

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBX-TV (January-March 2010)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/28/10, 7:30am, 30 min.

Leaving “No Child” Behind: This week President Obama presented Congress with his plan to improve America's schools including a blueprint to overhaul the No Child Left Behind Act.

Independent Lens: The Eyes of Me, N 03/21/10, 10pm, 60 min.

This program offers an up-close look at four teens that have lost their sight. It follows their struggles to fit in, prepare for college and live independently. This is an extraordinary peek into the world of blind teenagers where crossing an intersection, cooking a meal or navigating unfamiliar areas can be a challenge that sighted viewers never consider.

Justice: What's The Right Thing To Do?, N 01/03/10, 12pm, 60 min.

Lecture Seventeen: Students discuss the issue of affirmative action and college admissions. Is it "just" for schools to consider race and ethnicity as a factor in admissions? Does it violate individual rights? Or is it as equal, and as arbitrary, as favoring a star athlete? Is the argument in favor of promoting diversity a valid one? How does it size up against the argument that a student's efforts and achievements should carry more weight?

II. Housing/Urban Development

Blueprint America: Beyond The Motor City, N 02/09/10, 2:30pm, 90 min.

This program is an investigation of American transportation infrastructure from the past to the future, using Detroit as the narrative base for exploring this national story. Detroit has grown, flourished and fallen in accordance with the infrastructure choices we have made as a nation and, in Detroit's future, we can see a mirror of our national resolve. The expression "As GM goes, so goes the nation," has eerie resonance when what was once the country's largest company has gone bankrupt, but in the even larger realm of our national transportation infrastructure, it may well be that as Detroit goes, so goes our future.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 01/17/10, 11am, 60 min.

America has committed billions to escalate military action in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but humanitarian and bestselling author Greg Mortenson argues that there's a better path to peace: building schools and nurturing local communities. Mortenson, who has worked for 17 years in the region, is the author of the world-wide bestseller, *Three Cups of Tea* and a new book, *Stones into Schools*. Both books tell the remarkable story of Mortenson's efforts to build dozens of schools in some of the most lawless and remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One, L 01/23/10, 11am, 30 min.

Maria talks to community activist Bill Strickland, who has built state-of-the-art facilities to teach art and music to inner-city children and adults.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 03/14/10, 7:30am, 30 min.

Sex Offenders Prowling: Laws to protect communities against sex offenders are going un-enforced across the country.

Frontline, N 02/10/10, 2:30pm, 60 min.

“Flying Cheap” - One year after the deadliest domestic airline accident in seven years, FRONTLINE investigates the crash of Continental 3407 in Buffalo, NY, and discovers a dramatically changed airline industry, where regional carriers now account for half of the nation's daily departures. The rise of the regionals and arrival of low-cost carriers have been a huge boon to consumers, and the industry insists that the skies remain safe. But many insiders are worried that now, 30 years after airline deregulation, the aviation system is being stretched beyond its capacity to deliver service that is both cheap and safe.

Independent Lens, N 01/24/10, 9pm, 60 min.

“Copyright Criminals” - This program examines the creative and commercial value of musical sampling, including the related debates over artistic expression, copyright law and, of course, money. The film traces the rise of hip-hop from the urban streets of New York to its current status as a multibillion-dollar industry. For more than 30 years, innovative hip-hop performers and producers have been re-using portions of previously recorded music in new, otherwise original compositions. When lawyers and record companies got involved, what was once referred to as a "borrowed melody" became a "copyright infringement."

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

Maria Hinojosa: One-On-One, N 02/20/10, 11am, 30 min.

A worldwide phenomenon, the female empowerment play The Vagina Monologues has been translated into 45 different languages and performed in more than 119 countries. Creator Eve Ensler joins María Hinojosa for discussion about the play, its global impact, and her tireless activism. Ensler created V-Day to stop violence against women around the world. In 10 years, the movement has raised over \$70 million and has been cited as one of Worth magazine's "100 Best Charities."

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 01/17/10, 7am, 30 min.

Martin Luther King Jr. & Nonviolence: As the nation observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Kim Lawton talks with Cheryl Sanders, professor of Christian ethics at Howard Divinity School, about how the civil rights leader's teachings about war and nonviolence apply today.

NOW on PBS, N 02/14/10, 10:30am, 30 min.

Even with the recent outpouring of support for earthquake victims in Haiti, Americans' attention span for global crises is usually very short. But is there a way to keep American audiences from tuning out important global issues of violence, poverty, and catastrophe far beyond their backyards? NOW talks with filmmaker Eric Metzgar about "Reporter," his documentary about the international reporting trips of New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof. In the film, Metzgar provides fascinating insight into how Kristof breaks through and gets us to think deeply about people and issues half a world away.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Frontline, N 03/24/10, 2:30pm, 60 min.

“Close To Home” - Producer Ofra Bikel chronicles how the middle class is faring in this recession through the stories of the people who she's come to know at the hair salon she's frequented for the past 20 years. The film reveals the struggles of a small business owner to stay afloat, her sister's risk of imminent foreclosure on her Florida home and the various clients whose lives intersect at this New York City salon - from well-to-do bankers to struggling actors, each with a story to tell about how they're getting by in these turbulent times.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 01/10/10, 11am, 60 min.

While Wall Street is back in the black and the push for more regulation seems stalled, Americans are still struggling to keep their homes and jobs. How does Big Finance get away with it, and have lawmakers only patched a system headed for another economic crisis? Mother Jones journalists David Corn and Kevin Drum offer a hard look at the obstacles to real reform that keep Washington's attention on Wall Street and not on the needs of Main Street.

