



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REPORT 1ST QUARTER, 2023

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WESM 91.3 FM
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS

1st 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 List (1-1-23 – 3-31-23)

- 3-31-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on International Criminal Court warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin on war crimes in Ukraine. (4:00)
- 3-30-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Rich Smoker, former chair of the Ward Foundation Board of Directors on Salisbury University's decision to relocate the Ward Museum. (4:00)
- 3-29-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, Bay Journal associate editor and general manager, on expedition to assess the blue crab population in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. (4:00)
- 3-28-23 Interviews: Don Rush talks with co-author Marianne Wach & director Chrisophe Tulou of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays about new report on pollution and climate change impact. (4:00)
- 3-24-23 Feature: Delaware Symphony Orchestra heads to Cape Henlopen High School this Sunday in its second outing since COVID. Delmarva Public Media's Bryan Russo talks with Executive Director Jason Barker about what it has been like emerging from the pandemic. (4:00)
- 3-23-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent, on the latest news about the Ward Museum move. (4:00)
- 3-22-23 Interview: Don Rush talks with Salisbury University spokesperson Jason Rhodes about Ward Museum move (4:00)
- 3-21-23 Interview: Don rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on DAF tank leak (4:00)
- 3-17-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University professor Michael O'Loughlin on the visions displayed by the two side in the budget battle in Washington. (4:00)
- 3-14-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox about oyster reef restoration in the Manokin River (4:00)
- 3-12-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Katie Delezensk, research and instructional services librarian on abortion disinformation (4:00)
- 3-10-23 Feature: Kamille Little on the regional spelling be at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. (4:00)
- 3-9-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Dr. Brad Stevens, retired professor of Marine and Environmental Science at the University of Maryland about the calls for a moratorium on offshore wind projects due to whale deaths. (4:00)
- 3-8-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Dr. Brad Steven, retired professor of Marine and Environmental Science at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore about whale deaths and offshore wind. (4:00)

3-7-23 Interview Don rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Whitney Pipkin on the use of artificial intelligence on mapping wetlands. (4:00)

3-6-23 Interview Don rush talks with Dr. Janice Blanchard, professor of Emergency Medicine at Georgetown University School of Medicine and Health, on latest COVID variant. (4:00)

3-3-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University Political science professor Michael O’Loughlin on nuclear threat in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. (4:00)

3-2-23 Feature: Kamille Little talks with students on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore about significance of black history (4:00)

3-1-23 Feature Bryan Russo talks with film maker B. L. Strang-Moya about his new feature “Hedgehog” about the conflict in Ukraine. (4:00)

2-28-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Ad Crable about an old method that could decrease carbon emissions from the soil. (4:00)

2-27-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Dr. Timothy Harrison, Principle Deputy Director and HIV Team Leader of the U.S. Office of Infectious Disease about the disproportionate impact on the African American community. (4:00)

2-24-23 Interview Don Rush talks with former U.S diplomat Todd Becker about visits by Biden and Putin to Ukrainian warzone (4:00)

2-23-23 Feature: Don Rush on reaction to rejection by Wicomico County Council rejection of Dan Cox nomination (4:00)

2-22-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about Prince George’s County plans for mix-transit village along the Patuxent Research Refuge. (4:00)

2-21-23 Interview Don Rush talks with SU president Carolyln Lepre about plans to move the Ward Museum (4:00)

2-18-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman about tax day and the state’s finances. (4:00)

2-17-23 Essay; Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O’Loughlin Chinese spy balloon. (4;00)

2-16-23 Interview Don Rush talks with John Hickman, director of the Salisbury University’s Business, Economic and Community Outreach Network on economic forecast. (4:00)

2-15-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on impact of climate change on minority communities. (4:00)

2-10-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, Bay Journal’s associate editor and senior writer about rendering plant in Dorchester County (4:00)

2-9-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Tom Moran, Bridgeville Council town commissioner on efforts to halt cement crushing plant (4:00)

2-8-23 Interview Don Rush talks with former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin about state of the union address (4:00)

2-7-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Eric Schaeffer with the Environmental Integrity Project about the lack of civil enforcement of environment laws by the Biden administration (4:00)

