

WPKN

Community Issues Report

Year: 2023

2nd Quarter: April, May, June

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 4th 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: 4th 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) Sarah Kendzior, cohost of the Gaslit Nation podcast and author of "They Knew: How a Culture of Conspiracy Keeps America Complacent" and "Hiding in Plain Sight," discusses Trump's indictment and the threat of violence from his supporters.
- 2) Josh Ruebner, adjunct lecturer at Georgetown University's Justice and Peace Studies program and author of "Shattered Hopes: Obama's Failure to Broker Israeli-Palestinian Peace," discusses his views on Benjamin Netanyahu's extremist government and the massive protests opposed to Netanyahu's planned gutting of Israel's judiciary.
- 3) Alex Han, a veteran union organizer, the midwest political director with Bernie Sander's 2020 presidential campaign, and newly appointed executive director of "In These Times" magazine, talks about the opportunities and challenges ahead for U.S. progressive media outlets.
- 4) Joan Cavanagh and Monica McGovern of the group Progressives Against Medical Assisted Suicide explain why they're opposed to a bill now being debated in the Connecticut legislature that would permit medically assisted suicide.

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

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

- 1) Jeffrey Mackler, National Secretary of Socialist Action, a staffwriter for their publication, and twice its U.S. presidential candidate. He examines the ongoing protests

in France covered in his recent article, "Mass French Strikes and Mobilizations Challenge Macron's Pension Reform."

2) Po Murray, co-founder and chairwoman of the Newtown Action Alliance and the Newtown Action Alliance Foundation, an all-volunteer grassroots organization formed after the tragic December 2012 mass shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Murray will discuss the most recent mass shooting incident at Nashville, Tennessee's Covenant School, the hopeful mobilization by students demanding gun safety legislation, and the response by the GOP controlled Tennessee House of Representatives to expel two Black Democratic Party representatives who had joined the students in their protest.

3) Viki Harrison, Director of Constitutional Convention & the Protect Dissent Program at Common Cause talks about the danger posed by groups working to convene an Article V - U.S. Constitutional Convention and how it poses a direct threat to America's cherished rights, civil liberties and freedoms.

4) Bill Fletcher Jr. is a longtime labor, racial justice and international activist, former president of TransAfrica Forum, a senior scholar with the Institute for Policy Studies, and author of "They're Bankrupting Us!: And 20 Other Myths about Unions." He'll discuss the expulsion of two Black representatives from the Tennessee House, how the GOP authoritarianism we see today is an echo of the Jim Crow era, and how the progressive movement can effectively oppose the Republican Party's ongoing attack on the foundations of democracy.

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

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

1) Pema Levy, a reporter with Mother Jones magazine, discusses her recent article, "The Shocking Lack of Science in the Ruling Banning a Common, Safe Abortion Drug," and the fight now to restore access to Mifepristone, which is used in more than half of all US abortions.

2) Heather Digby Parton, a contributing writer to Salon.com, talks about her recent article, "Republicans caught off guard by the left's ferocious backlash," where the GOP finds itself out-of-step with the majority of Americans on the issues of abortion, gun safety, voter suppression and banning books.

3) Sarah Ganong, state director of the Connecticut chapter of the Working Families Party, talks about the Workers' Equity Agenda Lobby Day at the state capitol, where citizen lobbyists will be calling for legislation that guarantees stable schedules, one fair minimum wage for all, and extends paid sick days to everyone in Connecticut.

4) Climate Defiance Action organizer Rylee Haught talks about her group's mission, the importance of nonviolent civil disobedience for the climate movement, and their planned blockade of the White House Correspondents Dinner on April 29th.

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

This week Mike Merli hosts *Counterpoint*. His guests:

1) Faisal Saleh, Chairman of Palestine Museum US in Woodbridge, discusses the museum's work, recent programs, and upcoming events with the mission of preserving Palestinian history, showcasing the Palestinian experience, and celebrating the cultural and artistic achievements of the Palestinian people.

