



WPR's *Veronica Rueckert Show* recently broadcast live from the Wisconsin Book Festival to a packed room of high school students interested in the spoken word and poetry slams.

A Wisconsin Harvest on WPR's *Wisconsin Life*

If you've missed Wisconsin Public Radio's celebration of Thanksgiving foods and traditions on our *Wisconsin Life* series this month, you can still find all the stories and associated recipes on the series website, wpr.org/wisconsinlife.

"November is all about food, a time to harvest and to feast as we head into winter," Erika Janik, editor of *Wisconsin Life*, explained. "So much of our state's story can be found in our food culture: what we eat and how and when we eat it," she concluded.

The series, which is regularly broadcast during *Morning Edition* on Wednesdays and Fridays, decided to focus on Wisconsin's local foods, food traditions, cooks, and producers this month. The broadcasts and website feature stories on Oneida white corn, cranberries, apples, beets (and why they taste like dirt), trout caviar and more.



Find harvest recipes, archived audio and more online.

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David Sedaris Sneak Peek

Public radio storyteller David Sedaris is often called America's preeminent humorist. He recently stopped by our studios before a sold-out performance in Madison and talked with Steve Paulson about how he got started as a writer, the differences between writing and performing on stage, the sources of his inspiration, and his latest book, *Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk*.

You can hear the complete interview, before it is edited for broadcast, on the new *To the Best of Our Knowledge* website, ttbook.org.

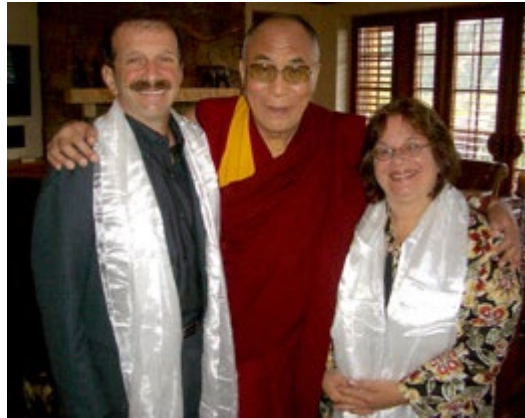
[Listen to the uncut interview on the new TTBOOK.org website.](#)

"*Wisconsin Life* celebrates our state's diverse local foods as well as the history and harvesting traditions that go along with these foods," says Anne Strainchamps, executive producer of the series. "Many of us eat these foods annually, but how much do you really know about the people and stories behind them?" she asked.

Visit wpr.org/wisconsinlife to find out. And, who knows? You might find a new Thanksgiving tradition in the process.

My Work in India - By Dr. Zorba Paster

(Ed. Note: Listeners to WPR are familiar with Dr. Zorba Paster from his weekly radio show, Zorba Paster On Your Health, with Tom Clark. But Zorba is also actively involved in medical issues overseas. After a recent trip to India, we asked him to share a little about his work there - the views expressed in this article are his own.)



Dr. Zorba with his wife, Penny, pictured with the spiritual leader of the Tibetan people, the Dalai Lama.

Many of you have followed my medical service work with the Tibetan Refugee population in India.

Since 1959 they have been in India working diligently to maintain their culture and traditions. They have the freedom in India to practice what they wish and say what they want.

This fall, I visited Dharmasala to continue my work at the Tibetan Delek Hospital. I am part of a group that is going to construct a new emergency room, fill it with all sorts of goodies - such as a new defibrillator, cardiac monitor, IV stands and so on - to bring it up to a higher standard. Next we're planning to improve the living quarters of the doctors and staff with new rugs, couches, windows that don't leak in monsoon, and WiFi to bring them the world 24/7. And finally, we hope to build a new mortuary.

When a Tibetan monk or nun dies it is traditional to pray over the body for three days. Right now there is no place to do this in the hospital. We hope to build a special room, away from the hubbub of hospital chaos. It will be filled with Tibetan artwork and comfortable chairs for the grieved to sit in. This will allow this important culture to continue their traditions.

It's my belief that we cannot let cultures that are in danger of extinction die. The Tibetan culture is thriving outside of Tibet, where it is given the freedom of expression. We need, as a society, to make sure that it doesn't go the way of the Dodo bird. Protect the environment, yes. Protect the cultural environment, yes, yes.



