

# WPKN

## Community Issues Report

### Year: 2023

### 3rd Quarter: July, August, September

The following list of WPKN programs represents the station's most significant treatment of community issues during this quarter:

#### **Barricada**

Day/Time: Saturday/11 AM

Duration: 2 hours

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

#### **Series Description**

Host John Lugo and others cover public affairs and cultural issues of interest to the Latin community locally and around the world. The program is in Spanish.

#### ***Series description in Spanish:***

Somos un equipo de trabajo, multiétnico, organizadores comunitarios que buscamos a través de Barricada, llegar a la comunidad latina con un mensaje alternativo. Nuestra meta es crear una red transnacional de noticias para llevar semanalmente a nuestra audiencia lo más reciente de los sucesos por los que atraviezan nuestros pueblos. Esos que están al sur, al otro lado de la frontera.

#### **Band Central Radio**

Day/Time: 4th Monday

Duration: 12 noon

Frequency: 1 hour

Origin: local

**Series Description**

Rob Fried hosts the Band Central Radio (*formerly Band Together Radio*) show on WPKN, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, 12 Noon to 1 PM with talk, music, & interviews with special guests.

**Between the Lines**

Day/Time: Thursday/6:30 AM & repeated at 8 PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

WPKN's award winning *Between the Lines*, hosted by Scott Harris, provides the community a substantive progressive alternative to corporate news on a wide range of subjects including war, health care, and free trade. The program serves as a networking resource for communities fighting for social justice here in the U.S. and around the world. Every interview segment features phone numbers and websites to facilitate contact between our audience and groups taking a stand on critical issues of the day.

**The Briefing**

Day/Time: Tuesday through Friday

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: National

**Series Description**

A round-up of the day's main news stories, anchored from London by a Monocle Radio news editor. The show features "informed reporting, prescient business analysis and invaluable industry reports covering everything from technology to aviation and retail to media."

**Cosmic Perspective**

Day/Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday/10AM

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

In this science series, host Andy Poniros, a longtime space enthusiast, examines the past, present and future of space exploration. He also encourages local space enthusiasts to explore the heavens with their own telescopes trained on the night sky.

**Series issues:** space exploration, astronomy, new technology

### ***Counterpoint***

Day/Time: Monday/8 PM

Duration: 2 hours

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

In his series *Counterpoint*, host Scott Harris conducts in-depth interviews on a wide range of political, economic and social topics with individuals and representatives of organizations not ordinarily accessible to the community in the mainstream media.

### **Episodes**

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) Mel Goodman, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, author and former CIA analyst, discusses his recent article "Has the Putin-Prigozhin Confrontation Opened a Door for Negotiation?" -- an analysis that flies in the face of conventional wisdom in Washington.
- 2) Risa Lieberwitz, general counsel with the American Association of University Professors and professor of labor and employment law at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations assesses the US Supreme Court ruling that ended affirmative action in college admissions across the U.S.
- 3) Ahmed White, professor of law at the University of Colorado, Boulder talks about his new book, "Under the Iron Heel: The Wobblies and the Capitalist War on Radical Workers," a dramatic, deeply researched account of how legal repression and vigilantism brought down the Wobblies — and how the destruction of their union haunts us to this day.
- 4) Kristin McGuire, executive director of the group Young Invincibles, discusses the Supreme Court ruling blocking student debt relief and the group's position on how President Biden should respond.

Monday, July 3 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Arms Control Association talks about his group's position that the Biden Administration's transfer of cluster munitions to Ukraine is wrong.
- 2) Jon Schwarz, senior writer with the Intercept and First Look Media, discusses President Biden's nomination of Elliott Abrams to the bipartisan United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. Schwarz is the author of the article "Elliott Abrams, Trump's Pick to Bring Democracy to Venezuela, Has Spent His Life Crushing Democracy."
- 3) Ben Burgis, a Jacobin magazine columnist, adjunct philosophy professor at Rutgers University, and author of several books, most recently "Christopher Hitchens: What He Got Right, How He Went Wrong, and Why He Still Matters," discusses his recent article, "Biden Is Wrong: The Supreme Court Is Already 'Politicized.'"
- 4) Aziz Dehkan, executive director and Allison Pilcher, policy director with the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, assess the recently-ended Connecticut legislative session, their wins and losses, and the group's legislative agenda going forward.

Monday, July 10 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) David Pepper, former chair of the Ohio Democratic Party and author of the new book, "Saving Democracy: A User's Manual for Every American," discusses efforts to increase the threshold needed to amend the Ohio Constitution that many believe is motivated by the GOP goal of defeating proposed abortion access, minimum wage and anti-gerrymandering amendments.
- 2) Alex Press, a staff writer with Jacobin magazine who covers labor organizing, talks about her recent article, "Teamsters Are Close to the Largest Strike in Decades," and how the possible strike at UPS fits into what's happening across the country inside the reinvigorated U.S. labor movement.
- 3) Darsen Hover, a freelance writer and graduate student in journalism and international affairs at NYU's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, discusses her recent article, "The War on Climate Activism Is Reaching Dangerous New Heights."
- 4) Irving Zavaleta, national programs manager with Mi Familia Vota, discusses his group's efforts to keep Donald Trump, and other Republican politicians who were involved in the January 6th Capitol insurrection, off of election ballots in key states.

