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ARTS:

Colin McEnroe Show: An Hour With John McPhee

09/29/2017 1:00PM 49 minutes

John McPhee is a writer's writer. He's thought of as one of the progenitors of the New Journalism, of creative nonfiction or narrative nonfiction, along with people like Gay Talese and Tom Wolfe and Hunter S. Thompson. But his style is... quieter than those folks'. His writing is transparent. He tends to keep himself out of the narrative. He doesn't even, in fact, have an author photo.

McPhee has written for *The New Yorker* since 1963, and he's taught writing at Princeton University since 1975. He is the author of 32 books, including *Coming Into the Country*, *A Sense of Where You Are*, *Oranges*, and *Annals of the Former World*, which won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction.

POLITICS:

The Wheelhouse: Big Questions on Health Care Overhaul, GOP, and the State Budget

8/2/2017 9:00AM 49 minutes

Can you believe President Trump's transgender military ban "tweetstorm" was one week ago today? That attempt at tweets-as-policy-change didn't quite work, and was soon overshadowed by John McCain's rogue "thumbs down" on the critical GOP health care vote. And as soon as we got used to the foul-mouthed Anthony Scaramucci, he's out.

This hour, we look into what's next for a health care overhaul, and do some GOP soul searching with Arizona Senator Jeff Flake, who has a new book about the future of his party. [He said in an NPR interview](#) that he's "very troubled about where the Republican Party is now."

In Connecticut, it was a tie break by Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman that settled a \$1.5 billion labor agreement. The state budget is still up in the air, and it's affecting cities and towns. In Torrington, they've delayed the start of school to save money.

All this, and UConn's \$32 million deal with Nike.

ENVIRONMENT:

From Zion Canyon to Acadia's Shores: Overcrowding in the U.S. National Parks

8/11/2017 9:00AM 49 minutes

America's national parks are experiencing record crowds — and some nature enthusiasts worry about what that means for the protected land. Is the sheer amount of people taking away the rustic experience these parks offer?

This hour, we explore the issue. We talk with environmental journalist Jim Robbins and we hear from park officials in Zion National Park in Utah and Acadia National Park in Maine.

Have you visited a national park recently? What was your experience?

And later, Connecticut might not have majestic mountains or awe-inspiring canyons, but it is a unique place for bird watching enthusiasts. We learn more about the birds that pass our shores from long-time bird watcher Greg Hanisek.

HEALTH:

What Happened at Whiting? Abuse At Connecticut's Psychiatric Hospital

9/14/2017 9:00 AM 49 minutes

Nine mental health workers at Whiting Forensic Division, the maximum security facility at Connecticut's only state psychiatric hospital, have been arrested for the abuse of a patient.

Dozens more have been suspended for participating in or observing this abuse that continued for weeks on end -- all while under video surveillance.

We ask the commissioner of the state agency in charge of the facility about this abuse scandal, and what changes have been made to prevent this from happening again.

GOVERNMENT:

Another Session Down. What Did Connecticut Legislators Accomplish?

8/4/2016 9:00 AM 49 minutes

There's always a lot of last-minute action at the state capitol when the legislative session's about to end. But in the middle of a budgetary crisis - that action has ramped up.

A special legislative session is already planned to tackle that big budget hole - lawmakers and the governor have conceded that they're not even close to an agreement. But in these final hours of the regular session, there's been debate over items that could affect the state of the state's economy.

A contentious bill to grant the state's two tribal nations the right to build a third casino North of Hartford gained approval - but still faces a legal challenge from casino competitors. A plan to allow tolls on Connecticut's highways seems to have stalled out - but the mythical transportation "lockbox" is a step closer.

This hour, we get the latest from the capitol - and look at how Aetna's plan to move it's Headquarters has been affecting the work that's being done there.

BUSINESS:

Bringing Gender Equality to the C-Suite

8/21/2017 9:00 PM 49 minutes

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, [an estimated 56 percent of women will be employed or looking for work by the year 2024 -- that's a nearly one percent decrease from 2015.](#)

Still, investment in female leadership has grown at some workplaces -- [including Connecticut-based United Technologies Corporation.](#)

This hour, we take a closer look at those trends and consider the future of women in the so-called "C-suite."

HISTORY:

The Amazons: myth, Reality, and Modern Relevance

9/12/2017 1:00PM 49 minutes

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the Amazons of ancient Greek mythology is that they were not entirely mythical. While many of the deeds and details ascribed to these women warriors were imagined, the Amazons themselves were inspired by a real-life horse-riding tribe of nomads called the Scythians.

This hour we speak with historians, folklorists and film experts about the ancient Amazons and hear how their stories speak to age-old notions of gender identity. We'll also ask whether modern portrayals of warrior women are defying or perpetuating female stereotypes.

SCIENCE/TECH:

We Are What We Eat: Humans' Relationship With Seeds

8/3/2017 9:00AM 49 minutes

Many of us take it for granted that much of our food comes from seeds. But did you know 94% of our seed varieties have disappeared in the last century?

This hour, we talk with the co-director of the documentary [SEED: The Untold Story](#). We find out how we lost a wealth of seed diversity and we learn about seed savers who are working to bring that diversity back.

A botanical explorer with ties to Connecticut joins us. He travels the world in search of edible plants — plants whose seeds are underutilized in our diets. We also dig into the debate surrounding genetically modified crops. How do they impact biodiversity worldwide?

And later, we hear from an eighth generation Connecticut farmer about how his family finds the seeds for the crops they plant.

EDUCATION:

The Civilian Conservation Corps Lasting Impact on Connecticut

7/18/2016 9:00AM 49 minutes

In the midst of the Great Depression more than 80 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Civilian Conservation Corps — giving jobs to young men to support their families, while conserving the country’s wild lands and upgrading our state parks.

This hour, we learn about the CCC’s impact in Connecticut and we hear from one “CCC boy” who is now 102 years old.

RACE:

It’s Hard to be Black in America. Still.

7/12/2017 9:00 AM 49 minutes

This hour, we tackle issues involving race, policy, and U.S. democracy with Demos President Heather McGhee.

Plus: a look at [efforts to establish paid leave](#) in Connecticut. If passed, how might new legislation impact the state’s women of color? We find out and we also hear from you.

The following is a representative list of issues that are regularly reported both on the air and on our online platform, WNPR.org:

Addiction, age, agriculture, alcohol, animals, anatomy, Asia, airports, banks, baseball, books, brain, bullying, business, cars, celebrities, children, civil rights, cities, climate change, college, community, conservation, courts, crime, dance, death penalty, death, debt crisis, disabilities, disease, drugs, economy, elderly, energy, elections, environment, ethics, film, free speech, government, guns, health, housing, hunger, immigration, industry, jobs, justice, law, media, movies, music, oceans, parenting, police, race, religion, science, schools, sexuality, technology, theater, transportation, veterans, war, weather, zoning.