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1/3/16 (Airs 12/31/15 & 1/02/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief and Columnist for the *New York Daily News*.

They started out talking about the people of the year and one of them is Pete Barra in New York State politics. Pete is pretty much animatic which means we don't know what he's going to do. Not a lot of people thought he would indict two of the most powerful people in the legislation.

He is looking into the Morland Act commission he is looking into much more because of the interference of the governor's aids. Like the Buffalo Billions the governor's signature economics developments program. To see if there was potential bid rigging. So we know he's looking into things we just don't know if he is finding anything.

They touched on the elections in April 19<sup>th</sup> because that elections could draw out more republication's to come forth to support for example Trump. Because it's under the impression the Clinton will have those votes in April.

1/10/16 Today on the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll talk about the National Writing Project, and how it's expanding into an area of the country that really needs it.

The goal of the NWP is to have a site available for every single teacher in the nation. It provides professional development allows teacher to learn and they can teach other teachers what they have learn so they can teach writing.

Their goal is to invest in our kids because there is a big need for students to know and understanding how to write.

Goals for 5 years is make teachers feel like they are successful for engaging with students to understand what writing means to them. Also they would like to see camps for kids. Showing a strong need to have funds so it is very important for the community to come together. Weather you write for grants or donations from the community. Nonprofit no cost for teachers.

There is a model they use by having the teachers write every day. They are trained to have the students engaged by writing in journals and not to be afraid to share what they write.

1/17/16 (Airs 1/14/16) WAMC's Alan Chartock is joined by Casey Seiler, State Editor for the Albany *Times Union*.

They talked about the state of the Union Address saying that it went on and on about the same things. Casey noted he had been studying the budget for 7 hours. Say that he has to dig deep.

Chartock said the Governor was beat up the next day because the people from down state are talking about the cuts of CUNY system. Perceived how to inspect homeless shelters. By giving this job to Scott Stringer is Cumo setting him up to run against DiMaggio.

They discussed how the Governor and the mayor of New York City just do not get along. Structurally unable to get along.

Cumo did talked movingly about his father he was able to hear him over the phone get sworn into office, he also spoke about his long term girlfriend Sandra Lee her fight against breast cancer. That is why he is fighting for guarantee assured family leave which will be paid for by employees. An expansion of 90 million dollars for breast cancer screening and treatment.

They touched on education, they leery of expansion of charter schools. Saying Cumo in his speech was much muted. He did state that on the common core test that some parents opted out and he stated that by the opted out you can't have an effective scores because you need all parents on board.

1/24 (Airs 1/21 & 1/23/15) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

Chartock asks if we are ever going to have true ethic reform in the NY State and the in the Legislature. Horner says the Gov. has been presented with a historical opportunity we have never had the top legislatures convicted all in one year, referring to Scullo's and Sliver.

This presents an opportunity for the Gov. to go through some reforms and change the way Albany works. He may not be successful in doing so.

Horner brings up that in the past Gov. Cumo has had royalties from books in the past but if Legislation brings forth reforms he has suggested in the past are prohibited or if it was effective. In all fairness the Gov. Cumo got advanced approval from the commission of ethics.

Chartock believes in term limits. Horner believes they have a chance to change things they need to act now. Because there are so many loop holes.

They touched on the fact the US attorney's office is looking into things to see if Gov. Cumo is the next to be charged. He says there is smoke.

They also touched on education, the SUNY 20/20 law. The students are picking up more and more of the budget hole.



1/31 (#1605)(Airs 1/28 & 1/30/16) WAMC's Alan Chartock talks with Yancey Roy, Albany Bureau Chief for *Newsday*.

They start out on ethics reform, tells us that Pete Barra will be joining them live on the show. So Chartock wants to know how Barra is important with the ethics in Albany. Roy says he is very important because he has brought charges and won against two of the highest people in legislature.

They talked about that he was appointed US Attorney by Obama, so will he leave when his term is up? Or if Clinton wins he can stay. So the big question is how many prosecutions will he do this year?

Roy brought up how in 2014 Como said that he would help the democrats regain power in the legislative. Chartock says yes but it seems as if he has done nothing. Now we are in 2016.

Como's policy's direction has shifted in a different direction, people are speculating that he is doing this to set up his future career. For now he will keep quiet about that until his term is up which isn't until 2018.

