

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

“Morning Edition and All Things Considered”
(January, February, March 2022)

General

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| Aired: | Dur: | Segment Content: |
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| 1/13/22 5:49 & 7:49 | 3:55 | COG: HAIR COLOR/Clark: Seven years go, Congresswoman Katherine Clark decided to stop coloring her hair. She thought it was a personal decision. |
| 1/17/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 5:33 | KING LEGACY/Brown 2-Way: 70 years after Martin Luther King Junior studied and ministered in Boston, his legacy is still being felt here today. |
| 1/17/22 8:23 | 5:22 | KING LEGACY/Pressley 2-way: We talk with Rep Ayanna Pressley about MLK Day and other issues facing the nation. |
| 1/21/22 5:45 + 7:45 | 4:55 | USS CONSITUTION/Shenoy: First the first time in its 224 year history, a woman takes command of the USS Constitution today. We speak with Commander Billie J. Farrell about being part of history. |
| 1/21/22 6:45 + 8:45 | 4:05 | N.A. CRAFT BEERS/Shea: Craft breweries are trying to achieve what many thought impossible--making non-alcoholic beer appealing. |
| 1/24/22 5:45 + 7:45 | 5:10 | RACIST RESTRICTIONS/Rios: Homes across Massachusetts have racist covenants buried in their deeds. They're an historical record of discrimination, but should they be erased? |
| 3/4/22 5:50 & 7:50 | 3:45 | COG: COVID ANGER/Colvin: COVID Anger--why we're feeling it, and how we can address it. |
| 3/29/22 6:21 & 8:21 | 2:20 | WORKER DEATH/Healy: The employer of the construction worker killed Saturday in Boston has faced past lawsuits over workplace injuries. |

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| 1/6/22 4:50:00, 6:20:35 | 9:55 | JANUARY 6TH SCHOLARS/Brody & Jolicoeur ATC-R06A Professors Ibram X. Kendi of Boston University, Amel Ahmed of UMass Amherst, and Ted Landsmark of Northeastern University on the legacy of January 6th 2021 us capitol attack as it relates to race and democracy and where things stand in the |

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| | | US on those issues one year later. |
| 3/10/22 4:20:35 6:20:35 | 8:10 | PANDEMIC KIDS/Mullins atc-r10b Kids aged 7-9 share their experiences/memories of the pandemic, two years after state declared state of emergency. What they were challenged with and the positive moments, lessons learned, and some hope for the days to come. |
| 3/22/22 4:44:00, 6:20:35 | 2:20 | BOSTONPOLICE SURVEILLANCE/Dooling ATC-T22B Boston Police defend the purchase of surveillance technology without city council oversight, but vow to make changes following a WBUR investigation that uncovered the secret purchases. |

Economic and Business

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| 1/12/22 6:46 & 8:45 | 3:15 | RENT CONTROL/Rios: A move to bring rent control back to Massachusetts. Supporters say the state's economic growth has contributed to a housing crisis. |
| 1/19/22 5:23 & 7:22 | 5:30 | WORKERS COMP/Healy: A WBUR investigation finds a number of front-line workers in Massachusetts who were exposed to Covid on the job, but struggled to collect worker's comp. |
| 2/1/22 5:51 & 7:51 | 3:20 | BRATTLE FLORIST/Shea: Business is still blooming at a long-time Cambridge florist, after it was scheduled to close for good. |
| 3/4/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 5:25 | DIGITAL CARE/Amer: A start-up is trying to bring more services back to primary health care providers--virtually. |
| 3/7/22 5:22 + 7:22 | 5:35 | TRADES/Rios: The Great Redirection. People who left desk jobs during the pandemic are enrolling in trade school. |
| 3/8/22 6:45 + 8:45 | 4:15 | PANDEMIC PIVOT/Beland: How restaurant owners adapted their business models to the pandemic: |
| 3/17/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:40 | INFLATION AND FOOD INSECURITY/2-Way: Is high inflation leading to more food insecurity? |
| 3/21/22 6:23 & 8:23 | 6:00 | BACK TO THE OFFICE/Amer: Companies are bringing employees back to the office. And, many are ready to go. |
| 3/24/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:45 | FANEUIL HALL/Ruckstuhl: Two years after the Covid shutdown, businesses at Faneuil Hall are hoping to get back to their glory days. |

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| 3/24/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:40 | GLX/Rios: As the Green Line expands into Somerville, concerns that long-time residents will be priced out. |
| 3/25/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:17 | FINANCIAL THERAPY/Shenoy: Worried about your bank balance and your financial future? You may be able to find help with a financial therapist. |
| 3/30/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 5:00 | HOME LOANS 1/Debrief: A WBUR analysis finds Black people and Hispanic people are far more likely to be denied home loans in Boston than white applicants. |
| 3/31/22 5:34 & 7:34 | 9:50 | HOME LOANS 2/Enwemeka&Ma: A WBUR analysis finds that qualifying for home loans in Boston can depend on your race, and where you live. |

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| 1/13/22 4:35:35 | 6:55 | VAX MANDATE/Brown two-way ATC-R13A Steve speaks with a south end bar/restaurant owner about her support of city coronavirus vaccine mandate that takes effect Saturday for entry into restaurants in the city |
| 2/8/22 4:50:00, 6:20:35 | 5:20 | CASSELLIUS RESIGNS/Jung debrief ATC-T08A Carrie Jung on what we know, and what city officials aren't saying about why Boston public school superintendent is resigning at end of school year and what will be done to find a replacement, the 5th superintendent in 8 years. |

Education

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| 1/4/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 5:37 | SCHOOLS REOPEN/Larkin Debrief: Some Massachusetts school districts delayed reopening. Boston superintendent Brenda Cassellius says the city schools will open today, even with staff calling out sick. |
| 1/12/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:20 | SCHOOL NURSES/Emanuel: School Nurses say they're bearing the brunt of a chaotic return to classrooms. And some are taking their work home with them. |
| 1/18/22 6:39 & 8:39 | 4:30 | TEACHER SHORTAGE/Jung: Schools are struggling to stay open during the omicron wave. So many teachers are out sick, principals are finding themselves in the classroom. |

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| 1/20/22 5:45 + 7:45 | 5:05 | SCHOOL TESTING/Larkin Debrief: The Baker Administration to at-home testing for Massachusetts schools and early care providers. |
| 2/11/22 6:38 & 8:38 | 4:50 | MIT PRES/Larkin Debrief: The complicated legacy of MIT President L. Rafael Reif (Rife), who announced he's stepping down at the end of the year |
| 2/14/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:20 | STUDENTS TOLL/Jung: Students reflect on the toll of the pandemic, and how it's changed their goals. |
| 2/28/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:15 | MASKS OFF/Kaufman: Massachusetts state-wide school mandate ends, as of today. Boston is keeping its in place, but many other districts are ready to go. |
| 3/16/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 7:45 | BRYT PROGRAM/James: A program that helps students reacclimate to high school after long absences for mental health issues. |
| 3/18/22 5:40 & 7:39 | 3:30 | MASK OPTIONAL SCHOOL/Jung: How Massachusetts kids are adjusting to not wearing masks in school |
| 3/21/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 7:20 | SCHOOL TURMOIL/Oakes: School board meetings across Massachusetts turn combative, over covid mandates, and curriculum on racism. |

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| 2/9/22 4:50:00, 6:20:35 | 5:40 | SCHOOL MASK RULE LIFTED/Jung Live at 450, taped at 620 Carrie Jung on the reasons why Governor Baker says he is lifting the school mask mandate statewide in massachusetts and reaction to it from teachers, parents, other interested parties |
| 2/28/22 5:35:35 | 4:13 | SCHOOL MASK MANDATE ENDS/Larkin atc-m28a students and families express a mix of joy and worry on the first day the state has dropped its statewide mask mandate for public schools this school year. |

