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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

Writer's Voice with Francesca Rheannon: We spend most of the hour with Scott Turow, talking not only about the fictional case in "The Last Trial," but also about some very real cases going on right now. And later, we hear from a former Writer's Voice guest, the poet Kathryn Levy, who was involved in a just decided legal case with critical implications for the 2020 election. Monday, May 25 at 10:00 PM.

Jim Motavalli: “In the 8 PM hour an interview with Vatsal Thakkar, MD, a psychiatrist talking about COVID-19 and the ceo of a new startup called Reimbusify, plus a member of a neighborhood band called Exit 46. Then in the 9 PM hour, an original radio play by me, called The Ballad of Belle Siddons, produced by Bob Johnson, with Harry Minot as narrator, set in a SF jail in 1881.” Tuesday, May 26 beginning at 8:00 PM.

East End Ink: Radio commentator Davidouchier reads from his essay collection: "Dark Matters: Delusions, Illusions, Lost Causes and Absurdities in Modern America." One in the on-line series recorded by Canios Books, Sag Harbor. East End Ink is heard on the 4th and occasional 5th Wednesday each month. Wednesday, May 27 at 7:30 PM and archived.

News and Public Affairs

This week's guests on Counterpoint, hosted by Scott Harris:
1) Dr. James G. Kahn, emeritus professor at the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, at the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco, discusses the significance of a recent Columbia University study that found 36,000 fewer people would have died from the coronavirus if the U.S. had imposed social distancing measures one week earlier, and his concerns about the spread of COVID-19, now that all 50 states are easing lockdown restrictions.
2) Mel Goodman, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy and an adjunct professor of international relations at Johns Hopkins University. Goodman, whose 42-year government career included tours at the CIA, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense's National War College, discuss his recent article, “How the New York Times Enhances Trump's Propaganda.” He’ll focus on corporate, mainstream news outlets' practice of employing “false equivalency,” in their reporting that blurs the line between facts and conspiracy theories which distorts reality.
3) Jodie Evans, Co-founder and Director of Code Pink Women for Peace discusses the Memorial Day caravans for peace and disarmament her group is organizing, coinciding with the UN Secretary General’s call for a Global Ceasefire. She'll also examine how this pandemic could be a catalyst to bring about structural change in US government priorities from billions of dollars spent on war & militarism toward funding for human needs.
4) Rev. Allie Perry, pastor of Shalom United Church of Christ in New Haven and a leader of the peace group Reclaiming the Prophetic Voice, discusses the recent open-letter signed by more than 70 Connecticut clergy from various denominations, to Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont re: the coronavirus crisis in the state's prison system and their call to reduce the prison population and safeguard the lives of inmates, particularly those who are elderly and with compromised immune systems. Rev. Perry will let listeners know how they can support this effort. Monday, May 25 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN archive.