2) Erika Panzarino, a New York-based advocate for full LGBTQIA++ inclusion in the United Methodist Church, talks about her role in a series of upcoming events here in Connecticut that will use art to foster conversations around recognizing and repairing spiritual harm.

3) Stanley Heller, Administrator of Promoting Enduring Peace, speaks about his group's work, and their upcoming annual Gandhi Peace Awards ceremony, happening on Saturday May 13 in New Haven.

4) Jazmarie Melendez, a community organizer born and raised in Bridgeport, discusses her work organizing against police violence, and the upcoming event on Saturday May 6 that will be honoring her brother Jayson Negrón, who was shot and killed by a Bridgeport Police Officer six years ago at the age of 15.

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

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

1) Peter Maass, a senior editor with The Intercept discusses his article, "Dominion Was Never Going to Save Our Democracy From Fox News: With a \$787.5 million settlement for its election lies, Fox News has avoided the legal and moral punishment of a court verdict."

2) Brett Edkins, Managing Director of Policy & Political Affairs with Stand Up America, discusses his view of recent revelations about Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' failure to disclose accepting luxury vacations from billionaire Harlan Crow, the sale of three of his properties to Crow, and the lack of ethics rules or enforcement for SCOTUS Justices.

3) James Bamford, a bestselling author, Emmy-nominated filmmaker for PBS, award-winning investigative producer for ABC News, and winner of the National Magazine Award for Reporting, talks about his recent Nation magazine article, "The Trump Campaign's Collusion With Israel." It describes a covert operation directed by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to influence the outcome of the 2016 U.S. presidential election on behalf of Donald Trump.

4) Andrew Brown, an investigative reporter with the Connecticut Mirror, discusses his recent article, "CT's public water systems may soon need to treat for PFAS," about the "forever chemicals" that have been found in water supplies across Connecticut and a new federal regulation that could establish an enforceable limit.

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

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

1) Lisa Graves, Executive Director of True North Research discusses what can be done about Chief Justice John Roberts' inaction on ethics at the Supreme Court, the corrosive effect of unreported valuable gifts received by Clarence Thomas and other justices, and the role of Leonard Leo and dark money in packing the nation's highest court with extremists.

2) Joshua Cowen, Professor of Education Policy at Michigan State University discusses the growing number of GOP-controlled states that are passing legislation that weakens child labor laws, and the impact these policies will have on children's lives.

3) Rahna Epting, Executive Director of MoveOn.org discusses her group's campaign demanding that corporate advertisers stop using Fox News, as well as MoveOn's planned May 15th rally at Subway restaurant corporate headquarters in Milford, CT.

4) Andrew Perez, Senior Editor and reporter at The Lever, talks about his recent article, "America's First Dark Money Ballot Line." It details how the group "No Labels" is actively exploiting a campaign finance loophole to buy themselves direct access to ballots nationwide, in an effort that Democrats warn could swing the 2024 presidential election.

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

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

1) Jason Stanley, Jacob Urowsky Professor of Philosophy at Yale University and author of "How Fascism Works: The Politics of Us and Them," discusses the recent CNN Trump Town Hall program, mass shooting incidents, the GOP attack on public education through censorship of history, book banning and stigmatizing of LGBTQ youth, and more.

2) Robert C. Hockett, Edward Cornell Professor of Law at Cornell Law School, discusses his recent New York Times op-ed piece, "This Is What Would Happen if Biden Ignores the Debt Ceiling and Calls McCarthy's Bluff."

3) Mel Goodman, senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, professor of government at Johns Hopkins University, and a former CIA analyst, assesses U.S. foreign policy and issues covered in his recent article, "US Hypocrisy and the Global South."

4) Kim Ives, investigative journalist and editor at the weekly newspaper Haïti Liberté, discusses recent developments in Haiti: strikes demanding higher wages, a labor union coalition's proposal for a transition to democracy, and an uprising against street gangs.

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

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

1) Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, U.S. Army, (Ret.) who served as Chief of Staff to Gen. Colin Powell (2002-05) talks about the Eisenhower Media Network's recent full-page ad in the New York Times calling for a diplomatic end to the Russia-Ukraine war.