Medical and Healthcare

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| 1/3/22 5:45 & | 4:29 | EVERETT ER /BEBINGER [Hospital ERs are filling up across the region as COVID surges] |

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| 7:45 | | |
| 1/5/22 6:45 & 8:44 | 5:26 | COVID LATEST/2-Way: Amid the latest Covid surge, advice on what to do if you or someone in your household tests positive. |
| 1/6/22 6:44 & 8:44 | 5:51 | COVID FORECAST/Emanuel Debrief: Covid cases continue to surge, but a forecaster says the Northeast may see numbers dropping sooner than other areas. |
| 1/7/22 5:48 & 7:48 | 2:55 | TESTING SHORTAGE/Borchers: Are long lines for covid tests a supply problem or an infrastructure problem? |
| 1/7/22 6:46 & 8:46 | 3:20 | TREATMENT STRUGGLES/Becker: The latest Covid surge is slamming mental health and addiction treatment programs in Massachusetts. |
| 1/10/22 6:23 & 8:23 | 6:40 | SCHIZOPHRENIA/Brown: Some patients and mental health providers say the term schizophrenia should be re-named, to relieve the stigma attached to the disorder. |
| 1/11/22 6:47 & 8:46 | 3:15 | CHELSEA TESTING/Rios: Chelsea was one of the state's earliest Covid hot spots. Now, cases are rising again and tests are hard to come by. |
| 1/14/22 5:34 & 7:34 | 4:50 | CARE LOTTERY/Bebinger: with large hospitals full, smaller hospitals are struggling to transfer patients needing specialized care. |
| 1/26/22 5:22 & 7:22 | 5:45 | COVID TREATMENTS/Emanuel Debrief: Existing Covid treatments can help ease hospital crowding, but they're in short supply. |
| 1/27/22 6:23 & 8:23 | 6:05 | WOMEN TREATMENT/Becker: Despite statistics showing more opioid overdoses among women during the pandemic, fewer women are seeking treatment. |
| 1/28/22 5:55 & 7:55 | 3:40 | COG: EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT/Shukla: A view from inside a hospital emergency department, in the midst of the latest covid wave. |
| 1/31/22 6:25 & 8:25 | 4:00 | LASIK/Rios: More people are seeking corrective laser eye surgery during the pandemic. One reason? Their glasses are fogged from wearing masks. |
| 2/10/22 6:47 & 8:47 | 3:00 | MASK REAX/Larkin: Massachusetts is lifting the statewide school mask mandate. But some health experts are concerned about uneven vaccination rates. |

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| 2/15/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:22 | PANDEMIC DISABILITY/Shenoy 2way: A closer look at how the pandemic has affected people with disabilities and the hopes of what lessons learned in the last two years can be used in the eventual recovery. |
| 2/18/22 5:23 & 7:23 | 6:15 | MANDATES/Brooks Debrief: We navigate a confusing map of where mask and vaccine mandates have been lifted in Massachusetts. Have some communities moved too quickly? |
| 2/22/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:51 | PAUL FARMER TWO-WAY/Shenoy: We hear more about the legacy of global health champion Paul Farmer from Partners In Health Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Joia Mukherjee |
| 2/23/22 5:21 & 7:23 | 6:00 | Pandemic future/Emanuel: What the next phase of the pandemic looks like in Massachusetts - as many return to pre-pandemic routines, while many others still cannot: |
| 2/28/22 6:23 & 8:23 | 6:30 | NURSES LEAVING/Bebinger: Many nurses say the job is overwhelming their physical and mental health, so they're leaving the profession. |
| 3/9/22 5:22 & 7:22 | 7:00 | WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS 1/Emanuel: Wheelchairs break down at an alarming rate, and length repairs leave wheelchair users feeling stranded. |
| 3/10/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:40 | WHEELCHAIR REPAIRS 2/Emanuel: Why wheelchair users in Massachusetts are more vulnerable to break downs than in other states. |
| 3/10/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:30 | COVID 2 YEARS/Shenoy 2-Way: Two years after Governor Baker declared a state of emergency, masks are coming off across Massachusetts. Is it still too soon? |
| 3/14/22 6:47 & 8:46 | 3:05 | RESTAURANT MASKS/Murphy: Despite the city lifting its mask mandate, some Boston restaurants are still requiring them. |
| 3/29/22 6:24 & 8:24 | 5:15 | OMICRON DEATHS/Emanuel: More than 37-hundred Massachusetts residents died from Covid during the Omicron wave. what are researchers leaning about the state's response? |

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Politics and Government

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| 1/13/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 3:50 | TENT REMOVAL/Becker: Workers clear a tent encampment in Boston. Some of the people living there were left hunting through debris. |
| 1/14/22 5:39 & 7:39 | 4:30 | GOP GOV SEARCH/Brooks: Some Massachusetts Republicans are searching for a moderate candidate for governor while the party is controlled by Donald Trump supporters. |
| 1/14/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:35 | LYDIA EDWARDS/Shenoy 2-Way: Boston City Councilor Lydia Edwards wins a special election to the state Senate. She's the first black woman to win her district. |
| 1/20/22 6:34 + 8:34 | 5:15 | HEALEY ENTERS/Brown Debrief: After months of speculation, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey enters the race for Governor. |
| 1/26/22 6:35 & 8:35 | 4:27 | SOTC/Brown Debrief: Governor Charlie Baker notes the state's progress since the pandemic in his final State of the Commonwealth speech. |
| 2/7/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 5:25 | NH GERRYMANDER/Brooks: The redistricting wars come to New Hampshire. Democrats and voting rights advocates condemn Republicans' proposed Congressional map. |
| 2/9/22 5:52 & 7:52 | 7:05 | SPRINGFIELD POLICE/Brown: A Springfield police officer was acquitted on criminal charges for excessive force. But he, along with other officers and the city, still face a civil suit. |
| 2/16/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 5:30 | WU PROTESTS/Brooks: Protesters are targeting Mayor Michelle Wu's home on a daily basis. Have they crossed the line? |
| 2/17/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:43 | COMMUTATION/Becker Debrief: Two Massachusetts men serving life sentences are another step closer to freedom, after the Governor's Council approves commutations. |
| 2/22/22 5:22 & 7:22 | 3:20 | T LOW INCOME FARES/Murphy: Calls for the MBTA to offer reduced fares to more low-income passengers. |
| 2/24/22 5:54 & 7:54 | 5:15 | MASS CASS FAMILIES/Becker: Some family members of people removed from a Boston tent campment say their relatives need more than just temporary housing. |
| 3/3/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:35 | MEDICAL PAROLE/Becker: Attorneys and some lawmakers says the state isn't applying its medical parole law as intended, and prisoners are receiving inadequate health care. |
| 3/15/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:40 | PROTEST HEARING/Brooks: Boston Mayor Michelle Wu's proposal to limit protests outside residential homes draws a mixed response in a city council hearing. |

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| 1/20/22 5:44:00 | 5:30 | HEALEY ANALYSIS/Michael Curry two-way ATC-R20A Political analyst Michael Curry on Maura Healey's strengths and what other Dem candidates need to do to break through, as Healey enters the race for Governor |
| 3/9/22 4:44:00, 6:20:35 | 4:30 | MEDICAL ASSISTED DEATH/Becker debrief ATC-W09B State's highest court hears arguments on whether doctors should be allowed to prescribe life-ending medicine to terminally ill patients to ease suffering. |

