

## Quarterly List of WFXZ Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues

**WFXZ**

July to September 2019

### **I. Education/Schools/Youth**

Greater Boston, L 07/18/19, 2am, 30 min.

“After Being Attacked Online, A Town Leader Asks: How Are Kids Being Protected?” – Bullies are bad enough on their own, but when you add in the internet, they can be downright cruel. That's why one local town official is speaking out about how he's been targeted -- and how it's made him so much more worried about kids, especially those with disabilities. Stephanie Leydon reports.

Greater Boston, L 09/04/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Teaching Blind Students How To Fence To Help Them Navigate The World” – Like many competitive sports, fencing requires quick reflexes and physical grace — but it does not necessarily require the ability to see. Gabrielle Emmanuel shows us how learning to fence is helping some teenagers better navigate the world.

Talk with Audrey, N 08/17/19, 1pm, 30 min.

“Skin Cancer and Back to School” – Colleen Burns has tips to help alleviate the stress that comes with back to school prep. Also, we talk about what you and your college-bound students need to know about meningitis.

### **II. Housing/Urban Development**

Greater Boston, L 07/02/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu Speaks Out Against MBTA 'Unfair' Hikes” – Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu and Chris Dempsey, the director of Transportation for Massachusetts, joined Adam Reilly, in for Jim Braude, to discuss the recent MBTA fare hikes.

Greater Boston, L 09/14/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Massachusetts Ends Its Electric Car Rebate” – They don't need gas, they barely make a sound, and advocates say they can help save the planet. And yet, electric cars haven't exactly caught on. Now a rebate program designed to get more Massachusetts residents to

buy them is about to end. Stephanie Leydon has a look at the impact of the rebates and the future of electric cars.

Greater Boston, L 09/24/19, 2am, 30 min.

““Haunty House”” – At a time when Boston’s real estate has never been more valuable, it's hardly unusual for an old house to be turned into a bunch of condos. But the fate of one particular house in South Boston is note-worthy. As Liz Neisloss reports, it’s linked to one of the city’s most notorious criminals.

### **III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice**

Greater Boston, L 07/13/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Suffolk DA Rachael Rollins Responds To Criticism” – While Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins was running for office, she was criticized by police groups and some businesses for her plan to forgo prosecutions in many cases for 15 low-level crimes. Since taking office, the criticism has continued, including in a Boston Globe op-ed from a fellow Massachusetts district attorney. Rollins joined Jim Braude to respond to these criticisms and more.

Greater Boston, L 08/15/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Will The Politics On Gun Control Shift This Time?” – Most Americans are in favor of expanded background checks for gun purchases, and President Donald Trump recently declared he was as well, in the wake of three recent mass shootings that left 34 dead in Texas, Ohio and California. The National Rifle Association is also in the midst of internal turmoil, as some Republican operatives told Washington reporters this week. But it remains to be seen just how far American opinions about gun control will shift, how Sen. Mitch McConnell will respond, and how far Democrats will push — and what for, exactly.

Greater Boston, L\_08/06/19, 2am, 30 min.

“What Drives Mass Murderers To Kill?” – After two mass shootings back-to-back over a violent weekend in America, many Republican leaders in particular emphasized the need to focus on mental health over gun control legislation. But is it such a clear trade-off between doing one or the other? To understand more of what drives mass shooters and the intersection of psychology, violence and guns, Jim Braude was joined by Northeastern University criminologist Jack Levin and neuropsychologist Robert Mendoza.

#### **IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups**

Greater Boston, L 07/23/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Boston Poised To Get Its First Pot Shop — In A Community Hit Hard By The War On Drugs” – Although Massachusetts voters approved recreational marijuana by ballot vote more than two years ago, the roll out of pot shops across the state has been notoriously slow. Boston has now given community host agreements to five such businesses, one of which — Pure Oasis in Dorchester — recently received a provisional license from the state. If the store opens in the coming months as planned, it would be the first from the state’s so-called ‘economic empowerment’ track, which is meant to ensure that communities of color that were disproportionately targeted by the War On Drugs can fully participate in the now-legal marijuana industry, which still remains largely white.

Hiring America, N 08/18/19, 11:30am, 30 min.

“Helping Military Spouses and College Challenges” – This week, we learn what the city that calls itself "Military City, USA" is doing to help military spouses. Plus, how overcoming the challenges of starting college after you leave the military. Plus, hear about a website designed to help create the perfect resume for a military spouse.

Hiring America, N 09/15/19, 11:30am, 30 min.

“International Brotherhood of Teamsters & Assistance Dogs” – This week, we learn how the International Brotherhood of Teamsters helps Veterans transition into safe, well-paying civilian jobs. Plus, we learn how assistance dogs can be so beneficial to veterans, and the rigorous training the dogs go through to provide that help.

