



QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAM REPORT 1ST QUARTER, 2024

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WESM 91.3 FM
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS

4th Quarter, 2023

- **All Things Considered** (Monday – Friday 4 – 6:30 PM, Saturday 5 – 6 PM): A mix of news, interviews, commentaries, reviews and offbeat features.
- **Latino USA** (Tuesdays at 8pm): A Latino-focused program reporting on Latino news and culture.
- **New Yorker Radio Hour** (Mondays 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show from WNYC
- **Freakonomics Radio Hour** (Tuesdays, 7-8pm) A weekly news magazine show that explores the hidden side of everything.
- **Marketplace** (Monday – Friday, 6:30 – 7 PM): A daily magazine of business and economics.
- **Morning Edition** (Weekdays, 5 – 9 AM): A morning news magazine with up-to-the-minute news, background analysis, commentary, and coverage of arts and sports.
- **On the Media** (Sunday, 3- 4 PM): A program focused on analyzing the media.
- **Left Right and Center** (Mondays at 8pm): Hosted by award-winning journalist David Greene, each weekly episode focuses on how to navigate tricky political and social issues and talking points.
- **Radiolab** (Thursdays, 7-8pm): A show that explores science, philosophy, and human experience.
- **Delmarva Today** (Fridays and Sundays at Noon): A weekly award-winning public affairs show that dives into the issues facing our local region here on the Delmarva Peninsula. Hosted by Don Rush and Bryan Russo.
- **Reveal** (Wednesdays, 7-8pm): A public radio program featuring investigative journalism.

REGULARLY SCHEDULED NEWS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS SHOWS (CONTINUED)

4th Quarter, 2023

- **Weekend Edition Saturday** (Saturday, 8 – 10 AM): A weekly program that wraps up the week's news and offers a mix of analysis and features on a wide range of topics, including arts, sports, entertainment, and human interest stories.
- **Weekend Edition Sunday** (Sunday, 10AM-12 PM): A weekly program featuring interviews with newsmakers, artists, scientists, politicians, musicians, writers, theologians and historians.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COMMUNITY

4th Quarter, 2023

BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & FINANCE

The Station considers the topic of business, and related issues, to be of considerable importance to our community. Business can take many forms within the broader economic landscape. From regulation to innovation, business touches all of our lives and continues to be the vital engine that drives growth for our region and our nation.

Global economic trends in the United States and Europe have caused instability in markets around the world, many of which were already weakened from the Great Recession of the recent past. These trends have had a direct impact on the U.S. economy – and consequently the lives of our listeners. WESM 91.3 FM has devoted a significant amount of programming addressing the issues of the economy and finance -- including topics related to housing, banking and monetary policy.

Poverty and economic inequality historically play a disproportionate role in rural and agricultural areas – including a large portion of the region served by WESM 91.3 FM.

EDUCATION

WESM 91.3 FM broadcasts programming that highlights the successes and failures of the educational system in the United States. We believe both public education and higher education to be topics of importance to our listeners, and an important community issue which we are addressing via this programming.

IMMIGRATION & REFUGEES

Immigration continues to be another important topic of public discourse. The continuing political discourse on immigration has far-reaching effects in every part of the country, including the areas served by WESM 91.3 FM.

RACE & CULTURE

Given the large numbers of minority groups that live and work in the Eastern Shore region, as well as surrounding areas, WESM 91.3 FM remains committed to addressing topics of concern to under-represented minority groups. The Station has striven to provide this coverage by offering programming that highlights issues that directly affect minority groups in the U.S.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

The local communities of the Delmarva Peninsula have, in some cases, chronic illnesses that rate higher than the national average.

Story List

1-1-24 to 3-31-24

3-29-24 Feature: Bryan Russo looks at new agreement between Salisbury University and NASA (4:00)

3-28-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Raye-Vallion Gillette, curator and folklife special for Salisbury University's Museum of the Eastern Shore, about the approach it is taking to the collection after the movement from the Ward Museum building. (4:00)

3-27-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with WYPR news director Matt Bush about collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge (4:00)

3-26-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal staff writer Jeremy Cox about the new Frederick Douglass park (4:00)

3-25-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Naomi Mathis with Disabled American Veterans on increasing suicide rate for women vets. (4:00)

3-22-24 Essay: Michael O'Loughlin on the future of the GOP (4:00)

3-21-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler with the Bayh Journal about lawsuit against new restrictions on striped bass. (4:00)

3-20-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with former executive director of the Ward Museum about her proposal for the state to take over the decoy collection (4:00)

