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In the 1940s and '50s and 60's, several Black American jazz players made the decision to move abroad. There they were treated differently there — with a deeper, more personal degree of respect — and were able to enjoy social and romantic freedoms denied them by the inherent racism back home.

Today, the reasons to move abroad remain strong and compelling.

WBGO's **Nate Chinen** spoke with author, journalist, concert producer and educator **Ashley Kahn** about his coverage of "**The New Jazz Emigres**".

Business and Economy

Coffee and Carnations: The story of Casa De Flora in Bloomfield, NJ

<https://www.wbgo.org/show/wbgo-journal/2022-08-16/coffee-and-carnations-the-story-of-casa-de-flora-in-bloomfield-nj>

Brooklyn born business owner Maritza Walton not only celebrates her 50th birthday this year, she's celebrating the grand opening of Casa De Flora with her business partners Ashley Gillette and Gregor Martin . Ironically located in Bloomfield, New Jersey, Casa De Flora is the fusion of a flower shop and a cafe. The real Question is, how does a woman with 25 years of experience as a mortgage underwriter shift to a life of flowers.

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Health Care

Layo George, the founder of the Wolomi maternal health platform, wants to help women of color have a positive pregnancy experience

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The question is, who can black women turn to in order to feel safe when expecting. The pregnancy companion app Wolomi has arrived to aid women of color and their families on the journey to a healthy delivery.

"My name is Layo George, I am the founder of Wolomi. Wolomi is maternal health platform that is created by a nurse of color. So I am a nurse, and for women of color, specifically, supporting us to own our pregnancy journey, and pregnancy and motherhood journey, find joy and get better outcomes."

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DOYLE: Even as COVID continues to present a risk to healthcare professionals and those working in congregant care settings, they face a new workplace risk from the monkeypox virus. The New York Times described Monkeypox as being similar to smallpox but with symptoms that are less severe. While several thousands cases have been documented nationally, no deaths have yet been reported. With us now is WBGO's Bob Hennelly to discuss what essential workers need to know about the latest occupational health risk and what officials are doing to address this quickly emerging health crisis.

Thanks for joining Bob. So what do we know about [Monkeypox](#)?

HENNELLY: It was first seen in Africa in the late 1950s, and is primarily spread through close physical contact, like sex, but can be transmitted by less intimate contact like through towels or sheets used by someone infected. Initially, the hardest hit population has been gay men, but potential pathways of exposures include locker rooms and any congregant residential facility like a hospital or prison. The first case in New York City was flagged back on May 20.

NYC Removes COVID Vaccine Mandate For Private Sector Workers

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-09-20/nyc-removes-covid-vaccine-mandate-for-private-sector-workers>

There are changes to some of the coronavirus vaccine mandates in New York City.

The coronavirus vaccine mandate for private sector workers has been in place since late December under the former de Blasio Administration but Mayor Eric Adams says the mandate will end November 1st. However, the vaccine requirement for city workers which has lead to numerous firings will remain in place. Mayor Adams was asked why that's not ending.

Crime

New N.J. dashboard of internal affairs investigations is a good first step, but analysts say more should follow

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Policy experts are praising [a new online dashboard](#) from the New Jersey Attorney General's Office that allows people to view internal investigations of officers at law enforcement agencies across the state. They call it a good first step that's helpful to the public, while hoping that more will be done to publicly identify bad cops.

“It's a good step in the right direction as far as transparency, but accountability must follow,” said Dr. Jason Williams, associate professor of justice studies at Montclair State University. “We have to continue to watch and make sure that we gain...some type of movement in the system.”

Now that the information is more publicly available, Williams wants to know how officials are going to respond to the data.

Newark to Use Covid Relief Funds to Beef Up School Security

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-09-14/newark-to-use-covid-relief-funds-to-beef-up-school-security>

Newark is trying to make this school year safer. The schools plan to hire more security guards, launch a new student identification system, and use updated software to track incidents.

And the state is spending \$6.5 million to have school districts digitize building maps. This allows police to easily spot key access points, stairwells, and other locations.

Experts call the maps a tool but not a solution, said Catherine Carrera, the Newark bureau chief for the education website Chalkbeat.

New Gun Laws In NY State Take Effect

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-08-31/new-gun-laws-in-ny-state-take-effect>

New York State has a series of gun laws going into effect Thursday in reaction to a Supreme Court ruling. In order to get a conceal carry permit, ordinary citizens will get a thorough background check that includes a look at social media posts. They must go through an in classroom and gun firing training course. New York City Mayor Eric Adams says this is in response to the Supreme Court ruling that makes it easier to get a gun permit now in New York.

“The Supreme Court’s decision have opened an additional river feeding the sea of gun violence but we are going to continue to use our laws to the dam the rivers.”

The state has also named a number of places where guns are banned even with a permit. They include schools, restaurants serving alcohol and the Times Square area.

Education

Ask Governor Murphy show discusses the new sex education requirements for NJ public schools

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‘A disturbing equation’: Report shows decline in access to mental health staff for Black students in New Jersey

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If you're a Black student in the Garden State, you will likely not have the same access to mental health resources as your white counterparts. In fact, their access has increased over the past decade, while yours has declined.

That is the conclusion of [a report from New Jersey Policy Perspective](#). Looking at the period from 2008 to 2020, it found that the ratio of mental health staff for Black students declined from 10.3 per 1,000 students to 8.5. The ratio for white students increased from 7.4 to 8.8 per 1,000 students.

New Jersey school staff shortage is making teacher vacancies worse

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-08-30/new-jersey-school-staff-shortage-is-making-teacher-vacancies-worse>

There will be enough people in place when Cherry Hill Public Schools open the 2022-2023 school year next week.

