

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FROM THIS PAST 3RD QUARTER 2022

MAJOR THEMES FROM THE 3RD QUARTER OF 2022 INCLUDE THE UPTICK IN COVID INFECTIONS IN THE STATE IN THE MONTH OF JULY. ALSO, THE STATE AND POLITICAL SCENE STARTED SHIFTING THEIR FOCUS TO THE STATE ELECTIONS COMING UP IN NOVEMBER, INCLUDING A FEW BIG TOPICS LIKE THE POSSIBLE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA, AND THE GOVERNOR'S RACE AS WELL, AMONG OTHERS.

RECENT SUPREME COURT RULINGS HANDED DOWN IN DC WERE ALSO A MAJOR TALKING POINT AND HOW THOSE DECISIONS AFFECT THE STATE OF ARKANSAS BOTH IN BUSINESS TERMS AND THE PEOPLE OF ARKANSAS AS A WHOLE.

TEACHER AND ADMINISTRATOR SHORTAGES, SCHOOL SAFETY, AND PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING SPENT SOME TIME UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT THIS QUARTER. EVEN THE GOVERNOR CALLED FOR A SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATURE IN AUGUST TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AS WELL.

Arkansas Week
3rd QUARTERLY ISSUES REPORT
JULY 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

Date	Time	Show #	Topic
7/2/2022	27:51	Season: 40	Special Legislative Session and Abortion Trigger Law. Guests: Governor Asa Hutchinson and Attorney Bettina Brownstein. Good Roots goes to Barnhill Orchard, Bemis Bee Farm, and Bernice Farmers' Market.
7/9/2022	27:55	S: 40	Supreme Court Decisions. Discussion with law experts on recent supreme court decisions regarding abortion, 2nd Amendment, separation of church and state, and climate change. Guests are Joshua Silverstein, Professor of Law, UALR William H. Bowen School of Law and John DiPippa, Dean Emeritus, UALR William H. Bowen School of Law.
7/16/2022	27:05	S: 40	COVID-19 Subvariants / Drought Affecting Arkansas Crops. Covid cases are on the rise again, with Arkansas having the highest increase by 54% in the U.S. within the past two weeks. Guest: Dr. Jennifer Dillaha, Secretary of Health, Arkansas Dept. of Health. Then, Farmers are struggling to maintain crops due to the severe heat we're experiencing. Guest: Dr. Victor L. Ford, Associate VP, Agriculture/Natural Resources, U of A System Div. of Agriculture.
7/22/2022	27:00	S: 40	Arkansas's fiscal year 2022 wrapped up with the state government collecting \$1.6 billion in general revenue, the state's largest surplus. We speak with the leadership of the state legislature as they prepare for a special session on how to spend the funds. Guests: State Rep. Matthew Shepherd, Speaker of the House, State Sen. Jimmy Hickey, President Pro Tempore.
7/29/2022	26:30	S: 40	Funds Redirection affects schools and wastewater upgrade needs. We hear from education officials on how school districts plan to provide teacher and staff bonuses as well as take care of other spending priorities after federal funds were rescinded by an Arkansas Legislative Council. Also, there are more than 1400 water and wastewater projects that need to be addressed across the state with a price tag of more than \$5 billion.
8/6/2022	26:28	S: 40	Commission Declines Entergy Settlement, School Safety Findings, Economic Update. PSC Commission declines Entergy settlement. We talk to Ted Thomas, Chairman of Arkansas Public Service Commission. Then, Arkansas School Safety Commission shares findings. We hear from Dr. Cheryl May, Director of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute. Finally, we get an economic outlook update from Dr. Jeremy Horpedahl, Assistant Economics Professor at UCA.
8/13/2022	26:30	S: 40	Recap of Special Session. The Arkansas legislature met for a Special Session this week called by Governor Hutchinson. On the agenda - tax cuts and funding for school safety. A review of the Session on the approved bills with Andrew DeMillo from the Associated Press and Michael Hibblen from KUAR.
8/20/2022	26:33	S: 40	Back to School, Monkey Pox, Polio, and Covid-19. A new school year begins. But does it begin with enough teachers? And as the semester starts on our college campuses, will the challenge of affording higher ed ever end? And how great remains the microscopic menace of COVID and the newest viral threat as well.
8/27/2022	26:57	S: 40	Law Enforcement Training and Election 2022. Questions raised about police training in the state and an assessment of Arkansas political campaigns. Guests include Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy Deputy Director Fred Weatherspoon, Democratic analyst Michael Cook and Republican analyst Richard Bearden.
9/3/2022	27:03	S: 40	Student Loan Forgiveness. Which Arkansas students would qualify, how many and how much, and when? And how will it affect our economy?
9/10/2022	27:12	S: 40	Food Insecurity and Parent Study on Education.
9/17/2022	26:03	S: 40	Public Service Commission Chair Resigns / The Cost of Higher Education. Are Arkansas's electric utilities failing to take solar power seriously and their customers not seriously enough? And how far can a state program go to make the cost of college get smaller? Guests are Public Service Commission Chair Ted Thomas, State Treasurer Dennis Milligan, and State Sen. Missy Irvin.
9/24/2022	25:57	S: 40	Rural Hospital Crisis and News/Legislative Update. Some rural hospitals are in financial crisis. We discuss with Jodiane Tritt, Exec. Vice Pres. of Arkansas Hospital Association, Peggy Abbott, CEO of Ouachita Regional Med. Ctr., and Barry Davis, Pres/CEO of Arkansas Methodist Hospital. Then, a panel discussion about the week's news and legislative updates with Michael Hibblen of KUAR and Wesley Brown of The Daily Record

