

WPKN

Community Issues Report

Year: 2023

4th Quarter: October, November, December

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

eDuration: 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) Stephen Zunes, professor of politics at the University of San Francisco, discusses the recent indictment of New Jersey Senator Robert Menendez and evidence that suggests Menendez gave sensitive U.S. government information to the regime of Egyptian dictator Abdel Fattah El-Sisi.
- 2) Raed Jarrar, advocacy director with the group Democracy for the Arab World Now, talks about the Biden administration's diplomatic initiative to normalize relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel.
- 3) Thomas Starr and Jacqueline Thaw, members of the Class Action Collective, talk about an upcoming protest in New Haven against censorship, book banning and attempts to sanitize the U.S. history curriculum on issues of slavery and racism.
- 4) Laura Carlsen, coordinator of global solidarity and learning at Just Associates in Mexico City, discusses the two top contenders in Mexico's June 2, 2024 presidential election. She'll also assess Mexico's popular outgoing president Andrés Manuel López Obrador.

Monday, October 2 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

- 1) John Nichols, The Nation magazine's national affairs correspondent, and author of "It's OK to Be Angry About Capitalism," cowritten with Senator Bernie Sanders. He'll

discuss his recent article, "Democrats Are on a Winning Streak That Could Transform Our Politics."

2) Christina Harvey, executive director of the group Stand Up America discusses President Biden's recent speech where he called out MAGA extremism as a serious threat to our democracy.

3) Michael A. Paarlberg, Ph.D. assistant professor at Virginia Commonwealth University assesses the large number of asylum seekers crossing the U.S. southern border and the political and media response, with a focus on the link between U.S. economic sanctions targeting Venezuela and the large number of Venezuelans now seeking to enter the U.S.

4) Sharon Chekijian, MD, MPH, associate professor of emergency medicine at Yale New Haven Hospital, discusses the crisis in Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh, after the Azerbaijani army launched a military operation on September 19th that has forced 100,000 people — more than 80% of the population — to flee to Armenia.

Monday, October 9 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Phyllis Bennis is a fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, who serves as the international adviser for Jewish Voice for Peace - and whose books include "Understanding the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Primer." She'll talk about the massive death toll and danger of a wider conflict in the Israel-Hamas War.

2) Hassan El-Tayyab, legislative director for Middle East policy with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, discusses the brutal Hamas attack on Israel, the deadly, massive retaliatory air strikes and bombing of Gaza by Israel, and concern that this conflict could spin out of control and spread to other nations, i.e. Lebanon, Iran.

3) Nelson Lichtenstein, research professor in the Department of History at the University of California, Santa Barbara discusses recent developments in, and the historical significance of, the UAW's 4-week strike against the "Big Three" automakers, including a breakthrough where the UAW and GM will include the company's future battery plants in their National Master Agreement.

4) Author and journalist David Lindorff talks about the new film he produced, "A Compassionate Spy," the incredible story of Manhattan Project scientist Ted Hall, who shared classified nuclear secrets with Russia. He'll also talk about his new book on Ted Hall's story, "Spy for No Country." The film will be screened at CineStudio, in Hartford at Trinity College on Oct. 17 and 18.

Monday, October 16 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Zeiad Abbas Shamrouh, executive director of the Middle East Children's Alliance and Palestinian refugee, discusses the humanitarian and health crisis for the 2.3 million people of Gaza.

2) Mel Goodman is a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, author and former CIA analyst. He assesses the bloody Hamas terrorist attack on Israel, the deadly retaliatory air strikes and bombing of Gaza by Israel, and concern that this war could spin out of control and incite a dangerous regional conflict.

3) Susan Greenhalgh, senior advisor on election security with Free Speech For People talks about Trump attorney Sidney Powell's recent plea deal in Georgia and her concern that Powell's involvement in a multi-state plot to steal voting machine software isn't being investigated by the DOJ or Jack Smith.

4) Rebecca Cadenhead, a senior at Harvard University and a writer and editor at The Harvard Advocate and The Harvard Crimson talks about her recent Nation Magazine article, "One of the Worst Weeks at Harvard I've Ever Experienced: The Targeting of Campus Activists -- How a letter from the Harvard Palestine Solidarity Committee became an international news story."

