

**WMBR 88.1 FM**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT**  
**3rd QUARTER / July 1 – September 30, 2015**

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.

**ART and CULTURE**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUESTS:** Seth Glier/Grammy Nominated Singer  
**TOPIC:** Joe Hill Music Tour  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Glier, a singer/songwriter, talked about the political content of his music and the festival. It had just been announced that there is a strong chance that the festival is not going to occur next year. Glier is Massachusetts-based and often works with political themes and who participated in the songwriting movement around the song "Take Down Your Flag."

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUESTS:** George Mann and Magpie  
**TOPIC:** Joe Hill Music Tour  
**AIRED:** Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**DURATION:** 40 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Mann and Magpie (a band) discussed the history of Joe Hill, political folk music and a culture of militant resistance among workers then and now.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Bruce Sylvester/WMBR Arts & Movie Reviewer  
**TOPIC:** New Exhibit/Sister Carita Kent at Harvard Art Museum  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 5 minutes

Mr. Sylvester reviewed the new Sister Carita Kent exhibit and analyzed her evolution as a pop artist and noted her evolution into a politically engaged artist in the 1960s and 1970s. The exhibit places her in the context of contemporaries like Andy Warhol and Robert Rauchenburg.

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Nina LaNegra/founder, producer & host of "Art Is Life Itself"  
**TOPIC:** Art and Cultural Expression in Roxbury  
**AIRED:** Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 23 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. LaNegra, the host of "Art Is Life Itself!", a performance series embracing Art, Culture & Spirituality, takes place every Thursday night at The Haley House Bakery Cafe in Roxbury. She discussed the connections between the arts, culture, dialogue, spirituality, and building community.

## **EDUCATION**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Amanda Lewis  
**TOPIC:** The Racial Education Gap  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 50 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Lewis discussed this gap and noted that in contrast to the oppositional culture theory, African-American students are not more hostile to educational achievement than Anglo or Asian students. She noted that schools often apply discipline differently between African American and Anglo students. Lewis talked about the differential elevation of white and black students often reflects white parents struggling to keep control of scarce resources.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Frank Emspack/Workers Independent News Service  
**TOPIC:** Work and the American Worker  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Mr. Emspack talked about the changes occurring and not occurring for American workers. He analyzed the stagnation of American wages despite the decline in the unemployment rate and discussed the meaning of coming Supreme Court cases while warning against overestimating the liberal turn of the court on labor/work issues.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Frank Khan  
**TOPIC:** Labor Day and Labor Issues  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Mr. Kahn argued that the recent upsurge in labor issues results from the coming together of folks who have previously argued for different causes. This is especially noticeable in the Fight for 15.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Alissa Zimmer/Better Future Project  
**TOPIC:** West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline  
**AIRED:** Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 23 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Zimmer spoke about the proposed West Roxbury Lateral Pipeline, which would bring fracked methane ("natural gas") from the Marcellus Shale fracking fields of Pennsylvania up to Canada, via the Boston area (including portions of Westwood, Dedham and Boston). She discussed the effects that the pipeline could have on the local environment as well as on national and global energy policies.

## **GUN CONTROL**

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Ann Frantz/Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America  
**TOPIC:** Gun Control in Massachusetts  
**AIRED:** Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 20 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Krantz, a member of the Massachusetts chapter of MDAGS, a non-partisan grassroots movement to mobilize moms and families to work towards reducing gun violence. Her organization delivered a condolence card to WBZ, the CBS affiliate in Boston, after the recent shooting of two television reporters in Virginia.

## **HOUSING**

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Jackie Medina/City Life/Vida Urbana tenant organizer  
**TOPIC:** Tenant Organizing in Boston  
**AIRED:** Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 20 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Medina spoke about the gentrification in Greater Boston, and displacement of long-time residents of certain neighborhoods. She discussed how organizations like City Life/Vida Urbana are organizing communities to fight back against displacement, and discussed upcoming community actions including a speak-out and rally in Dorchester.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Grace Ross/activist and lobbyist  
**TOPIC:** Foreclosure Issues in Massachusetts  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 25 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Ross discussed the new Massachusetts legislation attempting for lenders to move more quickly to foreclose. Ross described how this violated constitutional seizure protections. She also noted how this further encouraged both exemption from prosecution for illegal acts and how it further expanded the racial wealth gap.

## **OLYMPICS – INTERNATIONAL XXX**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Juliana Barbassa/author and former Associated Press correspondent  
**TOPIC:** Rio and the Coming Olympics  
**AIRED:** Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Ms. Barbassa, is a former correspondent in Rio and author of “Dancing with the Devil in the City of God: Rio de Janeiro on the Brink” (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster). She discussed recent economic, social and political changes and argued that the picture has both positives and negatives with continuing oppression of many poor favelas as the Olympics are set to arrive.

## **MILITARY/INTERNATIONAL**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Dr. Joseph Gerson/American Friends Service-director of programs  
**TOPIC:** United States and Global Political/Military Situation  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 50 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Gerson talked about issues of nuclear risk and global political situation. He noted the problems of China and argued for careful dealings with a state reasserting its central role after 150 years of subordination. Gerson especially expressed concern about Sino-Japanese relations with the bellicose Abe regime. Similarly, he noted the longstanding US efforts to destabilize Russia and Eastern Europe with expansion of NATO. He called for reestablishing diplomacy as the key to resolving conflicts and also called for broader historical training for Americans so that young people can understand what's happening. and E. Europe. Finally, he discussed local actions at MIT.

## **RACE RELATIONS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Chip Berlet/political researcher and analyst  
**TOPIC:** Work and the American Worker  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Mr. Berlet discussed the conflict over the Confederate flag and its implications. He noted that this provides an opening for discussions that might not have occurred and will also have a big impact on political activity in the coming year.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Allan Johnson/sociologist and author  
**TOPIC:** Identity and Place in American Society  
**AIRED:** Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Mr. Johnson discussed his new book, "Not From Here" and the topic of the difficulties of being from a place of white Americans. This emerged from his difficulties finding a proper resting place for his father's ashes. It is compounded by the conflict over the manner land was stolen from Native American populations.

## **COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

**PROGRAM:** What's Left  
**HOST:** Linda Pinkow  
**GUEST:** Lenny Solomon/Cambridge-based singer/songwriter/guitarist  
**TOPIC:** Cambridge Music Scene, Now and Then  
**AIRED:** Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Solomon discussed changes in the Cambridge arts culture since he began his career in the late 1960s. He also talked about his career in environmental research at Harvard University, and how politics informs his song-writing and performances.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Mary Curtin and Cathy Zusy  
**TOPIC:** Magazine Beach in Cambridge  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes

Ms. Curtin and Ms. Zusy discussed the history and redevelopment of Magazine Beach and the September 6<sup>th</sup> free Bread and Puppet Circus show at the beach. They noted the role of community groups and state and private organizations in turning the beach back into a viable public space.

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern  
**GUEST:** Chuck Rosina/WMBR Political Analyst  
**TOPIC:** Freedom Rally  
**AIRED:** Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 15 minutes

Mr. Rosina discussed the Freedom Rally on the Commons on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. He analyzed both the political issues of legalization of cannabis and the arguments presented by a wide range of speakers. Finally, he spoke with attendees about their views on the issue of legalization. They advocated legalization from a wide range of both personal freedom, medical, and economic/criminal justice perspectives.