

WPKN Newsletter April 16, 2018

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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Writer's Voice: Investigative journalist Mark Hertsgaard tells us about the explosive new report he co-wrote with Mark Dowie, "How Big Wireless Made Us Think That Cell Phones Are Safe." Then, we talk with poet Philip Schultz about his latest poetry collection, "Luxury." Finally, poet Kathryn Levy reads from her latest collection, "Reports." **Monday, April 16 at 10:00 PM.**

News and Public Affairs

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

1) Norman Solomon, journalist, media critic, activist and co-founder & coordinator of the online organization RootsAction.org, Author of "War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death," Norman discusses the aftermath of the recent U.S. military strike in Syria in response to the alleged Syrian government chemical attack on civilians there. He'll also address the dangers of an escalation of the conflict, possible direct confrontation with Russia, more constructive methods to prevent the illegal use of chemical weapons and negotiate an end to the Syrian war.

2) Alex Lawson, Executive Director of Social Security Works, discusses House Speaker Paul Ryan's announced departure from Congress, his long running goal to "reform" - cut - Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid programs - and the ongoing effort by President Trump and the Republican Party to raise the eligibility age, reduce benefits and institute "Chained CPI," for the nation's social safety net programs.

3) Kevin Zeese, a public interest attorney, co-director of PopularResistance.org and It's Our Economy, an organization that advocates for democratizing the economy, talks about his recent article, co-written with Dr. Margaret Flower's, titled, "The Role of Youth in the Coming Transformation," and the launch on his Popular Resistance School on May 1st. He'll examine how this moment of youth activism is an important opportunity to connect the dots on a wide range of important issues that relate back to America's failing economic and political system.

4) Chuck Rosina, a long time public affairs and news producer at WMBR FM, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's radio station, talks about the MIT Day of Action on April 17th, where "members of the MIT and broader local community will pause everyday activities and devote the day to engaging with the political, economic, environmental, and social challenges facing us today -- through learning, discussion, reflection, and planning for action.

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

Sustainable East End: The South Fork Offshore Wind Farm that would supply electric power to East Hampton has been approved by the Long Island Power Authority, but must meet NY State and Federal agency approval as well. It has been met by stiff opposition over the impact on the fishing industry of the windmills and the electric cable connecting them to shore. Also questions have arisen about how much power would be generated during the summer when electric usage peaks, and how the wind generated power fits into LIPA's electric grid. We talk with regulatory consultant Thomas Bjurlof.

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:30 PM and [archived](#).

WPKN Events

WPKN's **Music on Film** Series presents the documentary "24 Hour Party People" -- Spanning from the 1970's to early 1990's, this is the story of the Manchester music scene... Tony Wilson is an ambitious but frustrated local TV news reporter looking for a way to make his mark. After witnessing a life-changing concert by an unknown band called the Sex Pistols, he persuades his station to televise one of their performances, and soon Manchester's punk groups are clamoring for him to manage them. Riding the wave of a musical revolution, Wilson and his friends create the legendary Factory Records and the Hacienda Club, and bands like Joy Division, New Order, and the Happy Mondays emerge to change the industry forever.

Thursday April 19, 2018 at the Bijou Theatre, [275 Fairfield Ave.](#) in Bridgeport, CT, 06605. Doors: 6:00 PM / Show: 7:00 PM, \$12.00. Tickets [here](#).



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