Monday, July 17 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

- 1) Phyllis Bennis, author and director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, talks about her recent Nation Magazine article, "On Israel and Palestine, US Electeds Are Out of Touch With Their Own Voters!" It explores changing views in the U.S. toward Israel and Palestine.
- 2) Joel Bleifuss, the editor and publisher of Barn Raising Media Inc., whose news site is focused on rural and small-town communities, discusses his recent article, "When

Moms for Liberty Cancelled a School Librarian's Mother's Day Lesson, Concerned Parents Fought Back," and his organization's mission.

3) Sulma Arias, People's Action executive director, discusses her recent article, "Democracy's Antidote to Authoritarianism: An Organizing Revival."

4) Nicole Carty, executive director of the activist group Get Free Together, discusses GFT's recent protest march and sit-in at the U.S. Capitol in opposition to recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings.

Monday, July 24 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Activist and author Jeff Cohen, founder of the media watch group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, talks about the risks involved in Joe Biden running for a second term and the prospects for a progressive and dynamic alternate candidate.

2) Linda Pentz Gunter, curator and editor with the group Beyond Nuclear, discusses her recent article, "Red Alert at Zaporizhzhia? Scenarios That Wouldn't Unfold at a Wind Farm."

3) Jamie Henn, a climate activist and director of Fossil Free Media, a nonprofit communications lab, discuss his recent article, "This Killer Heat Is Brought to You by Big Oil: It's Time for Fossil Fuel Giants to Pay Up."

4) Bruce Barrett, founder of I Wage Peace talks about 'Interfaith Service Day' in New Haven on Sunday, August 6th, bringing a diversity of people from religious and non-religious groups together on community service projects.

Monday, July 31 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Sasha Abramsky, author and regular contributor to The Nation magazine, discusses his recent article, "The Latest Trump Indictment Is the One That Really Counts."

2) Nadine Farid Johnson, managing director of PEN America Washington talks about the Pen America and Penguin Random House federal lawsuit that challenges the removal and restriction of books from libraries in the Escambia County, Florida school district and its wider implications.

3) James Risen, best-selling author and national security correspondent for The Intercept, discusses his article, "The Right's Anti-Vaxxers Are Killing Republicans."

4) Amy Wynn, executive director of the American Mural Project, which is the largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world, discusses the project's origins, contributing artists and opportunities to see the mural in Winsted, CT.

Monday, August 7 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Abdul Jabbar, emeritus professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, English, and World Literature at City College of San Francisco, discusses the Intercept's recent report "Secret Pakistan Cable Documents U.S. Pressure to Remove Imran Khan."

2) Chris Lehmann, the D.C. bureau chief for The Nation magazine, talks about his recent article, "The Press Can't Wait to Do 2016 All Over Again."

3) Benjy Renton, research assistant with Ariadne Labs at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, discusses the challenge of

securing reliable data on the spread of new COVID variants, and his work establishing the COVID-19 Metrics Dashboard for public health officials, physicians and researchers.

4) Thomas Meyer, strategic organizing projects director with Food and Water Watch, discusses efforts to organize The March to End Fossil Fuels this September 17th in New York City.

Monday, August 14 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics Executive Vice President and Chief Counsel Donald Sherman discusses the group's report, "The case for Donald Trump's disqualification under the 14th Amendment," with an update on the campaign to keep Donald Trump off the ballot across the country in the 2024 presidential election campaign.

2) Jonah Minkoff-Zern, co-director of Public Citizen's Democracy Campaign discusses the significance of the latest Georgia indictment of Donald Trump and 18 co-defendants and the Republican Party's condemnation of the charges as "politically motivated."

3) Marcy Winograd, coordinator of the Codepink Congress project and a co-producer of Codepink Radio, responds to the recent New York Times article "A Global Web of Chinese Propaganda Leads to a U.S. Tech Mogul," characterizing the article as a McCarthyite attack.

4) Rick Weiland, co-founder of TakeltBack.org and 2014 Democratic South Dakota U.S. Senate candidate, discusses his group's opposition to the House GOP's proposed American Confidence in Elections Act that establishes strict voter ID requirements, reduces early voting periods, and limits mail-in voting.

Monday, August 21 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Sarah Anderson, director of the Institute for Policy Studies' Global Economy Project, discusses her new report, "Executive Excess 2023," which finds that a group of large corporations have enriched shareholders with \$340 billion in stock buybacks since 2020 while insisting that they lack the resources to raise employee pay.

2) Peter Montgomery, managing director of People For The American Way's Right Wing Watch, examines what the group sees as the Republican Party's embrace of political violence.

3) Allan Nairn, an award-winning investigative journalist whose writing has focused on the dark side of U.S. foreign policy, talks about the landslide victory of Guatemalan presidential candidate Bernardo Arévalo in the nation's August 20th election -- and the danger ahead for him, given the nation's long history of brutal violence.

