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10/1/2018 19:39:26 Time: 1:40 SLUG: BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL CELL PHONES

STUDENTS ARRIVE FOR THE DAY AT MARY LYON HIGH SCHOOL IN BRIGHTON, THE FIRST THING THEY DO IS WALK UP TO THESE ORGANIZERS AND GRAB A POUCH. THEY LOOK LIKE POCKET PROTECTORS... BUT THEY'RE FOR STUDENTS' CELL PHONES...AND THEY USE THE SAME TECHNOLOGY AS THOSE SECURITY SENSORS ON CLOTHES AT THE MALLHEADMASTER HERVE ("ER-VEY") ANOH ("I KNOW") SHOWED US HOW IT WORKS:AND THAT'S WHERE THE PHONE STAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY, WHEN ADMINISTRATORS UNLOCK THE POUCHES AND STUDENTS CAN USE THEIR PHONES AGAIN.THE COMPANY THAT MAKES THE POUCHES IS CALLED "YONDR"... AND THE POUCHES GO FOR ROUGHLY TWENTY DOLLARS A PIECE.

IT'S PARTICULARLY CHALLENGING FOR SOME OF THE STUDENTS HERE TO RESIST BEING GLUED TO THEIR PHONES IN THE CAFETERIA OR IN SOCIAL SETTINGS -- BECAUSE MARY LYON IS AN INCLUSIVE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH EMOTIONAL, BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL DISORDERS LIKE AUTISM. SOCIAL SKILLS DON'T ALWAYS COME EASY FOR THEM. AND WITHOUT A PHONE TO ESCAPE INTO, THEY'RE NOW FORCED TO SOCIALIZE DURING FREE TIME.IT STARTED AS A PILOT PROGRAM LAST YEAR, THIS SEPTEMBER, IT BECAME MANDATORY FOR THE ENTIRE SCHOOL.

STUDENTS SAY IT WAS A HARD ADJUSTMENT AT FIRST, BUT THEY'RE STARTING TO LIKE IT. MARY LYON HIGH SCHOOL IS 1 OF ONLY 4 SCHOOLS IN THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO USE THE TECHNOLOGY RIGHT NOW.THEY'RE HOPING THEY CAN BE A MODEL FOR OTHER SCHOOLS.

10/13/2018 6:20:09 Time: :15

SLUG: BRANDEIS HAZMAT

A GROUP OF ALMOST 200 STUDENTS - KICKED OUT OF THEIR DORMS FOR HOURS - AFTER A POTENTIALLY DEADLY CHEMICAL WAS DETECTED.STUDENTS AT BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY WERE EVACUATED YESTERDAY - AFTER SODIUM CYANIDE WAS FOUND IN THOSE DORMS.AS BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER CHRISTINE MCCARTHY EXPLAINS - THERE'S STILL A LOT OF QUESTIONS SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT.TAKE PKG----- THAT INCIDENT IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION THIS MORNING.BRANDEIS HAS SAID THAT ALL OF THE SUBSTANCES WERE REMOVED - BUT SO FAR - NO WORD ABOUT HOW IT MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN IN TO THE DORM.

THE SCHOOL SAYS IT DOES NOT EXPECT ANY ARRESTS WILL BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE INCIDENT.

10/13/2018 6:20:09 Time: :45

SLUG: TAUNTON ABUSE

A LOCAL TEACHER IS ACCUSED OF HITTING A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT.AND NOW - THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IS INVESTIGATING.THE MOTHER OF THE SIXTH GRADER SAYS THAT HER SON WAS HIT IN THE STOMACH EARLIER THIS WEEK - BY HIS TEACHER. SHE SAYS AFTER HITTING HIM, THE TEACHER WENT ON TO TAUNT HIM - IN FRONT OF HIS CLASSMATES. THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT "JOHN F PARKER MIDDLE SCHOOL" IN TAUNTON.IN A STATEMENT TO BOSTON 25 NEWS, SUPERINTENDENT JOHN CABRAL SAID, "WE TAKE ALL CONCERNS SERIOUSLY. STUDENT SAFETY AND THEIR WELL-BEING IS ALWAYS AT THE FOREFRONT. HOWEVER, IT IS THE PRACTICE OF THE TAUNTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOT PROVIDE ANY COMMENT ON PERSONNEL MATTERS."THE SUPERINTENDENT DIDN'T SAY WHETHER THE TEACHER IS STILL AN EMPLOYEE.MEANWHILE - TAUNTON POLICE SAY THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED A REPORT ABOUT THE ALLEGED INCIDENT

10/13/2018 6:21:43 Time:

SLUG: SEEKONK WALNUT FIELD

FROM ABOVE...THIS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD LOOKS LIKE ANY ORDINARY TURF.BUT, WHAT IT'S "MADE OF" IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY. IN FACT... THIS FIELD IS THE FIRST -- IN THE *WORLD -- TO USE THE LATEST IN SPORTS TURF TECHNOLOGY: WALNUTS. AND IF YOU THINK THAT COULD BE DANGEROUS FOR SOME KIDS, THINK AGAIN. BOSTON 25 NEWS ANCHOR CHRIS FLANAGAN IS IN SEEKONK.... WHERE THE COMPANY BEHIND THE TURF SAYS THE FIELD IS 100 PERCENT SAFE FOR ALL ATHLETES TO PLAY ON... EVEN THOSE WITH ALLERGIES.THE PRODUCT IS CALLED SAFESHELL -- IT BLENDS CRUSHED BLACK WALNUT SHELLS INTO THE TURF. THE OHIO COMPANY THAT DEVELOPED IT CLAIMS IT CAN REDUCE SURFACE TEMPERATURES BY UP TO 38 DEGREES -- AND THAT THE TURF IS SAFE FOR CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES. "THAT'S THE FIRST CONCERN, YES IS NUT ALLERGIES AND I'VE BEEN TOLD A PERSON WITH NUT ALLERGIES WOULD NOT HAVE A NUT REACTION" BOSTON25 NEWS HAS BEEN REPORTING ON POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS FOR YEARS -- AS A RESULT OF OLD SHREDDED TIRES.OFFICIALS AT THE WHEELER SCHOOL SAY THEY'VE DONE THEIR HOMEWORK AND ARE CERTAIN THIS NEW WALNUT SHELL FIELD IS SAFE.

10/16/2018 5:56:04 Time: :30 SLUG: WHITMAN HANSON HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS RESPOND
TWO STUDENT ATHLETES KNEW JUST WHAT TO DO WHEN A REFEREE COLLAPSED AT A WHITMAN-HANSON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME.THE OFFICIAL COLLAPSED FACE DOWN ON THE FIELD FRIDAY NIGHT. LUCKILY, THERE WERE TRAINED PARAMEDICS IN THE STANDS.THEY RAN TO THE FIELD AND WERE ABLE TO RAISE THE REFEREE'S LOW PULSE.MEANTIME, A SENIOR AND SOPHOMORE RAN INTO ACTION.THEY SPRINTED TO GET THE SCHOOL'S A-E-D MACHINE. EVEN THOUGH THE A-E-D DIDN'T NEED TO BE USED... THE PLAYERS SAY THEY ARE THANKFUL FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING THEY RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL.

11/3/2018 6:38:10 Time: :30 SLUG: DARTMOUTH COLLEGE SHOOTING
DEVELOPING THIS MORNING...A SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER HAS BEEN LIFTED FOLLOWING A SHOOTING NEAR DARTMOUTH COLLEGE IN HANOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE.A PERSON WAS SHOT ON THE SIDEWALK NEAR THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE READING ROOM WHICH IS JUST OFF CAMPUS.THE CAMPUS WAS ORDERED TO SHELTER IN PLACE AS POLICE INVESTIGATED. OFFICERS SAY NO OTHER SHOTS WERE FIRED IN THE AREA.THE VICTIM WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL.POLICE SAY THE VICTIM IS *NOT A STUDENT OR AN EMPLOYEE AT DARTMOUTH. HIS OR HER CONDITION IS UNCLEAR THIS MORNING.

11/3/2018 6:38:10 Time: :30 SLUG: HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAWSUIT
THINGS GOT HEATED IN COURT DURING CLOSING ARGUMENTS OVER ADMISSIONS POLICIES AT HARVARD. (TAKEVO) ...THE GROUP "STUDENTS FOR FAIR ADMISSIONS" SUED HARVARD AND ACCUSED IT OF HOLDING ASIAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS TO A HIGHER STANDARD AND LESS LIKELY TO ACCEPT THEM.HARVARD HAS DENIED THE ACCUSATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE, THEIR ATTORNEY FRIDAY CALLED THE STUDENT GROUP "A WOLF OF RACIAL BIAS" IT COULD BE MONTHS BEFORE THE JUDGE MAKES A RULING.

11/12/2018 17:47:35 Time: :29 SLUG: UNIV OF MASS BOSTON DORM PROBLEMS
U-MASS BOSTON SAYS IT IS WORKING TO FIX PROBLEMS PLAGUING THE SCHOOL'S FIRST ON-CAMPUS DORM.SINCE THE DORM OPENED IN SEPTEMBER, STUDENTS HAVE REPORTED PROBLEMS WITH PLUMBING, HEATING AND OTHER SAFETY ISSUES.IN ONE INSTANCE -- A GROUP OF STUDENTS SAY THEY WERE IN AN ELEVATOR WHEN IT SUDDENLY DROPPED SEVERAL FLOORS. OTHERS SAY SECURITY GUARDS DON'T KEEP TRACK OF WHO COMES IN THE BUILDING. THE SCHOOL'S PRESIDENT SAYS SHE'S WORKING TO FIX THE ISSUES... AND HOLD THE COMPANY THAT BUILT THE 120-MILLION DOLLAR DORM RESPONSIBLE.

11/13/2018 17:22:13 Time: 1:22 SLUG: DANGEROUS TOYS
EVERY YEAR... KIDS MAKE THEIR WISH LIST...AND EVERY YEAR.. BOSTON-BASED "WORLD AGAINST TOYS CAUSING HARM".. OR WATCH.. MAKES ITS OWN LIST.A LIST OF TOYS... THEY CONSIDER THE WORST.THEY LAID OUT WHAT'S ON THEIR LIST... EVERYTHING FROM THIS STOMP ROCKET... TO THIS SLEEP TIME LIGHT... TO THIS NERF GUN...ALSO INCLUDED.. POPULAR TOYS LIKE THIS "BLACK PANTHER SLASH CLAW"... AND PLASTIC POWER RANGERS SWORD. SOME OF THESE TOYS EARNED A SPOT ON THE LIST BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL CHOKING CONCERNS.JANE O'BRIEN IS THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT FRANCISCAN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND SAYS THIS LIST OF TOYS IS MORE THAN JUST A LIST.. WARNING PARENTS. AS SOON AS "WATCH" PUT OUT ITS LIST... THE TOY ASSOCIATION HAD ITS OWN WARNING.. QUESTIONING HOW THE TOYS WERE PICKED.

12/2/2018 19:38:19 Time: 2:21 SLUG: TEEN TEXT CODE
LIKE ANY GOOD PARENT, DIANE ALBIS KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON HER DAUGHTER'S CELL PHONE ACTIVITY. CHILDREN WITH CELLPHONES: IT'S A SCARY IDEA FOR A LOT OF MOMS AND DADS OUT THERE. A STUDY BY THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FINDS 1 IN 4 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE RECEIVED A SEXT. 1 IN 7... HAVE SENT THEM
ALBIS DOESN'T BELIEVE HER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS DOING ANYTHING INAPPROPRIATE, BUT WE WANTED TO SEE IF THESE MOTHERS COULD RECOGNIZE POPULAR CODES BEING USED BY YOUNG PEOPLE RIGHT NOW.STACY PENDARVIS IS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN, AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROTECTS KIDS FROM SEXUAL ABUSE AND BULLYING. AS FOR THOSE ACRONYMS FROM EARLIER? HERE'S WHAT THEY MEAN:
53X MEANS SEX....GNOC: GET NAKED ON CAMERA.....AND WTPP WANT TO TRADE PICTURESTHESE CODE WORDS COULD ALSO HELP STRANGERS CONNECT WITH YOUR TEENAGER. LMIRLTHAT MEANS: "LET'S MEET IN REAL LIFE"....SIGNALS: "PARENT GONE"...AND THIS ONE SAYS IT ALL: KPC"

KEEPING PARENTS CLUELESS" PENDARVIS SAYS YOU CAN LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WITH APPS LIKE BARK. THAT ALLOWS YOU MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S TEXTS, EMAILS, SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS AND PRIVATE MESSAGES. SHE ALSO SUGGESTS BEING HONEST WITH THEM... SO THEY KNOW THIS IS ABOUT SAFETY... NOT AN AN ATTACK ON THEIR PRIVACY. IN MASSACHUSETTS...TEXT MESSAGES WITH SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL INVOLVING A CHILD UNDER 18... *CAN* BE PROSECUTED UNDER CHILD PORNOGRAPHY LAWS EVEN IF THE PERSON WHO SENT IT IS A MINOR.IT'S A FELONY... AND COULD REQUIRE REGISTERING AS A SEX OFFENDER.JASON LAW BOSTON 25 NEWS.

12/3/2018 18:07:50 Time: :24

SLUG: WHEATON COLLEGE FIRES

DEVELOPING -- A FIVE-THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD IS BEING OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE ARREST OF THE PERSON WHO'S STARTED FOUR FIRES IN A DORM AT WHEATON COLLEGE.THE MOST RECENT FIRE HAPPENED AROUND 11:30 LAST NIGHT IN A TRASH CAN AT MCINTIRE HALL.TWO FIREFIGHTERS ARE NOW ON "FIRE WATCH" OUTSIDE THE BUILDING. COMING UP AT 6:30 -- HEAR FROM STUDENTS LIVING INSIDE THE DORM WHO ARE FRUSTRATED AND CONCERNED FOR THEIR SAFETY.

