STUDENT TEAM CONQUERS THE ELEMENTS
by Shelly Kamanitz, Director of Marketing & Creative Services

In the fall of 2013, eighth graders Sheil Mehta and Teddy Everett were inspired by the work of Thoreau and Emerson and Jon Krakauer’s novels Into the Wild and Into Thin Air. Their fascination with the idea of going off into the woods alone and experiencing nature led them to create a short film for their English class project, based on a script Sheil wrote. They shot it on their iPod touch, with limited audio capabilities. A few years later, after their production skills improved, they decided to redo the film with newer equipment.

In the summer of 2016, before their junior year, the two teamed up as interns with the Education Channel, working with Stephen M. Kessinger, who said the students were very “proficient on the equipment already [the C100], and didn’t really need that much help.” Stephen helped coordinate the project, and the pair was very appreciative of all the resources at NewTV, especially the use of the equipment and distribution of their film.

Sheil rewrote the script and acted in, directed and edited the film, titled Among the Free. Teddy did the camera work, except for the last scene, which Sheil shot on his iPhone. Some of the challenges they faced were lack of budget and the

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B. J.’S BIG BASH
by Jessica Leff, Digital Marketing Specialist

On Saturday, December 3, NewTV was full of partygoers excited to celebrate 20 years of That’s the Law! With Attorney B. J. Krintzman. B. J.’s family and friends, former show guests, and past and present members of the crew enjoyed food and drinks, listened to remarks about the series and watched a documentary about B. J. and her journey at NewTV produced by member Laura Johnson.

This “Big Bash” was a long time coming. B. J. became involved in NewTV when it was still Continental Cablevision. Later, after starting her own law practice, she decided to pursue her dream of hosting a talk show, and she signed up for production classes at NewTV in order to meet someone who could help. There, she was introduced to member Gary George, who agreed to direct what was then called Lawline.

B. J. has been able to explore a variety of issues with a number of guests over the last 20 years. She remembers, “The stand-out moment for the crew and me was having Dan Harris from ABC News come on the show.” Other guests include Martha Coakley, who went on to become the Attorney General of Massachusetts, Middlesex Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Representatives Ruth Balser and Kay Khan, and Senator Cynthia Creem.

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MISSION STATEMENT

NewTV is an Emmy® Award-winning, state-of-the-art media center dedicated to providing quality local programming and training to the diverse Newton community. As a non-profit organization, NewTV’s three channels (Community, Education and Government) provide an accessible platform for expression and innovation — an alternative voice to mainstream media.
Student Team Conquers the Elements

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Location, which, although acceptable, was not the sweeping, gorgeous scenery they had hoped for. So the two had to scale back their expectations. But the result is a dramatic, captivating story that draws the viewer in, and is very sophisticated for students their age.

While they had some technical challenges and the usual mishaps that occur when shooting in an uncontrolled environment, they were very pleased with the end product. They also found it helpful to compare the new film with their first attempt, so they could see how much they had grown and improved. Next on the agenda for Sheil is creating a music video with a local band and broadening his résumé of work. Teddy is producing a documentary about his crew team, diligently editing and shooting.

Although Sheil and Teddy aren’t planning careers in filmmaking, they both would like to keep producing films as a side interest. Today, with social media and online programming continuing to advance technologically, those skills will come in handy no matter what field they choose. You can view their film on NewTV’s website: newtv.org/video/student-productions/amongthefree.

B. J.’s Big Bash

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Over the years there have been many changes. B. J. recalls, “We were in the basement of the Hyde Center, and now we have this magnificent facility and high-tech equipment to run top-quality shows.” Lawline became That’s the Law! The crew has changed, notable members including Joe Benn, Hess Phofsky, Richard Berman, Brian Ives, Laura Johnson and Sam McCall.

The celebration for this milestone in no way signified an end to That’s the Law! B. J. plans to continue production for years to come. “I’m very energized by the show,” she says. “There’s an excitement to it for me that I love.”
Fall Volunteer Spotlight
NewTV would like to recognize Irina Slovtsova for her contributions to our facility. Irina has been a member of NewTV for almost a year, and each week, she commutes from Beverly to volunteer direct two studio productions. She is also working with another producer to edit a series of fitness videos. For all her time and effort at the station, Irina will receive a gift card to be determined later. Be on the lookout in the spring newsletter for our winter Volunteer Spotlight.

New Member Orientations
Orientations are held on the first Monday of each month. Due to the New Years Day holiday, January’s orientation will be held on Tuesday, January 3 at 7pm.

