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The Best of Our Knowledge

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
7/8/2023	30:00	1711	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute plans to become the first university in the world to house a new advanced quantum supercomputer; a young woman is named valedictorian of a private high school's first co-ed graduating class; and newly passed legislation in New York aims to protect student government clubs.
7/15/2023	30:00	1712	The U.S. Supreme Court recently issued decisions affecting student borrowers and admissions policies at colleges and universities. On this episode of the Best of Our Knowledge, we'll discuss with experts the decisions that struck down President Biden's student debt cancellation program and made it unlawful for colleges and universities to consider race as a factor in admissions.
7/22/2023	30:00	1713	We'll set sail! A Vermont teacher is on a mission to study climate change at New York's Adirondack Park and a new app is informing Lake George property owners on what they can do to protect water quality.
7/29/2023	30:00	1714	The James Webb Space Telescope has been sending detailed glimpses of the universe to Earth for a year now, plus more.
8/5/2023	30:00	1715	A new museum explores the comedic history of the Borscht Belt in New York's Catskill Mountains. A 101-year-old toy inventor will share stories about his ideas over a long career. And a recently-closed liberal arts college will welcome a new kind of class this fall.
8/12/2023	30:00	1716	NPR's Student Podcast Challenge drew more than 3,000 submissions this year, but only about two dozen were selected as finalists. We'll speak with two of the students recognized in the competition for their piece. And a new report examines gaps in teacher retention.
8/19/2023	30:00	1717	The harvest season is here. We'll learn about homesteading from planning to canning. New research suggests an old cancer treatment is effective in fighting tick-borne illness. And education officials in New York announce funding for mental health.
8/26/2023	30:00	1718	The conservative takeover of a small liberal arts college in Florida has drawn eyes from across the country, as the state's Republican Governor, Ron DeSantis, runs for president.
9/2/2023	30:00	1719	Scientists have used artificial intelligence to decode brainwave patterns and reconstruct music – and rock band Pink Floyd is playing a part.

9/9/2023	30:00	1720	We'll explore how educators prepare for the return of students to the classroom. A time capsule at West Point turns out to be a bit of a letdown. A Florida high school social studies teacher tours sites of the Holocaust in Europe. And the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is offering free community college to adults over age 25.
9/16/2023	30:00	1721	Students are back on campus, and for first-year students, one of the most daunting tasks of settling into college life is moving everything into the dorm.
9/23/2023	30:00	1722	A new poll shows that while Americans mostly see the value in a college degree, many don't think colleges are doing a great job in educating students.
9/30/2023	30:00	1723	On this week's The Best of Our Knowledge: A novelty high school steel drum band formed in the 1970s brought students around the world.

The Capitol Connection

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
7/8/2023	30:00	2327	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Assemblymember Deborah Glick.
7/15/2023	30:00	2328	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Westchester County Executive George Latimer.
7/22/2023	30:00	2329	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Vanessa Fajans-Turner Executive Director of Environmental Advocates New York.
7/29/2023	30:00	2330	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Amanda Babine, Executive Director of Equality New York - a statewide advocacy organization working to advance equality and justice for LGBTQI New Yorkers and their families.
8/5/2023	30:00	2331	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Albany County District Attorney David Soares.
8/12/2023	30:00	2332	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Ed Cox, Chairman of the New York State Republican Party about redistricting, bail reform, climate change, Donald Trump's indictments, and more.
8/19/2023	30:00	2333	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).
8/26/2023	30:00	2334	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Dr Don Levy, Director of the Siena College Research Institute, about the latest Siena poll.
9/2/2023	30:00	2335	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Republican New York state Senate Minority leader Robert Ortz about the migrant situation, his recent trip to Israel, and much more.
9/9/2023	30:00	2336	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes about the influx of migrants upstate, climate change, bail reform, cannabis, and much more.
9/16/2023	30:00	2337	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Katherine Nadeau from New York Renews, a coalition of over 360 organizations working to mitigate climate change.
9/23/2023	30:00	2338	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay about the influx of migrants upstate, redistricting, his reaction to a new Siena poll, and much more.
9/30/2023	30:00	2339	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Democratic New York state Senator James Skoufis about his call for a crash gate to help rescue workers reach victims faster after the deadly I-84 bus crash, a hiring freeze for state agencies, his latest investigation into Core Craft, and much more.

