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ISSUES/PROGRAMS LIST

2nd Quarter-2023

(April 1 through June 30, 2023)

COMPLIED BY John Ramsey, General Manager

THE FOLLOWING IS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY WWUH, WEST HARTFORD, CT ALONG WITH SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMMING TREATMENT OF THOSE ISSUES FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE. ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN TIME.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 11, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Saurav Sarkar

ISSUE(S): Labor

DESCRIPTION: This week on CounterSpin: Former President Donald Trump was arrested this week, but we're going to talk about another kind of crime: the slow, steady drip drip of crime that doesn't leap out to reporters—the day-to-day crushing of workers' attempts to organize themselves to have a voice in the workplace, not just about their pay, but their well-being and their dignity. Crushing those attempts to work together is against the law—but it's not the sort of crime that elite media seem able to identify. And it's much harder to fight when the law-breaking megacorporation is as media-savvy and faux progressive as Starbucks.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 18, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Steve Wamhoff, Dean Baker, Jeremie Greer and Michael Mechanic.

ISSUE(S): Taxation, the economy.

DESCRIPTION: Taxes: Who Pays and What For?

It is tax season in the US, when some of us wonder why the government, which knows how much we earn, requires us to guess, with the threat of prison if we guess wrong. And leads some of us to ponder what we get in return for our resources—streets and stop signs, to be sure, but also wars and wheelbarrows of money doled out those who already have plenty.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 25, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Rachel K. Jones on Mifepristone, Donna Murch on Rutgers Labor Action

ISSUE(S): Medicine, prescription drugs.

DESCRIPTION: The Supreme Court has briefly punted their decision on restricting access to medication abortion drug mifepristone. The American Medical Association said that the recent ruling by a Texas federal judge revoking the FDA's approval of mifepristone, which has been in widespread use for more than two decades, "flies in the face of science and evidence and threatens to upend access to a safe and effective drug." For the Washington Post, that's part of a "confusing legal battle"—but for the majority of people, including doctors, it's not confusing, just frightening. We'll hear from Rachel K. Jones, research scientist at Guttmacher Institute.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 2, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Jen Senko

ISSUE(S): Hate speech.

DESCRIPTION: The grandson of the elderly white man who shot a Black teenager in the head for ringing his doorbell told the Kansas City Star that their relationship had unraveled as his grandfather began watching “Fox News all day, every day,” and sank into a “24-hour news cycle of fear, of paranoia.” Those words had a poignant resonance for many people who feel they’ve lost family members and friends to a kind of cult, that’s not secret, but pumped into the airwaves every day. Hate-fueled and hate-fueling media have political and historical impacts—and interpersonal, familial ones as well.

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TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 9, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Chris Lehmann on Debt Ceiling Myths,
Kyle Wiens on Right to Repair's Moment

ISSUE(S): The debt ceiling, government,
technology, right to repair.

DESCRIPTION: Economist James Galbraith wrote a few months ago: "It is in the nature of articles about the debt ceiling that no matter how often one tries to set the record straight, nothing ever gets through." Elite media's fundamental misrepresentation of the debt ceiling would be troubling enough if it were just a bad history lesson. But current Republican brinkmanship could have devastating impacts for millions of people—along with the harm to public understanding of what's actually going on. We hear concerns about the process and the coverage from Chris Lehmann, DC bureau chief at The Nation, and contributing editor at the Baffler and the New Republic.

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TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 16, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Ian Millhiser

ISSUE(S): Supreme Court Corruption

DESCRIPTION: USA Today reported that, “as it heads into the final stretch of its current term, the Supreme Court is on defense following a series of revelations about gifts, property sales and disclosure.” That, you might say, is putting it mildly. The recent revelations are not about trinkets, but millions of dollars’ worth of benefits, vacations, jobs—and not from nowhere in particular, but from powerful parties with express interest in shaping the Court’s decision-making. “Disclosure,” in this instance, is another word for democracy—people’s right to know (and act upon the knowledge of) what, besides their votes, is influencing the laws that shape their lives.