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The Media Project

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7/3/2022	30:00	1622	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao, 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 the coverage of the end of Roe v Wade, the January 6th hearings, whether you can be a journalist and a human, and much more.
7/10/2022	30:00	1623	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao, and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Barbara talk about whether local news is dying because of bad habits, whether we're becoming a nation of media haves and have nots, and much more.
7/17/2022	30:00	1624	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current 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 Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Ira, and Rex, talk about counting stories, whether journalists are all "rich elites", the media controversy surrounding the release the Uvalde shooting video, and much more.
7/24/2022	30:00	1625	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current 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, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Barbara and Rex, talk about Alan's new nickname, the grim news cycle, why Gannett has stopped writing editorials, and more.
7/31/2022	30:00	1626	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao, and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rosemary, Ira and Rex talk about the climate legislation and whether the media are giving Republicans a pass, the language police and the impact on journalism, and much more.
8/7/2022	30:00	1627	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Judy, Rosemary and Barbara talk about how Russia treats the press, whether the media covering abortion in the U.S. is fair and much more.
8/14/2022	30:00	1628	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Ira talk about the media coverage of the FBI raid of former President Trump's Florida estate, why the New York Times prospers while Gannett struggles, and much more.
8/21/2022	30:00	1629	with former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith and WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock. This week the pair were joined by Judy Patrick, former Editor of the Daily Gazette and Vice President for Editorial Development for the New York Press Association, and Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao. Our panel discusses the not-so-hidden costs of paid obituaries; how "pink slime" journalism diminishes faith in local news outlets; and the restrictions imposed on media at a Republican rally in Florida.
8/28/2022	30:00	1630	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Ira talk about how the media can respond to Republican media restrictions, whether Facebook and Google should pay newspapers for using their content, and much more.
9/4/2022	30:00	1631	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current Substack columnist Rex Smith, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao and Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rex, Rosemary and Ira talk about a major case of defamation against Fox news, why using polls are a bad way to practice journalism, sexism in the Canadian broadcast media, and much more.
9/11/2022	30:00	1632	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, Adjunct Professor at RPI and Investigative Journalist, Rosemary Armao, Daily Freeman Publisher Emeritus Ira Fufeld and Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Rosemary, Barbara and Ira talk about threats to journalists, slap suits against the media, whether CNN is turning to the right, and much more.
9/18/2022	30:00	1633	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, Barbara Lombardo, former Editor of the Saratogian and a Journalism Professor at the University at Albany, WAMC's News Director Ian Pickus, and the Empire Report's JP Miller. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Barbara Ian, and JP talk about how to report on a famous person, whether reporters should withhold information for their books, what goes wrong on Tick Tok and the media, and much more.
9/25/2022	30:00	1634	With WAMC's CEO Alan Chartock, former Times Union Editor and current 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 Fufeld. On this week's Media Project, Alan, Barbara Ian, and JP talk about whether the amount of Trump coverage is appropriate, reporting on immigration and climate change, and much more.