They are curious to see if the court appeal judges that Como appointment to the stands if they would have the guts to go up against the governor.

2/7 (1606) (Airs 2/4/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief for the *New York Daily News*.

The address whether there is hope for anyone to clean up this mess with legislators. Lovett says there has to be some hope. He says you don't get the sense that people in power does not see it. He says that the public really needs to start showing it in the poles. Also says that the watch dog groups really haven't helped out either to clean it up. That Pete Barra is the only one doing so.

Lovett said that unless you get a smoking gun right out on the table like I will give you money if you do these favors for me. Shelly Silver lined his own pockets with people's money by using his law firm. By intermingling with the state's business.

Many improvements have been made disclosure of campaign finances. People are watching and so law enforcements are watching.

2/14 (#1607) (Airs 2/11 & 2/13) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by US Attorney Preet Bharara from the Southern District of New York.

They started out on the light side with making jokes about Bharara saying stay tuned. He said we have many prosecutors' in our corruption unit, we have investigators that support them and we are not going to close up shop anytime soon!

Chartock also asked if he was going to run for office. His answer was Bruce Springsteen was in town and let's put it this way I was not born to run. He says not to many people in law can say they wake up in the morning and ask what can they do to make the world a better place. He said if ever in his heart he feels if he can't do the right thing to do justice then he shouldn't be in the job.

Bharara said it is a more difficult process to prove that someone gives money to an official in government expecting favors. He says he is not trying to criminalize politics, not trying to change what the rules are. They are saying if you are taking bribes and kick back in exchange for official actions or favorable actions. They will be prosecuted.

He states that people want to be proud of who they elect into office and that is his goal to and to avoid sending them to prison. He wants good incentives for the offices. He wants the people to be proud. He said he wants good people in our legislature.

Chartock says he was looking into Gov. Cuomo saying the dropping of the Morland case was a disgrace that he picked up the pieces and as being told that there was not enough evidence to convict the Gov. Chartock said they were told there was no evidence. Bharara is sticking to his statement and said he didn't have it with him at this time.

2/21 (#1608)(2/18 & 2/20/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ken Lovett, Albany Bureau Chief for the *New York Daily News*.

Chartock asked Lovett how national politics are impinging on state politics. His answer was that Hilary Clinton was in town and the Gov. Cuomo was there to greet her and have a fundraiser for her. He raised \$50,000 dollars.

Lovett says black politics are very important as we head into South Carolina primary. While she was in NY she met with Sharpton and Bernie Sanders. They touched on Deblazo saying that he stepped up and said hey I will back you Clinton but they would not meet with him but yet he went out and did things a college student would do.

Ken Lovett told Alan that unless Cuomo was offered US Attorney General or Secretary of State he doesn't see him fitting in with Clinton's term.

They touched on the point about Cuomo and Mayor Deblazo. Bill Deblazo worked for him and he wanted to raise taxes of the wealthy to pay for P-K and Cuomo said he would fund the money but he wasn't raising taxes. Then there was a lot of behind scene tuff battles. It all blow up when the Mayor said that Cuomo was governing by vendetta.

2/28 (#1609)(Airs 2/25/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Ed Cox, Chairman of the New York State Republican Committee.

Chartock starts with a quote from Cox about the Governor Cuomo "Instead of spending time in union halls Gov. Cuomo should take his bus to the main street of NY State and talk to small business owners about the crushing impact of the 67% increase in min. wage on them."



He said that we are on the border of PA where min. wage is \$7.25 an hour if you were a small business where would you start up your business? Because Cuomo is suggesting a min. wage of \$15 an hour. Cox states we are competing in a global world economy with hungry unskilled workers.

We are set up for unskilled workers to have best training available which is a job so the government sets up supplements to help people that work with a minimum wage job where they are earning about 20,000 a year and they get snap benefits, Medicaid, and the earned income credit, so they are really earning about 40,000 a year which puts them in the middle class barrette. This has been going on for years.

He says Cuomo adopted the 1199 without reading the fact and the impact it would have on unskilled jobs. The impact is estimated to be hundreds of thousands job loss if the \$15 an hour takes effect. It will be the highest in the world.

3/6 (#1610) (Airs 3/3/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

They started out with talking about the Constitutional Convention he Horner says he hasn't taken a side weather he is for it or not. But mentions that the Gov. Cuomo has set aside One Million dollars to address the issues if there is one voted to have in 2017, then the delegates will be ahead of the issues if there was one.

