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### **Saxophonist Roy Nathanson's Porch Concert Project in Brooklyn**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/saxophonist-roy-nathansons-porch-concert-project-brooklyn>

A Brooklyn jazz musician put together a band that played one song every day for more than two months during the coronavirus pandemic. The musicians gathered outside the home of saxophonist Roy Nathanson and performed for people in the neighborhood.

The daily ritual ended on Father's Day but the project lives on with now weekly jam sessions and instrument lessons for kids in the area.

You can check out the website [here](#).

Click above to hear Jon Kalish's feature.

### **Film Critic Harlan Jacobson: 2020 Toronto Film Festival Mostly Virtual**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/film-critic-harlan-jacobson-2020-toronto-film-festival-mostly-virtual>

DD: The Toronto International Film Festival has been the gateway for serious filmgoing since at least American Beauty started up north in September 1999 and went all the way to the Oscars in February the next year. This 45th edition, which ran for 10 days and closes this weekend, has been unlike any other in its history. Our film critic, Harlan Jacobson, has a rundown for us.

HJ: Well, I'm in Toronto in spirit, as this critical North American gateway festival went virtual for most of its participants from around the world.

### **Dave Stryker Pays Tribute to His Friend and Late Guitarist Vic Juris at Sunday's NJJS Social**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/dave-stryker-pays-tribute-his-friend-and-late-guitarist-vic-juris-sundays-njjs-social>

Acclaimed jazz guitarist Vic Juris died on December 31, 2019, at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston at the age of 66 after a six-month battle with liver cancer. This Sunday, September 20, from 4-5 p.m., fellow West Orange guitarist Dave Stryker (they lived on the same street) will give a nod to his late friend while also performing some of his own material at the New Jersey Jazz Society's Virtual Social, which can be viewed on the NJJS Facebook page (NJJS).

## Business and Economy

### **New Jersey and New York City Gear up for the Opening of Schools and Businesses**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/new-jersey-and-new-york-city-gear-opening-schools-and-businesses>

WBGO's Doug Doyle reports looks at how NYC and New Jersey are preparing for the opening of schools and businesses.

### **New New York-Based Survey Reveals Fans are Anxious To Return to Sports Venues with Enhanced Safety**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/new-new-york-based-survey-reveals-fans-are-anxious-return-sports-venues-enhanced-safety>

[Riptide Partners](#), a New York based consulting business that offers full-service Customer Experience solutions for sports teams and venue operators, has unveiled its recent survey of actual New York area event attendees. The survey reveals a much faster return to event timeline for consumers than has been widely discussed.

Riptide Partners co-ounder Rob Comstock says the survey is the first, and most comprehensive, study of actual event attendees in the New York area since the Pandemic shutdown began.

### **NYC Could Lay Off 22,000 Workers by October 1**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/nyc-could-lay-22000-workers-october-1>

Lack of local aid from Washington may prompt similar moves here in New Jersey and across the country.

WBGO contributor Bob Hennelly speaks with News Director Doug Doyle about the ongoing economic fallout from the COVID pandemic.

### **New Jersey Gyms Can Reopen Sept. 1 With Restrictions**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/new-jersey-gyms-can-reopen-sept-1-restrictions>

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Health Care

### **Former Acting Director of CDC Dr. Richard Besser: Frustrated with National Response to Pandemic**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/former-acting-director-cdc-dr-richard-besser-frustrated-national-response-pandemic>

Dr. Richard Besser, President and CEO of the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) and former acting Director of the CDC during the Obama Administration spoke with WBGO News Director Doug Doyle about his concerns over the national response to COVID-19,

### **19 Years After 9/11 First Responders Are Still Paying the Ultimate Price**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/19-years-after-911-first-responders-are-still-paying-ultimate-price-0>

WBGO News Director Doug Doyle speaks with *WBGO Journal* reporter Bob Hennelly

DOYLE: It was 19 years ago this week that two airliners ploughed into the World Trade Center and forever altered our world. On that day, close to 3,000 people perished, including 343 firefighters who were killed when the WTC towers collapsed.

