

***Issues Programs List***  
***WECI 91.5 Radio Station***  
***January 1 - March 31, 2023***  
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**Section I: Issues**

WECI has identified the following issues as significant and relevant to the local communities and listening audience:

*COVID-19 Pandemic/Public Health*

*Climate/Environmental Issues*

*Economics*

*Education*

*Politics*

*Social Justice*

*Ukrainian War*

*\*Note\* This file was uploaded late due to an unexpected hospitalization*

**Section II: Responsive Programming**

*COVID-19 Pandemic/Public Health*

*Monday, March 27, 2023 3pm. Duration 41 minutes*

*Democracy Now! U.N. Warns of Water Wars as 2 Billion People Lack Clean Water with Africa and Middle East Hardest Hit*

A new report by the United Nations warns that a quarter of humanity lacks access to safe drinking water, and nearly half of the global population has no access to basic sanitation. Unless action is taken, 60% of the world's population could face water supply issues by 2050. At the U.N. Water Conference in New York last week, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres addressed the report's findings and warned of the potential link between water scarcity and war. From Abuja, Nigeria, Democracy Now speaks to Boluwaji Onabolu, president of the Network of Female Professionals in WASH in Nigeria, which focuses on water, sanitation, hygiene and public health.

*Climate/Environmental Issues*

*Thursday, January 19, 2023. 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! "Out of the Lab and Into the Streets": Meet Earth Scientist Fired After Engaging in Climate Protests*

It was a dramatic scene when scientist and climate activist Rose Abramoff joined fellow scientist Peter Kalmus in December to disrupt the world's biggest meeting of scientists who study Earth and space: the American Geophysical Union. The nonviolent protest was meant as a call to action to address the climate crisis. She and Kalmus went up on stage and unfurled a banner that read, "Out of the lab & into the streets."

*Monday, March 6, 2023, 3pm. Duration 32 minutes*

*Democracy Now! "Hopeful": Historic U.N. High Seas Treaty Will Protect 30% of World's Oceans from Biodiversity Loss*

The first-ever international treaty to protect the oceans was agreed to by negotiators from more than 190 countries at a United Nations conference this weekend, capping nearly two decades of efforts by conservation groups. The legally binding pact could help reverse marine biodiversity loss by establishing marine protected areas covering nearly a third of the world's seas by 2030. Democracy now hears more from one of the treaty's scientist-negotiators, Minna Epps, a marine biologist and director of the Ocean Team at the International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

*Monday, March 13, 2023 3pm. Duration 43 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Climate & Indigenous Activists Decry Biden's Approval of Willow Oil Drilling Project in Arctic*

The Biden administration has approved a massive oil and gas development in Alaska known as the Willow project, despite widespread opposition from environmental and conservation groups that argue Willow will amount to a carbon bomb. The administration also announced Sunday it will ban future oil and gas leasing for 3 million acres of federal waters in the Arctic Ocean and will limit drilling in a further 13 million acres in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska's North Slope. For more, Democracy Now speaks with Siquiniq Maupin, executive director of Sovereign Inupiat for a Living Arctic, who says Willow would undermine Biden's larger climate goals. "This project would emit so much carbon, it would actually double the amount that Biden had promised he would reduce," they say.

*Economics*

*Tuesday, March 14, 2023, 3pm. Duration 43 minutes*

*Democracy Now! How Silicon Valley Bank & Signature Bank Lobbied to Weaken Regulations That Could Have Prevented Collapse*

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank are the largest bank failures since the 2008 financial crisis, which prompted lawmakers to pass legislation to increase regulations on banks and other financial institutions. But during the Trump administration, a number of Democrats joined Republicans in Congress to weaken laws including Dodd-Frank, the landmark regulatory reform passed in the wake of the crisis. Executives from Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank were among those who successfully lobbied to weaken rules that may have prevented their collapse. The fallout from the bank failures now threatens to spread to other financial institutions, and the Biden administration has taken extraordinary steps to guarantee all deposits in the two failed banks and to shore up the rest of the sector in what many are criticizing as a bailout of rich bank customers.

*Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 3pm. Duration 22 minutes*

*Democracy Now! "Stop Dirty Banks": Bill McKibben & Ben Jealous on Ending Big Bank Funding for Fossil Fuel Expansion*

Democracy Now speaks with Third Act founder Bill McKibben and Sierra Club executive director Ben Jealous about protests they've organized today across the United States to demand the four biggest banks — Chase, Citi, Wells Fargo and Bank of America — stop financing the expansion of fossil fuel projects.

