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### **LAURA KNOY RETURNS AS HOST OF "THE EXCHANGE" Veteran back at the microphone after maternity leave**

CONCORD—Starting Monday, Laura Knoy will resume hosting "The Exchange," New Hampshire Public Radio's daily call-in program. Knoy has been on maternity leave since February 16<sup>th</sup>, after giving birth to Abraham, her second child.

"I'm looking forward to it," Knoy said. "It's going to be a busy summer, and with the presidential election, and races for Governor and Congress here in New Hampshire, it's going to be an exciting fall."

With Knoy's return, the program is set to launch a series of initiatives, including extensive coverage of the 2004 election featuring candidate interviews and explorations of the major issues. In addition, the program is planning a look at growth and development in New Hampshire.

Knoy, 42, has hosted "The Exchange" since its launch in October 1995. She is a former newscaster and reporter for National Public Radio. She lives in Concord with her husband, Steve, and her children Isaiah, 4, and Abraham.

"The Exchange" has won numerous statewide and national awards for excellence, and has earned a reputation as a source of in-depth and intelligent conversations on topics ranging from politics to health, from family issues to literature. Past guests have included Gov. Craig Benson, Vice President Al Gore, Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, and Democratic Presidential nominee John Kerry.

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