To The Contrary with Bonnie Erbe, N 03/28/10, 7:30am, 30 min

Recession's Impact on Women: A look at women's unemployment and the lack of media attention given to women during the Great Recession.

VI. Environment/Ecology

NOW on PBS, N 03/14/10, 10:30am, 30 min.

Change will cause some of the world's largest glaciers to completely melt by 2030. What effect will this have on our daily lives, especially our water and food supply? With global warming falling low on a national list of American concerns, it's time to take a deeper look at what could be a global calamity in the making. David Brancaccio and environmentalist Conrad Anker trek to the Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayan Mountains, the source of the Ganges River, to witness the great melt and its dire consequences first-hand. The two also visit Montana's Glacier National Park to see the striking effects of global warming closer to home and learn how melting glaciers across the world can have a direct impact on food prices in the U.S. "We can't take climate change and put it on the back burner," warns Anker. "If we don't address climate change, we won't be around as humans."

Bill Moyers Journal, N 01/24/10, 11am, 60 min.

Faced with the increasing global demand for oil and the threat of climate change, America needs a new energy policy -- but what are our options? Bill Moyers sits down with Public Agenda analysts Jean Johnson and Scott Bittle to discuss how we can power America's future and why we should "work the problem" rather than listening to extremes on either side. Johnson and Bittle are co-authors of *Who Turned Out the Lights? Your Guided Tour to the Energy Crisis*. Then, the Journal assesses Obama's first year as President in the wake of Democrats' defeat in Massachusetts' special election for Senate with Princeton politics and African American studies professor Melissa Harris-Lacewell and journalist Eric Alterman.

Wild Chronicles, N 02/08/10, 4pm, 30 min.

Stories from the Wild - Levees built by farmers in rural Illinois nearly a century ago cut the Emiquon Preserve from the Illinois River, reducing wetlands to cornfields. Recent restoration work has refilled the wetlands with water and provided a home to birds, waterfowl, aquatic plants and fish. But with the levees still in place, a team of scientists examines the potential impact of reconnecting the wetlands to its lifeblood, a river now changed by invasive species and floodwater from urban development.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Taking Control of Diabetes With Dr. Neil Barnard, N 03/09/10, 9pm, 90 min.

Leading clinical researcher, adjunct associate professor of medicine, author, and health advocate, Neal Barnard, MD shares his scientifically proven system to taking control of diabetes through nutrition, without drugs in Taking Control of Diabetes with Dr. Neil Barnard.

To The Contrary With Bonnie Erbe, N 01/31/10, 7:30am, 30 min.

Extraordinary Medicine: A look at DNA sequencing technology and the benefits it holds for children with rare diseases..

Blood Detectives, N 01/28/10, 10pm, 60 min.

This documentary that details the secrets and mysteries of human blood and the highly specialized medical professionals who unravel these medical mysteries to save live. It provides a lively, CSI-style look at the lives of patients who are affected by some of the most common, and sometimes deadliest, blood disorders. BLOOD DETECTIVES follows the best in the field as they race against time to find treatments for a variety of conditions, including leukemia and rare disorders.

VIII. Economy/Business

Nightly Business Report, N 01/01/10, 7pm, 30 min.

“Investment Review & Preview” - In this program, we will discuss the outlook for 2010 with economist Josh Feinman of Deutsche Asset Management and market-watcher Jim Awad of Zephyr Investments. We will look at investment prospects at home and abroad with Standard & Poor's Chief Market Strategist Sam Stovall and JPMorgan's head of emerging markets strategy, Joyce Chang.

Consuelo Mack WealthTrack, N 03/21/10, 8:30am, 30 min.

This week's Consuelo Mack WealthTrack features a "Financial Thought Leaders" interview with bestselling author and historian Niall Ferguson, who tells Consuelo what the seismic global economic and market shifts of recent years mean for our future, particularly the longer term implications of America's exploding debt.

The Road Back: From Economic Meltdown to Recovery, N 02/07/10, 10:30am, 90 min.

The 2009 Stanford Roundtable will focus on the economic meltdown and the road back. Government officials, corporate leaders and scholars will explore the question of how we recover from last year's devastating economic free-fall.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

A Place of Our Own, N 01/26/10, 1pm, 30 min.

“Coping With Economic Insecurities” - The current financial crisis is impacting families throughout this country. New economic realities are forcing many families to make changes, both big and small, which affect their children. A very special, and timely, episode of A Place of Our Own examines how we, as adults, can help young children understand changing financial circumstances without scaring them. This special episode of A Place of Our Own features child psychiatrist, Dr. Charles Sophy, helping the Sharp family explain to their 2 ½ -year-old son why they've had to move in with a family member after his father lost his job. This show gives parents the tools to reassure and emotionally support their children, to help them cope during these sometimes frightening and unstable times.

This Emotional Life, N 01/08/10, 9pm, 90 min.

“Family, Friends & Lovers” - How and why are relationships central to our emotional well-being? In this episode, the story of a young boy adopted from a Russian orphanage illustrates how child-caregiver attachments beginning in the very first days of life lay the groundwork for future relationships. Also, new parents struggle with a newborn baby, a couple grapples with a troubled marriage, a grown man learns to thrive with Asperger's syndrome, and more-all demonstrating the importance of social connections and relationships.

Independent Lens, N 01/03/10, 9pm, 90 min.

“Scenes From A Parish” - When a young, irreverent priest arrives at Saint Patrick Parish in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he discovers the unexpected -- boiling ethnic tensions in a changing working-class community. Filmed over four years, the program follows the wildly diverse personal stories of Father Paul O'Brien and his unruly flock, as they struggle to hold onto faith in the face of desperate circumstances.