Crime

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| 3/4/22 4:35:35 | 4:30 | TSARNAEV SENTENCE/Jarmanning debrief LIVE Supreme court restores death sentence for convicted boston marathon bomber. We explore legal arguments for the decision, why it's not the end of the final word on whether he will be executed and why victims' relatives are split on the decision. |
| 3/15/22 5:20:35 | 5:00 | ACTIVIST ARRESTED/Becker debrief LIVE Activist who led racial justice demonstrations in Boston arrested and charged federally with fraud for using donations for her nonprofit on personal expenses. |

Science and Technology

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| 2/10/22 5:23 & 7:23 | 5:50 | MAINE PFAS/Miller: A Maine organic farm shuts down after discovering contamination from forever chemicals. And it likely won't be the last. |

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| 2/24/22 6:21 & 8:21 | 7:15 | RUST BATTERY/Gellerman: A local company believes it can power the electric grid of the future with batteries that run on rust. |
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Weather and Environmental

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| 1/6/22 5:35 & 8:20 | 2:48 | SNOW/Epstein 2-way: Get the shovels ready. Boston's first significant snowstorm on the season is on its way. |
| 1/7/22 5:31 | 2:45 | SNOW/EPSTEIN: How long and how much? |
| 1/7/22 7:31 | 3:25 | SNOW/EPSTEIN: How long and how much? |
| 1/7/22 9:33 | 3:36 | SNOW/EPSTEIN: How long and how much? |
| 1/7/22 6:04 | 2:49 | SNOW/GULLIVER: We talk with the State Highway Administrator. |
| 1/7/22 9:01 | 3:00 | SNOW/GULLIVER: We talk with the State Highway Administrator. |
| 1/7/22 7:05 | 2:55 | SNOW/WU: We talk with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu about the snow. |

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| 1/11/22 5:33 & 7:33 | 3:00 | COLD!/Epstein 2-Way: |
| 1/11/22 5:23 & 7:23 | 5:20 | DEER COVID/Wuthmann: It's not just humans. Scientists are finding deer infected with Covid-19. |
| 1/13/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:30 | MAINE EAGLE/Sharon: Birders from near and far flock to New England for a rare North American appearance of a giant eagle. |
| 1/17/22 7:49 | 2:44 | EPSTEIN STORM 2way - we talk with David Epstein about a wind and rain storm in the area |
| 1/20/22 5:22 + 7:22 | 6:45 | INCINERATORS 1/Chanatry: Massachusetts has tightened rules on trash incinerators. But, some residents still wish the state didn't have to rely on them. |
| 1/21/22 5:22 + 7:21 | 6:05 | INCINERATORS 2/Chanatry: Efforts to relieve Massachusetts' trash disposal problems by producing zero waste. |
| 1/25/22 5:45 + 7:45 | 7:45 | RECYCLE BATTERIES/Gellerman: Turning worn out lithium ion batteries into products that are better than new. |
| 1/28/22 5:34 & 7:34 | 3:36 | NOR'EASTER/Epstein 2-Way: What could be one of the biggest snowstorms in years will hit our region tomorrow. Dave Epstein has the forecast. |
| 1/31/22 6:22 & 8:22 | 2:15 | SNOW DIG OUT/Wuthmann: Greater Boston digs out from the weekend blizzard that knocked out power to thousands and dumped more than 2 feet of snow in some areas. |
| 2/4/22 5:32 & 7:32 | 3:30 | STORM/Epstein 2-Way: Rain will give way to freezing rain, ice, and sleet this morning, making a mess of the commute. |
| 2/24/22 5:50 & 7:50 | 2:53 | SNOW STORM COMING/Epstein 2way: After record warmth yesterday, we could get a foot of snow tomorrow. We'll talk with WBUR Meteorologist Dave Epstein about the forecast |
| 2/25/22 5:31 & 7:31 | 3:00 | STORM/Epstein: David Epstein talks about the winter storm happening right now |
| 2/25/22 7:05 | 3:00 | STORM/Gulliver 2way: we talk with Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver about the storm. |
| 3/1/22 5:21 & 7:23 | 5:50 | DAM REMOVAL/Wuthmann: Efforts to remove thousands of dams in Massachusetts. One reason, they're harming fish populations. |
| 3/29/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 8:15 | FUTURE OF GAS/Gellerman: Massachusetts gas utilities release roadmaps to meet the state's climate goals. But do they go far enough? |

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| 1/6/22 4:35:35, 6:06:30 | 4:30 | snow forecast/EPSTEIN live at taped at 6 atc-r06wx 3:30 Meteorologist DAve Epstein provides forecast for first significant snowfall of the season in Boston |
| 1/27/22 4:35:35, 6:06:30 | 4:30 | STORM FORECAST/Epstein live Dave Epstein gives us a forecast for Saturday nor'easter that could bring a foot plus of snow to eastern mass. |
| 1/28/22 4:06:30, 5:35:35 | 4:30 | NOREASTER FORECAST/Epstein Live David Epstein gives forecast for pending nor'easter set to dump snow on region tomorrow |
| 1/28/22 4:35:35 | 3:30 | BOSTON PREPARES FOR STORM/Murphy Live Reporter Darryl C Murphy gives update on how Boston and some other communities are preparing for winter storm, their message for residents, concerns about flooding and major snow accumulation, and how transportation is being affected |
| 1/28/22 5:06:30 | 30:00 | Governor on Storm/Live press conference We carry live Governor Baker's press conference on how state is preparing for major snowfall |

Arts, Culture, Media

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| 1/24/22 6:45 + 8:45 | 4:40 | HARRIET POWERS/Mason: A descendant of 19th Century quilter Harriet Powers sees Powers' work for the first time. |
| 2/1/22 6:46 & 8:46 | 3:35 | LUNAR NEW YEAR/Jarmanning: Lunar New Year festivities are again clouded by the pandemic, but there's hope for a better year ahead. |
| 2/14/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:50 | SEXY CHOCOLATE/Shea: If you're looking to put a spark in your Valentine's Day, a candy historian suggests a colonial version of hot chocolate. |
| 3/3/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:00 | HILTON ALS/Mason: The Isabella Stuart Gardner museum's visiting curator Hilton Als talks about his strong connection to the museum and its founder. |
| 3/8/22 5:52 + 7:52 | 6:00 | OCEAN FILIBUSTER/Shea: A musical at the American Repertory Theater confronts climate change, and calls to the stand a new character: |
| 3/14/22 5:45 & 7:45 | 4:40 | ARTISTS FOR UKRAINE/Mason: A local theatre company founded by immigrants tries to get humanitarian aid to Ukraine. |

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| 3/15/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 5:15 | ROADRUNNER OPENS/Shea: It's opening night for Boston's new 35-hundred person music venue, Roadrunner. |
| 3/31/22 6:24 & 8:24 | 5:15 | JULIA FOOD STYLIST/Shea: We meet the local food stylist who recreated some of Julia Child's greatest dishes for a new TV series. |
| 3/31/22 6:21 & 8:21 | 2:30 | CHRIS ROCK/Guerra: Chris Rock returns to the stage in Boston, with little to say about Sunday's Oscar slap seen around the world. |

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| 1/24/22 5:50:00 | 9:20 | FREUDBERG/Mullins two-way ATC-M24A Lisa interviews David Freudberg of Belmont, a radio documentary producer who today celebrates 50 years since he filed his first audio report for NPR. A look at his work finding the humanity in life. |
| 2/9/22 5:50:00 | 8:00 | mercy street/mullins 2-way ATC-W09A INTERVIEW with author Jennifer Haigh on her experience working in a Boston abortion clinic |