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[Find show info, featured recipes and more on Zorba Paster's On Your Health website.](#)

Seasonal Programs on Wisconsin Public Radio

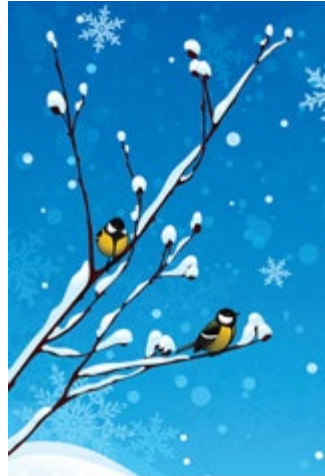
From Thanksgiving through the New Year, Wisconsin Public Radio is your home for seasonal music, entertainment and talk. In addition to seasonal content on your favorite WPR shows, we are pleased to present additional special broadcasts.

This week tune in for *Thanksgiving with Cantus* November 24 on the News & Classical Music Network, as well as *A Thanksgiving Celebration with Garrison Keillor* November 26 on the Ideas Network. And, November 28 through December 23, *Chapter A Day* will be reading *An Irish Country Christmas* by Patrick Taylor.

Throughout December you'll find dozens of special programs for the season and holidays including *Chanukah in Story and Song* on December 19, *A Christmas Carol* with Jonathan Winters on December 25, and the Capitol Steps' *Politics Takes a Holiday* and *Toast of the Nation* on New Year's Eve.

In addition to these statewide broadcasts, your local WPR station may be airing specials throughout the season.

[Click here to view the complete WPR holiday programming schedule.](#)



**Celebrate
the season with
a friend.**

Migrations with Meiller Field Trip a Success

About two dozen listeners joined Larry Meiller and his producer, Judith Siers-Poisson, to enjoy flocks of migrating waterfowl that had stopped over in Brownsville, MN on their annual journey south.



Larry Meiller listeners recently enjoyed a birdwatching trip on the Mississippi River near La Crosse.

The trip, which was organized with partners at the Natural Resources Foundation of Wisconsin, was hosted by WPR Southwestern Regional Manager John Gaddo. Avian expert and DNR biologist Craig Thompson answered questions about the migration and Maria Sadowski from the Foundation shared news about her organization's conservation programs for Wisconsin's migrating birds.

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Listeners saw thousands of tundra swans and lots of ducks - including mallards, pintails, wood ducks, and green-winged teals. They also saw nine bald eagles gliding over a single bluff.

After birdwatching, the group was treated to lunch from The Wine Guyz served at the Pump House Regional Arts Center in La Crosse. There were more questions about Wisconsin's birds and Larry entertained the group with "behind the scenes" stories from his years at WPR.

[Keep up with all of Larry's adventures online.](#)

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Ideas Network

Talk About Issues That Matter to You

Thursday November 24 at 6am: *The Joy Cardin Show*

Join Joy and her guest, Shan Nelson-Rowe, "The Pie Dude," as they discuss all things pie, including his latest creations, pie-baking tips, and the pies on your Thanksgiving menu.

Thursday November 24 at 10am: *Turkey Confidential*

Splendid Table host Lynne Rossetto Kasper is joined by Jacques Pépin, Garrison Keillor, Jane and Michael Stern and Ruth Reichl for this annual cooking advice event. Call in with your cooking questions at 800-537-5252.



News & Classical Music

Upcoming Shows

Thursday November 24 at 10am: *Thanksgiving with Cantus*

Tune in as vocal ensemble Cantus offers a selection of special songs to help you set the mood on Thanksgiving day.

Sunday November 27 at 12:30pm: *Sundays at the Chazen*

Tune in as we help UW-Madison's Chazen Art Museum celebrate the grand opening of their expanded galleries. This week's live concert features pianist Nicholas Philips.

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WPR Events Around Wisconsin

Meet Wisconsin Public Radio program hosts, producers and staff in and around Wisconsin at these upcoming events. For more updates on local events, performances and activities in your area, follow our regional links.

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Find information about Eau Claire area events at: www.wpr.org/EauClaire.

La Crosse Area

Find information about La Crosse area events at:

www.wpr.org/LaCrosse.

Madison Area

Find information about Madison area events at: www.wpr.org/Madison.

Green Bay Area

National Railroad Museum Festival of Trees

Visit the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay to see Wisconsin Public Radio's decorated festival tree, November 25 to January 8.

Find information about Green Bay area events at:

www.wpr.org/GreenBay.

Milwaukee Area

Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua, December 17

WPR is proud to sponsor the Big Top Chautauqua Blue Canvas Orchestra at 2pm at the Schauer Arts & Activities Center in Hartford.

Find information about Milwaukee area events at:

www.wpr.org/Milwaukee.

Superior Area

Find information about Superior area events at:

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