4) Liz Dupont-Diehl, associate director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group, discusses the request for double-digit rate hikes by health insurance companies in Connecticut and the Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority's recent decision to deny United Illuminating's electricity rate hike request.

Monday, August 28 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Steven Hassan, PhD, founding director of the Freedom of Mind Resource Center and author of several books including, "The Cult of Trump: A Leading Cult Expert Explains How the President Uses Mind Control," discusses Trump's continuing hold of Republican Party voters.

2) Dr. Kaitlyn Henderson, senior research adviser with Oxfam America's US Domestic Policy Program, talks about Oxfam's recent "Best States to Work" report, which identified states that have the most robust laws to mandate adequate wages, safe conditions, and rights to organize.

3) Cindy Folkers, radiation and health hazard specialist with the group Beyond Nuclear, discusses Japan's decision to release 350 million gallons of radioactive water into the Pacific Ocean, and her views of the dangers for human health and marine life and the international protocols that should be in place to prevent governments from polluting our oceans.

4) April M. Short, chief correspondent and writing fellow with Local Peace Economy, a project of the Independent Media Institute, talks about her recent article, "Why Is the Moneyless Economy Thriving in America?" with a focus on the Buy Nothing Project, which turned 10 years old in July of 2023.

**Monday, September 4 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).**

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Author and long time peace activist Norman Solomon, co-founder of RootsAction.org, talks about his new book, "War Made Invisible: How America Hides the Human Toll of its Military Machine," and, on this 12th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on the U.S., he'll discuss why he believes it's "time to reassess the war on terror."

2) Amanda Moore, a writer and researcher who focuses on far-right extremism, discusses her fascinating new Nation magazine article, "Undercover With the New Alt-Right For 11 months, I pretended to be a far-right extremist. I discovered a radical youth movement trying to infiltrate the Republican Party."

3) Paul Glaze, of the Vote to Stop Cop City Coalition, discusses the RICO indictment of 61 Stop Cop City activists in Atlanta and the city-wide referendum campaign to stop construction of the proposed \$90 million police training facility near Atlanta.

4) Evan Fritz of the Connecticut chapter of climate activist group 350.org, talks about the Sunday, Sept. 17th "March to End Fossil Fuels" in New York City and some transportation options for getting there.

**Monday, September 11 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).**

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris:

1) Matthew Cunningham-Cook and Lucy Dean Stockton discuss their recent Lever article, "Automakers Hand Billions To Shareholders While Stiffing Workers," and the current state of the U.S. labor movement.

- 2) Ruth Conniff, editor-in-chief of the Wisconsin Examiner examines the Republican-controlled Wisconsin Senate vote to fire the state's administrator of the nonpartisan Wisconsin Elections Commission, Meagan Wolfe.
- 3) Alan Minsky, executive director of Progressive Democrats of America, and Anthony Flaccavento, executive director of the Rural Urban Bridge, talk about their report, "A Rural New Deal," on rebuilding local economies across rural America.
- 4) Byron Belitsos, co-author of "One World Democracy: A Progressive Vision for Enforceable Global Law," talks about the International Day of Democracy with the aim of electing delegates to a Provisional World Parliament to be held next spring in Pondicherry, India.

Monday, September 18 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Mike Merli who is filling in for Scott Harris this week:

- 1) Svitlana Romanko, a Ukrainian environmental lawyer and climate justice activist, speaks about her organization Razom We Stand (Together We Stand), and how global fossil fuel usage funds Soviet aggression.
- 2) Gaylord Salters, community organizer and founder of Go Get It Publishing, speaks about his fight to end wrongful convictions in New Haven.
- 3) Stanley Heller, administrator of Promoting Enduring Peace, speaks about his group's work, as well as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's recent trip to the United States, where he met with political leaders and tech entrepreneurs, and was met with protests.

Monday, September 25 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

### **CounterSpin**

Day/Time: Monday/7:30 PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

### **Series Description**

*CounterSpin* provides a critical examination of the major stories every week, and exposes what the mainstream media might have missed in their own coverage. *CounterSpin* highlights biased and inaccurate news; censored stories; sexism, racism and homophobia in the news; the power of corporate influence; gaffes and goofs by leading TV pundits; TV news' narrow political spectrum; attacks on free speech; and more. The series is hosted by Janine Jackson, Steve Rendall and Peter Hart.

**Issues:** Fairness in the media and coverage of stories censored elsewhere.



### **Democracy Now!**

Day/Time: Monday through Friday @7pm

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: every weekday

Origin: national

#### **Series Description**

Hosts Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez cover national and international news from a progressive, non-corporate perspective. Special attention is given to human rights at home and abroad, war and peace issues and the environment.

**Issues:** national and international news, progressive politics, economics, human rights, peace activism, infringements on civil liberties

### **Digging in the Dirt**

Day/Time: 2nd Thursday of the month 12noon

Duration: half hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

#### **Series Description**

Host Kevin Gallagher covers all aspects of organic farming. His guests include soil experts, as well as, a variety of local farmers, community gardeners and other individuals who discuss how they grow nutritious food without toxic chemicals. Guests on “Digging in the Dirt” are Climate Change experts and activists, promoting organic and regenerative farming techniques, showing the way to grow healthier food in a way that respects the planet’s health. In addition to nationally known movers and shakers in this niche, Kevin loves to feature food authors, local farmers and gardeners pushing the envelope by encouraging us to take personal responsibility, as consumers and gardeners, toward the environment on our properties and urban lots. These guests give us methods, ideas and recipes for creating a better environment for people, our children, animals, insects and the plant life of our planet’s ecology — one backyard at a time.