Sports

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| 1/10/22 5:51 & 7:51 | 4:35 | PATS PLAYOFFS/Reiss 2-way: After a year's absence the Patriots are back in the post-season, for the first time in the post-Tom Brady era. |
| 2/2/22 5:39 & 7:39 | 3:40 | COG: BRADY/Weiss: Tom Brady may be going out as a Buccaneer, but our commentator says he'll always belong to New England. |
| 2/3/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:30 | OLYMPIC ACTIVISTS/Shenoy: A conversation with a local human rights activist who's disappointed the Olympics are going ahead in China. |

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National/International

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| 1/6/22 7:45 | 6:11 | JAN 6--CLARK/2-Way: We talk with Massachusetts congresswoman Katherine Clark about last January's insurrection, and its aftermath. |
| 2/2/22 6:21 & 8:21 | 7:25 | AFGHAN EVACUEES/Williams: We meet two women who were strangers in Afghanistan, but are now trying to make a life together in Massachusetts. |
| 2/16/22 6:45 & 8:45 | 4:40 | CHANG CHEN FALLOUT/Larkin: Scientists say a program aimed at curbing Chinese economic espionage is having a chilling effect on research. |
| 2/25/22 8:44 | 5:30 | UKRAINE/Lynch 2-Way: Reaction to Russia's invasion of Ukraine from Massachusetts Congressman Steven Lynch. |
| 2/25/22 5:47 & 7:47 | 3:45 | RUSSIAN SHOPPERS/Rios: Strong opinions about the Russian invasion of Ukraine among the Boston-area's Eastern European community |
| 3/2/22 6:45 | 4:00 | SOTU REAX/Moulton 2-Way: We talk with Rep. Seth Moulton for his reaction to the President's State of the Union |
| 3/2/22 8:13 | 5:28 | SOTU REAX/Clark 2-Way: We talk with Rep. Katherine Clark for her reaction to the President's State of the Union. |
| 3/9/22 6:38 & 8:14 | 4:45 | LOCAL UKRANIAN/Shenoy 2-Way: A Ukranian student in Boston tries to stay in contact with her family back in Ukraine. |
| 3/11/22 5:45 + 7:45 | 4:45 | VISA DELAY/Datar: Thousands of immigrants in the US are afraid to leave the country and see their families. Delays in processing visa renewals mean they may not be able to return. |
| 3/11/22 6:45 + 8:45 | 4:20 | UKRAINE AID: Tourniquets, drones, and cash. Ukrainians in Boston and their supporters galvanize to get help to Ukraine. |
| 3/16/22 6:23 & 8:23 | 6:10 | VIEW INSIDE RUSSIA/Shenoy 2-Way: We speak with a Russian-American man from Massachusetts who's in Moscow trying to get his sick grandmother out. |
| 3/17/22 5:47 & 7:40 | 3:00 | LOCAL DOC NUKES/Becker: A Boston doctor warns Russian scientists and physicians there's a greater threat of nuclear conflict, and urges them to help work for peace. |
| 3/28/22 5:45 & 7:44 | 5:20 | REFUGEE FAMILIES/Shenoy 2-Way: A long-time refugee aid worker says it may take years to reunite Ukranian families forced apart by the Russian invasion. |

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| 3/21/22 6:20:35 | 5:35 | TRAHAN VISIT EUROPE/Mullins 2way ATC-M21A Rep. Lori Trahan speaks to Lisa about her recent trip to Poland and Eastern Europe to visit refugee camps, shares her view of what Ukrainian people need and how U.S. can help. |
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Inside the DOJ's Jan. 6 investigation

More than 700 people have been arrested in connection with the January 6th Capitol attack. Many of those defendants are using the same defense — that Donald Trump invited them...

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From inflation to rate hikes: The Money Ladies' guide to the 2022 economy

Inflation, rate hikes, tax credits and more. Michelle Singletary and Rana Foroohar guide us through what's to come in 2022.

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What West Virginians need from Biden's social spending plan

Senator Joe Manchin torpedoed the Biden administration's social spending plan, for now. But West Virginians want answers. We learn what West Virginians need, and what their senator is willing to...

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Jamie Raskin on surviving tragedy, and his refusal to let America lose its democracy

In December 2020, Representative Jamie Raskin lost his son. A few days later, he watched in horror as America almost lost its democracy.

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Voting access and the future of American election reform

Senate majority leader Chuck Schumer is pushing election reform – no matter what it takes. Some members of the GOP has other plans. What does that mean for American democracy?

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How cities in the West can prepare for the Western wildfire threat

Wildfires aren't just in the wilderness anymore. We discuss resilience, retrofit and the urgent need for new regulations as fires threaten Western American cities.

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Making sense of the COVID pandemic's omicron phase

You've heard the headlines about record-breaking omicron cases. But are case number the wrong way to look at COVID?

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The Elizabeth Holmes trial: Fraud, funding and a reckoning for Silicon Valley

Elizabeth Holmes became a tech billionaire through fraud. Now, she faces years in prison. Will Silicon Valley's 'fake it till you make it' culture face an overall reckoning?

Thursday, January 13, 2022

A scientist's rapid COVID tests never made it to the public. Here's how that shaped the pandemic
In March 2020, an MIT scientist developed a cheap, rapid COVID test -- giving results in just 15 minutes. It could have been a game changer early in the pandemic,...

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How redistricting is changing America's voting maps
Redistricting. The process of creating maps to determine who represents you at the state and federal level. Independent commissions were supposed to take the politics out of this process. We...

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Exploring the history and future of Atlanta's civil rights legacy
Atlanta has been the cradle of civil rights leadership in the past. But what about its future? We explore Atlanta's legacy, and future leadership in the pursuit of civil rights.

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Far-right radio and the fight for American democracy
Hard-right talk radio and podcasts have influence and reach. For their audiences, the Jan. 6 insurrection was just the beginning. We explore what far-right radio and podcasts are telling Americans...

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Making sense of the COVID strategy in America's schools
The White House promises schools 10 million COVID tests every month. But some medical experts say testing in schools may hurt more than help. Health experts join us to make...

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An 'invisible epidemic': Survivors of domestic violence on living with traumatic brain injury
An 'invisible epidemic' is causing suffering in millions of women. It affects memory, concentration, balance. We discuss traumatic brain injuries in survivors of domestic violence.

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The Democrats' messaging problem, and how to fix it
From infrastructure to child care, Democrats are pushing for issues with broad public support. So why do so many Americans believe our country is headed in the wrong direction?

Monday, January 24, 2022

Omicron, health care and what's really going on in America's hospitals
With the omicron wave, hospitals have been crushed by the surge in patients. But COVID is a symptom, not the cause of hospitals being overwhelmed. What needs to change?

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

How sedition charges against the Oath Keepers will shape the Capitol investigation

Seditious conspiracy. The Justice Department has levied the charge on 11 people associated with the January 6 Capitol attack.

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

The indigenous communities rising up to protect the gray wolf
The federal government removed the gray wolf from the endangered species list last year. Now, hundreds of gray wolves have been killed. We hear how tribes are leading efforts to...

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Redefining poverty in the United States
The way we often think about poverty in the United States is as an individual failing, social welfare professor Mark Robert Rank says. So, what would happen if the U.S....

Friday, January 28, 2022

Justice Stephen Breyer, his replacement and the future of the Supreme Court
Justice Stephen Breyer is retiring after more than two decades at the Supreme Court. Who might President Biden call to replace him?

