

# WPKN

## Community Issues Report

### Year: 2022

### 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.

### **Episodes**

#### **July 13 2022-**

\* Democrats Must Warn Voters of Dangerous Republican Extremists; Mark Green, the first elected public advocate for New York City and author; Producer: Scott Harris.

\* As the War in Ukraine Escalates, a Diplomatic Path to Ending the Conflict is Nowhere in Sight; Mel Goodman, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, former CIA Analyst; Producer: Scott Harris.

\* Family of New Haven Man Paralyzed in Police Custody Demands Civil Rights Charges Against Officers; Ben Crump, civil rights attorney; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

#### **July 20 2022-**

\* President Biden's Recent Middle East Trip: Long on Controversy Short on Accomplishments; David Yaghoubian, Professor of History at California State University; Producer: Scott Harris.

\* Christian Extremists' Embrace of Political Violence Threatens Democracy; Frederick Clarkson, Senior Research Analyst with Political Research Associates; Producer: Scott Harris.

\* Labor Department Issues New Protections for Exploited and Threatened Immigrant Workers; Nadia Marin-Molina, Co-Executive Director of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

#### **July 27 2022-**

\* DOJ Lags on Investigating Trump & GOP Coup Attempt Ron Fein, legal director with the group Free Speech For People Producer: Scott Harris

- \* With Senate Stalled, Pressure Growing on Biden to Take Immediate Action on Climate Crisis Jim Walsh, policy director with Food and Water Watch Producer: Scott Harris
- \* Virginia Group Demands Pentagon End Open Pit Burning of Toxic Military Munitions Alyssa Carpenter, co-founder and co-chair of the group Citizens for Arsenal Accountability Producer: Melinda Tuhus

### **August 3 2022-**

- \* Proposed Senate Bill Requires Medicare to Negotiate a Short list of Drug Prices; Steve Knievel, Advocate with Public Citizen's Access to Medicines Program; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Senate Bill Proposes New 15% Corporate Minimum Tax, Closes Carried Interest Tax Loophole; Maura Quint, Wealth Tax Campaign Director with Americans For Tax Fairness; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Roanoke's Once Vibrant African American Community Remembered; Jordan Bell African American History Guide, Roanoke, Virginia; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

### **August 10 2022-**

- \*Salon.com's Senior Politics Writer Amanda Marcotte: Speculation Surrounds FBI Raid of Trump's Mar-a-Lago Residence
- \*Ohio Democratic Party former Chairman David Pepper: State Legislatures are Ground Zero for GOP Assault on Democracy
- \*Protect Our Water, Heritage and Rights Co-Chairman Russell Chisholm: Inflation Reduction Act Passes Senate Trades Climate Provisions for Completion of Gas Pipeline

### **August 17 2022-**

- \* Rising Tensions Between US & China Over Taiwan Risks Miscalculation or Accident; Joseph Gerson, President of the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Donald Trump and Republican Party's Dangerous Embrace of Political Violence; Bandy X. Lee, M.D, president of the World Mental Health Coalition and author; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Activist Group Launches Campaign to Educate Voters on NY Rep. Stefanik's Extremist Voting Record; Phyllis Sinclair of Adirondack Voters for Change; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

### **August 24 2022-**

- \* Investigation Exposes New Georgia GOP Voter Suppression Scheme; Greg Palast investigative reporter and author; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Starbucks Engages in Lawless National Anti-Union Campaign; Jeff Schuhrke, Assistant Professor of Labor Studies at Empire State College in New York City; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Governor Ned Lamont Touts State's Healthcare Program and Climate Policies; Ned Lamont, CT Governor; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

### **August 31 2022-**

- \* Biden Student Debt Forgiveness Plan a Good Start, But More Must be Done; Cody Hounanian, executive director of the Student Debt Crisis Center; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Big Oil Donates Over \$1 Million to GOP Seditious; Jenna Grande, press secretary with Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Adirondack Mountain Research Center Tracks Industrial Pollution and Climate Change; Paul Casson, operations manager, Whiteface Mountain Atmospheric Sciences Research Center; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.

### **September 21 2022-**

- \* Threat to Democracy Looms as Supreme Court Set to Hear Moore v. Harper Case; Dan Vicuña, National Redistricting Manger with Common Cause; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Massive Investment in Public Transit Needed to Achieve Racial Equity and Climate Justice; Libero Della Piana, Leader of the National Campaign for Transit Justice; Producer: Melinda Tuhus.
- \* 17 States Criminalize Protests Targeting Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Projects; Emma Fisher, Deputy Director with the group Climate Cabinet; Producer: Scott Harris.

### **September 28 2022-**

- \* After the Arrest and Death of Mahsa Amini, Iran Explodes in Protest; Ryan Costello, Policy Director with the National Iranian American Council; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Lawsuit Filed Against Florida Governor DeSantis for Using Asylum Seekers as Political Props; Jake Love, a staff attorney with Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in Boston; Producer: Scott Harris.
- \* Young Activists Take Action Demanding City Government Implement Proactive Climate Policies; Patricia Joseph an activist with the New Haven Climate Movement; Producer: Melinda Tuhus

### **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

### **Episodes**

**July 6 2022- Interview with Gemini & Apollo Astronaut Capt Jim Lovell-** Gemini & Apollo Astronaut Jim Lovell discusses his NASA Mission, including the 1st Mission to orbit humans around the Moon (Apollo 8), & the remarkable safe return of the Apollo 13 Astronauts after the onboard explosion.

### **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) Jeff Cohen, founding director of the Park Center for Independent Media at Ithaca College and co-founder of RootsAction.org, discusses his group's response to the recent Supreme Court rulings striking down women's reproductive rights, long standing gun regulations and environmental protections. He'll offer advice on how progressive activists can take action on the multiple crises we face that includes the fascist Republican party's agenda of dismantling America's democracy.

2) A representative of the group RiseUp4AbortionRights discusses their July 4th nationwide protests against the Supreme Court ruling on Roe v. Wade striking down

women's reproductive rights -- and the role of activism and protest in this critical period when the extremist majority on the Supreme Court is undermining basic rights Americans have enjoyed and exercised for decades.

