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QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT

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Police academy trainee files age-bias complaint

West Haven residents want library's budget restored

New Haven police search for homicide suspect

North Haven man accused of striking state police cruiser with his
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Former DNC Chairman Dean meets with Hillary supporters at Yale

Geller Commons offers low-income housing in Hamden

Local relief efforts for Ecuadorian earthquake that killed at least 270

North Haven house fire causes significant damage

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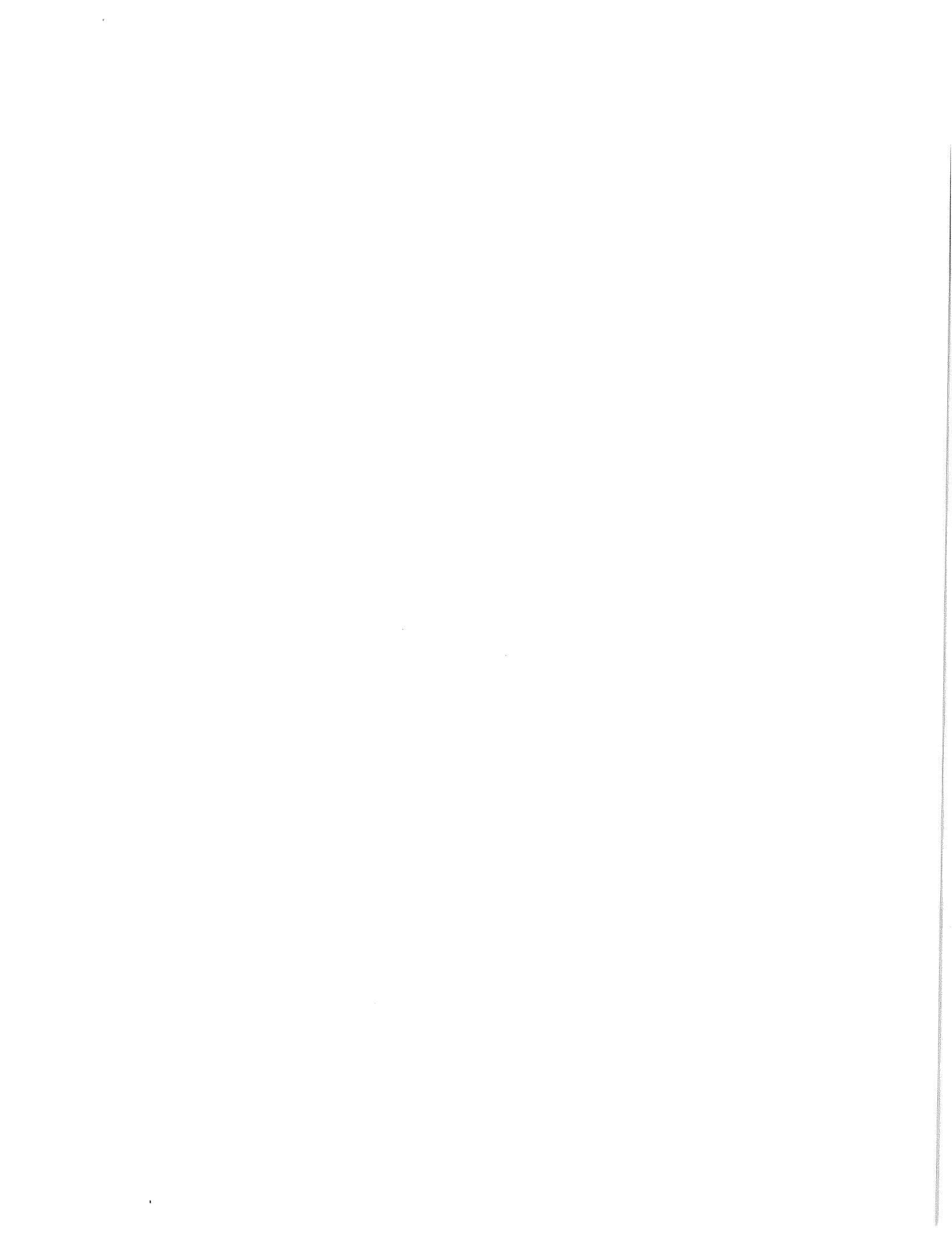
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Connecticut Radio Network Dialogue 2016 Guests and Subject Matters

(April, May, June)

April 3rd, 2016 - Beth Bye - State Senator, Democrat from West Hartford, and Co-Chair of the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Subject Matter: On this week's show State Senator Beth Bye, Co-Chair of the legislature's budget-writing Appropriations Committee, discussed the challenge of writing a new budget with a big deficit. After already cutting \$220 million for this year's deficit, Senator Bye explained they now have to write a budget with an expected \$900 million deficit next year. She told that they've been cutting and cutting for 2 years and are now down to the painful cuts period at this point.

Appropriations Committee Co-Chair Senator Beth Bye feels the main reason the state is in the mess it's in now is because of revenue shortfalls. She told that wages have been flat for the past 5 years and even though people have been getting back to work it's at jobs that aren't paying as much in wages. Senator Bye says oil prices have gone down so the state gets less money and the casinos in the state also are not generating the revenue they once did which the State of Connecticut gets a percentage of. She also explained that corporate taxes as part of the state budget was 7% of the budget in 1990 and now it's less than 2%. So Senator Bye says the state is more and more dependent on personal income and unfortunately the projections on what it would bring in have all been wrong. She says we are in a complicated time where the average worker is not feeling the improvement post-recession.