#### **Episodes**

Kevin Gallagher’s guests on *Digging in the Dirt*: Jeff Masters, who worked as a hurricane scientist with the NOAA Hurricane Hunters from 1986-1990, has a Ph.D. in air

pollution meteorology from the University of Michigan, and who in 1995 co-founded the Weather Underground website. The subject is extreme weather. Then Dan Martens, vice president of Novamont, will discuss the extent of plastic pollution and how his company's compostable plastics can help. **Monday, July 24 at 5:00 PM.**

### **East End Ink**

Day/Time: 4th Wednesday/7:30pm

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

East End Ink is a monthly literary review based on Long Island's east end. The program is recorded at Canio's Books, 290 Main St in Sag Harbor and other venues on eastern Long Island.

### **Episodes**

*East End Ink:* Ecologist and author Carl Safina talks about his book "Becoming Wild: How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty and Achieve Peace." Recorded at Canios Books, Sag Harbor in June 2020. **Wednesday, July 26 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM and [archived](#).**

*East End Ink:* Author and former NYC medical examiner Barbara Butcher joins novelist A.M. Homes in conversation on Butcher's memoir, "What the Dead Know: Learning about Life as a NYC Death Investigator." **Wednesday, August 23 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

*East End Ink:* Helene Stapinski and Bonnie Sieglar talk about their book, "American Way: A True Story of Nazi Escape, Superman and Marilyn Monroe." In the book the publisher of DC Comics comes to the rescue of a family trying to flee Nazi Berlin, their lives linking up with a dazzling cast of 20th-century icons, all eagerly pursuing the American Dream. **Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

### **Economic Update**

Day/Time: Friday/6:30 AM & repeated at 8 PM

Duration: 1/2 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

### **Series Description**

Economist Dr. Richard Wolff reports and analyzes important recent economic developments in the U.S. and around the world. Dr. Wolff is Professor of Economics Emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Amherst where he taught economics from 1973 to 2008. He is currently a Visiting Professor in the School of International Affairs of the New School University, New York City.

### **Emotion Roadmap**

Day/Time: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays/noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: 3 times per month

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Host Chuck Wolfe tells how to manage emotions and emotional relationships.

**Issues:** emotions, personal psychology and their importance in your life, work and the other people and organizations relate to you.

### **First Voices-Indigenous Radio**

Day/Time: Tuesday/noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

### **Series Description**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse and others report on political and other important issues affecting Native Americans and other indigenous people. Tiokasin is from the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Nation of South Dakota and the bands of Itazipco/Mnicoujou and Oglala. He has been described as “a spiritual agitator, natural rights organizer, Indigenous thinking process educator and a community activator.”

**Series Issues:** political, social and economic issue of importance to indigenous people

### **Episodes**

*First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Miryam Yataco, a Quechua Peruvian-born language rights advocate and a sociolinguist. Her work is rooted in the idea of language rights as human rights. A former faculty member at New York University, she is currently a research associate at the Linguistic Department within Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima. **Tuesday, July 4 at 12:00 noon.**

This week on *First Voices Radio* hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse: In the first half-hour our guest is mycologist and founder of Catskill Fungi, John Michelotti, an instructor for the Wild Mushroom Food Safety Certification courses in NY who was chosen by the Catskill Center as a "Steward of the Catskills" for his contribution to the environment. Then we look at the fight for the Montaukett Indian Nation to be reinstated as a state-recognized tribe. Hofstra University graduate journalism student Cody Hmelar reports on some recent progress. **Tuesday, July 11 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - In the first half-hour, host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Elizabeth Woody, executive director of The Museum at Warm Springs, whose mission is to preserve, advance and share the traditions, cultural and artistic heritage of The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon. In 2016, she became the first Native American to be named Oregon's Poet Laureate. In the second half-hour, a discussion with Charles Lyons, about his article for the environmental news site Mongabay titled "Six months on, the Yanomami crisis continues amid rising violence," and Christian Poirier, a senior member of Amazon Watch and filmmaker (currently working on a documentary about former U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.) **Tuesday, July 18 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse spends the hour with Jonathan Gonzales and Christian Matute Sagbay. Gonzales has spent the last 12 years exploring ancestral living skills and ceremonial ways with teachers and elders to connect more deeply with his Indigenous Taino lineage. Sagbay, from Gualaceo, Ecuador, formerly kichwa/kañari territory, works in language justice, the evolving legal notion of respecting every individual's right to be able to communicate in the language in which they feel most articulate and powerful. **Tuesday, July 25 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Indigenous Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse - Darryl Leroux, associate professor in the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa, discusses his article, "State Recognition and the Dangers of Race Shifting," which was published in the latest issue of the journal *American Indian Culture and Research*. **Tuesday, August 1 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Steven T. Newcomb (Shawnee, Lenape), who is internationally recognized for his more than four decades of research and writing on the origins of federal Indian law and international law. They'll discuss the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, which was formally repudiated by the Vatican in March 2023. **Tuesday, August 8 at 12:00 noon.**

