

# QUARTERLY PROGRAM TOPIC REPORT

For

## **WNEO/WEAO**

April - June 2012

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## 1. Education

- a. Need to Know: **“Help Wanted”** (230) Dropping in: Need to Know travels to Philadelphia to examine the city’s ambitious plan to reach out to and re-engage high school dropouts. The story is part of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting’s “American Graduate” initiative. (Saturday, April 7, 2:30 AM, WR PBS)
- b. Charlie Rose (18108) A conversation with historian, educator and author Diane Ravitch--a former assistant secretary of education under the first Bush administration--on The Death and Life of the Great American School System: How Testing and Choice are Undermining Education, her disagreement with the current negative narrative about public education, her changing position on the No Child Left Behind Act, and her disapproval of current administration educational policies. (Thursday, May 24, Midnight, WR PBS)
- c. Mariachi High: PBS Arts In a part of America that rarely makes headlines, there is a small town with a group of teenagers who will inspire, surprise and bring you to your feet with their astonishing musical virtuosity and the music they make. MARIACHI HIGH spends a year in the life of the champion mariachi ensemble of Zapata High School on the Rio Grande in south Texas. (Friday, June 29, 9 PM, WR PBS)

## 2. Youth

- a. Journey of the Bonesetter’s Daughter An ambitious, cross-cultural tour de force that brings together artists from China and the U.S, the opera tells a deeply moving story about the difficult but unbreakable bond between mothers and daughters inspired by Tan's own family history. (Monday, May 9, 1 AM, WR PBS)
- b. Tavis Smiley (2601) Urban farmer Will Allen: The pioneering urban farmer and founder-CEO of Growing Power, Inc. discusses his text The Good Food Revolution, his thoughts on “food deserts” and preventative measures against disease and childhood obesity. (Tuesday, May 15, 1:30 AM, WR PBS)
- c. POV: **“My Reincarnation”** (2501) Filmed over 20 years by acclaimed documentarian Jennifer Fox, “My Reincarnation” chronicles the epic story of exiled Tibetan Buddhist master Chögyal Namkhai Norbu and his Western-born son, Yeshi. As Norbu rises as a teacher in the West, Yeshi, recognized from birth as the reincarnation of a famed Buddhist master, breaks away to embrace the modern world. Can the father convince his son to keep the family’s spiritual legacy alive? With intimate access to both the family and the Dalai Lama, Fox distills a decades-long drama into a universal story about love, transformation and destiny. (Saturday, June 23, 11 PM, WR PBS)

## 3. Political Issues

- a. Frontline: **“Money, Power and Wall Street”** (3011) In the first hour, FRONTLINE tells the story of the rise of modern finance. In the second hour, FRONTLINE producer Michael Kirk investigates how the country’s leaders failed to prevent an oncoming crisis and ended up initiating the largest government bailout in history. (Tuesday, April 24, 9:30 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Washington Week (5147) As attacks fly between President Obama and Mitt Romney, a conservative super PACs developed a controversial Rev. Wright ad

campaign. Plus, is Congress heading towards another partisan debt-ceiling showdown? (Friday, May 18, 8 PM, WR PBS)

- c. PBS NewsHour (10341) Shields, Brooks on Economic Picture, Cyber Attacks, Trump's Role for Romney: Syndicated columnist Mark Shields and New York Times columnist David Brooks discuss the week's top political news with Judy Woodruff including May's lackluster jobs report, the White House decision to rev up cyber attacks against Iran plus Bill Clinton's and Donald Trump's roles as surrogates for the Obama and Romney campaigns. (Friday, June 1, 7 PM, WR PBS)

#### 4. Health

- a. America Revealed: "**Food Machine**" (101) Discover engineering marvels created by putting nature to work, and consider the toll our insatiable appetites take on our health and environment. (Wednesday, April 11, 10 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Made in India This documentary examines the human experiences behind "outsourcing" surrogate mothers to India. Following the journey of an infertile American couple, an Indian surrogate and the reproductive outsourcing business that brings them together, MADE IN INDIA places these personal stories in the context of a growing international industry, exploring a complicated clash of families in crisis, reproductive technology and choice. (Monday, May 7, 7 PM, Fusion)
- c. Independent Lens: "**We Were Here**" (1326) When AIDS arrived in San Francisco in 1981, it decimated a community, but also brought people together in inspiring and moving ways to support and care for one another and to fight for dignity and a cure. By David Weissman. (Saturday, June 16, 1 PM, Fusion)

#### 5. Women's Issues

- a. American Masters: "**Margaret Mitchell: American Rebel**" (2503) This film examines the amazing endurance of "Gone with the Wind" and reveals the seminal events of Mitchell's life through dramatic re-enactments based on her letters, as scenes from the movie weave together her life and her work. (Monday, April 2, 9 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Tavis Smiley (2604) Paralympic medalist-author Bonnie St. John: The Paralympic medalist and best-selling author discusses what she and her daughter learned while writing her text How Great Women Lead: A Mother-Daughter Adventure into the Lives of Women Shaping the World. (Friday, May 18, 1:30 AM, WR PBS)
- c. America in Primetime: "**Independent Woman**" (101) Witness the transformation of women from model housewives to complex, and sometimes controversial, characters. (Friday, June 22, 10 PM, WR PBS)