3) Bill Blum, a Los Angeles lawyer and a former state of California administrative law judge, discusses his views on recent Supreme Court rulings overturning *Roe v. Wade* and the New York State law restricting the carrying of guns in public in the case *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*. He'll also assess the hearings thus far of the House Committee investigation of the January 6th insurrection and failed coup attempt -- and the likelihood that Trump and his inner circle will be indicted by the Justice Department for their multiple crimes against democracy.

4) Megan Fountain, an organizer with *Unidad Latina en Acción*, talks about the coalition of groups that are organizing locally, statewide and across the country to fight for women's reproductive rights -- and what can be done here in Connecticut to support women in other states where abortion has been, or will soon be criminalized.

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

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

1) Mark Green, the first elected public advocate for New York City and author of many books including, "Losing our Democracy" and "Fake President," is a public interest lawyer who worked with Ralph Nader from 1970-1980, eventually as director of Public Citizen's Congress Watch. The former president of Air America Radio talks about his recent *Nation* magazine article, "The Democrats Have a Winning Message: 'Stop Dangerous Extremists: Forty reasons the GOP is a clear and present danger to American democracy.'"

2) Aaron Scherb Director of Legislative Affairs with Common Cause assesses the progress of the House Comm. investigating the January 6th insurrection -- and related issues such as the ongoing investigation into Donald Trump's attempt to interfere with the 2020 Georgia presidential election results.

3) Harvey Wasserman, author and activist for radical democracy and alternative energy for over five decades, examines the Supreme Court decision striking down *Roe v. Wade* federal protections for women's reproductive rights, reflecting on the culture of indigenous women who controlled their own bodies, lives, environment, as main community decision-makers.

4) Melvin Goodman, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, who had a 42-year government career at the CIA and State Department, talks about his latest article, "Moscow's War In Ukraine vs. Washington's 'Special Military Operation,'" explaining why it's critically important to find a diplomatic solution to end the war in Ukraine.

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

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

1) David Yaghoubian, Professor of History at California State University, San Bernardino, and author of "Ethnicity, Identity and the Development of Nationalism in Iran," and "Struggle and Survival in the Modern Middle East," takes a critical look at President Biden's recent trip to the Middle East and his administration's policy toward

Israel/Palestine, relations with Saudi Arabia -- and prospects for reviving the Iran nuclear deal.

2) Frederick Clarkson, Senior Research Analyst with Political Research Associates, and author of "Eternal Hostility: The Struggle Between Theocracy and Democracy," discusses how Christian nationalist and Dominionist policies are being imposed by federal, state and local governments across the U.S., how this agenda threatens democracy, and effective ways civil society can fight back.

3) Collin Rees, U.S. Program Manager at Oil Change International, talks about the Supreme Court ruling in the West Virginia v. EPA case -- and how this decision will impact the nation's ability to regulate carbon emissions, pollution and toxic chemicals going forward. He'll also assess the recent spike in gas prices in the U.S., Big Oil's push to expand fossil fuel extraction and production, and the Biden administration's response.

4) Richard Silverstein, publisher of Tikun Olam, a website that exposes the secrets of the Israeli national security state, and writer whose work regularly appears in the Middle East Eye, The Nation and Jacobin Magazine, talks about his recent article, "AIPAC Astroturf Groups Plow Millions into Defeating Progressive Democrats."

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

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

1) Ron Fein, legal director with the group Free Speech For People, and co-author of the book, "The Constitution Demands It: The Case for the Impeachment of Donald Trump," discusses the proposal negotiated by a bipartisan group of US Senators to modernize the Electoral Count Act, the progress of the House Committee and Justice Department investigating the January 6th insurrection -- and efforts to hold Donald Trump and his co-conspirators accountable for their attempted coup.

2) Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, Assistant Professor Dept. of Sociology, Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, discusses her concerns about the current federal government's strategy to combat new variants of the Coronavirus -- and the disproportionate COVID infections and death experienced by communities of color in the U.S.

3) Jim Walsh Policy director with Food and Water Watch, discusses his group's recent report, "Averting Climate Catastrophe: Fossil Fuels Must End While Renewables Take Over," while also assessing the Biden administration's actions and inaction to date on addressing the climate crisis.

4) Cob Carlson, a film editor/producer over the past 33 years, talks about his new documentary film, "The Greatest Radio Station in the World," that traces the 60 year journey of WPKN Radio, a fearless, boldly independent, free form, and unconventional Bridgeport, CT radio station that prides itself on being a real alternative to an increasingly homogeneous broadcast radio landscape.

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

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

1) Steve Knievel, Advocate with Public Citizen's Access to Medicines Program assesses the strengths and weaknesses of the latest proposed legislation on health care reform Senate Democrats negotiated with West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin. He'll focus on several issues including: requiring Medicare to negotiate the price of a

limited number of prescription drugs (not insulin) with pharmaceutical companies; expansion of eligibility for the Medicare Part D low-income subsidy, and the effort now underway by Senate Republicans and Big Pharma to defeat this modest bill.

2) Maura Quint, Wealth Tax Campaign Director with Americans For Tax Fairness talks about her group's new report, "Growing & Dangerous Trend of Billionaires Buying Elections," as well as assessing the deal negotiated with Sen. Joe Manchin to pass legislation that includes a new 15% minimum tax on big corporations, and closing the so-called carried interest loophole that benefits Wall Street's wealthy hedge fund managers.

3) Ellen Brown, founder of the Public Banking Institute and the author of a dozen books, including the best-selling "Web of Debt," discusses her recent article, "Interest Rate Hikes Will Not Save Us From Inflation," the current direction of the U.S. economy, and the progress being made across the U.S. to establish public banks at the local and state level.

4) Bruce Barrett, founder of I Wage Peace and president, Barrett Outdoor Communications Inc., talks about his group's "Serve, Pray, Heal Interfaith Service Day," Sunday August 7, 2022 in New Haven, CT, which brings together Jewish, Muslim, and Christian youth from Israel for a day of community service. Seventeen faith organizations are participating in the event, where volunteers will work on seven area service projects.

Monday, August 1 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

This week's guests on *Counterpoint*, hosted by Scott Harris: 1) Joseph Gerson, President of the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security talks about the danger in rising tensions between the U.S. and China over Taiwan after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taipei - and how relations between Washington and Beijing could be improved.