“We cannot wait for [students] to get back into the buildings,” said superintendent Dr. Joe Meloche, who adds that staff will return on Thursday. “You can feel the excitement when we’re getting people together in groups to be able to welcome the children back into our schools.”

Meloche adds they are still struggling to find teachers to teach in specialty areas, like world languages, math and science. School districts across the country, including in New Jersey, are grappling with [a shortage of educators](#).

Environment

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Camden Mayor Vic Carstarphen was holding the bolt cutters as U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross was holding the chain to the property.

“Just don’t get my finger,” Norcross told Carstarphen.

“I don’t need no trouble from D.C.,” the mayor responded.

In one snip, officials cut the chain to an illegal dump site at 7th and Chestnut streets in the city’s Bergen Square Neighborhood. It’s the beginning of a remediation project that will take several months to clean up.

As officials walked on the property Monday, two men in black polo shirts from Montrose Environmental Group began the work of assessing the property. They will conduct dirt samples and characterize the material on site between now and November.

Government and State Agencies

NY Gov Lifts Mask Mandate For Mass Transit

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-09-07/ny-gov-lifts-mask-mandate-for-mass-transit>

New York Governor Kathy Hochul is lifting the mask mandate for mass transit.

Masks are now optional on the New York City subway system, MTA buses, commuter trains, in for hire vehicles and the airports in New York State. Governor Hohul says the reasons is because there is a good trend when it comes to coronavirus data.

New Jersey wants to pass a law inspired by stalled federal Voting Rights Act

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-08-24/new-jersey-wants-to-pass-a-law-inspired-by-stalled-federal-voting-rights-act>

New Jersey lawmakers want to pass legislation that sponsors said would ensure elections in the state are secure and fair for historically marginalized groups and “future generations of voters.”

Next month, Assemblywoman Verlina Reynolds-Jackson (D-Mercer) said she plans to introduce a statewide measure inspired by the federal “[John Lewis Voting Rights Act](#),” which has been stalled in the U.S. Senate since September 2021.

Reynolds-Jackson also named her bill after Lewis, the late Georgia congressman who spent his career [fighting for fairer elections and racial equality](#).

Newark Mayor Ras Baraka address how the city is addressing the recent water issues

<https://www.wbgo.org/newark-today/2022-08-17/watch-here-for-the-next-edition-of-newark-today-this-thursday-at-8pm>

On the next edition of ***Newark Today*** (August 18 at 8pm here on the WBGO website) host **Michael Hill** chats with **Newark Mayor Ras Baraka** about the recent water issues in the city and talks with **Superintendent of Schools Roger Leon** about the upcoming school year for students, parents and teachers.

Politics

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Zeldin Gaining Ground On Hochul In Gov's Race

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-09-05/zeldin-gaining-ground-on-hochul-in-govs-race>

A new poll shows the race for New York governor is tightening.

Several previous polls had Democratic Governor Kathy Hochul with a comfortable double digit lead over her Republican challenger, Long Island Congressman Lee Zeldin. However, a Trafalgar Group survey now finds Zeldin only about four points behind the governor. Pollster Robert Cahaly says the number one issue is crime and that's helping Zeldin close the gap.

Technology

Hackensack University Medical Center to Host Clinical Trial of Leukemia Treatment

<https://www.wbgo.org/news/2022-09-09/hackensack-university-medical-center-to-host-clinical-trial-of-leukemia-treatment>

A new approach to treating the most common form of leukemia is currently in a number of clinical trials — one of which is at the Hackensack University Medical Center.

It's a new type of stem cell transplant, which is the work of Vor Bio. The company's president is Doctor Robert Ang.

"What we're hoping to do is make stem cell transplants that are treatment resistant, so that you can treat the cancer and maybe prevent its return, maybe even aim for cures, in patients who are undergoing regular stem cell transplants," he said.

This transplant utilizes genetic engineering to protect a patient's healthy cells from the toxic side effects of targeted cancer treatments so that only cancerous cells are destroyed.

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Speed Cameras Operating 24-7 In NYC

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Starting Monday, speed camera hours are being expanded in New York City.

There are two-thousand speed cameras throughout the city. They had only been allowed to operate six a.m. until 10 p.m. on weekdays but now they will start operating 24-7 year-round including holidays. New York City DOT Commissioner YDanis Rodriguez points out that more than half of traffic deaths occur on weekends and overnight.

Race and Ethnicity

The upcoming "The Blues Society" documentary from Dr. Augusta Palmer pays tribute to the artists who performed at the Memphis Blues Festival in the late 1960's

<https://www.wbgo.org/show/wbgo-journal/2022-09-04/the-upcoming-the-blues-society-documentary-from-dr-augusta-palmer-pays-tribute-to-the-artists-who-performed-at-the-memphis-blues-festival-in-the-late-1960s>

The upcoming feature documentary ***The Blues Society*** is the work of Dr. Augusta Palmer, director of the SFC Women's Film Festival and an Associate Professor and Chair of Communication Arts at St. Francis College in Brooklyn. Dr. Palmer is a filmmaker and scholar who holds a Ph.D. in Cinema Studies from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

The Blues Society focuses on the Memphis Blues Festival and bohemia in 1960s America. Dr. Palmer spoke with *WBGO Journal* host Doug Doyle about the film and her career.

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When cantors lead Jewish congregations in prayer and song, they hope to inspire people spiritually. Sometimes that involves improvising during solo singing. That's what happened in the golden age of cantorial music back in the 1920's when these virtuosos began to make records. Now a small group of Orthodox Jews in Brooklyn is reviving the tradition and has a new album.

WBGO's Jon Kalish has the story