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The Book Show

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7/5/2022	30:00	1772	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.
7/12/2022	30:00	1773	Tracy Flick, the iconic protagonist of Tom Perrotta's novel "Election," is back and determined to, once again, take high school politics by storm. Tom Perrotta's new sequel is "Tracy Flick Can't Win."
7/19/2022	30:00	1774	What if you could take a vacation to your past? With her humor, insight, and heart, beloved New York Times bestselling author Emma Straub offers her own twist on traditional time travel tropes and a different kind of love story in her new novel "This Time Tomorrow."
7/26/2022	30:00	1775	Otessa 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.
8/2/2022	30:00	1776	Writer Séamas O'Reilly's mother died when he was five, leaving him, his ten brothers and sisters, and their beloved father in their sprawling bungalow in rural Derry. It was the 1990s; the Troubles were a background rumble. He tells the story in his memoir: "Did Ye Hear Mammy Died?"
8/9/2022	30:00	1777	In Elisa Albert's highly-anticipated new novel, "Human Blues," musician Aviva Rosner's course cracks and crumbles the harder she pounds the pavement. Aviva wants to have a child. But, she wants to conceive on her own terms – though those terms become increasingly irrelevant with each missed opportunity.
8/16/2022	30:00	1778	With the publication of "The Sanatorium" last year, Sarah Pearse had one of the most stunning crime-fiction debuts in recent memory. It was an instant New York Times and international bestseller as well as a Reese's Book Club selection. Now, detective Elin Warner is back in Pearse's second novel, "The Retreat."
8/23/2022	30:00	1779	Acclaimed TV writer and the executive producer of award-winning shows such as "Modern Family" and "How I Met Your Mother," Stephen Lloyd's new novel debut, "Friend of the Devil," is a horror/noir mash-up set at an elite boarding school harboring secrets.
8/30/2022	30:00	1780	New Yorker staff writer Susan Orlean gathers a lifetime of musings, meditations, and in-depth profiles about animals in her new collection, "On Animals." Orlean has been hailed as "a national treasure" by The Washington Post and is the author of the New York Times bestseller "The Library Book."
9/6/2022	30:00	1781	Abdulrazak Gurnah attained a new level of global prominence last year when he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Gurnah's new novel "Afterlives" spotlights the devastating German colonial rule of early 20th century East Africa and its aftermath.
9/13/2022	30:00	1782	Dan Brown is the author of numerous #1 bestselling novels including "The Da Vinci Code" which has become one of the best-selling novels of all time as well as the subject of intellectual debate among readers and scholars. "The Da Vinci Code" is one of five novels featuring his symbology professor protagonist, Robert Langdon.
9/20/2022	30:00	1783	Legendary author Joyce Carol Oates' latest book, "Babysitter" is an engrossing thriller, with a bit of true crime, set against a backdrop of child murders in the affluent suburbs of 1970s Detroit. Oates rooted the novel in the real, unsolved case of the "Babysitter Killer," who struck in Oakland County, Michigan.
9/27/2022	30:00	1784	Best-selling, award-winning author Julian Barnes' new novel, "Elizabeth Finch," is a magnetic tale that centers on the presence of a vivid and particular woman, whose loss becomes the occasion for a man's deeper examination of love, friendship, and biography.

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7/6	30:00	1719	On this week's 51%, we discuss the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade, ending nearly 50 years of constitutional protections for abortion in the United States. We speak with Albany Law School professor Vincent Bonventre about what this means for the Court, and hear from advocates on both sides of the debate over abortion rights. Albany Medical Center's Dr. Rachel Flink also discusses how to pick and properly use the birth control method that's best for you.
7/13	30:00	1720	The Supreme Court recently overturned Roe v Wade, ending nearly 50 years of constitutional protections for abortion rights in the U.S. But how did we get here? On this week's 51%, we speak with author and professor Jennifer Holland about the history of abortion in the U.S., and how abortion became a political issue.
7/20	30:00	1721	On this week's 51%, we speak with professor and author Falguni Sheth about her new book, <i>Unruly Women: Race, Neocolonialism, and the Hijab</i> , on the animosity faced by Muslim women in the U.S. We also hear from WAMC's Ashley Hupfl about how the overturning of Roe v. Wade could impact the country's already overburdened foster care system.
7/27	30:00	1722	On this week's 51%, we stop by a panel commemorating the 174th anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, and take a look at the status of women's rights. We also speak with Amanda Hunter, executive director of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, about how things are shaping up for women running in this fall's midterm elections.
8/3	30:00	1723	On this week's 51%, we stop by a panel commemorating the 174th anniversary of the Seneca Falls Convention, and take a look at the status of women's rights. We also speak with Amanda Hunter, executive director of the Barbara Lee Family Foundation, about how things are shaping up for women running in this fall's midterm elections.
8/10	30:00	1724	On this week's 51%, we're talking comfort food. We speak with food writer and chocolate expert Megan Giller of Chocolate Noise about her love of bean-to-bar chocolate, and how the craft is challenging the larger chocolate industry.
8/17	30:00	1725	On this week's 51%, we're highlighting women in the arts. We tune into a webinar discussing the importance of protecting the spaces where women create, and we also sit down with children's book writer and illustrator Jan Brett.
8/24	30:00	1726	On this week's 51%, we speak with UNC professor and author Dr. Sonya Ramsey about her new biography celebrating the life and accomplishments of educational activist Bertha Maxwell-Roddey, reflecting on the impact of educators and the power of Black leadership.
8/31	30:00	1727	On this week's 51%, we recognize Women's Equality Day and speak with Noreen Farrell, executive director of Equal Rights Advocates, about just where gender equality in the U.S. stands after the fall of Roe v. Wade.
9/7	30:00	1728	On this week's 51%, we speak with lifelong activist and former 9to5 Director Ellen Bravo and her husband, Larry Miller, about their new book <i>Standing Up: Tales of Struggle</i> , based on their personal experiences fighting for unionization and worker's rights.
9/14	30:00	1729	On this week's 51%, we speak with Drs. Elena Lister and Michael Schwartzman about their new book "Giving Hope: Conversations with Children About Illness, Death, and Loss," on how to discuss death and grief in a way that leaves kids feeling safe, supported, and resilient.
9/21	30:00	1730	On this week's 51%, we speak with gender expert Kate Mangino about her new book "Equal Partners: Improving Gender Equality at Home," on how couples can better balance household work and promote gender equality in their personal lives.
9/28	30:00	1731	On this week's 51%: how's your love life? We step into the office of Vanessa Bever, a licensed therapist with Capital District Marriage and Family Therapy in upstate New York, to learn how we can better communicate, make amends, and ground our relationships through couples counseling.