



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REPORT 2ND QUARTER, 2023

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WESM 91.3 FM
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS

2ND Quarter, 2023

- **All Things Considered** (Monday – Friday 4 – 6:30 PM, Saturday 5 – 6 PM): A mix of news, interviews, commentaries, reviews and offbeat features.
- **Latino USA** (Sunday, 1 – 2 PM): A Latino-focused program reporting on Latino news and culture.
- **New Yorker Radio Hour** (Mondays 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show from WNYC
- **Freakonomics Radio Hour** (Tuesdays, 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show that explores the hidden side of everything.
- **Marketplace** (Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 7 PM): A daily magazine of business and economics.
- **Morning Edition** (Weekdays, 5 – 9 AM): A morning news magazine with up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports.
- **On the Media** (Sunday, 3- 4 PM): A program focused on analyzing the media.
- **Our Body Politic** (Sunday, 10 – 11 AM): Hosted by award-winning journalist Farai Chidaya, each weekly episode focuses on how the latest news and current events affect women of color.
- **Radiolab** (Thursdays, 7-8pm): A show that explores science, philosophy, and human experience.
- **Delmarva Today** (Fridays at Noon): A weekly public affairs show that dives into the issues facing our local region here on the Delmarva Peninsula. Hosted by Don Rush and Bryan Russo.
- **Reveal** (Wednesdays, 7-8pm): A public radio program featuring investigative journalism.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS (CONTINUED)

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- **Weekend Edition Saturday** (Saturday, 8 – 10 AM): A weekly program that wraps up the week's news and offers a mix of analysis and features on a wide range of topics, including arts, sports, entertainment, and human interest stories.
- **Weekend Edition Sunday** (Sunday, 11 AM – 1 PM): A weekly program featuring interviews with newsmakers, artists, scientists, politicians, musicians, writers, theologians and historians.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

N/A

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY

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BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

The Station considers the topic of business, and related issues, to be of considerable importance to our community. Business can take many forms within the broader economic landscape. From regulation to innovation, business touches all of our lives and continues to be the vital engine that drives growth for our region and our nation.

Global economic trends in the United States and Europe have caused instability in markets around the world, many of which were already weakened from the Great Recession of the recent past. These trends have had a direct impact on the U.S. economy – and consequently the lives of our listeners. WESM 91.3 FM has devoted a significant amount of programming addressing the issues of the economy and finance -- including topics related to housing, banking and monetary policy.

Poverty and economic inequality historically play a disproportionate role in rural and agricultural areas – including a large portion of the region served by WESM 91.3 FM.

EDUCATION

WESM 91.3 FM broadcasts programming that highlights the successes and failures of the educational system in the United States. We believe both public education and higher education to be topics of importance to our listeners, and an important community issue which we are addressing via this programming.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

Immigration continues to be another important topic of public discourse. The continuing political discourse on immigration has far-reaching effects in every part of the country, including the areas served by WESM 91.3 FM.

RACE & CULTURE

Given the large numbers of minority groups that live and work in the Eastern Shore region, as well as surrounding areas, WESM 91.3 FM remains committed to addressing topics of concern to under-represented minority groups. The Station has striven to provide this coverage by offering programming that highlights issues that directly affect minority groups in the U.S.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The local communities of the Delmarva Peninsula have, in some cases, chronic illnesses that rate higher than the national average.

