

ASCERTAINMENT STATEMENT-88-5 FM WXPB  
3rd Quarter 2023: July 1, 2023 through Sept 30, 2023

In ascertaining the public affairs needs of the WXPB listening community, the management and programming staff of WXPB assesses and reviews the essential issues and topics of importance to the University City, West Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania community, and the overall listening audience. Among the stories that served this purpose was a feature on the “No Name Philly Pops” and an interview with its Executive Director Matthew Koveal. The “No Name” Pops is an organization created from musicians from the former Philly Pops. On October 28, about 55 musicians of the No Name Pops will perform two shows in Verizon Hall at the Kimmel Center. It’s a program of R&B classics called “Let’s Groove Motown and the Philly Sound.” As usual those consulted during this quarter included WXPB G.M. Roger LaMay, Program Director Bruce Warren, Assistant Program Director Mike Vasilkos, and WXPB Morning Show host Kristen Kurtis. Resources from the University of Pennsylvania’s Office and Community Relations and Center for Community Partnership were also utilized for ideas on programming dealing with community issues. The center is has designed a guide to help build effective partnerships between the Penn community and the West Philadelphia and University City neighborhoods.. This relationship helps devise community service programs for Penn students and stimulates new and creative initiative linking the Univ. of Penn to its direct neighborhood community. This quarter WXPB continued to broadcast Live from the Kelly Writers’ House. Shows included local, Philadelphia poets and musical guests, & University of Pennsylvania students. WXPB

also featured a number of ongoing programs addressing a variety of issues including ones focussing on the LGBTQ community (Out Music & Amazon Country) & Kids Corner- the only nightly radio show focussing solely on kids and their specific issues. WXPN continues to work diligently is serving the radio station's diverse audiences with insightful, and provocative programming that compliments the music.

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT for WXPB-3rd quarter, July 1, 2022-September 30, 2022**

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Issues of Concern to the Community Addressed in  
Responsive Programming in the second quarter, 2022

### **Subject Description of Issue of Concern:**

1. 7/11/22- The Brooklyn Public Library is now offering a free library card to anyone in the U.S. aged 13 to 21 who wants to check out and read books digitally from anywhere in the country. The program, called Books UnBanned, was created by Brooklyn Public Library Chief Librarian Nick Higgins in response to the nationwide wave of book censorship and restrictions over the past year. Young people can apply for a free eCard to check out books from the library's 500,000 ebooks and audiobooks collection. Since April, 4,000 kids from all over the country have signed up to check out books through the program. Accounts of book banning, attempted book banning, and threats against librarians have soared over the past year. The American Library Association found 729 challenges — affecting nearly 1,600 books — at public schools and libraries in 2021, more than double 2020's figures and the highest since the ALA began compiling challenges more than 20 years ago.
2. A California doctor is proposing a floating abortion clinic in the Gulf of Mexico as a way to maintain access for people in southern states where abortion bans have been enacted.

Obstetrician Meg Autry says having the clinic aboard a ship in federal waters means it would be out of reach of state laws. The ship would offer first trimester surgical abortions, contraception and other care. Dr. Autry says the idea is only in the beginning stages as they work out details such as where the boat would launch — and how women would get to the vessel.

3. A French drug company is seeking U.S. approval for the first birth control pill that women could buy without a prescription. The request from a French drugmaker sets up an important decision for the Food and Drug Administration amid the fallout from the Supreme Court's recent decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. If the FDA grants the company's request, women would be able to buy the pill from HRA Pharma over the counter. Birth control pills are available without a prescription in many parts of the world.
4. Descendants of the last African people abducted into slavery and forced to America, gathered over the weekend on the banks of an Alabama river to pay tribute to their ancestors. Descendants of the 110 people aboard the “Clotilda”, the last known slave ship to bring enslaved African people to the U.S., held a ceremony to mark the 162nd anniversary of the vessel’s arrival. Back in May of 2019, the Alabama Historical Commission announced that the wreckage of the Clotilda had been found. Recovery experts say more work is needed to determine IF the ship could ever be pulled out of the mud and put on display. Plans are in the works to build a museum near the area.
5. Thousands of people have converged on the town of Srebrenica in Bosnia/Herzegovina, to mark the 27th anniversary of Europe's only acknowledged genocide since the Holocaust. Over 8,000 Muslim Bosnian men and boys were summarily

executed in the “Srebrenica genocide” in July 1995, in the closing months of the Bosnian war . The killings were carried out by units of the Bosnian Serb Army, under the command of Ratko Mladić. Overall, 100,000 people died in the war between 1992 & 1995.

6. July 13 2022 -The Jan. 6th committee is preparing to highlight how violent extremist groups answered what one lawmaker says was Donald Trump’s “siren call” to come to Washington. The panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection by pro-Trump supporters at the U.S. Capitol is set to convene Today. The committee is investigating whether extremist groups coordinated with White House allies ahead of the violence. Leaders and members of the far-right Proud Boys and Oath Keepers are facing rare sedition charges for their alleged roles in the attack.
7. A federal appeals court says people have a First Amendment right to record police officers on video while they're on the job. The ruling stems from a case in which a YouTube journalist/blogger complained that a suburban Denver police officer blocked him from recording a traffic stop. He sued...and the appeals court sided with him.. The decision yesterday backs up decisions made by 6 of the nation's 12 other appeals courts.
8. I recently referenced a new David Bowie documentary, “Moonage Daydream: which will debut in movie theaters in September....And now comes word that a director has been chosen for the forthcoming Amy Winehouse biopic.
9. Sam Taylor-Johnson best known for directing 50 Shades of Grey and Nowhere Boy, has been chosen to direct the film, which will be called “Back to Black”. Backed by the estate of

Amy Winehouse, details of the exact plot of the film are currently unknown, and casting is underway on “whom” will play the onscreen version of the late singer, who died on July 23rd, 2011 at the age 27 from alcohol poisoning. Last year, the BBC documentary “Reclaiming Amy”, which marked the ten-year anniversary of Winehouse’s death.

10. Ahead of Kristen’s “Pick One” feature on the XPN The all-new documentary “Moonage Day Dream”, described as the definitive David Bowie movie, will makes its debut in cinemas and IMAX on Sept. 16th. 5 years in the making, and the 1st film to be officially sanctioned by David Bowie’s estate, *it* was written, directed, edited and produced by Brett Morgen, best known to music fans as the creator of the 2015 docu-film *Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck*. Morgan was given “unfiltered” access to Bowie’s personal archives, including all master recordings. Bowie’s long-time collaborator Tony Visconti is the music producer. *Moonage Daydream* is said to include 47 musical tracks mixed from their original stems, and draws extensively on his song catalog form 1970 thru 1977. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the film is to premier on HBO and HBO Max in spring 2023.
11. Many people , including you & I Kristen, are still amazed over The first image from NASA's new, James Webb space telescope, which offers the deepest views of the universe ever captured. The image was unveiled at the White House on Monday. The picture is the farthest humanity has ever seen in both time and distance. The first-of-its-kind infrared image shows stars and galaxies as they appeared 13 billion years ago. The world’s biggest and most powerful space telescope, the James Webb telescope was launched last December, reaching its current location, (1 million miles from Earth) a month later.

In describing the significance of the image, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. Said“ If you held a grain of sand on the tip of your finger at arm’s length, that is the part of the universe that you’re seeing,” said “Just one little speck of the universe.”

12. July 15, 2022- Philadelphia’s first African-American historic district, along with the house, once lived-in by Sister Rosetta Tharp have been added to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. Known as “Black Doctor’s Row”, the Christian Street Historic District includes 154 properties along Christian Street between Broad and 20th Streets. At the turn of the 20th century the neighborhood became a center for African American professionals and the Black middle class. The nomination also highlights the homes of prominent residents of the neighborhood, including Josiah Cadwell, Charles Tindley, & Marian Anderson. Also: the Philadelphia Historical Commission honors 1102 Master St. which was the home of Sister Rosetta Tharpe from 1962 until her death in 1973. Often referred to as the “Godmother of Rock ‘n Roll,” Sister Rosetta Tharpe was Black gospel music’s first superstar, having recorded the first commercially successful Black gospel recording.
13. Leaders of a group of 18 Pacific islands have declared a climate emergency in the region ahead of the forum’s summit in Fiji this week. The announcement comes amid the new Australian government’s commitment to climate change priorities. Australia, the wealthiest and most populous of the forum nations, has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by the end of the decade under a new government elected in May.

14. More than 30 years after the Gulf War, ground has been broken on a new Gulf War memorial. A ceremony took place yesterday at the corner of Constitution and 23rd streets in Washington, DC where the memorial will be located, 8 years after the concept was approved. The concept for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial, was given the OK by Congress back in 2014. It will feature a circular open-air design, meant to evoke the sand dunes of the desert battleground.
15. History has been made in Washington DC, Kristen as a statue of civil rights pioneer Mary McLeod Bethune has officially replaced a statue of a Confederate general, in the US Capitol's Statuary Hall. Bethune make history as the first Black person to have a state-commissioned statue in Statuary Hall, which features two statues from each state. An event celebrating the statue unveiling on was attended by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Majority Whip Jim Clyburn as well as other lawmakers and activists.
16. A hidden self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh has been discovered behind one of his paintings, covered by layers of glue and cardboard for more than a century. The image was found when art conservators took an X-ray of Van Gogh's 1885 "Head of a Peasant Woman" painting ahead of a forthcoming exhibition. They discovered the concealed image at the back of its canvas hidden by a sheet of cardboard, according to a press release from the National Galleries of Scotland (NGS). Experts say the revealed artwork is believed to have been unknown until now. An X-ray examination led to the discovery of a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait at the back of the canvas of his 1885 painting "Head of a Peasant Woman." The Dutch master

often re-used canvases to save money, turning them around to work on the reverse side,

17. July 18 2022-Opera singer Angel Blue says she will not be singing in an opera (as scheduled) in Italy this month because blackface was used in the staging of a different work this summer on the same stage. The African-American soprano told her Instagram followers she will bail out of “La Traviata” because Verona’s Arena did another Verdi opera, “Aida,” with performers in blackface. Angel Blue says using blackface is "offensive, humiliating, and outright racist.” The theater says it didn't mean to offend — and hopes Angel Blue will discuss the issue with them.
18. The Philadelphia music world is mourning the death of William Hart, a founding member of the legendary Philly soul group The Delfonics. Hart died Friday @ the age of 77, after being hospitalized for breathing problems and subsequent surgery. William Hart founded The Delfonics with his brother Wilbert in 1966 as an offshoot of their group The Orphonics. Their most popular single, ‘La-La (Means I Love You)’, came out in 1968, (a song co-written by William Hart & [Thom Bell](#) . It was subsequently covered by Prince and the Jackson Five. The Delfonics officially broke up in 1975, but William Hart continued to perform with members of the group including Major Harris, Randy Cain & others variations until the 1990s. Later the Delfonics were sampled by The Notorious BIG, Missy Elliot and others. You can read more about the life and career of William Hart @ our website [XPN.org](#).
19. VP Kamala Harris, who was in Philadelphia over the weekend, is scheduled to be in Atlantic City this morning, to deliver speech before the 113th NAACP convention. ]Topics include

abortion rights, gun safety and voting rights. The Vp is expected to speak @ around 9:30am @ the Atlantic City Convention Center. The convention which began last Thursday, will run until Wednesday. It's being held in person and online. U.S. House Majority Whip James Clyburn is receiving the organization's highest honor, The Spingarn Medal, for his work advocating for voting rights "and protect[ing] our democracy."