*Saturday January 7, 2023, 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Commonwealth Club*

*Getting Justice Right: The Business Case for Second Chance Hiring*

Jeffrey Korzenik, Author, Untapped Talent: How Second Chance Hiring Works for Your Business and the Community. Ken Oliver Executive Director, Checkr Foundation

*Sunday, February 18, 2023, 11 am. Duration 59 minutes*

*Navigating a Turbulent Economy: Walter E. Hoadley/ Bank of America Annual Economic Forecast, 2023*

Michael Boskin Professor of Economics and Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University; Chair, President's Council of Economic Advisers under President George H.W. Bush. Maurice Obstfeld Professor of Economics, University of California Berkeley; Former Chief Economist, International Monetary Fund. Ann E. Harrison Economist and Dean of the Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley.

### *Education*

*Tuesday, February 21, 2023 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Angela Davis on Assassination & Legacy of Malcolm X, Her Exclusion from AP Black Studies and More*

Democracy Now spoke with renowned scholar and activist Angela Davis on the 58th anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X. Davis is delivering a keynote address Tuesday at the Shabazz Center in New York, formerly the Audubon Ballroom, where the iconic Black leader was killed on February 21, 1965. Davis says Malcolm is still vital to understanding racism, power and justice in the United States and beyond. “Malcolm always placed these issues in a larger context, and I think that we can learn a great deal from that legacy today,” says Davis. She also responds to recent moves by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and others to restrict the teaching of African American history, calling it an effort to “turn the clock back” on racial progress.

*Monday, February 27, 2023, 3pm. Duration 40 minutes*

*Democracy Now! A History of California, Capitalism, and the World: Malcolm Harris on New Book “Palo Alto”*

Democracy Now speaks with author Malcolm Harris about his new book, *Palo Alto: A History of California, Capitalism, and the World*, in which he writes how his hometown in the heart of Silicon Valley and home to many tech billionaires has helped to reshape the economy by exporting its brand of capitalism to the rest of the United States and around the world. “It’s important to see the internet and its history as this relation between capital and the government,” says Harris in a wide-ranging interview.

*Saturday, February 25, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Open and Accessible: Taking Stock of the Vatican’s Holocaust-Era Archives*

Suzanne Brown-Fleming Ph.D., Director, International Academic Programs, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. Alexis Herr Ph.D., Adjunct Professor of History, University of San Francisco Jason DeRose Western Bureau Chief, NPR News—Moderator

*Saturday, March, 18, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Sathnam Sanghera with John Oliver: How Imperialism Shaped Modern Britain*

Sathnam Sanghera Author, *Empireland: How Imperialism Has Shaped Modern Britain* In Conversation with John Oliver Host, “Last Week Tonight with John Oliver”

*Saturday, March, 25, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Mehdi Hasan - Host on MSNBC and Peacock TV*

Mehdi Hasan Host, MSNBC’s “The Mehdi Hasan Show”; Author, *Win Every Argument: The Art of Debating, Persuading, and Public Speaking*

### *Politics*

*Monday, January 9, 2023 3pm. Duration 46 minutes.*

*Democracy Now! Biden Visits Border But Doesn’t Meet with Asylum Seekers as Administration Cracks Down on Immigration*

Immigrant rights groups are denouncing President Biden's recent announcement that the United States will start to block migrants from Haiti, Nicaragua and Cuba from applying for asylum if they're apprehended crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. The move is an expansion of the contested Trump-era Title 42 pandemic policy set to be reviewed by the Supreme Court. Over the weekend, Biden visited El Paso, one of the country's busiest border crossings, in his first visit to the border as president. He reportedly did not meet with or see any migrants during his four-hour visit.

*Tuesday, February 14, 2023 3pm. Duration 41 minutes*

*Democracy Now! The U.S. Has 750 Overseas Military Bases, and Continues to Build More to Encircle China*

The United States struck a deal with the Philippines earlier this month to expand its military presence in its former colony to four additional bases, part of a years-long Pentagon buildup in the Asia-Pacific region meant to counter Chinese influence. The U.S. has about 750 overseas military bases in more than 80 countries, and Washington elites are pushing the country ever closer to conflict with China, says researcher David Vine. "I think the people of the United States absolutely do not want war," says Vine. He is a professor of anthropology at American University and co-founder of the Overseas Base Realignment and Closure Coalition.

*Friday, March 3, 2023, 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Meet Thelma Cabrera, the Indigenous Leader Barred from Running in Guatemala's Presidential Election*

Guatemala's presidential election this year is taking place against a backdrop of worsening repression against journalists, human rights activists and Indigenous environmental defenders. The Guatemalan Constitutional Court on Thursday upheld a decision by the country's electoral tribunal to bar Indigenous human rights defender Thelma Cabrera from running. Cabrera and her running mate, former human rights ombudsman Jordán Rodas, are members of the leftist political party the Movement for the Liberation of the Peoples. They visited the United States in February to meet with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights following their ban and spoke with Democracy Now.