Senator Beth Bye told on the show that because of these revenue shortfalls the state has to take a whole new view on what it can and can't do, now and in the future. She says they are scaling back on what they can do and on this budget they are looking at 5% to 7% reductions across the board and eliminating certain programs. Senator Bye says it's very frustrating to see people with disabilities not getting what they need and not enough dollars for mental healthcare and a lot of families underserved. But they are faced with the budget reality that they can't increase those services and balance the budget. Senator Bye says even in the legislature there's a balancing act because everybody wants them to cut the

April 3rd, 2016 - (Bye continued) - budget, but nobody wants them to cut the programs that are important to them. So Senator Bye says they will put out the leanest budget possible that they can.

Now another area that is out of Senator Beth Bye's and the Appropriations Committee's hands is state employee layoffs to save money which the governor says will have to be done. Senator Bye on the show stated that she's hopeful still that the governor and the labor leaders will get in a room and work out some concessions package to save employee jobs. But regardless if that can be achieved or not Senator Bye says even in this election year they all have to step up and make a balanced budget. She says they'll just have to do their best given the current revenues and the needs of the state, and she feels that's all people ask you to do is your best.

April 10th, 2016 - Jesse Marks - of Connecticut Voices for Children.

Subject Matter: On this week's show Jesse Marks from Connecticut Voices for Children discussed the state's budget situation with huge deficits. Marks says on the show that Connecticut needs to move away from the cycle of cuts and fiscal emergencies every year that the state keeps facing. The state just mitigated a \$220-million-dollar budget deficit for the current fiscal year and now is facing over a \$900-million-dollar deficit for next fiscal year. Marks says state leaders really need to take a longer term structural perspective on the state's fiscal challenges.

Connecticut Voices for Children's Jesse Marks told that Connecticut has had really disappointing tax revenues for the past several years. He says that's been caused by stagnant income growth which in turn has slowed tax revenues in a state that is heavily reliant on the income tax to fund government services. Marks says Connecticut's economy has shifted from higher wage employment to job growth primarily in lower wage industries since the recession. He told that another area the state needs to address is growing long-term liabilities. These are things like pension costs, retiree benefits, and increasing state debt. Marks says other underlying problems are persistent social, racial, geographic, and economic inequalities in the state that hampers economic growth by holding back significant portions of the population that could otherwise be part of the solution.

April 10th, 2016 - (Marks continued) -

Jesse Marks told there are also tax exemptions and credits which Connecticut Voices for Children feels the state has let grow too large, and should eliminate ones that are no longer good policy. He says when tax credits are given to corporations to come to Connecticut or to get them to stay, the state has to make sure they are achieving the objectives that were set out when they were put into place ... and if not eliminate the ones that aren't.

Jesse Marks of Connecticut Voices for Children also said on the show that they feel the state's property tax system needs to be revamped. He says there needs to be better equalization for what mill rates people pay in Connecticut's 169 cities and towns. Another thing Marks told they feel should happen is that the wealthy in Connecticut need to pay more in income taxes. He admitted that if Connecticut taxed the wealthy more a few might move out of the state, but feels not enough to counteract the benefits of raising taxes on the wealthiest in the state.

April 17th, 2016 - Bob Godfrey - Deputy State House Speaker, Democrat from Danbury.

Subject Matter: On this show Deputy State House Speaker Bob Godfrey, Democrat from Danbury, discussed yet another budget deficit the State of Connecticut is grappling with. The deficit for the next fiscal year is now \$922 million dollars. Representative Godfrey admitted that it is very tiring having to wrestle with budget deficit after budget deficit in recent years because of factors that are totally out of their control. He says things like China's economy and Wall Street have really affected Connecticut's revenue stream because of their volatility and unpredictability. Godfrey says he's been at the Capitol for 28 years and he's never seen anything like this where no one has been able to accurately predict what Connecticut's revenue will be each year since the recession of 2008.

Deputy State House Speaker Bob Godfrey talked on the show about Connecticut just absorbing another blow recently with the news that General Electric was moving their headquarters out of Connecticut, from Fairfield to Boston. One of GE's reasons was they wanted to tap into the young talented and

April 17th, 2016 - (Godfrey continued) - educated workforce in Boston. Godfrey says we don't have that in cities in Connecticut with the exception of New Haven and possibly Stamford, that is welcoming to young people just out of college. He says bluntly we seem as a state not to like young people. Godfrey says unfortunately Connecticut does not produce opportunities for young people once they finish their college education here, both in terms of jobs and affordable housing ... so these young people exit the state.

But getting back to the problem at hand here in Connecticut, lawmakers have to deal with another budget deficit that they have to fill. One thing Deputy State House Speaker Bob Godfrey feels they should look at doing something about what companies like Walmart are taking advantage of. Godfrey says Connecticut taxpayers are actually subsidizing the healthcare for a lot of workers in the big box stores because these stores hire part-time workers who don't qualify for the business's healthcare. So he told those big box part-time people get dumped onto state programs whether it be Access Health CT or Medicaid. Godfrey feels these businesses should be paying for their own employees' healthcare ... just like responsible businesses that hire full-time people.