20. July 19, 2022- Some intriguing medical news out of China, Kristen, where scientists are using white blood cells to create tiny micro-robots, called "neurobots" that could treat and prevent life-threatening diseases. The tiny, laser-guided machines are made from white blood cells called neutrophils. The 'neurobots', are then used to deliver drugs to precise locations in the body after being directed by laser beams. Researchers say they can be remotely activated by light and then navigated to the target position along a designated route," In experiments on the tails of zebrafish, the Chinese scientists used the neurobots for cell therapy, and for the removal of debris or organic waste that can trigger disease. They say the neurobots could carry medicine directly to a tumor, blood clot, or infection. The study in the journal ACS Central Science shows, that for the first time, researchers have been able to guide and control the "neurobots" with lasers in living animals.
21. We are all aware that scientists continue searching the cosmos, trying to determine if life exists beyond Earth, & Thanks in large part to next-generation telescopes like the James Webb Space telescope, researchers are hoping to measure the chemical makeup of atmospheres of planets around other stars, searching for a chemical signature of life. And now

Astronomers at MIT—and @ other universities in the U.S. & Canada have detected a strange and persistent radio signal from a far-off galaxy that appears to be flashing with surprising regularity. The signal is classified as a fast radio burst, or FRB — an intensely strong burst of radio waves of unknown astrophysical origin, that typically lasts for a few milliseconds at most. However, this new signal persists for up to three seconds, about 1,000 times longer than the average FRB. The source of the signal lies in a distant galaxy, several billion light-years from Earth. Danielle Michilli, @ MIT's Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research says they “think this new signal could be a magnetar or pulsar on steroids. The discovery is reported in the journal Nature.

22. August 1, 2022- NBA Legend and social justice figurehead Bill Russell, has died @ the age of 88. The Hall of Fame anchored a Boston Celtics dynasty that won 11 titles in 13 years. His last two years with the Celtics were as the first Black head coach in any major U.S. sport. Russell also marched for civil rights with Martin Luther King Jr. and stood with boxer Muhammad Ali when he refused military induction.
23. During his concert in Warsaw, Poland Sat. Night **Sting** paused between songs to warn his audience that democracy is under attack worldwide and to denounce the war in Ukraine as “an absurdity based upon a lie.”Sting told the audience through an interpreter that democracy is “in grave danger of being lost unless we defend it.” After his comments, which drew wide applause, he performed the song “Fragile,” (lyrics for which) include the words: “nothing comes from violence and nothing ever could.”

24. Actress and singer Nichelle Nichols, best known for her groundbreaking portrayal of Lt. Uhura in the original "Star Trek: Series," has died at age 89. When "Star Trek" began in 1966, Nichols was a television rarity: a Black woman in a notable role on a prime-time television series. There had been African-American women on TV before, but they often played domestic workers and had small roles; The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called Nichol's portrayal of Lt. Uhura as "the first non-stereotypical role portrayed by a Black woman in television history."
25. August 2, 2022 -What has become an annual fall staple in Philly, The Philadelphia Fringe Festival is returning this October, with almost ALL in-person events. Over the past 2 years many Philly Fringe events have been presented virtually, due to the pandemic, but Over 90% of the almost 200 independent artist shows are in person this year. The 26th annual Philadelphia festival runs from Sept. 8 to Oct. 2. Tickets for members go on sale on Aug. 5 and open to the general public on Aug. 8. It's the largest in the program's history and features an assortment of art installations, circus acts, live theater, dance performances and digital works. & You can go to [fringearts.com](http://fringearts.com) for more information.
26. The music industry has lost a legendary leader. Mo Ostin, the record executive who led Warner Brothers Records through 30 years of artistic and commercial success has died @ the age of 95. Ostin was recruited by Frank Sinatra to run his Reprise Records in 1960. Three years later, Warner Bros. Records bought Reprise and as President of the label, Ostin would go on to sign and/or work with such acts at The Kinks, Fleetwood Mac, Joni Mitchell, Jimi Hendrix, R.E.M., Bonnie Raitt, Neil Young, Randy Newman and, famously, Prince, who signed

with the label in 1977, but left in controversy un 1996, Mo Ostin was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 and who received a Trustees Award from the Recording Academy in 2017.

27. Two months after Lizzo was criticized for using the word “spaz” in a song, Beyonce 'is finding herself in the same position. Her spokeswoman says that Beyonce 'will replace the word “SPAZ” from her song “Heated,” that’s on her new album “Renaissance.” Lizzo changed her song “Grrrls” after disability advocates complained about her use of the word. “Spaz” is considered a derogatory reference to spastic diplegia -a form of cerebral palsy.
28. A big musical festival in Atlanta, Georgia has been cancelled due to a clash over the state’s gun laws. The organizers of the annual Music Midtown-Festival, which draws tens of thousands of people to Piedmont Park inAtlanta every September, have announced that this year's festival has been canceled for "circumstances beyond their control.” The two-day outdoor festival that started in 1994 is one of the city's largest cultural events. While Music Midtown producers have not given the exact reason for cancelling this year's event on Sept 17th & 18th...Georgia’s gun law is being cited as a factor. A 2014 law allow Georgians to legally carry firearms on public land, which Piedmont Park qualifies and where the festival had been scheduled, but Music Midtown, prohibits "weapons or explosives of any kind."
29. Pro-gun activists say that if the festival organizers tried to restrict licensed firearms owners from bringing guns to the festival, it would have been a violation of the law.”A 2019 Georgia Supreme Court ruling included wording that would

hamper private groups, such as concert promoters, from restricting guns at events held on public land.

30. August 3 2022 -There is now a new grocery store in a section of Philadelphia, that hasn't had one in over 50 years. This week's opening of the "Grocery Outlet" on Ridge Avenue in the city's Sharswood neighborhood, gives that area of North Philly its 1st grocery store since the 1960s. Previously, the closest big supermarkets were around a mile away . The new, "Grocery Outlet Sharswood" near 21st Street and Ridge Ave., is also said to be more affordable than other grocery chains.
31. August 5 2022 -8:20am -Among the many events & concerts happening in Philly this weekend is the city's 1st-ever "Adult Swim Block Party". The 3 day festival (celebrating the "edgy" nighttime Adult Swim programming on the Cartoon Network") -make its inaugural East Coast appearance starting today in Fishtown, and runs through Sat. and Sunday. It'll happen inside & outside a number of venues including the Fillmore Philly, Brooklyn Bowl and Punch Line Philly, and will include comedy performances, exclusive film screenings, and lots of live music by the likes of: Run the Jewels , Tierra Whack, Hop Along, & Snacktime Philly. The Adult Swim Block party also features the unveiling of 3 new murals in Fishtown created by 3-local up-and-coming Black artists and creators. One of the artists is 24 year old Nazeer Sabree, who has painted a mural on the face of a 2 story building on East Palmer St. in Fishtown. He has called it: "Monae" after his sister. & Nazeer told me in an exclusive interview on XPN that his mural was inspired by all of the "black women" who have made a significant impact on his life. Nazeer Sabree, who enjoys listen to artist like Marvin Gaye while he's painting. His mural, "Monae" was officially dedicated yesterday in Fishtown as part

of the Mural Project of the Adult Swim Festival Block party, which runs today through this weekend,,,,More info @  
AdultSwimFestival.com

32. According to a new study, Just a small portion of Jarlsberg Cheese can help stop bones getting weaker without boosting cholesterol. Researchers say health benefits are unique to the Nordic dairy product and aren't found in other types of cheese, and that it boosts levels of the vitamin K-2, and osteocalcin, a hormone that helps make bones and teeth strong. The new study by researchers from the Skjetten Medical Centre in Norway, Also showed that cholesterol levels dropped in study participants once they switched cheeses to Jarlsburg. Jarlsberg, which comes from a town of the same name in Eastern Norway, is a nutty, mild and semi-soft cheese with holes in, hat is made from cow's milk. The study was published in the journal BMJ Nutrition, The researchers hope that in future the cheese could stop osteoporosis and help prevent diabetes
  
33. August 9 2022-Albums by Bob Dylan, Foo Fighters, Eurythmics, The Clash and more are being re-released for UNICEF's 'Blue Vinyl 'fundraiser. The UK Committee for UNICEF has created limited edition releases of 10 acclaimed albums for its charity series to raise money for the UNICEF UK Children's Emergency Fund, which helps children affected by conflict and disaster. Only 48 'Blue Vinyl 'copies have been pressed for each of the 10 albums. You can go to the 'Blue Vinyl 'Crowdfunder website for a chance to get one of the available albums. According to UNICEF There are 10 million children facing severe drought right now in the Horn of Africa. . All the money raised from the series will go to UNICEF UK's Children's Emergency Fund.

