

## **Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (October December 2011)**

### **I. Education/Schools/Youth**

Greater Boston, L 10/05/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Brandeis graduate Sam Vaghar started fighting poverty when he was 19. Today, the 25-year-old Vaghar is the leader of the Millennium Campus Network which empowers college students across the country to make a difference in the world. The organization's efforts have caught the eye of some notable luminaries, including President Obama.

Greater Boston, L, 10/20/11, 7pm, 30 min.

It's a unique program that helps get at-risk youth off the streets by training them in Olympic weightlifting. Jared learns why Innercity Weightlifting is making a real difference.

Greater Boston, L 12/01/11, 7pm, 30 min.

An incident by student athletes at Andover High School has brought the age-old ritual of hazing back into the spotlight. Emily hears from Peter Roby of Northeastern University and BU sports psychologist Amy Baltzell.

### **II. Housing/Urban Development**

Greater Boston, L 10/19/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Massachusetts is moving closer and closer to legalizing casinos. What could it mean for your community? Mitchell Etes of the Mohegan Tribal Gaming Authority joins Jared to talk about his company's plans to open a casino in Western Massachusetts and what casinos could bring to the state.

Greater Boston, L 11/17/11, 7pm, 30 min.

WGBH's Where We Live series continues with a stop in Attleboro. Once the jewelry capital of the world, today Attleboro has become a haven for first-time homeowners.

Greater Boston, L 11/21/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone wants the city's Assembly Row development to become one of the most desirable neighborhoods in the Boston area. Mayor Curtatone explains his vision to Emily.

### **III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice**

Greater Boston, L 10/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

In Boston it is just as easy to buy a knife at the neighborhood convenience store as it is to buy a gallon of milk. With hundreds of stabbings occurring each year, Boston City Councilor Michael Ross says it's time to ban the sale of knives to minors.

Greater Boston, L 12/20/11, 7pm, 30 min.

State auditor Suzanne Bump says Massachusetts spent nearly \$50 million on public defenders for individuals who might not qualify for free legal services. Bump tells Jared what her findings could mean for the state's criminal justice system.

Greater Boston, L 12/20/11, 7pm, 30 min.

On Tuesday, a jury found 29-year-old Tarek Mehanna of Sudbury guilty of seven counts of terrorism. What does Mehanna's verdict mean for the war on terror? Attorney Harvey Silverglate and George Brown of Boston College Law School join Jared.

#### **IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups**

Greater Boston, 10/31/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Is the trial of 29-year old terror suspect Tarek Mehanna a miscarriage of justice? Or is it a case study in how to nip homegrown radicalism in the bud? Emily hears from civil rights attorney Harvey Silverglate and Charles Jacobs of Americans for Peace and Tolerance.

Women, War & Peace, L 11/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

"War Redefined" – This episode in the five-part series challenges the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men's domain through incisive interviews with leading thinkers, secretaries of state and seasoned survivors of war and peace-making. Their experiences reveal how the post-Cold War proliferation of small arms has changed the landscape of war, with women becoming primary targets and suffering unprecedented casualties. Simultaneously, they describe how women are emerging as necessary partners in brokering lasting peace and as leaders in forging new international laws governing conflict. This film reframes our understanding of modern warfare through probing conversations with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and former Secretaries of State Condoleezza Rice and Madeline Albright; Liberian peace activist Leymah Gbowee; Bosnian war crimes investigator Fadila Memisevic; Zainab Salbi, founder of Women for Women International; globalization expert Moises Naim; and Cynthia Enloe of Clark University, among others. Narrated by Geena Davis.

#### **V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty**

Greater Boston, L 10/04/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Across the country, millions of people have been out of work for months at a time. President Obama is urging Congress to pass his Jobs Bill, which includes incentives for small businesses to hire anyone who's been out of work for over six months. But even if it passes, will President Obama's bill succeed in getting the long-term unemployed to work?

Greater Boston, L 11/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Finding a job nowadays is stressful enough for the average person, but for veterans returning home from duty it can be even worse. Tonight, a pair of veterans tells Jared about the challenges vets face when job-hunting.

Greater Boston, L 11/09/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Do you know what it's like to be hungry? A new report finds one in nine Boston families don't know where their next meal will come from. Jared learns more about the changing face of hunger.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Need To Know, N 10/21/11, 11:30pm, 30 min.

Maria Hinojosa interviews Damon Moglen, Climate and Energy Director for Friends of the Earth, who says nuclear power will not solve our country's energy and environmental problems.

Greater Boston, L 11/08/11, 7pm, 30 min.

In 1997, Captain Charles Moore was sailing from Hawaii to California when he stumbled up on a massive segment of plastic in the Pacific Ocean. Moore writes about the discovery he says is a bigger threat than climate change in his new book, *Plastic Ocean*.

Global Focus - The New Environmentalists, N 11/19/11, 6:30pm, 30 min.

The latest installment of this Emmy award winning series features portraits of six passionate and dedicated activists. They are true environmental heroes who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries, while often creating partnerships with unlikely allies. The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution, while fighting for environmental justice in their communities.

## **VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services**

Greater Boston, L 11/01/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Last month, a team of doctors Brigham and Women's Hospital performed rare a double hand transplant on a Revere man. Emily learns more about this amazing procedure from Dr. Bohdan Pomahac.

Need To Know, N 11/11/11, 11pm, 30 min.

In an essay for Need to Know, documentarian Sebastian Junger says more needs to be done to care for American troops scarred by their experiences in battle. He proposes that a memorial be built where veterans can go to help cope with any civilian deaths they might have caused.

Greater Boston, L 12/19/11, 7pm, 30 min.

An investigation by Greater Boston and the New England Center for Investigative Reporting reveals supplies of life-saving drugs used by hospitals and ambulances are dangerously low.

## **VIII. Economy/Business**

Greater Boston, L 10/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Inspired by the Arab Spring revolution earlier this year, thousands of demonstrators have organized rallies across the country over the past few weeks (including here in Boston) to

protest what they see as a growing wealth disparity in America. Jared speaks with a few participants of Occupy Boston.

Greater Boston, L 10/17/11, 7pm, 30 min.

The economic downturn has been a boom for the consignment market. WGBH's Jaclyn Cashman explores how people are turning to second-hand clothing to stay stylish in a down economy.

Greater Boston, L 10/28/11, 7pm, 30 min.

Rental car companies beware! A new peer-to-peer car sharing program allows neighbors to borrow each others' cars instead of owning one. WGBH's Jaclyn Cashman looks at how RelayRides has shaken up the car-sharing marketplace.

## **IX. Family/Morality/Religion**

Greater Boston, L 10/03/11, 7pm, 30 min.

In an effort to foster a kinder, gentler college experience Harvard University is asking incoming freshman to sign a "kindness pledge" this year. Will it work? Jared hears from former Harvard College dean Harry Lewis.

Greater Boston, L 11/10/11 7pm, 30 min.

Could you use some help with your in-laws? Relationship expert Mel Robbins, the host of A&E's new reality series Monster In-Laws, joins Emily to discuss the best way to resolve family feuds.

Greater Boston, L 11/21/11 7pm, 30 min.

Disgraced former Boston Archbishop Cardinal Bernard Law retired from his post in Rome yesterday. How are Boston Catholics reacting to Law's retirement? Terry McKiernan of BishopAccountability.org and Nick Ingala of Voice of the Faithful join Emily.