Monday, October 23 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Zachary Lockman, professor of history and Middle Eastern and Islamic studies at New York University, will discuss the current Israel-Hamas war, the US role in the conflict, civilian loss of life, and the danger of a wider war in the Middle East.

2) Jennifer Bendery, senior politics reporter with Huffington Post, talks about her recent article, "New Speaker Mike Johnson's Long History With The Religious Right."

3) Craig Aaron, co-CEO of the media democracy group Free Press, discusses the hopeful news that the FCC may reinstate net neutrality protections, which prohibit internet service providers from speeding up, slowing down or blocking specific content, applications or websites.

4) Spencer Cantrell, JD, senior advisor for implementation with the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, discusses the most recent mass shooting in Maine, her group's efforts to find solutions to epidemic gun violence, and why our political system has not responded to overwhelming public support of common sense gun regulation legislation.

Monday, October 30 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Dr. James J. Zogby, co-founder and president of the Arab American Institute and director of Zogby Research Services, a firm that has conducted groundbreaking surveys across the Middle East, will talk about his article, "Debunking 'All Palestinians are Hamas.'"

2) Liv Kunins-Berkowitz, media coordinator with Jewish Voice for Peace, talks about her group's views on the current Israel-Hamas war, the US role in the conflict, and JVP's historic protest actions demanding a ceasefire in Israel's retaliatory bombing campaign.

3) Jeff Schuhrke, assistant professor at the Harry Van Arsdale Jr. School of Labor Studies at SUNY Empire State College in New York City, talks about his recent In These Times magazine article, "Here's What UAW Workers Won in a 'Historic' TA After Striking at Ford," the later agreements with Stellantis and GM, and the larger impact of the UAW strike's success.

4) Kiera Butler, senior editor at Mother Jones Magazine, discusses her new Mother Jones article, "The Far Right Has a New Big Lie: Claiming to Support Palestine."

Monday, November 6 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Abba A. Solomon is an author and researcher of the history of American Jews and Zionism. His latest book is a collection of essays titled, "The Miasma of Unity: Jews and Israel." He'll discuss his recent article, "Endangered and Dangerous Israel, Endangering Jews."

2) David Pepper, former chairperson of the Ohio Democratic party and author of, "Saving Democracy: A User's Manual for Every American," discusses the work he and others in Ohio did to ensure approval of a constitutional amendment referendum question guaranteeing access to abortion and other forms of reproductive health care. He'll also share what activists in other states can learn from Ohio.

3) Samir Jain, vice president of policy for the Center for Democracy & Technology, talks about his group's view of President Biden's recent Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence, and CDT's goals in government regulation of AI.

4) Attorney Bill Bloss, who represents Bridgeport, CT mayoral candidate John Gomes, talks about video surveillance of illegal ballot harvesting in the Sept. 12th primary, where Gomes lost to incumbent Mayor Joe Ganim by 251 votes. In response to a lawsuit filed by Gomes, Superior Court Judge William Clark ordered a new primary election, at a date to be announced, despite Ganim's victory in the Nov. 7th general election.

Monday, November 13 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Ralph Nader, named by The Atlantic as one of the hundred most influential figures in American history, is a four-time independent presidential candidate and author. He talks about his new book, "The Rebellious CEO," which examines how 12 CEOs replaced narrow yardsticks of shareholder value with metrics of prosperity and justice.

2) James Bamford, bestselling author, Emmy-nominated filmmaker for PBS, and award-winning investigative producer for ABC News, discusses his recent Nation magazine article, "Israel's War on American Student Activists."

3) Mel Gurtov, professor emeritus of political science at Portland State University and author of "Engaging China: Rebuilding Sino-American Relations," discusses the November 15th meeting between President Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

4) Rev. Dr. Davida Foy Crabtree, retired minister of the United Church of Christ, talks about her work launching the Connecticut chapter of the national group Third Act. Founded by climate activist and author Bill McKibben in 2021, it is building a community of Americans over the age of sixty determined to change the world for the better using their life experience and skills.