3-19-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Palmer about his new book, "Seek Higher Ground" looking at the flooding of the nation's rivers. (4:00)

3-15-24 Feature: Nathanael Miller on Students and Public Safety (4:00)

3-8-24 Feature: Bryan Russo talks with Charlie Vincent, an organizer for Do More 24 Delaware on raising over \$2 million last year for local non-profits in First State. (4:00)

2-28-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler on new numbers for the oyster population. (4:00)

2-27-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Wicomico County Public Schools Superintendent Micah Stauffer about district joining lawsuit against

media companies over mental health issues for students. (4:00)

2-26-24 Feature: Nathanael Miller talks with SU Students about privacy and social media. (4:00)

2-25-24 Essay: Michael O'Loughlin on UAW endorsement of Biden and the future of organized labor. (4:00)

2-20-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Lauren Hines-Acosta, staff writer for the Bay Journal about concerns over declining menhaden population. (4:00)

2-16-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Steve Cotrell, president of the Delaware Audubon Society about lawsuit to protect the Red Knot. (4:00)

2-15-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal Editor-at-Large Karl Bankenship about the appointment of Martha Shimkin, director of the Chesapeake Bay Program. (4:00)

2-14-24 Interview: Bryan Russo talks with BBC Wiltshire host Sue Davies about World Radio Day. (4:00)

2-14-24 Feature: Nathanael Miller talks with SU students on presidential election match up of Biden vs. Trump. (4:00)

2-13-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Len Lazarick, founding editor and publisher of the marylandreporter.com on Hogan bid for the Senate. (4:00)

2-12-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Dr. Wendy Mobley-Buckstein, associate professor at Drake University about over the counter medicines that contain acetaminophen. (4:00)

2-9-24 Essay: Michael O'Loughlin on the conflict in the Gaza Strip. (4:00)

2-8-24 Feature: Don Rush reports on Maryland Governor's state of the state address. (4:00)

2-8-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with MPT news anchor Jeff Salkin about MD governor's state of the state address. (4:00)

2-7-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Jamie DeMarco, MD director fo the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, on decision by Orsted to withdraw from financial agreement with MD officials on offshore wind project. (4:00)

2-5-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Darin McCann, executive editor and co-founder of Coastal Point on 20th anniversary of the paper. (4:00)

2-2-24 Interview: Bryan Russo talks with the Dispatch's publisher and editor Steve Green and Stewart Dobson, publisher and editor of OC Today, in this excerpt from this week's Delmarva Today about merger of the papers. (4:00)

2-1-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Nazanin Ash, CEO of Welcome US & Leslie Sperry with Beacon Heights Welcoming Group about state department refugee program. (4:00)

1-31-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal about effort to place more emphasis on living shorelines. (4:00)

1-30-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about the Bethany Police chief and a subordinate being fired over allegations of misuse of funds.

1-29-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Dr. Mona Amin about precautions for flu season. (4:00)

1-26-24 Essay: Michael O'Loughlin on Trump victory in New Hampshire primary. (4:00)

1-24-24 Interview. Don Rush talks with Pamela Masson with the Chesapeake Bay Program's Wetland Workgroup about net increase in wetlands. (4:00)

1-23-24 Interview. Don Rush talks with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about the Maryland Department of the Environment issuing 70 new advisories warning anglers of forever chemicals in fish. (4:00)

1-22-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Pamela Andrews, president of the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, about 1-her new book, "Lime Wars: A Love Story." (4:00)

1-19-24 Interview. Don Rush talks with Mike Dunn, president of the Greater Salisbury Committee, on revisions to the liquor dispensary regulations in Wicomico County. (4:00)

1-18-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal associate editor and senior writer Tim Wheeler about Maryland structural budget shortfall while Virginia mulls financial issues after withdrawing from a regional environmental compact. (4:00)

1-10-24 Interview: Don Rush talks with Bay Journal reporter Jeremy Cox about plans to build up the salt marshes surrounding Deal Island and what that could mean for the Saltmarsh Sparrow. (4:00)

1-9-24 Interview:: Don Rush Maryland Reporter.com founder Len Lazarick about the 446th session of General Assembly in Maryland, which runs from January 10 to April 8, 2024. (4:00)

3-29-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with WYPR news director Matt Bush about the collapse of the Francis Scott Key bridge. (13:15)

3-29-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Knupp hit and run case & defeat of Cape Henlopen referendum (18:49)

3-29-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Len Lararick, founding editor and publisher of marylandreporter.com about budget and legislative session. (5-:45)