Monday, January 31, 2022

Operation North Star: The military veterans working to protect Afghan allies from the Taliban
The U.S. pulled out of Afghanistan last year. U.S. military vets are coming together to help the Afghans who did so much for them. Hear about Operation North Star.

February 2022

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Evaluating the effectiveness of vaccine passes
A year ago, Israel was the first country to issue a strict vaccine passport. Now, some health officials say the Green Pass did not stop the omicron variant, and is...

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

The moral, military and financial cost of Guantanamo Bay, 20 years later
Twenty years ago, President Bush ordered the creation of a secretive prison at Guantanamo Bay. Many were innocent. Many were tortured. Two presidents tried to close Gitmo -- and failed....

Thursday, February 3, 2022

The battle for California's rooftop solar
A third of all the nation's rooftop solar panels are in California. Is it time for the state to stop subsidizing them?

Friday, February 4, 2022

Wordle and the future of the internet's favorite word game
A simple word game has taken the internet by storm. But now that the New York Times owns the game, can the wonder of Wordle last?

Monday, February 7, 2022

Protecting democracy, or political distraction? Inside efforts to reform the Electoral Count Act
The Electoral Count Act is at the center of Donald Trump's attempt to overturn the 2020 election.
Now, the Senate is considering reforming the 136-year-old law.

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The Russia-Ukraine crisis and how Ukrainians are finding a new sense of national identity
Ukraine has a long, fraught history with Russia and the Soviet Union. How do Ukrainians see themselves now?

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

What the Rooney Rule reveals about football, coaching and race in America
Three days before his interview for the New York Giants' head coaching position, Brian Flores learned that the job was already promised to someone else. Flores is now suing the...

Thursday, February 10, 2022

The failures and future of the Paycheck Protection Program
The Paycheck Protection Program was supposed to help workers stay afloat during the pandemic. But new analysis finds most PPP funding went to the richest 20% of Americans.

Friday, February 11, 2022

Is it time to end school masking?
In just days, several states have suddenly reversed course on masks in school. But not everyone agrees. We talk about whether now's the right time to end school masking.

Monday, February 14, 2022

More than money: The monopoly on meat
A discussion of monopolies and meat processing kicks off our special series More than Money: The Cost of Monopolies in America.

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More than money: Microsoft and the big tech question
Microsoft wants to acquire Activision-Blizzard for almost \$70 billion. Microsoft says it won't harm consumers. But is the mega-merger a new kind of monopoly?

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More than money: Antitrust lessons of the Gilded Age
The nineteenth century saw the rise of great monopolies. Americans pushed back. What changed? We discuss lessons learned from antitrust action in the Gilded Age.

Thursday, February 17, 2022

More than money: Defining American antitrust law, from Bork to Khan

From Robert Bork's "consumer harm" to Lina Khan's "democratic harm," we discuss the ideas that drive the government's approach to antitrust regulation.

Friday, February 18, 2022

More than money: Solutions for reining in monopoly power

For antitrust reformers, the size and power of companies like Google and Facebook represent more than a threat to consumer welfare. It's the final episode in our series "More than..."

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What to know about Biden's Supreme Court nominees

President Biden is considering who he'll nominate to the Supreme court. She'll make history in more ways than one. So who does the president have in mind?

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

The growing diversity in America's suburbs

The "suburbs" have become a hot constituency in recent years. But has the term enveloped the full range of their residents?

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The consequences of the friendship gap

The percentage of people who say they don't have a single close friend has quadrupled in the past 30 years, according to the Survey Center on American Life. What's driving...

Thursday, February 24, 2022

How political vitriol impacts public servants

Vitriol against public servants is increasing. What impact does that have on who stays in politics – and for the health of democracy?

Friday, February 25, 2022

Next moves for the U.S. as Russia invades Ukraine

Despite warnings from the West, Russian troops are advancing on Ukraine. If sanctions don't work, what should the U.S. do next?

Monday, February 28, 2022

Inside the European Union's response to the Russia-Ukraine war

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is the greatest test of European resolve in a generation. Will it transform the EU?

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The intergenerational impacts of global learning loss

In 2020, almost every single child on planet earth was out of school, due to COVID. Lost school years. Lost learning around the world. What impact will it have, for...

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Wednesday, March 2, 2022

What Putin's destruction of Grozny in 1999 means for Ukraine now

In 1999, Putin ordered the airstrikes and bombing that razed the Chechen capital of Grozny. Could he do it again, in Ukraine?

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Tesla and the ethics of self-driving cars

Self-driving technology has come a long way in recent years, but it remains far from perfect. And that's partially because of decisions made -- not by the cars -- but...

Friday, March 4, 2022

Russians reflect on the Russia-Ukraine war and the consequences at home

Apollinaria Oleinikova is 18-years-old. For most of her life, she was a carefree Muscovite. Now, she's publicly protesting, along with other Russians, in Moscow.

Monday, March 7, 2022

Investigating possible war crimes in Ukraine

Bombing and encircling civilians in cities, indications that cluster bombs may have been dropped. Is Russia committing war crimes in Ukraine?

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

The economic front in Russia's war against Ukraine

The international community may not be sending soldiers. But does isolation from the global economy constitute a form of economic war against Russia?

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Inside Ukraine's refugee crisis

More than one million Ukrainians have been forced to across the border. We hear more about the humanitarian and refugee crisis as Russian attacks in Ukraine intensify.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Burn pits: Behind the 'silent killer' ignored by the U.S. government for years

Burn pits in Afghanistan and Iraq. Vast piles of U.S. military waste set alight, pouring smoke into the air that U.S. soldiers would breathe. Why were they ignored for so...

Friday, March 11, 2022

Are we entering a new Cold War era?

The Cold War was defined by the fear of mutually assured destruction. Does Russia's invasion of Ukraine signal a new Cold War?

Monday, March 14, 2022

What to know about the threat of nuclear war

Russian President Vladimir Putin put his nuclear arsenal on high alert. What are the strategic, and political moves necessary to avoid the unthinkable?

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Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Volodymyr Zelenskyy's profile in leadership

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has defended his country, deftly used the media, and galvanized the world. We'll have a profile in leadership.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

How the global financial system enables oligarchy

Sanctions are squeezing Russia's economy, but not its wealthiest. We look at how the global financial system enables oligarchy, and how to fix it.

Thursday, March 17, 2022

COVID, 2 years later: Lessons learned from a global pandemic

Lives lost, lives changed and lessons learned after two years of a global pandemic.

Friday, March 18, 2022

China's place in the Russia-Ukraine war

The U.S. and NATO have warned Beijing not to back its ally. What China chooses to do now will have worldwide implications for years to come. We talk about it.

Monday, March 21, 2022

What Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's history as a public defender means for the Supreme Court

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson would be the first former public defender on a bench full of former prosecutors and corporate lawyers. What difference would that make on the highest court...

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What would a 'no-fly zone' mean for Ukraine?

Big rhetoric around three simple words. But what would a "no-fly zone" really mean in the skies over Ukraine?

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Life during war in Ukraine

For millions of Ukrainians who have not -- and cannot -- leave their cities, how are they enduring life in a warzone?

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Inside Missouri's push to ban out-of-state abortions

A legislative proposal in Missouri would make it illegal for a woman to cross state lines to receive a legal abortion. Restricting a woman's freedom of movement. Is it the...

Friday, March 25, 2022

Protecting whale superhighways

Whales migrate along routes thousands of miles long - oceanic superhighways - that also happen to be corridors of human disruption. We discuss the fight to protect whale superhighways.