Monday, November 20 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Nicholas Stephanopoulos, Kirkland and Ellis professor of law at Harvard University, and Megan Bailey, communications director with the American Civil Liberties Union of Arkansas, examine the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that private individuals and groups such as the NAACP do not have the right to sue under a key section of the federal Voting Rights Act, a decision that contradicts decades of precedent and will likely further erode protections under the VRA.

2) Hassan El-Tayyab, legislative director for Middle East policy at Friends Committee on National Legislation, discusses the future of the temporary "humanitarian pause" in Gaza, his group's work advocating for a return of all the hostages, unfettered aid access, and a permanent ceasefire -- as well as the urgent need to begin negotiations on reaching a just and lasting peace for all Israelis and Palestinians.

3) Jeff Cohen, co-founder and policy director of RootsAction.org, is a media critic, columnist, documentary filmmaker, retired journalism professor and founder of the media watch group FAIR. He'll discuss Roots Action's Step Aside Joe campaign.

4) Tom Swan, executive director of the Connecticut Citizen Action Group talks about the group's scorecard rating insurance companies' underwriting of fossil fuel companies, the proposal for new vehicle emissions standards in Connecticut, and the group's upcoming 52nd Anniversary and Awards Celebration.

Monday, November 27 at 8:00 PM and in the [WPKN archive](#).

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

1) Greg Grandin is the Peter V. and C. Vann Woodward Professor of History at Yale University and author of "The End of the Myth" (winner of a 2020 Pulitzer Prize) and "Kissinger's Shadow: The Long Reach of America's Most Controversial Statesman." Peter Kornbluh is director of the The Cuba Project and the Chile Documentation Project at the National Security Archive and is the author of many books on Latin America including, "The Pinochet File: A Declassified Dossier on Atrocity and Accountability." They'll discuss the controversial career of Henry Kissinger.

2) Alex Lawson, executive director of Social Security Works, discusses his groups concerns about the creation of a "fiscal commission" that many observers believe will be used by the Republican majority in the House of Representatives to implement cuts to Social Security and Medicare benefits.

3) Trita Parsi, executive vice president of Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft, talks about his recent article, "The Ultimate Cost of Biden's Refusal to Call for a Full Cease-fire in Gaza."

4) Jeff Ordower, 350.org's North America director, discusses his group's recently published report, "Power Up for Climate Justice: Financing and Implementing a 1.5°C – Aligned Global Renewables Target."

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

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

1) Amanda Marcotte is a senior politics writer at Salon.com who writes the biweekly politics newsletter "Standing Room Only" and the author of "Troll Nation: How The Right Became Trump-Worshipping Monsters." She'll discuss her recent columns on Trump's candidacy.

2) Peter Kalmus, a climate scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab, a climate activist, and author of "Being the Change: Live Well and Spark a Climate Revolution," will assess the COP 28 UN Climate Summit in Dubai - what was, and was not accomplished -- and share his views on how citizens can effectively take action to pressure governments and corporate leaders to seriously address the climate crisis.

3) Amira Mattar, counsel with the group Free Speech For People, discusses her group's lawsuit filed on behalf of Oregon voters to bar Donald Trump from appearing on the

state's presidential primary and general election ballot in 2024 under Section 3 of the Fourteenth Amendment.

4) Will Creeley, legal director with the group Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, talks about how his group's concern for the protection of free speech led to their opposition to a U.S. House of Representatives amendment addressing anti-Semitism on college and university campuses.

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

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

1) Samer Badawi is a Palestinian-American writer and a contributor to +972 Magazine who covered Israel's 2014 Operation Protective Edge from Gaza and the West Bank.

He'll discuss his recent Progressive magazine article, "Most Americans Support a Ceasefire in Gaza, So Why Don't Our Elected Officials?"

2) Christopher Pearson, secretary of the group National Popular Vote, previously served five terms in Vermont's State House and three in the State Senate. He'll discuss NPV's work advocating for a national popular vote.

3) Dr. Dana Elborno, MD, a pediatric and adolescent gynecology physician practicing in Illinois, talks about her recent Truthout article, "US Palestinians Feel Helpless as Our Tax Dollars Fund Our Families' Destruction."

4) Michael Zweig, author and emeritus professor of economics and founding director of the Center for Study of Working Class Life at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, talks about his new book, "Class, Race, and Gender: Challenging the Injuries and Divisions of Capitalism."