2-6-23 Interview Don Rush talks with local African American residents Valencia Hayes and Joyce Jones about their concerns over the proposed cement crushing plant near Bridgeville. (4:00)

2-2-23 Feature Don Rush reports on Maryland Governor's State of the State address (4:00)

2-1-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on new chicken house ammonia report (4:00)

1-30-23 Interview Don Rush with Bridgeville town manager Bethany Debussy about her letter opposing cement crushing plant. (4:00)

1-27-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Congressman Andy Harris calling for offshore moratorium due to whale deaths. (4:00)

1-26-23 Interview Don Rush talks with acting Mayor Jack Heath on sudden departure of former Mayor Jake Day to the state government cabinet. (4:00)

1-24-23 Interview Don rush talks with Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman who warns against not raising the debt ceiling. (4:00)

1-20-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on fight over debt ceiling. (4:00)

1-19-23 Feature Don Rush on swearing in of Maryland Governor Wes Moore (4:00)

1-19-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Mayor Jake Day on his decision to join the Moore administration. (4:00)

1-18-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about hopes for green initiatives under the new governors in Virginia and Maryland. (4:00)

1-17-23 Interview Don Rush talks with State Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R) on transition to Democratic government of Maryland. (4:00)

1-13-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Arlisha Norwood, associate professor of history at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore about MLK's legacy. (4:00)

1-12-23 Interview Don Rush talks with a discussion about the poem "Reasons to Burn Her" about Serena Williams with Delmarva Review editor

Wilson Wyatt, poetry editor Anne Colwell and poetry assistant editor Katherine Gekker. (4:00)

1-11-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox on efforts to shore up the coastline of Tangier Island (4:00)

1-10-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Tom Perlozzo about Dream Fest celebrating MLK Day. (4:00)

1-9-23 Interview Don Rush talks with Alan Girard with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation latest assessment of the watershed region. (4:00)

1-6-23 Essay: Former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O’Loughlin on the anniversary of the Capitol Hill insurrection. (4:00)

Delmarva Today

(1-1-23 – 3-31-23)

3-31-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush with news roundup on Ward Museum & Justice for Gavin with Salisbury Independent editor and general manager Greg Bassett and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora & interview with Decoy carver Rich Smoker (Part 1 - 33:00)

3-31-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with co-author Marianne Wach & director Chrisophe Tulou of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays about new report on pollution and climate change impact; Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler on expedition to assess the blue crab population (Part 2 - 17:43)

3-31-23 Delmarva Today In the not so distant future edible insects could become a part of sustainable living. Chef Joseph Yoon will be appearing on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore this April 3-6 to take a look at this avenue including a 10-course "bug banquet". Delmarva Public Media's Kamille Little talked with the chef about what to expect. (Part 3 - 7:44)

3-22-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Jason Rhodes, SU spokesperson about the decision to relocate the Ward Museum & Bay Journal staff reporter Jeremy Cox on the latest on the leak of the DAF tank in Wicomico County. (Part 1 – 35:00)

3-22-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with author Eli Merritt on his new book “How to Save Democracy” (Part 2 - 22:00)

3-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, Salisbury Independent editor and general manager, and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on Wicomico County Executive Julie Giordano on state of the county and the United Mariner Methodist Church disaffiliation vote. (Part 1 – 16:48)

3-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Mike Wicklein on his plans for a documentary on the removal of the Confederate statue “The Talbot Boys” from the courthouse lawn in Easton. (Part 2 – 18:00)

3-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Cambridge City manager Tom Carroll and project manager Larry White on efforts to stem effects of sea level rise. (Part 3- 19:00)

3-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Bryan Russo with new series People in Your Neighborhood host Bryan Russo talks with Matt Van Gasbeck, a guitar technician who has found his new passion of helping local musicians achieve their dreams.(4:00)

3-10-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent & Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about a state trooper shot in Wicomico county and decision by County Sheriff Mike Lewis' decision not to seek another term (21:00)

3:10-23 Delmarva Today Don Rush talks with Dr. Brad Stevens, retired professor of Marine and Environmental Science at the University of Maryland about the calls for a moratorium on offshore wind projects due to whale deaths. Host Bryan Russo looks at the prospects for offshore shine with Dave Wilson, Maryland developer director for US Wind.(Part 2 – 24:00)

