WPKN Newsletter August 26, 2019

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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon: We talk with Jayson Greene about his memoir of losing his two-year-old daughter to a freak accident, "Once More We Saw Stars." Then, we talk with writer Mitchell S. Jackson about his memoir of growing up in an African-American community in Portland Oregon, "Survival Math." Monday, August 26 at 10:00 PM.

First Voices Radio: In the first half-hour, Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse speaks with Keala Kelly. Keala (Native Hawaiian) is an award-winning filmmaker, journalist and activist. Her documentary film, "NoHo Hawai: The Wrongful Occupation of Hawaii," has been screened and broadcasted internationally and is widely taught in university courses that focus on colonization, Indigenous cultures and the Pacific. Keala has been closely following and reporting for Indian Country Today on the activities on Mauna Kea and the proposed construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope at its summit. In the second half-hour, Tiokasin welcomes back Trenton Joseph Casillas Bakeberg from Eagle Butte, South Dakota, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe and host of a local radio show. Tuesday, August 27 at 12 noon.

Jim Motavalli: Tentative guests: the group Little Roots, a Mass-based old-time female duo. Tuesday, August 27 at 9:00 PM.


The Car Bob Show: The fifth annual live broadcast from Lime Rock Park during "Historic Festival 37." Saturday, August 31 at 9:00 AM.

News and Public Affairs

This week's guests on Counterpoint, hosted by Scott Harris:
1) Jeff Carter, Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility, talks about the dangers inherent in the revival of a U.S.- Russia nuclear arms race, with the U.S. withdrawal from the 1987 INF Treaty, followed by the recent Pentagon test of a once-prohibited intermediate range missile and reports of a deadly accident related to Russian testing of a new nuclear powered cruise missile. He'll also talk about his group's advocacy for passage of a "No First Use" policy on nuclear weapons.
2) Barry Eidlin, Assistant Professor of Sociology at McGill University discusses his recent Jacobin magazine article, "Bernie's Plan for Workplace Democracy Is the Boldest Presidential Plan for Worker's Rights Ever," and the current state of the U.S. labor movement.
3) Chip Gibbons, Policy and Legislative Counsel Defending Rights and Dissent discuss the threat of white supremacist violence and right wing domestic terrorism, and your group's concern that establishing a "domestic terrorism" statute, could be abused -- and turned against lawful organizations both on the right and left. We can review the powers the FBI currently has to investigate and prosecute individuals and groups that advocate and practice violence.
4) A representative of the group Amazon Watch (TBA) will talk about their group's response to the unprecedented number of fires that have been set in the Amazon rain forest, the role of Brazilian President Bolsonaro in repealing and/or weakening environmental protections -- and what the international community can do to limit the damage to the environment and climate.

Monday, August 26 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN archive.

WPKN Events

The Twilight Live Music Cruises Series: 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 next show is Thursday, August 29, 2019 featuring Oogee Wawa. That's a 6:30 PM Port Jefferson departure. 631-473-5138 for more info.