Sitting in for host Tiokasin Ghosthorse on *First Voices Radio* is Anne Keala Kelly (Kanaka Maoli,) an independent journalist, filmmaker and activist from Moku Nui on the Big Island of Hawaii. Keala speaks with Shannon O'Loughlin (Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma,) CEO and attorney for the Association on American Indian Affairs and a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University. **Tuesday, August 15 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Darlene and Willard Pipeboy, who share their knowledge of Lakota and Dakota wíchóhan (life ways). This interview was drawn from our 2003 archive. **Tuesday, August 22 at 12:00 noon.**

From the *First Voices Radio* archives: Russell Charles Means was an Oglala Lakota activist for the rights of Native Americans. He became a prominent member of the American Indian Movement and helped organize notable events that attracted national and international media coverage. Beginning an acting career in 1992, he appeared on television and in several films, including "The Last of the Mohicans" and "Pocahontas." Means published his autobiography, "Where White Men Fear to Tread," in 1995. He talks about an array of topics, including what it means to become a "Pow Wow" Indian. **Tuesday, August 29 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Dr. Emma McNicol, a feminist philosopher and expert on Simone de Beauvoir. McNicol is the senior project coordinator of Fire to Flourish's National Indigenous Disaster Resilience program, a project exploring Indigenous leadership in the face of natural hazards intensified by climate crisis. **Tuesday, September 5 at 12:00 noon.**

Guests on *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse: Hataaliinez Wheeler is a very modern kind of crooner -- a pensive, deep-voiced troubadour whose serene surf-country songs tap into the hope and despondency of a new generation. Albert Haskie is the creator of 'Adoone'é, a mobile app that focuses on preserving the Navajo language and culture through technology. **Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 noon.**

This week's guest on *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, is Chasity Salvador, a young farmer and traditional seed keeper, writer, and organizer on Pueblo women in agriculture. A graduate of Stanford University in comparative studies in race and ethnicity, her most recent work has involved medicinal plant knowledge at Acoma Pueblo. **Tuesday, September 19 at 12:00 noon.**

This week's guest on *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, is author, leadership coach, organizational strategist, and master trainer Resmaa Menakem. They discuss grief, trauma, Indigeneity, and reclamation of cultures. Menakem is the author of the New York Times bestseller "My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies." **Tuesday, September 26 at 12:00 noon.**

### **Forest and the Trees**

Day/Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/9:30am

Duration: 1/2 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Host Melinda Tuhus, a veteran independent journalist, covers a wide range of environmental subjects for both a local and global perspective.

**Series Issues:** pollution, climate change, public health, government policy on the environment

On *The Forest & the Trees*, it's all about e-bikes! Host Melinda Tuhus interviews Devil's Gear Bike Shop co-owner Greg Ledovsky about e-bikes and the state's plan to provide between \$500 and \$1,500 to purchase any e-bike under \$3,000. Then Fiona McElroy talks about her non-profit collective, BridgeVolt, which can convert any regular bike into an e-bike at a much lower cost than buying a new one. **Saturday, September 9 at 9:30 AM.**

### **GM Report to the Listener**

Day/Time: 3rd Monday of the month @ 12 Noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

WPKN's General Manager Steve di Costanzo hosts a monthly show that touches upon internal WPKN events and fundraisers; interviews with newsmakers and/or area nonprofits.

**Issues:** WPKN events, activities of local nonprofit organizations, community involvement

### **Home Page Radio with Duo Dickinson**

Day/Time: 12 noon on the 4th Thursday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Home Page with Duo Dickinson – Whether it is in our homes or on our streets, humans experience what we make. Today we are all compelled to listen to our health in a time of threatened well-being – but what impacts us every day, impacting how we feel in the world we make for ourselves?

### **Integrative Wellness**

Day/Time: Sunday/7:00 AM

Duration: 3 hours

Frequency: alternate weeks

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

The show focuses on mind, body, and spirit wellness. Regular segments include morning meditation, spiritual and material development with Maude Joseph, *The Natural House Call* with naturopathic physician Dr. Eugene Zamperion and nutrition/natural healing with nutritionist Ameni Harris and *Global Healing* covering political and other news impacting health.

**Issues:** health care, spiritual healing, nutrition and related news

### **Jay in the City with Jason A. Coombs**

Day/Time: 1st Monday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Hosted by Jason Coombs.

### **Kathy's Corner with Kathy Connor**

Day/Time: 5th Wednesday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: quarterly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

Kathy's Corner with Kathy Connor is a monthly radio show on WPKN, 89.5 FM, airing on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12 noon to 1 pm. The show centers around the value of developing consciousness/ inner life for greater happiness and success in the outer life.