34. Olivia Newton-John had a 30 year fight with cancer and yesterday she succumbed to complications from the disease, passing away at her California home @ the age of 73. Olivia Newton-John said in 1998 that her breast cancer diagnosis was a blessing in a way, because it made her appreciate so much of life. She said she was proud to show that cancer did not mean a death sentence. She founded the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Center in Melbourne, Australia. She became a mega star in music and film, but first made it big on the country charts in 1974, as she won the Country Music Association award for female vocalist of the year, over Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Tanya Tucker. But because she was for Australia, she was ostracized by the country music world. Tammy Wynette even helped found the Association of Country Entertainers to exclude her and other non-US performers. Olivia Newton John wrote in her 2021 book "Don't Stop Believin'" that she was very upset by it, but joked, not enough to return the award. She said she was very grateful that Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn stood up for her at the time.
35. Songwriter Lamont Dozier, the Motown legend behind hits for artists such as the Supremes, the Four Tops and the Isley Brothers, has died aged 81. As one third of production team of Holland-Dozier-Holland, Lamont Dozier was responsible for 10 of the Supremes' 12 US No 1 singles, including Baby Love and You Keep Me Hanging On. The trio of Lamont-Dozier-Holland was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.
36. The fashion world has also lost one of its iconic designers...Issey Miyake, who built one of Japan's biggest fashion brands and was known for his boldly sculpted, signature pleated pieces, has died @ the age of 84. Miyake

became known as the designer behind Apple founder Steve Jobs 'trademark black turtleneck, but before that, defined an era in Japan's modern fashion history starting in the 1970s. Later he would use computer technology in weaving to create apparel, & his clothing was meant to celebrate the human body, regardless of race, size or age.

37. August 11 2022- Throwback Thursday-Salute to the artists and songs of American Bandstand. You know when Dick Clark inherited Bob Horn's local-Philly broadcast of *Bandstand*, he revamped the show for a national audience as ABC's *American Bandstand*, which made it a HUGE success. The show aired 5 days a week in live national broadcast until 1963, when the show moved to Los Angeles and began a 24-year run as a recorded weekly program with Dick Clark as host. Legendary DJ Jerry Blavat, Host of the Geator's Rock n Roll Rhythm & Blues Express, every Saturday on XPN....told me in an exclusive interview on XPN that the show( including the music, and the dances) changed when Dick Clark took over. (Audio of Jerry Blavat) The Geator with the Heater..the Boss with teh Hot sauce...The one and only Jerry Blavat. It's a Bandstand Boogie- kind of day, all day on XPN, and the instrumental, "Bandstand Boogie"-by Les Elgart and his orchestra became the theme song to American Bandstand, which from 1952 to 1989, (First as Bandstand) went from an iconic Philadelphia show, broadcasting on WFIL-TV 6 at 45th \* Market Streets to becoming a national juggernaut with Dick Clark. And right there at the very beginning, dancing with all the other teenagers in the early 1950's was The Geator with the Heater -the Boss with the Hot Sauce - the legendary: Jerry Blavat!

38. September 7 2022- Start with some very cool music news, with a local connection: Music mogul SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS has announced that he is investing 2 million dollars in the company that operates REC-Philly to expand the Philadelphia based creative-space to another city. "REC" (which stands for "Resources for Every Creator) will open its 2nd location in Miami, Fla.. Founded by, Will Toms & Dave Silver, REC-Philly has over 1,000 active members subscribed to their membership which offers access to a 10,000 sq ft creative-facility, @ 9th and Market Streets in the city's Fashion District. It provides educational programming and access to a network of services to help local creatives pursue their passions and entrepreneurial goals. In the past XPN has partnered with REC Philly to provide free REC Memberships to local musicians, and also on the "Black Music City" project which has provided grants to Black creatives to produce new artistic works inspired by Philadelphia's rich Black music history.
39. The race for mayor of Philadelphia is getting more crowded, with two more city council-members -- Maria Quiñones Sánchez and Derek Green -- resigning from office, in order to run for mayor. Three weeks ago, another city councilmember, Allan Domb, resigned from his Council seat . He's still considering whether to run to replace Mayor Jim Kenney, whose term expires in 2024. The Philadelphia City Council president is considering whether to call a special election to fill the vacant city council seats\
40. A new David Bowie digital art project, which has been approved by his estate is set to launch next week. Set to launch on September 13th "*Bowie On The Blockchain*" is being referred to as "a first-of-its-kind multiple artist NFT sale" that will bring together the work of nine NFT artists. According to

a press release, Each artist has created “their own unique takes paying homage to David Bowie and his influence across their artistic and personal identities” 100% of the profits from the sale that will go to the David Bowie estate will be donated to the humanitarian organization CARE, where Bowie’s widow Iman serves as its Global Advocate. The digital venture is a partnership between the Bowie estate, the NFT marketplace OpenSea, and the Web3 company We Love The Arts.

41. Bruce Springsteen’s handwritten set lists and one of his favorite guitars are among the marquee items that will make a cross-country trip for a museum exhibit this fall. The Grammy Museum will open the “Bruce Springsteen Live! Exhibition ve in downtown Los Angeles on Oct. 15. The interactive exhibit — which runs until April 2 — will feature Springsteen and the E Street Band’s live performance footage, instruments, stage costumes and exclusive interviews. & The Grammy museum will invite fans to submit videos of their concert experiences from Springsteen’s previous shows on Sept. 23 – who will be the Boss’ 73rd birthday.
42. September 8 2022-A new museum in honor of Philadelphia-born sculptor Alexander Calder to make its debut on the Philadelphia Parkway, directly across from the Barnes and Rodin Museum? 25 years ago, former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell had asked the artist’s heirs and foundation administrators for permission to build a museum dedicated to the 20th century modernist sculptor, famous for his endlessly creative use of mobiles. After the deal was struck, the project fell into oblivion. It was recently revived, as philanthropists plan to propose a 50 million \$ project to the art commission on September 14th .The space would be named “Calder Gardens”, and consist of a network of underground exhibition spaces

featuring a rotating selection of Calder's sculptures lent by the New York-based Calder foundation. The project design has been handed to the Swiss firm Herzog and De Meuron (who are responsible for the Tate Modern building) and Dutch landscape artist Piet Oudolf, who made a name for himself through his designs of perennial gardens - one example of which can be found on the NYC High Line!

43. Megabus has announced it will now connect Philadelphia to 11 new cities in central Pennsylvania, including Allentown, Quakertown and Williamsport. The company uploaded the new schedules on their website last week, and tickets for the new routes are now available for purchase. The expanded routes come after the company partnered with Fullington Trailways, a family-owned Pennsylvanian bus company founded in 1908, which connected the inhabitants of Clearfield PA to the Pennsylvania Railroad (known as the "Pensy") which was, at the time, the most far-reaching and active railroad company in the United States.
44. September 8 2022-Guitars owned by Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones and Slash are being sold to raise funds for the people of Ukraine. Profits from "The Gibson Guitars For Peace Ukraine Relief auction" go towards humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Julien's Auctions is accepting bids starting October 11, with a live auction set for November 11 to 13 online and in-person at the Hard Rock New York. Several artists & bands have been performing with Gibson guitars (painted in the blue & yellow colors of the Ukrainian flag) in solidarity with the country. Gibson has also created a limited set of four Guitars For Peace Les Paul Custom electric guitars, which come with autograph books signed by a number of musicians, including Chic, My Chemical Romance & The Vaccines, and even

Hollywood actor Jason Momoa. Meanwhile, Sony Music Group has suspended all operations in Russia.

45. Some of our listeners & Members of XPN may be familiar with the “Megabus” which is an inexpensive way to travel to & from Philly to NYC & other cities on the east coast and in the midwest, well, “Megabus” has just announced it is expanding its service to a dozen cities & towns in Central PA and the Lehigh Valley, among other areas of the Keystone state. The new Megabus routes include trips to Allentown, Quakertown and Williamsport. The company uploaded the new schedules on their website ([USMegabus.com](http://USMegabus.com)) The expansion comes after the Megabus company formed a partnership with another bus company “Fullington Trailways” - a family-owned Pennsylvanian company founded in 1908, which helped with the expansion of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the 1900’s, the largest Railroad company in North America.
46. Plans for a new museum in honor of Philadelphia-born sculptor Alexander Calder have been announced. Calder Gardens would be located on the Ben Franklin Parkway, directly across from the Barnes and Rodin Museum. The idea for the Calder Museum was first brought up 25 years ago, by former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell. Now philanthropists have proposed a 50 million dollar project, that will go before the city’s art commission on September 14th .
47. September 14 2022- And the 2022 Fringe Festival: “a city-wide celebration of innovation and creativity in contemporary performance” is underway, now through October 2nd. And among the over 1,000 performances taking place at locations all across Philly city is one that looks at American diners! Mike Durkin and Nick Schwasman are artistically “over-taking”

several diners in Philadelphia for a series of performances entitled: “Yes, We’re Ready, We’ll Split an Order of Fries for The Table—Does That Work for You?—Sure, One Check Is Fine”, The performances will take place at the Broad Street Diner as well as The soon to be demolished Melrose Diner @ Passyunk and Snyder in South Philly. Performances at the *Melrose* will be this Friday at 2pm, 5pm and 8pm. & you can get much More info on the 2022 Fringe Festival lineup- FringeArts.com.

48. September 15, 2022- Soon eagles fans and music fans alike are going to be able to benefit form a new local musical experience. The “Eagles Gameday Poster Project Playlist.” is designed to showcase local Philadelphia musical and visual artists in a collaboration with the team, through exclusive music tracks & posters that promote each home game throughout the 2022 regular season. The Game day Poster Project Playlist is being executive produced by Philly based rapper Chill Moody, who says “This is something that’s never happened before,” Independent artists linking with a professional team. The Eagles plan to release each digital poster and exclusive new track every Friday before home games. Throughout the season, fans can listen to the tracks on the Eagles Mobile App playlist. The first digital track and poster will be released this Saturday ahead of the Eagles Monday night home opener against the Minn. Vikings. North Phila. Singer/songwriter Brianna Castro is one of the artists involved in the Game day Poster Project Playlist, for Briana, the project is especially near & dear to her heart since SHE used to work @ a concessions stand @ Lincoln Financial Field during Eagles home games. Other Musical artists who will be represented include: Jimmie Allen, Breland, The Menzingers, & Suzanne Sheer!