12/3/2018 18:05:37 Time: :21

SLUG: WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

WEYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GOT A THREE HOUR LATE START THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF AN UNSUBSTANTIATED THREAT, BUT THE DAY THEN WENT ON AS NORMAL. TAKE VO.....THE SCHOOL'S OPENING WAS PUSHED BACK UNTIL 10:30 TO GIVE POLICE ENOUGH TIME TO DEAL WITH THE THREAT. THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SAYS SEVERAL ADMINISTRATORS RECEIVED A THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE SCHOOL OVERNIGHT. THEY IMMEDIATELY CALLED POLICE..... TAKE SOT

12/4/2018 17:32:10 Time: 1:45

SLUG: DENTAL PROCEDURE ADDICTION

IT'S AN OCCASIONALLY OVERLOOKED PIECE OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC: YOUNG PEOPLE INTRODUCED TO HIGHLY ADDICTIVE PAIN KILLERS AFTER GETTING THEIR WISDOM TEETH PULLED.....SHOW GRAPHIC. A NEW STUDY OUT THIS WEEK FOUND SIX PERCENT OF 15-THOUSAND TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO RECEIVED DENTAL OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS ENDED UP WITH AN OPIOID ABUSE-RELATED DIAGNOSIS WITHIN ONE YEAR. THAT'S ABOUT 900 LIVES -- IN JEOPARDY.DENTIST DR. CHARLES DORING TEACHES OTHER DENTISTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF PRESCRIBING PAINKILLERS.DR. CHARLES DORING/DENTISTWE WENT TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONCERNS IN THE REPORT. THEY TOLD US THE STUDY IS TROUBLING BUT THAT THEIR GUIDELINES ARE MUCH STRICTER NOW THAN AT THE TIME THE STUDY WAS DONE IN 2015.SINCE THEN, THE A-D-A PUT INTO EFFECT A SEVEN DAY LIMIT ON OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS -- AND SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO DENTISTS: OVER-THE-COUNTER PAIN MEDICATIONS FIRST -- NARCOTICS, A LAST RESORT.....SOT.DR. DORING AND THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION ALSO POINT OUT THAT AWARENESS AMONG DENTISTS AND PARENTS IS HEIGHTENED.

WFXT-TV Local News of Public Interest

COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD

10/1/2018 7:40:28 Time 1:40

SLUG: ANDOVER GAS EMERGENCY

STARTING TODAY. BUSINESS OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE MERRIMACK VALLEY GAS EXPLOSIONS WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR EMERGENCY LOANS. EACH BUSINESS CAN GET UP TO 50 THOUSAND DOLLARS AND WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY PAYMENTS OR RACK UP ANY INTEREST FOR SIX MONTHS.. COLUMBIA GAS DONATED 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FUND..MEANWHILE.THE GAS COMPANY IS PLANNING TO CHECK OUT HOMES IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD EFFECTED COLUMBIA WILL BE MAKING PHONE CALLS AT LEAST 72 HOURS BEFORE PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, AND TECHNICIANS BEGIN WORKING IN THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS.THE COMPANY SAYS IT WILL CALL PEOPLE AT HOMES THAT NEED APPLIANCES REPLACED, GAS LINES TESTED, OR TEMPORARY HEATING.THEY SAY THE WORK WILL GET DONE STREET BY STREET... THROUGH NOVEMBER 19TH.

10/1/2018 22:08:55 Time: 1:48

SLUG: BROCKTON PRESCRIPTION

THE KIND GESTURE WAS A BRIGHT SPOT FOR THIS YOUNG MOTHER WHO IS FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE.FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS -- JAMIEE OCCHIPINI HAS BEEN BATTLING CANCER. SHE WAS DIAGNOSED AT 22 YEARS OLD WITH STAGE FOUR COLON CANCER - WHICH HAS SINCE SPREAD.HER DOCTORS BELIEVE A TUMOR ON HER SPINE IS HITTING A NERVE -- CAUSING HER SEVERE PAIN.SHE WAS PRESCRIBED A NERVE PAIN MEDICATON -- BUT WHEN SHE WENT TO FILL

THE PRESCRIPTION AT THE WALGREENS ON MAIN STREET IN BROCKTON - SHE WAS HIT WITH STICKER SHOCK. 'THEY TOLD HER IT WOULD BE \$900. DESPITE A PRIOR AUTHORIZATION - INSURANCE WOULD NOT COVER THE DRUG. THE PHARMACIST CALLED THE DRUGMAKER - AND THEY DID OFFER A DISCOUNT, BUT IT WAS STILL TOO MUCH - AND JAIMIE WENT HOME EMPTY HANDED. THEN SHE GOT A PHONE CALL FROM THE PHARMACY. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO FOR IT. NATARSHA TERRY- ALONG WITH HER FAMILY - OFFERED TO PAY TO COVER SOME OF THE PRESCRIPTION - ABOUT 80 DOLLARS WORTH - TO GET HER THROUGH THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE COUPLE AND THEIR FOUR-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER CAME TO THE PHARMACY TO PICK UP THE PILLS AND SAY THANK YOU.

10/3/2018 17:31:20 Time: :15

SLUG: CONCORD PROPANE TANK

NOW AT 6--STAYING ON TOP OF BREAKING NEWS-- WITHIN THE PAST HOUR - A PROPANE LEAK THAT FORCED EVACUATIONS IN CONCORD HAS BEEN PLUGGED AND WE'VE JUST LEARNED IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING ALLOWED BACK INTO THEIR HOMES. GOOD EVENING I'M MARK OCKERBLOOM. AND I'M VANESSA WELCH. THIS ALL STARTED AROUND TWO O'CLOCK DURING CONSTRUCTION AT AN ARTS CENTER ON STOW STREET -- SHORTLY AFTER WE BROKE INTO COVERAGE TO ALERT YOU TO THE EVACUATIONS. BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER BOB WARD HAS BEEN ON THE SCENE IN CONCORD FOR THE LAST 3 HOURS. AND BOB, YOU JUST FOUND OUT THE GOOD NEWS FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THIS LEAK.

10/7/2018 23:11:13 Time: :23

SLUG: REVERE RAT FOLO

THE CITY OF REVERE IS HOPING HEAVY DUTY TRASH BARRELS WILL HELP CURB A GROWING RAT PROBLEM. THE CITY IS HANDING OUT FREE BARRELS TO EVERY HOME. OFFICIALS SAY RATS HAVE INFESTED THE AREA BECAUSE PEOPLE LEAVE GARBAGE BAGS OUT ON THE SIDEWALK. REVERE SPENT 9- HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THE TRASH-CANS. THE CITY WILL FINE ANYONE WHO LEAVES TRASH BAGS ON THE GROUND... AND WILL ONLY COLLECT TRASH FROM THE CITY-ISSUED BARRELS

11/9/2018 17:52:48 Time: :21

SLUG: MERRIMAC VALLEY TAXES DEADLINE

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. THE THREE COMMUNITIES ARE STILL BEING AFFECTED BY THE DEADLY GAS EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES. THE STATE IS WAIVING PENALTIES FOR ANY LATE-PAYMENTS FROM THE DATE OF THE TRAGEDY UNTIL DECEMBER FIRST.

11/15/2018 7:27:06 Time: 1:40

SLUG: FRANKLIN DOG TRAINER

A FAMILY TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO KEEP THEIR SON WITH AUTISM SAFE AND UNTIL THIS WEEK, THEY THOUGHT THIS SERVICE DOG IN TRAINING, A BRIARD NAMED TEDDY WAS THE ANSWER. NOW THEY ARE DEALING WITH A FRUSTRATING TWIST. THEY RAISED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO GET A FULLY TRAINED SERVICE DOG.. BUT AS BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER BOB WARD EXPLAINS.. THE COMPANY THEY ALREADY PAID.. IS NOW GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. THE MAXFIELDS RAISED MORE THAN 14-THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM DONATIONS TO ACQUIRE TEDDY FROM A NORTH CAROLINA NON PROFIT CALLED RY-CON. BUT THIS WEEK, THE MAXFIELDS LEARNED RY-CON IS GOING OUT OF BUSINESS, AND ON THURSDAY, KRISTIE WILL DRIVE TO NORTH CAROLINA TO PICK UP TEDDY, WHO IS RIGHT NOW, JUST EIGHT MONTHS OLD. THE REMAINS OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE TEENAGER WHO WENT MISSING 30 YEARS AGO WERE IDENTIFIED THIS WEEK AND NOW POLICE ARE CONNECTING HER DISAPPEARANCE TO A NOTORIOUS SERIAL KILLER. ELIZABETH LAMOTTE WAS LAST SEEN LEAVING A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN MANCHESTER BACK IN 1984. SHE WAS 17 AT THE TIME. LAMOTTE WASN'T REPORTED AT A MISSING PERSON UNTIL LAST YEAR. HER BROTHERS BOTH AGREED TO A D-N-A TEST - AND THIS WEEK, MANCHESTER POLICE WERE NOTIFIED OF A MATCH - TO A BODY FOUND IN TENNESSEE IN 19-85. AN AUTOPSY CONCLUDED LAMOTTE WAS MURDERED BY BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD. POLICE BELIEVE LAMOTTE MAY HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO TERRY PEDER RASMUSSEN WHO ALSO WENT BY THE ALIAS BOB EVANS. RASMUSSEN IS THE MAIN SUSPECT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NOTORIOUS ALLENSTOWN MURDERS. RASMUSSEN DIED IN PRISON BACK IN 2010. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LAMOTTE'S DEATH ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

11/15/2018 17:51:58 Time: :23

SLUG: BOXFORD SCHOOL SWASTIKAS

SYMBOLS OF HATE - DISCOVERED IN BOXFORD. ON NOVEMBER 6TH AND 7TH - SWASTIKAS WERE FOUND IN THE BOY'S BATHROOM OF MASCONOMET HIGH SCHOOL. WE'VE LEARNED PARENTS WERE TOLD ABOUT THE ISSUE YESTERDAY - AND THAT THE NAZI SYMBOLS WERE *NOT* DISCOVERED BY STUDENTS. AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY TO SEE WHO'S RESPONSIBLE.

THE SCHOOL PLANS TO USE THE INCIDENT AS A TEACHABLE MOMENT AND HAS REACHED OUT TO THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE.

11/15/2018 18:15:04 Time: :22

SLUG: PEABODY KIDS HIT

AND WE ARE STAYING ON TOP OF BREAKING NEWS ON THE NORTH SHORE..STATE POLICE NOW TWEETING... THE TWO CHILDREN HIT BY A CAR IN PEABODY... HAVE SERIOUS INJURIES. THIS IS HAPPENING ON WASHINGTON STREET... PART OF THE ROAD NEAR OAK STREET IS SHUT DOWN RIGHT NOW.IT'S NOT CLEAR IF THE DRIVER THAT HIT THEM STAYED AT THE SCENE. WE HAVE CREWS ON THE WAY RIGHT NOW.. AND WILL UPDATE YOU AS WE LEARN MORE.

11/16/2018 22:19:09 Time: :25

SLUG: MERRIMACK RIVER NEEDLES

RIGHT NOW, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF DIRTY NEEDLES SCATTERED ALL ALONG THE BANKS OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER. WE FOUND OUT FIRST HAND WHEN WE WENT OUT THIS WEEK WITH A CLEAN UP CREW IN LOWELL. ROCKY MORRISON RUNS "CLEAN RIVER PROJECT."FOR MONTHS HIS CREW HAS CLEANED UP HOMELESS CAMPS ALONG THE RIVER. HIS TEAM COLLECTED MORE THAN *TWO THOUSAND* DIRTY NEEDLES FROM 13 HOMELESS CAMPS IN LOWELL.MORRISON SAYS MANY OF THESE NEEDLES WIND UP IN THE RIVER.

11/18/2018 19:31:44 Time: :24

SLUG: DAY OF REMEBERANCE TRAFFIC CRASHES VIGIL

THERE'S A CALL FOR CHANGE IN BOSTON AFTER A BOSTON UNIVERSITY GRAD STUDENT WAS HIT AND KILLED WHILE RIDING A BIKE.BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER JIM MORELLI WAS THERE TODAY AS BIKE ADVOCATES CALLED FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ROADS.. TO PREVENT ANOTHER TRAGEDY. HE WAS BORN IN MAY...AND DIED IN THE SPRINGTIME OF HIS LIFE... MENG JIN IS A GHOST BIKE NOW... THE CROSSWALK NEARBY... A HAUNTED PLACE. THAT WAS A COUPLE OF FRIDAYS AGO. WHEN THE TWENTY-FOUR-YEAR-OLD B-U GRADUATE STUDENT WAS RIDING NEAR THE MUSEUM OF SCIENCE. BIKING ADVOCATES SAY IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS PHYSICAL BARRIERS FOR BIKE LANES... AND A REQUIREMENT FOR SIDE GUARDS ON TRUCKS... TO PREVENT BIKERS AND PEDESTRIANS FROM GETTING PULLED UNDER. THE DEDICATION OF MENG JIN'S GHOST BIKE COINCIDED, SADLY, WITH THE 2018 WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE... WHICH COMMEMORATES THOSE KILLED AND INJURED ON ROADS. MANY WHO ATTENDED THE DEDICATION THEN RODE TO THE STATE HOUSE TO REMEMBER OTHERS. BICYCLE DEATHS IN CITIES ARE UP THIRTEEN PERCENT SINCE 2008, THE GOVERNMENT SAYS... NOT A SURPRISE TO SOME... WHO SAY RIDING A BICYCLE IN BOSTON... IS A GAME OF CHANCE.

