

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (January-March 2007)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

Greater Boston Eye on Education Special 2007, L 01/17/07 7:00pm, 60 min.

A one-hour Eye on Education special - "Massachusetts vs. The World: Can We Compete?" Host Emily Rooney leads a discussion on whether Massachusetts schools are adequately preparing students for the global economy. What education reforms are needed?

Greater Boston, L 02/13/07 7:00pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston's Eye on Education segment will take a look at the Truancy issue with the BPS.

Frontline: A Class Divided, N 02/27/07 9:00pm, 60 min.

This 1985 documentary recounts one small town teacher's attempt to teach her students about racism and discrimination. In 1968, on the day after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination, elementary school teacher Jane Elliott decided to try a bold experiment: she began awarding special privileges to her blue-eyed students while discriminating against those whose eyes were brown. What's more, she actively encouraged the blue-eyed children to discriminate against their brown-eyed classmates. In "A Class Divided," FRONTLINE tracks down Mrs. Elliott's former third-graders to learn what effect those early lessons on racism and diversity had on their attitudes and behavior later in life.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Greater Boston L 01/08/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Real estate development in Boston. Developer John B. Hynes III details ambitious development plans for the South Boston waterfront.

Frank Lloyd Wright's Buffalo, N 01/04/07, 8pm, 60 min.

Buffalo, New York, has the unique privilege of having more Frank Lloyd Wright structures than any other city in America outside Chicago. The film explores the importance of Buffalo during Wright's early career, the architectural significance of the Martin estate and the development of Wright's first large-scale commercial commission, the Larkin Building.

American Experience: New York Underground, N 02/25/07, 04:30pm, 60 min.

In the mid 1800s, New York City was one of the most crowded places on earth. The congested streets and pokey transportation system were a source of constant complaint. In March 1888, a ferocious blizzard ground the city to a halt, bringing

the transportation crisis to a peak. On March 24, 1900, ground was broken for the Big Apple's subway; the Interborough Rapid Transit Line opened four years later, running more than 26 miles of underground track at the unheard of speed of 35 miles per hour. Soon thousands in the city were "doing the subway."

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Greater Boston L 01/04/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston will review the book "Rescue Men" by Charles Kenney. In the book Kenny explores why men in his family have been drawn to fire fighting for the past few generations.

Greater Boston L 03/06/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston will examine CORI reform with the DA of Plymouth County who opposes CORI reform and a professor from UMASS Boston/former parole officer who says the CORI system needs to be overhauled.

Frontline: Enemy Within, N 01/02/07, 7pm, 60 min.

Five years after 9/11 and a massive reorganization of government agencies costing billions of dollars, Pulitzer Five years after the attacks on 9/11 and the massive, multibillion-dollar reorganization of government agencies which followed, FRONTLINE and New York Times reporter Lowell Bergman investigates the domestic counterterrorism effort and asks whether we are any better prepared to prevent another catastrophic attack.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Greater Boston L 01/22/07, 7pm, 30 min.

17-year old Andrew Feldman of Belmont describes what it's like to have Asperger's Disorder, the condition reportedly affecting the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School student charged with murder last Friday.

Greater Boston L 02/05/07, 7pm, 30 min.

A look at the fashion industry and models that are too thin and how the industry is changing to encourage more models to develop healthier habits. the history, complexities and progress of an ever-changing continent.

Greater Boston L 02/20/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston will discuss recent anti-gay comments by NBA star Tim Hardaway. How representative is he of professional athletes and how should the NBA respond? Also, we look at federal recognition of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe. What are the implications for casino gambling?

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

La Plaza, L 02/20/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

In his native Colombia Luis Velez was a model of success. A professor, lawyer and judge, Luis rode to work in a chauffeured car and mingled with the country's elite. But in 1998 Velez gave it all up and moved to the U.S. In the process Velez lost everything that he held dear—his status, his wife and his daughter. The once rising star of the Colombian judiciary had become a lowly immigrant worker—parking cars, cleaning bathrooms. He had lost everything, but in the process learned what kind of person, at his core, he really was.

Greater Boston, L 03/26/06, 7pm, 30 min.

Marty Staff CEO of J A Apparel owner of the Joseph Abboud clothing factory will be our guest to discuss their decision to have their clothes made here in Massachusetts as opposed to outsourcing their jobs like many other major labels.