51%

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPICS
7/8/2023	30:00	1772	On this week's 51%, we discuss the importance of postpartum care for new mothers. We take a look at a New York Times piece highlighting the struggles of postpartum depression, and we also stop by a rally in Troy, New York, protesting the proposed closure of Rensselaer County's only maternity ward.
7/15/2023	30:00	1773	This week's 51% is all about healthy living. We sit down with Juna Gjata and Harvard Medical School's Dr. Edward Phillips, cohosts of the podcast "Food, We Need to Talk."
7/22/2023	30:00	1774	On this week's 51%, we sit down with Dr. Heather Hirsch, founder of the Menopause and Midlife Clinic at Brigham and Women's Hospital, to learn how we can meet menopause symptoms head-on.
7/29/2023	30:00	1775	As the overall U.S. population increases in age, understanding aging is more important than ever. On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Rosanne Leipzig, a distinguished geriatrics specialist and author of "Honest Aging: An Insider's Guide to the Second Half of Life."
8/5/2023	30:00	1776	On this week's 51%, we speak with attorney Renee Bauer about why she wants to change the narrative around rejection and divorce – and how preparing for the worst can actually contribute to a long-lasting marriage.
8/12/2023	30:00	1777	On this week's 51%, we hear from actress Terrease Aiken about how Hollywood's stalled SAG-AFTRA strike is impacting journeyman actors, and we learn about a new independent short film starring ballerina Misty Copeland.
8/19/2023	30:00	1778	On this week's 51%, we speak with investment strategist and coach Ange Matthews, founder of the crash-course "Happy Investor Method," to learn how women can work toward financial independence while supporting the causes and companies they're passionate about.
8/26/2023	30:00	1779	On this week's 51%, we recognize National Breastfeeding Month, and stop by a webinar discussing the different types of genetic testing used to evaluate breast cancer risk and treatment options. We also speak with Leslie Lehr, author of A Boob's Life, about America's obsession with breasts — and what that often means for women and girls.
9/2/2023	30:00	1780	On this week's 51%, our Associate Producer, Jody Cowan, speaks with physician and author Dr. Gail Gazelle about how healthcare workers can use mindfulness to combat burnout – and steady their own life in the wake of a stressed healthcare system.
9/9/2023	30:00	1781	On this week's 51%, we recognize International Overdose Awareness Day, and hear from women who have battled drug addiction and walked the complicated road to recovery.

9/16/2023	30:00	1782	On this week's 51%, we bring you an interview with lawyer Jane Spinak on her book <i>The End of Family Court</i> . Spinak makes the radical case that the U.S. family court system is too broken to fix, and that abolishing it might bring better justice to families and children.
9/23/2023	30:00	1783	On this week's 51%, we speak with science journalist and <i>Brave the Wild River</i> author Melissa Sevigny about the two women who risked their lives to botanize the Grand Canyon in the 1930s.
9/30/2023	30:00	1784	The World Health Organization says roughly 1 in 6 people grapples with infertility. On this week's 51%, we speak with the editors of <i>Infertilities: A Curation</i> , to broaden our perception and understanding of what is commonly called a "women's issue."

The Legislative Gazette

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
7/8/2023	30:00	2327	We'll take a look at New York's rocky rollout of legal cannabis, we'll talk about wildfire smoke and climate change with State Assemblymember and Environmental Conservation Committee Chair Deborah Glick, and the U.S. Interior Secretary visits the University at Albany to discuss offshore wind energy.
7/15/2023	30:00	2328	The cleanup continues after severe flooding this week, there's a new poll out from Siena College Research Institute, will talk to Director Dr. Don Levy, and we'll find out what the Consul General of Canada to New York was doing in Plattsburgh this week.
7/22/2023	30:00	2329	The New York state Office of Cannabis Management approved a measure this week to allow cannabis to be sold at fairs, festivals, concerts and other related events, we'll talk to the new executive director of Environmental Advocates New York about their legislative priorities as the state deals with climate change, and the State Department of Health and the State Office for the Aging draft a master plan for aging.
7/29/2023	30:00	2330	New York state's power grid operator says there might not be enough power to supply the NYC area in two years, we'll speak with the ED of Equality New York about their 2024 legislative goals for the LGBTQI community, and we'll riding along with the wounded warrior project.
8/5/2023	30:00	2331	The New York State Board of Elections certified a new controversial touch screen voting machine for use in future elections, we'll catch up with state Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie who was in Columbia County this week as a part of his annual statewide tour, and we'll have a discussion about recent funding approved for gun violence mitigation.
8/12/2023	30:00	2332	Senator Schumer promotes legislation in Plattsburgh that would sanction China for its role in contributing to the overdose crisis, Governor Kathy Hochul announces a new strategy to bolster the state's cybersecurity, and we'll speak with Ed Cox, the head of the Republican Party in New York.
8/19/2023	30:00	2333	The state health commissioner with guidance on how to deal with new COVID-19 strains emerging this summer, a conversation with Blair Horner, Executive Director of NYPIRG, on young people, civics education and voting, and we'll report on the U.S. trade representative's visit to the Capital Region.
8/26/2023	30:00	2334	We'll update the migrant situation in New York, including an investigation by the state attorney general into the company hired to coordinate their relocation, and we'll talk with the director of the Siena Poll about how New Yorkers are viewing the influx of migrants.
9/2/2023	30:00	2335	Governor Kathy Hochul says New York state health officials are on the lookout for a new COVID-19 variant, a group of professors has filed a class action gender pay gap lawsuit against Vassar College, and we'll take a closer look at Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