12/8/2018 22:14:31 Time: :17

SLUG: BURLINGTON BEAR

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS SAY THERE'S NO REASON TO WORRY ABOUT A BEAR IN BURLINGTON.THEY'VE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS ABOUT IT - SO THEY'RE ASKING PEOPLE TO REMOVE BIRD FEEDERS AND KEEP TRASH INSIDE OF BINS.AND IF YOU SEE IT --STAY AWAY. ANIMAL CONTROL IS ALSO ASKING PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR DOGS ON LEASHES.

12/10/2018 8:53:43 Time: :25

SLUG: SHIRLEY RATS INFESTATION

HAPPENING TONIGHT...SHIRLEY TOWN LEADERS ARE MEETING WITH RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS...AFTER SEVERAL HOUSES WERE INFESTED WITH RATS.DOZENS OF HOMEOWNERS WENT TO A MEETING LAST WEEK TO COMPLAIN.HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THE HOUSES ARE ATTRACTING RATS - SINCE THEY ARE NOT AS CLEAN AS THEY SHOULD BE.RESIDENTS ARE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH AND SAFETY.THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SAYS THEY ARE WORKING TO FIND A SOLUTION.

12/12/2018 23:02:43 Time: :24

SLUG: BEN ABERCROMBIE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

NEW AT 10--THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS RAISED TO SUPPORT A COLLEGE STUDENT.. RECOVERING FROM A LIFE-CHANGING INJURY.WE TOLD YOU LAST NIGHT AS CROWDS SWARMED EL JEFE'S TAQUERIA IN HARVARD SQUARE FOR THE SECOND "BEN ABERCROMBIE DAY." THE HARVARD FOOTBALL PLAYER SUFFERED A SPINAL CORD INJURY DURING HIS FIRST COLLEGIATE TACKLE IN SEPTEMBER 2017...THAT LEFT HIM PARALYZED THIS YEAR, THE CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY RAISED 26 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN ONE DAY.

12/12/2018 23:03:52 Time: :24

SLUG: ABCD TOY DRIVE

A MASSIVE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE IS IN NEED OF HELP. BOSTON-BASED, A-B-C-D SAYS IT HAS RECEIVED 7-THOUSAND REQUESTS FOR TOYS AND ONLY ABOUT A THOUSAND DONATIONS SO FAR.TAKE VO---ABCD SAYS ALMOST 28-THOUSAND BOSTON CHILDREN, OR 26-PERCENT, ARE LIVING

IN POVERTY IN BOSTON.SO FOR FAMILIES MAKING DIFFICULT FINANCIAL DECISIONS, GIFTS MAY BE OUT OF REACH.FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE... BOSTON 25 NEWS.COM

12/14/2018 6:31:56 Time: :25

SLUG: REVERE VIGIL

A SOMBER NIGHT IN REVERE - AS THE COMMUNITY GATHERED TO REMEMBER TWO SISTERS -WHO WERE HIT AND KILLED BY A CAR(TAKE VO)5-YEAR-OLD ADRIANA MEJIA-RIVERA DIED SUNDAY AFTER BEING HIT BY A CAR WHILE WALKING WITH HER FAMILY ON THE REVERE BEACH PARKWAY AND SADLY---YESTERDAY - MORNING WE LEARNED HER 2-MONTH-OLD BABY SISTER, NATASHA, ALSO DIED FROM HER INJURIES.LAST NIGHT---HUNDREDS GATHERED OUTSIDE REVERE CITY HALL TO SUPORT THE THE FAMILY AND REMEMBER THE TWO LITTLE GIRLS. THE LITTLE GIRLS FATHER SPOKE IN SPANISH AT THE VIGL---SAYING THEY ARE OVERHWELMED WITH GRIEF AFTER THAT VIGIL, THE FAMILY WENT TO THE CRASH SCENE - WHERE THEY PRAYED MORE AND EXCHANGED HUGS.THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE INVOLVED IN THE CRASH - 42-YEAR-OLD AUTUMN HARRIS OF BOSTON - IS FACING SEVERAL CHARGES, INCLUDING VEHICULAR HOMICIDE.

WFXT-TV Local News of Public Interest

ECONOMY & TAXPAYER ISSUES

10/2/2018 17:44:38 Time: 1:33 SLUG: LIFELINKS DIRECTOR CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

TONIGHT A LOCAL WOMAN IS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT... MORE THAN A YEAR AFTER 25 INVESTIGATES FIRST EXPOSED ALLEGATIONS THAT SHE STOLE TAXPAYER MONEY... MEANT FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER ERIC RASMUSSEN BROKE THE STORY... AND HE'S HERE NOW WITH THE NEW DETAILS ABOUT WHERE ALL OF THAT STOLEN MONEY WAS REALLY GOING. NOW WITH A LAWYER BY HER SIDE... AMY YOUNG USED TO TEAM UP WITH FAMILIES IN NEED.YET, THE FORMER DIRECTOR AT "LIFE-LINKS" IS CHARGED WITH HELPING HERSELF TO MORE THAN \$135,000 IN TAXPAYER MONEY... THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE SPENT ON KIDS WITH DISABILITIES. THAT'S ALL SHE SAID IN THIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE.. BUT ACCORDING TO A COMPLAINT... JUST FILED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE... YOUNG ADMITTED SHE EMBEZZLED MONEY FROM LIFE-LINKS... WHICH SERVES AS A NON-PROFIT MIDDLEMAN THAT PASSES ALONG FUNDING FROM THE STATE TO KIDS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. YOUNG WAS FINALLY CAUGHT IN 2016... AFTER SHE HAD LIFE-LINKS CUT A 22-HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECK TO THIS BOWING ALLEY IN TEWKSBURY... FOR A SUPPOSED "PARENTS NIGHT OUT" FOR 22 MEMBERS OF LIFE-LINKS FAMILIES. IN REALITY... INVESTIGATORS SAY YOUNG'S FACEBOOK MESSAGES "SHOWED THAT SHE HAD HOSTED A SORORITY REUNION PARTY" INSTEAD. OVER FIVE YEARS... PROSECUTORS SAY YOUNG USED TAXPAYER MONEY ON.. HOME CONTRACTORS, GYM MEMBERSHIPS, CAMPS FOR HER KIDS, DOCTORS AND DENTIST BILLS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. LISA GALLAGHER-PUCCIA AND OTHER PARENTS SAY THEY'VE STRUGGLED TO GET HELP FROM LIFE-LINKS... AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE THE ORGANIZATION'S STATEMENT THAT NO FAMILIES WERE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY YOUNG'S ACTIONS.

10/3/2018 7:57:45 Time: 1:00

SLUG: METRO MAYOR/HOUSING

MASSACHUSETTS IS FACING A SERIOUS HOUSING SHORTAGE. DEMAND ACROSS THE STATE IS RISING, AND THAT'S DRIVING UP HOME PRICES AND MAKING HARDER AND HARDER TO LIVE CLOSE TO THE CITY.BOSTON 25 NEWS ANCHOR JASON LAW JOINS US WITH THE PLANS FROM A GROUP OF MAYORS TO BUILD THOUSANDS OF NEW HOUSING UNITS. ANYONE WHO'S LOOKED AT BUYING OR RENTING IN BOSTON KNOWS HOW CHALLENGING IT IS, AND THE PROBLEM ISN'T GETTING BETTER. NOW 15 MAYORS ARE HOPING A CONSTRUCTION BOOM WILL LEAD TO LOWER COSTS.TUESDAY THE COALITION OF MAYORS FROM MEDFORD TO NEWTON TO WINTHROP ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CREATE 185-THOUSAND NEW HOUSES, CONDOS AND APARTMENTS BY THE YEAR 2030. THAT'S A CONTRUCTION RATE THREE TIMES AS FAST AS WHAT'S BEEN BUILT IN THE LAST DECADE. MAYOR'S SAY THE KEY IS TO BUILD WISELY, LIKE BUILDING NEAR EXISTING MBTA STOPS, AND NOT SIMPLY OVERCROWD ALREADY CROWDED NEIGHBORHOODS.

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SLUG: JOBLESS NUMBERS

THIS JUST IN....UNEMPLOYMENT IS AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL IN NEARLY 50 YEARS . THE MONTHLY JOBS REPORT SHOWS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL TO 3.7 PERCENT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. THAT'S THE LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1969.LOCAL RETAIL CHAINS SAY THE ECONOMY IS SO GOOD THEY ARE HAVING A HARD TIME FILLING SEASONAL JOBS FOR THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

10/8/2018 23:04:56 Time: :32

SLUG: MASSACHUSETTS ONE OF THE RICHEST STATES

MASSACHUSETTS RANKS NEAR THE TOP OF A NEW REPORT...NAMING THE RICHEST STATES IN THE NATION.THE FINANCIAL NEWS WEBSITE '24-7 WALL STREET' RANKED THE BAY STATE AS THE FOURTH RICHEST STATE.WITH A MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF MORE THAN 77-THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND LAST YEAR'S STATE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE.. WAS THE 16TH LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY. AT THREE-POINT-SEVEN PERCENT.THE POVERTY RATE... ALSO ONE OF THE LOWEST. JUST OVER 10-PERCENT.THE REPORT CITES THE NUMBER OF COLLEGE EDUCATED RESIDENTS.. 43-PERCENT HAVE AT LEAST A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.NEW HAMPSHIRE IS ALSO RANKED IN THE TOP TEN.

11/9/2018 17:52:48 Time: :21

SLUG: MERRIMACK VALLEY REVENUE TAXES DEADLINE

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.THE THREE COMMUNITIES ARE STILL BEING AFFECTED BY THE DEADLY GAS EXPLOSIONS AND FIRES.THE STATE IS WAIVING PENALTIES FOR ANY LATE-PAYMENTS FROM THE DATE OF THE TRAGEDY UNTIL DECEMBER FIRST.

11/12/2018 6:58:07 Time: :25 SLUG: ATHENA HEALTH IN WATERTOWN IS SOLD

A WATERTOWN HEALTH CARE SOFTWARE COMPANY IS BEING BOUGHT BY A PAIR OF NEW YORK FINANCIAL FIRMS. ATHENA-HEALTH WAS PUT UP FOR SALE AMID COMPLAINTS OF SLUGGISH PROFITS.REUTERS IS NOW REPORTING IT HAS BEEN BOUGH BY VERITAS CAPITAL AND ELLIOTT MANAGEMENT FOR 5-POINT-5 BILLION DOLLARS.AN ANNOUNCEMENT COULD COME AS SOON AS THIS MORNING.THE COMPANY HAS ABOUT 2-THOUSAND EMPLOYEES IN THE BOSTON AREA. THERE'S NO WORD IF JOBS WILL BE IMPACTED.

11/13/2018 17:40:07 Time: 1:34

SLUG: SUFFOLK DOWNS' FUTURE

NOT BOSTON...AMAZON CHOSE LONG ISLAND CITY, NEW YORK AND ARLINGTON,VIRGINA AS JOINT WINNERS OF THEIR 14-MONTH-LONG COMPETITION FOR A SECOND HEADQUARTERS.AMAZON'S HQ2 WOULD HAVE GONE INTO A MIXED USE PROJECT ON THE SUFFOLK DOWNS SITE...IN DEVELOPMENT BY HYM INVESTMENT GROUP. THE TWO WINNING CITIES WILL EACH GET 25,000 JOBS THAT PAY AN AVERAGE OF \$150,000. BOSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL REAL ESTATE EXPERT KATHERINE CARLOCK TELLS ME NEW YORK AND ARLINGTON, VIRGINA ARE AT THE CENTER OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY AND IT'S A JUST A GOOD MOVE BY AMAZON. AND...BOSTON WAS OUTBID THE WINING CITIES OFFERED A COMBINED PACKAGE OF OVER 2-BILLION DOLLARS.

11/13/2018 18:04:10 Time: :25

SLUG: AIRBNB SUING BOSTON

AIR B-N-B IS SUING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO BLOCK ENFORCEMENT OF NEW RULES ON SHORT-TERM RENTALS. EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE TOLD YOU ABOUT A NEW ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.IT BANS INVESTORS AND TENANTS FROM RENTING OUT ROOMS BY THE NIGHT. OWNER-OCCUPIED UNITS CAN STILL BE RENTED..... BUT HOSTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY AND PAY A FEE.IN A NEW LAWSUIT... AIR B-N-B CLAIMS THE RULES VIOLATE FEDERAL LAW. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE EFFECT JANUARY FIRST.

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SLUG: OPIOID CRISIS COST MA

THE OPIOID CRISIS IS COSTING MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS BILLIONS OF DOLLARS A YEAR. THAT IS ACCORDING TO A REPORT BY THE MASSACHUSETTS TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION.THE GROUP CLAIMS THE DRUG CRISIS COSTS NEARLY SIX BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR IN LOST PRODUCTIVITY BY EMPLOYEES WHO AREN'T WORKING BECAUSE OF DRUG ABUSE.THE FOUNDATION FOUND THAT 33-THOUSAND PEOPLE IN MASSACHUSETTS AREN'T WORKING BECAUSE OF OPIOID USE.

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SLUG: GAS PRICES DROPPING

MORE RELIEF AT THE PUMP THIS WEEK AS GAS PRICES CONTINUE TO FALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.(TAKE VO)THE AVERAGE COST OF A GALLON OF GAS IN THE U-S HAS FALLEN 22 CENTS OVER THE LAST THREE WEEKS TO TWO DOLLARS, 51 CENTS.IN BOSTON, THE COST IS JUST ABOVE AVERAGE AT TWO DOLLARS, 68 CENTS.GAS PRICES HAVE BEEN FALLING FOR MONTHS. ANALYSTS SAY FALLING CRUDE OIL COSTS ARE LIKELY THE REASON WHY.