#### **V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty**

Greater Boston, L 08/14/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Weed’s Legal Limbo: Pot, Worker’s Rights And Driver Safety” – As Massachusetts continues to slowly roll out the legal sale of marijuana approved by voters three years ago, a few areas of continued contention have arisen. The Boston Globe earlier highlighted the cases of two Massachusetts employees who were terminated when drug tests revealed they had consumed marijuana in their personal time, even though they were not intoxicated on the job. On the issue of road safety, Gov. Charlie Baker has proposed hiring more "drug recognition experts" to test potentially high drivers, while some have said the science behind that testing is not certain, raising concerns about false negatives and residents’ civil liberties.

Talk with Audrey, N 07/07/19, 1pm, 30 min.

“Disabilities in the Workplace” – This week, we have information about accessibility technology accommodations and some of the employment challenges that people with disabilities face in the workplace. Then, what's next in connected health technologies. Plus, we have the details about how Accenture Strategy has identified a new influential group of stakeholders with the power to destabilize business.

The Big Biz Show, N 07/18/19, 12pm, 60 min.

“Minimum and Living Wages” – Russ and Sully discuss minimum wage and if raising it to a livable wage is beneficial. Today's guests are Raakhee Miller of Bitsian and Trey Wasser of Ely Gold Royalties.

## **VI. Environment/Ecology**

Greater Boston, L 09/17/19, 2am, 30 min.

“A New Approach To Noise Pollution In The City” – Summer may almost be over but we're not ready to close our windows yet. And if you live in the city, you know it can get loud. How loud? That's something a local researcher hopes to find out with help from residents. Cristina Quinn reports.

Greater Boston, L 09/25/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Former EPA Head Gina McCarthy On The Pressing Need For Climate Action” – Former head of the Environmental Protection Agency Gina McCarthy spent her career pushing for stronger environmental protections. Now, with the birth of the youth climate action movement, she is continuing her mission by telling young people that change at the federal level only comes with strong grassroots pressure. McCarthy addressed protesters at last week's "climate strike" in Boston last Friday, and attended the opening ceremonies for the United Nations Climate Summit this week.

DW News, N 09/20/19, 6pm, 30 min.

“Taking Action on Climate Change” – Topping the DW Journal: Action for the Planet on climate change and imprisonment on the ice.

## **VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services**

Greater Boston, L 09/06/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Mental Health Accessibility For Trans Students” – As college campuses face what many describe as a mental health crisis, a growing number of universities and colleges are providing more resources to better support their students. But a new study finds there are some glaring disparities among trans and nonbinary students when it comes to mental health. Cristina Quinn reports.

Talk with Audrey, N 08/12/19, 1pm, 30 min.

This week, we have information about a form of MS called active secondary progressive multiple sclerosis and a new treatment option. Also, Dr. Kevin Campbell has a few lifestyle changes that can help you on the road to heart health.

The Big Biz Show, N 08/08/19, 12pm, 60 min.

“A Public Health Crisis” – Russ and Sully talk with Dr. Elliot Goldstein talk about the public health crisis of Alzheimer's and how they are dedicated to helping people understand and deal with this disease. Then, Edward Fields talk about the services they have at DionyMed.

## **VIII. Economy/Business**

Greater Boston, L 07/11/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Gloucester Lobster Industry Feeling The Pinch From China Trade War” – China has become a major lobster importer of the local seafood dish. But one year into the U.S. trade war with China, coastal communities are taking a hit. Stephanie Leydon tells us about an effort to influence trade policy and protect the local lobster industry.

Greater Boston, L 07/10/19, 2am, 30 min.

“Almost Half Of Americans Plan To Retire After 65 — Or Never” – While many look ahead to the golden years of retirement with glee, a new poll finds one in four people have no intention of ever retiring. Another one in four expect to work well past 65. And while some are staying in it for the love of the game, for most others, it's all about the money. Just 29 percent of people age 50 or older say they're highly confident they'll have enough savings for retirement — and only 14 percent of people younger than 50 feel prepared.

Business Rockstars, N 09/16/19, 5pm, 60 min.

“The Business of Influencers “ – Today’s Business Rockstars: Scott Fisher, Founder of Select Management Company; Isabella Taylor, Founder & Designer of Isabella Rose Taylor; Chris Valencia, CEO of HIIT Bottle.

## **IX. Family/Morality/Religion**

Greater Boston, L 08/27/19, 2am, 30 min.

“The Cruelty Is The Point’: Lawyer Slams Federal Decision To End Special Medical Immigration Status” – Twenty local immigrant families that have been allowed to stay in the United States to receive medical care were told last week they must soon leave the country or face deportation. Last week, the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) sent letters to these families — including some with children receiving treatment for cancer, epilepsy, or HIV — saying that their "medical deferred action" status that has enabled them to stay and legally work in the U.S. while receiving medical care for serious illnesses will not be renewed.

Financial Issues with Dan Celia, N 08/27/19, 9am, 120 min.

“Highlighting Pre-Born's Ministry” – Dan Celia answers your financial questions and teaches good stewardship and investing from a biblical and moral perspective.

Financial Issues with Dan Celia, N 08/05/19, 9am, 120 min.

“A Country Mourns” – Dan Celia answers your financial questions and teaches good stewardship and investing from a biblical and moral perspective.

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