2) Corynne McSherry, legal director with the Electronic Frontier Foundation discusses her group's position on the dangers of artificial intelligence re: privacy, disinformation and policing, and what, if anything, should be done at the federal level to regulate this emerging technology.

3) Susan Greenhalgh, senior advisor on election security with Free Speech For People discusses her reporting on a multi-state plot by former President Donald Trump's operatives to access and copy voting system software in the 2020 election.

4) Helen Jaccard, Veterans For Peace Golden Rule project manager and John Miksad, founder of the Fairfield County chapter of World Beyond War, talk about the Veterans for Peace Golden Rule Project. The restored Golden Rule peace ship, which set sail in 1958 to stop nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands, will be visiting Norwalk, CT beginning on May 29.

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

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

- 1) Ruth Ben-Ghiat, professor of Italian and History, New York University examines the "botched" launch of Ron DeSantis' presidential campaign with Elon Musk -- and DeSantis' record.
 - 2) Lindsay Koshgarian, program director with the National Priorities Project, discusses her group's new report: "The Warfare State: How Funding for Militarism Compromises our Welfare."
 - 3) Adrienne Pine, visiting professor of anthropology and social change with the School of Consciousness and Transformation at the California Institute of Integral Studies discusses her view of the Biden administration's post Title 42 immigration policies, with a focus on the treatment of Venezuelans and Cubans seeking asylum in America.
 - 4) Joshua Epstein, a New College of Florida student who will be graduating in 2024 and Tamara Solum, a retired Sarasota business owner, teacher and education advocate whose daughter Kari Solum graduated from New College in 2020. They'll discuss the Save New College campaign and the significance of Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis suppression of educators and students now that he's officially running for president.
- Monday, May 29 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Peggy Orenstein about her book, "Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater." But first, Katy Simpson Smith tells us about her new novel, "The Weeds." It weaves history, botany, feminism and the climate crisis together into a compelling and sharply funny tale. **Monday, June 5 at 10:00 PM.**

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

- 1) Mel Gurtov, professor emeritus of political science at Oregon's Portland State University, and author of, "Engaging China: Rebuilding Sino-American Relations," discusses growing tensions between the U.S. and China and his recent article, "The Taiwan Imbroglio."
- 2) Angela Hanks, chief of programs at Demos, talks about her group's response to the recent debt ceiling agreement and the group's Economic Democracy Project, with a focus on case studies of activist projects in Pittsburgh, Houston, New York and Arlington, Virginia.
- 3) Amanda Marcotte, a senior politics writer at Salon.com, discusses Trump's federal indictment on 37 counts related to his handling of classified documents and her recent Salon article, "Trump Thinks He Can MAGA His Way Out of Jail."
- 4) Bineshi Albert, co-executive director of the Climate Justice Alliance discusses the recent cloud of hazardous wildfire smoke from Canada in the northeast U.S., and the impact of provisions in the debt ceiling agreement on our environment and low income and working families across America.

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

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

- 1) Alex Lawson, executive director of Social Security Works, the convening member of the Strengthen Social Security Coalition, discusses how the Republican Study Committee's 2024 budget proposal would cut Social Security benefits, and his group's effort to educate the public on this proposal.

- 2) Bert Knorr, co-chair of the Peace in Ukraine Coalition, discusses the outcome of the Vienna International Summit for Peace in Ukraine that he attended, as well as hostility toward the conference encountered in Austria. He'll also talk about what concerned citizens in the US can do to support an end to the war.
- 3) Richard Wolff, professor of economics emeritus, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a visiting professor at the New School University in New York, discusses the issues covered in his recent article, "The World Economy is Changing; the People Know But Their Leaders Don't."
- 4) Robert Greene II, assistant professor of history at Claflin University and senior editor, Black Perspectives, discusses the importance of the Juneteenth holiday, with a focus on the issues covered in his 2022 Nation magazine piece, "Keeping Juneteenth Radical."
Monday, June 19 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