Monday, March 28, 2022

2 former U.S. officials on America's next steps in the Russia-Ukraine war

Alexander Vindman and Lawrence Wilkerson have unique histories that have brought them to two different views on what the U.S. and Europe must do as Russia continues its attack on...

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

No food, medicine or electricity: The truth about life in Ethiopia's Tigray region

Ethiopia's government has turned the northern Tigray region into a virtual prison. Five million people.

No way in. No way out. No food, no medicine, no electricity. How long can...

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

What the U.S. can learn from South Korea's COVID strategy

In January, South Korea had about 4,500 new COVID cases a day. By mid-March, that number ballooned to over 400,000. But at the same time, South Korea has one the...

Thursday, March 31, 2022

The American far-right's Russian embrace

Influential voices on the American far-right, such as white nationalist Nick Fuentes, are genuflecting to Russia. How close, and how dangerous is the far-right's Russian relationship?

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January 2022

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White, employed and mainstream: What we know about the Jan. 6 rioters one year later
Political scientist Robert Pape has found that unlike other extremists he's studied, most of the Jan. 6 rioters were older, employed, and few are members of hate groups.

AT&T, Verizon refuse to delay 5G launch amid warnings of air travel disruptions
Airlines say the new 5G technology could interfere with certain types of plane equipment.

Alaska student spits rap out of world's oldest known epic poem
High school junior Tracen Wassily of Dillingham, Alaska, was recently given an English assignment: write something new about the world's oldest known epic poem.

What's behind China's ambitious plans to compete in every winter sport at the Olympics
The country hopes to seed a new industry of recreational skiing and skating.

Omicron is declining in South Africa. Here's what to expect in the United States
A month after omicron was first identified, cases have dropped by more than a third in South Africa.

As schools reopen amidst surging cases, New York City plans to continue in-person learning
In the nation's largest school district, newly minted Mayor Eric Adams has resisted calls for remote learning.

Yes, there are reasons to be hopeful about the 2020s
Some reasons include advances in artificial intelligence, our understanding of complex diseases and green energy.

Artists honor Breonna Taylor's life in new app
"Breonna's Garden," an augmented reality art project, showcases some of Breonna Taylor's favorite things.

New bill meant to protect consumers against surprise medical bills goes into effect
The No Surprises Act may save you from getting an unexpected medical bill.

Costa Rica incentives remote workers by offering tax, visa breaks
Costa Rican officials there are jumping into the global competition for remote workers.

A new year, a new list of global political risks

If Eurasia Group's predictions are correct, we'll see more political instability in the U.S., increasing cyber threats and a deeper conflict between Russia and the West.

What to watch out for this flu season as omicron sweeps across the U.S.

UPenn microbiologist Scott Hensley discusses the study he led into this year's dominant flu strain and the vaccine.

CDC to address confusion over COVID isolation periods, testing

The CDC's new messaging caused many people — from nurses to teachers to grocery store workers — to be confused and upset.

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

How journaling can improve self-awareness

Mycah Hazel, 24, has been keeping a diary since she was 11, writing multiple entries a week.

'Winnie-the-Pooh' book enters public domain this year

A variety of books, TV shows and music from the 1920s will enter the public domain this month.

As U.S. states struggle to keep economies open, Canadian provinces impose restrictions. What works?

Starting Wednesday, the province of Ontario will impose two weeks of online-only schools and close bars, indoor restaurant dining, gyms, museums and more.

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes convicted in fraud trial

Elizabeth Holmes has been found guilty of defrauding her investors of millions of dollars.

For Grammy-nominated 'Delta Kream,' The Black Keys share their love for Mississippi Delta blues

Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney of The Black Keys discuss their covers of Mississippi blues classics.

Delaware congresswoman whose Jan. 6th prayers went viral looks back at the trauma of that day

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware called out prayers when she was trapped in the balcony on Jan. 6 as rioters stormed the Capitol.

GOP Rep. Peter Meijer on what it means to be a Republican in 2022

The Michigan representative was one of the only Republicans to vote for the impeachment of former President Donald Trump after Jan. 6.

Cell carriers agree to delay a 5G rollout around airports

Aviation chiefs claim the technology could disrupt airplane instruments.

Intelligence analyst Malcolm Nance says Jan. 6 rioters' movement will 'lose steam or explode'

Malcolm Nance, an expert on extremism, has been closely following the aspirations of those who falsely believe that the 2020 election was illegitimate.

David Bowie's estate sells his entire music catalog

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A number of artists have been selling their catalogs recently — including Bob Dylan, Neil Young and Stevie Nicks.

Prairie dog kisses may hold key to relocation survival

The burrowing rodents don't often do well after they're relocated away from farms or developments. But new research shows that their greeting kisses may help them survive.

How building social infrastructure can fight polarization, improve civic discourse

Sociologist Eric Klinenberg says public libraries, and other so-called social infrastructure, have helped in the past — and can do so again.

Lessons learned from the late Sen. Harry Reid

The debate over the filibuster is one Sen. Chuck Schumer's predecessor — the late Sen. Harry Reid — understood well. Reid got rid of the filibuster for most presidential nominations...

One school superintendent explains decision to return to remote learning as COVID-19 surges

In Pontiac, Michigan, students won't be coming back to the classroom just yet. All classes will be held virtually till Jan. 18.

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

The China Initiative's chilling effect on academic freedom

Critics say that the Department of Justice's China Initiative has been ineffective and prone to racial profiling.

How conservative media came to discount and deny threats from Jan. 6 insurrectionists

Fox News hosts pleaded with Trump and his chief of staff to tell Jan. 6 rioters to go home. But within days, the hosts had already started to diminish the...

I-95 is a headache on a good day — then came a snowstorm

Some drivers were stuck for almost 24 hours.

A bittersweet treat: Asian American bakers reflect on identity, baking and loss

Thought they've had success on the West Coast, opening a new location in California recently — the bakers closed their two Colorado locations last week due to pandemic-related prejudice.

Breaking down the CDC's new COVID-19 isolation guidelines

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Tuesday shortened its guidelines on isolation and quarantine period for the general public.

Superior mayor discusses recovery, housing challenges after historic wildfire in Boulder County, CO

The Marshall Fire burned nearly a thousand homes in Boulder County.

Diplomats scramble to defuse Russia, Ukraine tensions

Vladimir Putin maintains his threat to take more Ukrainian territory.

U.S. experiencing 'steady assault' on fragile democracy

According to a new NPR/Ipsos poll, 64% of Americans think that U.S. democracy is in crisis and at risk of failing.

CES 2022: Tech convention continues despite omicron, big name pull-outs

CES, formerly known as the Consumer Electronics Show, is on this week in Las Vegas, one of the few in-person events still being held during a surge of COVID-19 cases.

Nevada parents struggle to find affordable child care as pandemic continues

At the same time, day care centers are struggling to find workers.

Florida election supervisor says voter fraud claims are making his job harder

Wesley Wilcox, a Republican who is the supervisor of elections in Marion County, says the potential for election-related violence is "very very concerning to us."

Specialized long COVID clinics abound — though much is still unknown

Health care professionals are trying to figure out how to treat COVID-19 long-haulers — patients who have lingering symptoms long after they contracted the virus.

Chicago city officials cancel class amidst clash with teachers union over COVID-19 safety

The Chicago Teachers Union voted Tuesday night to teach virtually rather than return in person.

Thursday, January 6, 2022

What the Philadelphia rowhome fire tells us about the state of urban housing in 2022

As the nation finally addresses its crumbling infrastructure, will urban homes get left behind?

12 people, including 8 children, die in Philadelphia house fire

A massive fire tore through a Philadelphia rowhome.

