

## **Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (October to December 2014)**

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

Autism: Coming of Age, N 10/11/14, 1pm, 60 min.

In the next 10 to 15 years, an estimated 800,000 children with autism will age out of the school system and transition into adulthood. Then they will look to ill-prepared state and federal governments for the support services and resources to meet their many needs - a situation autism experts refer to as the "coming tsunami." The one-hour documentary AUTISM: COMING OF AGE provides an inside look at the lives of three adults with autism and includes interviews with their families and support teams. Autism and disability experts from Massachusetts, New York, Washington, Virginia and Pennsylvania also discuss the current system, impending challenges and possible outcomes for the future.

Independent Lens "Bully", N 10/15/14, 4am, 120 min.

Highlighting the challenges faced by bullied kids, "Bully" shows teachers and parents addressing aggressive behaviors that defy dismissal with "kids will be kids" cliches, and captures a growing movement to change the ways to address bullying in schools.

America by the Numbers with Maria Hinojosa, N 11/14/14, 10pm, 30 min.

Asian Americans are the best-educated and highest-income ethnic group in the United States. They are often referred to as the "model minority," suggesting that all Asians are successful in school and in life. But Southeast Asian Americans have some of the lowest high school completion rates in the nation. We visit Long Beach, California-the city with America's largest Cambodian community-to find out why this educational crisis is happening and what people are doing about it.

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

Nightly Business Report, N 10/29/14, 6:30pm, 30 min.

Tonight on Nightly Business Report, the Federal Reserve ends its bond-buying program, but did the historic move to stimulate the economy work? And, what happens to the housing market now that the central bank's stimulus program is over?

Nightly Business Report, N 11/03/14, 6:30pm, 30 min.

Tonight on Nightly Business Report, November historically starts the best six-month period for the stock market, but will this time around be different? And, the housing market is experiencing something it hasn't in almost 30 years.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 10/12/14, 2am, 30 min.

Tiny Houses for the Homeless - In Eugene, Oregon the city, local churches and volunteers have created a small community for the homeless. It's called "Opportunity Village" and it consists of 8'x 8' and 8'x10' houses built with donated materials. The price to the occupants is one dollar per day and there is no cost to the taxpayers. Lucky Severson reports that the occupants of "Opportunity Village" govern themselves and establish their own rules and punishments. The pastors who are involved say what they are doing is exactly the kind of caring for the poor that the gospels teach.

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

Independent Lens, N 10/29/14, 4am, 60 min.

“Brakeless” On April 25, 2005, a West Japan Railway (West JR) commuter train crashed into an apartment building and killed 107 people. Afterward, an official report concluded the cause of the accident was over-speeding when the train's driver tried to make up an 80-second delay. What made the train's driver risk so many lives for an 80-second delay? "Brakeless" looks at Japanese society and asks if it is bound to the pursuit of efficiency at all costs. Have the national virtues of punctuality and loyalty to protocol become societal impediments and even dangers to the people of Japan? By Kyoko Miyake.

PBS Newshour Weekend, N 11/22/14 4am, 30 min.

On Saturday, NewsHour Weekend explores a plan New York City officials hope will make a dent in traffic accidents, a major cause of death in the US. Although city streets in the past few years have been the safest in decades, traffic accidents and pedestrian fatalities have recently started to tick back up. Now, city officials are looking to Vision Zero, an initiative based on a model from Sweden, which has a statistically safe transport system. The plan hinges on expanded enforcement, new street designs, public outreach and legislation to increase penalties for dangerous drivers. NewsHour's Hari Sreenivasan reports. That, and the weekend's news, online and on-air.

Frontline, N 11/06/14, 10pm, 60 min.

An estimated 80,000 Americans are in solitary confinement - even people who haven't committed violent crimes - sometimes for years, or even decades. Using extraordinary access to the segregation unit at the maximum security Maine State Prison, FRONTLINE examines America's use of solitary confinement - a practice U.S. prisons and jails resort to more than most other countries. Some prison officials see it as necessary to keep order and safety, but critics say it is inhumane and counterproductive. "Solitary Nation" is an extraordinarily rare and intimate view of life in solitary, through the stories of inmates living in isolation, the prison officers who keep them locked in, and a new warden who is re-thinking the practice and trying to reduce the number of inmates in solitary.

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

Arab American Stories, N 10/26/14, 4:30pm, 30 min.

American citizenship is coveted around the world. Teacher and political candidate Ferial Masry, union organizer Khalil Kaid, and Lawyers Nawar and Kareem Shora all feel a responsibility to uphold the precious rights granted to them as American citizens.

America by the Numbers with Maria Hinojosa, N 11/21/14, 10pm, 30 min.