- 1) Amy Littlefield, The Nation magazine's abortion access correspondent talks about her new cover story, "The Message They've Received Is That You Don't Deserve to Be Cared For: Life on the Abortion Borderland," on the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling that ended the right of American women to access safe, legal abortions.
- 2) Trita Parsi, executive vice president of the Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, discusses his recent article, "An Unwritten Deal Is Exactly What Iran and America Need," on reports that the U.S. and Iran are close to reaching an informal agreement that will prevent a further escalation between the two nations.
- 3) Dr. Bandy Lee, a forensic psychiatrist, president of the World Mental Health Coalition and editor of the New York Times bestseller, "The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump," discusses why she believes that Donald Trump and his co-conspirators are now threatening to "burn the house down" rather than to face the legal consequences of their crimes.
- 4) Greg Palast, investigative journalist and New York Times best-selling author of "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy," talks about his piece, "Paul Singer funded SCOTUS case that gutted Voting Rights Act: Justice Alito Was the Surprise Deciding Vote," in light of the recent ProPublica investigation involving Justice Samuel Alito and billionaire Paul Singer.

Monday, June 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.

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 presents a reading from "Love in the Time of Time's Up: Short Fiction Edited by Christine Sneed." Then, Susan Scarf Merrill talks about "How Women Read Moby-Dick." **Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

East End Ink: Poet Grace Schulman reads from her newest collection, "Again, the Dawn: New and Selected Poems, 1976-2022." Recorded at The Church Sag Harbor. **Wednesday, May 31 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM).**

East End Ink: Organic-farming pioneer, writer and poet Scott Chaskey reflects on poetry, land cultivation and life in his collection of essays, "Soil and Spirit." Chasty is the retired director of Quail Hill Farm in Amagansett, which he led for 30 years. He was recorded last month at The Church, a nonprofit arts center in Sag Harbor. **Wednesday, June 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: 1st, 2nd and 4th 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 speaks with Joe Pitawanakwat (Ojibway from Wiikwemkoong) the founder and director of Creators Garden, an education

business focused on plant identification and beyond-sustainable harvesting, which blends traditional knowledge with western scientific reinforcements. **Tuesday, April 4 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse spends the full hour with Vanessa Machado de Oliveira Andreotti, author of "Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and Implications for Social Activism." Her research examines relationships between historical, systemic, and ongoing forms of violence, and the inherent unsustainability of modernity. **Tuesday, April 11 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse spends the full hour with Martin Prechtel, talking about topics related to his important and timeless book, "The Smell of Rain on Dust." In it Prechtel, trained in the Tzutujil Maya shamanic tradition, shares cultural insights on how the inability that many of us have to grieve and weep properly for the dead is deeply linked with the inability to give praise for living. **Tuesday, April 18 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio*, host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Steven T. Newcomb, internationally recognized for his more than four decades of research and writing on international law and the origins of federal Indian law. He is the author of "Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery." They'll discuss the Vatican's formal repudiation of that doctrine in March of this year. **Tuesday, May 2 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse presents a roundtable discussion with three guests: Jonathan Gonzales, born in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico, has spent the last 12 years learning earth living skills and ancestral ceremonial ways from teachers and elders. Diogahhdih Hall is a Haudenosaunee community member and a two-spirit multi-disciplinary artist involved in ancestral food cultivation methods, storytelling, community organizing, hip hop lyricism, beat production and sound engineering. Rad Pereira is a queer trans (im)migrant artist and cultural worker of Pindorama, Abya Yala (Brasil) involved in healing justice, system change, reindigenization and queer futures. **Tuesday, April 25 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest is Kevin Schot, a Swedish researcher in cold-climate sustainability. He'll talk about a project to build by hand a completely sustainable home that is based on the design of architect Michael Reynolds of Taos, New Mexico -- a first in Scandanavia. **Tuesday, May 9 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest is Zack Khalil (Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians,) a filmmaker and artist from Bahweting (Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan) whose work has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, Whitney Museum of American Art, Walker Arts Center and the Sundance Film Festival. He focuses on Indigenous narratives in the present. **Tuesday, May 16 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest is Munya Andrews, an Indigenous woman from the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Educated in Australia and the United States, she is fascinated by religions, languages, mythology and science, and is intrigued by the way in which they interact and inform each other. Her book, "Journey into Dreamtime," is an approachable guide to Aboriginal spirituality that explains Dreamtime concepts in a straightforward way. **Tuesday, May 23 at 12:00 noon.**