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TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 23, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Cody Bloomfield

ISSUE(S): The environment, the law, law enforcement

DESCRIPTION: Do you care about environmental degradation? Then you care about Cop City. Do you care about violent overpolicing of Black and brown communities? Then you care about Cop City. Do you care about purportedly democratic governance that overrides the actual voice of the people? Then you care about Cop City.

But be aware: Your concern about Cop City, and its myriad impacts and implications, may get you labeled a domestic terrorist. The official response to popular resistance to the militarized policing facility being created on top of the forest in Atlanta, Georgia, is an exemplar of how some officials fully intend to bring all powers to which they have access, and to create new powers, to treat anyone who stands in opposition to whatever they decide they want to do as enemies of the state, deserving life-destroying prison sentences. So if your thoughts about Cop City don't motivate you, think about your right to protest anything at all.

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DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 30, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Eric Thurm

ISSUE(S): Labor.

DESCRIPTION: Going on strike is something that people with no personal experience are comfortable depicting as frivolous and selfish. That extends to many corporate news reporters, who appear unable to present a labor action as other than, first and foremost, an unwonted interruption of a natural order. However else they explain the issues at stake, or humanistically portray individual strikers, the overarching narrative is that workers are pressing their luck, and that owners who make their money off the efforts of those workers are not to be questioned.

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TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: June 6, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Jeff Chang & Jeannie Park

ISSUE(S): Affirmative action.

DESCRIPTION: Corporate media have never been the right place to look for thoughtful, inclusive consideration of affirmative action. For them it's an "issue," a political football, rather than a long effort to address the real historical and ongoing discrimination against non-white, non-male people in multiple aspects of US life.

But when it comes to the role that anti-discrimination, pro-equity efforts have had on Asian-American communities, there are particular layers of mis- and disinformation that benefit from exploring. Listeners will know that Asian-American students are being used as the face of attempts to eliminate affirmative action or race-consciousness in college admissions. It looks like the Supreme Court will rule on a watershed case this month. We talk about it with writer and cultural critic Jeff Chang, author of *We Gon' Be Alright: Notes on Race and Resegregation*, among other titles.

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TITLE: Counterspin

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: June 13, 2023

TIME: 12:30pm

GUEST(S): Tauhid Chappell and Evan Greer

ISSUE(S): Cannabis Justice, Kids Safety Act.

DESCRIPTION: This country has a long history of weaponizing drug laws against Black and brown communities. Harry Anslinger, the first commissioner of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, ran an anti-marijuana crusade in the 1930s, saying, “Reefer makes darkies think they’re as good as white men.” Concerns are justified about what the legalization, and profitizing, of marijuana means for the people and communities most harmed by its criminalization. We hear about that from Tauhid Chappell, founder of the Philadelphia CannaBusiness Association

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TITLE: Making Contact

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 11, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): Grand Juries, the Black Box of Justice Reform

DESCRIPTION: Grand juries are supposed to safeguard against the government charging people with a crime when it lacks sufficient evidence. But because prosecutors control what happens in grand jury proceedings, they almost always get an indictment....

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TITLE: Making Contact

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 4, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): Banking

DESCRIPTION: What the SVB Failure Teaches us About Investment Banking. The Silicon Valley Bank collapse brings with it memories of the wider 2008 economic crisis. Jeet Heer and John Nichols from

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TITLE: Making Contact

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 27, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): Self managed abortion.

DESCRIPTION: Since Roe V. Wade was overturned last summer, it's harder than ever to access abortion services. But it's never been easy in the rural midwest and southern states, even when Roe was the law of the land.

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TITLE: Making Contact

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 21, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): Railroads, environment.

DESCRIPTION: A look at the environmental impact of the rail industry and hear from people in two communities currently impacted by rail-related contamination.

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DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 13, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): Art.

DESCRIPTION: “Saltwater Soundwalk”: Indigenous Audio Tour of Seattle. Produced by Jenny Asarnow and Rachel Lam, this rhythmic, watery audio experience, streams of stories that ebb and flow, intermixing English...

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DATE: April 6, 2023

TIME: 7:30pm

GUEST(S): Various

ISSUE(S): A.I., Space Exploration.

DESCRIPTION: A new philosophy steeped in the ideas of Artificial Intelligence, space colonization, and the long-term survival of the human species is gaining ground among the wealthy.