The U.S. spends more on healthcare than any other nation, and the biggest portion goes towards pregnancy and childbirth. Despite that, the nation ranks 56th lowest in the world for infant mortality. To find out more about this critical issue, we visit Rochester, New York-where babies are dying at a rate two times higher than the national average, and where mothers of color are three times more likely than white mothers to lose their babies before their first birthday. As we search for answers, we also visit the programs that are working to reverse these dramatic disparities.

Ladonna Harris: Indian 101, N 11/22/14, 4pm, 60 min.

This documentary profiles Comanche political and social activist LaDonna Harris. President Lyndon Johnson tapped her to educate the executive and legislative branches on the unique role of American Indian tribes and their relationship to the U.S. government. The course, called "Indian 101," was taught to members of Congress and other agencies for more than 35 years. In addition to her work in civil rights, world peace, the environment and women's rights, Harris is best known for introducing landmark legislation.

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

Nightly Business Report, N 10/02/14 6:30pm, 30 min.

Tonight on Nightly Business Report, will hiring rebound in September from a disappointing August? What to expect from tomorrow's monthly employment report.

And, why is Warren Buffett buying one of the nation's largest car dealership chains just as some say demand for autos is peaking?

Nightly Business Report, N 10/03/14 6:30pm, 30 min.

Tonight on Nightly Business Report, the unemployment rate falls below 6% for the first time since 2008. So why have wages hardly budged? And is that about to change? And, our Market Monitor guest is recommending stocks that he says will do well as the labor market improves.

Independent Lens, N 11/05/14, 4am, 60 min.

In Kanpur, India, a city with 15-hour power outages, a nimble young electrician provides Robin Hood-style services to the poor. Meanwhile, the first female chief of the electricity utility company is on a mission to dismantle the illegal connections, for good. By Deepti Kakkar and Fahad Mustafa.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Katmai: Alaska's Wild Peninsula, N 10/14/14, 5:30am, 30 min.

Filmmaker John Grabowska reveals the wilderness of the Alaska Peninsula, a cloud-cloaked landscape where bears outnumber people and the sockeye salmon run is the largest in the world.

Nova: Making Stuff Colder, N 10/31/14, 9pm, 60 min.

In this mini-series, New York Times' technology correspondent and best-selling author David Pogue takes a wild ride through the cutting-edge science that is powering a next wave of technological innovation. With his humor and zest for discovery, Pogue meets the scientists and engineers who are plunging to the bottom of the temperature scale, finding design inspiration in nature, and breaking every speed limit to make tomorrow's "stuff" colder, faster, wilder and safer.

Cold. For centuries we've fought it, shunned it and huddled against it. Cold has always been the enemy of life, but now it may hold the key to a new generation of science and technology that will improve our lives. David Pogue explores the frontiers of cold science, from saving the lives of severe trauma patients and cooling a warming planet to ultracold physics, where bizarre new properties of matter are the norm and the basis of new technologies like levitating trains and quantum computers. In this brave new world, cold isn't to be avoided. Cold is the new hot.

Journey to Planet Earth, N 12/20/14, 2pm, 60 min.

“Extreme Realities: Severe Weather, Climate Change” - Join host/narrator Matt Damon to investigate the links among extreme weather, climate change and threats to our national security. Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Thomas Friedman, World Bank president Jim Yong Kim, former CIA director James Woolsey and environmental visionary Lester Brown, the documentary focuses on recent political conflicts and severe weather events in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Russia, India, the Middle East, the United States and the Arctic. The program explores how extreme weather is already affecting the geopolitical landscape and points to innovations that can help us adapt to the increased probability of heat waves, hurricanes, floods and droughts.

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

Frontline, N 10/16/14, 10pm, 60 min.

"Trouble with Antibiotics" FRONTLINE investigates the widespread use of antibiotics in food animals and whether it is fueling the growing crisis of antibiotic resistance in people. Also this hour: An exclusive interview with the family of a young man who died in a nightmare bacteria outbreak that swept through a hospital at the National Institutes of Health.

PBS Newshour Weekend, N 10/05/14, 5pm, 30 min.

On Sunday, NewsHour Weekend travels to Chicago to explore the dire situation of low-income, uninsured Americans with mental illness. After millions was slashed from mental health spending during the recession, specialized facilities around the country were forced shut, leaving many patients with nowhere to turn. Now, a Chicago nonprofit aims to set the standard for providing adequate health care coverage to Americans with mental illnesses. NewsHour Weekend Correspondent Stephen Fee reports. That, and the weekend's news, online and on-air.

Craft in America, N 11/07/14, 2:30pm, 60 min.

