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The license of stations WSCL and WSDL has determined that the following issues were of importance to the Delmarva community during the past three months and has aired the following programs to address these issues:

Local

12-21-21 Interview: With over a hundred million drivers expected to be on the roads this holiday season, law enforcement around the country are gearing up with check points looking for drunk drivers. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Kurt Erickson, with the Virginia Check Point Strike Force, about what to expect in the coming days. (4:00)

12-20-21 Interview: When the weather turns cold the homeless seek shelter. But, this will be the second winter where they must also contend with COVID 19. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Celeste Savage, executive director of Hope and Life Outreach, about how they are dealing with the virus and the cold. (4:00)

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12-17-21 Essay: Governor Larry Hogan has denounced the new congressional map that gives Democrats an advantage while Texas Republicans carve up districts to promote GOP prospects. Salisbury University Emeritus Professor Michael O'Loughlin writes the equitable end to this gerrymandering lies with the federal government. (4:00)

12-17-21 Interview: It's been around a year since the introduction of the vaccines to fight COVID 19. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with Beth Battaglini, a practicing maternity nurse and President & CEO of Heathy Women, about precautions to take for the holidays and the future of the pandemic. (4:00)

12-16-21 Interview: By a 3-to-2 vote the Seaford City Council has approved an ordinance that requires the burial or cremation of fetal remains from an abortion. Both the state Attorney General and the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware have warned that this would be unconstitutional and violate

state law. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Mike Brickner, executive director of the ACLU of Delaware, about the implications of the new restrictions. (4:00)

12-15-21 DT Excerpt: Sea level rise has begun to erode our past with islands, marshes and old structures that could disappear from view in the coming decades. Jeremy Cox with the Bay Journal takes a look at some of that history in his podcast Chesapeake Uncharted. Here is an excerpt from the show which will be aired on this Friday's Delmarva Today at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

12-14-21 Interview: Incumbent Republican Congressman Andy Harris faces a new district next year in which Joe Biden would have been the slight favorite. After Democrats overrode Republican Governor Larry Hogan's veto, the GOP leader asked the Biden administration to include his party's case against Democrats in its legal challenge of Texas Republican gerrymandering that could be heard by the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the leading Democratic candidate Heather Mizeur believes she has a shot to unseat Harris. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Len Lazarick, founding editor of marylandreporter.com, about the GOP's legal prospects and Mizeur's chances to take back the seat. (4:00)

12-10-21 Feature: There has been a longstanding issue with the disposal of chicken litter. CleanBay renewables has proposed building two anaerobic digestive facilities to process it, but it has come with some strong opposition from local residents. In our second segment Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush looks at the proposed facility in Westover, Maryland. (Part 2) (4:00)

12-9-21 A battle is brewing over two anaerobic digestive plants to process chicken litter by CleanBay Renewables on Delmarva. In part one Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush takes a look at planned facility in Georgetown where local residents are trying to stop construction. (Part 1) (4:00)

12-8-21 DT Excerpt: Democrats are now taking a serious look at unseating incumbent Republican Congressman Andy Harris as they redraw the lines of the First Congressional District. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the leading Democratic candidate former Delegate Heather Mizeur about the issues and the race in this excerpt from the full interview that will be aired on Delmarva Today this Friday at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

12-6-21 Interview: As Democrats hammer out the Build Back Better legislation some are worried that the drug price provision may have an adverse impact on cancer patients. Ted Okon, executive director of the Community Oncology Alliance, says his organization is lobbying Senator Tom Carper to make changes in the bill. (4:00)

12-3-21 Essay: With the nation's demographic change and the debate over racial issues white nationalism has become more visible and more acceptable in some quarters. Salisbury University Emeritus Professor Michael O'Loughlin ponders how deep that movement goes. (4:00)

12-2-21 Interview: The omicron variant of COVID 19 has been found in the United States. And, scientists are scrambling to see if the current vaccines will withstand the virus. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Dr. James Trumble, vice president of clinical integration at TidalHealth Peninsula Regional in Salisbury, about what we know so far. (4:00)