49. Quite a night for a “number of XPN artists” @ Nashville’s historic Ryman Auditorium. Brandi Carlile, Allison Russell and Billy Strings were among those earning top accolades @ the annual Americana Honors & Awards ceremony. Bluegrass artist & guitarist Billy Strings earned the evening’s most coveted honor, artist of the year, following the release of his 3rd album, *Renewal*, last year. Allison Russell, who earned three nominations heading into the ceremony, won album of the year for *Outside Child*, while Brandi Carlile received the American Music Award for song of the year for “Right On Time.” The War and Treaty, were named group of the year, after winning emerging artist of the year in 2019. & Several lifetime achievement honors were presented including awards to Chris Isaak, the late Don Williams, the Indigo Girls, the Fairfield Four & Al Bell. Robert Plant was also a surprise guest, honoring Buddy Miller with a lifetime achievement award.
50. September 21, 2022- Two Univ. of Pennsylvania scientists have been awarded a \$3 million dollar Breakthrough Prize for RNA research that led to the creation of the COVID-19 vaccines. Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman made a series of pivotal discoveries starting in 2005. Their research on messenger RNA modification helped develop the COVID-19 Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and is based upon the idea that the messenger RNA molecules (or “cousins”) to our DNA, could be genetically modified to instruct human cells to make customized protein. The idea could help design treatments for multiple diseases.
51. Voter registration is open in Pennsylvania, as institutions and communities around the state organize to register eligible

people for the upcoming midterm election. Earlier this month, Governor Wolf signed an order to expand the accessibility of registration forms around the state, with the hope of reaching Pennsylvania's 1.7 million eligible but unregistered people . Meanwhile, The University of Pennsylvania is attempting to get its often out-of-state born student population registered in the state of PA.

52. In celebration of National Voter Registration Day, yesterday September 20th, the group *Penn Leads the Vote* spread out across campus, informing the Penn community about how to register to vote, check their registration status, and more. The Voter Registration deadline is October 24th.
53. An influential health guidelines group says U.S. doctors should regularly screen adults for anxiety. It's the first time the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended anxiety screening in primary care for adults without symptoms. The just released report is open for public comment until Oct. 17th, but the organization usually affirms its draft guidance. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health complaints, affecting about 40% of U.S. women at some point in their lives and more than 1 in 4 men. The panel's guidance often determines insurance decisions.
54. Margo Price has recruited Sharon Van Etten, Lucius and former Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers guitarist Mike Campbell for her next album. The forthcoming new album from Margo Price is called *Strays*, and it will be released on Jan. 13th. The first single "Change of Heart" is out now. Before she debut her new album, though, Margo Price will release her memoir, entitled: "Maybe We'll Make It" which will be published on Oct. 4th. Margo Price will also be performing @ the White Rose Music

Festival in York, PA on October 8th, and then NEXT year she'll be @ the TLA in Philadelphia on March 3rd.

55. September 23, 2022-Questlove will reunite with his producer from the “Summer of Soul” documentary for a NEW film about late music producer J Dilla. The longtime drummer for The Roots will once again join producer Joseph Patel, thi time to create a movie about J Dilla, who died of a rare blood disease at the age of 32 in 2006. Questlove says telling the world about the musician (who’s given name was James Dewitt Yancey) and who had the most influence on him: “is a dream come true.” Questlove won both an Oscar and Grammy award for his summer of soul documentary .The new film will be based on the New York Times bestseller “Dilla Time: The Life and Afterlife of J Dilla, The Hip-Hop Producer Who Reinvented Rhythm” by author Dan Charnas.
  
56. On the Arts and Culture calendar, he 25th annual Philly Fringe Festival is approaching its final week, but there is still plenty to go see, hear, taste, touch! And even as the festival nears its close, the dreams & ideas of the artists, remain and keep expanding. Performance Artist Mike Durkin, whose show “Yes, We’re Ready, We’ll Split an Order of Fries for The Table—Does That Work for You?—Sure, One Check Is Fine”, celebrated “American diners” . His show appeared at a couple of Philly diners: including outside of the closed Melrose Diner in South Philly. Last week XPN Morning Show Intern Julie Flandreu stopped by the Melrose for a chat w/ Mike Durkin, to talk about his fascination w/ the ways food connects us - & shared one of his Melrose Diner, memories. Play Audio VoxPro 1-Mike talking about Milkshakes (Nothing like a diner Milkshake) Performance Artist Mike Durkin, (involved in year’s Philly Fringe Festival) speaking to XPN Morning Show

intern Julie Flandreu. (Thank you Julie & Mike!) The Fringe Festival is also partnering with Philadelphia's Mural Arts on another food-based show called "And you will know its done when the oil stops bubbling", which aims to create a community recipe book based on story sharing. The project will kick off today. More info at [FringeArts.com](http://FringeArts.com)

57. September 27, 2022- Singer-songwriter Laura Mann is re-opening her live music venue in Ardmore, this November! The "Living Room" from Laura Mann, along with her new "Cricket Cafe" will be housed in a custom-built location at 104 Cricket Avenue in Ardmore, PA And a grand opening event for "locals only" will happen on Friday, November 4th. But already a Lineup for The Living Room (formerly The Living Room at 35 East), is being set, with live music performances during November and December by NRBQ, Steve Wynn, Eric Bazilian, Pete Donnelly, Lauren Hart and Marshall Crenshaw, among many others. Tickets for these and more shows scheduled at the 150-capacity venue are available @ [LivingRoomArdmore.com](http://LivingRoomArdmore.com).
58. What a weekend at the FireFly Music Festival in Delaware, for A high school student from West Chester, PA! Zach Marsden, who is a student at Henderson High School (and plays guitar) made his BIG Stay debut over the weekend @ Firefly with none other than Green Day. Zach and a few friends were near the front row holding up a sign saying "Zach can play guitar." Well, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong saw the sign and invited Zach on stage! Where he jammed with the band! Zack, who is an honors student at Henderson High, says he is self-taught on the six-string guitar. The 6 ABC website has some video of the performance which I will share on our Twitter page @XPNMornign Show, in a moment.

59. September 29 2022- Very exciting that Kristen will be going to tonight's Lizzo concert at Wells Fargo Center in Philly. Who knows what surprises she may have in store! Earlier this week @ her show in Wash. DC Lizzo made history by becoming the first person in two centuries to play a 200 year old crystal flute, which is kept at the Library of Congress. The flute was originally owned by the 4th president of the United States, James Madison. Clips of Lizzo playing a few notes on the flute have gone viral on social media....but BEFORE her show in , Lizzo got a personal tour of the Library COngress's priceless antique instruments, where she was allowed to play the crystal flute for an an extended period of time! (Play Audio #1 VoxPro Lizzo playing Flute) I like how she was worried about getting her lipstick on the flute...Lizzo tweeted : "NOBODY HAS EVER HEARD THIS FAMOUS CRYSTAL FLUTE BEFORE [...] NOW YOU HAVE." "I'M THE FIRST AND ONLY PEROSN TO EVER PLAY THIS PRESIDENTIAL 200-YEAR-OLD CRYSTAL FLUTE – THANK YOU @librarycongress. As you know LIZZO is a classically trained flautist – The crystal flute from the early 1800s,"was a gift to James Madison from a French crystal-flute designer, to celebrate Madison's 2nd term that began in 1814. & Kristen I don't know HOW Lizzo is going to top the Crystal flute performance, maybe they'll roll out the Liberty Bell, and let her ring it a few times, like before Sixers games!

## **QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT for WXPB-3rd quarter, July 1, 2022-September 30, 2022**

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Issues of Concern to the Community Addressed in  
Responsive Programming in the second quarter, 2022

### **Subject Description of Issue of Concern:**

1. 7/11/22- The Brooklyn Public Library is now offering a free library card to anyone in the U.S. aged 13 to 21 who wants to check out and read books digitally from anywhere in the country. The program, called Books UnBanned, was created by Brooklyn Public Library Chief Librarian Nick Higgins in response to the nationwide wave of book censorship and restrictions over the past year. Young people can apply for a free eCard to check out books from the library's 500,000 ebooks and audiobooks collection. Since April, 4,000 kids from all over the country have signed up to check out books through the program. Accounts of book banning, attempted book banning, and threats against librarians have soared over the past year. The American Library Association found 729 challenges — affecting nearly 1,600 books — at public schools and libraries in 2021, more than double 2020's figures and the highest since the ALA began compiling challenges more than 20 years ago.
2. A California doctor is proposing a floating abortion clinic in the Gulf of Mexico as a way to maintain access for people in southern states where abortion bans have been enacted.

Obstetrician Meg Autry says having the clinic aboard a ship in federal waters means it would be out of reach of state laws. The ship would offer first trimester surgical abortions, contraception and other care. Dr. Autry says the idea is only in the beginning stages as they work out details such as where the boat would launch — and how women would get to the vessel.

3. A French drug company is seeking U.S. approval for the first birth control pill that women could buy without a prescription. The request from a French drugmaker sets up an important decision for the Food and Drug Administration amid the fallout from the Supreme Court's recent decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*. If the FDA grants the company's request, women would be able to buy the pill from HRA Pharma over the counter. Birth control pills are available without a prescription in many parts of the world.
4. Descendants of the last African people abducted into slavery and forced to America, gathered over the weekend on the banks of an Alabama river to pay tribute to their ancestors. Descendants of the 110 people aboard the “Clotilda”, the last known slave ship to bring enslaved African people to the U.S., held a ceremony to mark the 162nd anniversary of the vessel’s arrival. Back in May of 2019, the Alabama Historical Commission announced that the wreckage of the Clotilda had been found. Recovery experts say more work is needed to determine IF the ship could ever be pulled out of the mud and put on display. Plans are in the works to build a museum near the area.
5. Thousands of people have converged on the town of Srebrenica in Bosnia/Herzegovina, to mark the 27th anniversary of Europe's only acknowledged genocide since the Holocaust. Over 8,000 Muslim Bosnian men and boys were summarily

executed in the “Srebrenica genocide” in July 1995, in the closing months of the Bosnian war . The killings were carried out by units of the Bosnian Serb Army, under the command of Ratko Mladić. Overall, 100,000 people died in the war between 1992 & 1995.