Story Lists 4/1/23-6/30/23

6-29-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with former U.S. Service officer Todd Becker on Wagner rebellion in Russian and implications for Ukraine. (4:00)

6-28-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with state Senator Sarah McBride about her congressional candidacy (4:00)

6-27-23 Interview: Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with Steve Ellis, president of Taxpayers for Common Sense, about the impact on regions like Delmarva. (4:00)

6-26-23 Feature: Don Rush reports on Pride Parades in Salisbury and Ocean City (4:00)

6-23-23 Feature: Bryan Russo talks with Chazz Palmintiri about one man show "A Bronx Tale" (4:00)

6-21-23 Interview: Host Don Rush talks with David Fletcher, owner of Nanticoke Outfitters, LLC of Salisbury, about Hunt Down Hunger program for deer hunter that contributes to the Maryland Food Bank. (4:00)

6-20-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Karl Blankenship, editor at large for the Bay Journal, about his series on the conflicts between environmentalists and agriculture in Bay restoration (Delmarva Today preview 4:00)

6-19-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Kirkland Hall, president of the Somerset County Branch of the NAACP, on Juneteenth (4:00)

6-16-23 Interview: Bryan Russo talks with Ricky Skaggs on his musical journey (4:00)

6-15-23 Feature: Peter Solomon has this portrait of the influences that made his music (4:00)

6-14-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Steve Green, editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch, about the decision as Worcester County ponders its own approach to the new law. (Delmarva Today preview – 4:00)

6-13-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on new techniques to chart Chesapeake Bay's dead zones (4:00)

6-12-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Ann Pellegrini, author of Gender Without Identity (Delmarva Today Preview – 4:00)

6-9-23 Feature: Mark Plotkin previews air show in Ocean City (4:00)

6-8-23 Special Feature: Peter Solomon speaks with composer Brent Wallarab about "The Gennett Suite," a new big band recording that celebrates the legacy of Gennett Records. The Richmond, Indiana music label made historic recordings of artists such as Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, and Bix Beiderbecke. (18:22)

6-8-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Steve Green, editor and publisher for the Maryland Coast Dispatch, about these efforts as thousands flock to this weekend's event. (4:00)

6-7-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Dr. Bill Dennison, vice president for Science Application at the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science on new bay report (4:00)

6-6-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Whitney Pipkin, staff writer for the Bay Journal, on African American community winning national recognition in Hanover County (4:00)

6-5-23 Interview: Don Rush talks Jayshree Seth, chief science advocate for 3M marking World Environment Day (4:00)

6-2-23 Feature: Rarely Told Stories Series with Bryan Russo on the history of Mardela Springs. (4:00)

6-1-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Ad Crable on near blackout miss for PJM customers (Delmarva Today preview - 4:00)

5-31-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Salisbury Mayor Jack Heath on issues facing the city (Delmarva Today preview – 4:00)

5-26-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University professor Michael O’Loughlin on the debt ceiling. (4:00)

5-25-23 Feature: Don Rush looks at the legacy of Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) who announced retirement this year. (4:00)

5-24-23 Feature: Rarely Told Stories – Bryan Russo on the small African American Community iof San Domingo. (4:00)

5-23-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, editor-at-large for the Bay Journal, about the surge in the crab population. (4:00)

5-22-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Kathy Stokes, director of AARP's Fraud Prevention Programs about what to look out for to detect crypto scams. (4:00)

5-19-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with author Christina Gerhardt, author of Sea Change: An Atlas of Islands in the Ocean focusing on Deal Island (4:00)

5-18-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Salisbury City Council President Muir Boda about the budget (Delmarva Today preview – 4:00)

5-17-23 Feature: Rarely Told Stories – Bryan Russo on the man who saved Assateague Island (4:00)

5-16-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Whitney Pipkin on Virginia Land Preservation program (4:00)

5-11-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Katlyn Schmitt, senior analyst for the Center for Progress Reform on the dramatic drop in enforcement of environmental funding and staffing. (4:00)

5-10-23 Feature: Rarely Told Stories with Bryan Russo on the history of Furnace Town (4:00)

5-9-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Wheller, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal, on new restrictions on striped bass. (4:00)

5-8-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Jordan Rubin, author of "Bizaro: The Surreal Saga of America's Secret War on Synthetic Drugs and the Florida Kingpins It Capture." (Delmarva Today Preview – 4:00)

5-4-23 Interview: Don Rush with Jeremy Cox, staff write for the Bay Journal, on new study on ammonia from chicken houses (4:00)