9/9/2023	30:00	2336	A new report suggests the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in New York started earlier and spiked six times higher, Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes says no to Republicans' call for a special session to deal with the influx of migrants, and there's a new survey of school superintendents' thoughts on educating migrant children.
9/16/2023	30:00	2337	On this week's Gazette: The state's first African American chief judge, Rowan Wilson, was inducted into his post, a conversation about the state's nation leading climate leadership and community protection act, and we'll remember the 22nd anniversary of 9/11.
9/23/2023	30:00	2338	Governor Hochul signs a law to make it easier for New Yorkers to access mail-in voting, Assembly Minority Leader William Barclay on the Republican plan to deal with migrants, and fall foliage season begins upstate.
9/30/2023	30:00	2339	We take a look at what state government is doing to alleviate the teenage mental health crisis, Senator James Skoufis, a Democrat, shares his thoughts on the economic impact of the call by the state budget director for a hiring freeze at state agencies, and a new model of campus living is coming to the lower Hudson Valley.

The Media Project

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7/8/2023	30:00	1674	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Ian talk about the trolling of Wall Street reporter after she dared to ask the Indian Prime Minister a question about human rights, whether or not the cable news networks dropped the ball on the Russian insurrection, and the media's use of freelancers for staff.
7/15/2023	30:00	1675	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rosemary, Rex and Ian talk about how to cover the Supreme Court better, the potential impact of the new media platform Threads, the death of a 300 year old newspaper, and more.
7/22/2023	30:00	1676	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project Judy, Rosemary, Rex and Barbara talk about the New York Times getting rid of its sports news, the impact of media layoffs on the future of journalism , and more.
7/29/2023	30:00	1677	With former Times Union Editor and current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at RPI and UAlbany, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Rex talk about whether journalists should pay their sources, minimizing harm in reporting, and much more.
8/5/2023	30:00	1678	With Judy Patrick, former Editor of The Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at UAlbany, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Ian talk about Twitter changing its name to X, when newspapers put ads on the front page, how the Barbie movie portrays journalism, and much more.

8/12/2023	30:00	1679	With 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, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at UAlbany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Rex and Ian talk about why so many people are now choosing to avoid the news, coverage of the latest indictment of former President Donald Trump, and more.
8/19/2023	30:00	1680	With 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, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at UAlbany, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Rex talk about an announcer for the Baltimore Orioles suspended for the telling the truth, whether people are becoming numb to the scandals surrounding former President Donald Trump, and more.
8/26/2023	30:00	1681	With 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, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at University at Albany, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of The Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Judy, Rosemary, Barbara and Rex talk about coverage of the tragic fire on Maui, a local newspaper in Kansas that was raided by police, Fox news coverage or non-coverage of the Trump indictments, and more.
9/2/2023	30:00	1682	With former Times Union Associate Editor Mike Spain, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Mike, Rosemary, and Ian talk about covering people who are vulnerable, whether former President Donald Trump's trials should be televised, and more.
9/9/2023	30:00	1683	With former Times Union Associate Editor Mike Spain, 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 the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Mike, Judy and Rosemary talk about Chat GPT and whether media organizations should use it, the misinformation surrounding the Maui wildfires and COVID, and much more.

