

Public Interest File

April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

ARTS:

Our Annual Show from BIFF

6/2/2017 1:00PM 49 minutes

We try to do a show live from the Berkshires every year. Last year, we missed the Film Festival and [went to Shakespeare and Company instead](#). This year, we're back, and America's Greatest Living Film Critic and an all-star panel of guests join us!

GUESTS:

- **David Edelstein** - America's Greatest Living Film Critic
- **Kelley Vickery** - Director & Founder of the Berkshire International Film Festival
- **Christy McGill** - Producer of "Serenade for Haiti"
- **Lee Slimmer** - Director/Writer of "CREEDMORIA"
- **Lara Stolman** - Director/Producer of "Swim Team"

POLITICS:

How Would Trump's Budget Plan Impact Connecticut?

5/24/2017 9:00AM 49 minutes

On Monday, 22 people died and more than two dozen were injured in a horrific terrorist attack at a concert in Manchester, England. President Trump took time out of his whirlwind international tour to respond to the tragedy. "I call them losers because that's what they are," he said, speaking about the ISIS-claimed attackers. "They are losers and we'll have more of them. But they're losers, just remember that."

Meanwhile, Trump's first presidential trip has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Israel, and on Wednesday he visits the Pope in Rome.

At home, the president's budget proposal was released yesterday: A New Foundation for American Greatness. It's getting criticism from the left and right for deep cuts to social programs and increases in military spending.

In Connecticut, our own budget woes continue, with the glimmer of a union concessions deal on the horizon. This hour, we talk terrorism, budgets, and so much more.

ENVIRONMENT:

20,000 Leagues and Beyond: Exploring the Mysteries and Wonders of the Ocean

6/20/2017 9:00AM 49 minutes

Crashing waves, cawing gulls, the cutting scent of a falling tide -- there's nothing quite as invigorating as the experience of summer along the New England coastline.

For writer Jonathan White, however, it was not the East but the West Coast that fueled a lifelong passion for the water.

This hour, White joins us from Eugene, Oregon to talk about his relationship with the ocean and the research that led to his new book called *Tides*.

Later, we also hear about a [study underway in Long Island Sound's harbors and bays](#).

But first: a conversation with Dr. Robert Ballard. The oceanographer and explorer [was in Hartford recently](#). Coming up, we discuss his latest projects and get an update on his ship, the *E/V Nautilus*.

HEALTH:

What Does a Growing Tick Population Mean for Our Health?

6/23/2017 9:00 AM 49 minutes

The tick population in Connecticut is on the rise, and so is the threat of Lyme disease — and other tick-borne illnesses.

This hour, we hear the latest from medical professionals and policy makers about the need for new funding and research to battle a “growing tick problem” in the Northeast.

The director of Connecticut’s Agricultural Experiment Station will join us to talk about the latest dangers posed by ticks and we hear from Connecticut U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal about a [new research grant](#) from the federal government.

We find out what you can do to prevent tick bites and we dig into cutting edge research to speed up the diagnosis of Lyme disease.

Are you worried about how to protect yourself and family?

GOVERNMENT:

A Second Look at Governor Malloy's Second Chance Society

8/4/2016 9:00 AM 49 minutes

This hour, we discuss [Governor Malloy's Second Chance 2.0 legislation](#) and find out why it [failed to pass](#) during the 2016 session. We also look at what some [Connecticut communities](#) are doing to support re-entry. And we talk to a local restaurant owner about his decision to [hire ex-offenders](#).

BUSINESS:

The End of Advertising

6/13/2017 1:00 PM 49 minutes

TiVo. AdBlock. Ad-free subscription options. Cord cutting. The death of print. There seem to be a lot of signals pointing toward the end of an industry.

HISTORY:

What Can Hannah Arendt Teach Us About This Moment?

6/29/2017 1:00PM 49 minutes

Hannah Arendt's 576-page magnum opus, *The Origins of Totalitarianism*, is a densely-written book about the rise of anti-Semitism up to the outbreak of World War I. The book sold out on Amazon within one month of the 2016 election in which America elected Donald Trump as their next president.

SCIENCE/TECH:

The Multiplicity of the Multiverse

4/5/2017 1:00PM 49 minutes

There's [a theory that ours isn't the only universe](#). That there are, actually, infinitely many universes.

That there are, then, infinitely many yous.

That there are infinitely many different yous reading infinitely many different versions of this show synopsis. That there are infinitely many universes that don't even bother to include you. Or this show synopsis. Or even reading.

Also, there's [a theory that The Berenstain Bears prove the theory that ours isn't the only universe](#).

So, this hour, in this universe, a show about all that. Or (at least) one version of a show about all that.

EDUCATION:

Ethel Walker's Meera Viswanathan On The Value Of Single-Sex Learning

4/28/2016 9:00AM 49 minutes

In a world of buzzing smartphones, endless meetings and persistent deadlines, how can we be more in-tune with ourselves and more creative in our endeavors?

This hour, we talk mindfulness and creativity in the 21st century. We hear from an Icelandic filmmaker and 2016 Yale Greenberg World fellow who resigned from a career at the United Nations to pursue the secret to intuition and creativity.

We also sit down with [The Ethel Walker School's new head of school -- former Brown University professor Meera Viswanathan](#). Together, we discuss the value of private, all-girls education and learn about Dr. Viswanathan's vision for her students.

RACE:

Heather McGhee: Paving The Way For A More Equitable America

5/4/2017 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:

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