Monday, December 18 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

Returning for the third time to *Digging in the Dirt* is Dr. Carl Safina, the endowed chair for Nature and Humanity at Stony Brook University. His writing has won a MacArthur “genius” prize; as well as Pew, Guggenheim, and National Science Foundation

Fellowships. His latest book is "Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe."
Monday, November 27 at 5:00 PM

East End Ink

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

Duration: ½ hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

Series Description

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

Episodes

East End Ink: Journalist Carl Bernstein and novelist A.M. Homes talk about Homes' novel "The Unfolding" and the process of writing political fiction with roots in history and fact. Wednesday, November 22 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM and [archived](#)).

East End Ink: Renowned ecologist Carl Safina presents his new book "Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe," a moving account of raising, then freeing, an orphaned screech owl. Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).

East End Ink presents Vera Graaf reading from "Virgin Territories," her book set on a Caribbean island. Wednesday, December 27 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

This week *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, digs deep into our 30-year archive. The words of the late John Trudell are from 1980 but his observations have stood the test of time and still ring true. Trudell (1946-2015) was a poet and a fighter for Native American rights. **Tuesday, October 3 at 12:00 noon.**

This week's guest on *First Voices Radio* hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse is WPKN's own Binnie Klein. An author and psychotherapist, her latest creative project is an indie music collaboration with an Australian singer-songwriter who performs as Tartie (Natasha Anderson). Continents apart, separated by time zones and a pandemic, Tartie's musical take on Binnie's lyrics of memory, betrayal, loss, and ultimate liberation was just the right fit. "Ablaze," the most recent release for "In These Trees and Tartie," is a poignant protest against our heartless treatment of the earth. Jennifer Kreisberg (Tuscarora) from Ulali provides back-up vocals. Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse says: "We forget about our impact on Earth with our rational justifications.... These songs need to be medicine songs, healing songs, ancient tried and true songs." **Tuesday, October 17 at 12:00 noon.**

This week's edition of *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, is about "story" and how storytelling reconnects us to our histories, cultures and homelands. Our guest is Kevin Abourezk, an award-winning journalist, film producer and community organizer. He is deputy managing editor of Indian Country Today and was a reporter and editor for the Lincoln Journal Star for 18 years. A member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Kevin has spent his career documenting the lives, accomplishments and tragedies of Native American people. **Tuesday, October 24 at 12:00 noon.**

This week's guest on *First Voices Radio*, hosted by Tiokasin Ghosthorse, is elder Albert Marshall from the Moose Clan of the Mi'kmaw Nation. He lives in the community of Eskasoni in Unama'ki – Cape Breton, Nova Scotia. Albert is a fluent speaker of the Mi'kmaw language, a passionate advocate of cross-cultural understanding and healing, and of our human responsibilities to care for all creatures and our Earth Mother. **Tuesday, October 31 at 12:00 noon.**

Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Annamarie Hill, an enrolled member of the Red Lake Nation located in northwestern Minnesota. She has served as state government affairs director for Red Lake and executive director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. During her tenure the highly regarded and award-winning "Why Treaties Matter" exhibit and Dakota Ojibwe Language Revitalization program were developed. She currently works for the University of Minnesota Medical School's Duluth Campus as the strategy and outreach director and is part of an NIH-funded research project to examine the APOE gene's relationship with Alzheimer's disease in the Native population. **Tuesday, November 7 at 12:00 noon.**

Tiokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Martin Shaw. An award-winning writer, his last book, "Bardskull," was described by The Sunday Times as "rich and transgressive" and was a Book of the Day in The Guardian. Martin spent four years living in a tent exploring some remaining pockets of British wilderness. **Tuesday, November 14 at 12:00 noon.**

This week on *First Voices Radio* Tiokasin Ghosthorse hosts another roundtable discussion with three returning guests. Jonathan Gonzales was born in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico. He has spent the last 12 years learning earth living skills and ancestral

ceremonial ways with many teachers and elders. Lucas Jatobá is a photographer and filmmaker who was born in Manaus, northern Brazil whose work focuses on urban social issues. Christian Matute Sagbay, from Gualaceo, Ecuador -- not too long ago it was kichwa/kañari territory -- works in the area of language justice. **Tuesday, November 21 at 12:00 noon.**