3-29-24 Delmarva Today Host Bryan Russo looks at new agreement between Salisbury University and NASA (9:41)

3-29-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with photographer Benjamin Dimmitt about his pictorial look at the death of wetlands in his new book, "Unflinching Look: Edge of Wetlands." (16:45)

3-22-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Maryland Secretary for Housing and Community Development on housing legislation in Annapolis. (29:13)

3-22-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Tim Palmer about his new book "Seek Higher Ground" on the flooding of the nation's rivers. (29:00)

3-22-24 Delmarva Today Host Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Cape Henlopen referendum and new Delaware gun permit law. (10:33)

3-15-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Salisbury University students about how to become a philosopher. (14:00)

3-15-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo looks at the experience of Latinos on Delmarva (45:00)

3-8-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Amber Green, chair of TRUTH and advisory commission about city lynching apology. (13:12)

3-8-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Steve Green, editor of OC Today and Chip Choquette, editor of Pocomoke Arrowhead, on questions surrounding safety of students in Worcester County Public Schools. (18:27)

3-8-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo on Delmarva Public Media Partnership with KT Tuminello on local musical talent. (26:48)

2-23-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with film maker John Waters who will attend the OC Film Festival (20:00)

2-23-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Amy Friedman, co-editor and founder of POPS the Club about the new anthology of young people who have had relatives in jail. (16:23)

2-23-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks explores the history of The Germantown School that was part of the Rosenwald Rural School

Building in Berlin. (11:00)

2-16-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with film maker John Waters who will be attending the OC Film Festival. (8:40)

2-16-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Julie Schablitsky, chief archeologist for the Maryland Department of Transportation, on the new documentary series about slavery on the Eastern Shore. (20:00)

2-16-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Len Lazarick, founding editor and publisher of marylandreporter.com Larry Hogan's announcement that he will run the U.S. Senate in Maryland. (10:13)

2-16-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with student about the upcoming, Rock-and-Roll Revival at JM Bennett High School. (9:10)

2-16-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Chincoteague Island Theatre Company founder Lexi Hubb about the biggest production yet. (10:15)

2-9-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora about Selbyville tax hike and other Delaware issues. (12:36).

2-9-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Monica Brooks, president of the Wicomico County Branch of the NAACP on efforts to get Salisbury to apologize for lynchings. (20:00)

2-9-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with James DeMarco, Maryland director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and Dave Wilson, Maryland development director for US Wind about offshore wind plans for Delmarva coast line. (14:15)

2-8-24 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Jeff Salkin, news anchor for MPT on Governor's state of the state address. (9:57)

2-2-24 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on firing of Bethany Beach police chief and other issues. (24:00)

2-2-24 Delmarva Today: Host Bryan Russo talks with Dispatch publisher Steve Green and OC Today editor Stewart Dobson about the merger of their papers. (24:00)

2-2-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Tim Wheeler, associate editor and senior writer for the Bay Journal about effort to place more emphasis on living shorelines. (9:30)

1-26-24 Delmarva Today. Host Don Rush talks with Pamela Mason, Chesapeake Bay Program's Wetland Workgroup and Doug Myers, Maryland senior scientist with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, on net gain in wetlands. (31:00)

1-26-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on Maryland and Delaware state budgets and offshore wind hearing. (14:45)

1-26-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Megan Outten, Lower Shore Progressive Caucus, on efforts to enshrine abortion rights in Maryland state constitution. (11:00)

1-19-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on legislative sessions in Maryland and Delaware and battle over offshore wind. (13:30)

1-19-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Pam Andrews, president of the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, about her new book, "Lime Wars: A Love Story." (18:55)

1-19-24 Delmarva Today: The University of Maryland Eastern Shore announced a new Veterinary School of Medicine. Host Bryan Russo talks with Moses Kairo, dean of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, about the project. Then, WSCL is airing a new program "Sounds of Cinema." Host Bryan Russo talks with Nathan Hartman, assistant professor in Salisbury University's Communications Department, about the idea behind the program. (26:00)

1-12-24 Delmarva Today: Host Don Rush talks with Executive Editor Wilson Wyatt, Poetry Editor Anne Colwell, Fiction Senior Editor Harold Wilson and Fiction Co-Editor Lee Slate about the latest edition of Delmarva Review. (39:00)

1-5-24 Delmarva Today: Don Rush talks with Coastal Point reporter Susan Canfora on Millsboro redistricting debate, GOP Candidate who kept seat and the annual Penguin Swim. (19:00)