WPKN Newsletter July 22, 2019

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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Christian MacEwen about newest book, “Legal Tender: Women and the Secret Life of Money” (Bauhan Press 2019). Composed of interviews MacEwen started doing after the financial collapse of 2008, Legal Tender illuminates the lies, secrets, and silences beneath our discomfort over money. It focuses on childhood memories, adult challenges, the joys of generosity and abundance, and the inequities of race and gender. Then, a conversation with The Nation contributor Elie Mystal about his chilling examination of how Donald Trump and the GOP have packed the courts with ultra right wing judges and reshaped the judiciary for a career. His cover article for The Nation is “Donald Trump and the Plot to Take Over the Courts.” Monday, July 22 at 10:00 PM.

First Voices Radio Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse talks with Barbara Alice Mann, author of “Spirits of Blood, Spirits of Breath: The Twinned Cosmos of Indigenous America” (2016). Barbara Alice Mann, Ph.D. is Professor of Humanities in the Jesup Scott Honors College of the University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. She has written 14 books. Barbara’s other works include “The Tainted Gift,” about the deliberate spread of disease to Natives by settlers as a land-clearing tactic; “George Washington’s War on Native America,” which looks at the major invasion of Iroquoian New York in 1779 and the genocidal attacks on Ohio from 1780 through 1782; and the internationally known “Iroqouian Women: The Gantowiswas.” A Bear Clan, Ohio Seneca, community recognition, Barbara lives in her homeland of Ohio (a Seneca word meaning “Beautiful River”). In the second half of the show, Tiokasin speaks with Terry Tempest Williams. Terry is the award-winning author of 15 books, including “Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place,” “Finding Beauty in a Broken World” and “When Women Were Birds.” Terry’s latest book, “The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America’s National Parks,” was published in 2016. Tuesday, July 23 at 12 noon.

Jim Motavalli has two tentative guests: Bill Kraus, involved in trying to save the historic New Haven Clock Factory around 9:00 PM and the musical group 75 Dollar Bill around 9:45 PM. Tuesday, July 23.


News and Public Affairs

This week’s guests on Counterpoint, hosted by Richard Hill filling in for Scott Harris: 1)Sophie Reiff, an active member of the group Never Again Action talks about her group's mission, and it's recent mass civil disobedience actions in several U.S. cities demanding the closure of overcrowded and dangerous U.S. refugee camps along the southern border. 2) William Rivers Pitt, senior editor and lead columnist at Truthout.org, is the bestselling author of three books, including, "The Mass Destruction of Iraq: The Disintegration of a Nation: Why It Is Happening, and Who is Responsible," co-written with Dahr Jamal. Here he talks about his recent opinion piece, "Trump's Racism Is Not Blundering - It Is Tactically Deliberate," and how progressives could effectively respond to Trump and his supporters' increasingly racist, and hateful rhetoric and policies. 3) Scott Edwards, Director of the Food & Water Watch Justice program, discusses his group's recent statement, "As Climate Alarm Bells Ring, Trump Cheers On Polluters," and their ongoing campaign to protect U.S. environmental laws from the Trump administration/ GOP drive to deregulate virtually all polluting industries. 4) Diane Bullock and John Whitbeck of the coalition organizing a Medicare For All statewide forum and day of action in Waterbury, CT on Aug. 17th, discuss the campaign to pass Medicare For All legislation, the plan to pressure local politicians to support it, and a talk by professor Robert Pollin of UMass who co-authored a definitive study on Medicare for All. Monday, July 22 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN archive.

WPKN Events

This summer The Bridgeport & Port Jefferson Steamboat Company, J. Faith Presents and WPKN 89.5-FM Radio invite you to a Series of Twilight Concerts on Long Island Sound. The 2nd concert takes place Thursday, July 25th. The Port Jefferson 8:30 PM cruise features the band Dead Ahead and sails to Bridgeport, returning to Port Jefferson, NY, arriving around 9 PM. The Bridgeport 7:00 PM cruise features the Alpaca Gnomes and sails to Port Jefferson, returning to Bridgeport, CT, around 9:30 PM. Round trip $20.00/person. Cash Bar aboard (carry on alcohol prohibited).

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