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Immigration advocates in New Jersey are praising a two-year old state program that provides free legal aid to people in federal immigration detention. More than HALF of detainees who were provided with lawyers by the program were released.

One of detainees who got released was North Plainfield resident Fernando Fernandez Dominguez ... who was picked up during an ICE raid in 20-17. Fernandez Dominguez had a private attorney but was not happy with the attorney's representation. It wasn't until he got a lawyer through Rutgers University's legal clinic that he got released.

### Murder of Federal Judge's Son comes amidst Surge in Threats on Jurists and Their Families

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/murder-federal-judges-son-comes-amidst-surge-threats-jurists-and-their-families>

Last Sunday, the North Brunswick home of U.S. Federal Judge Esther Salas was the scene of a gruesome shooting which left Judge Salas's 20-year-old son Daniel dead and her husband seriously wounded. The next day, in upstate New York, police found the body of the alleged shooter, Roy Den Hollander, who had died from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

WBGO contributor Bob Hennelly who also covers the Federal civil service for the Chief Leader newspaper joined Journal host and WBGO News Director Doug Doyle.

### Wendell Pierce on the Billie Holiday Theatre's Live Reading of "12 Angry Men...and Women"

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/wendell-pierce-billie-holiday-theatres-live-reading-12-angry-menand-women>

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Education

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**Project Funding for Newark Organizations to Fill Community Information Gaps through Collaboration**

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The [Peer Learning + Collaboration Fund](#) in Newark is an opportunity for local reporters, media makers, organizations and city residents to apply with collaborative projects to meet information needs identified throughout the city.

**Bloomfield College President Dr. Marcheta Evans Prepares for Fall Semester during Pandemic**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/bloomfield-college-president-dr-marcheta-evans-prepares-fall-semester-during-pandemic>

Over the next few weeks on the WBGO Journal, WBGO News intern and Bloomfield College student Tyra Brooks will be interviewing representatives of area universities and colleges, focusing on their plans for the fall semester.

This week Brooks chats with the President of Bloomfield College Dr. Marcheta Evans.

### **Identifying Information Needs in Newark and The Future of Local News**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/identifying-information-needs-newark-and-future-local-news>

A new collaborative study has revealed what Newark residents feel they need the most.

WBGO Community Engagement Reporter [Brit Harley](#) chats with Vanessa Maria Graber of the Free Press about the results of the study that shows some of the top priorities are getting timely and useful information about food and education, especially during the coronavirus pandemic.

Graber is the newest member of Free Press and is now focusing much of her work on Newark.

### Environment

#### **MSU PSEG ISS Green Teams Making an Environmental Difference in Newark**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/msu-pseg-iss-green-teams-making-environmental-difference-newark>

Community gardens where there used to be vacant lots, legislation that regulates greenhouse gas emissions, and more energy efficient power companies. Three groups of college students have dedicated their summer to bringing these visions to life in Newark.

The Montclair State University PSEG Institute for Sustainability Studies has just wrapped up their 2020 Green Teams program.

#### **New York City and New Jersey Continue to Proceed with Caution and Coronavirus-related Restrictions**

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Government and State Agencies

**Rutgers Law School: Where Ruth Bader Ginsburg Found Her Calling**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/rutgers-law-school-where-ruth-bader-ginsburg-found-her-calling>

The late Supreme Court Justice Rute Bader Ginsburg became the first woman to lie in state at the nation's capital this week, as the country continues to mourn the women's rights icon and legal giant. Ginsburg passed away on September 18th at the age of 87. WBGO's [Alexandra Hill](#) reports on Ginsburg's ties to Rutgers University Law School in Newark where she was a law professor from 1963 through 1972.