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SLUG: CASINO REVENUE

CASHING IN ON CASINOS.THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT RAKED IN MORE THAN 34-MILLION DOLLARS IN GROSS REVENUE IN NOVEMBER.THAT'S FROM BOTH

THE PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO AND M-G-M SPRINGFIELD THE GAMING COMMISSION SAYS 82-PERCENT OF THAT REVENUE IS ALLOTTED TO LOCAL AID. MEANWHILE.. 18-PERCENT IS ALLOTTED TO THE RACE HORSE DEVELOPMENT FUND.TO DATE.. MASSACHUSETTS HAS COLLECTED MORE THAN 297-MILLION DOLLARS IN TAXES SINCE BOTH CASINOS OPENED.

12/19/2018 8:09:23 Time: :20

SLUG: SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS DOWN NEARLY 20%

WHEN MANY OF US SPOT THAT ICONIC RED KETTLE OUTSIDE GROCERY STORES AND HEAR THE SOUND OF THE BELL... THAT MEANS THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS UPON US.... A TIME FOR GIVING. BUT THIS YEAR... MEMBERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY WORRY THEY'LL FALL SHORT OF THEIR GOAL. AND THAT MEANS FOLKS WHO DESPERATELY RELY ON THEIR SERVICES, COULD SUFFER THE 20-18 RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN STARTED OUT WITH A BOOM... SETTING A GOAL OF 3.5 MILLION DOLLARS HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS. BUT NOW, DONATIONS ARE DOWN NEARLY 20 PERCENT IN HALF THEIR LOCATIONS. THE FUNDS RAISED DURING THE CAMPGAIN GO TOWARDS YEAR-ROUND SERVICES IN SHELTERS, MEALS, CLOTHING AND DISASTER RELIEF MAJOR DAVID DAVIS SAYS THE SHORT-FALL COULD BE SIMPLY BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE AREN'T CARRYING CASH ANYMORE... THAT'S WHY THEY ESTABLISHED AN ONLINE DONATION PORTAL AND SIMPLE TEXT LINE TO MAKE IT EASY FOR ALL DURING THE SEASON OF GIVING

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SLUG: FED INTEREST RATES TODAY

THE NATION'S CENTRAL BANK IS EXPECTED TO RAISE INTEREST RATES AGAIN TODAY... TAKE VO-----RESTORING FED RATE HIKE. THE FEDERAL RESERVE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE RATES BY A QUARTER OF A PERCENTAGE POINT.... IMPACTING THINGS LIKE CREDIT CARD AND HOME INTEREST RATES.IT WILL BE THE BANK'S FOURTH RATE HIKE THIS YEAR... BUT THIS TIME IT COMES AMID TURBULENCE IN THE MARKETS.FORMER FED CHAIRMAN ALAN GREENSPAN TOLD C-N-N YESTERDAY... HE THINKS THE ECONOMY IS SLOWING DOWN... AND, WHILE THE MARKETS MAY STILL RISE... HE SAYS THE DROP AT THE END OF THAT RUN WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.PRESIDENT TRUMP HAS URGED THE HEAD OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE NOT TO RAISE INTEREST RATES.

12/28/2018 21:55:03 Time:

SLUG: GOV. BAKER AIRBNB BILL

GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER SIGNED NEW LEGISLATION INTO LAW THAT TAXES AND REGULATES SHORT-TERM RENTALS.. LIKE THOSE ON AIR B-n-B. LAST WEEK, WE TOLD YOU WHEN STATE LAWMAKERS REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE BILL.THE DEAL EXEMPTS OPERATORS OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS FROM PAYING TAXES --- PROVIDED THEY FILE A *DECLARATION NOT TO RENT* MORE THAN 14-DAYS PER CALENDAR YEAR.

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GOVERNMENT & POLITICS

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UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, SEN. JEFF FLAKE'S APPEARANCE AT THE FORBES '30 UNDER 30' EVENT IN BOSTON WOULD NOT HAVE PROMPTED THE BLINK OF AN EYE, LET ALONE A PROTEST EXPECTED TO DRAW THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.THese ARE NOT NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THAT WAS THE SCENE FRIDAY MORNING...AS TWO PROTESTORS MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA TO SENATOR JEFF FLAKE IN AN ELEVATOR AT THE U.S. CAPITOL. A CONFRONTATION BROADCAST ON T-V. PROTESTORS COMING TO CITY HALL PLAZA TODAY ALSO HOPE TO SWAY THE ARIZONA REPUBLICAN SENATOR TO VOTE 'NO' ON THE SUPREME COURT NOMINATION OF JUDGE BRETT KAVANAUGH.KAVANAUGH DENIED ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ASSAULT WHILE TESTIFYING TO THE SENATE ON THURSDAY...AND SEN. FLAKE CALLED FRIDAY FOR A REOPENED, ONE-WEEK-LONG, F-B-I INVESTIGATION.SEN. FLAKE EXPLAINED HIS DECISION ON '60 MINUTES.'BOSTON MAYOR MARTY WALSH SAYS HE'LL JOIN THE LOCAL PROTEST HERE AT CITY HALL PLAZA, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO START AT 10.....WITH A SLATE OF SPEAKER AT 10:30. HEAR FROM ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS IN OUR NEXT REPORT IN 30

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SLUG: QUESTION 1 SURVEY

ONE OF THE BIGGEST TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AHEAD OF NOVEMBER'S ELECTION IS QUESTION ONE.IF APPROVED, THE BALLOT MEASURE WOULD ENFORCE STRICT NURSE-TO-PATIENT RATIOS AT HOSPITALS ACROSS THE STATE.WHILE SUPPORTERS SAY IT WOULD IMPROVE PATIENT CARE... CRITICS SAY IT WOULD INCREASE COSTS AND WAIT TIMES AT THE HOSPITAL...

AS BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER JIM MORELLI REPORTS... NOW THE STATE'S HEALTH CARE WATCH DOG AGENCY IS WEIGHING IN...TAKE PKG

10/7/2018 23:10:31 Time: :26

SLUG: BAKER ENDORSES QUESTION 3

GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER HAS ENDORSED QUESTION 3 - WHICH WOULD UPHOLD THE STATE'S ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAW FOR PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS TRANSGENDER. BAKER FILE. BAKER ENDORSED THE QUESTION IN AN OP-ED PUBLISHED IN THE 'RAINBOW TIMES' FRIDAY. THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THE 20-16 TRANSGENDER ANTIDISCRIMINATION LAW THAT WOULD BE REPEALED IF QUESTION 3 DOES NOT PASS. IN THE OPINION PIECE, BAKER SAYS HE IS PROUD TO BE A POLITICIAN IN A STATE THAT SHARES A COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY AND CROSSES PARTY LINES.

10/8/2018 8:07:08 Time: :35

SLUG: SUSAN COLLINS ON KAVANAUGH

MAINE SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS IS DEFENDING HER DECISION TO VOTE TO CONFIRM JUSTICE KAVANAUGH..THE MODERATE REPUBLICAN WAS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE KEY SWING VOTES IN THE CONFIRMATION PROCESS.. COLLINS SAID IN INTERVIEWS YESTERDAY THAT WHEN SHE HEARD DR. CHRISTINE BLASEY FORD'S TESTIMONY.. SHE BELIEVED HER AND WAS VERY COMPELLED BY HER STORY..HOWEVER, SHE SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE CORROBORATING FORD'S ACCUSATIONS THAT KAVANAUGH ASSAULTED HER SHE SAID AFTER REVIEWING THE TESTIMONY AND THE F-B-I REPORT.. SHE HAD NO OTHER CHOICE BUT TO VOTE FOR KAVANAUGH.

10/8/2018 23:04:07 Time: :30 SLUG: FORMER STATE SEN.BRYAN JOYCE CASE DISMISSED

THE FEDERAL CASE AGAINST THE FORMER STATE SENATOR ACCUSED OF RACKETEERING AND POLITICAL CORRUPTION HAS BEEN DISMISSED.BRIAN JOYCE WAS FOUND DEAD IN HIS WESTPORT HOME ON SEPTEMBER 27TH.JOYCE WAS OUT ON BOND AFTER BEING ARRESTED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO ON FEDERAL CORRUPTION CHARGES.HE WAS ACCUSED OF USING HIS POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN EXCHANGE FOR CASH AND BRIBES.JOYCE PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO THE CHARGES... AND WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO TRIAL IN MAY.WE ARE STILL AWAITING RESULTS OF AN AUTOPSY..JOYCE SERVED IN THE STATE SENATE FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS.

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SLUG: GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME GOVERNOR BAKER... AND HIS CHALLENGER JAY GONZALEZ HAVE SQUARED OFF.-AND- TONIGHT'S DEBATE... BROUGHT SOME LIFE TO WHAT'S BEEN A SLEEPY RACE... SO FAR SUPPORTERS OF BOTH CANDIDATES RALLIED OUTSIDE BEFORE THINGS GOT UNDERWAYAND IT GOT LOUD INSIDE JAY GONZALEZ...SPENT MUCH OF THE HOUR LONG DEBATE ON THE ATTACK... HE USED THE TERM "STATUS QOU" AT LEAST DOZEN TIMES WHEN REFERRING TO GOVERNOR BAKER... AND TALKED ABOUT QUOTE "FIGHTING FOR THE LITTLE GUY"GONZALEZ TOUTED HIS EXPERIENCE AS THE STATE BUDGET CHIEF UNDER FORMER GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK.HE BELIEVES THE STATE IS NOT SPENDING ENOUGH ON THINGS LIKE TRANSPORTATION, EDUCATION, AND GAS PIPELINE SAFETY.GONZALEZ WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF GOVERNOR'S BAKER'S OVERSIGHT OF THE MBTAGOVERNOR BAKER REMAINS THE MOST POPULAR GOVERNOR IN THE COUNTRY.HE SAYS HIS ADMINISTRATION IS SPENDING BILLIONS ON THE MBTA'S CORE INFRASTRUCTURE - HE SAYS THE WORK THEY ARE DOING IS "NOT SEXY" BUT IT'S WHAT'S REQUIRED TO GET THE T WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE.

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SLUG: BALLOT QUESTIONS

THERE ARE ALSO THREE QUESTIONS VOTERS WILL ANSWER ON TOMORROW'S BALLOT. QUESTION ONE.. ONE OF THE MOST CONTENTIOUS QUESTIONS.. ASKS VOTERS IF THE STATE SHOULD MANDATE A PATIENT LIMIT FOR NURSES WORKING IN MASSACHUSETTS HOSPITALS. QUESTION TWO.. WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION THAT WOULD WORK TO OVERTURN THE CITIZENS UNITED SUPREME COURT DECISION.THE GROUP WOULD MAKE A REPORT EXAMINING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.AND QUESTION THREE ASKS VOTERS WHETHER THEY APPROVE OF THE EXISTING STATE LAW BANNING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN PUBLIC PLACES.WE'VE LOOKED INTO THESE THREE BALLOT QUESTIONS..AND YOU CAN FIND MORE DETAILS ON WHAT THEY MEAN.. BY VISITING BOSTON 25 NEWS DOT COM SLASH ELECTION 2018.

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SLUG: BOSTON EARLY VOTING NUMBERS

THE CITY OF BOSTON HAS RELEASED ITS EARLY VOTING NUMBERS.ACCORDING TO THE BOSTON ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT--THERE ARE AROUND 413-THOUSAND REGISTERED VOTERS.MORE THAN 28-THOUSAND VOTERS CAST THEIR BALLOTS EARLY THIS YEAR.THAT'S AROUND 7 PERCENT OF

THE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE CITY. IF YOU HAVEN'T VOTED YET.. DON'T WORRY, THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL EIGHT O'CLOCK TOMORROW NIGHT.

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SLUG: MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNORS RACE PREVIEW

JAY GONZALEZ KNOWS HE'S THE UNDERDOG... BUT HE TELLS US ON THE EVE OF ELECTION DAY, HE'S NOT FOCUSED ON THE NUMBERS. GONZALEZ PROMISES TO BETTER FUND EDUCATION, TRANSFORM THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND REVAMP THE TROUBLED MBTA. HIS CAMPAIGN SUPPORTED AND ENERGIZED BY THE GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT AYANNA PRESSLEY WAS PART OF. IN THE SEPTEMBER PRIMARY, SHE UNSEATED INCUMBENT MIKE CAPUANO, A FRONTRUNNER IN THE POLLS. BOTH GONZALEZ AND HIS OPPONENT, HAVE BEEN OUTSPOKEN AGAINST PRESIDENT TRUMP. REPUBLICAN GOVERNOR CHARLIE BAKER MAKING THE PRE-ELECTION DAY ROUNDS, WITH STOPS AT A LOWELL DINER, A SENIOR CENTER AND BY EVENING, HIS HOMETOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT. BAKER, BILLED AS THE MOST POPULAR GOVERNOR IN THE COUNTRY, HAS HEAVILY OUTSPENT GONZALEZ. HE PROMISES VOTERS HE'LL BE A BIPARTISAN LEADER, STRENGTHENING THE COMMONWEALTH'S EDUCATION SYSTEM AND ECONOMY, AND FIGHTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC.

