

WMBR 88.1 FM
QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT
2nd QUARTER / April 1 – June 30, 2023

The following is a list, of issues, the management, of WMBR Radio, has determined to be of significant importance, to the citizens of Cambridge and the Greater Boston Area of Massachusetts. Each issue was treated through the station's most significant issue-responsive programming and community activities, during the reporting period.

“Radio with a View” – Alternating Sundays, 10am – 11am

“WMBR Nightly News” – Monday – Friday, 5:30pm – 6:00pm

CHOMSKY BIOGRAPHY

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Bev Boisseau Stohlvan, author
TOPIC: Bev Stohl: Chomsky and Me, A Memoir
AIRED: Friday, June 2nd
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The host of the WMBR Nightly News, Linda Pinkow, interviewed Ms. Stohl, who worked for 24 years as office manager for Institute Professor Emeritus Noam Chomsky, about her insightful new memoir in which she recalls her work and friendship with Chomsky, some of the many extraordinary visitors to his office, and lessons she learned while working at MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). She discussed Chomsky's work as a social theorist and activist, and how he integrated that work with his position at MIT.

CLIMATE

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Chuck Collins, author
TOPIC: Local Author Publishes Novel on Living with Climate Change
Aired: Friday, June 30th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The host of the WMBR Nightly News, Linda Pinkow, interviewed Mr. Collins, a Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts resident, on his new novel, “Altar to an Erupting Sun”. The book explores how social justice activists can live a sustainable life in the shadow of Big Oil and climate change. The story is partially set in Boston and includes several local businesses and events including the Wake Up The Earth community festival. Mr. Collins spoke about his work advocating against inequality and why he wrote a novel about climate change and sustainability.

COMMUNICATION LAW

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Evan Greer, director of Fight for the Future
TOPIC: Net Neutrality and Digital Rights
Aired: Friday, April 14th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The host of the WMBR Nightly News, Linda Pinkow, interviewed Boston resident Evan Greer, about net neutrality and digital rights on the public affairs program, “Clearing the Fog”. Greer spoke about the current campaign pushing for a new FCC commissioner, proposed legislation to restrict Internet content, and commented on how corporations are using facial recognition technology for their own agendas.

CRIMINAL AND LABOR LAW

PROGRAM: Radio with a View
HOST: Marc Stern
GUEST: Ahmed White, professor and author
TOPIC: The Repression of the IWW (International Workers of the World)
AIRD: Sunday, April 23rd
DURATION: 60 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The host, of WMBR's "Radio with a View", had a conversation with Ahmed White, author of "Under the Iron Heel: The Wobblies and the Capitalist War on Radical Workers", published by the University of California Press. Wobblies is a nickname for the members of the IWW. Professor White is the Nicholas Rosenbaum Professor of Law at the University of Colorado at Boulder where he teaches labor and criminal law. Professor White's book was honored as co-recipient of The International Labor History Association's award for the best book published in 2022. We discuss the how and why of repression with a special focus on the role of the state in repressing both the organization and the individual members of the organization.

IMPERIALISM

PROGRAM: WMBR Nightly News
HOST: Linda Pinkow
GUEST: Andrew Bacevich, author and Professor Emeritus at Boston University
TOPIC: American Imperialism
AIRD: Friday, May 26th
DURATION: 28 minutes
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

The WMBR Nightly News aired an interview with Mr. Bacevich, who is the Emeritus in Boston University's school of International Relations and History. He is also a retired Army Colonel and Vietnam War veteran. Bacevich spoke about American imperialism since the Vietnam war, and the end of U.S. hegemony in the world.