

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FROM THIS PAST 1ST QUARTER 2023

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2023 INCLUDE THE INAUGURATION OF NEW ARKANSAS GOVERNOR SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS ULTIMATELY PUSHING THROUGH A NEW EDUCATION REFORM BILL FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND HOW IT WILL AFFECT NOT ONLY THE STATE'S STUDENTS, BUT ALSO THE TEACHERS AND FACULTY IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THE STATE. THIS LONE BILL AND ITS SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM EFFECTS WAS THE DOMINATING NEWS STORY FOR THE QUARTER IN THE STATE.

AT THE END OF THE QUARTER, MAJOR STORMS RIPPED THROUGH THE STATE INCLUDING AN OUTBREAK OF DEADLY TORNADOS THAT TORE THROUGH THE HEART OF LITTLE ROCK AND NORTH LITTLE ROCK, EXTENDING TO AS NORTHEAST AS WYNNE, ARKANSAS. CLEANUP OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE STATE'S RESPONSE ALSO WERE AT THE FOREFRONT, EVEN EXTENDING INTO THE 2ND QUARTER AS WELL.

Arkansas Week
1ST QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2023

Date	Time	Show #	Topic
1/07/2023	25:35	Season: 41	Upcoming Legislative Session and Rep. Hill on U.S. House Speaker Vote. A new governor will be sworn in next week, while a new session of the Arkansas General Assembly will begin. Arkansas House Speaker Matthew Shepherd (R) joins "Arkansas Week" to discuss what can be expected. But, dominating the political spotlight, the fight continues over who will become U.S. House speaker. Rep. French Hill (R) will talk about why he continues advocating for Rep. Kevin McCarthy.
1/14/2023	25:48	S: 41	What can we expect from the partnership of a new governor and new Arkansas Senate president? Arkansas Senate President Pro Tempore Bart Hester joins us to share. Plus, Arkansas Senate Education Committee Chair Jane English discusses the assembly's approach to education in the coming year.
1/21/2023	26:14	S: 41	Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders is prioritizing her education reform agenda. Host Donna Terrell speaks with Representative Stephen Meeks, who sits on the education committee, and House Minority Leader Tippi McCullough about the education reform bill legislators are drafting to align with that agenda. Then, "Good Roots" continues its discussion on mental health in agriculture.
1/28/2023	27:00	S: 41	Rep. Jimmy Gazaway of Paragould; and Sen. Ben Gilmore of Crossett discuss their "truth in sentencing" bill. Then, news on the administration and first days of the legislative session from three pairs of eyes watching it: Andrew DeMillo, Capitol bureau chief of the Associated Press; Steve Brawner, independent journalist; and Josie Lenora, Politics and Government Reporter for KUAR.
2/04/2023	26:19	S: 41	Amid the winter chill, a stunning increase in some Arkansas heating bills. Why, and what's being done about it? Attorney General Tim Griffin discusses the cause and solution. Also, a look at the larger economy: can Arkansas expect more good news? Guests: Dr. Jeremy Horpedahl of the UCA economics research faculty, and his counterpart at the University of Arkansas, Dr. Mervin Jebaraj.
2/11/2023	26:44	S: 41	A discussion about the education reform bill with Rep. Denise Garner, Democrat of Fayetteville who is a member of the House Education Committee; and the chair of the Senate Education Committee, Republican Jane English of Sherwood. Then, an interview on the Congressional outlook with French Hill.
2/18/2023	28:33	S: 41	Arkansas Education Secretary Jacob Oliva joins Michael Hibblen to discuss the new education legislation that is being debated. Then, Senator John Boozman joins Steve for a conversation about the new farm bill. Finally, a look back at the last 40 years of Arkansas Week.
2/25/2023	27:04	S: 41	Governor Sanders' education legislation got quick approval this week in the Arkansas Senate and next week heads to the house. Host Donna Terrell spoke with Senate President Pro Tempore Bart Hester (R) of Cave Springs and Senator Clarke Tucker (D) of Little Rock about the "LEARNS Act." Also, "Good Roots" takes a look at hydroponic farming.
3/04/2023	27:05:56	S: 41	As Senate Bill 294 makes its way through the state legislature, activists for education share their perspectives on the Arkansas LEARNS legislation. Guests are Carol Fleming, President of Arkansas Education Association and Ryan Norris, State Director of Americans For Prosperity. Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism Secretary Mike Mills talks about the tourism industry.
3/11/2023	27:03	S: 41	No new episode aired. Re-air of 3/04/2023 episode.
3/18/2023	26:35	S: 41	On the national level, a look at a proposed bill on energy led by U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman of the 4th Congressional District. Then, As the legislature takes a spring break, Rep. Gazaway gives us an update on criminal justice reform legislation and what to expect when the session resumes on March 27th.
3/25/2023	25:45	S: 41	A panel of journalists recap bills that have passed during the legislative session and discuss what major legislation is on the agenda when lawmakers return to the Capitol next week. Guests: Josie Lenora, KUAR; Steve Brawner, independent journalist; Andrew DeMillo, Associated Press. "Good Roots" features the Phelps family, from Paragould, about livestock opportunities for youth.
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The Media Project