2) Amanda Marcotte, a senior politics writer at Salon and the author of "Troll Nation," talks about her latest article, "Kansas abortion win is a wake-up call: Americans do not want GOP bans," looking into how and why voters came out in large numbers to defeat the Republican Party's effort to change the state's constitution to ban abortions.

3) David Pepper, an attorney, former chair of the Ohio Democratic Party, a former Cincinnati councilman and author of four political thrillers, his latest novel titled, "A Simple Choice," assesses the stunning defeat of the GOP campaign in Kansas to ban and criminalize abortions, the lessons Democrats running in this November's midterm election can learn from the Pro-Choice organizing effort in Kansas -- and how to overcome GOP partisan gerrymandering and voter suppression.

4) Brendan Cushing, Managing Director of the group Generation Vote, discusses his group's protest and banner drop at the Dallas CPAC conference, as well as the organizing GOTV work Generation Vote is doing in advance of this November's midterm election.

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



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

1) Joseph Gerson, President of the Campaign for Peace, Disarmament and Common Security and author of, "Empire and the Bomb: How the U.S. Uses Nuclear Weapons to Dominate the World," and "With Hiroshima Eyes: Atomic War, Nuclear Extortion, and Moral Imagination," talks about the danger in rising tensions between the U.S. and China over Taiwan after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taipei - and how relations between Washington and Beijing could be improved.

2) Bandy X. Lee, M.D., M.Div., President of the World Mental Health Coalition, and author of "Profile of a Nation: Trump's Mind, America's Soul," and "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump: 37 Psychiatrists and Mental Health Experts Assess a President," discusses Republican politicians and conservative media commentator's reaction to the FBI search of Trump's residence at Mar-a-Lago, and the constant threats of violence coming from this group targeting legislators, law enforcement, election workers and their families. She'll also comment on the armed white supremacist terrorist groups, i.e. Oath Keepers and Proud Boys, that have become the defacto armed wing of the Republican Party.

3) Jeremy Brecher, Research Director for the Labor Network for Sustainability is author of 15 books on labor and social movements, including the national best seller "Strike!", his latest titled, "Common Preservation: In a Time of Mutual Destruction." Jeremy, a documentary film maker and long time peace and social justice activist, assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Inflation Reduction Act -- and climate issues covered in his recent article, "Unions Making a Green New Deal From Below."

4) Karl Grossman, Professor of Journalism at the State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, journalist and author, his latest titles include, "Cold War Long Island," and "Weapons in Space." Prof. Grossman discusses his recent article published by the group Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, or FAIR, "Why Is There More Media Talk About Using Nuclear Weapons Than About Banning Them?"

Monday, August 15 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Greg Palast, known for his investigative reports for The Guardian newspaper, Democracy Now and author of several New York Times bestsellers including "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy," talks about his new film, "Vigilante: Georgia's Vote Suppression Hitman," produced by Martin Sheen, which is scheduled to be released soon.

2) Eric S. Tars, Legal Director with the National Homelessness Law Center talks about his group's research into the criminalization of homelessness across the U.S., as discussed in NHLC's recent "Study of State Laws Criminalizing Homelessness."

3) Jeff Schuhrke, Assistant Professor of Labor Studies at the Harry Van Arsdale Jr. School of Labor Studies at State University of New York's Empire State College in New York City. He'll talk about his recent Jacobin magazine article, "Starbucks Is on a National Union-Busting Crime Spree," as well as assessing the new energy and victories in union organizing across the U.S.

4) Pilar Marrero, Disinformation Monitor for the Algorithmic Transparency Institute and Associate Editor for Ethnic Media Services. Pilar, an independent journalist and author,

discusses political misinformation targeting the Latino community ahead of this November's midterm election campaign.

Monday, August 22 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

- 1) Professor Jason Stanley, Jacob Urowsky professor of philosophy at Yale University and author of "How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them," talks about the Republican Party's embrace of "white replacement theory," WRT's fascist origins, why Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has become a role model for much of the GOP -- and the dangerous rise of rightwing extremist political violence in the US.
- 2) Cody Hounanian, Executive Director of the Student Debt Crisis Center discusses his group's response to President Biden's announced plan to address student loan debt, which includes forgiving up to \$20,000 for millions of borrowers and extending the payment freeze one final time until the end of the year.
- 3) Jenna Grande, Press Secretary with Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) discuss CREW's recent article, "Big Oil Has Given \$1 Million to Fuel Seditious," and related issues of Big Oil's influence on US energy, environment and climate policy.
- 4) Liz Dupont-Diehl, Associate Director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group discusses her group's recent reporting on CT based health insurance companies that are requesting double-digit premium increases for individuals and small businesses, as they spend billions on stock buybacks and excessive executive salaries, and lobbying.

Monday, August 29 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

- 1) Christopher Vials, Professor of English and Director of American Studies at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, discusses President Biden's speech warning of the danger to democracy from MAGA Republicans and Fascism, as well as the GOP's embrace of "white replacement theory," WRT's fascist origins, why Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán has become a role model for many Republicans -- and the dangerous rise of rightwing extremist political violence in the US.
- 2) Branko Marcetic, staff writer with Jacobin magazine, co-host @1of200podcast and author of "Yesterday's Man: The Case Against Joe Biden," discusses his recent Jacobin article, "What Are the Chances for a Negotiated End to the Ukraine War? It's Complicated."
- 3) Jordan Zakarin, a reporter with More Perfect Union a labor focused media organization, discusses the group's coverage of the US labor movement on this Labor Day holiday, and the historic number of union organizing drives now underway at Amazon, Starbucks, Trader Joe's, REI -- and many other businesses.
- 4) Nicole Heriot, Event Director and Amy Myers, Operations Manager, preview their upcoming Connecticut Folk Festival and Green Expo in New Haven, CT's Edgerton Park on Saturday, Sept. 10th and Sunday, Sept. 11th.

Monday, September 5 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Judd Legum, Founder of Popular Information discusses his important investigative report, "This multi-billion dollar corporation exacerbated the water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi."

2) Mel Gurtov, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, at the Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University - and Senior Editor, Asian Perspective, discusses his recent article, "Brazil's Election and the Future of the Amazon."

3) James Kahn, Professor, Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California at San Francisco discusses recent reports that the average life expectancy in the US has fallen in 2021, and how that decline is related to the failure of America's for-profit health insurance system.