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SLUG: ELECTION DAY

THE POLLS OPEN HERE IN WESTWOOD AND ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH IN JUST ABOUT 2 ½ HOURS.... THEY'LL STAY OPEN FROM 7 A.M. THROUGH 8 P.M. THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH BILL GALVIN PREDICTED ROUGHLY 2.4 MILLION REGISTERED VOTERS WILL CAST A BALLOT BY THE END OF THE DAY. THAT INCLUDES 585-THOUSAND MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS WHO USED THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD. ONE OF THE TOP RACES TODAY IS FOR GOVERNOR. REPUBLICAN INCUMBENT CHARLIE BAKER IS SEEKING A SECOND, FOUR-YEAR TERM, CITING BIPARTISAN LEADERSHIP AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC SPHERES. DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGER JAY GONZALEZ PROMISES TO TRANSFORM THE T, BETTER FUND PUBLIC EDUCATION AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

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SLUG: AYANNA PRESSLEY

VICTORY SPEECH -- AFTER A HISTORIC PRIMARY... CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT AYANNA PRESSLEY ADDRESSED THE CROWD AT THE FAIRMONT COPLEY... GIVING ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL ***NON-VICTORY*** SPEECHES OF THE NIGHT. I SAT DOWN WITH THE FIRST BLACK FEMALE BOSTON CITY COUNCILOR... NOW THE FIRST BLACK MASSACHUSETTS CONGRESSWOMAN... LESS THAN 12 HOURS AFTER SHE TOOK THAT STAGE... AND DEMOCRATS FLIPPED THE HOUSE ELECTING THE FIRST LATINX, NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN, MUSLIM... THE YOUNGEST AND OPENLY GAY REPRESENTATIVES IN STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTIONS. AND PRESSELY REJECTS HER ELECTION WAS ABOUT IDENTITY POLITICS. PRESSELY TELLS ME IN CONGRESS SHE HOPES TO SERVE ON THE HOUSE JUDICIARY OR THE EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE COMMITTEE. ON JANUARY 3RD PRESSELY WILL HAVE A VERY MOMENTO FROM HER GRANDFATHER WHO DIED WITHIN DAYS OF HER PRIMARY WIN. HE'S ALSO THE MAN WHO TAUGHT HER EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS ABOUT ORATION AND FAITH. PRESSELY SAYS SHE ONLY GETS TWO TICKETS TO HER SWEARING IN SO SHE'S HOLDING ONE FOR THE COMMUNITY ON JANUARY 12TH. MEANTIME, SHE TELLS ME SHE'S STILL GOT A LOT OF WORK LEFT TO DO ON THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL AND AIMS TO INTRODUCE NEW HEARING ORDERS AND WHAT SHE CALLS LEGACY WORK. I'M CRYSTAL HAYNES, B2 NEWS.

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SLUG: CORNELL MILLS SENTENCING

TODAY, A JUDGE SENTENCED A FORMER BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE TO PROBATION AFTER HE PLEADED GUILTY TO POSING AS A REAL ESTATE BROKER. TAKE VO..... THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAID 'CORNELL MILLS' POSED AS A REAL ESTATE BROKER AND ASKED POTENTIAL HOME-BUYERS IN BOSTON TO HAND OVER THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. HE THEN USED THE MONEY TO BUY PLANE TICKETS AND A CRUISE TO JAMAICA. THE JUDGE ORDERED MILLS TO THREE YEARS PROBATION. HE MUST ALSO PAY BACK MORE THAN 36-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN RESTITUTION.

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SLUG: NIKI TSONGAS EXIT INTERVIEW

CONGRESSWOMAN NIKI TSONGAS IS GETTING READY TO RETIRE FROM CAPITOL HILL. (TAKE VO) YESTERDAY, WE CAUGHT UP WITH HER OUTSIDE THE HOUSE CHAMBER, AS SHE REFLECTED ON MORE THAN A DECADE IN CONGRESS. TSONGAS'S 2007 SPECIAL ELECTION WIN MARKED THE FIRST TIME A WOMAN WAS ELECTED TO THE U-S HOUSE FROM MASSACHUSETTS IN

25 YEARS. SINCE THEN, SHE'S CAST THOUSANDS OF VOTES ON THE HOUSE FLOOR.SHE SAYS THERE'S A LOT OF WORK SHE'S PROUD OF, BUT ALSO ONE THING SHE REGRETS.

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SLUG: OBAMACARE DEADLINE

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY FOR AMERICANS IN MOST STATES INCLUDING MASSACHUSETTS TO BUY HEALTH INSURANCE FOR NEXT YEAR THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S MARKETPLACE. THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES SAYS THE NUMBER OF SIGNUPS IS DOWN NEARLY 12 PERCENT COMPARED TO LAST YEAR.TRUMP'S PREDECESSOR, BARACK OBAMA, RECENTLY POSTED A VIDEO ON SOCIAL MEDIA TRYING TO HELP BOOST THOSE NUMBERS.

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SLUG: GOV SHUTDOWN LATEST

LIVE OF THE U.S. CAPITOL NOW...THE CLOCK IS TICKING --- UNTIL PART OF THE GOVERNMENT RUNS OUT OF MONEY. THOUSANDS OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MAY BE FURLOUGHED IF PRESIDENT TRUMP AND CONGRESS CAN'T AGREE. THEY HAVE UNTIL THE END OF FRIDAY TO STRIKE A DEAL...AND FUNDING OVER A BORDER WALL IS THE MAIN STICKING POINT. IF NO DEAL IS REACHED, DEPARTMENTS LIKE STATE, JUSTICE, AND HOMELAND SECURITY WILL GO UNFUNDED

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SLUG: NALOXONE FOR VETS

THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS TAKING STEPS TO STOP VETERANS FROM OVERDOSING ON OPIOIDS. THE V-A WANTS TO PUT THE OVERDOSE REVERSING DRUG -- COMMONLY KNOWN AS "NARCAN" -- IN DEFIBRILLATOR CABINETS IN OFFICES, CLINICS, AND GYMS IN V-A BUILDINGS. V-A OFFICES IN BOSTON ARE ALREADY DOING THIS AND SAY IT HAS HELPED SAVE 132 LIVES. THE V-A WANTS TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM NATIONWIDE IN DECEMBER. THE U-S SURGEON GENERAL ISSUED AN ADVISORY THIS PAST SPRING URGING MORE AMERICANS TO CARRY NARCAN.

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SLUG: FIREFIGHTER FOAM

IT'S A FIRE FIGHTING FOAM...USED AT EVERY AIRPORT IN AMERICA. IT'S ALSO THE BIGGEST SOURCE OF CHEMICALS KNOWN AS P-F-AS. EARLIER THIS YEAR WE TOLD YOU HOW A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STUDY FOUND THAT THOSE CHEMICALS CAUSE CANCERS...LIVER DISEASE...AND DAMAGE TO UNBORN BABIES....WHEN THEY GET INTO THE WATER SUPPLY. BUT RIGHT NOW FEDERAL LAW...REQUIRES THAT THESE DANGEROUS CHEMICALS....BE USED AT THE NATION'S AIRPORTS. BECAUSE OF AN OUTDATED PROVISION IN THE LAW THAT REQUIRED THEM TO USE THESE CHLORINE BASED FOAMS, THEIR HANDS ARE REALLY TIRED. THAT WILL CHANGE WITH THE MASSIVE F-A-A REAUTHORIZATION BILL THAT IS EXPECTED TO PASS THE SENATE WEDNESDAY AND BE SIGNED INTO LAW THIS WEEK.THE NEW LAW GIVES AIRPORTS THE OPTION, BUT DOESN'T REQUIRE THEM TO SWITCH TO OTHER...LESS TOXIC FIRE FIGHTING FOAMS. THOSE FOAMS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE AND ALREADY BEING USED AT OTHER AIRPORTS AROUND THE WORLD...LIKE LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT.FOR 2 YEARS NOW...THE PENTAGON HAS ALSO BEEN LOOKING AT PFA'S LEVELS IN THE WATER AT HUNDREDS OF MILITARY BASES

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SLUG: VA BOSTON LEGIONNAIRES

A HEALTH ALERT AT THE V-A-HOSPITAL IN WEST ROXBURY...OFFICIALS SAY WATER THERE HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE.THE V-A ANNOUNCED ON FACEBOOK THE DISEASE WAS FOUND AT THREE LOCATIONS IN THE FACILITY.OFFICIALS SAY ALL FIXTURES AT THE HOSPITAL WERE REMOVED FOR FURTHER TESTING.THE TEST RESULTS CAME BACK MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER A PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH THE DISEASE.THIS IS THE THIRD CASE OF LEGIONNAIRES DISEASE IN NEW ENGLAND IN RECENT MONTHS...14 PEOPLE WERE DIAGNOSED AFTER AN OUTBREAK AT A HOTEL IN HAMPTON NEW HAMPSHIRE.AND THREE CASES WERE CONFIRMED AT A PROVIDENCE NURSING HOME LAST MONTH.

10/5/2018 8:19:34 Time: :20

SLUG: DAILY ASPIRIN OVARIAN

THERE'S A CHANCE A DAILY INTAKE OF LOW-DOSE ASPIRIN COULD FIGHT OVARIAN CANCER. THE STUDY WAS PUBLISHED IN YESTERDAY'S JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BUT RESEARCHERS SAY THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO STANDARD DOSE ASPIRIN AND THEY SAY FREQUENT USE OF NON-ASPIRIN PILLS LIKE IBUPROFEN MIGHT ACTUALLY INCREASE THE CHANCE OF CANCER.

10/9/2018 22:53:02 Time: :12

SLUG: RARE POLIO LIKE ILLNESS

A SURGE IN CASES OF A RARE POLIO-LIKE ILLNESS HAS BAFFLED HEALTH OFFICIALS. SIX CHILDREN IN MINNESOTA HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A-F-M SINCE SEPTEMBER. IT'S A RARE DISEASE THAT CAN LEAVE ITS VICTIMS PARALYZED. SYMPTOMS INCLUDE MUSCLE WEAKNESS, FACIAL DROOPING AND TROUBLE SWALLOWING OR TALKING. THE PARENTS OF A BOY WHO SUDDENLY CAME DOWN WITH THE ILLNESS THOUGHT HE SIMPLY HAD A COLD.. UNTIL THE MUSCLE WEAKNESS SET IN. HEALTH OFFICIALS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S BEHIND THE RISE OF A-F-M CASES. CURRENTLY, THERE'S NO CURE FOR A-F-M AND THE EXACT CAUSE IS NOT KNOWN.

10/13/2018 6:37:43 Time: :30

SLUG: FLU SEASON ARRIVES

FLU SEASON IS HERE... AND IT'S ALREADY HITTING SOME AREAS HARD THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SAYS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT YOURSELF -- IS TO START NOW. LAST YEAR'S FLU SEASON WAS ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE ON RECORD. YESTERDAY, THE STATE STARTED MONITORING CASES OF THE FLU IN OUR AREA. OFFICIALS SAYS -- THERE ARE SOME STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO STAY HEALTHY. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH RECOMMENDS... GETTING THE FLU VACCINE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.... WASHING YOUR HANDS THOROUGHLY AND OFTEN... COVERING COUGHS AND SNEEZES... AND IF YOU ARE SICK... STAY HOME FROM WORK. IF YOUR KIDS ARE SICK... KEEP THEM HOME FROM SCHOOL OR DAYCARE.

10/16/2018 6:50:36 Time: :20

SLUG: WATERTOWN OPIOID

WATERTOWN POLICE ARE ASKING EVERYONE TO CHECK IN WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AFTER A SPIKE OF OPIOID OVERDOSES. OFFICERS SAY THE OVERDOSES STARTED SUNDAY AFTERNOON. THEY HAVEN'T SAID HOW MANY OVERDOSES THEY'VE RESPONDED TO... BUT SAY A MAJORITY OF THE PATIENTS WERE IN THEIR 20'S AND 30'S. NO ONE HAS DIED. INVESTIGATORS ARE WORKING TO IDENTIFY THE DRUG THAT IS CAUSING THE PROBLEM.

10/16/2018 6:40:06 Time: :30

SLUG: NEW OPIOID PILL

THE F-D-A IS CONSIDERING APPROVING A NEW OPIOID... THAT'S EVEN STRONGER THAN THE DANGEROUS DRUG FENTANYL. IT'S CALLED DSUVIA (də-SOO-vee-ə) AND IT'S 500 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN MORPHINE. IT WOULD BE USED TO TREAT ACUTE PAIN DURING A TRAUMATIC INJURY. THE PILL DISSOLVES IMMEDIATELY WHEN PLACED UNDER THE TONGUE -- MEANING IT'S FAST-ACTING. THE F-D-A REJECTED APPROVING THE DRUG LAST YEAR OVER CONCERNS IT COULD GET INTO THE HANDS OF ADDICTS. A NEW PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE THE PILL TO BE ADMINISTERED ONLY BY A TRAINED PROFESSIONAL.