He states who can run for office for this because you would have to quit your job, get votes, you have to get petitions signed, raise campaign contributions. It would be the ones already plugged into the political establishment. There one time in the mid 1960's where the legislature called one. It was to fix the constitution.

They also touched on the rumors of Gov. Cuomo to run as third term. That he is collecting a massive war chest to do so. He's not worried about the Republican Party but the democrats. Horner says if he does he does have to worry about the democrats. But not to write off the republicans.

They also talked about Nipod the quality of drinking water in New York State. Saying there were warning bells going off beforehand. Caused by dumb environmental policy passed years ago. Crumbling infrastructure. Two issues one is toxic and bad environmental issues or the crumbling infrastructure of the things that are not address for years and years.

They ended it by speaking about people going out to vote weather they are just sick of how things are and want to make a difference or will they just not vote!

3/13 (#1611) (Airs 3/10/16) WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with New York State Republican Assemblyman Jim Tedisco.

They spoke about Gov. Cuomo running for a third term. Jim Tedisco believes that he will. He also stated that if Hillary Clinton get charged on those email charges he may want to run as Vice President. Because he is very friendly with Bernie.

Tedisco is working on a bill to get passed the Truth in Spending Plan. Where is there is 76 of them then they should be able to bring it to the table and not get shot down by a speaker. Jim also states that we need to consider the amount of taxes New York State is paying out, he

says take college students for example they get a great education then they leave the State because of the Taxes they would have to pay because they see how their parents struggle to pay their mortgages. That the cost of living is so high.

Tedisco says we need to start putting money towards our water systems, our sewer systems, and our infrastructure of roads. He says you can build a great beautiful road but if the sewer system underneath fails or collapses then you have to re-do the roads again. Causing more use of funds that could have went someplace else. He talks of the SWAP.

3/20 (Airs 3/17 & 3/19/16) WAMC's Alan Chartock speaks with Billy Easton, Executive Director for the Alliance for Quality Education.

Billy says we are doing poorly that in 2007 the state government made a commitment to fairly fund our schools. That resulted in a lawsuit of a campaign in for physical equality. They did good for a few years then in 2010 they took it all back. Gov. Patterson and Gov. Cuomo cut 2.7 billion dollars.

If you look at the senate budget focuses on the high end schools. The Assembly budget focuses on the 1.2 billion that they put it in foundation aides. They have to come together. The senate doesn't ever come through because the senate focuses on the high needs schools with wealthy students.

We cannot do the job for our kids without this money. The Gov. Put one of the highest property tax gap in place and it's the most restricted tax in place he says the gap is at .036 percent right now.

Bill says the State needs to step up and take on some of the cost. In return you have to make sure the state is sending the money to the poorer schools.

AQE's budget is funding by Teachers union and foundation's that support them. They focus on the poorest students who need help funding them.

The Gov. has not done what the courts have said they had to pay. Because the smaller areas are starting to sue the state for not paying what they need to keep the schools functioning.

3/27 (Airs 3/24/16) Host Dr. Alan Chartock is joined by Nancy Zimpher, Chancellor of the State University of New York.

Looking back for her she says it's been the best 7 years on a job she has ever had. Its budget time so there is plenty of work ahead. She said they have been committed to NYS success and have lead a master teacher program they have participated in shared services, by reducing management expenses.

They have implemented the SUNY \$15 hour a wage rise. She says that we have people in place that can help every campus to diversity, equality. They have called for more education for students.

Zimmerman also says if you complete a college course at a community college it will automatically be transferred to another college. When a SUNY system makes a policy everyone in the system has to follow it. That is what makes it this the best system.



They spoke about having some of the student participate in real life situations because they need to know our teachers are prepared. She used example of hospitals etc. that these student must be teaching the way that they are implicating from the State. She said teaching hospitals are the best and highest in the system. So why wouldn't you want your teachers coming from the best.

Zimpher talked about high school students coming up with idea that will help in the future she said she witness students working on an idea of when you drop your iPhone the glass will not break. So the Feds want to help teach them how to manage and developed these idea. They want to teach them how to market it, seek out investors. So the Feds are making solar ships, private funding. They just want the young euntripnours to be able to keep it in the states.

So if a business wants to bring there business into the schools they will have to meet the SUNY Schools Mission statement. So this is to encourage the Start Up New York.