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#### The Best of Our Knowledge

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
10/7/2023 10/14/2023	30:00	1724	With a massive, multi-year expansion project finally completed, staff and educators at the Strong Museum of Play are eager to welcome new and returning crowds. And after two college-in-prison programs in New York hosted by private universities collapsed earlier this year, Bard College will pick up the slack.
10/21/2023	30:00	1725	On this episode of The Best of Our Knowledge: College campuses are reimagining student housing.
10/28/2023	30:00	1726	National Geographic scientist-photographer Anand Varma captures images of beautiful secrets hiding in plain sight. We'll speak with Varma about his book "Invisible Wonders: Photographs of the Hidden World." And we'll learn about a federally funded initiative that is researching urban forests.
11/4/2023	30:00	1727	The home of Gilded Age writer Edith Wharton celebrates the supernatural. The largest donation ever made to one public university will support its efforts to improve literacy. And we'll learn more about the New York Air National Guard's mission to support research in Antarctica.
11/11/2023	30:00	1728	This week, we'll attend a demonstration of an experimental instrument – one that when installed can take up an entire concert stage. And a new music school gives more than just guitar and piano lessons.
11/18/2023	30:00	1729	We'll join researchers collecting ticks during the fall peak of arachnid activity. And after a smoky summer, wildfire smoke detectors have been installed across New York state.
11/25/2023	30:00	1730	An invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer poses threats to America's forests. A federally-supported study is using parasitoid wasps to control the arboreal pests. And we'll visit an environmental science professor in the field, as students collect trail cameras as part of a national study on mammal populations.
12/2/2023	30:00	1731	President Biden in October issued an executive order on artificial intelligence. We'll unpack the order meant to mitigate the risks of the technology. And more!
12/9/2023	30:00	1732	As American students are facing more than \$1.7 trillion dollars in student loan debt, some private sector companies are now exploring their own student loan repayment programs.

12/16/2023	30:00	1733	The College of Saint Rose, a private liberal arts college in New York, recently announced it would close at the end of the academic year.
12/23/2023	30:00	1734	Many educators will say teaching can be a thankless job. A new app aims to help the entire school community share praise. We'll speak with the CEO of company HiLight.
12/30/2023	30:00	1735	The Vermont State Colleges system, which is transforming into the Vermont State University, has selected a new chancellor. We'll learn about an ancient Iranian tradition celebrated during the winter solstice. And the race is on to establish a national semiconductor technology center.

## The Capitol Connection

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
10/7/2023	30:00	2340	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Nic Rangel, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) about free legal services for those living in poverty who can't afford a lawyer to deal with housing and rent issues, domestic violence, and much more.
10/14/2023	30:00	2341	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Hank Greenberg, member and spokesperson for The Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York about New York Jews' reaction to the attack on Israel by Hamas, and more.
10/21/2023	30:00	2342	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli about the state's investment in Israel, profits being down on Wall Street, coming state budget deficits, and much more.
10/28/2023	30:00	2343	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor John King about fee waivers, how SUNY is dealing with the Supreme Court decision against affirmative action, artificial intelligence and what it means to the University system, the impact of the Israeli Hamas conflict on campus, and much more.
11/4/2023	30:00	2344	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Chair of the committee on environmental conservation about legislation to protect birds, bees and other pollinators, banning killing contests, and the Package Waste and Reduction Act.
11/11/2023	30:00	2345	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Inspector General Lucy Lang about her latest investigations into fraud and abuse throughout state government.
11/18/2023	30:00	2346	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York State Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes about the spike in antisemitic and hate-related incidents, whether she'll run for Congress in the 26th district after Brian Higgins announced he'll step down, state attorney general Letitia James lawsuit against Pepsi, and more.
11/25/2023	30:00	2347	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Blair Horner, Executive Director of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) about ethics reform, higher education, and much more.
12/2/2023	30:00	2348	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Senator Liz Krueger about a news story that says Governor Hochul may be backing away from her affordable housing plan, two climate change bills Krueger wants the Governor to sign, the status of the legal cannabis industry, and much more.
12/9/2023	30:00	2349	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with Ed Cox, Chairman of the New York state Republican Committee about who Republicans are considering for Congressman Santos' seat, redistricting, a listener letter on the crime rate, and much more.