5-3-23 Interview Don Rush with Len Lazarick, founding editor of marylandreporter.com, on decision by Maryland Senator Ben Cardin to retire next year and who might succeed him. (4:00)

5-2-23 Special Feature: Peter Solomon talks with Salisbury-based saxophonist and educator Stephen P. Harvey discusses new octet recording "Elemental." (12:03)

5-2-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, on charges filed in the Gavin Knupp case (4:00)

5-1-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Pam Andrews, president of the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, on Lyme Disease month. (Delmarva Today Preview – 4:00)

4-27-23 Interview: Don Rush talked with Dr. Calre Rock, associate professor of Medicine at Johns Hopkins Medical School, cautions that must be taken even as the COVID pandemic winds down (4:00)

4-26-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal Karl Blankenship on EPA crackdown on pollution in Pennsylvania (4:00)

4-25-23 Feature: Don Rush on the 50th annual Wild Fowl Art Championship (4:00)

4-25-25 Feature: Peter Solomon on band leader and drummer Chick Webb (4:00)

4-24-23 Interview: Don rush talks with former Salisbury Mayor Jake Day on Anne Street Village for the homeless ribbon cutting (4:00)

4-21-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with state Senator Mary Beth Carozza on legislative wrap up (4:00)

4-21-23 Interview; Don Rush talks with Delegate Sharee Sample-Hughes on legislative wrap up (4:00)

4-20-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Althea Chandler about her family's plans for a Living History Exhibit on the Eastern Shore for the famous African Americans known as the Buffalo Soldiers. (Delmarva Today preview – 4:00)

4-19-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Alan Girard, Eastern Shore director for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation legislative victories in Annapolis. (4:00)

4-18-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Jeremy Cox, staff writer for the Bay Journal, Maryland's struggle with septic tanks (4:00)

4-11-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Jen Duggan, deputy director of the Environmental Integrity Project on EPA failure to limit industrial pollution under the Clean Water Act. (4:00)

4-7-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal, on expansion of national wildlife refuge in Southern Maryland (4:00)

4-6-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Salisbury University provost Karen Olmstead on decision to move Ward Museum to downtown (Delmarva Today Preview – 4:00)

4-5-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Ward Foundation Board of Directors Chair Arthur Leonard on Ward Museum move (4:00)

4-4-23 Essay: Former Salisbury Political Science professor Michael O'Loughlin on the indictment of the president (4:00)

4-1-23 Feature: Kamille Little on exhibit about about the Tuskegee Airmen on display at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore featuring organizer Derrick Mayes.(4:00)

Delmarva Today 4-1-23 to 6-30-23

6-30-23 Delmarva Today: News roundup with host Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point on Pride Parades, McBride announcement, etc. (Part 1 - 23:00)

6-30-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with state Senator Sarah McBride on congressional candidacy. (Part 2 – 18:43)

6-30-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Jose Marcos Salaverria, Education Director for the Lewes Historical Society and researcher for the film celebrating African American history in Lewes. (Part 3 – 20:28)

6-23-23 Delmarva Today: News roundup with host Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, on Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester's decision to run for Delaware's Senate seat, etc. (Part 1 - 21:44)

6-23-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Mark Delancey, executive director of Salisbury PFLAG, about the event and the conservative backlash. (Part 2 – 9:10)

6-23-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Karl Blankenship, editor-at -large for the Bay Journal on the conflicts between

environmentalists and agriculture in restoration of the Chesapeake Bay (Part 3 – 27:00)

6-16-23 Delmarva Today: In weekly round up with host Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, about Unity Square development in Salisbury and the only transgender state Senator in the country Sarah McBride (Part 1 – 14:00)

6-16-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Steve Green, editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch, about the OC ban as the Worcester County Commissioners develop plans for handling legalization. (Part 2 – 12:14)

6-16-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Ann Pellegrini, author of new book “Gender Without Identity” (Part 3- 16:44)