9/16/2023	30:00	1684	With Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld, former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Rosemary, Ira, Rex, and Barbara talk about why people don't pay attention and believe good news anymore, whether media criticism is too harsh, and more.
9/23/2023	30:00	1685	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Rosemary, Ira, and Ian talk about being truthful not neutral, Gannett looking for a Taylor Swift reporter, whether high school student reports can do for sports what AI can't, and more.
9/30/2023	30:00	1686	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Rosemary, and Ian talk about Rupert Murdoch stepping down from Fox, Donald Trump on Meet The Press, sports writing and how major college programs have their way with the media, and much more.

The Book Show

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
7/8/2023	30:00	1812	Ottessa Moshfegh's new novel "Lapvona" brings us to a village in a medieval fiefdom buffeted by natural disasters where a motherless shepherd boy finds himself the unlikely pivot of a power struggle that puts all manner of faith to a savage test.
7/15/2023	30:00	1813	Taking as inspiration his mother's own Red Cross service, novelist Luis Alberto Urrea has delivered an overlooked story of women's heroism in World War II. With its portrait of friendship and valor in harrowing circumstances, "Good Night, Irene," explores the "Donut Dollies," an all-women volunteer group launched by the Red Cross during WWII.
7/22/2023	30:00	1814	Novelist Danielle Trussoni is the author of the bestsellers "Angelology" and "Angelopolis." She gives readers a thrilling ride with her latest, "The Puzzle Master." Reality and the supernatural collide when an expert puzzle maker is thrust into an ancient mystery - one with explosive consequences for the fate of humanity.
7/29/2023	30:00	1815	Sadeqa Johnson is the award-winning author of four novels, including "Yellow Wife." Her latest, "The House of Eve," is a Reese's Book Club Pick and an instant New York Times Bestseller. With their stories colliding in the most unexpected of ways, we meet Ruby and Eleanor who both make decisions that shape the trajectory of their lives.
8/5/2023	30:00	1816	Award winning writer Simon Winchester's latest book is "Knowing What We Know: The Transmission of Knowledge From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Magic." It explores how humans acquire, retain, and pass on information and data, and how technology continues to change our lives and our minds.
8/12/2023	30:00	1817	Ann Patchett is the author of nine novels, including "Bel Canto," "State of Wonder," "Commonwealth" and "The Dutch House," a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Her latest, "Tom Lake," is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born.
8/19/2023	30:00	1818	Pulitzer-Prize winning author Richard Russo's new novel, "Somebody's Fool," returns to North Bath in upstate New York and to the characters that captured the hearts and imaginations of millions of readers in his beloved best sellers "Nobody's Fool" and "Everybody's Fool."
8/26/2023	30:00	1819	Lorrie Moore is one of the most celebrated living writers in the United States. Her new novel, "I Am Homeless If This Is Not My Home," is her first in 14 years and is an exploration of love and death, passion and grief where a man takes a road trip with the corpse of his dead ex-lover.

9/2/2023	30:00	1820	Best-selling author and naturalist Peter Heller’s new novel, “The Last Ranger,” tells of an enforcement ranger in Yellowstone National Park who likes wolves better than most people. When a clandestine range war threatens his closest friend, he must shake off his own losses and act swiftly to discover the truth and stay alive.
9/9/2023	30:00	1821	"The House in the Pines" is a new psychological thriller from Ana Reyes. We follow Maya, a young woman who only has hazy memories about the most traumatic moment in her life – witnessing the mysterious death of her best friend – and feels the desperation to hide from and eventually fight for long-buried answers. This episode was recorded live at The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, Massachusetts on May 13, 2023.
9/16/2023	30:00	1822	Lauren Groff is a three-time National Book Award finalist and New York Times bestselling author. Her new novel, “The Vaster Wilds,” is at once an adventure story and a penetrating fable about trying to find a new way of living in a world succumbing to the churn of colonialism. It tells the story of America in miniature, through one girl at a hinge point in history.
9/23/2023	30:00	1823	National Book Award Winner James McBride’s new novel, “The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store,” is rooted in small-town secrets as the residents of rundown Chicken Hill in Pottstown, Pennsylvania live with compassion on the margins of society.
9/30/2023	30:00	1824	Esmeralda Santiago is the award-winning, best-selling author of “When I Was Puerto Rican.” Her latest, “Las Madres,” is a powerful novel of family, race, faith, sex, and disaster that moves between Puerto Rico and the Bronx, revealing the lives and loves of five women and the secret that binds them together.