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TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: June 9, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Author Nat Segaloff

ISSUE(S): Cinema, art.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 297: Revisting 'The Towering Inferno'

Phil Hall recalls the glory days of the 1970s disaster films via an interview with Nat Segaloff, author of "More Fire! The Building of The Towering Inferno.

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TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: June 2, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Historian Ben Model

ISSUE(S): History, cinema, music.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 296: The Sound of Silent Films. In this episode, Phil Hall interviews Ben Model, the silent film preservationist / historian / music score composer whose Undercrank Productions has been responsible for introducing long-unseen silent cinema classics.

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TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 26, 2023

TIME: 12:00 pm

GUEST(S): Author Steve Matteo

ISSUE(S): Music, cinema.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 295: The Beatles on Film. Phil Hall rolls up for an interview with Steve Matteo, author of the new book “Act Naturally: The Beatles on Film.” The episode can be heard here.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 19, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Author Diane M. Height

ISSUE(S): Travel, education, writing.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 294: An American in Mongolia. Phil Hall interviews Diane M. Height, author of “A Mongolian Memoir,” a new book that details Ms. Height’s unusual adventure living and teaching for five years in Ulaanbaatar.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 12, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Felix Vasquez Jr.,

ISSUE(S): Art, literature.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 293: The Bugs Bunny Experience. Phil Hall discusses 85 years of Bugs Bunny cartoons with Felix Vasquez Jr., publisher and editor of Cinema Crazy.

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Q2, 2023

TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: May 5, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Pastor Dean Strong

ISSUE(S): Law enforcement, literature, religion.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 292: A Bible and a Badge. Phil Hall interviews Dean Strong, a former police officer and pastor of New Beginnings Worship Center in Cynthiana, Kentucky, who has authored the new autobiography.

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TITLE: Nutmeg Chatter

DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 26, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): John Stoj

ISSUE(S): The economy, financial planning.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 291: A Few Words About Financial Planning. Phil Hall considers the state of the economy and its impact on the monetary health of Americans with guest John Stoj, founder and president of Verbatim Financial. The episode [...]

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DUR: 30 Min

DATE: April 19, 2023

TIME: 12:00pm

GUEST(S): Author Geno Cuddy

ISSUE(S): Cinema.

DESCRIPTION: Episode 290: The Glory Days of the B-Westerns. Phil Hall looks back at the B-Westerns of the 1930s and 1940s with Geno Cuddy, author of the Western Wednesdays column on the Cinema Crazed website (www.cinema-crazed.com).

Additional related programming that aired during this quarter:

Alternative Radio, a weekly 60-minute program dealing with national and international issues aired Mondays at 12 noon.

Gay Spirit, a 30 minute program dealing with gay and lesbian issues, aired weekly on Thursdays at 8:30pm throughout the quarter.

This Way Out, a 30 minute program dealing with gay and lesbian issues, aired weekly on Thursdays at 8:30pm throughout the quarter.

TUC Radio, a 30 minute program dealing with politics and technology aired weekly on Fridays at 12:30 throughout the quarter.

Radio Ecoshock, a 60-minute weekly program dealing with the environment, aired on Mondays at 8pm.

51%, a 30 minute program which aired weekly at 12 noon on Tuesdays and dealt with women's issues.

Sea Change Radio, a 30-minute weekly program dealing with various political, cultural, environmental and scientific issues, aired weekly, Wednesdays, at 12:30pm.

Exploration, a weekly 60-minute weekly, science and technology program produced by Dr. Michio Kaku, aired Tuesdays at 8pm.

In addition to the above, WWUH aired the following segments during this quarter:

Earthwise, a 2 minute, daily program dealing with environmental and climate issues that ran 3-4 times each day, Monday through Friday during the quarter.

Birdnote, a 2-minute, daily program dealing with birds and nature that ran 3-4 times each day, Monday through Friday, during this quarter.

Sharon Audubon Report, a 2:30 weekly program dealing with nature and the environment that ran several times each day in November and December.

This Week In CT History, a 30 second daily segment dealing with the state's history aired throughout the quarter.