Representative Bob Godfrey told the Democratic leadership in the legislature were waiting for income tax returns to come in to see just how much revenue does come in. Meanwhile Governor Malloy was a bit impatient and came out with his own revised budget that has spending cuts, layoffs up to 25-hundred state employees, reconfigures education funding to towns, and cuts state aid to municipalities. Godfrey told that in this election year Democrats in the legislature are not liking some of the governor's proposals. He says in the governor's plan some towns would get zero education funding which they cannot go along with. Godfrey also says any cuts in aid to municipalities would just trickle down to people in the way of higher property taxes which they don't like either. He also told that the governor would like state employee unions to make concessions to save the state money ... but it is the state employee unions' opinion that they gave concessions 5 years ago and are not willing to do it again. So Godfrey says a lot of work still needs to be done by the legislature and governor to get on the same page to fix the state's big deficit problem.

April 24th, 2016 - Doug Schwartz - Director of the Quinnipiac University Poll.

Subject Matter: On this show Doug Schwartz discussed their polls on the presidential race with Connecticut's presidential primary about to take place on Tuesday April 26th, along with the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Rhode Island. Schwartz told that in the poll they conducted with Connecticut voters, the winners would be Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton in our state. He explained that Trump had a 20-point lead over John Kasich, leading 48% to 28%, with Ted Cruz a distant 3rd in the Republican primary at 19%. On the Democratic side Hillary Clinton had a 9-point lead over Bernie Sanders at 51% to 42%.

Doug Schwartz says it's very interesting that Connecticut voters for each party have a distinct preference on the type of candidate they want for their party's nominee. He says Republicans very much want a candidate who is outside of the political establishment. Schwartz says 59% of likely Republican primary voters told them in their Q-Poll that they want an outsider, and overwhelmingly those people who want an outsider go for Trump. On the Democratic side Schwartz says it is the opposite with Connecticut Democrats wanting a candidate who has experience in politics and Hillary Clinton is their choice.

As for Donald Trump's strong showing, Q-Poll Director Doug Schwartz says Trump does very well with blue collar, non-college educated voters. He says Trump wins overwhelmingly with that group. Schwartz says they've seen this in state after state ... so that is Trump's base. Schwartz says it's people who are dissatisfied with their economic situation that are voting for Trump.

On the Democratic side Doug Schwartz told that Hillary Clinton does very well with women and blacks. Meantime Bernie Sanders' message resonates with younger people by talking about climate change and the student loan debt issue. Now here in Connecticut only registered Democrats can vote in the Democratic presidential primary, but in states that have open primaries where Independents can vote, Sanders has done very well.

As for the eventual candidates facing off in November, Q-Poll Director Doug Schwartz says Trump and Clinton are nearing sewing up the needed delegates to win their respective party's nomination. He says it has been an unusual primary season in that a primary as late as Connecticut's still matters greatly, which is why

April 24th, 2016 - (Schwartz continued) - all of the candidates with the exception of Ted Cruz campaigned in Connecticut. For the Trump-Clinton matchup most polls have Clinton ahead at this stage, with their own national Q-Poll having Hillary Clinton leading Trump by 6 points. But Schwartz says that is not an insurmountable lead, and he cautioned that Trump thus far has surprised everyone. He says at the beginning of the primary season the political experts didn't give him much of a chance especially when Trump took a bold criticizing approach against his rivals and also made disparaging remarks against Mexicans and Muslims. Schwartz says he doesn't expect Trump to change that style even though he's going up against a woman in Clinton, because actually he did already go through that against Carly Fiorina, a Republican that was running for president. He says Hillary Clinton does have real strong support amongst women and minorities though ... so it should be an interesting matchup because both candidates also have high unfavorable with voters.

May 1st, 2016 - Matt Ritter - State Representative, Democrat from Hartford, and Co-Chair of the Legislature's Public Health Committee.

Subject Matter: On this show State Representative Matt Ritter, Co-chair of the legislature's Public Health Committee, discussed major legislation to deal with the state's opioid drug crisis. He told that even though they addressed the issue last year ... more needed to be done with all of the opioid overdoses occurring in the state. Representative Ritter explained that you know this is a major issue when at the start of the legislative session over 50 pieces of legislation dealing with the opioid crisis were introduced. He says by contrast no other topic had more than three.

One of the things Representative Ritter told they needed to look at in dealing with the opioid crisis was on the prescription side of things. He told that lawmaker Representative Sean Scanlon from Guilford kept making the point that one of the biggest feeders of this epidemic has been the medicine cabinet with leftover supplies of drugs. So he said they felt they needed to control the supply of opioid prescriptions when people don't need them. Representative Ritter explained that opioids are given as painkillers for things like having your wisdom teeth out, or knee and hip surgeries. He says some people get hooked on them,

June 26th, 2016 - (Borrup continued) - life jacket for their children to wear while they are still learning to swim. Borrup says it's also not a bad idea for parents to learn CPR should something ever go wrong with a child swimming.