*Friday, March 10, 2023, 3pm. Duration 48 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Rep. Barbara Lee on Cutting the Military Budget, Abortion Rights & Why She's Running for Senate*

As President Biden proposes his new budget, which expands military spending, as well as social services, Democracy Now speaks with Democratic Congress Member Barbara Lee, co-chair of the Defense Spending Reduction Caucus. She recently reintroduced the People Over Pentagon Act to cut \$100 billion from the Pentagon budget and reallocate funds to overlooked priorities like healthcare and education. Lee is one of three House Democrats who have announced their candidacy for outgoing California Senator Dianne Feinstein's seat. Lee is the highest-ranking

Black woman appointed to House leadership and would be just the third Black woman to serve in the Senate's 233-year history. She shares her platform on foreign policy, reproductive rights and racial justice on *Democracy Now!*

*Friday, 31, 2023, 3pm. Duration 37 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Indicted: Trump Faces Criminal Charges in NY; Three Other Investigations into Ex-President Continue*

In an unprecedented move, a Manhattan grand jury voted Thursday to indict former President Donald Trump for hush-money payments made to adult film star Stormy Daniels during the 2016 presidential campaign to hide an alleged affair, making Trump the first former U.S. president to face criminal charges. While the precise details of the charges are not yet known, the development culminates years of political, business and personal legal troubles for Trump, who still faces three other major investigations. Democracy Now looks at the charges in this case and others that Trump faces, with Ellen Yaroshefsky, who teaches legal ethics as a professor at Hofstra University Law School.

*Saturday, February 4, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Commonwealth Club Carter Center's Alexander and Packard's Lindborg: Combating Threats to Democracy*

Paige Alexander CEO, Carter Center Nancy Lindborg President and CEO, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation—Moderator

*Saturday, March 11, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*George P. Shultz: The Life and Legacy of a Great Statesman*

Philip Taubman Lecturer, Stanford University's Center for International Security and Cooperation; Former Reporter and Editor, The New York Times In Conversation with David Kennedy Professor Emeritus of American History, Stanford University; Former Director, Stanford's Bill Lane Center for the American West

*Social Justice*

*Wednesday, January 18, 2023 3pm. Duration 47 minutes*

*Democracy Now! End Medical Debt: Fight Grows to Stop Hospitals from Suing Patients, Garnishing Wages, Ruining Credit*

The growing problem of crushing medical debt was raised by Senator Bernie Sanders in a national address Tuesday on the American working class. Democracy Now hear from patients and discuss the fight to stop hospitals from suing patients, garnishing wages and putting liens on homes of people facing medical bills they can't afford. Democracy Now is joined by Elisabeth

Benjamin, vice president of Health Initiatives at the Community Service Society of New York and co-founder of the Health Care for All New York campaign.

*Friday, January 20, 2023, 3pm. Duration 48 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Atlanta Police Kill Forest Defender at Protest Encampment Near Proposed “Cop City” Training Center*

Democracy Now gets an update on calls for an independent investigation into the Atlanta police killing of an activist during a violent raid Wednesday on a proposed \$90 million training facility in a public forest, known by opponents to the facility as “Cop City.” Law enforcement officers — including a SWAT team — were violently evicting protesters who had occupied a wooded area outside the center when they shot and killed longtime activist Manuel Terán, who went by the name “Tortuguita.”

*Friday, January 27, 2023, 3pm. Duration 36 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Memphis BLM Activist: Tyre Nichols’ Killing Is Part of Police Brutality Crisis Facing Black Residents*

Amid nationwide protests, prosecutors have charged five former Memphis police officers with murder in the death of Tyre Nichols, who died January 10 of kidney failure and cardiac arrest after a vicious beating three days earlier during a traffic stop. Memphis and other cities across the U.S. are expecting mass protests against police violence over the weekend, with body-camera footage of the deadly traffic stop set to be released Friday evening.

*Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Guns Leading Killer of Kids: With MSU Massacre, U.S. Averages More Than One Mass Shooting a Day*

The Michigan State University community is in mourning after a mass shooting on campus Monday in which a gunman killed three students and severely wounded five more. In response to Monday’s killings, both Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer and President Joe Biden have called for tighter gun laws to restrict the purchase of weapons. Monday’s bloodshed came just a day before the fifth anniversary of the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, highlighting the ever-present risk of gun violence in the lives of young people in the United States.