**Issues:** self help, talk, women's

**La Esquina Latina/Sunday Mix**

Day/Time: Sunday/2:00 PM

Duration: 4 hours

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

Hosted by Luis Pomales and Edwin Rivera, Jr., *La Esquina Latina* has been providing socially conscious educational information and entertainment to the Latino community since 1974.

**Issues:** Latino culture and public affairs

**LGBTQ Community Show**

Day/Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday/noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: Local

**Series Description**



Host Andrew Ross and guests discuss issues of interest to the local LGBTQ community. Subjects range from health care, legal issues, civil rights, and community based events and organizations.

**Issues:** LGBTQ concerns including health care, civil rights, politics and local events and services for the community

### **Living the Green Life**

Day/Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/9:00 AM

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: Local

### **Series Description**

Hosts Sarah Jane Compton and Lindsay Crum discuss how to make sustainability accessible and part of your everyday life.

**Series issues:** Environmental protection, nutrition, health

### **Live Culture**

Day/Time: final Saturday of each month from 11-12 noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Live Culture is a monthly discussion around contemporary art and cultural events, which later become available as podcasts on Soundcloud. Now in it's the third year, Live Culture has presented a broad range of projects, venues and cultural initiative including conversations with artists, curators, gallerists, composers, writers, and musicians both locally nationally and internationally.

### **Local News**

Day/Time: Monday through Friday/6:55 PM, Rebroadcast Monday through Thursday 11PM and Friday 10PM

Duration: 5 minutes

Frequency: every weekday

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

This 5 minute daily report is produced by WPKN to keep our community informed of important local news.

**Issues:** current local news issues of concern to our community

### **Mic Check**

Day/Time: Sunday/5:30PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local call-in

### **Series Description**

Host Richard Hill and other hosts interview guests on public affairs issues of concern to the local community. Listeners are invited to express their views by calling in.

**Issues:** promote on air conversation with community on the issues that concern them

### **North Fork Works**

Day/Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday/7:30PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Host Hazel Kahn interviews guests on a wide variety of issues of interested to communities on eastern Long Island's North Fork.

### **Episodes**

This month, Bob Jester returns as Hazel Kahan's guest on *North Fork Works*, four years since his last interview on the program and seven years after he became paralyzed in a terrible accident. Bob focuses on what he has learned about pain management, including the use of narcotic drugs, virtual reality and his own internal strength. **Wednesday, July 5 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

This month Hazel Kahan's guest on *North Fork Works* is scientist and Southold resident Steve Schott, marine botany/habitat restoration educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, bringing us his special expertise in sugar kelp and eelgrass, two crucial species for keeping Long Island's waters healthy. He describes his work at Cornell to protect and restore our waters, the emerging kelp industry and managing the ecology of our estuarine habitats. **Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

### **Organic Farm Stand**

Day/Time: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: twice a month

Origin: local – call in

### **Series Description**

Hosts Richard Hill, Guy Beardsley, an organic farmer from Shelton, Connecticut, Richard Hill, and Bill Duesing present information regarding organic gardening and farming and answer listener calls.

**Issues:** sustainable agriculture, organic food, gardening, the important role of bees

On *Organic Farm Stand*, hosted by Richard Hill and Laura Modlin, a labor week special focusing on farm labor in Connecticut. Brea Church, a freshman at the University of Vermont, will talk about her internship at Wakeman Town Farm in Westport. Megan Fountain, co-director of Unidad Latina en Accion, will discuss the status of undocumented immigrant farm workers in Connecticut. Plus the Solar/Lunar Report, the Small Farms Report, and The Honey Bee Update. **Thursday, September 7 at 12:00 noon.**

### **Rainy Day Radio**

Day/Time: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday/8:00 PM

Duration: 2 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Host Richard Hill covers important public affairs issues while celebrating many music genres including Latin, Caribbean, African and folkloric.

### **Episodes**

*First Tuesday Rainy Day Radio* - The inaugural edition of the WPKN Monthly Labor Report, hosted by Richard Hill and featuring labor economist and historian Michael Zweig. Prof. Zweig will review impending labor actions and discuss a new ruling by the National Labor Relations Board which could have a huge impact on workers' ability to organize unions. **Tuesday, September 5 at 8:45 PM.**

### **Ralph Nadar Radio Hour**

Day/Time: Sunday/6:00 PM

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

### **Series Description**

Ralph Nadar, consumer advocate, political activist and five time Presidential candidate is joined by co-hosts Steve Skrovan and David Feldman for a lively informative hour of interviews with some of the nation's most influential movers and shakers, and thought provoking discussions of the week's news

**Series issues:** consumer protection, political reform, independent politics

### **Second Saturday Magazine**

Day/Time: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/1:00 PM

Duration: 3 hours

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

In each show, host Bob Johnson conducts lengthy in-depth interviews with noted authors on a wide range of public affairs and cultural issues of concern to the community.

**Issues:** social trends affecting our personal lives, religion and politics

### **Solidarity/What's Your Point**

Day/Time: Sunday/7 AM

Duration: 3 hours

Frequency: alternate weeks

Origin: local - call in

### **Series Description**

*Solidarity* is equal rights and justice through song and the spoken word. Host Garnett Ankle plays music to uplift and liberate the depressed and oppressed. In *What's Your Point*, Garnett conducts guest interviews and gives listeners the opportunity to call in and voice their opinion on issues of the day.