12-1-21 Interview: Expectations are high for strong retail sales this holiday season after over a year of the COVID 19 pandemic. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot who says he expects the state to rebound next year. (4:00)

11-30-21 Interview: Today is Giving Tuesday and non-profit organizations around the country are seeking help. One of those is the American Red Cross which says it is experiencing a lower than usual infusion of blood donations. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the organization's President and CEO Gail McGovern about the impact of the pandemic on the blood supply. (4:00)

11-23-21 Dt Excerpt: A new effort is underway to provide shelter for the homeless in Delaware. The non-profit Springboard Collaborative has plans for unique sites in Georgetown and Lewes. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the organization's executive director Judson Malone about the new project. Here is an excerpt from the full interview which will be aired on Delmarva Today this Friday at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

11-19-21 Interview: Four African American youth will be facing charges stemming from vaping arrests in Ocean City on Monday. Cell phone video of the arrests sparked protests with officers using a taser and kneeling suspects. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Carl Snowden, convener of the Caucus of African American Leaders, about a demonstration that will take place outside the Worcester County courthouse on Monday morning. (4:00)

11-19-21 Essay: President Biden's legislative battles may not be over yet. Despite his victory with the approval of his infrastructure bill, Salisbury University Professor Emeritus Michael O'Loughlin writes his Build Back Better legislation that addresses social infrastructure is expected to face a straight party-line vote.

11-18-21 Dt Excerpt: Religion is a key part of life in the small communities that dot the region of the Chesapeake Bay. Eastern Shore writer Pete Fortenbaugh has authored a new novella entitled, "Monday After Father's Day or Revelations: A Parable," about an eight year old boy who searches for Jesus. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Fortenbaugh about the boy's search and life. Here is an excerpt from the full interview that will be aired on Delmarva Today this Friday at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

11-17-21 Interview: Ivermectin is just the latest drug that many people are turning to as a treatment against COVID 19. It has been used to treat parasites in humans and animals. Congressman Andy Harris (R-MD), a practicing anesthesiologist, has written a prescription as a treatment for the coronavirus while the government and major medical associations have recommended against it for a COVID treatment. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Dr. Mike Murphy, a Eastern Shore emergency room physician, about the ethics and efficacy of the drug. (4:00)

11-15-21 With the approval of the Pfizer COVID -19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 school districts and states have begun to launch plans to get shots into the arms of children. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Dr. Danny Avula, Virginia State Vaccination Liaison, about how the Commonwealth is approaching this undertaking. (4:00)

11-10-21 Dt Excerpt: The issue of race on the Eastern Shore has often been a troubled one. On the next Delmarva Today host Don Rush talks with UMES Emeritus Professor Jack Wennersten, author of a new book "Strange Fruit: Racism and Community Life in the Chesapeake -- 1850 to the Present", about how

the region has coped with its troubled past. Here is a brief preview with the full interview to air on Friday at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

11-9-21 Interview: The Biden administration's vaccine mandate for private employers with 100 or more workers has been put on hold by a federal appellate court. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with John Mahoney, a prominent federal employment lawyer, about the future of the case. (4:00)

11-5-21 Interview: There was a split decision in this week's gubernatorial contests with Republicans winning in Virginia and Democrats taking New Jersey. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Salisbury University Emeritus Professor Michael O'Loughlin about what the results may mean - especially for Trumpism. (4:00)

11-5-21 Essay: Climate change and the COVID 19 pandemic have challenged the world as never before. Salisbury University Emeritus Professor Michael O'Loughlin wonders if we are up to the task. (4:00)

11-4-21 Dt Excerpt: On the next Delmarva Today we explore the ecological fate of Tangier Island in a special airing of the podcast Chesapeake Uncharted by Jeremy Cox with the Chesapeake Bay Journal. The following is an excerpt from that broadcast to be aired this Friday at 9 a.m. on WSDL 90.7 FM. (4:00)