CDC approach to pandemic info is 'figure it out yourself,' sociologist says

Zeynep Tufekci says that if omicron had been as deadly as delta, the government's "haphazard and disorganized" response would have put the entire nation at risk.

NPR reporter in the thick of Jan. 6 riots reflects on the attack

NPR's Tom Bowman was in the crowds that turned violent at the Capitol last year.

A record number of people are quitting their jobs: How workplace burnout plays a role

A record 4.5 million Americans quit their jobs in November.

Renters in Austin, Texas, face bidding wars as housing prices rise

Much like some homebuyers, prospective renters are finding themselves having to offer more than the listing price.

Extremists who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6 turn their attention from national to local politics

NBC senior reporter Brandy Zadrozny explains what's happened to the extremist groups and their online networks in the past year.

California state water board mandates new restrictions

About 80% of the state was in extreme or exceptional drought conditions as of mid-December 2021.

Vermont Democrat reflects on fleeing the Capitol on Jan. 6 riot, one year later

Vermont Democrat Peter Welch was among the lawmakers stuck in the House balcony as the angry mob approached.

Recycling now a moneymaker in these New Hampshire towns

When China stopped taking many recyclables from the U.S. a few years ago, many towns around the country scrambled for markets to sell their recyclable goods.

'Dark day on the calendar of American history': Historian explains how Jan. 6 will be remembered

Rice University historian Douglas Brinkley reflects on how history will view the Capitol attack.

Biden calls insurrection 'a dagger at the throat of democracy' one year after Jan. 6 attack

While Democrats made calls for unity in the defense of Democracy, the country remains divided.

The voices of those who experienced the Jan. 6 Capitol attack firsthand

The insurrection affected many people — residents, elected officials and their staff, journalists, and the police who were called in to protect them.

Friday, January 7, 2022

To test or not to test? The argument for saving hard-to-find COVID-19 tests for the most vulnerable

A new piece in The Atlantic suggests that wealthier Americans should stop "wasting" tests on social engagements and that instead, tests should be reserved for people who need them most.

19th century explorers 'brought to the brink of insanity' while exploring Antarctic for the 1st time

"Madhouse at the End of the Earth" tells the harrowing tale of the 19th century polar explorers aboard the Belgica, who became the first people to spend an entire winter...

Breaking down the numbers behind disappointing employment growth, low unemployment rate

This data is from before the omicron-driven COVID-19 surge we're currently in the midst of.

One Missouri city's tornado recovery provides lessons about living through trauma

As part of a response to a tornado that killed more than 160 people, Joplin, Missouri, developed a peer-to-peer mental health program that's been widely replicated.

Detained Novak Djokovic challenges Australia's rejection of his vaccine exemption

Will tennis great Novak Djokovic be able to take a swing at his 10th Australian open singles championship?

Capitol Hill reporters remember Jan. 6 riot, assess state of politics 1 year after

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Axios' Alayna Treene and The Hill's Scott Wong discuss whether Democrats will be able to pass voting rights legislation in the wake of the Jan. 6 insurrection.

New season of HBO's 'Euphoria' finally arrives more than two years since debut
The second season of the critically-acclaimed show premieres this weekend.

The legally gray area of getting injured while working from home
Remote workers can find themselves in tricky situations if they get injured on the job.

Remembering actor Sidney Poitier
The first Black man to win the Oscar for Best Actor died on Friday at age 94.

Chicago Public Schools closed for a third day
The fight between Chicago Public Schools and the Chicago Teachers Union continues.

New York Times' 'Day of Rage' documentary dives deep into the events of Jan. 6
The film culls thousands of hours of videos from protestors and police body cams as well as archived audio to tell the story of the storming of the Capitol on...

Violent conflict escalates in Kazakhstan between government and protesters
On Friday, Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev announced that he had ordered troops to "shoot to kill without warning" and squash any unrest.

Supreme Court considers vaccine mandates for health care workers and businesses
A coalition of companies, religious organizations and states are asking for a stay before the vaccine or test mandate for businesses goes into effect this Monday.

Monday, January 10, 2022

Remembering comedian and 'Full House' star Bob Saget
Bob Saget died Sunday at age 65.

How one of the most polluted city in the world is trying to improve air quality
Poor air quality in Lahore, Pakistan, has prompted the government to order a partial shutdown of schools there.

Violence in Haiti continues amidst political power vacuum
Haiti is grappling with a rapidly evolving security situation as gangs battle for power in the aftermath of President Jovenel Moïse's assassination last July.

The tricky business of interpreting monthly jobs reports during a pandemic
The government's jobs report for December showed job creation at a much lower rate than expected.

Southern soul singer Leon Bridges on his Grammy-nominated album 'Gold-Diggers Sound'
Bridges won his first Grammy in 2019 for the song "Bet Ain't Worth the Hand."

A record number of kids are being hospitalized with COVID-19
On average, about 800 people under the age of 18 are hospitalized with COVID-19 each day.

Biden takes combative tone ahead of voting rights speech in Atlanta
The speech comes after a fiery address on Jan. 6 and a stalled push for voting rights legislation in Congress.

How attitudes among the fully vaccinated are shifting as omicron surges
The Atlantic's Derek Thompson sees people coming to different conclusions about how to live with the virus.

Voting activists in Georgia tell Biden ahead of visit: Don't come without a plan to pass legislation
Activists crafted a letter urging more action and fewer words from the White House on voting rights.

Pandemic relief funding helps tribal communities build housing
Tribal housing has been underfunded for decades. Now, tribes say they should be able to build as many homes in just a few years as they have in the last...

Locked-down China is seeing an increase in COVID-19 cases as it prepares to host winter Olympics
China has been largely closed off from the rest of the world since the pandemic began, keeping its restrictions in place as other countries relaxed them.

Developing a low-cost, patent-free vaccine for the world
Vaccinating the world may seem like a lofty goal, but medical experts say it's what we need to stop COVID-19 in its tracks. Enter CORBEVAX.

Alternatives to conservatorship: Available in some states, but widely unknown
The system came under scrutiny after details about Britney Spears' conservatorship came to light.

Bronx fire: What we know about one of New York City's deadliest fires in decades
A fire at a high-rise Bronx apartment building Sunday killed at least 19 people, including 9 children.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

In Maryland, man receives first-ever pig to human heart transplant
Doctors at the University of Maryland Medical Center announced Monday that a 57-year-old man is the first person to have the heart of a genetically modified pig.

20 years at Guantanamo Bay: U.S. troops left Afghanistan but detention continues
On this day 20 years ago, the first detainees were brought from Afghanistan to Guantanamo Bay.

Be kind to your tax preparer: Filing season is going to be 'frustrating' this year
As the IRS deals with backlogs due to the pandemic and budget cuts, the Treasury is warning of delays in getting 2021 refunds to taxpayers.

'Slow Burn' podcast looks back on the 1992 LA riots

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A video of police officers beating Rodney King is the spark that ignited civil unrest in Los Angeles.

Omicron is overtaking Texas' health care system

At the beginning of the year, Texas Medical Center's average daily COVID-19 hospitalizations nearly doubled, from around 200 people a day to 400.

Biden to call for changing Senate rules to pass voting rights

Biden's speech will call for changing Senate filibuster rules in order to pass voting rights legislation, even though he doesn't currently have enough Democrats on board for the maneuver.

Teachers work to help young kids catch up on learning

The first few years of a child's education are crucial for reading and social development. But kids missed out because of the pandemic.

Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu: Unraveling the public, private legacy of the groundbreaking nuclear physicist

Many say the late Dr. Chien-Shiung Wu should have won the Nobel Prize.

