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special programs and guests

Music, Culture, Arts and Entertainment

On Digging in the Dirt Kevin Gallagher's guests are Kelsey Brennan, the Farmer, and Christy Colasurdo, Events Director, from the Wakeman Town farm in Westport. They'll talk about all the growing and food programs and the events they run at the farm for children and adults alike. Monday, July 15 at 5:00 PM.


First Voices Radio Host Tiokasin Ghosthorse talks with Crystal Echo Hawk (Pawnee). Crystal is Founder, President and CEO of Echo Hawk Consulting. Crystal and Echo Hawk Consulting were the original designers and co-project thought leaders of the Reclaiming Native Truth Project, which conducted unprecedented public opinion research, message testing and multi-sector organizing to inform the development of strategies to tackle misconceptions, stereotypes, and the invisibility of Native peoples within popular culture, media, institutions and society. The report includes groundbreaking research findings, message guides and narrative change strategies that have been met with overwhelming excitement and praise regarding the positive impact this body of work can have for Native peoples. Crystal also founded IllumiNative, in partnership with well-known and respected Native artists, activists, thought leaders and allies in pop culture and entertainment. IllumiNative’s mission is to create a narrative shift in pop culture about, by and for Native peoples. The second half of the show is devoted to commentary from Tiokasin. He explores the question: “What does it mean to be Indigenous?” Tuesday, July 15 at 12 noon.

News and Public Affairs

This week’s guests on Counterpoint, hosted by Richard Hill filling in for Scott Harris:
1) Independent investigative reporter and author, Arun Gupta who is an initiator of the website NoMoreCamps.org which features a call to action signed by authors Barbara Ehrenreich, Noam Chomsky, Bill Fletcher, Jr., former president of TransAfrica Forum and others demanding the closure of the Trump regime’s concentration camps for refugees and asylum seekers by proposing non-violent civil disobedience, blockades of the camps, occupations, die-ins, the establishment of “freedom camps” at the detention facilities and support for Customs and Border Protection government workers who walk out on strike.
2) Keshia Morris, program associate with Common Cause will talk about the Trump regime’s now defeated effort to include a citizenship question in the 2020 U.S. Census, but the mixed messages about using other government data to rig the system. There’s Alabama’s federal lawsuit demanding that non-citizens not be counted for purposes of reapportionment and redistricting. I’d also like to discuss the impact of the SCOTUS ruling removing the federal courts from adjudicating partisan gerrymandering cases.
3) Alexandria Villasenor, leader with the New York City Youth Climate Strike talks about organizing now being done by 350.org, and other groups around the world, in advance of the Global Climate Strike, September 20, 2019.
4) A representative of the national coalition Win Without War discusses the recent House vote on the Khanna-Gaetz amendment to block any funds for a future Trump regime initiated war with Iran. Monday, July 15 at 8:00 PM and in the WPKN archive.

Sustainable East End: Host Francesca Rheannon talks with Gordan Raacke of Renewable Energy Long Island about recent developments in the 'fight' to free the east end from reliance on fossil fuels; including community solar, battery storage, electric vehicle charging stations and the controversy over the cable bringing wind power to East Hampton. Also we look at Energize East Hampton and the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. Wednesday, July 17 at 7:30 PM and archived.

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