6. July 13 2022 -The Jan. 6th committee is preparing to highlight how violent extremist groups answered what one lawmaker says was Donald Trump’s “siren call” to come to Washington. The panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection by pro-Trump supporters at the U.S. Capitol is set to convene Today. The committee is investigating whether extremist groups coordinated with White House allies ahead of the violence. Leaders and members of the far-right Proud Boys and Oath Keepers are facing rare sedition charges for their alleged roles in the attack.
7. A federal appeals court says people have a First Amendment right to record police officers on video while they're on the job. The ruling stems from a case in which a YouTube journalist/blogger complained that a suburban Denver police officer blocked him from recording a traffic stop. He sued...and the appeals court sided with him.. The decision yesterday backs up decisions made by 6 of the nation's 12 other appeals courts.
8. I recently referenced a new David Bowie documentary, “Moonage Daydream: which will debut in movie theaters in September....And now comes word that a director has been chosen for the forthcoming Amy Winehouse biopic.
9. Sam Taylor-Johnson best known for directing 50 Shades of Grey and Nowhere Boy, has been chosen to direct the film, which will be called “Back to Black”. Backed by the estate of

Amy Winehouse, details of the exact plot of the film are currently unknown, and casting is underway on “whom” will play the onscreen version of the late singer, who died on July 23rd, 2011 at the age 27 from alcohol poisoning. Last year, the BBC documentary “Reclaiming Amy”, which marked the ten-year anniversary of Winehouse’s death.

10. Ahead of Kristen’s “Pick One” feature on the XPN The all-new documentary “Moonage Day Dream”, described as the definitive David Bowie movie, will makes its debut in cinemas and IMAX on Sept. 16th. 5 years in the making, and the 1st film to be officially sanctioned by David Bowie’s estate, *it* was written, directed, edited and produced by Brett Morgen, best known to music fans as the creator of the 2015 docu-film *Kurt Cobain: Montage of Heck*. Morgan was given “unfiltered” access to Bowie’s personal archives, including all master recordings. Bowie’s long-time collaborator Tony Visconti is the music producer. *Moonage Daydream* is said to include 47 musical tracks mixed from their original stems, and draws extensively on his song catalog form 1970 thru 1977. According to The Hollywood Reporter, the film is to premier on HBO and HBO Max in spring 2023.
11. Many people , including you & I Kristen, are still amazed over The first image from NASA's new, James Webb space telescope, which offers the deepest views of the universe ever captured. The image was unveiled at the White House on Monday. The picture is the farthest humanity has ever seen in both time and distance. The first-of-its-kind infrared image shows stars and galaxies as they appeared 13 billion years ago. The world’s biggest and most powerful space telescope, the James Webb telescope was launched last December, reaching its current location, (1 million miles from Earth) a month later.

In describing the significance of the image, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson. Said“ If you held a grain of sand on the tip of your finger at arm’s length, that is the part of the universe that you’re seeing,” said “Just one little speck of the universe.”

12. July 15, 2022- Philadelphia’s first African-American historic district, along with the house, once lived-in by Sister Rosetta Tharp have been added to the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. Known as “Black Doctor’s Row”, the Christian Street Historic District includes 154 properties along Christian Street between Broad and 20th Streets. At the turn of the 20th century the neighborhood became a center for African American professionals and the Black middle class. The nomination also highlights the homes of prominent residents of the neighborhood, including Josiah Cadwell, Charles Tindley, & Marian Anderson. Also: the Philadelphia Historical Commission honors 1102 Master St. which was the home of Sister Rosetta Tharpe from 1962 until her death in 1973. Often referred to as the “Godmother of Rock ‘n Roll,” Sister Rosetta Tharpe was Black gospel music’s first superstar, having recorded the first commercially successful Black gospel recording.
13. Leaders of a group of 18 Pacific islands have declared a climate emergency in the region ahead of the forum’s summit in Fiji this week. The announcement comes amid the new Australian government’s commitment to climate change priorities. Australia, the wealthiest and most populous of the forum nations, has committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by the end of the decade under a new government elected in May.

14. More than 30 years after the Gulf War, ground has been broken on a new Gulf War memorial. A ceremony took place yesterday at the corner of Constitution and 23rd streets in Washington, DC where the memorial will be located, 8 years after the concept was approved. The concept for the National Desert Storm and Desert Shield Memorial, was given the OK by Congress back in 2014. It will feature a circular open-air design, meant to evoke the sand dunes of the desert battleground.
15. History has been made in Washington DC, Kristen as a statue of civil rights pioneer Mary McLeod Bethune has officially replaced a statue of a Confederate general, in the US Capitol's Statuary Hall. Bethune make history as the first Black person to have a state-commissioned statue in Statuary Hall, which features two statues from each state. An event celebrating the statue unveiling on was attended by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Majority Whip Jim Clyburn as well as other lawmakers and activists.
16. A hidden self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh has been discovered behind one of his paintings, covered by layers of glue and cardboard for more than a century. The image was found when art conservators took an X-ray of Van Gogh's 1885 "Head of a Peasant Woman" painting ahead of a forthcoming exhibition. They discovered the concealed image at the back of its canvas hidden by a sheet of cardboard, according to a press release from the National Galleries of Scotland (NGS). Experts say the revealed artwork is believed to have been unknown until now. An X-ray examination led to the discovery of a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait at the back of the canvas of his 1885 painting "Head of a Peasant Woman." The Dutch master

often re-used canvases to save money, turning them around to work on the reverse side,

17. July 18 2022-Opera singer Angel Blue says she will not be singing in an opera (as scheduled) in Italy this month because blackface was used in the staging of a different work this summer on the same stage. The African-American soprano told her Instagram followers she will bail out of “La Traviata” because Verona’s Arena did another Verdi opera, “Aida,” with performers in blackface. Angel Blue says using blackface is "offensive, humiliating, and outright racist.” The theater says it didn't mean to offend — and hopes Angel Blue will discuss the issue with them.
18. The Philadelphia music world is mourning the death of William Hart, a founding member of the legendary Philly soul group The Delfonics. Hart died Friday @ the age of 77, after being hospitalized for breathing problems and subsequent surgery. William Hart founded The Delfonics with his brother Wilbert in 1966 as an offshoot of their group The Orphonics. Their most popular single, ‘La-La (Means I Love You)’, came out in 1968, (a song co-written by William Hart & [Thom Bell](#) . It was subsequently covered by Prince and the Jackson Five. The Delfonics officially broke up in 1975, but William Hart continued to perform with members of the group including Major Harris, Randy Cain & others variations until the 1990s. Later the Delfonics were sampled by The Notorious BIG, Missy Elliot and others. You can read more about the life and career of William Hart @ our website [XPN.org](#).
19. VP Kamala Harris, who was in Philadelphia over the weekend, is scheduled to be in Atlantic City this morning, to deliver speech before the 113th NAACP convention. ]Topics include

abortion rights, gun safety and voting rights. The Vp is expected to speak @ around 9:30am @ the Atlantic City Convention Center. The convention which began last Thursday, will run until Wednesday. It's being held in person and online. U.S. House Majority Whip James Clyburn is receiving the organization's highest honor, The Spingarn Medal, for his work advocating for voting rights "and protect[ing] our democracy."

20. July 19, 2022- Some intriguing medical news out of China, Kristen, where scientists are using white blood cells to create tiny micro-robots, called "neurobots" that could treat and prevent life-threatening diseases. The tiny, laser-guided machines are made from white blood cells called neutrophils. The 'neurobots', are then used to deliver drugs to precise locations in the body after being directed by laser beams. Researchers say they can be remotely activated by light and then navigated to the target position along a designated route," In experiments on the tails of zebrafish, the Chinese scientists used the neurobots for cell therapy, and for the removal of debris or organic waste that can trigger disease. They say the neurobots could carry medicine directly to a tumor, blood clot, or infection. The study in the journal ACS Central Science shows, that for the first time, researchers have been able to guide and control the "neurobots" with lasers in living animals.
21. We are all aware that scientists continue searching the cosmos, trying to determine if life exists beyond Earth, & Thanks in large part to next-generation telescopes like the James Webb Space telescope, researchers are hoping to measure the chemical makeup of atmospheres of planets around other stars, searching for a chemical signature of life. And now

Astronomers at MIT—and @ other universities in the U.S. & Canada have detected a strange and persistent radio signal from a far-off galaxy that appears to be flashing with surprising regularity. The signal is classified as a fast radio burst, or FRB — an intensely strong burst of radio waves of unknown astrophysical origin, that typically lasts for a few milliseconds at most. However, this new signal persists for up to three seconds, about 1,000 times longer than the average FRB. The source of the signal lies in a distant galaxy, several billion light-years from Earth. Danielle Michilli, @ MIT's Institute for Astrophysics and Space Research says they “think this new signal could be a magnetar or pulsar on steroids. The discovery is reported in the journal Nature.

22. August 1, 2022- NBA Legend and social justice figurehead Bill Russell, has died @ the age of 88. The Hall of Fame anchored a Boston Celtics dynasty that won 11 titles in 13 years. His last two years with the Celtics were as the first Black head coach in any major U.S. sport. Russell also marched for civil rights with Martin Luther King Jr. and stood with boxer Muhammad Ali when he refused military induction.
23. During his concert in Warsaw, Poland Sat. Night **Sting** paused between songs to warn his audience that democracy is under attack worldwide and to denounce the war in Ukraine as “an absurdity based upon a lie.”Sting told the audience through an interpreter that democracy is “in grave danger of being lost unless we defend it.” After his comments, which drew wide applause, he performed the song “Fragile,” (lyrics for which) include the words: “nothing comes from violence and nothing ever could.”

24. Actress and singer Nichelle Nichols, best known for her groundbreaking portrayal of Lt. Uhura in the original "Star Trek: Series," has died at age 89. When "Star Trek" began in 1966, Nichols was a television rarity: a Black woman in a notable role on a prime-time television series. There had been African-American women on TV before, but they often played domestic workers and had small roles; The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called Nichol's portrayal of Lt. Uhura as "the first non-stereotypical role portrayed by a Black woman in television history."
25. August 2, 2022 -What has become an annual fall staple in Philly, The Philadelphia Fringe Festival is returning this October, with almost ALL in-person events. Over the past 2 years many Philly Fringe events have been presented virtually, due to the pandemic, but Over 90% of the almost 200 independent artist shows are in person this year. The 26th annual Philadelphia festival runs from Sept. 8 to Oct. 2. Tickets for members go on sale on Aug. 5 and open to the general public on Aug. 8. It's the largest in the program's history and features an assortment of art installations, circus acts, live theater, dance performances and digital works. & You can go to [fringearts.com](http://fringearts.com) for more information.
26. The music industry has lost a legendary leader. Mo Ostin, the record executive who led Warner Brothers Records through 30 years of artistic and commercial success has died @ the age of 95. Ostin was recruited by Frank Sinatra to run his Reprise Records in 1960. Three years later, Warner Bros. Records bought Reprise and as President of the label, Ostin would go on to sign and/or work with such acts at The Kinks, Fleetwood Mac, Joni Mitchell, Jimi Hendrix, R.E.M., Bonnie Raitt, Neil Young, Randy Newman and, famously, Prince, who signed

with the label in 1977, but left in controversy un 1996, Mo Ostin was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2003 and who received a Trustees Award from the Recording Academy in 2017.