Guests on *First Voices Radio* hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse: Max Wilbert, co-founder of Protect Thacker Pass returns for an update on efforts to limit lithium mining development in that part of Nevada. Known as Peehee Mu'huh in Paiute, it is sacred to regional Native American tribes. Max is co-author of "Bright Green Lies: How the Environmental Movement Lost Its Way and What We Can Do About It." Ofelia Rivas is an elder and activist from the Tohono O'odham Nation and the Founder of O'odham Voice Against the Wall. She writes: "The O'odham way of life is based on the land that has held the remains of our ancestors since the creation of this world. The O'odham did not migrate from anywhere according to our oral history. Our creation tellings record our history and teach the O'odham the principles of life." **Tuesday, May 30 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio*, Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest for a full-hour, wide-ranging discussion is Alnoor Ladha, the council chair for Culture Hack Labs. An activist, journalist, political strategist and community organizer he was the co-founder and executive director of the global activist collective The Rules. **Tuesday, June 6 at 12:00 noon.**

On *First Voices Radio* host Tiokasin Ghosthorse talks with Robin Wall Kimmerer, enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a State University of New York distinguished teaching professor of Environmental Biology. Founder and director of the Center for Native Peoples and the Environment, she is author of the widely acclaimed "Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants." She holds a Ph.D. in Botany from the University of Wisconsin and in 2022 was named a MacArthur Fellow. **Tuesday, June 13 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse - A special report from Dr. Manuel Rozental about the four Indigenous children who survived a recent plane crash in the Colombian Amazon. From the Indigenous perspective. The children -- three girls of the Huitoto nation (ages 13, 9 and 11 months) and a boy age 4 -- survived 40 days in the thickest jungle through the skills and knowledge of the jungle of the oldest girl. **Tuesday, June 20 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio host Tiokasin Ghosthorse welcomes Dr. Ruby Gibso, a mixed blood woman of Lakota/Ojibwe and Mediterranean descent, who has spent the past 40 years dedicated to the craft and science of historical trauma reconciliation, cultural healing, and generational well-being among Native and Indigenous peoples. Dr. Gibson founded Freedom Lodge, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, in Rapid City, SD, developed the

transgenerational trauma recovery model "Somatic Archaeology" and is the author of "My Body, My Earth." **Tuesday, June 27 at 12:00 noon.**

Forest and the Trees

Day/Time: 2nd 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

The Forest & the Trees presents global and local perspectives on the environment. Host Melinda Tuhus will be interviewing Elizabeth Hayes, a community activist from the Newhall section of Hamden, CT and Sue McDonald, a member of Congregations Organized for a New Connecticut, about their efforts to get a 102-acre open space cleaned up and turned into a public park in an area lacking such amenities. **Saturday, May 13 at 9:30 AM.**

On *The Forest & the Trees: Global and Local Perspectives on the Environment*, host Melinda Tuhus speaks with Lori Martin, co-founder of Haven's Harvest, a food rescue organization in greater New Haven that she and her children started at their kitchen table in 2015. It now has almost 500 volunteers who pick up food from 100 donor agencies and events and then deliver it to 200 sites. **Saturday, June 10 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: 4th 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: 2nd 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: 1st Wednesday/7:30PM

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

Series Description

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

Episodes

Hazel Kahan's guest on *North Fork Works* is Mary Foster Morgan, co-founder of Drawdown East End and co-columnist for East End Beacon's Climate Local Now. According to Mary's reporting, the average family in America wastes 40 percent of their food which, crucially, could be diverted to beneficial use instead. This interview examines food waste and its solutions, many of which are surprisingly easy to implement. [Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 AM \(repeat at 8:00 PM\) and archived.](#)