12/16/2023	30:00	2350	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Senator James Skoufis, a Democrat and Chair of the Senate Committee on Investigations and Government Operations. Senator Skoufis talks about his latest investigation in Orange County, he makes an endorsement in a coming congressional race, updates listeners on crash gates, zombie poles, and much more.
12/23/2023	30:00	2351	WAMC's David Guistina speaks with New York state Assembly member Pat Fahy about higher education.
12/30/2023	30:00	2352	WAMC's David Guistina looks back at the past year in New York state government and politics and what to expect in 2024 with Yancey Roy, Albany Bureau Chief for Newsday.

## 51%

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10/7/2023	30:00	1785	On this week's 51%, we sit down with playwright Juliany Taveras for a preview of the new Children's Theatre Company production "Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress." WAMC's Samantha Simmons also speaks with Olympic runner Alexi Pappas about how she went about adapting her book, "Bravey," for a younger audience.
10/14/2023	30:00	1786	On this week's 51%, we sit down with "defensive living" experts Joy Farrow and Laura Frombach to discuss modern ways women are protecting themselves in the face of gender-based violence.
10/21/2023	30:00	1787	On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Elizabeth Lucal about how women can reduce their risk of cervical cancer, and why we still know so little about ovarian cancer.
10/28/2023	30:00	1788	On this week's 51%, we speak with artists who have found healing through creativity. Author Brittany Means comes to terms with her childhood growing up on the road in her new memoir Hell if We Don't Change Our Ways, and pianist and composer Robin Spielberg meditates on resilience for her new symphonic record, By Way of the Wind.
11/4/2023	30:00	1789	On this week's 51%, we speak with award-winning international reporter Amanda Sperber to learn how news outlets and foreign correspondents can better serve the communities they cover.
11/11/2023	30:00	1790	On this week's 51%, we speak with estate attorney Megan Harris-Pero about why having an estate plan is particularly important for womsen, and what they should keep in mind when putting a plan together.
11/18/2023	30:00	1791	On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Sophia Choukas-Bradley about the impacts of social media on teens and young adults.
11/25/2023	30:00	1792	On this week's 51%, we speak with psychiatrist and human rights advocate Dr. Robert Okin about the state of homelessness in the U.S., and the many obstacles faced by unhoused women and families. Dr. Okin spent two years interviewing and photographing unhoused individuals struggling with mental illness in San Francisco.
12/2/2023	30:00	1793	On this week's 51%, we speak with Amy Brittain of The Washington Post about the paper's recent analysis of infant mortality in home births across the U.S.
12/9/2023	30:00	1794	On the latest 51%, we speak with biologist and wildlife photographer Kirsten Hines about her new book Wild Florida, documenting the state's diverse population of birds, mammals, reptiles, and insects.
12/16/2023	30:00	1795	On this week's 51%, we hear from comedian, writer, and TV host Samantha Bee about her latest standup tour "Your Favorite Woman: The Joy of Sex Education."

12/23/2023	30:00	1796	On this week's 51%, we speak with Claudia Coenen, a certified grief counselor and thanatologist, about how to cope with grief during the holiday season. We also hear from the executive director of No Kid Hungry New York about the state of food insecurity in the U.S.
12/30/2023	30:00	1797	On this week's 51%, we continue our discussion on grief with therapist and author Gina Moffa. In her new book, Moving On Doesn't Mean Letting Go, Moffa helps readers navigate losses of all kinds.

