.

HOST: REED PENCE. GUESTS: DR. PHIL STEWART, PROF. OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, MONTANA STATE UNIV.; DR. RANDALL WOLCOTT, MEDICAL DIRECTOR, SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WOUND CARE CENTER, LUBBOCK, TX; BILL SOUKUP, PRESIDENT, SCIENTIFIC BIOFILM SOLUTIONS AND HEALTHY HOUSEHOLD CLEANSERS

SEGMENT 2: OTC DRUGS AND 'TWEENS

SYNOPSIS: YOUNG ADOLESCENTS OFTEN ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS ON THEIR OWN, BUT MANY OTC MEDICINES, ESPECIALLY ACETAMINOPHEN, CAN BE DANGEROUS. EXPERTS DISCUSS HOW TO EDUCATE 'TWEENS ON TAKING OTC DRUGS SAFELY.

HOST: NANCY BENSON. GUESTS: DR. TANYA ALTMAN, ASST. CLINICAL PROF. OF PEDIATRICS, MATTEL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, UCLA AND SPOKESPERSON, AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS; DR. JANET ENGLE, EXEC. ASSOC. DEAN, PROF. AND HEAD OF DEPT. OF PHARMACY PRACTICE, UNIV. OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY; SHARON MIELKE, MOTHER OF VICTIM OF OTC DRUG DEATH.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS: THIS WEEK, CHARLOTTE'S GENDER IDENTIFY AND PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS ORDINANCE IS STRUCK DOWN BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH PASSED A STATE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW SUPPORTERS SAY PROTECTS PUBLIC SAFETY WITH COMMON-SENSE RULES, BUT OPPONENTS SAY DISCRIMINATES AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE TRANSGENDERED AND SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE BATHROOMS OF THE GENDER THEY CHOOSE. GOV. PAT MCCRORY BACKS THE LEGISLATURE. YOU'LL HEAR LEGISLATORS FOR AND AGAINST THE LAW – RODNEY MOORE, DEMOCRAT OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND DEAN ARP, REPUBLICAN OF UNION COUNTY. YOU'LL ALSO HEAR THE COMMENTS OF HIGH-PROFILE ADVOCATES: CHRIS SGRO OF EQUALITY NC SPEAKS OUT IN FAVOR OF CHARLOTTE AND AGAINST THE STATE LAW, WHILE TAMI FITZGERALD OF THE N.C. VALUES COALITION SPEAKS OUT AGAINST CHARLOTTE'S ORDINANCE AND IN FAVOR OF THE STATE LAW. THEN WE LOOK AT THE INTERNAL DUST-UP IN THE STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY. THE GROUP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS PASSED A NO-CONFIDENCE RESOLUTION AGAINST ITS CHAIRMAN, HASAN HARNETT. HOST DONNA MARTINEZ TALKS WITH NORTH STATE JOURNAL MANAGING EDITOR DONNA KING, WHO HAS REPORTED ON DETAILS OF THE STORY, INCLUDING AN AFFIDAVIT KING SAW AND WHICH IS CENTRAL TO THE ALLEGATIONS. THAT'S FOLLOWED BY A LOOK AT THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY'S HOPES FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION. MARTINEZ TALKS WITH J.J. SUMMERELL, CHAIRMAN OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY AND A CANDIDATE HIMSELF.