Another area that needs safety attention with kids is with them on wheels ... be it on a bicycle, roller blades, skate boards, or scooters. Kevin Borrup says on all of these kids need to have on a properly fitting helmet to protect them from a possible head injury. He also says they need to be on these in the safest areas, which often times is a sidewalk.

When it comes to wheels Kevin Borrup, from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center Injury Prevention Center, says one of the most important places to be concerned about safety is in motor vehicles. He says unfortunately motor vehicle crashes are the number one way that children are going to be injured or killed. So Borrup says children need to be properly restrained every time they are in the car, whether they are just going down the road or on a long trip. He says they should be appropriately in a child passenger restraint, whether it's a car seat, a booster seat, or if they are old enough just sitting with a lap and shoulder belt on. Borrup told listeners that they can go to www.ctsafekids.org where they can find educational material to help parents know what is appropriate at the certain age and stage their child is at.

Kevin Borrup told that another area of concern is leaving a child in a hot car ... which should never, ever be done. He says every year in the United States there are about 37 children who die because of heat stroke after being left in a hot car. Connecticut had a death 2-years ago in Ridgefield when a father forgot about his son in the backseat, left him there during his workday after forgetting to drop him off at daycare, and the boy sadly died as a result. Borrup says it doesn't take long for a child left in a hot car to be in danger as their bodies heat up 3-to-5 times faster than an adult. He told that they have a campaign going called the "Where's Baby" campaign to remind people to look at the backseat before exiting a vehicle and leaving the child back there in a hot car. Borrup says to put something in the backseat like your cellphone, lunch, or even your left shoe, so that you'll retrieve it and remind yourself that the child is also back there. For older teens driving in this summer, Borrup says parents need to drive home the point for them not to text or talk on a cellphone, and not joyride with friends.

May 1st, 2016 - (Ritter continued) - but also young adults get their hands on the leftover supply as some of the kids in high school know when someone is getting their wisdom teeth out. Ritter says they are looking for that supply and that's how dangerous it has become. He says this is truly a public health crisis where people are overdosing on opioids and dying. Ritter told that a lot of people who no longer can get their hands on the opioid painkillers then turn to heroin. So that's why he says they want to head off the problem at the source of it with over-prescribed opioid painkillers. Ritter told on the show that there are over 300-million unused opioid prescriptions in American's medicine cabinets ... which is a shocking number.

So Representative Matt Ritter says they want to put a cap on how long a prescription doctors could write. He told if you are a minor under the age of 18, no more than a 7-day supply could be issued by the doctor. If you are an adult over the age of 18 the first time you go to the doctor the opioid prescription can be no more than 7 days, subsequent to that it can exceed 7 days for chronic pain or cancer treatments. Ritter feels however this documentation will go a long way from doctors over-prescribing painkillers and leading to overdoses. He added that they worked with doctors on this bill and that the medical society is very supportive. Ritter also told that they are trying to prevent people from "doctor shopping" where individuals go to different doctors to get more painkiller drugs with multiple prescriptions. He says they have an electronic prescription monitoring program and now anytime a doctor or nurse writes someone a prescription for an opioid drug it goes into a statewide database so someone can be spotted if they've gone to get opioid prescriptions from doctors in different towns.

Another major portion of this bill is requiring first responders in every town in Connecticut to carry Naloxone which goes by the brand name Narcan. This is a life-saving, overdose reversing drug that is very effective in saving lives. Representative Ritter told that first responders in a quarter of Connecticut's 169 cities and towns have not been carrying this life-saving drug, but now they all will by this fall. He says the drug is either administered with a nasal injection or a small needle in the thigh. Ritter says first responders have told him that people have been almost dead and that injection wakes them up within 5 seconds and they are fine. He says it's a miracle drug that has no side effects and saves lives.

May 8th, 2016 - Karen Jarmoc - CEO of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Subject Matter: On this edition Karen Jarmoc, CEO of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, discussed a bill that was passed by the Connecticut general assembly and will be signed into law by Governor Malloy to tighten-up gun restrictions related to temporary restraining orders. Jarmoc explained that passage of this is extremely important because evidence shows how dangerous and volatile it can be when someone is leaving in a domestic violence relationship ... sometimes leading to deaths. She says quite often when someone is applying for a restraining order, that might be the first time the abuser knows that they are leaving. Jarmoc says couple this with firearms owned by that domestic violence abuser and the combination can be very lethal. She says they know that when there is access to a firearm in a domestic violence relationship, it increases the chance of homicide by five times. In Connecticut Jarmoc told a firearm is the predominant use of force when there is a domestic violence homicide 39% of the time.

Karen Jarmoc told in the case of a permanent restraining order it always has been law in the State of Connecticut that guns must be turned in. But there was a gap or loophole during a temporary restraining order where there normally is a 2-week period in between when the order is issued and the permanent hearing. Jarmoc says that was a real concern and there was a horrible incident in May of 2014 when Lori Jackson Gellatly was murdered by her husband Scott Gellatly in Oxford, who got a firearm from out of state during that timeframe and murdered his wife after she filed a temporary restraining order against him.