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SLUG: NEW BOSTON UNIVERSITY CTE STUDY

RESEARCHERS AT B-U THINK THEY MIGHT HAVE FOUND A CONNECTION BETWEEN A CERTAIN GENE - AND C-T-E. THEY LOOKED AT A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE DIAGNOSED WITH C-T-E AFTER DEATH. MANY FOOTBALL PLAYERS - INCLUDING AARON HERNANDEZ - ARE DIAGNOSED WITH THE BRAIN DISEASE POST-MORTEM. THE STUDY FOUND THAT PEOPLE WITH A SPECIFIC GENE WERE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE *SEVERE CASES OF C-T-E - AND ARE MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP DEMENTIA. BUT RESEARCHERS ALSO FOUND HAVING THAT GENE DOES *NOT MAKE A PERSON MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP C-T-E IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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SLUG: OPIOID DEATH NUMBERS

DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS HIT THE HIGHEST LEVEL EVER RECORDED IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR, WITH AN ESTIMATED 200 PEOPLE DYING PER DAY - ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.... TAKE VO... THE REPORT FOUND CONTROLLED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST OVERDOSE DEATHS. THAT INCLUDES NARCOTICS LIKE OXYCODONE AND VICODIN. MORE THAN 15-THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED FROM A HEROIN OVERDOSE IN 2016. THAT'S A 19-PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. THE D-E-A REPORT SAYS HEROIN USE IS INCREASING AT AN ALARMING RATE. HEROIN-RELATED DEATHS NEARLY DOUBLED FROM 2013 TO 2016, A TREND EXACERBATED BY THE MIXING OF HEROIN WITH FENTANYL AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS, THE REPORT SAID. IT ALSO FOUND DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARE DISGUIISING OPIOIDS AS COUNTERFEIT PRESCRIPTIONS. PRELIMINARY FIGURES SHOW MORE THAN 72-THOUSAND PEOPLE DIED IN 2017 FROM DRUG OVERDOSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. ABOUT A WEEK AGO, U.S. HEALTH SECRETARY ALEX AZAR SAID OVERDOSE DEATHS WERE BEGINNING TO LEVEL OFF, CITING FIGURES FROM LATE LAST YEAR AND EARLY THIS YEAR.

11/5/2018 18:36:33 Time: :24

SLUG: PTSD AWARENESS

THIS AFTERNOON, A RETIRED ARMY VETERAN FINISHED HIS '90 MILE MARCH' FROM CHICOPEE TO BOSTON -- BY FOOT! HE STARTED ON FRIDAY IN THE POURING RAIN. HIS MISSION WAS TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR VETERAN HOMELESSNESS AND P-T-S-D....TAKE VO... 'JAMES CHARTIER' HAS MADE THE JOURNEY NOW THREE TIMES..EACH TIME HE GAINS MORE AND MORE FOLLOWERS. HE HAS NO PLANS TO STOP THESE WALKS UNTIL HIS MESSAGE IS HEARD AND MORE WORK IS BEING DONE TO HELP ALL VETERANS IN NEED.

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SLUG: LOWELL MEASLES

OFFICIALS AT THE HEALTH CENTER SAY THE PEDIATRIC PATIENT WAS AT THEIR FACILITY ON THURSDAY.... BUT IS NOW RECOVERING AT HOME...HOWEVER.. PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE HEALTH CENTER ON THURSDAY.. MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO MEASLES.THIS MESSAGE IS RIGHT NOW POSTED TO THE HOMEPAGE OF THE LOWELL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER. IT SAYS IT WILL BE OPEN TODAY AND ENCOURAGES PATIENTS WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT POTENTIAL EXPOSURE - TO CALL THEM.THE CENTER WAS ALSO OPEN YESTERDAY FOR ANY PATIENTS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED THE CONTAGIOUS RESPIRATORY INFECTION.DOCTORS SAY IF YOU VISITED THE HEALTH CENTER'S MAIN LOBBY, PEDIATRIC WAITING ROOM, PHARMACY OR LAB THURSDAY AFTERNOON BETWEEN 12:53 and 5:22 PM - YOU COULD BE AT RISK.THAT'S WHEN THE YOUNG PATIENT WAS DIAGNOSED WITH THE DISEASE AT THE PEDIATRIC OFFICE.INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTOR CATHERINE YU SAYS MANY PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER IF THEY'VE BEEN VACCINATED WITH *BOTH MEASLES SHOTS BEFORE.SO YOU SHOULD GET CHECKED JUST IN CASE IF YOU WERE AT THE HEALTH CENTER DURING THAT TIME PERIOD.YU SAYS THE PATIENT WHO HAS MEASLES WAS ISOLATED IMMEDIATELY AND HE'S NOW RECOVERING AT HOME.AGAIN, THE HEALTH CENTER WILL BE OPEN TODAY FOR PATIENTS OR ANYONE WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT A POTENTIAL EXPOSURE..LIVE IN THE NEWSROOM.. DANIEL MILLER.. BOSTON 25 NEWS.

11/13/2018 18:06:21 Time: :23

SLUG: MYSTERY DISEASE LOBBYING

SPREADING CONCERN TONIGHT ABOUT A POLIO-LIKE CONDITION AFFECTING CHILDREN ACROSS THE COUNTRY.TODAY, THE C-D-C CONFIRMED *NEW CASES OF 'ACUTE FLACCID MYELITIS' OR A-F-M.AND DOCTORS ARE STILL STRUGGLING TO IDENTIFY A CAUSE. THIS... AS PARENTS OF CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE TAKE THEIR COMPLAINTS TO CAPITOL HILL.BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER JUSTIN GRAY SPOKE TO ONE PARENT WHO WANTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO DO *MORE

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SLUG: HEART MEDICINE RECALL

ANOTHER HEART MEDICINE IS BEING RECALLED AFTER TESTS SHOWED IT WAS TAINTED WITH A POTENTIAL CANCER-CAUSING CHEMICAL.THE DRUG-- CALLED LOSARTAN POTASSIUM -- IS SOLD BY THE COMPANY 'SANDOZ'..THE VOLUNTARY RECALL INVOLVED THE 100 AND 25 MILLIGRAM TABLETS.THE DRUG IS BEING RECALLED BECAUSE THE ACTIVE INGREDIENT HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR A SUSPECTED HUMAN AND ANIMAL CARCINOGEN THAT IS USED IN GASOLINE. WE'VE POSTED THE F-D-A'S INFORMATION ON BOSTON25NEWS.COM-SLASH-MORE.

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SLUG: ROMAINE E COLI MORE ILLNESS

ROMAINE LETTUCE STILL ISN'T COMPLETELY SAFE TO EAT.THE C-D-C IS RENEWING ITS WARNING ABOUT THE LETTUCE AFTER 9 NEW CASES OF E-COLI WERE REPORTED.52 PEOPLE HAVE NOW BEEN INFECTED WITH E-COLI SINCE OCTOBER.THE MOST RECENT CASES WERE REPORTED AFTER NOVEMBER 26TH.JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING, THE GOVERNMENT WARNED PEOPLE AND RESTAURANTS TO THROW OUT ALL ROMAINE LETTUCE AND ANY PRODUCTS WITH ROMAINE IN IT.THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CASES IN MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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SLUG: FENTANYL REPORT

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SLUG: COOING AUTISM

7-MONTH OLD QUINN LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL BABY.. SMILEY WITH ADORABLE BIG BLUE EYES. AND HER EYES ARE SOMETHING RESEARCHER BECKY MACDONALD IS FOCUSING ON *INTENTLY. QUINN IS CONSIDERED "AT RISK" FOR AUTISM.HER 3 1/2 YEAR OLD BROTHER OWEN *HAS AUTISM, OLDER SISTER CORA... DOES NOT.SIBILINGS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE A 1 IN 5 CHANCE OF ALSO BEING DIAGNOSED.AND QUINN... HAS OTHER RISK FACTORS. SHE WAS A PREEMIE. WHEN QUINN'S MOM, ALICIA, HEARD THAT MACDONALD AND OWEN'S THERAPY COMPANY, THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR CHILDREN WERE CONDUCTING A THERAPY TRIAL FOR INFANTS WITH SIBLINGS ON THE SPECTRUM, ALICIA JUMPED ON BOARD BECAUSE OF THE SUCCESS THEY SAW WITH OWEN. MACDONALD HAS BEEN WORKING WITH QUINN ON A WEEKLY BASIS SINCE SHE CAME HOME FROM THE NICU...WATCHING FOR RED FLAGS.AND PROVIDING INTERVENTION... SIMPLE, *PLAY-BASED, BACK-AND-FORTH EXERCISES: LIKE PEEKABO AND EVEN "COOING"..MACDONALD AND HER COLLEAGUES ARE TRYING TO REPLICATE A STUDY CONDUCTED BY RESEARCHERS IN WISCONSIN.IT INVOLVED 14 AT-RISK INFANTS ALL UNDER THE AGE OF 6 MONTHS.I WILL TRY TO GET THE RESEARCH PAPER HERE TO SHOW, ALONG WITH GENERIC BLURRY CHILD VIDEO. 2 YEARS LATER -- ONLY ONE OF THOSE CHILDREN IS SYMPTOMATIC OF AUTISM.BECKY AND HER COLLEAGUES SAY THEIR OWN RESEARCH SAW ENCOURAGING RESULTS AT LEAST THROUGH THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARS, IF CHILDREN BEGIN TREATMENT BEFORE THEIR SECOND BIRTHDAY.WE NEED TO LISTEN TO THIS IN THE EDIT BAY BECAUSE I STEPPED OVER HER WITH MY QUESTION. MACDONALD IS ENCOURAGED QUINN IS *NOT SHOWING ANY WARNING SIGNS RIGHT NOW.INFANTS WHO DO... WILL RAMP UP THERAPY HOURS TO TRY TO IMPROVE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS.ALICIA HOPES THE EXTRA THERAPY NOW... WILL LEAD TO AN EASIER PATH FOR QUINN.MACDONALD IS STILL LOOKING FOR MORE AT-RISK INFANTS TO PARTICIPATE IN HER STUDY AND WE HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE.IF YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EXPLODING AUTISM RATES HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RESEARCH LIKE THIS HAPPENING RIGHT IN OUR BACKYARD... BE SURE TO JOIN US FRIDAY NIGHT...BOSTON 25 NEWS IN -DEPTH: UNLOCKING THE AUTISM PUZZLE... IS A 30 MINUTE SPECIAL... AIRING FRIDAY AT 1030.I'M HEATHER HEGEDUS, BOSTON 25 NEWS.

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SLUG: NH NEW PROSTHETIC ARM

BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY ANNOUNCED TODAY IN MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE. JUNIUS MOORE WAS THE RECIPIENT OF THE WORLD'S FIRST "LUKE ARM". HERE'S HOW IT WORKS-- A TITANIUM ROD CLICKS INTO THE ARM SOCKET.CABLES ALLOW FOR THE PERSON TO CONTROL THE PROSTHETIC WITH THEIR BRAIN.. BY REWIRED NERVE ENDINGS. THE GOAL IS TO GIVE AMPUTEES MORE FREEDOM.. AND THE ABILITY TO DO MORE

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SLUG: BROOKLINE SEXUAL ASSAULT

AN ALARMING ATTACK IN BROOKLINE.POLICE SAY A MAN DRAGGED A WOMAN INTO AN ALLEY AND ASSAULTED HERBROOKLINE POLICE ARRESTED "MAINOR MARTINEZ" YESTERDAY MORNING. MARTINEZ ALREADY HAD A WARRANT OUT FOR HIS ARREST.. FOR CHARGES INVOLVING STATUTORY RAPE OF A CHILD.THE WOMAN FROM YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT SAYS SHE WAS WALKING HOME FROM A FRIENDS HOUSE AT 3-A.M.WHEN HE CAME UP TO HER.. TOOK HER PHONE AND KEYS. AND DRAGGED HER INTO AN ALLEY OFF OF THORNDIKE STREET.

10/8/2018 6:38:54 Time: :20

SLUG: MATTAPAN DEADLY SHOOTING

THERE WERE TWO OTHER DEADLY SHOOTINGS IN MATTAPAN OVER THE WEEKEND. A 2:30 YESTERDAY MORNING POLICE WERE CALLED TO MILDRED AVENUE.THEY SAY THEY FOUND A MAN IN HIS 40S WITH MULTIPLE GUNSHOT WOUNDS.HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE HE LATER DIED.NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE - BOSTON POLICE ARE ASKING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO GIVE THEM A CALL.

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SLUG: MANSFIELD ROBBERY, CARJACKING

THIS MORNING.. A MAN IS UNDER ARREST... ACCUSED OF A PAIR OF ARMED ROBBERIES AND EVEN AN ATTEMPTED CARJACKING IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD.POLICE SAY THEY GOT THAT 911 CALL FROM A GAS STATION CLERK WHO WAS ROBBED AT GUNPOINT HERE IN MANSFIELD.. BUT EVENTUALLY POLICE FOUND THE SUSPECT RUNNING THROUGH A NEIGHBORHOOD IN FOXBORO..

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SLUG: MANSFIELD ROBBERY, CARJACKING

KEVIN DONASE FOUND SOMEONE'S WALLET AND CELL PHONE OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN FOXBORO YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) MORNING..HE QUICKLY LEARNED THEY BELONGED TO A MAN RUNNING FROM POLICE..HE SAYS THAT MAN THEN RAN TO HIS FRIEND'S HOUSE UP THE ROAD AND TRIED TO STEAL HIS CAR AT KNIFEPOINT..(TAKE SOTKEVIN)... MANSFIELD POLICE ARRESTED ALFREDO ROSA FOR THE CRIME SPREE THEY BELIEVE STARTED IN STOUGHTON AROUND 2 A-M. POLICE SAY HE WAS WEARING A MASK WHEN HE ROBBED A GAS STATION AT GUNPOINT THERE.. AND THEN THEY BELIEVE HE HELD UP THIS MOBIL IN MANSFIELD JUST BEFORE 6..OFFICERS SAY ROSA DITCHED HIS CAR BY 495 IN FOXBORO AND WENT RUNNING THROUGH THE WOODS..MOST LIKELY BY DONASE'S HOUSE BEFORE HE'D TRY TO STEAL HIS NEIGHBOR'S CAR..ROSA WASN'T SUCCESSFUL WITH THE CARJACKING. POLICE QUICKLY FOUND HIM AND ARRESTED HIM IN FOXBORO..