4) Kenyatta Muzzanni, Director of organizing with the Katal Center for Equity, Health, and Justice, who talks about the Katal Center's recent protest at the CT Dept. of Correction headquarters to demand stricter COVID guidelines and protections for inmates and staff in state prisons.

Monday, September 12 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Dan Vicuña, National Redistricting Manger with Common Cause discusses the Moore v. Harper case from North Carolina that will be heard by the US Supreme Court this fall, that could result in the court's conservative majority affirming the debunked "independent state legislature theory," throwing elections into chaos and further eroding our democracy.

2) Matthew Cunningham-Cook, a researcher and writer with the investigative news outlet Lever News, discusses his important new article, "How Wall Street Is Funding The Culture War," which investigates the Wall Street billionaires who are funding Chris Rufo, the leader of the Republican Party's culture war campaign that is suppressing public schools attempting to teach race and sexuality. These same billionaires profited handsomely from the 2008 financial crisis that threw 8.6 million people out of work, 7.8 million people out of their homes, and drove thousands of excess suicides.

3) Emma Fisher, deputy director with the group Climate Cabinet discusses her group's recent report: "17 States Pass Anti-Protest Laws to Suppress Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Opposition." These laws which may charge protesters with felonies for disrupting "critical infrastructure," are clearly aimed at suppressing Indigenous and environmental activists' opposition to oil and gas projects.

4) Melinda Tuhus, WPKN journalist and Between The Lines Radio Newsmagazine producer talks about the September 8th protest in Washington, D.C. where climate activists descended on Capitol Hill to lobby their elected officials and hold a rally opposing the fracked gas Mountain Valley pipeline. Activists oppose the deal made between West Virginia's conservative Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin and party that secured his his vote for the Inflation Reduction Act in exchange for an agreement to finish the pipeline and weaken bedrock environmental protections.

Monday, September 19 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Ryan Costello, Policy Director with the National Iranian American Council will examine widespread protests that have erupted across Iran after the death of Mahsa

Amini, a 22-year-old woman who was arrested by the morality police for allegedly violating religious law requiring women to wear headscarfs, as well as ongoing negotiations to revive the Iran nuclear deal.

2) Dr. John P. Willerton, Professor of Political Science at the University of Arizona will discuss recent news from the war in Ukraine, including reports that the Ukrainian military has recaptured territory in the north, President Putin's mobilization of 300,000 reserve troops, and assessing how western corporate media is covering the conflict.

3) Russell Mokhiber, the editor of the Corporate Crime Reporter, discuss how New York State Attorney General Letitia James' lawsuit filed against Donald Trump and his children for 'staggering' fraud -- exposes the large number of wealthy individuals and corporations that regularly escape scrutiny, prosecution and accountability for tax fraud and other so called "white collar" crimes.

4) Jake Love, an attorney working with Alianza Americas will discuss his group's recently filed lawsuit against Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and the State of Florida for their exploitation of vulnerable asylum seekers as political props by deceiving dozens of immigrants to travel to east coast cities and the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard, and the larger issue of what must be done to repair our nation's broken immigration system.

Monday, September 26 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**

**July 26 2022- Craig LeHoullier Author "Epic Tomatoes-** I’m pleased to welcome back to “Digging in the Dirt... Gardener, author, educator, podcaster blogger and frequent collaborator with Joe Lamp’l of the Joe Gardener TV show... Craig LeHoullier. In addition Craig wrote one of the great books on tomatoes, It's called Epic Tomatoes. Beautiful to look at and a very good resource for all of us tomato geeks.

**August 10 2022- Daphne Dixon Co-Founder Live Green Ct. Network-** Cross Country EV Trip- Daphne Dixon is Co-founder and Executive Director at Live Green Network in Ct. Daphne along with Alyssa Murphy went on a coast to coast EV road trip, going from one United States coast to another

in a Ford Mustang Mach-E all-wheel drive EV. In the middle of this trip Daphne came on Digging in the Dirt to fill us in on what was going on and now she is back to give her final report and assessment of what happened on this unique trip and talk about the future of electric vehicles.

**August 25 2022- Carl Safina Safina Center -A Lifelong Conversation with the Living World-** My next guest here on Digging in the Dirt is making his 2nd visit to talk to us about an upcoming event he is participating in on August 27th in Sag harbor. A Lifelong Conversation with the Living World in Words and Birds and Music where the urgency of life on Earth will be expressed through various art forms. With a very intriguing group of guest speakers I believe the program is led by The performance artist Laurie Anderson, Grammy-winner Paul Winter a friend of ours here at WPKN will be there, noted nature writer and poet J. Drew Lanham (Sparrow Envy), and my guest Carl Safina.  
<https://www.thechurchsagharbor.org/event/a-conversation-with-the-living-world-in-words-and-birds-and-music>

**August 25 2022- Woody Tasch "Call To Farms" - Beet Coin/Slow Money-** My guest Woody Tasch makes his 2nd visit . I recommend going to the WPKN archives to hear our 1st conversation to get a more detailed look at what Woody is up to. Today he is here to talk about The Slow Money Institute and Beetcoin's upcoming Zoom roundtable about their project .. Entitled "Call to farms" . Woody will be joined by a group of leading farmers and financiers for a roundtable discussion celebrating the print release of a Call To Farms: subtitled Some Thoughts on Food, Money and Nonviolence in Honor of Wendell Berry, in tandem with the launch of the Beetcoin 2.0 website. Call to Farms - A Conversation About Localism, Nonviolence, and Creating a Peaceable Economy  
Sunday, September 11, 2022 | 12-1:30 p.m. ET / 9-10:30 a.m. PT  
Registration is free

**September 9 2022- Edwina Von Gal - 2 Thirds For The Birds - from the Perfect Earth Project-** My guest on this segment of DITD today is Edwina Von Gal. In 2013 she founded the Perfect Earth Project. Promoting toxic-free lawns and landscapes for the health of people, their pets, and the planet. Edwina is here today to talk to me about her latest project. " 2/3s for the birds." Its an initiative launched by this environmental activist her nonprofit to help us move toward Healthy Landscapes, Healthy Birds, Healthy Us.