Now with this new law that will be taking effect on October 1st, Karen Jarmoc says the individual as soon as they are served will have 24 hours to either turn their firearms into law enforcement for police to hold onto, or they can sell their firearms to a federally licensed firearm dealer ... but they only have 24 hours to do that. She says if they do not do that they can be arrested. Jarmoc says the intent is not to take firearms away from people, it's only to take firearms away from those individuals who are deemed to be dangerous. So if the restraining order does not end up being issued permanently they can get their firearms back.

Opponents to this bill felt it was unnecessary, saying the victim could use an

May 8th, 2016 - (Jarmoc continued) - existing risk warrant process to take guns away from their abuser. But Karen Jarmoc told that a temporary restraining order is a better option because it offers the victim better protections, like the abuser can no longer be in contact with the victim at home or work and potentially with their children as well. She also says sometimes victims have a hesitancy to reach out to law enforcement in these volatile situations because that starts an investigation that could set the abuser off before the guns are confiscated. Jarmoc however told that this type of law is not unique to Connecticut as 20 other states have a law similar to this, including Texas and North Carolina which are very pro-gun states. So she says this law is all about victim safety, not just taking guns away from individuals, and she noted that there is a process that takes place before that happens, as temporary restraining orders are not just issued randomly.

Karen Jarmoc of the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence says this is one of the strongest measures they've been able to move forward in years. She credited New Haven State Representative Robyn Porter's powerful speech on the House floor as she had been a victim of abuse. Porter told how she stood a chance against a punch, a brick, or even a choke ... but that she didn't stand a chance against a gun which is lethal. Jarmoc says Porter's powerful authentic experience was huge as it gave the bill momentum for passage.

May 15th, 2016 - Dan Carter - State Representative from Bethel, and the GOP Convention Endorsed Candidate for the U.S. Senate.

Subject Matter: On this week's show State Representative Dan Carter discussed the situation with the state budget and his run for U.S. Senate. On the state budget situation with a huge deficit, he told that this year has been dramatically different from the previous 5 budgets that he has lived through at the State Capitol. Carter says he had very high hopes when Democratic Governor Dan Malloy came out at the beginning of the year sounding like a Republican, finally saying the state needs to live within its means. But he told that as the session wound down and there was no budget from legislative Democrats, Carter found it interesting that Republicans were negotiating with Governor Malloy more than the Democrats were. However, in the final moments he told that it went back to

May 15th, 2016 - (Carter continued) - the typical thing where Republicans were left out of the room with legislative Democrats finally coming up with some sort of budget. Representative Carter says he thinks it'll just be a Band-Aid type of budget from the Democrats to get them through the November election ... and then after that you'll hear them talk of another huge tax hike needed again. But Representative Carter says what they really need is discipline to cut programs in the budget and make long-term structural changes to it so they don't keep revisiting this problem time after time.

On another front it was a big week for Representative Dan Carter, as he was nominated at the State Republican convention to be their U.S. Senate candidate and go up against Democratic incumbent U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal. Carter defeated two other GOP hopefuls for the nomination at the convention getting 86% of the delegates. He told that he is humbled to have this opportunity and is grateful for the people who are giving him their backing to go up against Blumenthal. Now even though he only announced just 5 weeks prior to the convention that he was a GOP candidate for U.S. Senate, Carter says it has really been a 6-year process for him when he first won the state representative seat beating an incumbent and then winning twice more. He says he has been for common sense reform in Connecticut. Carter says he prides himself on being honest and fair and works with the opposition Democrats to get things done and is very respectful.

In going up against popular incumbent Senator Richard Blumenthal, Dan Carter says obviously it'll be an uphill battle as people don't know him as well, while Blumenthal gets his face in front of the cameras every opportunity that he gets. Carter says that Blumenthal, a former State Attorney General in Connecticut, takes on easy issues using his U.S. Senate pulpit as if he were still an attorney general ... but does not take on the tough issues like Isis chopping off people's heads. Instead Carter told on the show that Blumenthal is taking on the airlines industry about the size of its seats. Carter says Blumenthal is out of touch with the real important issues like foreign policy and the military. He says he would like to see the U.S. build back up its military.

Now there is the possibility that before Dan Carter goes up against Blumenthal in the fall election, he might still have to fend off a primary challenge.

May 15th, 2016 - (more Carter continued) - August Wolf, who did not get enough delegate support at the Republican convention to force an automatic primary, says he is still going to try and gather enough Republican petition signatures ... of which he would need about 8-thousand by June 7th to be able to force a primary in August. Dan Carter told on the show that he'll only think about that primary possibility if indeed it happens ... otherwise he has his sights set on trying to unseat Blumenthal. He feels he will be able to raise enough money to get his message out in a campaign against Blumenthal.

May 22nd, 2016 - Donna Landerman - Founder of the group: Save Our Water CT.

Subject Matter: On this show Donna Landerman, founder of the group Save Our Water CT, discussed efforts to protect Connecticut water supplies from overuse or misuse by corporations. She explained this got started last December when she read a story in the newspaper that her local town council in Bloomfield had passed a resolution to give Niagara Bottling a huge tax abatement to build a water bottling plant in Bloomfield. Landerman told that this came as a complete surprise to most people in town including residents on the environment committee in town. She says they didn't feel it was a good idea for their town and that they should have some say over it. Landerman told they all went to the local town council meeting to protest with over 200 people there ... but the town council and the town attorney refused to allow the citizens to have any say over what was going on.