3-10-23 Delmarva Today Hot don Rush talks with Libby Sternberg about her new novel Daisy which tells the story of the Great Gatsby from her point of view. (Part 3 – 22:00)

3-3-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, Coastal Point reporter, about Parkside/Kent Island basketball altercation and plans to expand Route 90 into Ocean City; SU professor David Burns on the Fox/Dominion case; Michael Jeffries author of new book "Black and Queer on Campus." (Part 1 – 40:00)

3-3-23 Delmarva Today Kamille Little looks at significance of Black History month, Bryan Russo talks with SU philosophy professor Tim Stock on discussion with young students about what it means to be invisible. (Part 2 – 19:00)

2-24-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Independent editor and general manager Greg Bassett and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on the tense meeting over appointment of Dan Cox by County Executive; Salisbury police chief retires. (Part 1 – 12:00)

2-24-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury University president Caroly Lepre after he first 100 days in office (Part 2 – 30:00)

2-24-23 Delmarva Today host Bryan Russo talks with film maker John Waters who is featured at the Ocean City Film Festival (Part 3 - 18:00)

2-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent about relocation of Ward Museum, farm where a Tubman enslaver lived. Then discussion with Aleah Bacetti and Brianna Hurst on efforts to organize union at Starbucks. (Part 1 - 28:00)

2-17-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Daniel Hatcher on new book "Inju\$stice, Inc" about how the legal system treats children and the poor. Then, Peter Solomon talks with jazz singer and writer Gregory Porter. (part 2 – 34:00)

2-10-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on Biden State of the Union, while Salisbury University President gives state of the university address; Then Heritage Shores resident Tom Moran talks about opposition to cement crushing plant. (part 1-33:00)

2-10-23 Delmarva Today Host Bryan Russo talks with Coastal Dispatch publisher and editor Steven Green on revival of proposed Berlin sports complex. (Part 2 – 25:00)

2-3-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager of the Salisbury Independent and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on governor's state of the state address, Delaware GOP opposition to electric cars; Charlotte King, founder of the Southern Delaware Alliance for Racial Justice on beating death of Tyre Nichols. (Part 1 – 28:00)

2-3-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with outgoing mayor Jake Day on his legacy heading up Salisbury City government (Part 2 – 31:00)

1-27-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Greg Bassett, editor and general manager for the Salisbury Independent and Susan Canfora, Coastal Point reporter, about new leadership in Wicomico County Council, congressman's call for moratorium on offshore wind and Delaware governor lays out budget; Interview with New Salisbury Mayor Jack Heath. (Part 1 – 28:00)

1-27-23 Delmarva Today Host Bryan Russo look recent whales death, then talking with Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams appearing at the Avalon Theater in Easton. (Part 2 – 30:00)

1-20-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Independent editor and general manager Greg Bassett about Jake Day's departure as Mayor, than a look at green initiatives from the new governor's of Virginia and Maryland with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler (Part 1 – 28:00)

1-20-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with state Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R) about transitioning to a Democrat in the Maryland governor's office. (Part 2 – 32:00)

1-13-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Independent editor and general manager Greg Bassett and Coastal Dispatch editor and publisher Steven Green on the retirement of Ray Ho as president of Wor-Wic Community College, sale of the Black-Eyed Susan; A look at the legacy of MLK with history professor Arlisha Norwood at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. (Part 1 – 30:00)

1-13-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush looks at the latest edition of Delmarva Review with executive editor Wilson Wyatt, poetry editor Anne Colwell and poetry assistance editor Katherine Gekker. (Part 2 30:00)

1-6-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Salisbury Independent editor and general manager Greg Bassett and Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Rep. Andy Harris' opposition to Kevin McCarthy's effort to become Speaker; former Salisbury University political science professor Michael O'Loughlin on anniversary of the January 6th insurrection. (Part 1 – 27:00)

1-6-23 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with former Berlin Mayor Gee Williams about his new book "How to Turn Your Town Around". (Part 2 – 32:00)