**September 9 2022- What Your Food Ate - Authors Anne Bickle and David Montgomery-** My guests on this segment are Anne Biklé and David R. Montgomery Authors of a new book entitled "What Your Food ate: How to Heal Our Land and Reclaim Our Health. Far too many of us remain poorly nourished despite eating more than enough food.  
It's your premise that the soil health is so poor that the food is not nutritious. Something that modern nutritional analysis overlooks are things like phytochemicals, micro minerals and other nutrients. My guests explain why and what we should do to address the problem.

### **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* -- Science writer and artist Erica Cirino discusses her book, "Thicker Than Water: The Quest for Solutions to the Plastic Crisis." Recorded for WPKN at Canios Books, Sag Harbor. East End Ink is heard on the 4th Wednesday each month.

**Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

*East End Ink* -- Ada Calhoun discuss her latest book, "Also a Poet: Frank O'Hara, My Father, and Me," with New York Times best selling author Maureen Callahan. East End Ink is heard on the 4th and occasional 5th Wednesday each month. **Wednesday, August 24 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

*East End Ink* - Lauren Young talks about her book "Hitlers Girl: The British Aristocracy and the Third Reich on the Eve of WWII." Recorded at Canios Books, Sag Harbor.

**Wednesday, September 28 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM).**

### **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**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio*: Kumu Maile Naehu is an educator, performer, artist and community organizer of Aloha Aina from the island of Moloka'i, Hawai'i. She has developed an online curriculum that enables Hawaiian schools to break away from a Eurocentric mainland curriculum, providing an opportunity for students to learn sciences, social studies, language arts and fine arts through an indigenous cultural lens. **Tuesday, July 5 at 12:00 noon.**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Joe Pitowanakwat, an Anishinaabe learner and educator. His Creators Garden is an outdoor-education based business dedicated to learning and teaching about the uses of hundreds of plants from Canada's Great Lakes region. It has conducted extensive programming in over



100 Indigenous communities and over 150 different Institutions throughout Canada and the US, focusing on optimizing human health using mainly medicinal plants but also through various other traditional practices. **Tuesday, July 12 at 12:00 noon.**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's first guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is film director Jesse Short Bull, whose "Lakota Nation vs. United States" had its world premier last month at the Tribeca Film Festival. He is also employed by the Oglala Lakota tribal government where he leads youth filmmaking workshops. In the second half, Dr. Tink Tinker, the Clifford Baldrige Emeritus Professor of American Indian Cultures and Religious Traditions at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, who brings an American Indian perspective to this predominantly euro-christian school. **Tuesday, July 19 at 12:00 noon.**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Will Falk, who will give an update on Thacker Pass in northern Nevada, where he and Max Wilbert are leading an effort to block a proposed lithium mine. He is the author of "How Dams Fall: Stories the Colorado River Told Me." **Tuesday, July 26 at 12:00 noon.**

Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Kerri Kelly, author of "American Detox: The Myth of Wellness and How We Can Truly Heal." The book explores wellness culture and economy while asserting a central thesis that when we are preoccupied with our own pursuit of wellness we fail to see and work toward a culture of collective care and wellbeing. **Tuesday, August 2 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio*: Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes back Jennifer Robin (Choctaw), host of "Resilience Radio" which presents Native-American authors, artists, musicians, storytellers and activists. Then, guest Doug George-Kanentiio, who was born and raised at the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne. He was a co-founder of the Native American Journalists Association, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, and is vice-president of the Hiawatha Institute for Indigenous Knowledge. **Tuesday, August 9 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio*: Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Martin Prechtel, a leading thinker, writer and teacher in the search for the indigenous soul in all people. His many books include "Secrets of the Talking Jaguar," "Long Life, Honey in the Heart," "The Unlikely Peace of Cuchumaquic," and his latest, "Rescuing the Light: Quotes from the Oral Teachings of Martin Prechtel." **Tuesday, August 16 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* produced by Tiokasin Ghosthorse. In 1993, Indigenous peoples, including the Yakima, Klickitat and other area nations gathered to stop the violent disrespect to a time immemorial place of sustenance called Nanainmi Waki 'Uulktt for the Klickitat Nation. John Trudell (Dakota) spoke to bring attention and support to efforts of recognizing and honoring treaty rights often dismissed by Western concepts of property, the guise of money, and the system which makes everyone vulnerable to a situational acceptance of democracy. Trudell spoke at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington in front of an audience of innocence and apologetic predatory

energy. Listen in to this timeless recording only edited for broadcast without removal of context. Hoka hey John Trudell. **Tuesday, August 23 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* -- Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week is Candice Hopkins, a citizen of Carcross/Tagish First Nation and executive director of Forge Project, Taghkanic, NY and senior curator for the Toronto Biennial of Art -- just one of the many notable exhibitions on which she has worked. **Tuesday, August 30 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* -- Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week is Debra Utacia Krol, an award-winning Indigenous affairs reporter at the Arizona Republic in Phoenix. She is a citizen of the Xolon Salinan Tribe. Her reporting covers the intersection of climate, culture and commerce with a focus on Native issues. **Tuesday, September 6 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* -- Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week is "First Voices" friend and regular guest Dr. Manuel Rozental with a report on current events from Colombia and Abya Yala, including recent events in Chile involving the Mapuche people and the progressive government of Gabriel Boric. Rozental is a long-time Colombian activist, researcher and community organizer who is part of the Pueblos en Camino initiative with a mandate to weave autonomies and resistance between peoples. **Tuesday, September 13 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* -- Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guests this week: Dr. Marlina Rose Selva, Psy.D., who lives in the San Francisco Bay area on traditional Ohlone land, is a marriage and family therapist who specializes in foster care and adoption. A presenter on mental health topics to parents, educators and administrators, she also serves on the board of the Ohlone Audubon Society, bringing an indigenous perspective to conservation and environmental advocacy. Then Charles Lyons, a producer, director, writer and video editor with a deep background in reporting on the environment, human rights, and culture. He is author of the book, "The New Censors. Movies and the Culture Wars." He'll talk about the struggle by indigenous people in Suriname against illegal gold mining on their territory. **Tuesday, September 13 at 12:00 noon.**

*First Voices Radio* - Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest for the full hour is Anne Keala Kelly, a Kanaka Maori filmmaker, journalist and activist living on Hawai'i Island. Her works address the critical links between cultural, environmental and spiritual survival in the movement for Hawaiian self-determination and indigenous peoples' struggles for territorial and political autonomy. She is the author of "Our Rights to Self-Determination: A Hawaiian Manifesto." **Tuesday, September 27 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

### **Episodes**

**July 2 2022- Walk for Appalachia's Future-** Three voices of people I met on my two-week Walk for Appalachia's Future against the Mountain Valley fracked gas pipeline along its route in WV and VA.