Donna Landerman told that what happened in Bloomfield was clearly a democracy problem with the citizens having no say. She says the process was shepherded through the town of Bloomfield in secret. Landerman says these type of companies pick a town that is economically stressed knowing that they'll want the jobs and taxes. But she says the company tells the town not to let anybody know about it, because the company knows people will protest it. She says townspeople in Bloomfield feel Niagara is a threat to their water supply, with people having no say over what happens to their water. Landerman told this is a process that is going on nationally and statewide, where private companies come in and try to control a public resource. In this case it is water, which she says is probably the most basic resource that people need. Landerman says the town

May 22nd, 2016 - (Landerman continued) - and Niagara says it's a little bit of water ... but it's up to 1.8 million gallons a day. She says that's equivalent to all of the water being used by all the industrial users in the MDC water region ... so it's not just a little bit of water.

Because of this situation in her town of Bloomfield, Donna Landerman, founder of Save Our Water CT, tried to get a piece of legislation through the general assembly to stop this, but it didn't work out. She says being new to the process the bill changed many times. Landerman says when they started out they wanted a moratorium on any large water users/water bottling companies ... in other words super-sized users. So their thought was to have a moratorium until the state water plan is completed, which will be at the end of June next year. But as the legislative process went forward Landerman was told that was not going to happen. She also says they wanted a drought provision, where there would be some control over who would get the water in a drought condition. Landerman says they wanted residential and local businesses to get priority and not the water bottler. But she says they were stonewalled on that front too. Landerman feels this is going to be a problem for other towns in the state too because Connecticut has no real regulations. She also told that there is the question of is there enough water for the local community and the water bottler. Landerman says there may be enough today, but will that be the case in the future ... especially with climate change. Then she says there is the plastic water bottle issue which is a toxic substance which is made from petroleum. So Landerman says they are going to have to be vigilant as this is not a short-term fight, they are in it for the long haul. She says a water bottling plant is an extractive industry that is not making anything, just taking away from Connecticut's water supply.

May 29th, 2016 - Michael Lawlor - Criminal Justice Advisor to Governor Dannel Malloy.

Subject Matter: On this show Michael Lawlor, Criminal Justice Advisor to Governor Dannel Malloy, discussed the governor's controversial "Second Chance Society" criminal justice reform bill. That bill was still awaiting a vote in the legislature's special session. (Note: In this election year however, lawmakers decided there was no appetite to take it up in the special session).

The governor's proposal had actually 2 parts. One part had to do with bail reform, the other had to do with raising the age for treating people as a juvenile for certain crimes. Michael Lawlor told that the main objective of the reforms is to reduce crime and secondarily to save a lot of money. On the bail issue Lawlor explained that on any given day there are about 33-hundred inmates in Connecticut's prisons who are there because they can't afford to post bail in a pending case. He says of those 33-hundred there are about 350 who are typically in there charged only with a misdemeanor. Lawlor says where that misdemeanor does not involve failure to appear in court, or any kind of family violence, or any hint of dangerousness ... the governor has proposed that a judge cannot impose money bail on someone who is charged only with a misdemeanor and it does not involve failure to appear, or some type of violence. Lawlor says that by itself will save the need to have 350 people sitting in jail, often times for a month or two, mainly because they are too poor to post their bail. He says the majority of people with a credit card, a job, a family, or a bank account can easily come up with the money to have their bond posted and get out the door ... but these people can't because they are too poor. Lawlor says that would save about 58-thousand dollars a day to have these 350 people or so, low-level misdemeanor defendants not sitting in jail.

The second part of the bill is a little more controversial, which has to do with raising the age limit for individuals who would be considered juvenile offenders, rather than adults. Michael Lawlor told that Governor Malloy felt Connecticut has had such great success in reducing crime committed by young people after the state raised the age about 10 years ago from 16 up to 18 ... most states are at 18. He says they've been monitoring the results of that and they've seen the number of young people getting into trouble, getting arrested, and

May 29th, 2016 - (Lawlor continued) - ending up sitting in jail has dropped significantly. Lawlor told for example the number of 17 year olds arrested statewide dropped 60% between 2008 and 2014. He says you could see a steady decline each and every year. Lawlor says although not as big, there's been a decline in the other ages as well.

So Michael Lawlor told on the show that Governor Malloy felt if Connecticut was getting these great results by treating younger people differently, why not try that same approach with 19, 20, and 21 year olds ... and that is the proposal. Lawlor explained that this is not about choosing to punish or not punish people. He says it's about finding a way for the criminal justice system to deal with younger people in a way that protects the public, but also doesn't make it extremely difficult for that person to succeed and turn their life around. Lawlor also pointed out that in the governor's proposal there's an allowance that anyone that commits a serious crime that warrants a significant prison sentence would be transferred to adult court and would get the same exact punishment that they would get today in adult court even if they were only 18, 19, or 20 years old. (But in this election year, lawmakers had jitters that if passed they'd be viewed as being "soft on crime," so the governor's proposals were never taken up for a vote in this legislative year).

June 5th, 2016 - Dr. Phillip Armstrong - Director of the State's Mosquito Management Program.