North Fork Works explores the vigorous development of civic engagement on the North Fork in the form of civic associations at the individual hamlet level and, more recently, as a coalition of seven of these individual groups stretching from Fishers Island in the east to Mattituck in the west to form North Fork Civics of Southold. Host Hazel Kahan asks two members of the coalition to share the history of the individual organizations, the factors leading to the formation of the coalition and how this larger group functions and regulates itself. [Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30 AM \(repeated at 8:00 PM\) and archived.](#)

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Organic Farm Stand

Day/Time: 1st 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

On this month's *Organic Farm Stand*, hosted by Richard Hill: Laura Modlin's Solar/Lunar Report, Steve Munno's Small Farm Report, Vincent Kaye's Honey Bee Update and a special report on the 2023 farm bill. **Thursday, May 4 at 12:00 noon.**

The Organic Farm Stand, hosted by Richard Hill, looks at improving urban communities through gardening, greenery and civic engagement with two guests: Christina Smith, from Groundwork Bridgeport, on their tree giveaway; and Doreen Abubakar, founder of CPEN in New Haven, on converting a formerly blighted area into a thriving community gardening project for young people. **Thursday, May 18 at 12:00 noon.**

The Organic Farm Stand hosted by Richard Hill.

12:00 PM: The Solar/Lunar Report with Laura Modlin

12:05 PM: The Small Farms Report with Steve Munno from Massaro Farm in Woodbridge, CT

12:30 PM: Dave Chapman, co-director of the Real Organic Project will discuss a new position statement: "Organic Agriculture is Soil Based -- a Fundamental Principle Underlying Organic Crop Certification."

Thursday afternoon, June 15.

Rainy Day Radio

Day/Time: 1st 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

1st Tuesday Rainy Day Radio with Richard Hill:

8:45 PM - an in-studio interview with Nigerian highlife musician Okwy Osadebe, who will discuss his development as a musician following in the footsteps of his father, the late

Chief Stephen Osadebe, the most renowned highlife band leader in Nigeria. Okwy will air for the first time tracks from his new release.

9:50 - Henry Lowendorf, chairman of the Greater New Haven Peace Council, will discuss the indictment of Donald Trump and will share his views on how President Biden's prosecution of the proxy war in Ukraine might affect his re-election prospects.

Tuesday evening, April 4.

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: 2nd 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

In the next *Spotlight on Arts & Culture* we examine the power of creative expression as a means of coping and healing in the context of the current state of our world. Our guests are:

- Dianne Niklaus, a Creative Wellness coach and our guide through this landscape
- Darcy Hicks, visual artist and co-director of education at The Norwalk Art Space
- Felicity Kostakis, artist and art teacher
- Tatiana Mori, Director of the Greenwich Arts Council (which is presenting Healing Voices, a series of concert/lectures in collaboration with The Yale Voice Center at Greenwich Hospital)
- Patricia Spugani, Community Outreach & Lighting Designer at Town Players of New Canaan (which recently produced the play, "Ordinary People" to contribute to the conversation on issues of mental health)

Monday, April 10 at 12:00 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 2nd 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

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 Southampton Town's Lynn Arthur about "community choice aggregation" to have local control over sourcing electricity, allowing for more green power and/or lower electricity prices for residents and businesses. **Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 AM (repeat 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

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

Episodes

This month on *Tidings from Hazel Kahan*, social thinker, writer and speaker, Dougald Hine, who is originally from the northeast of England but is now living in Central Sweden. His new book "At Work in the Ruins, Finding Our Place in the Time of Science, Climate Change, Pandemics and All the Other Emergencies," examines the vectors of industrial modernity that have shaped us and produced "the trouble we are in." He ends the book with some ideas for living "among the ruins" and what might be worth doing and saving "in a time of endings" of the world as we know it. **Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 AM (repeat at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

This month's *Tidings* features Hazel Kahan's interview with Atlanta-based Kimberly Coburn, leader in a movement seeking to remedy today's "skills amnesia" by reclaiming pre-industrialization crafts and skills -- with fermentation as an example -- to support life in what many believe is widespread systems collapse or unravelling of the world as we have known it. **Wednesday, May 10 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, 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, June 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

