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ARTS

The ‘wild rumpus’ continues: Maurice Sendak’s legacy lives on at Ridgefield Foundation
3/14/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

Maurice Sendak is often celebrated for his contributions to children’s book art. You’re likely familiar with *Where The Wild Things Are*, or even *Higglety Pigglety Pop*. But in the late artist’s own words, "I do not believe that I have ever written a children's book. I do not know how to write a children’s book. How do you set out to write a children’s book?" This hour, we’re exploring the [Maurice Sendak Foundation](#) in Ridgefield, where Sendak lived for forty years. There, the many layers of his artistic legacy live on, with the help of the experts and friends who knew and loved him best. We hear from them. Twelve years after the artist's passing, the Foundation and HarperCollins are releasing [Ten Little Rabbits](#).

POLITICS

The role of the media in 2024 U.S. Presidential Election
3/13/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

2024 is shaping up to be an unprecedented year. From [record levels of disinformation](#) to a presidential candidate spending more time in court than on the campaign trail, democracy hangs in the balance. This hour, we’re holding up a mirror and asking: how should the press cover the upcoming presidential election?

ENVIRONMENT

How the artist captures climate change
3/12/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

Around the globe, artists are using their mediums to show [how climate change is impacting our planet](#). Today, we’re exploring the [convergence of art and science](#). We'll be talking with artists using their craft to have conversations about the environment. Earlier this year, [Where We Live talked about how snow loss is impacting our ecosystems and community here in Connecticut](#). Today, we hear from Lynn Cazabon, the artist behind the [multidisciplinary project “Losing Winter,”](#) who will join us from Australia. But first up, we’re hearing from the Mattatuck Museum. The exhibit [“Sea Change | See Change”](#) is raising awareness of how climate change is impacting our oceans.

TRANSPORTATION

CT’s “Aerospace Alley” celebrates the state’s aviation past and future
2/2/2024 9:00am 49 mins

[Throughout history, our state has made some big contributions to aviation technology](#). Today, we’re talking about the history and [future of aviation in our state](#). We hear from some aviation enthusiasts who’s love of all things plane is going to make you soar. [The New England Air Museum houses some unbelievable vintage aircrafts](#). We hear from them. And we hear from someone with experience flying in some of these vintage aircrafts. If flying in a vintage plane is

not your speed, there are more ways you can tap into your inner pilot. There are many model plane clubs here in all four corners of Connecticut. We learn how you can get involved.

HEALTH

A sit-down with Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani

2/22/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

This hour, we sit down with Connecticut Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani to tackle a range of topics and questions, including what's on your mind. How have you fared this flu season? What questions about COVID-19, or long COVID, do you have? According to [data from the Census Bureau](#), 23% of adults in Connecticut who tested positive for COVID-19 have experienced symptoms lasting longer than three months. We also discuss [recent reports about possible changes in guidance from the CDC](#), reported shortages in [mental health services for kids](#), implementation of Connecticut's health care worker ratio law, and more.

ISRAEL-GAZA WAR

Unpacking the calls for a 'cease-fire' in Gaza, locally and beyond

3/7/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

In late January, [Reuters reported](#) that "some 70 U.S. cities, including Chicago and Seattle, have passed resolutions on the Israel-Gaza war," with the majority calling for a cease-fire. Several Connecticut city and town councils have considered resolutions calling for an immediate cease-fire in Gaza. Coming up, we discuss the significance of these local resolutions with Eddy Martinez, Connecticut Public breaking news reporter. University of Hartford politics and government expert Bilal Sekou also weighs in, along with Dartmouth University professor of government Dr. Nadia Brown. But first, NPR national security correspondent Greg Myre discusses the significance of Vice President Kamala Harris' announcement that an immediate, six-week cease-fire was "on the table," and the very latest around diplomatic negotiations.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

I downloaded my soulmate: Stories of love and AI

2/8/2024 10:00AM 49 minutes

In the 2013 movie "Her," Joaquin Phoenix falls in love with a computer operating system, voiced by Scarlett Johansson. Skip forward over 10 years, and people are now creating their own AI chatbot partners via apps like Nomi and Replika. Today, a sexologist gives this new kind of relationship some context, and we meet two people whose lives were changed by these meaningful partnerships. Plus, Chion tries it out for herself. Hear actual transcripts (only lightly edited for radio) of what she and her AI girlfriend, Charlotte, said as they developed a surprisingly charming and insightful bond.