## The Legislative Gazette

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPIC
10/7/2023	30:00	2340	A state senate hearing lawmakers hear complaints about flaws in the legal cannabis rollout, State Assembly member Glick on the need for more legislation to protect the environment, and advocates raise the alarm over new possible anchorages in the Hudson River.
10/14/2023	30:00	2341	The Governor and state attorney general back two bills to protect children from social media, a discussion with the Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York about the state's connection to Israel and reaction to the attack on Israel by Hamas, and we'll share one town's idea to boost a shortage of volunteer firefighters.
10/21/2023	30:00	2342	Governor Hochul is considering a bill to exempt income for poll workers from being counted toward the cap on School Tax Relief or STAR program, the Adirondack Council issues its annual "State of the Park," report card, and RPI becomes the first university in the world to house a quantum super computer.
10/28/2023	30:00	2343	Advocates testify about the need to expand New York's bottle deposit law, we'll take you to Saranac Lake where there's now the first vending machine outside NYC to dispense the overdose reversal drug Narcan, and SUNY Chancellor King shares his thoughts on how the university is approaching the use of artificial intelligence in learning.
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11/11/2023	30:00	2345	We'll take a look at this weeks' off year elections, what the early voting numbers show, a first for the city of Poughkeepsie, and some of the other big winners in Tuesday's vote.
11/18/2023	30:00	2346	New York steps up anti-terrorism efforts in response to a rise in hate crimes, advocates say additional cleanup is needed of toxic PCBs from the Hudson River, and we'll introduce you to a family in Hoosick Falls connected with Ukrainian refugees through a sponsorship-focused organization.
11/25/2023	30:00	2347	Governor Hochul signs clean slate legislation and receives immediate backlash from Republicans, a state appeals courts hears arguments on redistricting, and A Capital Region semiconductor manufacturer celebrates the role of women in technology.
12/2/2023	30:00	2348	Advocates want Governor Hochul to sign a bill that would shift the date of local elections from odd numbered years to even ones, we take a look at the rise in hunger across the state, a new report from Attorney General Letitia James finds significant racial disparities in home ownership across the state, and there's new legislation aimed at growing and improving statewide trail access.

12/9/2023	30:00	2349	We'll take a look at the coming race to fill expelled Republican Congressman George Santos' seat, we'll examine how the Israel Hamas war is changing things inside the college classroom, and the third leg of the Triple Crown is coming to Saratoga Springs.
12/16/2023	30:00	2350	New York's high court rules that congressional districts in the state can be redrawn again for the 2024 elections, SUNY Nano-Tech is getting a \$10 billion dollar boost, and we'll have part two of our conversation about the rise in hunger in the state.
12/23/2023	30:00	2351	Governor Hochul signs a measure to look at potential reparations for New Yorker's whose ancestors suffered under slavery in the state. We'll speak with Assemblymember Pat Fahy, Chair of the Higher Education committee; and local officials celebrate the completion of the first phase of construction of the Adirondack Rail Trail.
12/30/2023	30:00	2352	



## The Media Project

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10/7/2023	30:00	1687	With former Times Union Associate Editor Mike Spain, Rosemary Armao, Investigative Journalist and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, 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, Rex, Rosemary, Judy and Ira talk about whether this week's Republican debate was worth media coverage, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce, how local newspapers balance critical coverage of the community with boosterism, and much more.
10/14/2023	30:00	1688	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, 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, Rex, Judy, Barbara and Ira talk about using a kidnapping victims name and photo, trying to take stories out of circulation when news changes them, and much more.
10/21/2023	30:00	1689	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, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld and WAMC News Director Ian Pickus. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Ira and Ian talk about what it's like to be a reporter covering a war, whether the social media platform Threads will replace X as a source for breaking news, and much more.
10/28/2023	30:00	1690	With former Times Union Editor, 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, 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, Rex, Judy, Barbara and Ian talk about the power of puzzles and games for the media, a local media company in a controversy over transphobic remarks, sports coverage and what's on or off the record in the locker room, and much more.
11/4/2023	30:00	1691	With former Times Union Editor, 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, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University at Albany, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fusfeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara and Ira talk about the misinformation coming out of the Israel, Hamas war, the importance of local coverage of the mass shooting in Maine, media consumption a trust both being down, and much more.