27. Two months after Lizzo was criticized for using the word “spaz” in a song, Beyonce ’is finding herself in the same position. Her spokeswoman says that Beyonce ’will replace the word “SPAZ” from her song “Heated,” that’s on her new album “Renaissance.” Lizzo changed her song “Grrrls” after disability advocates complained about her use of the word. “Spaz” is considered a derogatory reference to spastic diplegia -a form of cerebral palsy.
28. A big musical festival in Atlanta, Georgia has been cancelled due to a clash over the state’s gun laws. The organizers of the annual Music Midtown-Festival, which draws tens of thousands of people to Piedmont Park inAtlanta every September, have announced that this year's festival has been canceled for "circumstances beyond their control." The two-day outdoor festival that started in 1994 is one of the city's largest cultural events. While Music Midtown producers have not given the exact reason for cancelling this year's event on Sept 17th & 18th...Georgia’s gun law is being cited as a factor. A 2014 law allow Georgians to legally carry firearms on public land, which Piedmont Park qualifies and where the festival had been scheduled, but Music Midtown, prohibits "weapons or explosives of any kind."
29. Pro-gun activists say that if the festival organizers tried to restrict licensed firearms owners from bringing guns to the festival, it would have been a violation of the law.”A 2019 Georgia Supreme Court ruling included wording that would

hamper private groups, such as concert promoters, from restricting guns at events held on public land.

30. August 3 2022 -There is now a new grocery store in a section of Philadelphia, that hasn't had one in over 50 years. This week's opening of the "Grocery Outlet" on Ridge Avenue in the city's Sharswood neighborhood, gives that area of North Philly its 1st grocery store since the 1960s. Previously, the closest big supermarkets were around a mile away . The new, "Grocery Outlet Sharswood" near 21st Street and Ridge Ave., is also said to be more affordable than other grocery chains.
31. August 5 2022 -8:20am -Among the many events & concerts happening in Philly this weekend is the city's 1st-ever "Adult Swim Block Party". The 3 day festival (celebrating the "edgy" nighttime Adult Swim programming on the Cartoon Network") -make its inaugural East Coast appearance starting today in Fishtown, and runs through Sat. and Sunday. It'll happen inside & outside a number of venues including the Fillmore Philly, Brooklyn Bowl and Punch Line Philly, and will include comedy performances, exclusive film screenings, and lots of live music by the likes of: Run the Jewels , Tierra Whack, Hop Along, & Snacktime Philly. The Adult Swim Block party also features the unveiling of 3 new murals in Fishtown created by 3-local up-and-coming Black artists and creators. One of the artists is 24 year old Nazeer Sabree, who has painted a mural on the face of a 2 story building on East Palmer St. in Fishtown. He has called it: "Monae" after his sister. & Nazeer told me in an exclusive interview on XPN that his mural was inspired by all of the "black women" who have made a significant impact on his life. Nazeer Sabree, who enjoys listen to artist like Marvin Gaye while he's painting. His mural, "Monae" was officially dedicated yesterday in Fishtown as part

of the Mural Project of the Adult Swim Festival Block party, which runs today through this weekend,,,,More info @  
AdultSwimFestival.com

32. According to a new study, Just a small portion of Jarlsberg Cheese can help stop bones getting weaker without boosting cholesterol. Researchers say health benefits are unique to the Nordic dairy product and aren't found in other types of cheese, and that it boosts levels of the vitamin K-2, and osteocalcin, a hormone that helps make bones and teeth strong. The new study by researchers from the Skjetten Medical Centre in Norway, Also showed that cholesterol levels dropped in study participants once they switched cheeses to Jarlsburg. Jarlsberg, which comes from a town of the same name in Eastern Norway, is a nutty, mild and semi-soft cheese with holes in, hat is made from cow's milk. The study was published in the journal BMJ Nutrition, The researchers hope that in future the cheese could stop osteoporosis and help prevent diabetes
  
33. August 9 2022-Albums by Bob Dylan, Foo Fighters, Eurythmics, The Clash and more are being re-released for UNICEF's 'Blue Vinyl 'fundraiser. The UK Committee for UNICEF has created limited edition releases of 10 acclaimed albums for its charity series to raise money for the UNICEF UK Children's Emergency Fund, which helps children affected by conflict and disaster. Only 48 'Blue Vinyl 'copies have been pressed for each of the 10 albums. You can go to the 'Blue Vinyl 'Crowdfunder website for a chance to get one of the available albums. According to UNICEF There are 10 million children facing severe drought right now in the Horn of Africa. . All the money raised from the series will go to UNICEF UK's Children's Emergency Fund.

34. Olivia Newton-John had a 30 year fight with cancer and yesterday she succumbed to complications from the disease, passing away at her California home @ the age of 73. Olivia Newton-John said in 1998 that her breast cancer diagnosis was a blessing in a way, because it made her appreciate so much of life. She said she was proud to show that cancer did not mean a death sentence. She founded the Olivia Newton-John Cancer and Wellness Center in Melbourne, Australia. She became a mega star in music and film, but first made it big on the country charts in 1974, as she won the Country Music Association award for female vocalist of the year, over Loretta Lynn, Dolly Parton and Tanya Tucker. But because she was for Australia, she was ostracized by the country music world. Tammy Wynette even helped found the Association of Country Entertainers to exclude her and other non-US performers. Olivia Newton John wrote in her 2021 book "Don't Stop Believin'" that she was very upset by it, but joked, not enough to return the award. She said she was very grateful that Dolly Parton and Loretta Lynn stood up for her at the time.
35. Songwriter Lamont Dozier, the Motown legend behind hits for artists such as the Supremes, the Four Tops and the Isley Brothers, has died aged 81. As one third of production team of Holland-Dozier-Holland, Lamont Dozier was responsible for 10 of the Supremes' 12 US No 1 singles, including Baby Love and You Keep Me Hanging On. The trio of Lamont-Dozier-Holland was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1990.
36. The fashion world has also lost one of its iconic designers...Issey Miyake, who built one of Japan's biggest fashion brands and was known for his boldly sculpted, signature pleated pieces, has died @ the age of 84. Miyake

became known as the designer behind Apple founder Steve Jobs 'trademark black turtleneck, but before that, defined an era in Japan's modern fashion history starting in the 1970s. Later he would use computer technology in weaving to create apparel, & his clothing was meant to celebrate the human body, regardless of race, size or age.

37. August 11 2022- Throwback Thursday-Salute to the artists and songs of American Bandstand. You know when Dick Clark inherited Bob Horn's local-Philly broadcast of *Bandstand*, he revamped the show for a national audience as ABC's *American Bandstand*, which made it a HUGE success. The show aired 5 days a week in live national broadcast until 1963, when the show moved to Los Angeles and began a 24-year run as a recorded weekly program with Dick Clark as host. Legendary DJ Jerry Blavat, Host of the Geator's Rock n Roll Rhythm & Blues Express, every Saturday on XPN....told me in an exclusive interview on XPN that the show( including the music, and the dances) changed when Dick Clark took over. (Audio of Jerry Blavat) The Geator with the Heater..the Boss with teh Hot sauce...The one and only Jerry Blavat. It's a Bandstand Boogie- kind of day, all day on XPN, and the instrumental, "Bandstand Boogie"-by Les Elgart and his orchestra became the theme song to American Bandstand, which from 1952 to 1989, (First as Bandstand) went from an iconic Philadelphia show, broadcasting on WFIL-TV 6 at 45th \* Market Streets to becoming a national juggernaut with Dick Clark. And right there at the very beginning, dancing with all the other teenagers in the early 1950's was The Geator with the Heater -the Boss with the Hot Sauce - the legendary: Jerry Blavat!

38. September 7 2022- Start with some very cool music news, with a local connection: Music mogul SEAN 'DIDDY' COMBS has announced that he is investing 2 million dollars in the company that operates REC-Philly to expand the Philadelphia based creative-space to another city. "REC" (which stands for "Resources for Every Creator) will open its 2nd location in Miami, Fla.. Founded by, Will Toms & Dave Silver, REC-Philly has over 1,000 active members subscribed to their membership which offers access to a 10,000 sq ft creative-facility, @ 9th and Market Streets in the city's Fashion District. It provides educational programming and access to a network of services to help local creatives pursue their passions and entrepreneurial goals. In the past XPN has partnered with REC Philly to provide free REC Memberships to local musicians, and also on the "Black Music City" project which has provided grants to Black creatives to produce new artistic works inspired by Philadelphia's rich Black music history.
39. The race for mayor of Philadelphia is getting more crowded, with two more city council-members -- Maria Quiñones Sánchez and Derek Green -- resigning from office, in order to run for mayor. Three weeks ago, another city councilmember, Allan Domb, resigned from his Council seat . He's still considering whether to run to replace Mayor Jim Kenney, whose term expires in 2024. The Philadelphia City Council president is considering whether to call a special election to fill the vacant city council seats\
40. A new David Bowie digital art project, which has been approved by his estate is set to launch next week. Set to launch on September 13th "*Bowie On The Blockchain*" is being referred to as "a first-of-its-kind multiple artist NFT sale" that will bring together the work of nine NFT artists. According to

a press release, Each artist has created “their own unique takes paying homage to David Bowie and his influence across their artistic and personal identities” 100% of the profits from the sale that will go to the David Bowie estate will be donated to the humanitarian organization CARE, where Bowie’s widow Iman serves as its Global Advocate. The digital venture is a partnership between the Bowie estate, the NFT marketplace OpenSea, and the Web3 company We Love The Arts.