Taokasin Ghosthorse's guest this week on *First Voices Radio* is Vanessa Machado de Oliveira Andreotti, professor and Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Victoria (Canada) and author of "Hospicing Modernity: Facing Humanity's Wrongs and Implications for Social Activism." She is one of the founding members of Gesturing Decolonial Futures Collective and Teia das 5 Curas, an international network of Indigenous communities. They'll discuss global healing and wellbeing in times of unprecedented challenges. **Tuesday, November 28 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio - Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse spends the full hour with Rebecca Clarren, author of "The Cost of Free Land: Jews, Lakota, and an American Inheritance." Clarren has been writing about the American West for more than 20 years. Her investigative journalism has appeared in such publications as MotherJones, High Country News, The Nation, and Indian Country Today. **Tuesday, December 5 at 12:00 noon.**

First Voices Radio: Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse spends the full hour with Stephany Seay, who has been working in service to the last wild buffalo for over 20 years. Based in Montana, she served as media coordinator for Buffalo Field Campaign, with whom she parted ways after 18 years over philosophical differences. She is a member of Deep Green Resistance and co-founder of Roam Free Nation. Stephany trusts that the buffalo have called us not just to help defend them, but to also help save us from ourselves. **Tuesday, December 12 at 12:00 noon.**

Taokasin Ghosthorse's guest on *First Voices Radio*: Alex White Plume is Oglala Lakota and one of the founders of the Wounded Knee Bigfoot Memorial Ride (South Dakota) started in 1986. The nation needed a Wiping of the Tears ceremony after the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890. The ride was called the Future Generation Ride after 1990, when the Wiping of the Tears ceremony ended. **Tuesday, December 21 at 12:00 noon.**

Taokasin Ghosthorse's guest on *First Voices Radio* is Annamarie Hill, an enrolled member of Red Lake Nation located in northwestern Minnesota. She is former State Government Affairs Director for Red Lake and a former Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council. She currently works for the Univ. of Minnesota Medical School's Duluth Campus and is a part of a team conducting NIH-funded research to examine the APOE gene's relationship with Alzheimer's disease in the Native population. **Tuesday, December 26 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: Host Melinda Tuhus presents excerpts from speeches given at the 54th Annual 2023 National Day of Mourning at Plymouth, Massachusetts. Speakers include an 82-year-old survivor of the Indian residential schools in Canada and a Palestinian speaking about the war in Gaza. **Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 AM.**

GM Report to the Listener

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

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: monthly

Origin: local

Series Description

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

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

Home Page Radio with Duo Dickinson

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

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

Series Description

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

Integrative Wellness

Day/Time: Sunday/7:00 AM

Duration: 3 hours

Frequency: alternate weeks

Origin: local

Series Description

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

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

Jay in the City with Jason A. Coombs

Day/Time: 1st Monday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: once a month

Origin: local

Series Description

Hosted by Jason Coombs.

Kathy's Corner with Kathy Connor

Day/Time: 5th Wednesday of the month

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: quarterly

Origin: local

Series Description

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

Issues: self help, talk, women's

La Esquina Latina/Sunday Mix

Day/Time: Sunday/2:00 PM

Duration: 4 hours

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

Series Description

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

Issues: Latino culture and public affairs

LGBTQ Community Show

Day/Time: 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

This month Hazel Kahan's guest on *North Fork Works* is Mattituck-born Wendy Zuhoski talking about the 30th anniversary of the deli she's owned since she was 23 years old. Today, Wendy's Deli has become the place not only for her mother's much-appreciated soups and sandwiches but also a hub for the community's people helping each other in times of need. [Wednesday, October 4 at 6:30 AM \(repeated at 8:00 PM\) and archived.](#)

From Hazel Kahan: "This month, instead of posting a North Fork story on *North Fork Works*, I am dedicating the space to replaying an episode first heard on *Tidings* in 2016 about Palestinian women musicians, introduced by Ayeda Ayed, a Palestinian-Canadian expert on the culture of the Arab-speaking world. It is my way of reminding ourselves that under the Gaza rubble lie a Palestinian people and a Palestinian culture."

[Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 AM \(repeated at 8:00 PM and archived\).](#)

North Fork Works: Hazel Kahan interviews Southold town historian Amy Folk who talks about the North Fork Project, designed to find the names of all the enslaved people as well as the enslavers who have ever lived on the North Fork. She is also researching and expanding Southold's historic markers for greater accuracy while asking the Town's people for their feedback during these processes. **Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

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

Organic Farm Stand, hosted by Richard Hill and Laura Modlin:

- Solar/Lunar Report with Laura Modlin
 - Small Farms Report with Steve Munno
 - Honey Bee Update with Vincent Kaye
 - Historian Frank Pagliaro from Easton, CT will talk about North America's first recorded meteorite strike which took place December 1807 in Connecticut. We will discuss life back then, peoples' connection with the natural world, and how farming has developed.
- Tuesday, December 5 at 12:00 Noon.**

The Organic Farm Stand:

- The Solar/Lunar Report by Laura Modlin, with a celebratory presentation on the Winter Solstice.
- The Small Farms Report with Steve Munno, manager of Massaro Farm.
- Norwalk recently passed an ordinance restricting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers. Lisa Shannahan, Norwalk town Common Council Representative for E District and Louise Washer, co-founder and executive board member of the Pollinator Pathway, two people instrumental in this development, explain how other towns can create similar restrictions.

Thursday, December 21 at 12:00 noon.

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

On *First Tuesday Rainy Day Radio* with Richard Hill:

8:45 PM - The Monthly Labor Report with Prof. Michael Zweig, reviewing the auto workers' tentative agreement with the Big 3 automakers.

10:15 PM - Norwegian doctor Mads Gilbert discusses the dire medical situation in Gaza as the Israeli bombing continues.

Tuesday evening, November 7.

On *Rainy Day Radio* hosted by Richard Hill: Musician, composer, producer and philosopher Adam Rudolph will talk about his five-decades-long career, performing with Yusef Lateef, Don Cherry and many others, as we share some of his unique musical compositions. **Tuesday evening, December 5 at 9:45 PM.**

Ralph Nadar Radio Hour

Day/Time: Sunday/6:00 PM

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: national

Series Description

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

Series issues: consumer protection, political reform, independent politics

Second Saturday Magazine

Day/Time: 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.

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.

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 Hazel Kahan's guest on *Tidings* is State University of New York at Stonybrook professor emeritus, labor scholar and activist Michael Zweig. He'll talk about his new book "Class, Race, and Gender: Challenging the Injuries and Divisions of Capitalism" and why he wrote it for young activists and leaders. Zweig received his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Michigan where he was a founding member of Students for a Democratic Society. The foreword for Zweig's new book is by Rev. William Barber, founder of the Poor People's Campaign where Zweig is also an active member. **Wednesday, October 11 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM and [archived](#)).**

This month's *Tidings* is a repeat of the September episode, recorded a month before the Israel-Hamas war began. Robert Massoud, Palestinian founder of the Zatoun organization, spoke to us from Toronto about the twenty years he has spent telling the story of Palestine through its olive oil, without being silenced by politicians and media. "Two months later," says producer Hazel Kahan, "there are multiple lenses through which listeners might experience this interview." **Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM) and [archived](#).**

Tidings from Hazel Kahan: Two members of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Staff Chaplain Chris Antal and Staff Psychologist Dr. Peter Yeomans, speak to us from Philadelphia, Pa. about their work on the pain of moral injury experienced by veterans returning from military deployment. From a foundation of academic research, they explain the distinction between moral injury and PTSD and how the community, including family, is integrated into their three-month program of group sessions leading to a moral injury community healing ceremony and community feedback. **Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 AM (repeated at 8:00 PM and [archived](#)).**

Writer's Voice

Day/Time: Monday/10pm

Duration: 1 hour

Frequency: weekly

Origin: local

Series Description

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon features in-depth conversations with writers of all genres. The program features interviews and readings, as well as reviews with

authors such as Louise Erdrich, James Risen, Ursula K. LeGuin, Russell Banks, poet Richard Wilbur, and many more notable writers. *Writer's Voice* is produced and hosted by Francesca Rheannon and has been on the air since 2004, with more than 500 shows produced, airing on stations across the United States.

