

Quarterly List of WGBH-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January-March 2013)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston, L 02/26/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Connolly for Mayor - Boston City Councilor John Connolly announces his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Boston. Connolly will be a guest on the show to discuss why he feels the city needs new ideas to face its challenges - with a particular focus on change within the Boston Public Schools.

Greater Boston, L 02/07/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Amanda Palmer - Rock star Amanda Palmer asked her fans if they'd been bullied - the response she says was overwhelming. She'll be a guest to talk about the problem of bullying in schools.

Greater Boston, L 02/20/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Matty Meehan - University of Massachusetts-Lowell will begin competing this fall in Division 1 of the America East Conference, making them the second school in the UMass system to compete in Division 1 sports (UMass-Amherst). UMass-Lowell chancellor Marty Meehan will be a guest to discuss the school's big move.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston, L 03/06/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Boston 2024? - A group called the Boston Olympic Exploratory Committee is pushing to bring the Summer Olympic Games to Boston in 2024. While City Hall isn't yet on board, we look at the possibilities (and headaches) involved with hosting an Olympics in Boston.

Greater Boston, L 03/14/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Windsor Button Store - Downtown Crossing is losing another old-time retailer with the closing of the Windsor Button Shop. Anne Mostue talks with store owner Susan Baker about how changes to the neighborhood and larger retail trends led to the decision.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston, L 02/14/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Another hearing today in federal court in James Whitey Bulger's ongoing trial for the murder of 19 people. Defense attorney JW Carney argued that Bulger should be allowed to testify in court that he was given immunity in exchange for being an FBI informant. Carney claims such an agreement would make Bulger immune from the racketeering charges he's now facing. Prosecutors have dismissed any idea that the Feds gave Bulger a license to kill

as "absurd". Few reporters have followed the Bulger saga longer than The Boston Globe's Kevin Cullen and Shelley Murphy. They've just written the most definitive account to date, entitled "Whitey Bulger, America's Most Wanted Gangster and the Manhunt That Brought Him to Justice".

Greater Boston, L 02/15/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Counterfeit Drugs - Greater Boston gets an inside look into Pfizer's fight against counterfeit drugs - a battle undercover agents have been working on for years. John Clark, Pfizer's Chief Security Officer and Vice President of Global Security is in charge of a team of security professionals and has been leading Pfizer's anti-counterfeiting effort since joining the company in 2008.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston, L 01/23/13, 7pm, 30 min.

President Obama's Inaugural Speech - During yesterday's inaugural speech, President Obama made it clear his support for gay marriage saying, "Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law - for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well."

Greater Boston, L 03/13/13, 7pm, 30 min.

The Sandberg Effect - She was looking to empower women but instead she made some of them angry. Professional women discuss Facebook CEO's Sheryl Sandberg's new book, Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Greater Boston, L 03/01/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Work From Home Policies - Yahoo recently announced its work from home policy will end which began a debate about the productivity of employees who work from home vs. in the office. We'll continue that discussion with an employee who feels he is MORE productive when working at home vs. a company that agrees with Yahoo's decision.

Greater Boston, L 03/20/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Gideon vs. Wainwright - Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Margaret Marshall will be a guest to discuss the anniversary of the landmark case Gideon v. Wainwright which made it a requirement to provide counsel in criminal cases for defendants who were unable to afford an attorney.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Greater Boston, L 02/07/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Climate Ready Boston: Planning for Change - A new report announces new planning and policy initiatives to prepare Boston for hurricanes and other storm effects that could change the climate and landscape of Boston.

Greater Boston, L 02/13/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Sea Change - Winter Storm Nemo took an especially harsh toll on seaside communities like Winthrop and Scituate - and the next big storm could be even worse. As levels rise and storm activity intensifies, how can the most vulnerable communities in Massachusetts manage their risk? And might some neighborhoods become uninhabitable?

Greater Boston, L 02/08/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Forecasting the Storm/From the Archives - Meteorologist David Epstein will talk about the anticipation of tomorrow's blizzard - expecting to dump 2+ feet of snow this weekend. In addition, this week's From The Archives segment looks at photos from the Valentine's Day Blizzard of 1940 - we hope we don't see anywhere near the 14 inches that was dumped in Boston and surrounding areas.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 01/31/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Medical Home - A growing trend in primary care, we go inside a medical home in Jamaica Plain. Medical homes aim to reduce cost and improve quality of care by assembling a team of doctors and specialists who work together to diagnose and treat patients.

Greater Boston, L 02/22/13, 7pm, 30 min.

iRobot - Robots are taking an active role in medicine.

Greater Boston, L 03/26/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Christopher Knight - You know him as Peter Brady - the middle son of Mike Brady with the squeaky voice. But Christopher Knight is all grown up and is lending his voice to a cause - Journey Forward - a rehab center focusing on spinal cord injuries. Founded by Dan Cummings from Hyde Park, the center helps victims of injuries regain the ability to move and even walk again.

VIII. Economy/Business

Greater Boston, L 01/25/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Governor Deval Patrick - We have Governor Deval Patrick - he's pushing the most ambitious tax reform in decades - what does it mean for you?

Greater Boston, L 02/07/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Panera Cares - It looks like a Panera Bread. It smells like a Panera Bread. But it's not a Panera Bread. Panera Cares allows customers to "pay what they can" for a meal - from nothing to above retail price. The nation's fifth charitable caf? opened last month in

Downtown Crossing. We'll be joined by Panera CEO Ron Shaich to discuss the unusual non-profit initiative.

Greater Boston, L 02/19/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Craft Breweries - Sales of craft beer have doubled in the last five years - and are expected to triple by 2017. Here in Massachusetts, beer drinkers have a slew of locally brewed suds to choose from but that wasn't always the case.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Greater Boston, L 02/01/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Lawrence Wright's "Going Clear" book delves into the secrets of Scientology, and challenges whether the "religion" meets the qualifications of one. The book also focuses on two of Scientology's leaders: L. Ron Hubbard and his successor, David Miscavige.

Greater Boston, L 02/15/13, 7pm, 30 min.

Social Media and Missing Children - When Tony Loftis' 13-year-old daughter ran away last year, he turned to the internet and waged an online campaign publicizing his daughter's disappearance. Twelve days after she took off, his daughter was found. Now Tony is helping other parents use social media to find their children with an online effort called, "Find Your Missing Child."

Greater Boston, L 02/21/13 7pm, 30 min.

Pope O'Malley? - Could Cardinal Sean O'Malley be the next Pope? His name has been debated after a Vatican correspondent wrote a blog praising the Cardinal for - among other things - his handling of the sex-abuse scandal. Greater Boston's Adam Reilly ventured out to see how some Boston Catholics would respond to a Pope O'Malley.