**Issues:** social justice, politics, culture

### **Spirit Matters with Annette Szczesiul**

Day/Time: 3rd Wednesday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Spirit matters is a monthly program dedicated to meditative sitting and making time for quiet and reflection. Every third Wednesday listeners are invited to enjoy a slowed-down lunchtime getaway of calm. Each episode Annette will guide listeners through a period of quiet sitting (no religious bent or denomination required) accompanied by beautiful sounds, music, and thought/feeling provoking readings. Sometimes pre-recorded, sometimes live in the studio, occasional interviews and guests; always going easy and softly and breathing deeply. A peaceful break from a chaotic world.

**Spotlight on Arts & Culture**

Day/Time: 2nd Monday/12 noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

Host David Green, from the cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, interviews local artists and scene makers / writers and influencers.

**Episodes**

**State of the Arts with Richard Pheneger & Peggy Nelson**

Day/Time: Fridays at 12 noon

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

State of the Arts with Richard Pheneger & Peggy Nelson takes a look at the arts: in fact, it's the "State of the Arts" on WPKN.

**Sustainable Long Island**

Day/Time: 3rd Wednesday/7:30 PM and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday/9 AM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

**Series Description**

*Sustainable Long Island*, heard monthly at this time, is about land use, energy and water resources, transportation, and the farming and food industries on eastern Long Island. Programs are archived at [sustainableeastend.blogspot.com](http://sustainableeastend.blogspot.com)

The protection and management of New York's natural resources can help reach the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions statewide by 2050. We present portions of a forum produced by Columbia University's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. The forum focused on how the protection and management of New York's natural resources can help reach the goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions statewide by 2050. *Sustainable Long Island*, heard on the 3rd Wednesday every month.

## **Episodes**

*Sustainable Long Island* - Host Francesca Rheannon talks with New York First Assembly District Representative Fred Thiele about the future of the Long Island Power Authority. LIPA now employs a private utility, Public Service Electric and Gas, to run the Long Island grid. A commission has been studying the idea of changing to a fully public utility. *Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM.)*

*Sustainable Long Island* - Host Francesca Rheannon talks with Raju Rajan about Project Rewilding on Long Island. Rewilding is the practice of sustainable landscaping, with an emphasis on native plants. Birds and insects like bees and butterflies depend on native plants. Rewilding our landscapes increases biodiversity and climate resilience. *Wednesday, September 20 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM.)*

## **This Way Out**

Day/Time: Tuesday/6:30 AM & repeated at 8:00 PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

## **Series Description**

National and international news of interest to the gay and lesbian community. Subjects include the legal status of same gender couples, adoption rights, discrimination and treatment of gays in the media.

**Issues:** Gay rights

## **Tidings**

Day/Time: 2nd Wednesday/7:30PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

*Tidings* from host Hazel Kahan is a monthly program consisting of interviews with authors, activists, musicians in the United States and in other countries, including Australia, Zimbabwe, Pakistan, India, Palestine, Israel and the United Kingdom.

Occasionally, the program takes the form of commentary and personal reflections on subjects that have included tipping, begging, the meaning of home, passports and creativity. *Tidings* is produced by Tony Ernst and archived at [hazelkahan.com](http://hazelkahan.com)

**Series issues:** international affairs, culture, education, social customs

### **Episodes**

*Tidings* - This month Hazel's guest is Yumna Patel, Palestine news director for the Mondoweiss website, joining us from the West Bank to speak about the escalating assault by Israel's armed forces on the 20,000 refugees living in the Jenin refugee camp. Ms. Patel examines the reasons for this latest round of violence and what it signifies about Israel's plans for what is being called the "Gazafication" of Jenin.

Wednesday, July 12 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

Hazel Kahan's guest on *Tidings* is London-based American author and urbanist Adam Greenfield who describes his vision of Lifehouses. It is informed by his experiences with Superstorm Sandy in Brooklyn, socio-political theory and Britain's 50,000 or so empty churches resulting from declines in the country's religious life. Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

This month Hazel Kahan's guest on *Tidings* is Robert Massoud, Palestinian founder of the Zatoun organization, speaking to us from Toronto about the twenty years he has spent telling the story of Palestine through its olive oil, without being silenced by politicians and media. Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

### **Writer's Voice**

Day/Time: Monday/10pm

Duration: 1 hour



Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon features in-depth conversations with writers of all genres. The program features interviews and readings, as well as reviews with authors such as Louise Erdrich, James Risen, Ursula K. LeGuin, Russell Banks, poet Richard Wilbur, and many more notable writers. Writer's Voice is produced and hosted by Francesca Rheannon and has been on the air since 2004, with more than 500 shows produced, airing on stations across the United States.