Subject Matter: On this show Dr. Phillip Armstrong, Director of the State's Mosquito Management Program, discussed the State of Connecticut's trapping and testing program. New to the mosquito-borne viruses that they are testing for this year is the Zika Virus, which has been linked to birth defects in newborns. This virus has been spreading in Latin America and in the Caribbean. Dr. Armstrong says there is a lot of travel from Connecticut to that part of the world. Right now he told that Zika Virus is a traveler's disease with 7 identified cases amongst Connecticut residents that have returned from traveling to these Zika affected areas. Armstrong explained however the concern is going into the summer months when mosquitoes are out and biting people here in Connecticut, that somebody could potentially contract the disease in another country, come

June 5th, 2016 - (Armstrong continued) - back here to Connecticut and then serve as a source of infecting mosquitoes here in the state. At this point they feel it's unlikely that would occur, but there is some potential for that. So he says they'll certainly be monitoring the mosquitoes to insure that if that does happen, they can go in and prevent the virus from being established here.

Dr. Phillip Armstrong told that there are 2 mosquito species that are primarily responsible for Zika Virus. He says the main mosquito species is called the Yellow Fever Mosquito which is not found in Connecticut as it's found in tropical areas and the Southern U.S. Though Dr. Armstrong says there is a second species called the Asian Tiger Mosquito and that mosquito has been found in Southern Connecticut ... but the number of these mosquitoes are relatively low ... so the risk is also fairly low. He told that if we do see outbreaks of Zika Virus in the U.S. it's much more likely to be seen in places like Florida and Southern Texas, where they have both of the mosquito species that can transmit the virus ... and of course in the Caribbean and Latin America. Again Dr. Armstrong told the biggest threat is for pregnant women as they could deliver a baby with birth defects, especially one with a smaller head. For healthy adults however he says the symptoms for Zika Virus are relatively mild which are flu-like, fever, and is often accompanied by a rash, and conjunctivitis, aka pink eye.

Meantime Dr. Phillip Armstrong says they'll be testing once again this year for the mosquito-borne West Nile Virus, which has been in the Northeast since 1999. He told that mild infections for West Nile Virus start out a lot like Zika Virus with fever, accompanied lots of times by a rash. But he says some people go on and develop much more severe symptoms with neuro-invasive disease that can start out with a stiff neck, then intense persistent headaches, and problems with motor control, confusion, slurred speech, and even a coma in the worst cases that require hospitalization.

Dr. Phillip Armstrong told that West Nile Virus is dependent on one mosquito species primarily, which is the Northern house mosquito, or *Culex Pipiens*, the scientific name. He says that species tends to do better during hot, dry weather... which is different from a lot of the other mosquitoes we have that do better when there's a lot of rainfall. So Dr. Armstrong told when we have intense heatwaves, that is when people should start thinking about guarding

July 5th, 2016 - (more Armstrong continued) - against the West Nile Virus.

Another virus Dr. Armstrong told the state tests for is the Triple-E Virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis. He says it is rare, but it can be very deadly, and those that survive often suffer from permanent neurological damage. He says fortunately we don't see that virus every year in Connecticut, but in 2013 there were problems with it in Eastern Connecticut where the state had to shut down a couple of state parks, and there was one death from someone contracting the Triple-E Virus.

So Dr. Armstrong urges people to take precautions this summer not to get bitten by mosquitoes. He says people should use repellent with DEET especially when mosquitoes are most prevalent at dawn and dusk. He also told to try and get rid of any standing water around the home where mosquitoes could breed, like bird baths, buckets of water, and kid's wading pools.

June 12th, 2016 - Doug Schwartz - Quinnipiac University Poll Director.

Subject Matter: On this show Doug Schwartz, Director of the Quinnipiac University Poll, was back to discuss their latest polls. In the poll they did on Governor Dannel Malloy with regards to the governor's job approval rating with Connecticut voters, Schwartz told that it came back with the governor's lowest number ever at only 24%. He says a 24% job approval rating in the world of polling is really bad. Schwartz says it's one of the worst scores they have seen for a governor. He says that ties former Governor John Rowland for the lowest Connecticut governor job approval rating ever, and that was after Rowland admitted he had lied about favors he had received for his vacation cottage and Rowland's integrity was questioned. (Rowland ultimately resigned and went to prison). There's no scandal for current Governor Dannel Malloy ... the rating is simply Connecticut voters' opinion of how he's doing his job. Schwartz says people are just so unhappy with the economy and Malloy's handling of the economy, that his job approval ranking has really sunk.

Q-Poll Director Doug Schwartz says voters have never really warmed up to Governor Malloy as the highest his job approval has been in their polls is only 48%. Schwartz says from the moment Malloy took office in 2011 and had to deal

June 12th, 2016 - (Schwartz continued) - with the deficit and did so with across the board tax increases. He says right then and there Malloy's job approval numbers sank as the public didn't like the tax increases, and he's really never recovered from it. The governor's poll numbers in personal characteristics such as integrity, leadership, empathy for the voters, have also tumbled. Schwartz feels it's kind of a spillover affect that people get so unhappy with the economy and nothing changing that they take it out on those who are in charge. Schwartz does feel though that low approval numbers does affect his power as a leader and that others will distance themselves from him on policy. In fact, that did occur with fellow Democrats not supporting the governor's second chance society criminal justice reforms. What's pretty striking from their poll told Schwartz is that Connecticut voters feel the bad economy in the state is getting worse ... not good for Governor Malloy.