11/11/2023	30:00	1692	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, 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, Rex, Barbara and Ian talk about journalists arrested for telling the truth, covering a politician on a book tour, the financial challenge facing local media, and much more.
11/18/2023	30:00	1693	With former Times Union Editor, current Upstate American, Substack columnist Rex Smith, 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, Rex, Judy Ian and Ira talk about journalists refusing to reveal a source, whether to televise court trials, New York's "toothless" Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), and much more.
11/25/2023	30:00	1694	With former Times Union Editor, 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, WAMC News Director Ian Pickus, and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Anna Wolfe from Mississippi Today. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Ian and Anna talk about covering poverty and how a young reporter can go about investigating the most powerful people in her state, coverage that looks at the stakes not the odds of the presidential race, and much more.
12/2/2023	30:00	1695	With former Times Union Editor, 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, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara and Ira talk about an NFL sideline reporter who says she made up some of her reports, how much google and meta may owe publishers, whether two newspapers a week are really dying, and much more.
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12/30/2023	30:00	1699	With former Times Union Editor, 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. Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and Adjunct Professor at the University, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fوسفeld. On this week's Media Project, Rex, Judy, Barbara, and Ira talk about how the media has changed dramatically in the last 30 years, some of the key stories in 2023, and much more.

## The Book Show

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10/7/2023	30:00	1825	John Irving has written some of the most acclaimed books of our time, among them: “The World According to Garp,” “A Widow for One Year,” “A Prayer for Owen Meany” and “The Cider House Rules.” He now returns with his first novel in seven years “The Last Chairlift.”
10/14/2023	30:00	1826	The Times calls Booker Prize winning writer Anne Enright one of our greatest living novelists. Her latest, “The Wren, The Wren” is about a dead poet’s daughter and granddaughter coming to terms with his troubling legacy. Enright’s novel about language and connection explores the inheritance of trauma, wonder, and love across three generations of women.
10/21/2023	30:00	1827	George Saunders is an American great, a writer who continues to astound, evolve and get deeper. His new book, “Liberation Day,” is his first collection of stories since his National Book Award finalist “Tenth of December” was published eight years ago.
10/28/2023	30:00	1828	Nathan Hill’s new novel “Wellness” is a poignant and witty novel about marriage, the often-baffling pursuit of health and happiness, and the stories that bind us together. The book brings us from the gritty '90s Chicago art scene to a suburbia of detox diets and home-renovation hysteria.
11/4/2023	30:00	1829	Joe Nesbø is an internationally best-selling author best known for his mystery series featuring his protagonist, Harry Hole. His latest is a twisted, multi-layered, mind-bending spin on the classic horror novel, “The Night House.” By page 8 – a phone has eaten a guy and things get stranger along the way.
11/11/2023	30:00	1830	Ayana Mathis’s new novel, “The Unsettled,” is set in the 1980s and follows three generations of a family divided by a painful past. Ava lives in racially and politically turbulent Philadelphia, struggling to care for her son, Toussaint. Her mother, Dutchess, remains in her historically Black hometown of Bonaparte, Alabama, fighting to save her land.
11/18/2023	30:00	1831	Jonathan Lethem is the bestselling author of twelve novels, including “The Fortress of Solitude” and “Motherless Brooklyn,” and winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. His newest is “Brooklyn Crime Novel,” a sweeping story of community, crime, and gentrification, tracing more than fifty years of life in one Brooklyn neighborhood.
11/25/2023	30:00	1832	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.

12/2/2023	30:00	1833	National Book Award-winning author Alice McDermott's latest, "Absolution," is the riveting account of women's lives on the margins of the Vietnam War. American women and wives have been mostly minor characters in the literature of the Vietnam War, but in "Absolution" they take center stage.
12/9/2023	30:00	1834	"Elegy plus comedy is the only way to express how we live in the world today," says a character in "The Vulnerables," the ninth novel by National Book Award winner Sigrid Nunez. "The Vulnerables" offers a meditation on our contemporary era, asking how present reality affects the way a person looks back on their past.
12/16/2023	30:00	1835	CNN anchor and chief Washington correspondent and New York Times best-selling author Jake Tapper's third thriller, "All the Demons Are Here," brings readers to the 1970s underground world of cults, celebrities, tabloid journalism, serial killers, disco, and UFOs.
12/23/2023	30:00	1836	"Day" is the first novel in a decade from Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Cunningham. It's a family saga set in New York City before and during the COVID-19 pandemic and takes place on three separate days in April, one each in the years 2019-2021.
12/30/2023	30:00	1837	Bestselling author Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah is the author of the debut novel, "Chain-Gang All-Stars," the story of two top women gladiators fighting for their freedom within a depraved private prison system.