10/8/2018 23:04:03 Time: :32

SLUG: CANTON HOME INVASION

NEW TONIGHT--CANTON POLICE SAY THREE MASKED SUSPECTS WERE ARMED WITH THIS RIFLE WHEN THEY BROKE INTO A HOME IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.IT HAPPENED ON NEPONSET STREET AROUND 1:30.THE VICTIM INITIALLY DESCRIBED THE GUN AS A "MACHINE GUN" BUT POLICE LATER IDENTIFIED IT AS AN AR-15 SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLE.POLICE SAY NO SHOTS WERE FIRED AND THE INCIDENT WAS *NOT* RANDOM.TIMOTHY FLEMING, JOSIAH FLEMING, AND DRIJON HOLMES ARE CHARGED WITH A NUMBER OF CRIMES INCLUDING HOME INVASION AND POSSESSION OF A LARGE FIREARM.THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH NON-LIFE THREATENING INJURIES.

11/3/2018 6:38:10 Time: :35

SLUG: CHILD RAPIST RICHARD GARDNER ARREST

A CONVICTED CHILD RAPIST FROM WEYMOUTH IS BEHIND BARS AGAIN -- JUST ONE MONTH AFTER BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON (**TAKE VO**).....RICHARD GARDNER WAS ARRESTED IN RHODE ISLAND -- WHERE HE'S BEEN LIVING SINCE HIS RELEASE.POLICE SAY HE GAVE A FALSE ADDRESS ON A MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION... WHICH HE FILLED OUT LESS THAN A DAY AFTER BEING SET FREE BY A JUDGE IN MASSACHUSETTS LAST MONTH.OFFICERS SAY GARDNER LISTED A WEYMOUTH ADDRESS ON THE FORM.. WHEN HE WAS LIVING IN PROVIDENCE.THAT WAS A VIOLATION OF HIS PROBATION.GARDNER HAS CONVICTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND FOR RAPING CHILDREN IN THE 19-80'S.

11/5/2018 7:03:27 Time: :5

SLUG: SOUTH END SEX ASSAULT

HAPPENING NOW..POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THE MAN IN THESE PICTURES..HE'S ACCUSED OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTING A CHILD IN BOSTON..BOSTON 25 NEWS REPORTER MICHAEL HENRICH IS IN THE SOUTH END WHERE THE INCIDENT HAS ENIGHBORS IN EDGE. BOSTON POLICE SAY THE SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED INSIDE A COMMON HALLWAY IN A BUILDING ON HAMMOND STREET.[**TAKE VO**]AND INVESTIGATORS SAY THIS SURVEILLANCE IMAGE SHOWS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE.IT'S A CLEAR PICTURE, SHOWING WHO POLICE DESCRIBE AS A 5-FOOT-7 WHITE HISPANIC MAN WITH A SLIM BUILD IN HIS 20S.THE JUVENILE VICTIM SPOKE WITH DETECTIVES ON SCENE RIGHT AFTER THE ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT HAPPENED ON SATURDAY EVENING AROUND 6:45.NEIGHBORS WHO SPOKE WITH BOSTON 25 NEWS ARE ON EDGE. HERE'S THAT PICTURE AGAIN -- IF YOU KNOW WHO THIS MAN IS, YOU'RE ASKED TO CALL BOSTON POLICE RIGHT AWAY.

11/9/2018 18:01:41 Time: :28

SLUG: ROCKLAND BARRICADED SUBJECT

BREAKING TONIGHT -- ROCKLAND POLICE ARE TELLING PEOPLE TO STAY AWAY FROM THE AREA OF CHESTNUT CIRCLE. THAT'S A ROAD INSIDE THE LEISURE-WOODS 55 AND OLDER COMMUNITY. WE'RE TOLD THERE'S A PERSON BARRICADED INSIDE A HOME RIGHT NOW. WE KNOW ROCKLAND POLICE.. IN ADDITION TO STATE POLICE, ABINGTON POLICE AND HANOVER POLICE ARE ALL ON SCENE RIGHT NOW. A REVERSE 9-1-1 CALL WENT OUT TO RESIDENTS ASKING THEM TO STAY AWAY. WE'RE MONITORING THE SITUATION. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE GET AN UPDATE.

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SLUG: TROOPER UNION BOSS FRAUD

THE FORMER STATE POLICE UNION PRESIDENT IS NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR FRAUD. (TAKE VO) ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE, THE F-B-I AND I-R-S ARE LOOKING INTO THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF DANA PULLMAN. THEY SAY PULLMAN -- WHO RESIGNED AS UNION PRESIDENT IN SEPTEMBER -- MAY HAVE HAD A UNION DEBIT CARD WITH NO LIMIT. HE WAS ALSO REPORTEDLY ALLOWED TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT CHECKS WITHOUT PROVIDING RECEIPTS. FEDERAL INVESTIGATORS ARE ALSO LOOKING THROUGH RECORDS FOR A NONPROFIT RUN BY PULLMAN'S WIFE, WHICH RAISES MONEY FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK. PULLMAN HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE INVESTIGATION.

11/13/2018 18:06:15 Time: :22

SLUG: PLYMOUTH DRUG BUST

NEW AT 5:30... A TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO A LARGE DRUG BUST IN PLYMOUTH. OFFICERS SAY THEY RECOVERED 194 STAMPS THAT WERE DIPPED IN THE DRUG, ECSTASY. THEY ALSO FOUND SEVERAL OUNCES OF MARIJUANA.. AND TWO-THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH. THE DRIVER.. LAWRENCE HODGES OF CONNECTICUT.. IS CHARGED WITH SEVERAL COUNTS OF DRUG POSSESSION. HE WAS RELEASED ON 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND.. AND IS DUE IN COURT NEXT WEEK.

11/15/2018 8:42:16 Time: :50

SLUG: MISSING TEEN REMAINS IDENTIFIED

THE REMAINS OF A NEW HAMPSHIRE TEENAGER WHO WENT MISSING 30 YEARS AGO WERE IDENTIFIED THIS WEEK AND NOW POLICE ARE CONNECTING HER DISAPPEARANCE TO A NOTORIOUS SERIAL KILLER. ELIZABETH LAMOTTE WAS LAST SEEN LEAVING A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN MANCHESTER BACK IN 1984. SHE WAS 17 AT THE TIME. LAMOTTE WASN'T REPORTED AT A MISSING PERSON UNTIL LAST YEAR. HER BROTHERS BOTH AGREED TO A D-N-A TEST - AND THIS WEEK, MANCHESTER POLICE WERE NOTIFIED OF A MATCH - TO A BODY FOUND IN TENNESSEE IN 19-85. AN AUTOPSY CONCLUDED LAMOTTE WAS MURDERED BY BLUNT FORCE TRAUMA TO THE HEAD. POLICE BELIEVE LAMOTTE MAY HAVE BEEN MARRIED TO TERRY PEDER RASMUSSEN WHO ALSO WENT BY THE ALIAS BOB EVANS. RASMUSSEN IS THE MAIN SUSPECT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S NOTORIOUS ALLENSTOWN MURDERS. RASMUSSEN DIED IN PRISON BACK IN 2010. THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING LAMOTTE'S DEATH ARE STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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SLUG: SPRINGFIELD MURDER UPDATE

A SPRINGFIELD MAN CHARGED WITH THREE COUNTS OF MURDER - AFTER WOMEN'S BODIES WERE FOUND AT HIS HOME. NEW AT 6:30 ---- 66-PAGES OF NEW COURT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED. FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE'RE SEEING THE RESULTS OF THE SEARCH WARRANT USED IN THE STEWART WELDON INVESTIGATION. IT SAYS TWO OF THE THREE WOMEN FOUND THIS PAST MAY, WERE TIED WITH ELECTRICAL CORDS AND CABLES. WE'RE ALSO LEARNING POLICE SAY THEY FOUND HUMAN REMAINS IN THE BASEMENT - GARAGE - AND UNDER A TOOL SHED. WELDON HAS DENIED THE CHARGES.

12/3/2018 17:57:16 Time: :38

SLUG: METHADONE TREATMENT IN ESSEX

NEW AT 6--THE ESSEX COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTIONS NOW SAYS IT *WILL* PROVIDE METHADONE TO AN INMATE AS PART OF HIS ADDICTION TREATMENT WHEN HE RETURNS TO JAIL. TAKE VO.....IT'S AN UPDATE TO A STORY WE TOLD YOU ABOUT LAST WEEK... WHEN A JUDGE RULED THAT DENYING METHADONE TREATMENT TO GEOFFREY PESCE (PESH-EE) WOULD VIOLATE THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. THE RULING ONLY APPLIES TO PESCE AND NOT OTHER INMATES AT ESSEX. PESCE IS AWAITING HIS NEXT COURT DATE... WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR. TAKE CHYRON.....THE A-C-L-U OF MASSACHUSETTS SENT THIS STATEMENT..."WE'RE PLEASED THE ESSEX COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROVIDING MR. PESCE ACCESS TO THIS LIFE SAVING TREATMENT DURING HIS TIME IN THEIR CUSTODY.

12/8/2018 22:10:04 Time: :38

SLUG: LOWELL OFFICERS ON LEAVE

THREE LOWELL POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PLACED ON PAID LEAVE AFTER ALLEGATIONS OF UNTRUTHFULNESS. IT STEMS FROM A CASE BEING TRIED OUT OF FEDERAL COURT IN CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE. THE OFFICERS SAY THEY ARRESTED A MAN WHO HAD GUNS, BODY ARMOR, CASH AND FENTANYL LAST WINTER. BUT POLICE SAY THE OFFICERS' VERSION OF EVENTS DOES *NOT MATCH UP WITH WHAT'S SHOWN ON SURVEILLANCE VIDEO. LOWELL POLICE ARE NOW CONDUCTING AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION. IN THE MEANTIME -- NONE OF THE OFFICERS IS ALLOWED TO TESTIFY IN ANY CASES.

12/12/2018 8:38:46 Time: :30

SLUG: STATE POLICE CHASE

HAPPENING TODAY: A 26-YEAR-OLD DRIVER IS FACING CHARGES AFTER STATE POLICE SAY HE LEAD THEM ON A HIGH SPEED CHASE THAT ENDED IN WEST BRIDGEWATER....(TAKE VO). THESE ARE PICTURES FROM THE SCENE LATE LAST NIGHT TROOPERS SAY THEY STARTED FOLLOWING THIS CAR ON ROUTE 24 IN BROCKTON WHEN THE DRIVER FAILED TO PULL OVER. THEY SAY THE DRIVER GOT OFF AN EXIT ON THE NORTHBOUND SIDE THEN GOT BACK ON GOING SOUTH. THEY EVENTUALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIM IN WEST BRIDGEWATER, AFTER A BRIEF FOOT CHASE SO FAR HIS IDENTITY HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED , BUT POLICE SAY HE'S ALREADY WANTED ON SEVERAL WARRANTS.

12/29/2018 7:36:06 Time: :15

SLUG: REVERE SHOOTING

STATE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A SHOOTING OVERNIGHT IN REVERE. REVERE POLICE RESPONDED TO THE CALL ON PLEASANT STREET JUST BEFORE TWO A-M. A VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO MASS GENERAL HOSPITAL WITH LIFE THREATENING INJURIES. NO WORD ON THAT PERSON'S CONDITION THIS MORNING.

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SLUG: WORCESTER UNION TRAIN STATION UPGRADES

AN M-B-T-A BOARD APPROVED A DESIGN CONTRACT TODAY FOR A SECOND TRAIN PLATFORM AT WORCESTER'S UNION STATION. RIGHT NOW -- ONLY ONE TRAIN CAN ENTER THE STATION AT A TIME, WHICH CAN CAUSE DELAYS. THE ADDITIONAL PLATFORM WILL ALLOW TWO COMMUTER RAIL OR AMTRAK TRAINS TO USE THE STATION AT THE SAME TIME. THE FOUR-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT FOUR-YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE NEW PLATFORM WILL ALSO BE FULLY HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE.

10/1/2018 17:13:45 Time: :26

SLUG: JETBLUE BASIC ECONOMY

NEW TONIGHT--JETBLUE IS THE LATEST CARRIER ADDING A "BASIC ECONOMY" FARE OPTION. BASIC ECONOMY IS A VALUE OPTION... THAT LEAVES OFF MANY OF THE THINGS THAT COME WITH STANDARD TICKETS.. PASSENGERS DON'T GET TO PICK SEATS, THEY HAVE TO BOARD LAST, CAN'T USE THE OVERHEAD BINS AND IN SOME CASES ARE ONLY ALLOWED A PERSONAL ITEM. JET BLUE SAYS ITS BASIC ECONOMY TICKET WILL BE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.. ALLOWING A REGULAR SIZE CARRY-ON. THE TICKETS GO ON SALE LATE NEXT YEAR.

10/1/2018 22:12:21 Time: 1:20

SLUG: QUINCY PARKING STICKERS

PARKING IN QUINCY IS GETTING TOUGH ESPECIALLY AROUND THE MBTA STATIONS... SO THE CITY IS LOOKING TO PUT RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS IN PLACE.... THE QUINCY CENTER AND NORTH QUINCY GARAGES CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS.. THAT MEANS THERE ARE FEWER SPACES PEOPLE ARE USING CITY STREETS... THE PROPOSED PERMIT PROCESS ALSO CAUSED SOME CONCERN FROM RESIDENTS... AND ONE COUNCIL MEMBER WHO OBJECT TO A 35 DOLLAR ANNUAL FEE... THE NEW PLAN WOULD ONLY ALLOW RESIDENTS TO PARK OVERNIGHT AND HOW IT'S IMPLEMENTED WILL DEPEND ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD.. IF PEOPLE PARK ILLEGALLY... THEY'LL BE FINED... FROM \$25 UPT TO \$50 DOLLARS.... SOME THINK THEY SHOULD BE HIGHER... THAT CAN CHANGE. RESIDENTS WILL HAVE ANOTHER SAY ON OCTOBER 15TH... WHILE OTHERS SAY AS QUINCY GROWS... PARKING PERMITS ARE THE WAY TO GO.