*Wednesday, February 1, 2023 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Standoff at NYC Hotel: Asylum Seekers Protest Relocation & Demand Their Right to Shelter in City*

Since last spring, nearly 42,000 asylum seekers have arrived in New York City, many sent to the state on buses against their will. The city says it has opened 77 emergency shelters and four Humanitarian Emergency Response and Relief Centers, but asylum seekers say the city has

dragged its feet on providing job permits and permanent and humane housing. Many are now peacefully protesting outside a hotel not far from Times Square, where they were living for weeks until city officials suddenly evicted them over the weekend to move them to a remote warehouse facility in Brooklyn that contains 1,000 cots and lacks heating.

*Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Longest Alabama Strike Ends as Warrior Met Coal Miners Return. Record Coal Prices Help Break Strike*

In Alabama, hundreds of striking miners are set to return to work Thursday after nearly two years spent on picket lines in the so-called right-to-work state. This was the longest strike in Alabama history. Its end comes after the Warrior Met Coal company successfully used replacement workers to keep its mines running, reporting large profits to shareholders due to the skyrocketing price of coal. At the same time, the company told miners they would only retain their jobs if they agreed to a 20% pay cut and to relinquish various benefits relating to weekend pay and healthcare.

*Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 3pm. Duration 42 minutes*

*Democracy Now! "Stand Up for Afghan Women": U.N. Calls Afghanistan World's Most Repressive Country for Women, Girls*

A top United Nations official said Wednesday that "Afghanistan under the Taliban remains the most repressive country in the world regarding women's rights." Since taking power nearly 19 months ago, the Taliban has moved systematically to erase women from public life by banning women and girls from schools, from working with nongovernmental organizations and from traveling without a male relative. "Afghanistan is now effectively one of the biggest prisons in the world for women," says Zahra Nader, a freelance Afghan journalist who was formerly a reporter for *The New York Times* in Kabul and is now based in Canada. She is the editor-in-chief of *Zan Times*, a new Afghan women-led outlet documenting human rights issues in Afghanistan

*Saturday, January 28, 2023 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Commonwealth Club W. Kamau Bell and Kate Schatz: Do the Work! An Antiracist Guide*  
W. Kamau Bell Comedian; Director; Host; Co-author, *Do the Work!: An Antiracist Activity Book*. Kate Schatz Educator; Co-author, *Do the Work!: An Antiracist Activity Book*. In *Conversation with Carvell Wallace* Author; Podcaster

*Ukrainian War*

*Friday, January 6, 2023 3pm. Duration 60 minutes*

*Democracy Now! "We Need Ceasefires Everywhere": Bishop William Barber's Message of Peace for Ukraine & the World*



Russian President Vladimir Putin has unilaterally declared a 36-hour ceasefire in Ukraine to mark Russian Orthodox Christmas on January 7. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky rejected Putin's overture, however, saying that Russia wants to use Christmas as a pretext to stop Ukrainian advances in the Russian-occupied Donbas region. Putin's declaration comes after about 1,000 U.S. faith leaders called in an open letter last month for a ceasefire during the holidays, inspired by the Christmas truce of 1914 during World War I, arguing that a pause in the fighting could create room for negotiations to peacefully end the conflict.

*Monday, February 6, 2023 3pm Duration 45 minutes*

*Democracy Now! War as Crime of Aggression: Reed Brody on Prosecuting Putin & Probing Western Leaders for Other Wars*

As the war in Ukraine nears the one-year mark, Democracy Now speaks with veteran war crimes prosecutor Reed Brody about a growing movement to hold Russian President Vladimir Putin and his closest allies criminally responsible for the invasion. The Ukrainian government has called for a special tribunal to prosecute Russian leaders, modeled on the Nuremberg trials of Nazi officials after World War II. On Thursday, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the formation of an international center in The Hague for the prosecution of the crime of aggression in Ukraine.

*Friday March 17, 2023, 3pm. Duration 28 minutes*

*Democracy Now! Never Again: Human Rights Groups & Japanese Americans Warn Biden Against Jailing Migrant Families*

This week nearly 400 human rights groups urged the Biden administration not to revive the controversial practice of migrant family detention by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Biden ended family detention when he took office two years ago but is now reportedly reconsidering it as part of a wider crackdown as his administration prepares to phase out the contested Trump-era Title 42 pandemic policy used to expel over 2 million migrants without due process at the southern border. Democracy Now speaks with Silky Shah, executive director of Detention Watch Network, who says "the Biden administration has faltered and is going against all the promises that they made on the campaign trail."

*Saturday January 21, 2023, 3pm. Duration 59 minutes*

*Commonwealth Club Muppets in Moscow*

Natasha Lance Rogoff Journalist; Television Producer; Filmmaker; Author, *Muppets in Moscow*.  
Leslie Dixon Screenwriter; Film Producer—Moderator.