

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q4: October 1 – December 31, 2015



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 7/1 to 9/30, 2015. 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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- WCVY 91.5FM Coventry, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jim Murphy *Date*
  
- WELH 88.1FM Providence, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - David Schiano *Date*

### **1. Education:** Does Talking To Your Kids Make A Difference? Researchers Await Results Of Providence Talks

Feature (4:46)  
October 5 6:45, 7:45 or 8:45 AM

Providence sees promise in a program that coaches parents to increase verbal interaction with infants and toddlers as a way to boost brain development.

### **2. Arts & Culture:** Barbara Meek: A Remembrance

Obituary (2:15)  
October 7 6:30, 7:30 or 8:30 AM

Theater critic Bill Gale reflects on the life and career of Barabara Meek, longtime actress with Trinity Repertory Theatre in Providence.

### **3. Politics:** Lincoln Chafee Jumps Into The Fray During First Democratic Presidential Debate

Analysis (7:12)  
October 14 5:45 PM

RIPR Political Analyst Scott MacKay discusses the democratic candidates' debate performance with RIPR host Dave Fallon.

### **4. Environment:** Urban Bird World Inspires Local Photographer

Feature(3:59)  
October 15 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

Profile of a Providence resident who is a graphic designer by day and an avid bird photographer in his spare time. He has become an expert on raptors like falcons and kestrels living in his urban neighborhood.

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### **5. Politics/Health Care:** Patrick Kennedy: Mental Health Parity Law Isn't Working

Q&A (8:11)

October 23 6:50 and 8:50 or 7:50 AM

Former Rhode Island Congressman Patrick Kennedy discusses his new memoir and his efforts to advocate for better addiction and mental health care.

### **6. Feature Series:** One Square Mile: Burrillville

Week-long series of more than a dozen features, commentaries, Q&As and web exclusives of varying lengths, followed by a public forum about the history, culture, politics and environment of one Rhode Island town.

October 26-31

Aired at various times during Morning Edition, All Things Considered and on line

### **7. Education:** What Can Rhode Island Learn From Finland's Children?

Q&A (4:46)

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

Researcher discusses decades-long study of Finish children and what insights Rhode Island can glean from the findings.

### **8. RI News:** Series: RI Veterans Voices

Three-part series of audio postcards (3:35; 3:40; 3:08)

November 9-11 6:45 and 8:45 AM and 4:45 or 5:45 PM

Veterans reflect on their wartime experiences and their lives after leaving active military service. Aired the week of Veterans Day.

### **9. Health Care:** At Trinity Rep's Sensory Friendly 'A Christmas Carol,' Off-Stage Matters As Much As On

Feature(6:42)

November 10 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Trinity Repertory Company adapts the theater-going experience for children with sensory issues such as autism.

### **10. Arts & Culture:** The Rant: Art And Truth At The Gamm Theatre

Q&A (4:57)

November 17 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Playwright and Brown University graduate Andrew Case discusses his play about police violence as previews of a new production begin at a local theater.

### **11. Environment:** At Maximum Security Prison, Gardening Gives Inmates A Chance To Grow

Feature(4:41)

November 25 6:45 and 8:45 or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Convicted murderers find new perspective through a gardening program and will share some of the fruits of their labors with fellow inmates at their Thanksgiving meal.

### **12. Politics:** Scott MacKay Commentary: Let's Prudently Do Our Part For Syrian Refugees Commentary (3:47)

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November 20 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Political analyst Scott MacKay examines the controversy over welcoming Syrian refugees after the Paris terrorist attacks.

### **13. Arts & Culture:** RI Artscape: Tastes Change, Thanksgiving Remains

Feature(7:41)

November 26 6:50 and 8:50 AM

A look at the history of Thanksgiving culinary traditions and some of the new trends from chefs at Johnson & Wales culinary program and its culinary museum.

### **14. Business:** The Bottom Line: Holiday Travel, And The Effects Of Heightened Security

Q&A (8:47)

November 27 5:45 PM

A conversation with travel industry veteran Dan Sullivan, CEO of tour-company Collette about the aftermath of the Paris terror attacks.

### **15. Arts & Culture:** 'Hamilton' Wows, 'An American In Paris' Worth Seeing On A Trip To NYC Commentary (4:40)

November 30 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Theater critic Bill Gale reviews two musicals making waves on Broadway.

### **16. Politics:** Q&A: Senator Reed on Islamic State, Gun Violence, Climate Change & More

Q/A (9:00)

December 8 7:50 or 8:50 AM

Rhode Island's senior Senator Jack Reed, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, discusses his view of the role U.S. troops should play in battling the Islamic State and other issues recently in the news.

### **17. Environment:** Battle With The Sea: Storms Compromise Block Island's Former Landfill

Feature(4:04)

December 17 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

A landfill on Block Island is slipping into the sea as a result of stronger storms and higher sea levels related to climate change. The feature explores the roots of the problem and what is being done to address it.

### **18. Arts & Culture:** Rhode Islanders' Holiday Traditions Travel The World

Feature (9:58)

December 22 5:50 and 7:50 AM or 6:50 and 8:50 AM

Exploring some lesser-known holiday traditions from Rhode Island's Liberian community, a Mexican immigrant living in Providence and the director of a food pantry.