

**WMBR 88.1 FM**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES & COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT**  
**4th QUARTER / October 1 – December 31, 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 Stein & David Goodman  
**GUEST:** Barry Crimmons  
**TOPIC:** "Call Me Lucky"/Movie about Child Abuse  
**AIRED:** Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Crimmons talked about the film "Call Me Lucky" that deals with both his long career in comedy and his experiences and work in attacking child pornography and abuse online. He discussed his personal experiences and noted that children can never give consent and that the issues are not about sex but, rather, rape. He noted Robin Williams role in producing the film, which is directed by Bob Goldthwaite. He also discussed his forthcoming show at Johnny D's on Dec. 29.

**ECOLOGY**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUEST:** Dan Fagin/Pulitzer Prize author of "Toms River"  
**TOPIC:** Chemical Industry Abuses  
**AIRED:** Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Fagin discussed his book, "Toms River", the story of a long running chemical disaster in New Jersey. He looked at Ciba-Geigy Chemical's production of polymers and their dumping policies that led to a documented cancer cluster in this small New Jersey town. His story is one that looks at the difficulties and ambiguities of medical/scientific analysis and he concludes that the situation is both incredibly difficult to demonstrate and to correct. A powerful story.

## **ECONOMY**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUEST:** Chuck Collins/Institute for Policy Studies  
**TOPIC:** Wealth Inequality  
**AIRED:** Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**DURATION:** 30 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Collins discussed his new report on wealth inequality. He noted practices such as family trusts that allow for billions of dollars to evade estate taxes. He also attacked the ability of billionaires to offshore their wealth into the hidden banks and economies that allow for income and wealth to evade taxation. Finally, Collins called for targeted taxes on the super wealthy to support education for all.

## **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.

## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**TOPIC:** Israel/Palestine  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 35 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Presentation of recorded speech by Palestinian/American psychiatrist activist examining the conflict in Palestine/Israel. He argues that at heart, this is a colonial war. In that sense it is an effort to fundamentally deny the legitimacy of the indigenous population.

## **GENDERS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Nancy Nangaroni & Godine McKenzie/Trans Activists  
**TOPIC:** Transgenderism  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Nangaroni and Godine McKenzie discussed issues of transgendered persons' rights and the bill before the Massachusetts legislature. They argued for the expansion of those rights and dissected the criticisms of anti-trans people rights to access to public services including bathrooms, taxis, restaurants, etc. They noted that t-people are the individuals at risk through the deprivation of services and rights.

## **HOUSING**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Grace Ross/Mass Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL)  
**TOPIC:** Massachusetts Foreclosure Laws  
**AIRED:** Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Ms. Ross spoke of new bill passed by legislature and signed. Bill dramatically reduces time available to homeowners to fight foreclosure in the courts. Ross described how the legislature forced this through and the governor signed it. She asked listeners who are interested in resisting to contact her group. She argued that the court case will challenge the legality of the process at both the legislative and executive levels.

## **HUNGER**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUEST:** Francis Moore Lappé/author "World Hunger: 10 Myths"  
**TOPIC:** Food and Politics of Hunger  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Lappe' urged that there is sufficient food available to eliminate hunger. Solutions include leaving the GMO regimen and returning to both smaller farming systems. She also argued that the free market as now constituted cannot and will not end hunger at home or abroad.

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**TOPIC:** The "Wall" Mentality of Security in America  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 20 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

David Goodman, co-host of this show, presented a special retrospective report on the roots of the "wall" mentality of security. He analyzed the roots of this mentality in recent years by presenting materials from a 2003 speech by Bush administration security officials and places these in relation to visions of America presented by recent GOP candidates. He noted their view of the American polity with the caveat that "the Constitution is not a suicide pact."

## **RACE RELATIONS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUEST:** Peter Golden/author "Wherever There Is Light"  
**TOPIC:** Race, Culture and Jewish/Black Relations in the 1930's & 40's  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>  
**DURATION:** 35 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Mr. Golden discussed the little known connection between African Americans who helped Jews escape Nazi Germany in the 1930s. He talked about the restraints put on White/Black relations in the 1930s and 40s and the aggressively anti-Nazi views of the Black press which they saw as the European counterpart to anti-Black racism in the US. Early on, they understood the danger of Nazi ideology long before the Holocaust. They also supported actions by the Black colleges to assist Jews in escaping Nazism.

## **TERRORISM**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stein & David Goodman  
**GUESTS:** Sung Choi/Bentley University professor/historian  
**TOPIC:** Paris and Terrorism  
**AIRED:** Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes  
**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** N/A

Professor Choi talked about the events in Paris and the impact of terrorism on the city and country. She examined the long history of terrorist activity in Paris, including that relating to Franco-Algerian repatriates in the 1950s and 1960s. She also discussed the origins of this pattern in the conditions of the suburban Parisian communities and suggested that these are areas where this kind of anger against the west can grow.

## **COMMUNITY INTERESTS**

**PROGRAM:** Radio With A View  
**HOSTS:** Marc Stern & Dave Goodman  
**GUEST:** John Bell  
**TOPIC:** Honk! 2015 and Street Band Music  
**AIRED:** Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>  
**DURATION:** 45 minutes

Mr. Bell and other members of Honk! discussed the festival that occurred October 8-11 in Somerville and Cambridge and the process of pulling the festival together (the 10th annual Honk!) and how it has changed. They talked about the variety of street bands, their role, and acknowledged that the rise of many festivals around the country and overseas means bands have many choices of where to go. Still, this year's Honk! garnered applications from over 50 bands. They also discussed the emergence of the new, local School of Honk to bring young and old alike into the process.