11-3-21 Interview: Maryland gubernatorial candidates have begun their campaigns putting out position papers and plans. Democrat Mike Rosenbaum has offered up a major proposal that would provide state funds and initiatives towards job training and child care. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with him about his plans and their financial viability. (4:00)

11-2-21 Interview: There has been a major increase in telehealth usage by patients since the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Krish Ramakrishnan, Co-Founder and Chief Innovator for BlueJeans by Verizon, about the new innovations for cellphones. (4:00)

10-27-21 Interview: Mayor Jake Day told an audience during his State of the City address last night that Salisbury had achieved much in the past year despite the coronavirus pandemic. The Mayor also announced that a street will be named after the outgoing President of Salisbury University Charles Wight. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the Mayor after his address about the pandemic's impact on the city. (4:00)

10-25-21 Interview: Much of the nation has been consumed with the coronavirus pandemic and the struggles over getting enough people vaccinated. This has diverted attention from other vaccines. Karen Jones, President and CEO of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aging, is urging African Americans to get one of the two new vaccines that are being developed for pneumonia. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with her about the new development and vaccine hesitancy in the African American community. (4:00)

10-22-21 Essay: Globalization has seen many corporations move their operations overseas to avoid tax liabilities. But, Salisbury University Professor Emeritus Michael O'Loughlin notes the nations of the world are beginning to take action. (4:00)

10-21-21 Interview: With schools boards besieged by parents who object to their children wearing masks, a new study by the ECRI Institute has found that cloth masks can be effective against COVID 19 in school settings. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the organization's President and CEO Dr.

Marcus Schabacker who says that in conjunction with other efforts such as social distancing the masks can reduce the spread of the virus. (4:00)

10-20-21 Interview: Harriet Tubman has become a national symbol of the Underground Railroad which funnelled many slaves out of the South before the Civil War. Dr. Kate Clifford Larson is author of *Bounded for the Promised Land: Portrait of an American Hero.* Delmarva Public Media's Peter Solomon talked with her about what we know about her life and some of the misconceptions about her efforts.

Dr. Larson will be the keynote speaker at the annual Beach to Bay Heritage Area conference on Oct. 28th at the Henson Center on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

(4:00)

10-19-21 Interview: Sea level rise is threatening the coast of Delaware and on Monday a conference was held in Lewes with local and European officials on the impact of climate change. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush caught up with Lewes Mayor Ted Becker to talk about what his city is doing to combat the rising waters. (4:00)

10-15-21 Interview: The Seaford City Council recently tabled a measure that would have required the remains from abortion to be either buried or cremated. The legislation comes just as Planned Parenthood is opening a facility. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Mike Brickner, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Delaware, which sent a letter to the city council expressing legal concerns about the measure. (4:00)

10-12-21 Interview: Across the country thousands celebrated National Coming Out Day with even President Joe Biden marking LGBTQ event. The Salisbury PFLAG (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) held their event at the Ward Museum last night. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with the organization's executive director Mark DeLancey about the change in public opinion over the years. (4:00)

10-11-21 Interview: With the coming of COVID 19 vaccines the cruise ship industry is coming back to life with Baltimore being one of the major ports on the East Coast. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Tom McAlpin, President & CEO of Virgin Voyages, about what is being done to ensure passenger safety and the outlook for the coming year. (4:00)

10-8-21 Essay: A deal has been cut to temporarily lift the debt ceiling through December. The nation has seen this kind of showdown before that could have forced the U.S. into default. Michael O'Loughlin, professor emeritus at Salisbury University, examines what these kinds of standoffs mean. (4:00)

10-7-21 Interview: After the announcement that State Senator Ernie Lopez intends to retire, Delaware's 6th District could very well turn blue. Jack Bucchioni has become the first Democrat to announce his intention to succeed the Republican. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with him about his prospects and the issues in the district. (4:00)