Calling all Volunteers!
Are you looking for an opportunity to learn television production? Have you ever wondered what it’s like to work on a studio crew? Once you’ve taken our studio production classes, you can begin shadowing other crew members or jump right in and volunteer on some of our shows, including Museum Open House, Innovation Showcase, Living in the 21st Century, Boston Media Theory, Trailblazers and more! Most programs are produced once a month, while others are produced weekly during the day and at night. There are always opportunities to get involved, so you’ll be able to find something that fits into your schedule. To learn more, email Director of Member Services Katie Geiger at katieg@newtv.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS
A Musical Valentine
Sunday, February 11, 3pm;
First Baptist Church in Newton, 848 Beacon Street, Newton Centre
A New Phil “Fun and Fancy” family-oriented program featuring the New Philharmonia with Newton residents and world-renowned musicians, conductor Ken-David Masur and pianist Melinda Lee Masur in Tchaikovsky’s Romeo and Juliet and Schumann’s Piano Concerto. Celebrate the season of love through great music! For more info, visit newphil.org.

SPECIALTY WORKSHOPS
New! The Fundamentals of 2-D Animation (Four Classes)
Instructor: Matthew Harnois
In this user-friendly course, find your personal style and learn techniques to create motion through the illusion that is animation.
Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3; Fee: $60;
Dates: Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15 & 22, 7pm

New! Digital Photography Fundamentals (Two Classes)
Instructor: Kayla Creamer
Master the fundamentals of digital photography, such as camera settings, shot composition, and shooting with different lighting situations.
Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3;
Fee: $60; Dates: Wednesday, January 11 & 25, 7:30pm

New! Introduction to Adobe Photoshop (Three Classes)
Instructor: Mike Beal
Through this course, students will learn how to manipulate photos, how to use layers and how to choose custom fonts and colors.
Prerequisite: Orientation; Minimum enrollment: 3;
Fee: $60; Dates: Saturday, February 11, 18 & 25, noon

EARLY HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
After NewTV’s second annual Teamwork Trivia Challenge, the board game centerpieces were donated to the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton. Director of Marketing & Creative Services Shelly Kamanitz and Digital Marketing Specialist Jessica Leff presented the gifts and took a tour of the facility with Director of Operations Michael Finnegan and Director of Development Tom Leavitt. Photos were taken of the Executive Director David Sellers and the children, who were champing at the bit to open the games! It was gratifying to see the excitement on their faces as they eagerly unwrapped the gifts and started playing the games. NewTV values its relationship with this wonderful community organization, and looks forward to partnering with them in the future.
COMMUNITY CHANNEL UPDATE
by Katie Geiger, Director of Member Services

Now that election season is over, we can finally take a breath and reflect upon the things we may have missed in the flurry of it all. As we near the end of 2016, we have three special reasons to pay tribute to NewTV. We celebrate our 25th year, as well as 20 years of That’s the Law! With Attorney B. J. Krintzman, and Michael Brusilovsky, another 20-year member, won a Hometown Media Award for his documentary A Few Stanzas to Our Mothers. The Members Network has now been meeting for a year and has grown into a powerful and fundamental group at NewTV. We also celebrated the first annual Community Media Day on October 17 with a heartwarming video starring our members! We have a lot to be proud of this past year. The Members Network will continue to meet every month in 2017 and I encourage all members to attend. We’ll also be ringing in the new year with new classes and new instructors. Returning instructor Mike Beal will be throwing an Introduction to Adobe Photoshop class into the mix. Check out our full list of classes in this quarter’s newsletter and, as always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions! katieg@newtv.org.

EDUCATION CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media

The Sports Guys has returned for a second season. Watch Ian, Jake and Ethan talk about what’s happening in the sports world, daily at 5:30pm on the Education Channel. Throughout winter, we will re-broadcast the city’s Arts in the Parks series. Check our program schedule for times and reconnect to the summer months with these fun-filled musical performances. Updates will be shared on our social media and website in the next few weeks about the Short Film Challenge. We are looking for entries in this dynamic contest to promote youth in media production. NewTV is a great place for high school and college students to learn video production through hands-on experience and produce an independent project from start to finish. Our Education Channel internships offer flexibility throughout the year with for credit or non-credit tracks. Apply online at newtv.org/internships.

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL UPDATE
by Stephen M. Kessinger, Director of Government & Educational Media

Our focus on advancing the production quality of our government programming over the last few years has created a network-quality feel. You’ll notice the improved graphics, sets and packaging. We are also proud of the program diversity we offer with cultural, historic, civic, law enforcement, and transparent meeting coverage that broadcasts daily on NewTV’s Government channel. For these efforts, the Newton community appreciates the high benchmark that has been created. It has also brought us national attention recently, recognizing the value of our unique programming offerings. Senior Scene, a program for and about senior issues, received a Merit Award as part of the National Mature Media Awards. Our 2015 local election coverage won first place distinction by the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, with an additional second place nod to our Books and Beyond program produced in collaboration with the Newton Free Library. We look forward to continuing to build on this momentum in 2017!
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Most NewTV programs are produced by member volunteers. Members’ programs are on the Community Channel (C). Shows produced by local schools & colleges are shown on the Education Channel (E). Newton City programs are on the Government Channel (G). Additional programs are produced by NewTV Staff.