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Elsa Panciroli about her book, "Beasts Before Us: The Untold Story of Mammal Origins and Evolution." It provides a fascinating and uplifting look at the resilience of life on this planet, through the lens of how mammals came to be. Then, motivated by the pandemic lockdown, many people renewed a gardening tradition that was all the rage during WWII, the Victory garden. We kick off the gardening season talking with Maggie Stuckey about "The Container Victory Garden: A Beginners Guide To Growing Your Own Groceries." **Monday, April 3 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Leila Philip about beavers, a keystone species that we need to protect as we face the challenges of climate chaos. Her book is "Beaver Land: How One Weird Rodent Made America." Next, noting that the Day of Transgender Visibility was last week, we bring you an excerpt from our 2019 interview with Mimi LeMay about her memoir, "What We Will Become." It's about how her family learned to come to terms with the fact that their child was transgender -- and how they came to support him. **Monday, April 10 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Nancy Lawson about her book, "Wildscape: Trilling Chipmunks, Beckoning Blooms, Salty Butterflies, And Other Sensory Wonders Of Nature." It's about the vibrant web of nature outside our back door "where animals and plants perceive and communicate using marvelous sensory abilities we are only beginning to understand." Then, Susan Stokes Chapman tells us about "Pandora," a historical novel set in Jane Austen's London that reimagines the Pandora myth. **Monday, April 17 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Sarah Schenck and Steven Lawrence about their film "The Invisible Extinction." It's about the threats to our life-supporting microbiome and the scientists racing to save our vanishing microbes before it's too late. **Monday, May 1 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We spend the hour with climate scientist Joëlle Gergis, talking about her powerful and moving book, "Humanity's Moment: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope." It's about how she grapples with the grief her scientific findings confront her with -- but also the hope she feels as she witnesses how the tide is turning toward climate protection. **Monday, May 8 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Ilan Stavans about his fascinating anthology of writings in American English, from the colonists at Plymouth

Rock to Black Lives Matter. It's called "The People's Tongue: Americans and the English Language." **Monday, May 15 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We spend the hour with Jonathan Eig talking about his acclaimed new biography, "King: A Life." It's the first major biography of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in forty years, based on hundreds of interviews and thousands of newly discovered documents. **Monday, May 22 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk about media literacy, something that is vital if we are to preserve and strengthen democracy. We speak with Allison Butler about the book she co-wrote, "The Media and Me: A Guide To Critical Media Literacy For Young People." It was written under the aegis of Project Censored. Then, we talk about eggs: actual, mythological, and artistic. Author Lizzie Stark tells us about her book, "Egg." **Monday, May 29 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Peggy Orenstein about her book, "Unraveling: What I Learned About Life While Shearing Sheep, Dyeing Wool, and Making the World's Ugliest Sweater." But first, Katy Simpson Smith tells us about her new novel, "The Weeds." It weaves history, botany, feminism and the climate crisis together into a compelling and sharply funny tale. **Monday, June 5 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice: Travel writer Jane Marshall takes us on her modern quest for Shangri La; her book is "Searching for Happy Valley." Then, host Francesca Rheannon shares a story from her own journey to a happy valley in the foothills of the maritime Alps of Haute Provence. **Monday, June 12 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We spend the hour speaking with writer, humanist and physician Abraham Verghese, first about his latest novel, "The Covenant of Water." Then, a look back to our 2009 conversation with him about his novel, "Cutting for Stone." **Monday, June 19 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - Family separation is still devastating the lives of children. We talk with Sylvia Rodriguez-Vega about her book, "Drawing Deportation: Art and Resistance Among Immigrant Children." It's about how family separation is traumatizing children and how art is helping them to heal. Then, we talk with Amy Beutens about "You Are The Universe: Ram Dass Maps The Journey," a graphic book told through the words of American spiritual teacher Ram Dass. **Monday, June 26 at 10:00 PM.**

Youth Radio

Day/Time: 4th 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