10/3/2018 8:49:45 Time: :10

SLUG: BOURNE BRIDGE WORK

HAPPENING TODAY... PARTS OF THE BOURNE BRIDGE WILL BE SHUT DOWN TODAY FOR MAINTENANCE... CREWS WILL MAKE THE BRIDGE ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION BETWEEN 9 AND 2 TODAY. CREWS WILL BE WORKING TO REPAIR POTHOLES.

10/8/2018 8:05:21 Time: 1:15

SLUG: JETBLUE ENGINE SMOKE

JETBLUE'S FLIGHT 178 ARRIVED HERE AT LOGAN AROUND 3 THIS MORNING.... SAFELY, BUT SEVERAL HOURS LATE... BECAUSE OF THIS:[TAKE VO]. CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO POSTED TO TWITTER BY A PASSENGER.IT SHOWS THE BOSTON-BOUND PLANE ON THE RUNWAY IN LAS VEGAS... BLACK SMOKE BILLOWING FROM THE WING.PASSENGERS TOLD BOSTON 25 NEWS THE PILOT MENTIONED A BLOWN TIRE AND ENGINE... AND SAID THEY WERE SCARED AS THE PILOT ABORTED THE TAKEOFF.JETBLUE SENT ME A STATEMENT ABOUT THE INCIDENT, WHICH SAYS IN PART:JETBLUE AND THE PASSENGERS SAY THEY WERE EVENTUALLY PUT ON A DIFFERENT PLANE FOR THE FLIGHT TO BOSTON.LIVE AT LOGAN AIRPORT. MICHAEL HENRICH. BOSTON 25 NEWS.

11/3/2018 6:38:10 Time: :25

SLUG: MBTA FERRY COSTS UP

THE COST OF RUNNING BOSTON'S FERRIES IS ON THE RISE.ACCORDING TO THE GLOBE... THE T SAYS IT WILL COST THEM MORE THAN 13 POINT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR UNDER THEIR NEW CONTRACT TO RUN THEIR THREE FERRY ROUTES.THAT'S UP FROM TEN MILLION LAST YEAR.THE INCREASE IN COSTS COULD TRANSLATE TO A FARE HIKE.THE FERRIES -- WHICH MAKE STOPS IN PLACE LIKE BOSTON, HINGHAM, HULL AND CHARLESTOWN, TRANSPORT MORE THAN FOUR THOUSAND RIDERS EACH DAY.

11/12/2018 7:01:29 Time: :30

SLUG: NEW WESTWOOD BRIDGE VIDS

A WESTWOOD ROAD HAS REOPENED THIS MORNING AFTER THE REPLACEMENT OF A LOW BRIDGE.CREWS WORKED THROUGH THE WEEKEND TO REPLACE THE EAST STREET BRIDGE. IT CARRIES TRAINS OVER THE ROAD.THE NEW BRIDGE HAS MORE CLEARANCE AND IS WIDER FOR THE TWO LANES OF TRAFFIC THAT GO UNDER.THE BRIDGE HAD BECOME INFAMOUS FOR CRASHES INVOLVING "TOO-TALL" TRUCKS AND VANS.THERE WERE SO MANY CRASHES THAT A CAMERA WAS SET UP TO CAPTURE THE ACCIDENTS.OUR PHOTOGRAPHER WHO WENT TO THE BRIDGE THIS MORNING SAYS CARS CAN PASS UNDER IT AND HE SAW ONE TRAIN GO OVER OF THE TOP.

11/13/2018 16:53:01 Time: 1:22

SLUG: BOSTON SPEED LIMIT

IN BOSTON THERE IS A GENERAL RULE OF THUMB.WATCH THESE PEDESTRIANS MAKE A BREAK FOR IT THROUGH MOVING TRAFFIC. PEOPLE SAY IT'S GETTING WORSE.RESIDENTS HAD A CHANCE TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS AT A HEARING ON POSSIBLY LOWERING BOSTON'S OVERALL SPEED LIMIT TO 20 MILES PER HOUR. CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN AND FRANK BANKER ARE PUSHING THE IDEA -- FLYNN AND BAKER SAY THEY'VE BEEN GOING AFTER MORE SAFETY MEASURES FOR YEARS -- BUT AFTER THE JULY DEATH OF 3 YEAR-OLD COLIN MCGRATH -- THERE IS MORE FRUSTRATION AT THE PACE OF THOSE CHANGES. THE SPEED LIMIT WAS LOWERED FROM 30 TO 25 CITYWIDE BACK IN 2017. BUT THEY SAY IT NEEDS TO GO LOWER. FLYNN SAYS THE LOWER SPEED LIMIT WOULD COME WITH AGGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT.

11/13/2018 18:06:57 Time: :24

SLUG: BOEING/INDONESIA FLIGHT

BOEING IS FACING NEW SCRUTINY OVER THE CRASH OF ONE OF ITS PLANES IN INDONESIA LAST MONTH.PILOTS NOW SAY THE COMPANY *FAILED TO TELL AIRLINES HOW TO OVERRIDE AN EMERGENCY SYSTEM..THE AUTOMATED SYSTEM ON BOEING'S NEW 737'S IS DESIGNED TO HELP PILOTS AVOID RAISING THE NOSE OF THE PLANE TOO HIGH.BUT WHEN ACTIVATED.. IT CAN SUDDENLY SEND THE PLANE INTO A DIVE.THE 'ALLIED PILOTS ASSOCIATION' IS ASKING *WHY BOEING DIDNT TRAIN PILOTS ON THE NEW SYSTEM.BOEING HAS NOT COMMENTED ON THE REPORT... BUT IT HAS ISSUED UPDATED OPERATIONS GUIDELINES FOR THE 737'S. 189 PEOPLE DIED IN THE CRASH OF LION AIR FLIGHT 610.

11/13/2018 17:51:34 Time: :26

SLUG: CT COACH BUS INTO BUIDLING

A COACH BUS WAS CAUGHT ON CAMERA CRASHING INTO A BUSINESS IN CONNECTICUT. THE BUS WAS COMING DOWN A HIGHWAY RAMP IN WEST HAVEN WHEN IT WENT OFF THE ROAD AND INTO A GLASS SHOP. IT NARROWLY MISSED WORKERS STANDING INSIDE THE SHOP.50 STUDENTS FROM PRINCETON WERE ON BOARD HEADING TO A YALE FOOTBALL GAME.FOUR STUDENTS AND THE DRIVER WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL.THEY ARE ALL EXECTED TO BE OK.A MECHANICAL PROBLEM MAY BE TO BLAME. IT'S UNCLEAR IF THAT DRIVER WILL FACE ANY CHARGES.

12/8/2018 22:09:18 Time: :57

SLUG: GREEN LINE DERAILMENT

A GREEN LINE TRAIN OFF THE TRACKS NEAR BOSTON UNIVERSITY - CAUSING DELAYS. BUT NO INJURIES. THE TWO CAR TRAIN WASN'T IN SERVICE SATURDAY MORNING WHEN THE BACK OF IT DERAILED - BLOCKING THE TRACKS IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.NO PASSENGERS WERE ON BOARD. AS CREWS WORKED TO SAFELY GET IT OFF THE TRACKS - SHUTTLE BUSES WERE BROUGHT IN. THEY FILLED THE GAP FROM BABCOCK STREET TO KENMORE SQUARE AND ADDED SOME CONFUSION AS STUDENTS HEADED OUT FOR THE NIGHT.SOME GETTING ONTO THE SHUTTLE BUSES DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE DERAILMENT - AND SAY UNFORTUANTELY THEY'RE USED TO DETOURS AND DELAYS.

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SLUG: MBTA WEEKEND RAIL DISCOUNT ENDING

THIS WEEKEND COULD BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO GET A DISCOUNTED TRAIN RIDE TO BOSTON. SINCE THIS SUMMER, THE M-B-T-A HAS BEEN OFFERING A TEN DOLLAR WEEKEND PASS FOR ANYONE TAKING THE COMMUTER RAIL.FOR MANY LONGER TRIPS, THE COST OF A WEEKEND PASS IS LESS THAN A SINGLE ROUND TRIP TICKET.THE OFFER WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO END IN SEPTEMBER -- BUT IT'S BEEN EXTENDED TO TOMORROW.IT'S UNCLER IF THE PROGRAM WILL MAKE A RETURN.

12/12/2018 8:40:22 Time: :25

SLUG: NORTH/SOUTH RAIL LINK

NEW THIS MORNING - MASS DOT HAS PICKED ITS PREFERRED DESIGN FOR A NORTH-SOUTH RAIL LINK - THAT WOULD COST 9-POINT-5 *BILLION DOLLARS.(TAKEVO)THE HERALD REPORTS MASSDOT OFFICIALS PICKED A PLAN TO CONNECT THE LINES WITH A TWO-TRACK TUNNEL THAT RUNS UNDER CONGRESS STREET.IT WOULD INCLUDE CONNECTIONS AND THE STATE STREET AND HAYMARKET STOPS, MASSDOT SAYS THE PLAN WOULD BE ABLE TO SCALE UP TO FOUR TRACKS AFTER IT'S BUILT.A FINAL REPORT OF THE PROJECT WILL BE ISSUED IN JANUARY.

12/14/2018 7:22:33 Time: :25

SLUG: FALL RIVER FATAL TANKER CRASH

FALL RIVER - ROUTE 24 IS BACK OPEN THIS MORNING - AS THE INVESTIGATION CONTINUES INTO WHAT CAUSED A DEADLY TANKER CRASH. THIS WAS BREAKING ALL MORNING YESTERDAY ON BOSTON 25 NEWS.A 67-YEAR-OLD WHO WAS DRIVING THE FUEL TANKER TRUCK - DIED AT THE SCENE IN FALL RIVER.THE MAN IN THE VEHICLE BEHIND THE TRUCK WAS ALSO INJURED. IN ADDITION TO DEALING WITH THOSE INJURIES - THE TANKER SPILLED HUNDREDS OF GALLONS OF FUEL. THE THURSDAY MORNING COMMUTE BEGAN WITH A DANGEROUS MESS HERE ON THE SIDE OF ROUTE 24 IN FALL RIVER.. SNARLING TRAFFIC FOR MILES.THIS FUEL TANKER TRUCK FROM CAPE COD GAS TURNED OVER... KILLING THE DRIVER.. BUT ALSO INJURING THE MAN IN THE VEHICLE BEHIND IT.THE INJURIES WEREN'T THE ONLY CONCERNS. FALL RIVER FIRE CHIEF JOHN LYNCH SAYS HIS CREWS QUICKLY NOTICED THE FUEL TRUCK WAS FULL... BUT LEAKING MAJOR AMOUNTS OF IT... AND QUICKLY.ENVIRONMENTAL CREWS CAME IN.. AND ALONG WITH FIRST RESPONDERS.. SLOWED THE LEAK.. BUT ALSO COVERED NEARBY STORM DRAINS... PREVENTING IT FROM GETTING INTO THE GROUND.RESCUERS SAY.. IT COULD'VE BEEN MUCH WORSE ON THE ENVIORNMENT.. CONSIDERING THE TRUCK WAS FULL WITH 12,000 GALLONS OF FUEL.AND WHILE DRIVERS FELT THE HOURS OF DELAYS... STATE POLICE SAY THEY DID ALL THEY COULD.. IN THE HEART OF RUSH HOUR TRAFFIC.

12/17/2018 22:38:38 Time: :33

SLUG: HOLIDAY TRAVEL WEEK

CHRISTMAS EVE IS ONE WEEK AWAY...AND PEOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO HIT THE ROAD...TRIPLE-A IS FORECASTING RECORD-BREAKING HOLIDAY TRAVEL THIS YEAR.. MEANING MANY MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS --- ARE ON THE MOVE.TRIPLE-A PREDICTS 2-POINT-1 MILLION PEOPLE HERE IN THE BAY STATE WILL TRAVEL BY CAR.THAT MEANS BOSTON WILL SEE SOME OF THE HIGHEST TRAFFIC DELAYS IN THE COUNTRY.AIR TRAVEL IS EXPECTED TO BE AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN 15 YEARS-- WITH 6-POINT-7 MILLION AMERICANS TAKING TO THE SKIES.THE WORST TIME TO DRIVE IN THE BOSTON AREA IS EXPECTED TO BE WEDNESDAY.. BETWEEN 3-30 AND 4-30 IN THE AFTERNOON.

12/19/2018 8:11:52 Time: :25

SLUG: LONGFELLOW BRIDGE BIKE POSTS

AFTER SOME BACK AND FORTH - MASS-DOT NOW SAYS IT WILL *KEEP* THE PLASTIC BICYCLE LANE POSTS ON THE LONGFELLOW BRIDGE THIS WINTER. THOSE POSTS SEPARATE THE BIKE LANE FROM CAR TRAFFIC ON THE BRIDGE.A FEW WEEKS AGO, MASS-DOT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS GOING TO REMOVE THE POSTS TO MAKE PLOWING THE BRIDGE EASIER.BUT CYCLISTS AND STATE LAWMAKERS ASKED FOR THE DECISION TO BE RECONSIDERED.MASSDOT SAYS ITS CREWS WILL NOW USE A SIDEWALK PLOW TO CLEAR THE BICYCLE LANE WHEN NEEDED.