On the national side in the latest Quinnipiac Poll in the presidential race Hillary Clinton beats Republican Donald Trump in Connecticut 45% to 38%. Q-Poll Director Doug Schwartz says for Clinton you would say okay she's winning, but in Connecticut a clear-cut Democratic state, you would actually expect the lead to be in double digits. He says you have to go back to 1988 where a Republican presidential candidate won Connecticut and that was George Bush Senior. So if you're a Democratic candidate you'd like to feel more comfortable with a double digit lead. So Schwartz says those numbers could be looked at as a wakeup call for Clinton, as with Trump you can't take anything for granted with him already defying the odds beating all of his Republican opponents ... despite taking several controversial stances. Schwartz also says there seems to be an appetite for change as shown by Trump and also Democrat Bernie Sanders winning a lot of primaries.

In the U.S. Senate race here in Connecticut, Doug Schwartz told that incumbent Democratic U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal has a huge lead over his largely unknown Republican opponents, the endorsed candidate State Representative Dan Carter and August Wolf (who was looking to petition his way onto the ballot for a primary ... but failed to get the required number of signatures to do so). Schwartz says Blumenthal has a 60% job approval rating and beats the Republicans by a 2-to-1 margin.

June 12th, 2016 - (more Schwartz continued) -

In a nonpolitical poll Doug Schwartz told that they polled on Connecticut's favorite baseball team, which they do annually. He told that the New York Yankees are the most popular at 44%, followed by the Boston Red Sox at 36%, and the New York Mets have 13% of the fans rooting for them. Schwartz says it's the Yankees largest lead over the Red Sox in 8 years. Meantime the 13% for Met's fans is the most fan support in Connecticut they've had in 6 years. He says the surge is no doubt fueled by their appearance in last year's World Series.

June 19th, 2016 - Douglas Fisher - Executive Director of Connecticut Humanities.

Subject Matter: On this show Douglas Fisher, Executive Director of Connecticut Humanities, discussed the negative impact Governor Dannel Malloy's line item budget veto would have on grant funding for cultural programs across the state. He explained that Connecticut Humanities is an advocate for liberal arts, promoting things like history, literature, the study of law, political science, ethics, philosophy, and various social sciences, and the way they enrich and shape our lives. Fisher told that they are not a state agency but a nonprofit ... though they do administer state funds to promote cultural activities. He also says they have federal funds that they are stewards of from the National Endowment for the Humanities, which is further augmented by foundation grants and individual contributions from people in Connecticut.

Governor Dannel Malloy in his line item vetoes cut \$1.7 million dollars out of the state budget for the humanities. Douglas Fisher says that cut in funding is going to be devastating and hurtful to hundreds of organizations that they support across the state and most of which are very small. Fisher says the local historical societies, small house museums, and libraries are all going to be hurt by the lack of grants the Connecticut Humanities now won't be able to give them due to the governor's budget cut. Fisher says unfortunately the cut is a convenient target ... but a false choice, especially in this social media age. He says social media has really been isolating people, whereas they are about trying to get people engaging with one another in a community setting like discussing books with one another. He says going from \$1.7 million dollars to Zero will mean they won't be handing out any grant money from the Connecticut Humanities Fund to

June 19th, 2016 - (Fisher continued) - community organizations.

Now with all of that going down with the governor vetoing that funding, Douglas Fisher is still holding out some hope that they might be able to come up with some "gap funding." Fisher told that the Malloy administration is actually working with them to try and find some ways of helping to mitigate the issue as they know this has really put everybody in a fix. Fisher says the administration has looked to try and get a small amount of funding to them through the Department of Economic and Community Development to keep them slightly afloat. He says it would be a very small amount of what they were supposed to receive, basically he told it would just be better than nothing. So Fisher says they are also hoping that corporations or wealthy donors might be able to step up and help out by contacting them at 860-685-2260 or at www.cthumanities.org.

June 26th, 2016 - Kevin Borrup - Associate Director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

Subject Matter: On this week's show Kevin Borrup, with the Connecticut Children's Medical Center's Injury Prevention Center, talks about keeping kids safe now that they are out of school for the summer months. He says this period is also known as "the trauma season" because it's the time of year when kids are most apt to get injured and end up at hospital emergency rooms.

Kevin Borrup during the show discussed many areas of concern where attention needs to be devoted to keep kids safe. One of these is around water, where tragically just this week a 7-year old Plainfield girl died in her backyard pool after she ventured out there without anyone's knowledge. Borrup says unfortunately every summer there are a number of drownings. He told the key to preventing drownings is supervision and making sure there is a designated adult carefully watching them. Borrup says for younger children they recommend an adult actually be in the water with the kids. He says often times on television or in the movies when someone is having problems in the water their arms are flailing giving everyone notice they are in trouble. But Borrup says many times in real life that is not the case with a person just silently falling under the water. Going beyond supervision Borrup says they advise parents to get their children swimming lessons. He also says parents can get a U.S. Coast Guard approved