**July 8 2022- A meteorologist running for Congress-** A trusted meteorologist in Illinois has jumped into the race for Congress. He's been talking about climate change for years. Plus, talks by local advocates in WV and VA working to stop the Mountain Valley fracked gas pipeline.

**August 14 2022- Protecting trees and banning gas-powered lawn equipment-** Interviews with Janice Rotchstein about protecting town trees from aggressive cutting by Eversource, and with Stan Heller about his proposal that the State of CT ban the use of gas-powered lawn equipment on state property

**September 13 2022- Leticia Colon de Mejias-** a climate warrior wearing many hats- An interview with Leticia Colon de Mejias, an entrepreneur, social justice activist, educator, landscape designer, parent and more.

### **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

## **Episodes**

### **Aug 2022**

Host: Steve di Costanzo GM of WPKN

(separate podcasts for each guest listed below for copy and past to download)

Luis Luna- WPKN's Chair of Hispanic Heritage Planning Committee

<https://soundcloud.com/wpkn895/gm-report-talks-with-luis-luna-podcast>

Christina Smith-Groundwork Bridgeport Executive Director

<https://soundcloud.com/wpkn895/groundwork-bridgeport-podcast-wpkn-gm-report>

Joanne Hudson Ridgefield Independent Film Festival (RIFF)

<https://soundcloud.com/wpkn895/riffpodcast>

Susan Clark- Founder and Publisher of Redding Sentinel

<https://soundcloud.com/wpkn895/susan-clark-publisher-founder-and-publisher-of-the-redding-sentinel-on-wpkn-podcast>

### **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

**Episodes**

**July 12 2022- Dr. Candace Badgett on Vedic Science and Consciousness-** Kathy interviews Dr. Candace Badgett, international speaker on Maharishi Ayur-Veda, Vedic Science and Consciousness. Candace explains the value of unfolding Consciousness to change the world from problem filled to problem free and explains the science to support the reality of this much needed transformation on our planet.

**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.

### **Episodes**

**September 24 2022- Live Culture 75: Black Wall street and The Open Source Festival-** First, a conversation with Adriane Jefferson, New Haven's Cultural Affairs Director and Slay Washington of The Breed Entertainment about The Black Wall Street Festival minutes before it starts, and then Martha talks with Artspace New Haven's Visual Culture Director Gabriel Sacco and Director Lisa Dent about this year's Open Source Festival (formerly CWOS) !

### **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

### **Episodes**

**July 3 2022- Stanley Heller In Solidarity With Palestine And Ukraine-** Stanley Heller is an activist, organizer, video host and producer with Promoting Enduring Peace, Middle East Crisis Committee, and The Struggle Video News.

For more on the Democratic Socialists of America, or DSA's, "No Appetite for Apartheid" campaign:

[www.thestruggle.org](http://www.thestruggle.org)

For more on the murder of Shireen Abu Akleh:

[www.JusticeForShireen.webador.com](http://www.JusticeForShireen.webador.com)

For more on the Russian invasion of Ukraine:

[www.UkrainePosts.webador.com](http://www.UkrainePosts.webador.com)

For more on the work of Promoting Enduring Peace:

[www.PEPeace.org](http://www.PEPeace.org)

[www.facebook.com/PromotingEnduringPeace/](https://www.facebook.com/PromotingEnduringPeace/)

For more on Middle East Crisis Committee:

[www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Middle-East-Crisis-Committee-MECC](https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Community-Organization/Middle-East-Crisis-Committee-MECC)

### **September 18 2022- Laura Schleifer On Palestine And The Meanings Of Solidarity-**

Laura Schleifer speaks about her work as Program Chair at Connecticut-based human rights organization, Promoting Enduring Peace, and her work as Co-Founder and Organizer with Plant The Land Team Gaza.



Earlier today (Sunday 9/18/22), Promoting Enduring Peace held a Palestine solidarity rally in Middletown in coalition with several other local groups.

Promoting Enduring Peace was created in 1952 and has the slogan, "Peace On Earth, Peace With Earth."

Plant The Land Team Gaza was created in 2000 as a vegan food justice and community projects volunteer team based in Gaza.

To learn more about Promoting Enduring Peace:  
<https://pepeace.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/PromotingEnduringPeace/>

To learn more about Plant The Land Team Gaza:  
<http://www.planttheland.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/PlantTheLandTeamGaza/>

**August 22 2022- Dr. Zaki Lababidi, MD On The 9 Year Anniversary Of The Ghouta Massacre In Syria-** Sunday August 21, 2022 marks 9 years since authoritarian dictator Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons to kill over 1,400 Syrians, including many children.

Coinciding with in-person events happening in New York City and Washington DC, Connecticut-based organization Promoting Enduring Peace held a candle-lighting Zoom event, in honor of the victims of the 2013 Ghouta massacre.

Dr. Zaki Lababidi, MD was born in Homs, Syria, graduated from medical school in Damascus in 1985, and has been working as an interventional cardiologist in Arizona. He is involved with the Syrian American Council and is engaged in lots of different work related to Syria.

Dr. Lababidi, MD shares his story and work, and he contextualizes the Syrian Revolution and the significance of remembering the 9 Year Anniversary of the Ghouta Massacre.