10-6-21 Interview: The U.S. and U.S. Women's Chess Championships are taking place in St. Louis this week. And, among those doing commentary is Maurice Ashley, the first African American Grandmaster

of the game. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with him about what he sees as the growing interest in the game within the African American community. (4:00)

10-4-21 Feature: Thousands of women marched on Saturday in towns across the country. This time their focus was on the Texas law that effectively bans abortion in the state. Around a hundred gathered in front of the government building in downtown Salisbury. Delmarva Public Media's Bailey Morris was there and filed this report. (4:00)

10-1-21 A new survey by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni found that only 18% of colleges and universities require students to complete foundation courses such as history and government. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talked with Jonathan Pidluzny, vice president of the organization, about the decline of liberal arts and its impact on society. (4:00)

Delmarva Today 10-1-21 – 12-31-21

12-24-21 Delmarva Public Media presents a special Christmas program in partnership with The Community Players of Salisbury. It's a program of story, music, and verse celebrating the holiday season. (1 hour)

12-17-21 We generally think of sea level rise as impacting our future. But, in this special edition of Delmarva Today we air the podcast Chesapeake Uncharted hosted by Bay Journal reporter Jeremy Cox on what it means for our history. (30:00)

12-17-21 Wilson's guest is Delmarva Public Media essayist George Merrell. Merrell has announced his retirement from radio after more than 12 years of producing a twice monthly essay for Delmarva Public Media. Here he sits for a personal discussion with Delmarva Today host Harold Wilson to discuss his work as an essayist and what that has meant in his life. He says he discovered the personal essay in midlife and it was as if the whole world had opened up for him. It was a way through which to explore the world and his own relationship to it. (30:00)

12-10-21 Republican Governor Larry Hogan has called on the Biden administration to add Maryland to the lawsuit the Department of Justice has filed against Texas over the issue of gerrymandering. It comes as the new map would reshape the First Congressional District represented by the sole Republican Congressman in the state delegation. Former House Delegate Heather Mizeur is the leading Democrat to challenge Eastern Shore incumbent Andy Harris who won election in 2010 and has been a strong supporter of former President Trump. (30:00)

12-3-21 Serving openly as a transgender member of the military is just the latest development in the fight for gay rights. Their personal stories are compiled in a new book entitled, "With Honor and Dignity: Transgender Troops in their Own Words". Host Don Rush talks with with one of the editors Bree Fram about their experience. Then, Rush looks at the changing images of Black women in America with Tamara Winfrey Harris, author of "The Sisters are Alright: Changing the Broken Narrative of Black Women in America". (30:00)

12-3-21 Wilson's guest this morning is Dr. Heather Davis. Dr. Davis is a science teacher at The Salisbury School in Salisbury, Maryland. Davis has been a research scientist and a college professor. She also has a life-long passion for literature that is now centered around helping young writers learn the art of storytelling. In that capacity she serves as the new state coordinator for Maryland Writers' Association Teen Writing Program and is forming a teen writing program in Salisbury. (30:00)

11-26-21 Interview: Two unique projects are in the works to help shelter the homeless in Delaware. The sites will provide individual sleeping quarters as well as other assistance to transition their clients to live on their own. Host Don Rush talked with Judson Malone, executive director of Springboard Collaborative, about the project. (30:00)

11-19-21 Hal Wilson's guest is Eastern Shore writer Barbara Shamp. They discuss Shamp's new historical novel "A Wife in Watercolor." The book is based on the life of Oxford merchant Robert Morris, Sr. in the early 1700's and focuses on a slave Sarah Wise mentioned in Morris' will. In the Author's Note, Shamp, writing as B.B. Shamp says, *The record of women in Western history is sparse. Through the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries very little is written by women, about women, and nearly nothing about women of the lower classes.* (30:00)

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11-11-21 Vaccine mandates and testing have taken center stage in the education system. Delmarva Public Media's Bailey Morris takes a look at how Salisbury University has been handling its efforts to control the virus. (4:00)