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1/1/2023	30:00	1648	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy and Rosemary talk about whether increasing media consolidation is a good thing, harassment facing journalists, the loss of newspapers in rural areas, and much more.
1/8/2023	30:00	1649	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy and Rosemary talk about George Santos and the importance of small, community newspapers, how the media covered the collapse of Buffalo Bills safety Damar Hamlin, whether there was too much press coverage of the death of pioneering broadcast journalist Barbara Walters, and more.
1/15/2023	30:00	1650	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Ira talk about how to cover homelessness, whether journalist's prey on people to get information, the Wall Street Journal reporter handcuffed by police, and much more.
1/22/2023	30:00	1651	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Judy talk about whether there should be a comedian on CNN Prime Time, coverage of the Biden classified documents case, how to spell turkey, and much more.
1/29/2023	30:00	1652	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Barbara Lombardo is the former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Judy and Barbara talk about the journalism coalition trying to save local news, a decision by some cable companies to remove Newsmax, Facebook allowing former President Trump back on the platform, and much more.
2/5/2023	30:00	1653	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, former Associate Editor of the Times Union Mike Spain, and Barbara Lombardo is the former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Barbara, Rex, and Mike talk about how to sustain local news in communities where it is difficult, media coverage of the arrest footage of Tyre Nichols, and much more.
2/12/2023	30:00	1654	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld, and Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Ira and Judy talk about coverage of the Chinese spy balloon, President Biden's State of the Union Address, newsrooms moving beyond objectivity, and much more.
2/19/2023	30:00	1655	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany, and Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Barbara and Judy talk about how digital platforms have upended the news, the value of sports coverage, and much more.
2/26/2023	30:00	1656	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rosemary, Rex, and Ira talk about the scandal involving Fox news, CNN's Don Lemon being temporarily benched for on-air sexist comments, and much more.
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3/19/2023	30:00	1659	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Judy and Rosemary talk about Sunshine Week and journalists constant battle to get government to release public information, an Axios reporter who was fired for calling a press release from Florida Governor DeSantis' office propaganda, and much more.
3/26/2023	30:00	1660	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Judy and Ira talk about whether the media is giving former President Trump too much coverage, the latest on the Dominion Voting Systems lawsuit against Fox, and much more.

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The Book Show

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1/3/2023	30:00	1798	A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history. In her new novel, "Horse," Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Geraldine Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history.
1/10/2023	30:00	1799	Former U.S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins has taken up the unique poetic style of the "small poem" and has gathered more than 125 of his own into a beautiful new collection entitled "Musical Tables."
1/17/2023	30:00	1800	In the follow-up to the best-selling and Pulitzer Prize-winning "Less: A Novel," the awkward and lovable Arthur Less returns in an unforgettable road trip in Andrew Sean Greer's new novel, "Less is Lost," where he accepts a series of literary gigs that sends him on a zigzagging adventure across the US.
1/24/2023	30:00	1801	In bestselling author Emma Donoghue's novel "Haven," three men vow to leave the world behind them as they set out in a small boat for an island their leader has seen in a dream, with only faith to guide them. "Haven" is a beautiful and chilling story of adventure and survival.
1/31/2023	30:00	1802	Jane Smiley is the author of numerous novels including "A Thousand Acres," which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize, and the "Last Hundred Years Trilogy." Her latest, "A Dangerous Business," tells the remarkable story of the California gold rush and a pair of sex-worker sleuths who track down the culprit behind a series of disappearances.
2/7/2023	30:00	1803	Tracy Kidders new book, "Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People," tells the story of Dr. Jim O'Connell – a man who invented ways to create a community of care for a city's unhoused population – the "rough sleepers."
2/14/2023	30:00	1804	Tracy Kidders new book, "Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People" shines a spotlight on Jim O'Connell, a Harvard-trained doctor who has spent 40 years caring for unhoused individuals in Boston, the "Rough Sleepers." We talk with both Tracy Kidder and Dr. Jim O'Connell on this week's Book Show.
2/21/2023	30:00	1805	Lydia Millet's previous novel, "A Children's Bible," was a National Book Award Finalist. Her follow-up is "Dinosaurs" is deadpan funny and yet deals with the important themes of extinction and climate change.
2/28/2023	30:00	1806	Pulitzer Prize-winning author Paul Harding's new novel "This Other Eden" is inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, an isolated island off the coast of Maine that became one of the first racially integrated towns in the Northeast. Harding is the author of "Tinkers" and "Enon."
3/7/2023	30:00	1807	Scott Turow, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Presumed Innocent" and "The Last Trial," returns with "Suspect" a riveting legal thriller in which a reckless private detective is embroiled in a fraught police scandal where the Police Chief is accused by three male police officers of soliciting sex in exchange for promotions to higher ranks.
3/14/2023	30:00	1808	Shifting through time and perspective in contemporary India, Deepti Kapoor's novel "Age of Vice" is an action-packed story propelled by the seductive wealth, startling corruption, and bloodthirsty violence of the Wadia family—loved by some, loathed by others, feared by all.
3/21/2023	30:00	1809	Thomas Mallon's new novel, "Up with The Sun," mixes murder mystery and showbiz history to tell the fictionalized account of the life and untimely death of Dick Kallman.
3/28/2023	30:00	1810	In "I Have Some Questions for You," award-winning author Rebecca Makkai has crafted an investigation into collective memory and a deeply felt examination of one woman's reckoning with her past.