Please visit our website at newtv.org for a complete schedule with airtimes.

COMMUNITY CHANNEL
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Behind the Pages
Monthly behind-the-scenes conversation with chosen authors. (Tracie Longman) Fri, 3:30pm

Boston Media Theory
Monthly discussion on topics involving various fields of media. (Marcus Breen) Mon, 10:00pm

Carter Memorial United Methodist Church
Weekly church service. (John Olson) Wed, 3:00pm

Chef’s Table Series
Bi-weekly series featuring local cuisine. (Carol O’Connor) Fri, 11:00am

Common Ground
Political roundtable discussion. (Ken Parker) Thurs, 8:00pm

Democracy Now!
Daily commentary with Amy Goodman. (Nancy Wrenn) M-F, 8:00am

Edge of Infinity
Monologues blurring the lines between fiction & nonfiction. (Cristian Torres) Mon, 8:30pm

Greening Our Community
Monthly series on environmental issues. (Thomas Boyd) Mon, 8:00pm

How to Be Healthy & Still Have a Life
Monthly show on health and fitness. (Barry O’Toole) Tues, 8:30pm (C); M-F, 12:30pm (E)

Innovation Showcase
Weekly series featuring inventors and entrepreneurs. (Jay Sugarman) Wed, 7:00pm

In Season & Out of Season
Catholic, Evangelical and Bible-based show. (Eleanor McCullen) Fri, 7:30pm

Language of Business
Monthly show about entrepreneurship. (Linda Gulman) Fri, 6:30pm

Living in the 21st Century
Series focusing on the concerns people face in the 21st century. (Errol Forde) Mon, 6:30pm

Museum Open House
Weekly series featuring upcoming events at local museums. (Jay Sugarman) Thurs, 9:30pm

Neighborhood Cooking with Candy Gold
Monthly on-location cooking show. (Candy Gold) Mon, 7:00pm

Newton News
Weekly local news produced by NewTV. Daily, 6:00pm (C); Daily, 8:30am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm & 10:00pm (E)

Newton Newsmakers with Charlie Shapiro
Ongoing series on Newton issues and politics. (Charlie Shapiro) Thurs, 6:30pm

Newton Nomadic Theater Story Slam
Open mic community storytelling. (Jerry Reilly) Sat, 10:00pm

On the Sunny Side of the Street
Monthly show on life issues. (Todd Gross) Tues, 6:30pm

Perils for Pedestrians
Public affairs series. (Maryan Amaral) Fri, 10:00am

Psychic Voices
Monthly show featuring medium Nancy Garber. (Barbara Bender) Sat, 12:30pm

SuperMom 101
Ongoing series about healthy living. (Lisa Byrne) Wed, 6:30pm

Supreme Master Ching Hai
Series that fosters peace and promotes healthy, green living. (Ru-In Hwang) Fri, 9:00pm

That’s the Law! With Attorney B. J. Krintzman
Monthly, live discussion on legal issues. (B. J. Krintzman) Wed, 7:30pm

Trailblazers
Series discussing the challenges Newton residents face. (Lois Levin) Thurs, 8:30pm

The Traveling Show
Series about travels around the globe. (Jim Lowenstern) Wed, 9:00pm

VCW LiveWire
Weekly wrestling program. (Robert Santonastaso) T-F, midnight

Virginia’s Views and Vibes
Bi-weekly series on local and state issues. (Ginny Gardner/Rebecca Johnson) Mon, 7:30pm

Visions of Health
Bi-weekly health program. (Wendie Levitan) Fri, noon

Weather and Its Surroundings
Ongoing series on weather-related issues. (Brian Ives) Tues, 5:00pm

EDUCATION CHANNEL
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Animal Adventures
Produced by Shrewsbury Education Television. M-F, 10:30am

Arts in the Parks
Summertime entertainment for pre-K. T/Th/Sat/Sun, 6:00am

Children’s Corner
Children’s show produced by Slouch & Friends. M-F, 3:30pm

Classroom Close-Up
An inside look at New Jersey schools. Produced by NJEA. M-F, 3:00pm

Create a TV Show!
Series of original programs produced by Newton Community Education’s TV classes. M-F, 4:30pm & Sat, 9:30am

Educational Documentaries
Various educational topics from different producers. Sun, 1:30pm