To learn more about the Syrian Revolution, and to support Dr. Lababidi's work:

<https://www.sacouncil.com/>

<https://pepeace.org/changing>

<https://arcsyria.org>

Books:

<https://www.littlebrown.com/titles/sam-dagher/assad-or-we-burn-the-country/9780316556705/>

Films:

<https://www.forsamafilm.com/>

<https://www.kinolorber.com/film/view/id/3405>

### **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**

*North Fork Works* -- This month Hazel Kahan is pleased to again welcome Beth Young, veteran twin forks reporter and founder-owner of East End Beacon publishing, to talk to North Fork Works about the growing collaboration among civic and advocacy community groups including new residents who bring expertise developed in other parts of the country. Ms. Young illustrates this with examples from a pending vote this week to limit house size in Southold Town. Wednesday, 6:30 am and 8 pm and archived. Wednesday, July 6 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

*North Fork Works* -- 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, who brings us his special expertise in sugar kelp and eelgrass, two species of crucial significance for the health of Long Island's waters, including the Long Island Sound. He talks about the work he is doing at Cornell to protect and restore our waters, the emerging kelp industry, and the responsibilities that come with managing the ecology of our estuarine habitats. **Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

In this month's *North Fork Works*, farmer Abra Morawiec of Feisty Acres returns as Hazel Kahan's guest to talk about what it takes to maintain a healthy standardbred poultry flock on the North Fork and how her farming practices reflect the goals of the Good Shepherd Conservancy and its dedication to genetic diversity and continuity. She tells us what she and her partner Chris Pinto mean by "humane butchery" and why "you

have to eat them to save them.” [Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 AM \(repeated at 8:00 PM\) and archived.](#)

### **Organic Farm Stand**

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

#### **Episodes**

**July 12 2022- The early farm harvest and a honey harvest fast approaching-** The Organic Farm Stand chats with Massaro Farm manager, Steve Munno about early vegetable harvest; Vincent Kaye talks garlic and gives a honey bee update; and Scott Nelson, a litigating attorney with Public Citizen, analyzes the recent SCOTUS ruling that would restrict the EPA's ability to regulate climate warming emissions. Hosted by Richard Hill

### **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* with Richard Hill - Guest Henry Lowendorf, chairman of the greater New Haven peace Council, will speak on the topic 'Heaven and Hell, Joe Biden's domestic versus his foreign policy.' **Tuesday, September 6 at 8:30 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

### **Episodes**

**July 2 2022- After Roe V Wade Then What? Women & The LGBTQIA Communities Are Under Assault-** LGBTQIA and Women's Reproductive Rights are under attack in the United States. The nearly fifty year old federal law, Roe V Wade has been struck down by the United States Supreme Court. This is the first in the history of the United States Supreme Court, a right has been taken away. The United States is at a very serious crossroads. It is only a backward nation which takes away a right enjoyed by so many. It is Roe V Wade today, tomorrow they may seek to return Black people into shackles and chains. Do not, for one moment, believe returning Black people to servitude is impossible. For many years, pro-women's rights activists have been warning this day would come. The people of the United States need to mobilize, organize, and vote against all Republicans in every nook and cranny of the United States in the upcoming Midterm elections in November 2022. The Republicans are now a cult, and need to be purged from the political system of the United States. On this broadcast of the show, host Garnett Ankle speaks with Kenyatta Thompson, Director Of Organizing, at Katal Center For Equity, Health, & Justice. Listen as Kenyatta Thompson fields questions surrounding LGBTQIA & Women's Reproductive Rights; and the striking down of Roe V Wade & its impact on those two aforementioned communities.

**August 2 2022- The Plight Of Native American Peoples In Their Own Homeland-** The Native Americans are the First People of the United States, yet they are forced to live on reservations on their own land. The Indigenous People seem to be the unseen, and uncared for citizens on their own land. Politicians forget Native People, and the wider society do not remember the Indigenous people are still here. There is one person who do not forget his own people, and he is Tiokasin Ghosthorse. A member of the Cheyenne River Lakota Nation of South Dakota, Tiokasin is a multi-talented and multi-faceted human being who cares about his people and their many challenges. Please listen to this conversation as Tiokasin Ghosthorse fields questions from the host of the show, Garnett Ankle.

***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**

#### **Spotlight On Arts & Culture | July 11, 2022 | Fairfield County Dance Festival-**

This month, we celebrate Dance in Fairfield County on the occasion of the Second Fairfield County Dance Festival, taking place in July 2022 across six towns in our region, from Tuesday July 12 in New Canaan and continuing in Fairfield, Bridgeport, Norwalk, Darien & Westport through July 28.

Hear from the co-directors of the Dance Festival, Ted Thomas, with Thomas/Ortiz Dance, the New England Academy of Dance and the New England Dance Theater in New Canaan, and Claire Mazza, co-founder and artistic director of the East Coast Contemporary Ballet. Putting the Festival in the context of the history of dance and dance performance in our region of Fairfield County, hear Marti Etter, founder of the Ballet School of Stamford, which recently moved into its latest quarters in the Stamford Town Center Mall, in an exciting partnership with the internationally renowned, New York-based, Parsons Dance.

**Spotlight on Arts & Culture from The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County. August 8, 2022 | The Levitt Pavilion-** For our August show we turned our attention to some of the great free concert series in our region. Our main focus was on The Levitt Pavilion for the Performing Arts in Westport. For almost 50 years, this community-based, magical performance space has welcomed performing artists from all genres and from the local to the internationally known. With a few fundraising concerts, it otherwise offers mostly free concerts. We interview Freda and Carleigh Welsh, the driving forces behind The Pavilion and its commitment to creating a strong community through music and the other performing arts. We also hear from Bennie Wallace, renowned saxophonist with BackCountry Jazz, who created the Greenwich Jazz Festival, and from Paul Frucht, Artistic Director of the Charles Ives Music Festival.