### **Episodes**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Jeff Sharlet about his new book, "The Undertow: Scenes From A Slow Civil War." Then we air part of an interview we did with Sharlet in 2009 discussing the increasing influence of rightwing extremism in the US military. And finally, a review of Dennis Lehane's new novel "Small Mercies." **Monday, July 3 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: July 4, 2023 was the hottest day ever recorded on Earth. Are we exceeding the Goldilocks zone of a habitable planet? We spend most of the hour talking with Jeff Goodell about his new book, "The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet." We'll also play an excerpt from our 2017 interview with Lynn Zinser of Climate Liability News about legal action against fossil fuel companies that is still relevant now, five years later. **Monday, July 10 at 10:00 PM**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with author Annalee Newitz about the new sci-fi novel, "The Terraformers." Taking place some 60,000 years in the future on a planet far, far away it pits a motley crew of designer sentient life forms against the greedy corporation that wants to gentrify their planet. Then we talk with ecologist Doug Tallamy about the young reader's edition of his bestseller, "Nature's Best Hope." The book outlines his vision for a homegrown national park composed of millions of urban, suburban and exurban yards — a grassroots approach to conservation that everyone can take part in, regardless of age. **Monday, July 17 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: Ava Chin tells us about her stunning family memoir / history of the Chinese Exclusion Act in America, "Mott Street: A Chinese American Family's Story of Exclusion and Homecoming." Then we talk with Tanis Rideout about her new novel, "The Sea Between Two Shores." It's about two families, one Canadian and one from an island in Vanuatu, who must deal with the legacy of colonialism in the South Pacific and the responsibilities they have to each other. **Monday, July 24 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with Sy Montgomery ("Soul of the Octopus") about her new book, a memoir of falconry, "The Hawks Way." Then, artist,

technologist and philosopher James Bridle tells us about his book, "Ways of Being: Animals, Plants, Machines: The Search for A Planetary Intelligence." **Monday, July 31 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - Buzzy Jackson tells us the story of the anti-Nazi saboteur, Hannie Schaft and the lessons it holds for us as we confront fascism today. Her novel, based on true events, is "To Die Beautiful." Then Francesca reads a short excerpt from her own father's story of resistance in the same war. **Monday, August 7 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - Paul Kix tells us the thrilling story of the fight to end Jim Crow, led by the greatest figures of the civil rights movement -- and won by children. We spend the hour with him, talking about his book, "You Have To Be Prepared To Die Before You Can Begin To Live: Ten Weeks In Birmingham That Changed America." **Monday, August 14 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with historian Martha Hodes about her memoir "My Hijacking: A Personal History of Forgetting and Remembering." In 1970, she survived six days as a hostage on a hijacked plane when she was twelve years old. Then, teacher Adam Bessie tells us about his take on how the pandemic has driven us apart -- and what it will take to bring us together. His graphic pandemic memoir is "Going Remote --A Teacher's Journey." It's illustrated by Peter Glanting. **Monday, August 21 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with photographer David Goodman about his book, "An American Cannabis Story." Illustrated with stunning photos, it's about a pioneering cannabis farm in Washington State. Then we replay our 2021 interview with neuroscientist Carl Hart about his book, "Drug Use For Grownups: Chasing Liberty In The Land of Fear." **Monday, August 28 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with labor historian Ahmed White about the Wobblies and the capitalist war on radical workers. His book is "Under the Iron Heel." Then Nikhil Goyal tells us about his book, "Live to See the Day: Coming of Age in American Poverty." It follows three children as they struggle to survive in the poorest neighborhood of the poorest large city in America. He served as senior policy advisor on education and children for Senator Bernie Sanders when Sanders chaired the U.S. Senate Budget Committee and Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. **Monday, September 4 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - The US military is one of the biggest engines driving private profits in the world. But what's the cost to the rest of us? We talk with Norman Solomon about his new book, "War Made Invisible: How America Hides the Human Toll of Its Military Machine." But first, we talk with Clare Carlisle about her book "The Marriage Question: George Eliot's Double Life." **Monday, September 11 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We take a journey into the heart of climate grief and out the other side with Andrew Boyd. His book is "I Want A Better Catastrophe: Navigating the Climate Crisis with Grief, Hope and Gallows Humor." Then, a new novel shines a light on the history of social activism and its future. We talk with Chuck Collins, the author of numerous non-fiction books about inequality and social justice, about his terrific debut novel "Altar to an Erupting Sun." It's about how social justice activism has dealt with grave crises before and how the lessons learned from those struggles can inform how we deal with the climate emergency today and in the years to come. **Monday, September 18 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writer's Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with Tania James about her acclaimed new novel, "Loot," a page-turner about a boy on a quest, a girl determined to make her way in a man's world and a mechanical construction — an automaton — that exemplifies the Indian resistance to British colonialism. Then, Vauhini Vara tells us about her new collection of stories, "This Is Salvaged." And we do a mini-review of a stunning new book for gardeners, "Planting For Pollinators" by Heather Angel. **Monday, September 25 at 10:00 PM.**

### **Youth Radio**

Day/Time: 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays/6:00 PM

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

### **Series Description**

Youth Radio produced by local high school students under the supervision of WPKN's Richard Hill, features news, opinions, creative writing, humor, public affairs and music from the high school community of New Haven and surrounding towns. The series, not only, presents subjects of interest to local youth, but also, provides young people with training and experience in radio broadcasting.

**Issues:** Concerns of youth, education in media