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**Coronavirus-related Restrictions for NJ and NYC for Holiday Weekend**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/coronavirus-related-restrictions-nj-and-nyc-holiday-weekend>

New Jersey and New York City residents head into the Fourth of July weekend with several restrictions still in place.

WBGO's Doug Doyle has the rundown.



Politics

**Governor Murphy: Large Indoor Parties Must Stop!**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/governor-murphy-large-indoor-parties-must-stop>

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, once again, implored young people to not gather for large parties. especially inside.

"Having that notion." I get it; we get it. We've all had our routines turned upside down for the past four months and we want to blow off some steam with friends. I can't fault -- none of us can fault anyone for having that notion"

At the same time, Governor Murphy says crowded house parties just can't happen right now.

"Around more efficiently." They are not safe, period. They are how coronavirus gets passed around more efficiently."

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As concern grows among public health authorities over a surge in coronavirus infection, hospitals struggling to cope with the challenge of caring for people during the pandemic have a glimmer of hope on the horizon.

A new, low-cost portable isolation unit that promises to cut a number of expenditures, including those for personal protective equipment, is set to begin production soon.

Click above to hear Jon Kalish's feature on Care Cube.

### **Some NJ Schools Could Start Year Remotely If Health and Safety Standards Aren't Met**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/some-nj-schools-could-start-year-remotely-if-health-and-safety-standards-arent-met>

New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced Wednesday schools that certify they cannot meet health and safety standards by the first day of class, must start the year with all remote learning.

The announcement comes a couple of days after the board for the Elizabeth School District in Union County voted to start the school year remotely; counter to Governor Murphy's insistence that some form of in-person learning take place.

### **Monmouth University President Dr. Patrick Leahy on Fall Semester Plans**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/monmouth-university-president-dr-patrick-leahy-fall-semester-plans>

[Monmouth University](#) President Dr. Patrick Leahy recently celebrated his first anniversary in West Long Branch. Dr. Leahy couldn't imagine what he would have in store with COVID-19 creating havoc with schedules and learning during his first year at Monmouth University.

Leahy, the 10th President at Monmouth, recently spoke with WBGO News intern Tyra Brooks about plans for the Fall Semester.

Click above to hear the entire conversation on the WBGO Journal.

Race and Ethnicity

**Veteran Character Actor Luis Guzman Helping with Diversity in Vermont**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/veteran-character-actor-luis-guzman-helping-diversity-vermont>

If you've watched movies over the past few decades, chances are you'd recognize character actor Luis Guzman. In one of his most memorable roles, Guzman played an ex-con's sidekick in the 1993 movie *Carlito's Way*.

Guzman has acted in more than a hundred films and dozens of TV shows. Born in Puerto Rico, Guzman grew up in New York and lived there till 1995 when he moved his family to Vermont.

WBGO's Jon Kalish visited Guzman this summer in Vermont and brings us this story on the actor's connection to the Green Mountain state.

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**Harlem Week Begins Its Virtual Celebration This Sunday**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/harlem-week-begins-its-virtual-celebration-sunday>

Usually during Harlem Week you can hear the sounds of live music and the smell of sweet barbecue wafting through the streets, but COVID-19 halted this year's celebration — but not completely.

[Harlem Week](#) IS happening — but instead of the world coming down to the streets of Harlem — organizers are taking the streets to the world — virtually by going online.

### **How This Newark Native Created a Platform to Celebrate Blackness**

<https://www.wbgo.org/post/how-newark-native-created-platform-celebrate-blackness>

Newark native, Khajuaan Walker, is the visionary behind [Coal Crown Creative](#); a lifestyle brand committed to exploring what it means to be Black and a self-advocate through programming and self-expression. Be heard, be loved, and be accomplished are the three pillars that all CCC programs and initiatives are grounded in. Coal Crown Creative released “Classically Beautiful”, two filmed discussions that featured Black women and their relationship to internal and external beauty.