BUSINESS

With opioid settlement dollars flooding Connecticut, what will equity and fairness look like?

1/8/2024 1:00PM 49 minutes

How will Connecticut spend the \$600 million dollars in opioid settlement dollars coming to the state in the coming years? How can equity and fairness be measured? This hour, we hear from advocates in our region who are working to reframe how we talk about and treat the opioid epidemic.

HISTORY

A look at one of our most forgotten presidents: Chester A. Arthur

3/6/2024 1:00PM 49 minutes

This hour is all about America's 21st president, Chester A. Arthur, who took office after President James Garfield was assassinated. We look at Arthur's life and legacy and at what happens when someone unexpectedly takes over the highest office in the land.

SCIENCE/TECH

Invisible and essential, scanning through the history and impact of barcodes

2/22/2024 1:00PM 49 minutes

Barcodes are everywhere, and they helped to shape the world we live in. This hour, we'll look at the history and impact of barcodes. Plus, we'll look at the rise of QR code menus and tickets, and talk about what we might gain and lose as we move away from physical objects to digital ones.

LANGUAGE

From 'Lord of the Rings' to 'Dune,' a look at the world of constructed languages

3/27/2024 1:00PM 49 mins

Constructed languages have existed in popular culture for a long time, but they've reached a new level of ubiquity today. This hour, we talk with professional conlangers who have created languages for *Game of Thrones*, *Dune*, and many other worlds. We'll learn about the art of constructing languages, and the appeal of learning one of them.

EDUCATION

The FAFSA, student loans and untangling the state of financial aid

3/1/2024 9:00AM 49 minutes

Applying for financial aid is no easy task. Whether you're the parent or the incoming student. [And a new FAFSA form hasn't made things any easier.](#) The online FAFSA form - or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid was recently updated. [But it's come with a lot of glitches causing headaches for students and parents alike.](#) Today on Where We Live, we talk about what's happening with this form and how universities are responding. [We'll also talk about how some universities here in Connecticut are working to eliminate student loans from their financial aid packages.](#)

RACE

The women who shaped the Civil Rights Movement haven't always been recognized

3/20/2024 2:00PM 49 minutes

This week on Disrupted, we learn about two women who played important roles in the Civil Rights Movement. Historian Tanisha C. Ford wrote about Mollie Moon, a fundraiser in the 1940s, in her new book '[Our Secret Society: Mollie Moon and the Glamour, Money, and Power Behind the Civil Rights Movement](#)',. Later in the show, we'll listen back to our conversation about New Haven's Constance Baker Motley. She was the first Black woman to become a federal judge in the U.S.

SPORTS

Our 14th* (almost) annual March Madness show

3/21/2024 1:00PM 49 minutes

This hour on The Colin McEnroe Show, it's our annual March Madness show, where we get an improv comedian and the actual Bill Curry together to talk basketball for an hour

FOOD

How to savor chocolate, plus bars you can feel good about buying

2/12/2024 2:00PM 49 minutes

This week on Seasoned, we're spending the hour talking about—and tasting—chocolate. We'll get a history lesson and follow cacao's journey from a bitter drink for wealthy Aztecs to the delicious thing it is today. Plus, if you care about where your food comes from and how it impacts the people who grow and harvest it, as well as the planet, we're recommending four chocolate bars that are certified organic, [Fair Trade](#) and [Fair for Life](#).

NATIVE AMERICANS

Seasoned heads to the forest for local maple syrup

3/20/2024 2:00PM 49 mins

It's maple syrup season! We visit [The Independent Day School](#) in Middlefield where students learn the art and science of maple syrup-making starting in kindergarten. And, when Seasoned spoke to [James Beard Award-winning chef Sherry Pocknett](#) this past summer, she told us that the maple syrup coming out of the [Mashantucket Sugar Shack](#) was "the best in all the land." Of course, that made us want to see, smell and taste for ourselves. Producer Tagan Engel takes a walk in the forest to visit the maple sugar operation guided by Jeremy Whipple, a member of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and executive director of the Tribal Department of Agriculture.