American Experience: Alaskan Pipeline, N 01/08/07, 9pm, 60 min.

Bringing Alaskan oil to market required one of the greatest engineering feats of the 20th century. For more than three years, workers battled brutal Arctic weather to construct an 800-mile pipeline that would traverse three mountain ranges, 34 rivers and 800 streams, and that would withstand earthquakes and subzero temperatures. The men, machines and money the pipeline brought to Alaska would forever transform what had long been regarded America's last great wilderness.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Nature: Supersize Crocs, N 02/11/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Tall tales of giant man-eating crocodiles inhabit a world between fact and fiction. The truth is that some crocodile species have been known to exceed 20 feet, such as Nile crocs, American crocs and the Asian-Pacific saltwater croc, which has been reported up to even 23 feet. Hosted by world-renowned herpetologist Romulus Whitaker, the program attempts to discover the last of these leviathans.

Journey to Planet Earth: State of the Ocean's Animals, N 03/28/07, 8pm, 60 min.

Matt Damon returns to PBS for his fourth season as the host and narrator of television's only continuing science and nature series focusing on the environment. "State of the Ocean's Animals" features case studies in the Pacific Northwest (salmon, sea otters, orcas), New England (coastal fisheries and cod), Brittany (coastal fisheries), Portugal (the history of cod extinction), Florida (sea level rise and its effect on turtles), the Antarctic (penguins), China and Vietnam (fish farms), the Caribbean (coral reefs) and Africa (whales and coastal fisheries).

China From The Inside, N 01/19/07, 1am, 60 min.

Shifting Nature - China's environment is in trouble, but solutions often seem as harsh as the problems. A third of the world uses water from China's rivers, but

rapid industrialization and climate change have led to bad air, polluted rivers and dire water shortages. One “solution” that has received considerable media attention in the West is the channelling of water in the biggest hydraulic project in world history. While it has benefited nearly half-a-million people, relocation from dam areas is causing mammoth social upheaval.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Greater Boston, L 02/06/07, 7pm, 30 min.

We will discuss the cost of healthcare coverage for MA residents.

Greater Boston, L 02/22/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Greater Boston looks at gastric bypass surgery and whether people see it as a shortcut to losing weight.

Greater Boston, L 03/10/07, 7pm, 30 min.

US Soldiers back from Iraq/New guidelines for bariatric surgery for Tufts Health Plan clients Greater Boston will interview two US soldiers recently back from Iraq to discuss their experience. Tufts Health Plan has developed new guidelines for clients who are looking to have bariatric surgery. We'll have two doctors as guests to discuss the pros and cons of the new guidelines.

VIII. Economy/ Business

Greater Boston, L 02/28/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Today Gov. Deval Patrick will be our guest to discuss the budget and other topics.

Greater Boston, L 01/24/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Steven Ainsley, new publisher of The Boston Globe, joins Emily to discuss what's ahead for the region's largest newspaper and web site.

Greater Boston, L 01/25/07, 7pm, 30 min.

Apollo Diamond, a Boston area company, says it has perfected the technology to make artificial diamonds. We will see how they do it.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

La Plaza, L 02/27/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Patricia and Ana Lucia Vlieg are the blind daughters of a successful Panamanian ophthalmologist. Six years ago both young woman moved to the United States to study. The girls live a sheltered life protected by their mother. But since their arrival in this country both women have developed a desire for independence. In very American fashion Patricia and Ana are venturing out on their own for the first time, challenging Latin American convention and upending their family dynamic.

La Plaza, L 02/13/07, 7:30pm, 30 min.

Rosa Santiago, a working class single mother of four is in the last planning days of her oldest daughter Vanessa's Quinceañera. The Quinceañera is not a simple party. It is a coming of age ceremony celebrated on a Latina girl's fifteenth birthday. Modern festivities require toasts, blessings, tiaras, gowns, limousines, top hats – all the trappings of a wedding. In the United States, Latino families of all economic classes are spending thousands of dollars to create an event that will honor their daughters and dazzle their communities. Despite the catastrophic financial pressure this event creates, Rosa, like so many other Latino parents, has decided that it is important enough to make the sacrifices. But two weeks before the big event, Rosa's plans unravel and she is unsure if she will be able to pull it off.