41. Bruce Springsteen’s handwritten set lists and one of his favorite guitars are among the marquee items that will make a cross-country trip for a museum exhibit this fall. The Grammy Museum will open the “Bruce Springsteen Live! Exhibition ve in downtown Los Angeles on Oct. 15. The interactive exhibit — which runs until April 2 — will feature Springsteen and the E Street Band’s live performance footage, instruments, stage costumes and exclusive interviews. & The Grammy museum will invite fans to submit videos of their concert experiences from Springsteen’s previous shows on Sept. 23 – who will be the Boss’ 73rd birthday.
42. September 8 2022-A new museum in honor of Philadelphia-born sculptor Alexander Calder to make its debut on the Philadelphia Parkway, directly across from the Barnes and Rodin Museum? 25 years ago, former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell had asked the artist’s heirs and foundation administrators for permission to build a museum dedicated to the 20th century modernist sculptor, famous for his endlessly creative use of mobiles. After the deal was struck, the project fell into oblivion. It was recently revived, as philanthropists plan to propose a 50 million \$ project to the art commission on September 14th .The space would be named “Calder Gardens”, and consist of a network of underground exhibition spaces

featuring a rotating selection of Calder's sculptures lent by the New York-based Calder foundation. The project design has been handed to the Swiss firm Herzog and De Meuron (who are responsible for the Tate Modern building) and Dutch landscape artist Piet Oudolf, who made a name for himself through his designs of perennial gardens - one example of which can be found on the NYC High Line!

43. Megabus has announced it will now connect Philadelphia to 11 new cities in central Pennsylvania, including Allentown, Quakertown and Williamsport. The company uploaded the new schedules on their website last week, and tickets for the new routes are now available for purchase. The expanded routes come after the company partnered with Fullington Trailways, a family-owned Pennsylvanian bus company founded in 1908, which connected the inhabitants of Clearfield PA to the Pennsylvania Railroad (known as the "Pensy") which was, at the time, the most far-reaching and active railroad company in the United States.
44. September 8 2022-Guitars owned by Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones and Slash are being sold to raise funds for the people of Ukraine. Profits from "The Gibson Guitars For Peace Ukraine Relief auction" go towards humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Julien's Auctions is accepting bids starting October 11, with a live auction set for November 11 to 13 online and in-person at the Hard Rock New York. Several artists & bands have been performing with Gibson guitars (painted in the blue & yellow colors of the Ukrainian flag) in solidarity with the country. Gibson has also created a limited set of four Guitars For Peace Les Paul Custom electric guitars, which come with autograph books signed by a number of musicians, including Chic, My Chemical Romance & The Vaccines, and even

Hollywood actor Jason Momoa. Meanwhile, Sony Music Group has suspended all operations in Russia.

45. Some of our listeners & Members of XPN may be familiar with the “Megabus” which is an inexpensive way to travel to & from Philly to NYC & other cities on the east coast and in the midwest, well, “Megabus” has just announced it is expanding its service to a dozen cities & towns in Central PA and the Lehigh Valley, among other areas of the Keystone state. The new Megabus routes include trips to Allentown, Quakertown and Williamsport. The company uploaded the new schedules on their website ([USMegabus.com](http://USMegabus.com)) The expansion comes after the Megabus company formed a partnership with another bus company “Fullington Trailways” - a family-owned Pennsylvanian company founded in 1908, which helped with the expansion of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the 1900’s, the largest Railroad company in North America.
46. Plans for a new museum in honor of Philadelphia-born sculptor Alexander Calder have been announced. Calder Gardens would be located on the Ben Franklin Parkway, directly across from the Barnes and Rodin Museum. The idea for the Calder Museum was first brought up 25 years ago, by former Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell. Now philanthropists have proposed a 50 million dollar project, that will go before the city’s art commission on September 14th .
47. September 14 2022- And the 2022 Fringe Festival: “a city-wide celebration of innovation and creativity in contemporary performance” is underway, now through October 2nd. And among the over 1,000 performances taking place at locations all across Philly city is one that looks at American diners! Mike Durkin and Nick Schwasman are artistically “over-taking”

several diners in Philadelphia for a series of performances entitled: “Yes, We’re Ready, We’ll Split an Order of Fries for The Table—Does That Work for You?—Sure, One Check Is Fine”, The performances will take place at the Broad Street Diner as well as The soon to be demolished Melrose Diner @ Passyunk and Snyder in South Philly. Performances at the *Melrose* will be this Friday at 2pm, 5pm and 8pm. & you can get much More info on the 2022 Fringe Festival lineup- FringeArts.com.

48. September 15, 2022- Soon eagles fans and music fans alike are going to be able to benefit form a new local musical experience. The “Eagles Gameday Poster Project Playlist.” is designed to showcase local Philadelphia musical and visual artists in a collaboration with the team, through exclusive music tracks & posters that promote each home game throughout the 2022 regular season. The Game day Poster Project Playlist is being executive produced by Philly based rapper Chill Moody, who says “This is something that’s never happened before,” Independent artists linking with a professional team. The Eagles plan to release each digital poster and exclusive new track every Friday before home games. Throughout the season, fans can listen to the tracks on the Eagles Mobile App playlist. The first digital track and poster will be released this Saturday ahead of the Eagles Monday night home opener against the Minn. Vikings. North Phila. Singer/songwriter Brianna Castro is one of the artists involved in the Game day Poster Project Playlist, for Briana, the project is especially near & dear to her heart since SHE used to work @ a concessions stand @ Lincoln Financial Field during Eagles home games. Other Musical artists who will be represented include: Jimmie Allen, Breland, The Menzingers, & Suzanne Sheer!

49. Quite a night for a “number of XPN artists” @ Nashville’s historic Ryman Auditorium. Brandi Carlile, Allison Russell and Billy Strings were among those earning top accolades @ the annual Americana Honors & Awards ceremony. Bluegrass artist & guitarist Billy Strings earned the evening’s most coveted honor, artist of the year, following the release of his 3rd album, *Renewal*, last year. Allison Russell, who earned three nominations heading into the ceremony, won album of the year for *Outside Child*, while Brandi Carlile received the American Music Award for song of the year for “Right On Time.” The War and Treaty, were named group of the year, after winning emerging artist of the year in 2019. & Several lifetime achievement honors were presented including awards to Chris Isaak , the late Don Williams, the Indigo Girls, the Fairfield Four & Al Bell. Robert Plant was also a surprise guest , honoring Buddy Miller with a lifetime achievement award.
50. September 21, 2022- Two Univ. of Pennsylvania scientists have been awarded a \$3 million dollar Breakthrough Prize for RNA research that led to the creation of the COVID-19 vaccines. Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman made a series of pivotal discoveries starting in 2005. Their research on messenger RNA modification helped develop the COVID-19 Moderna and Pfizer vaccines, and is based upon the idea that the messenger RNA molecules (or “cousins”) to our DNA, could be genetically modified to instruct human cells to make customized protein. The idea could help design treatments for multiple diseases.
51. Voter registration is open in Pennsylvania, as institutions and communities around the state organize to register eligible

people for the upcoming midterm election. Earlier this month, Governor Wolf signed an order to expand the accessibility of registration forms around the state, with the hope of reaching Pennsylvania's 1.7 million eligible but unregistered people . Meanwhile, The University of Pennsylvania is attempting to get its often out-of-state born student population registered in the state of PA.

52. In celebration of National Voter Registration Day, yesterday September 20th, the group *Penn Leads the Vote* spread out across campus, informing the Penn community about how to register to vote, check their registration status, and more. The Voter Registration deadline is October 24th.
53. An influential health guidelines group says U.S. doctors should regularly screen adults for anxiety. It's the first time the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has recommended anxiety screening in primary care for adults without symptoms. The just released report is open for public comment until Oct. 17th, but the organization usually affirms its draft guidance. Anxiety disorders are among the most common mental health complaints, affecting about 40% of U.S. women at some point in their lives and more than 1 in 4 men. The panel's guidance often determines insurance decisions.
54. Margo Price has recruited Sharon Van Etten, Lucius and former Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers guitarist Mike Campbell for her next album. The forthcoming new album from Margo Price is called *Strays*, and it will be released on Jan. 13th. The first single "Change of Heart" is out now. Before she debut her new album, though, Margo Price will release her memoir, entitled: "Maybe We'll Make It" which will be published on Oct. 4th. Margo Price will also be performing @ the White Rose Music

Festival in York, PA on October 8th, and then NEXT year she'll be @ the TLA in Philadelphia on March 3rd.

55. September 23, 2022-Questlove will reunite with his producer from the "Summer of Soul" documentary for a NEW film about late music producer J Dilla. The longtime drummer for The Roots will once again join producer Joseph Patel, thi time to create a movie about J Dilla, who died of a rare blood disease at the age of 32 in 2006. Questlove says telling the world about the musician (who's given name was James Dewitt Yancey) and who had the most influence on him: "is a dream come true." Questlove won both an Oscar and Grammy award for his summer of soul documentary .The new film will be based on the New York Times bestseller "Dilla Time: The Life and Afterlife of J Dilla, The Hip-Hop Producer Who Reinvented Rhythm" by author Dan Charnas.
56. On the Arts and Culture calendar, he 25th annual Philly Fringe Festival is approaching its final week, but there is still plenty to go see, hear, taste, touch! And even as the festival nears its close, the dreams & ideas of the artists, remain and keep expanding. Performance Artist Mike Durkin, whose show "Yes, We're Ready, We'll Split an Order of Fries for The Table—Does That Work for You?—Sure, One Check Is Fine", celebrated "American diners" . His show appeared at a couple of Philly diners: including outside of the closed Melrose Diner in South Philly. Last week XPN Morning Show Intern Julie Flandreu stopped by the Melrose for a chat w/ Mike Durkin, to talk about his fascination w/ the ways food connects us - & shared one of his Melrose Diner, memories. Play Audio VoxPro 1-Mike talking about Milkshakes (Nothing like a diner Milkshake) Performance Artist Mike Durkin, (involved in year's Philly Fringe Festival) speaking to XPN Morning Show

intern Julie Flandreu. (Thank you Julie & Mike!) The Fringe Festival is also partnering with Philadelphia's Mural Arts on another food-based show called "And you will know its done when the oil stops bubbling", which aims to create a community recipe book based on story sharing. The project will kick off today. More info at [FringeArts.com](http://FringeArts.com)

57. September 27, 2022- Singer-songwriter Laura Mann is re-opening her live music venue in Ardmore, this November! The "Living Room" from Laura Mann, along with her new "Cricket Cafe" will be housed in a custom-built location at 104 Cricket Avenue in Ardmore, PA And a grand opening event for "locals only" will happen on Friday, November 4th. But already a Lineup for The Living Room (formerly The Living Room at 35 East), is being set, with live music performances during November and December by NRBQ, Steve Wynn, Eric Bazilian, Pete Donnelly, Lauren Hart and Marshall Crenshaw, among many others. Tickets for these and more shows scheduled at the 150-capacity venue are available @ [LivingRoomArdmore.com](http://LivingRoomArdmore.com).
58. What a weekend at the FireFly Music Festival in Delaware, for A high school student from West Chester, PA! Zach Marsden, who is a student at Henderson High School (and plays guitar) made his BIG Stay debut over the weekend @ Firefly with none other than Green Day. Zach and a few friends were near the front row holding up a sign saying "Zach can play guitar." Well, Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong saw the sign and invited Zach on stage! Where he jammed with the band! Zack, who is an honors student at Henderson High, says he is self-taught on the six-string guitar. The 6 ABC website has some video of the performance which I will share on our Twitter page @XPNMornign Show, in a moment.