The Folklorist
NewTV’s Emmy Award-winning show. Hidden history revealed! T/Th, 7pm & Sun, 9:30pm

High Five Fitness
Weekly series of jazz aerobic exercise. Daily, 9:00am

I Can Be Me . . . Better Than Anyone
Musical kids’ show produced in Maine. M-F, 10:00am

Mindfulness Series
Series of lectures produced by Newton Community Education. M-F, 11:00am

Newton School Productions
Performances and projects from all public schools. T/Th, 10:30pm; Sat, 6:30pm; Sun, 9:30am

NeTV Journal
Newton School Sports
Various games from public and private schools, colleges and private leagues. M/W/F: 6:00am; T/Th, 7:30pm; Sat, 6:30pm; Sun, 9:30am

NewTV After School Programming
Projects by the students of NewTV’s After School Program. M-F, 5:00pm

NewTV’s Short Film Challenge
Student films made for NewTV’s One-Week Short Film Challenge. M-F, 6:30pm

School Committee Meetings
Replays every Wednesday at 10:30pm (E); W/Sat, 7:30pm & T/Th/Sun, 8:00am (G)

Scientifically Speaking
Daily variety of science programming. M-F, 2:00pm

The Sports Guys
Sports talk show hosted by Ian Gallaugher, Jake Levine and Ethan Krop. M-F, 5:30pm

Student Productions
A variety of productions and short films made by Newton students and interns. M/W/F, 7:30pm and T/Th, 10:30pm

TeenTV
Teen news program produced by Home, Inc. in Cambridge. M-F, 4:00pm

Tiger Vision
Monthly magazine show produced by NNTV students. M-F, 6:30pm

ZooTube TV
Program about the animals at the Staten Island Zoo. M-F, 10:30am

GOVERNMENT CHANNEL
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Beyond the Badge
With Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian. Daily, 3:00pm

City Council Meetings
Sun/T/Th, 7:30pm; M/W/Sat, 8:00am

Councilors at Work
Learn about the work and committees of Newton’s City Council. Daily, 6:30pm

Events at the Newton Free Library
Monthly series of lectures by experts on diverse topics. Daily, 1:00pm

Historic Newton Presents
Lectures and tours devoted to the history of Newton. Daily, 4:00pm

The Newton Free Library Presents Books and Beyond
Monthly interviews with local authors, artists and performers. Daily, 7:30am & 5:00pm

School Committee Meetings
W/Sat, 7:30pm & T/Th/Sun, 8:00am

Senior Scene
With Secretary Alice Bonner. Daily, 5:30pm

MEMBERSHIP
It’s easy to become a NewTV member. Any Newton resident, non-profit organization or business can join NewTV for a small annual membership fee. Once you’ve signed up, you are eligible to take any classes or workshops offered by NewTV, use any of NewTV’s equipment and book the conference room or studio, all free of charge with your membership. For more information, visit newtv.org/membership.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS
NewTV offers partnership opportunities to businesses and non-profit organizations alike, in the form of program sponsor, event sponsor, newsletter sponsor and web-related sponsorship. As a state-of-the-art media center in the greater Boston region, NewTV can provide your business with maximum exposure for a minimal cost. By becoming a Community Partner you will increase your company’s visibility through our cable channels, active website, widely-read newsletter and other event materials distributed regularly to our viewers and members.

Your partnership with NewTV will help to support our successful Lipof internship program, a newly created scholarship fund for aspiring college-bound students and new informational and educational programs for our ever-growing viewership. Our menu includes three-year commitments for each of the levels of sponsorship. NewTV will also entertain in-kind service partnerships if it benefits both parties. For more information, visit newtv.org/community-partners.

INTERNSHIPS
NewTV offers interns unique opportunities that aren’t available elsewhere. Instead of answering phones and working at an assignment desk, you could cover a community event for Newton News, edit a documentary for the Government Channel, work on your own project with the Education Channel or even design marketing and promotional materials for the station. At NewTV, you get the hands-on experience that you won’t get anywhere else. For more information, visit newtv.org/internships.

CLASSES
NewTV features over 20 classes each quarter, and also hosts several additional workshops throughout the year focusing on a range of topics. To use NewTV’s equipment, you must first be a member in good standing and have attended our monthly Orientation session. You can then choose to take any class in all three of our production tracks: Studio Production, Field Production or Post Production (editing). You may also take any of our other computer-based or continuing education classes. For more information visit newtv.org/classes.
New Members
NewTV welcomes the following new members:
Kerry Dello Russo  Bhavik Nagda
Chris Dwyer      Robin Samora
Julia Dwyer      Elizabeth Spencer
Andrea Higgins   Marie Warner

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