

RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

Q4: October 1 thru December 31, 2017



There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WRNI/Rhode Island Public Radio, Providence, Rhode Island along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 09/01 to 12/31, 2017. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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1. Education: A Year At Del Sesto: A Providence Middle School Strives To Reinvent Itself Feature(6:01)

October 5 Morning Edition

How do you turn around a struggling middle school? It's a question teachers, administrators, and city leaders are trying to figure out in the state's biggest school district. Providence is focusing this year on its middle schools. This is the first story in a year-long series following this effort at one city middle school.

2. Health/Business: Hospital Workers' Pension Plan On Life Support

Feature(8:19)

October 11 Morning Edition

Thousands of current and former hospital employees face the loss of their retirement savings, which they entrusted to an unregulated pension plan started by the Catholic dioceses of Providence for a church-owned hospital. And when church plans run into financial trouble, the beneficiaries' retirement savings have no government safeguards.

3. Arts&Culture: Theater Review: A Warhorse Returns To Trinity, In Style

Opinion (3:35)

October 11 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

Trinity Rep is opening its season with Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," the powerful drama concerning the downside of the American Dream. Rhode Island Public Radio's Bill Gale has the review.

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4. Politics/Business: Is Wexford's Innovation Complex Really A Game-Changer For RI's Economy?

Feature(5:12)

October 17 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

Construction is under way at the Wexford Innovation Complex in the I-195 District in Providence. Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo calls the project a game-changer for the state's economy. But is the governor's optimism justified?

5. Education: As Recess Changes, Do Children Get Enough Free Play?

Feature(4:24)

October 25 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

Across the country, and in New England, elementary schools are revamping recess with a focus on organized games and teamwork, instead of free play.

6. Environment: Ravens Are Surprisingly Intelligent Birds, So Why The Spooky Reputation?

Feature(4:02)

October 27 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

Ravens have historically been depicted in popular culture as creepy and supernatural, from the poetry of Edgar Allan Poe to – more recently – the popular TV series, Game of Thrones. But the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, a conservation group, notes there's much more to ravens than these representations. The group recently took in its first raven, Zachariah, from a retired raptor rehabilitator and educator.

7. Media/Business: What The Sale Of The Newport Daily News Means For Local Journalism

Debrief (5:40)

October 27 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

RIPR's Ian Donnis discusses the sale of the Newport Daily News to GateHouse Media Inc. The deal adds to more than 100 publications in GateHouse's portfolio, including The Providence Journal, The Worcester Telegram & Gazette, The Fall River Herald and The New Bedford Standard Times.

9. Justice/Breaking News: How A Highway Pursuit Ended In Deadly Force

Interview & Newscast Spots (various lengths)

November 9, 10 & 14 Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Police unleash a storm of bullets on a suspect following a car chase that ended in Providence, killing the suspect and injuring a passenger. RIPR reported on the shooting, public response to the incident and sought the perspective of a criminal justice expert on what happened and whether police acted appropriately.

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10. Politics: Can Common Ground Be Found On How To Reduce Gun Violence?

Interview (8:41)

November 15 Morning Edition

After a deadly mass shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas, two Rhode Islanders on different sides of the gun control debate explore whether there's any way to move forward at the state level on gun control.

11. Politics/Business/Sports: Envisioning A PawSox Stadium In Downtown Pawtucket

Interview and Newscast Spots (various lengths)

November 18 Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Yale students present their designs for a minor league baseball stadium in downtown Pawtucket, and a top advisor to the team discusses the potential of the site and the team's efforts to get public subsidies for the project.

12. Politics: What's Going On In East Greenwich?

Feature(5:08)

November 27 Morning Edition & All Things Considered

It's not every day an angry crowd shuts down a town council meeting. But it's happened more than once in East Greenwich, a well-off suburb not known as a hotbed for political animus.

13. Arts & Culture: Exploring Memory And Identity: Inside The Gamm's 'Incognito'

Interview (8:11)

November 28 Morning Edition

A pair of actors describe what they've learned, and what it's like to be part of the play "Incognito," in which four actors play 21 different roles, without so much as a set change or a new costume.

14. Business/Health: What The CVS Merger With Aetna Could Mean For Consumers

Interview (5:47)

December 5 Morning Edition

Rhode Island-based pharmacy chain CVS is set to acquire the health insurance provider A conversation with Providence College professor of health care policy, Bob Hackey, about CVS's plan to buy Aetna for \$69 billion. The proposed merger raises questions about the future of the two companies, as well as the future of health care in America.

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15. South Coast News/Immigration: Fleeing Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria, Two Sisters Settle In New Bedford

Feature (5:39)

December 7 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

For weeks after Hurricane Maria, Cynthia and Vanessa Melendez were trapped in their village in Humacao, Puerto Rico. They had no water and were running out of food. They eventually made their way out, along with their eight children, resettling in New Bedford. The sisters and their children have joined other Puerto Ricans arriving in the city since the hurricane.

16. RI News/Health: UHIP Still Leaving Some Rhode Islanders Out In The Cold

Feature(5:16)

December 14 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

Continuing problems with a new online state system for providing benefits like Medicaid and Food Stamps leave residents in the lurch and create long lines at the agency that's supposed to fix the problem.

17. Health: Understanding The Decline In RI Overdose Deaths

Reporter Debrief (5:13)

December 20 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Accidental drug overdose deaths in Rhode Island fell 9 percent during the first eight months of 2017. Gov. Gina Raimondo called it a hopeful sign but cautioned Rhode Island has a lot more work to do. Health Reporter Lynn Arditi explains the newly released data.

18. RI&South Coast News/Immigration/Religion: For Puerto Ricans Displaced By Hurricane, A First Christmas Away From Home

Feature(5:16)

December 21 Morning Edition and All Things Considered

Miosotis Castro, her husband Francisco Alvarado and their three children are among thousands of Puerto Ricans who lost their homes when Hurricane Maria hit the island three months ago. Now they are preparing to spend their first Christmas in Rhode Island.

19. Arts&Culture: Striking a Chord

Feature(7:00)

December 28 5:50 AM and 7:50 AM or 6:50 AM and 8:50 AM

In part 2 of our series, "Striking a New Chord: A 15-Week Journey To Learning An Instrument," RIPR's Morning Host Chuck Hinman continues to follow a group of adults learning to play string instruments for the first time. To really appreciate what it takes to learn this new skill, Hinman himself is part of the class and learning the cello.