"Service," part of the PBS veterans initiative Stories of Service, is the story of craft and the military. From the origins of the Army Arts & Crafts Program and the G.I. Bill to contemporary soldiers and veterans, "Service" documents the power of the handmade to inspire, motivate and heal. Featured artists are Eugene Burks, Jr., Pam DeLuco, Judas Recendez, Ehren Tool and Peter Voukos.

## **VIII. Economy/Business**

Nightly Business Report, N 10/23/14, 6:30pm, 30 min.

Tonight on Nightly Business Report, two big blue chips helped power the Dow Jones Industrial Average and their earnings results could be a proxy for the global economy. And, what's behind Amazon's weaker than expected quarterly results?

Moyers & Company, N 11/28/14, 9pm, 30 min.

Inequality is a deep and divisive reality. Across our country, millions of people of ordinary means can't afford decent housing. The middle class is being squeezed out as the wealthy drive up real estate values and the working poor are shoved farther into squalor. In "Dark Shadows," a special Moyers & Company essay, Bill Moyers tells how a portion of the famous skyline of Manhattan, towering above the south end of Central Park, is becoming a symbol of how wealth and power get their way without regard for the impact on the lives and neighborhoods of everyday people. Exclusive skyscrapers, climbing higher than ever before, are blocking the light, throwing enormous swathes of the park into darkness. What's more, the apartments are being sold at sky high prices in the multimillions to the international superrich, many of whom will only live in them part-time - if at all -- and often pay little or no city income or property taxes, thanks to the political clout of real estate developers. "The real estate industry here in New York City is like the oil industry in Texas," affordable housing advocate Jaron Benjamin says, "They outspend everybody... They often have a much better relationship with elected officials than everyday New Yorkers do." Meanwhile, fewer and fewer middle and working class people can afford to live in New York City.

"The internationalization of New York once meant something actually kind of exotic and exciting and enhanced our diversity," Vanity Fair architecture critic Paul Goldberger notes. "Today, internationalization... seems to symbolize not diversity but a kind of exclusivity." And Jaron Benjamin declares, "Forget about the Statue of Liberty. Forget about Ellis Island. Forget about the idea of everybody being welcome here in New York City. This will be a city only for rich people."

Moyers & Company, N 12/19/14, 9pm, 30 min.

America's first Gilded Age, more than a century ago, was a time of vast riches and conspicuous consumption, as well as degrading poverty. "It wasn't merely that poverty lived alongside great wealth," historian Steve Fraser tells Bill Moyers on this week's Moyers & Company, "It's that poverty was being created by great wealth." Senators and Representatives were owned by Wall Street and Big Business, and then, as now, those who footed the bill for political campaigns were richly rewarded with favorable laws. We've just watched the Senate and the House -- aided and abetted by President Obama -- pay off financial interests with provisions in the new spending bill that expand the amount of campaign cash wealthy donors can give and let banks off the hook for gambling with customer( and taxpayer) money. The social safety net, Fraser says, has been "shredded to a very significant degree." But what was different about the first Gilded Age is that people rose in rebellion. Today we do not see "that enormous resistance." Nonetheless, he concludes, "people are increasingly fed up... their voices are not being heard. And I think that can only go on for so long without there being more and more outbreaks of what used to be called class struggle, class warfare." Steve Fraser is a writer, editor and scholar of American history. Among his books are Every Man a Speculator, Wall Street: America's Dream Palace and Labor Will Rule. His latest, The Age of Acquiescence: The Life and Death of American Resistance to Organized Wealth and Power, will be published early next year.

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

Arab American Stories, N 10/05/14, 4:30pm, 30 min.

These Arab Americans all have a mission to help the wider community. Cardiologist Mahmoud Traina serves the working poor at a county hospital outside Los Angeles, but he also found time to take medical supplies to Libyans during the revolution. Sergeant Mike Abdeen and deputy Sheriff Morsi run the groundbreaking Muslim Community Affairs unit for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Father George Shalhoub built St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church into a positive force for the people of Livonia, Michigan.

Jewish People: A Story of Survival, N 10/19/14 3:30pm, 120 min.

"Through thirty and more centuries, he has wandered about on earth, despised and rejected, bruised and beaten, yet all the time wandering on ... He has seen far-flung empires crack and crumble, and mighty peoples dwindle to naught... But he, the Jew, still lives on... Lewis Browne, 1926.

This is their story, the story of Jewish survival. How did a band of desert nomads, against such overwhelming odds, survive four millennia and shape the course of world history?

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 11/23/14 6am, 30 min.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Basilica - It's the most popular Catholic pilgrimage destination in the world. December 12th is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico, venerated by millions of believers after her mystical appearance to a Mexican nobleman in the 1500s. Fred de Sam

Lazaro tells the story of the Saint's importance to Mexico through the centuries and today, as 20 million people visit her shrine each year.  
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