#### 6. Crime

- a. PBS NewsHour (10302) How Trayvon Martin Case Could Affect 'Stand Your Ground' Laws Across U.S.: A grand jury will not investigate the death of Trayvon Martin--the unarmed black teenager shot in a gated community in February, a special prosecutor said Monday. (Monday, April 9, 7 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly (1539) Juvenile Justice: The Supreme Court will rule on sentencing juveniles convicted of murder to life with no parole. Justice Scalia told the Court "the American people...have decided that's the

rule.” But Justice Ginsburg suggested such sentencing makes a juvenile “a throw-away person.” (Monday, May 28, Midnight, WR PBS)

- c. PBS NewsHour (10361) Mexican Photographer Captures Shades of Juarez: From our series of reports in Mexico, photographer and Juarez resident Julian Cardona speaks with Margaret Warner about how the border city is struggling with violent criminal cartels. (Friday, June 29, 7 PM, WR PBS)

## 7. National Security

- a. Washington Week (5144) As the campaigns look ahead, Mitt Romney targets Barack Obama, but he is targeting youth voters. The Supreme Court hears arguments on Arizona immigration law. Also, a year after Osama bin Laden’s death, balancing terrorism and civil liberties. (Friday, April 27, 8 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Nova: “**Killer Subs in Pearl Harbor**” (3701) NOVA joins an exclusive dive beneath the waters of Pearl Harbor to trace new clues to the historic sinking of the USS Arizona. 1,177 crewmembers perished in the dramatic 1941 sinking of the storied battleship--the greatest loss of life in United States naval history. (Wednesday, May 23, 9 PM, WR PBS)
- c. Need to Know (241) Examines how long-term care for veterans wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan is placing a growing strain on America’s health care providers. As a result, nurses are now playing an increasingly prominent role in the treatment of wounded vets and in the education of their spouses. (Saturday, June 23, 2:30 AM, WR PBS)

## 8. Minority Issues

- a. Tavis Smiley (2589) Actor-writer Ayad Akhtar: The actor-writer talks about the real-life experiences that inspired his first novel, American Dervish, relates Islam to Christianity and discusses his challenges as a storyteller to expose new truths that readers would not normally consider. (Friday, April 27, 1:30 AM, WR PBS)
- b. Religion and Ethics NewsWeekly (1537) Churches and the Disabled: The disabled, says religion writer Mark Pinsky, “are not just people who need help, but they are people who can help.” (Monday, May 14, Midnight, WR PBS)
- c. To the Contrary with Bonnie Erbe (2115) Sea Change: The demand for highly skilled workers and a slowdown in illegal immigration leads to Asians surpassing Hispanics as the largest group of new immigrants to the U.S. Equal Play As we celebrate 40 years of Title IX, we look at the impact the statute has had on women in sports and the challenges ahead. The New Feminist Agenda: Former Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin shares her thoughts on the state of American women, compared to women in other developed countries. (Sunday, June 24, 6 PM, WR PBS)

## 9. Technology Issues (Weather/Environment)

- a. Charlie Rose (18072) E.O. Wilson of Harvard University, who is known as the “father of biodiversity,” discusses his book, The Social Conquest of Earth, about how organisms with high degrees of social organization have taken over our planet. (Wednesday, April 4, Midnight, WR PBS)
- b. Nova: “**Deadliest Tornadoes**” (3910) Get a look at the science behind the last year’s outbreak, meeting those affected and the scientists striving to understand the forces behind the outbreak. Could their work improve tornado prediction in

the future? Learn how we all can protect ourselves and our communities in the future. (Wednesday, May 9, 9 PM, WR PBS)

- c. Nova: “**Crash of Flight 447**” (3807) On June 1, 2009, Flight AF447, an Air France Airbus A330 flying from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, disappeared over the Atlantic Ocean, taking with it all 228 lives on board. How could a state-of-the-art airliner with elaborate electronic safety and navigation features and a faultless safety record simply vanish without a trace? (Thursday, June 14, 2 AM, WR PBS)

#### 10. Consumer Issues

- a. PBS NewsHour (10298) Why Auto Sales Surge Even as Gas Prices Rise: Auto industry sales jumped 6 percent in March with almost 1.4 million new cars and trucks sold--the highest number since 2008, according to new reports released Tuesday amid Detroit's \$200 million deficit. (Tuesday, April 3, 7 PM, WR PBS)
- b. Civilization: The West and the Rest with Niall Ferguson (101) Examine the rise of the West's economic ascendancy based on Niall Ferguson's six principles of prosperity: competition, science, modern medicine, democracy, consumerism and work ethic. (Tuesday, May 22, 10 PM, WR PBS)
- c. Suze Orman's Money Class Suze's expert take on what actions people need to take in light of the new economy. After the upheavals of the economic downturn, Suze believes it's critical to rethink many of the traditional strategies we've been using to achieve our financial goals. (Saturday, May 12, 10 AM, WR PBS)