11-5-21 Delmarva Today aired a special edition of the podcast Chesapeake Uncharted on the ecological fate of Tangier Island which is buffeted by rising sea levels and erosion produced by Jeremy Cox staff writer for the Chesapeake Bay Journal. (30:00)

11-5-21 CNN recently published an article by Leah Asmelash arguing that poetry is experiencing a new golden age today, with young writers of color taking the lead. As evidence she cites the fact that The MacArthur Foundation, for the first time since 1998, has awarded its "genius" grant to three poets, and the Lincoln Center has named its first poet-in-residence this year. Are we in a new golden age of poetry? (30:00)

10-29-21 Halloween is just around the corner and it's time to sit in the dark and tell ghost stories. Delmarva Public Media's Don Rush talks with Josh Hitchens, author of Haunted History of Delaware, about the apparitions that have been visited upon the First State. (30:00)

10-29-21 Author Jerry Sweeney is Wilson's guest and they talk about Sweeney's latest collection of short stories in his book *Down Broadway*. Sweeney is an Eastern Shore writer but he spent most of his life in

and around Manhattan. His stories capture the vibrancy of the post WWII years in New York when the city was the art capital of the world, the only global super power, and the economy was growing. (30:00)

10-22-21 The issues of race, gender and class have become more prominent in the United States as demographic changes have stirred up a great deal of anxiety. Host Don Rush talks with Minal Bopaiah, author of her new book, "Equity: How to Design Organizations Where Everyone Thrives", about the conflicts we are now seeing in American society. (30:00)

10-22-21 Wilson's guest is poet David Salner. They are discussing his poetry featured in the online poetry journal Innisfree. Salner appeared on Delmarva Today, July 16, 2021, to discuss his novel *A Place to Hide*. Salner is an accomplished poet, however. He has published four poetry collections and his work has appeared in a number of literary journals including three editions of The Delmarva Review. He has received numerous poetry prizes and awards and his work has been read by Garrison Keillor on Writer's Almanac. (30:00)

10-15-21 Even before these politically divided times Robbie Bach began writing his new novel, "The Wilkes Insurrection: A Contemporary Thriller", about domestic terrorism. Host Don Rush talks with him about the novel and the times in which we live. (30:00)

10-15-21 Wilson's guest is Lewes, Delaware author Jack Clemons. Clemons is an aerospace engineer and was a member of the NASA team for the Apollo and Space Shuttle programs. His memoir *Safely to Earth: The Men and Women Who Brought the Astronauts Home* is an award-winning book that Clemons discussed on Delmarva Today in 2019. His new novel, *The Outliers* lays open the raw, rough and tumble nature of Lewes at the turn of the century seen through the eyes of a Nanticoke Indian. In style, the book takes on the character of the early wild west novels. (30:00)

10-8-21 This is the third and final hour-long special program in Delmarva Public Media's series on belief. Harold Wilson's guests are Dr. Adam Wood, Department Head and Professor of English at Valdosta State University; Dr. Grant Wilson, Professor and Graduate Program Director Dept. of Astronomy, University of Massachusetts; Dr. Christine A. James, Professor Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies also at Valdosta State University; And Don Rush, Associate Program Director – Senior Producer News and Public Affairs.

The first program in the series discussed what belief is, how beliefs are developed, and the role they play in decision making, and actions. The second program considered how beliefs change. The role of rationality, analysis, and self-reflection in changing beliefs was reviewed. Today, Wilson and his guests look at the current nature of our beliefs as they are seen being played out in the fields of politics, religion, and culture. (30:00)

10-1-21 Some have called this a Christian nation. And while the founders refrained from embedding that into the U.S. Constitution or the Bill of Rights, there is no doubt that Christian groups have dominated American scene. Host Don Rush talked with Khyati Joshi, about her new book, "White Christian Privilege: The Illusion of Religious Equality in America", about the nature of religion in the United States. (30:00)