59. September 29 2022- Very exciting that Kristen will be going to tonight's Lizzo concert at Wells Fargo Center in Philly. Who knows what surprises she may have in store! Earlier this week @ her show in Wash. DC Lizzo made history by becoming the first person in two centuries to play a 200 year old crystal flute, which is kept at the Library of Congress. The flute was originally owned by the 4th president of the United States, James Madison. Clips of Lizzo playing a few notes on the flute have gone viral on social media....but BEFORE her show in , Lizzo got a personal tour of the Library COngress's priceless antique instruments, where she was allowed to play the crystal flute for an an extended period of time! (Play Audio #1 VoxPro Lizzo playing Flute) I like how she was worried about getting her lipstick on the flute...Lizzo tweeted : "NOBODY HAS EVER HEARD THIS FAMOUS CRYSTAL FLUTE BEFORE [...] NOW YOU HAVE." "I'M THE FIRST AND ONLY PEROSN TO EVER PLAY THIS PRESIDENTIAL 200-YEAR-OLD CRYSTAL FLUTE – THANK YOU @librarycongress. As you know LIZZO is a classically trained flautist – The crystal flute from the early 1800s,"was a gift to James Madison from a French crystal-flute designer, to celebrate Madison's 2nd term that began in 1814. & Kristen I don't know HOW Lizzo is going to top the Crystal flute performance, maybe they'll roll out the Liberty Bell, and let her ring it a few times, like before Sixers games!

## WXPB ASCERTAINMENT FORM

**PROGRAM NAME: Kids Corner**

**HOST: Kathy O'Connell**

**PRODUCER: Robert Drake**

**AIRS: Mondays through Thursdays 19:00**

**LENGTH: 60 minutes**

*Created in January 1988, the primary mission of Kids Corner continues to be one that provides a stimulating variety of educational and entertaining programs for children ages 5-13. The show enables children to get involved in interactive segments and demonstrate their knowledge, talent and abilities. In addition, it serves as a resource for parents, educators and professionals in child-related fields.*

**2023 THIRD QUARTER / 47 episodes**

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**Kids Corner Music Hour** – airs weekly every Monday as well as on special occasions and features an hour of music from regional and national musicians that target the younger ear. In this quarter, the Kids Corner Music Hour aired:

July 10  
July 17  
July 24  
July 27  
July 31  
Aug 1  
Aug 2  
Aug 14  
Aug 21  
Aug 28  
Sep 11  
Sep 18  
Sep 25

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### **KIDS CORNER PROGRAM / 2023 THIRD QUARTER OVERVIEW**

July 5: The Deedle Deedle Dees live performance  
July 6: Author Carol Berkin discusses the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence  
July 11: Ice Cream Party – kids share their favorite flavors  
July 12: Kids Corner Collection Corner – kids talk about the things they collect  
July 12: Kids Corner Poll: Discussing various Summer Traditions.  
July 13: A Seat at the Periodic Table of Elements with Dr. Lisa Chirlian  
July 18: KC Poll: Kids share summer vacation stories  
July 19: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects  
July 20: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly natural science segment  
July 25: it's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin

Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.

July 26: Musician Kira Wiley joins us for an hour of stories and songs

August 3: Art History with Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw

August 8: Kids Corner Poll Question – tonight kids talk about their pets, part one

August 9: Kids Corner Poll Question – tonight kids talk about their pets, part two

August 10; A Seat at the Periodic Table of Elements with Dr. Lisa Chirlian

August 15: Kids Corner Poll Question: What is your favorite outdoor activity?

August 16: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects

August 22: Kids Corner Poll Question – kids share their favorite summer memories as we count down the final days of 'summer break'

August 23: It's the Rec Room where kids recommend good TV shows and movies for other kids to watch

August 24: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly natural science segment

August 29: An hour of songs from Recess Monkey

August 30: The History Behind History: historian Kenneth C. Davis explores the history behind Labor Day.

September 5: Kids Corner Poll Question: Back To School report cards

September 6: Kids Corner Bookmobile: Kathy and the kids recommend good books for listeners to check out!

September 7: Art History with Gwendolyn Dubois Shaw

September 12: Kids discuss what makes a great teacher.

September 13: Kids Corner Collection Corner – kids talk about the things they collect

September 14: A Seat at the Periodic Table of Elements with Dr. Lisa Chirlian

September 19: KC Poll Question – kids share their thoughts about homework – is it necessary?

September 20: It's Craft Night on Kids Corner as kids talk about their arts and craft projects they do at home.

September 21: Our All-Natural Science Guy Mike Weilbacher joins us with his monthly Wild Philly natural science segment

September 26: it's the next installment of SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments

September 27: It's an hour with musician (and former Wiggle) Sam Moran

September 28: The History Behind History: historian Kenneth C. Davis explores the history behind Columbus Day

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming  
for Kids Corner  
Third Quarter, 2023 / July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**ISSUE:** Science / Space Exploration

**Program Name:** Kids Corner

**Broadcast Date(s):** July 25 2023 / August 29, 2023 / September 26, 2023

**Broadcast Time:** 19:00-20:00

**Program Summary:** it's the next installment of **SpaceChat with Astronomer Derrick Pitts** of the Franklin Institute – who joins us live to talk deep space with the kids and take their questions and comments.

**Program Details:** Longtime guest of Kids Corner, Derrick Pitts is the Chief Astronomer at the Fels Planetarium within the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia. He joins us monthly as we open the phones and invite kids to share in the joy and wonderment of space exploration. During these two hours we were so flooded with kids chatting about space, from magnetars and pulsars to exploring new theories of multi-universes ... the kids are as amazing as Derrick!

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**ISSUE:** Art History and Appreciation

**Program Name:** Kids Corner

**Broadcast Date(s):** August 3, 2023 / September 7, 2023

**Broadcast Time:** 19:00-20:00

**Program Summary:** We launched a new, ongoing series Celebrating Art, with Gwendolyn DuBois Shaw, Class of 1940 Bicentennial Term Associate Professor of the Department of the History of Art at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Program Details:** Beginning in August, each installment of the Spotlight series explored the backstory of various artists who were born in that month. Many of these artists are unknown to our young listeners and Professor Shaw frames their life story in such a way to inspire kids and encourage them to learn more. Additionally, each month we have a web element that offers visual links to the art work we discuss on air, so that listeners can both listen and view simultaneously.

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**ISSUE:** American History

**Program Name:** Kids Corner

**Broadcast Date(s):** July 27, 2023 / August 24 2023 / September 28, 2023

**Broadcast Time:** 19:00-20:00

**Program Summary:** It's our newest ongoing series The History Behind History with our resident historian Kenneth C. Davis- a bestselling author of Don't Know Much About History and other books in the Don't Know Much About® series.

**Program Details:** For more than 30 years, Kenneth C. Davis has proven that Americans don't hate history — just the dull version they slept through in class. Davis's approach is to refresh us on the subjects we should have learned in school. He does it by busting myths, setting the record straight, and making history human. In our inaugural edition of The History Behind History, Davis explored the hidden history of slavery in America.

**Most Significant Issue-Responsive Programming  
for OUTsounds / Amazon Country  
Third Quarter, 2023 / July 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**ISSUE:** Community Support and Activism

**Program Name:** OUTsounds

**Broadcast Date(s):** July 23, 2023

**Broadcast Time:** 23:3-00:00

**Program Summary:** A spotlight on Philadelphia's William Way LGBTQIA+ Community Center with its executive director **Christopher Bartlett**.

**Program Details:** We put the spotlight on Philadelphia's LGBTQIA+ Community Center, named after the late local activist William Way. The Way Center seeks to engage and support the diverse LGBTQIA+ communities in the greater Philadelphia area through arts & culture, empowerment, and community connections. The Center's mission is to want all LGBTQIA+ people to feel safe, connected, and empowered. They strive to be a community center whose staff, management, and board reflect the vibrant and richly diverse communities we serve.

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**WXPN ASCERTAINMENT FORM**

**PROGRAM NAME:** OUTsounds

**HOST:** Robert Drake

**AIRS:** Sundays at 23:30

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

OUTsounds celebrates out artists worldwide and showcases music created and performed by members of the LGBTQ community. On occasion, Robert will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

**2023 THIRD QUARTER**

**12 episodes**

July 2

July 9

July 16

July 23

July 30

August 6

August 13

August 20

August 27

September 3

September 10

September 17

**PROGRAM NAME:** Amazon Country

**HOST:** Debra D'Alessandro

**AIRS:** Sundays at 23:00

**LENGTH:** 30 minutes

Amazon Country is a program dedicated to celebrating and spotlighting the artistic creations found within the lesbian/feminist community. Throughout each show, host Debra D'Alessandro showcases music created and performed by members of the lesbian/feminist community. On occasion, Debra will also air short interviews with members of the LGBTQ community – these chats will be noted above, as they occur.

**2023 THIRD QUARTER**

## **12 episodes**

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