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51%

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1/5/2023	30:00	1746	What's your New Year's resolution? On the latest 51%, we speak with dietician and personal trainer Nicole Rodriguez about how to set healthy and realistic nutrition goals that fit your lifestyle. And in this season of gym memberships, career scheming, and personal development, one multi-generational study suggests the key to fulfillment is actually, quite simple: nurturing our relationships. The New York Times' Jancee Dunn shares what we can learn from the world's longest-running study on human happiness.
1/12/2023	30:00	1747	On this week's 51%, we explore how building for the future demands reckoning with our past. NYU Stern School of Business professor and social psychologist Dolly Chugh offers guidance for the "gritty patriot" in her new book "A More Just Future."
1/19/2023	30:00	1748	On this week's 51%, we speak with filmmaker Tracy Heather Strain about her new PBS documentary "Zora Neale Hurston: Claiming a Space." We'll also hear from ceramicist Kelli Rae Adams about her latest installation at MASS MoCA, titled "Forever in Your Debt."
1/26/2023	30:00	1749	January 22 would have marked the 50th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade, had the Court not decided to overturn the ruling last year. On the latest 51%, we speak with Amy Littlefield, longtime abortion access correspondent for The Nation, about how the fall of Roe is currently playing out in states and women's health clinics across the U.S.
2/2/2023	30:00	1750	On this week's 51%, we speak with Hollywood dialect coach and author Samara Bay about how to buck America's "voice standards" and embrace the power in your voice.
2/9/2023	30:00	1751	On this week's 51%, we speak with editors Nan Bauer-Maglin and Daniel Hood about their new book "Gray Love: Stories About Dating and New Relationships After 60."
2/16/2023	30:00	1752	On this week's 51%, we speak with Katie Hood, CEO of the One Love Foundation, about the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships — and how to tell which one you're in.
2/23/2023	30:00	1753	On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Clarence Lusane about his latest book "Twenty Dollars and Change: Harriet Tubman and the Ongoing Fight for Racial Justice and Democracy," on the lifelong activism of Harriet Tubman and the future of the \$20 bill.
3/2/2023	30:00	1754	On this week's 51%, we speak with Alisha Fernandez Miranda about her journey from CEO to intern in her new memoir "My What If Year."
3/9/2023	30:00	1755	On this week's 51%, we recognize Women's History Month. Jennifer Herrera, vice president of external affairs for the National Women's History Museum, shares how the organization is working to fill the gaps in our history books. Our associate producer, Jody Cowan, stops by a donation ceremony for a replica of the Women's Rights Pioneers Monument at the New York State Museum.
3/16/2023	30:00	1756	Parenting isn't easy — especially when children are difficult. On this week's 51%, Dr. Adelia Moore discusses how you can become a more confident parent, love with conviction, and see your children as the unique individuals they are.
3/23/2023	30:00	1757	On this week's 51%, we take a look at the gender pay gap in the U.S., and speak with America Saves Director Kia McCallister-Young to learn how you can come up with a savings plan that fits your needs and leaves you feeling financially confident — no matter what life throws at you.
3/30/2023	30:00	1758	On this week's 51%, we speak with long-distance runner and two-time Olympian Kara Goucher about her daring new memoir, "The Longest Race: Inside the Secret World of Abuse, Doping, and Deception on Nike's Elite Running Team."