Episodes

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We spend the hour with David Lipsky talking about "The Parrot and The Igloo: Climate and the Science of Denial." It's about the sordid history of climate denialism and its deep roots in the industry of tobacco denialism. **Monday, October 2 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with celebrated Malaysian author Tan Twan Eng about "House of Doors," his spellbinding new novel about love and betrayal, colonialism and revolution, storytelling and redemption. Then, novelist Kerri Maher tells us about her novel, "All You Have To Do Is Call." It's about the Jane Collective, the 1970s clandestine abortion service in Chicago. **Monday, October 9 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with Gloria Dickie about bears and how people relate to them, for good and for ill. Her book is "Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future." Then, we talk about another iconic imperiled species: wolves. Sonja Swift tells us about her book: "Echo Loba, Loba Echo: Of Wisdom, Wolves and Women." **Monday, October 16 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - From the archive: We talk about Israel's long and secret history of assassination with Ronen Bergman. His book is "Rise and Kill First." Then Norman Finkelstein tells us about Israeli policy toward the Palestinian people. He has been a fierce critic of that policy, well before others had the courage or even the awareness to speak out against it. His book is "Gaza: An Inquest Into Its Martyrdom." **Monday, October 23 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We spend the hour with Brant MacDuff talking about his book, "The Shotgun Conservationist: Why Environmentalists Should Love Hunting." **Monday, October 30 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with ecologist Carl Safina about his book, "Alfie and Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe." On the one hand, it explores his unfolding relationship with one particular owl. And on the other, it ponders why and how we humans adopted the truly bizarre belief that we are unconnected to the rest of life on the planet. Then, do the endless wars around oil include the current Israeli-Palestinian conflict? Charlotte Dennett's book "Follow The Pipelines" is about the deadly politics of the great game for oil. **Monday, November 6 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with Patrick Chura about a long-suppressed novel about the holocaust by the blacklisted socialist writer, Albert

Maltz. It's just been published in the US — over 60 years after it was written. Chura wrote the introduction to "A Tale of One January" and is responsible for its publication by Bloomsbury Press. **Monday, November 13 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with Simon Worrall and Heather Dune-Macadam about the fascinating and tragic story of a young Jewish artist in Nazi-occupied Paris. Their book is "Star Crossed: A True Romeo and Juliet Story in Hitler's Paris." Then, New York Times columnist and author Margaret Renal tells us about her acclaimed new book "The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year." **Monday, November 20 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk with poet, farmer and author Scott Chaskey about his new book, "Soil and Spirit: Cultivation and Kinship In The Web of Life." Then, chef Ravinder Bhogal introduces us to the comfort and joy of immigrant food. Her book is "Comfort and Joy: Irresistible Pleasures from a Vegetarian Kitchen." **Monday, November 27 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - Can we achieve 100% clean power by 2030? We spend the hour with John Berger talking about his inspiring new book, "Solving the Climate Crisis: Frontier Reports From The Race To Save The Earth." **Monday, December 4 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We spend the hour with Corban Addison talking about what happened when a poor, African-American community went up against neighboring hog farms and the biggest meatpacking company in the world — and won. His spell-binding legal thriller about the court case is "Wastelands: The True Story of Farm Country on Trial." **Monday, December 11 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - We talk about the enduring legacy of Matthew Shepard with Lesléa Newman. Her new book is "Always Matt: A Tribute to Matthew Shepard." But first, we talk with labor educator and activist Steve Babson. His book is "The Forgotten Populists: When Farmers Turned Left to Save Democracy." **Monday, December 18 at 10:00 PM.**

Writer's Voice hosted by Francesca Rheannon - First, we talk with Mike Rothschild about his book "Jewish Space Lasers: The Rothschilds and 200 Years of Conspiracy Theories." It's about the persistence of rightwing anti-Semitism. Then, Adam Hart tells us about how people become prey for wild animals and why conservation to preserve wildlife needs to take human needs into account to succeed. His book is "The Deadly Balance: Predators and People in A Crowded World." **Monday, December 25 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