**Spotlight on Arts & Culture from The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County. September 12, 2022 "What Paier College is Bringing to Bridgeport Arts & Culture"** with guests: Joseph Bierbaum, Paier College President, Khanlar Gasimov, the new director of the Schelfhauert Gallery, and Ian McDonald, Technical Director & Event Coordinator of Mertens Theater. **Monday, September 12 at Noon.**

**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 Anne Rabe, communications director of the New York Public Interest Research Group, about environmental bills in the legislature. Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 AM (repeat at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

*Sustainable Long Island* - Francesca Rheannon talks with Betta Broad of New Yorkers for Clean Power about the gas industry's disinformation campaign against state plans to implement New York's groundbreaking Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. **Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

### **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**

In this month's *Tidings from Hazel Kahan*, her guest is Dr. Michael Conforti, Jungian analyst, founder and director of the Assisi Institute and author of numerous books and articles, who also has a private practice in Mystic, Ct. He discusses a talk he gave last week to a worldwide audience titled "Slaughter of the Innocents: an archetypal understanding of the tragedy of school shootings," the second webinar in the Assisi Institute's new theme of Crimes Against Humanity. Drawing on religious, psychological and cultural sources, Conforti shares his understanding of why America leads the world in school killings and offers a possible approach to bring this understanding to the country's leaders. **Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

*Tidings from Hazel Kahan:* Surprisingly, our narcissistic culture has actually been remiss by failing this once to place ourselves at the center of attention. In our focus on what climate change is doing to the planet and to our physical selves, researchers have not yet investigated what it's been doing to the human psyche, to our own mental selves. This month's *Tidings* will synthesize multiple perspectives from the emerging field of climate psychology to provide insights into new phenomena such as eco-anxiety, eco-grief, anticipatory loss and environmental identity across our own and international landscapes and identifying who among us is carrying the greatest psychological impact of climate change. **Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

*Tidings from Hazel Kahan:* This month Hazel Kahan's guest is Jungian psychoanalyst and author Dr. Candace De Puy who offers us an analysis of the recent intense emotions surrounding anti-abortion politics through the lens of Carl G. Jung's analytical psychology theories of individuation, archetypes and the collective unconscious. Dr. De Puy, based in Los Angeles, is co-author with Dr. Dana Dovitch of "The Healing Choice: Your Guide to Emotional Recovery After an Abortion" (2013). **Wednesday, September 14 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**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with David Bollier about his latest book, "The Commoners Catalog For Change Making: Tools For The Transitions Ahead." Then we listen back to an excerpt from our 2015 interview with Katha Pollitt about her book, "PRO: Reclaiming Abortion Rights." **Monday, July 4 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We speak with Jonathan Lee about his historical novel "The Great Mistake." It's about the man who's called "The Father of Greater New York," Andrew Haswell Green. Then, Michael Mechanic takes us on a tour into the lives of the super-rich and what their astronomic wealth says about America. His book is "Jackpot." **Monday, July 11 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with novelist Jim Shepard about his latest work of fiction, "Phase Six." It's about what happens when a mining operation in the thawing permafrost of Greenland releases a deadly virus into the world. Then, we talk with Cob Carlson about his new documentary, "The Greatest Radio Station in the World." It's about listener-supported WPKN in Bridgeport CT, which just happens to be the home station of Writer's Voice. **Monday, July 18 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Ari Rabin-Havt about his memoir, "The Fighting Soul: On The Road With Bernie Sanders." And later we play an excerpt from our 2020 interview with Bernie's campaign lead on Latino voters, Chuck Rocha, about his book, "Tio Bernie." **Monday, July 25 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Ari Rabin-Havt about his memoir, "The Fighting Soul: On The Road With Bernie Sanders." And later we play an excerpt from our 2020 interview with Bernie's campaign lead on Latino voters, Chuck Rocha, about his book, "Tio Bernie." **Monday, August 1 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk to Mary Pipher about her new memoir, "A Life In Light: Meditations On Impermanence." And we talk with poet and translator Anita Barrows about her stunning debut novel, "The Language of Birds." **Monday, August 8 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: Bruce Holsinger tells us about his novel, "The Displacements." It's about what happens to a family when the first Category SIX hurricane hits the wealthy enclave of Coral Gables, Florida. Then, we talk with moral philosopher Elizabeth Cripps about her book, "What Climate Justice Means and Why We Should Care." **Monday, August 15 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: Mohsin Hamid ["Exit West," "The Reluctant Fundamentalist"] tells us about his fable of race and humanity. It's called "The Last White Man." Then Omar El Akkad ["American War"] talks about his novel "What Strange Paradise." It's about what happens when a Syrian refugee, a young boy, washes up on a Greek island. **Monday, August 22 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with journalist Keri Blakinger about her powerful prison memoir, "Corrections In Ink." Then, Eve Karlin tells us about her historical novel "Track 61." It's about the invasion by a group of German saboteurs during World War II, who came ashore in Amagansett, Long Island. **Monday, August 29 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Dolan Perkins-Valdez about her novel, "Take My Hand." It's based on a famous case accusing the federal government of forced sterilization of poor and minority women inspires a novel about reproductive justice. Then we air an excerpt from our 2021 interview with Honorée Fanonne Jeffers about her novel "The Love Songs of W.E.B. DuBois." **Monday, September 5 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with the great climate activist and writer Bill McKibben about his terrific new book, "The Flag, The Cross And The Station Wagon: A Graying American Looks Back at His Suburban Boyhood and Wonders What The Hell Happened." Then, a brilliant coming of age novel that treats the personal as political and vice versa. We talk with Sarah Thankam Mathews about "All This Could Be Different." **Monday, September 12 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We air our 2019 interview with playwright and author Octavio Solis. We spoke with him about growing up the son of Mexican migrants in El Paso, Texas. His book of stories based on that history is "Retablos: Stories from a Life Lived Along the Border." Then, a new novel from British novelist Freya Sampson, "The Lost Ticket." It's about an old man who looks for a young woman he met sixty years ago on a London bus — and the young people who join the search. The novel is one of those heart-warming but page-turning reads that makes you feel really good. **Monday, September 19 at 10:00 PM.**

*Writers Voice* hosted by Francesca Rheannon: This week, we talk about two novels about colonialism, both from the point of view of the colonized. First, we are honored to talk with last year's winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Abdulrazak Gurnah about his novel, "Afterlives," just published in the United States by Penguin Random House. It tells the brutal story of colonialism in East Africa; first, German colonialism then, after Germany's defeat in WWI, the British variety. It's a brutal story, but not a brutal novel.

Instead, it spins a profoundly moving and human tale centered on three young people who find love, caring and community despite the psychological and physical traumas the colonial system subjects them to. Then R.F. Kuang tells us about her fantasy/slash/alternate history novel, "Babel, Or The Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translator's Revolution." It's an alternate history of the British Empire just as it's planning for the opium wars. In Babel's version of history, magical inscriptions on silver bars provide the energy that coal did in the real British Empire. And the magic is driven by matched words in translation. It's an intriguing concept—one that illuminates the power of language both to exert domination and spark liberation.

Monday, September 26 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