6-9-23 Delmarva Today: In weekly roundup host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Ocean City Air show, etc (Part 1 – 15:00)

6-9-23 Delmarva Today: A special audio documentary on the life of Latinos on Delmarva. It is the work of Salisbury University students in Dr. Ricardo Vazquez's Latin America Radio Class in the Modern Languages Department. The documentary was produced by Delmarva Public Media's Bryan Russo and focuses on the history of the Latino experience here on the Delmarva Peninsula. (Part 2 – 45:00)

6-2-23 Delmarva Today: In weekly roundup host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, about winning streak of Salisbury University sports teams and drug scandal that his Millsboro Police Department (Part 1 - 20:00)

6-2-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Mayor Jack Heath on issues facing the city. (Part 2 -30:00)

6-2-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Ad Crable on near rolling blackouts for PJM customers. (Part 3 – 7:00)

5-26-23 Delmarva Today: The Wicomico River: The Soul of Salisbury is an examination the environmental importance of this river to the region. This documentary is a collaboration of the Delmarva Public Media staff with the Salisbury University's Environmental Studies Program (59;00)

5-19-23 Delmarva Today: Weekly roundup hosted by Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, on Eastern Shore Delegate Sharee Sample-Hughes removal at speaker pro tem, etc (Part 1 – 10:40)

5-19-23 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Salisbury City Council President Muir Boda on budget cuts and taxes (Part 2 – 19:00)

5-19-23 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Steven Green, editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch about the tense atmosphere surrounding the debate.(Part 3 - 17:00)

5-12-23 Delmarva Today: In weekly roundup host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, conviction Officer Hilliard case, etc (Part 1 – 13:00)

5-12-23 Delmarva Today: Don Rush with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal, on new report that Bay Restoration goals will not be met. (Part 2 -26:00)

5-12-23 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Jordan Rubin, author of “Bizaro: The Surreal Saga of America’s Secret War on Synthetic Drugs and the Florida Kingpins It Capture.” (Part 3 – 18-37)

5-5-23 Delmarva Today: Weekly roundup with Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, Officer Hilliard trial and preservation of Townsend Home, etc (Part 1 – 20:23)

5-5-23 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Steven Green, editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch about the Gavin hit-and-run case and the impact on the community. (Part 2 – 18:44)

5-5-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Pam Andrews, president of the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, marking Lyme Disease month (Part 3 – 19:37)

4-28-23 Delmarva Today: Weekly roundup with host Don Rush with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager the Salisbury Independent, and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, on budgets, fire fees and Graham visit. (Part 1 - 13:26)

4-28-23 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo with editor and publisher of the Maryland Coast Dispatch on hot real estate market in Ocean City (Part 2 – 17:52)

4-28-23 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Delaware businesswoman and organizer of a rally Patricia Rickman and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on rally against domestic abuse in LGBTQ community (Part 3 – 24:00)

4-21-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Althea Chandler about her family’s plans for a Living History Exhibit on the Eastern Shore for the famous African Americans known as the Buffalo Soldiers. (Part 2 – 21:00)

4-21-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Aaron Sachs, author of Stay Cool on the importance of comedy in the face of climate change (Part 3 – 13:44)

4-14-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush looks at the revelation from the priest abuse scandal in Baltimore including victims (Part 1 – 19:00)

4-14-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with local painter Patrick Henry on new collection of African American photos and paintings (Part 2- 17:39)

4-14-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Brooke Lierman, the new Maryland Comtroller about the state's finances (Part 3 – 13:43)

4-7-23 Delmarva Today: In weekly roundup, host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, reporter for Coastal Point, tornados, Ward Museum, etc. (Part 1 – 15:00)

4-7-23 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury University Provost Karen Olmstead about decision to move Ward Museum downtown. (Part 2 – 15:00)

4-7-23 Delmarva Today: Kamille Little looks at the impact of the lack of minority teacher on Maryland Educational system (Part 3 – 7:13)