Japan forces U.S. military bases to restrict activities to help stem COVID-19 swell

United States military personnel will be confined to their bases in Japan for the next two weeks.

Dancer Misty Copeland and the legacy of the 'Black Ballerinas' who preceded her into the dance world

Misty Copeland's "Black Ballerinas: My Journey to Our Legacy" tells the stories of the dancers who came before her, who often faced discrimination and exclusion by the white-dominated ballet world...

Biden to deliver strong voting rights push in Atlanta. Is it too little too late?

To pass the new voting legislation, President Biden would first have to weaken Senate filibuster rules — something he endorses — but seems unlikely with two Democratic holdouts.

Chicago schools return in-person while other districts go remote as COVID-19 cases surge

Other school districts across the country are having to go remote in response to omicron.

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Doctors Without Borders coordinator on humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan

The United Nations recently asked the international community for \$5 billion in humanitarian aid for Afghanistan.

'Our lives can look like they did back in 2019' says pandemic expert, but only by taking steps today

COVID-19 experts and former presidential health advisors have outlined their vision of how to create a life where we're no longer scrambling to react to the pandemic but instead puts...

Meet the Indian ski racer heading to the Beijing Olympics

India isn't famous for snow sports. Kashmiri ski racer Arif Khan hopes to change that.

For author Echo Brown 'The Chosen One' is a memoir infused with elements of magical realism

The new young adult novel centers around Echo, a Black woman from Cleveland who becomes the first in her family to attend college.

High level talks take place between Russia and NATO over Ukraine tensions

The meeting was prompted by Russian threats to take over more Ukrainian territory unless the alliance guarantees Ukraine won't be allowed to join.

Students in Oakland, CA, threaten walk out if schools don't beef up COVID-19 protections

A petition by the students asks for more high-quality masks and other safety measures by next week — or they'll walk out of school.

NPR questions former President Donald Trump about his false claims of election fraud

Trump abruptly ended the interview.

Citizen scientists collect data marking the decline in northern lake ice

Climate change has contributed to a loss of ice on northern lakes and ponds in winter — and that has consequences for local ecosystems.

Database paints picture of how slavery influenced early American lawmakers

Congressmen's own slave-holding interests shaped the laws.

United Airlines temporarily reduces flights after 3,000 employees test positive for COVID-19

JetBlue and Alaska have also made temporary reductions to flight schedules as omicron continues to sweep across the nation.

Pregnant and confused about omicron: A doctor's advice to expecting parents on COVID-19

One soon-to-be mother says she's "anxious to protect this little one on the way" during this nationwide surge in cases.

Electoral Count Act faces fresh scrutiny from lawmakers ahead of 2024 presidential race

NPR's voting reporter Miles Parks explains why some lawmakers want to update the law, especially in the wake of last year's attack on the Capitol.

Education Sec. Miguel Cardona on why schools should stay open amid omicron surge

There's frustration nationwide as parents, students and school districts continue to battle over a return to in-person classes amidst the COVID-19 surge.

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Lawsuit alleges 16 universities engage in price-fixing, collaborating to limit financial aid offers

Schools include Brown University, Yale University, Duke University, Northwestern University, Cornell University and others.

With many teachers out sick with COVID-19, schools scramble to find substitutes

Texas schools are having to get creative so that students can continue going to in-person classes.

Boston hospital confronts surge in COVID-19 patients

Hospitalizations of patients infected with COVID-19 across the country reached a record high this week.

How the Federal Reserve can reduce inflation

Federal Reserve governor Lael Brainard told Congress this morning that reducing inflation is the most important job for the Fed this year.

An overlooked consequence of COVID-19: The hundreds of thousands of orphans left behind

Researchers say the number of COVID-19 orphans likely tops 200,000.

Rapid COVID-19 tests are missing some cases. Scientists are searching for answers

The demand for at-home COVID-19 tests has increased substantially as the omicron variant surges to record highs.

NATO Sec. Gen. Stoltenberg on Cold War tensions in Ukraine as negotiations go nowhere

More than 100,000 Russian troops stand stationed at the western border.

Start 2022 on a lighter note with these 3 healthy recipes

In the new year, Chef Kathy Gunst is focusing on eating more vegetables, less meat, and fresher, lighter fare.

Remembering The Ronettes lead singer Ronnie Spector, who died at age 78

Ronnie Spector died Wednesday after a brief battle with cancer.

Dances, chicken wings, vaccines: Toronto strip clubs fight COVID-19, stigmas by offering shots

Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Action Project teamed up with local health organizations to vaccinate more than 3,000 people to date.

Payroll company Kronos races to restore service after ransomware attack

It's left companies scrambling over how to track their employees' work hours and paychecks.

Assessing actor Sidney Poitier's impact: 'He demanded integrity'

The trailblazing actor died last week.

The \$145 billion cost of deadly 2021 climate disasters

Last year was the deadliest year for weather and climate disasters in a decade, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Wisconsin hospital copes with huge rise in COVID-19 infections

Dr. Charles Heyka at Bellin Health Oconto Hospital in Wisconsin explains how the staff is coping with the surge.

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6 states adopt new rules that will make the trucking industry greener

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This rule means more truck manufacturers will have to make cleaner vehicles with the aim of reducing greenhouse gases and air pollution.

Scientists find hints of what could be a moon in a far-off star system
Researchers have detected signs of a large exomoon orbiting a Jupiter-like world.

Former NATO Sec. Gen. Rasmussen says diplomats need firm, united front against Russian threats
Former NATO secretary-general Anders Rasmussen explains why he thinks NATO should take a tough line with Russia.

Louisiana becomes 1st state to include textured hair care among cosmetology board's requirements
Starting in June, cosmetology students will be tested on their ability to cut textured hair before receiving their license.

'Squid Game' makes history during award season; Speculation brews over Oscars host announcement
ABC has announced that the Oscars will have a host this year after going three years without one.

Pleasant poop patrol news: Boston's wastewater shows sharp decline in COVID-19 levels
This comes after an extremely rapid rise in December, where the number far exceeded previous pandemic records.

Democrats' voting rights push dominates week in politics
There's a difficult road ahead for Democrats as they push for voting rights legislation to counter Republican-passed state laws that restrict voting.

Red Cross declares national blood shortage crisis
The stockpile of blood is running so low that in some places, there's less than one day's worth of supply.

The dangers of languishing: Living, but not flourishing
Psychologist Adam Grant puts a name to that feeling borne out of the pandemic — showing up for life, but living without purpose, without aim.

Oath Keepers founder, 10 members charged in connection with Jan. 6
Roger Stone, a former advisor to Trump, has also been linked to Jan. 6. He has admitted that he used Oath Keepers as protection.

Elvis Costello looks at childhood and how it shapes who we become in 'The Boy Named If'
His new album comes with an illustrated storybook.

Days before the Australian Open, Novak Djokovic's visa revoked again by authorities
The Australian government says it's simply protecting the country's borders during the pandemic.

Supreme Court strikes down Biden vaccine-or-test rule for businesses
At the same time, the Supreme Court upheld a vaccine mandate for almost all health care workers.

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Betty White and 'The Golden Girls' groundbreaking impact on the LGBTQ community

When Colorado Public Radio reporter Vic Vela found out he was HIV+ in the 1990s, he found comfort in an episode of "The Golden Girls" that helped him deal with...

'The Last Ridge' explores how one group of World War II soldiers set the stage for modern skiing
The 10th Mountain Division fought in the Italian Mountains against Axis soldiers, and they returned home with an insatiable love for the mountains.

Underwater volcano near Tonga erupts for third time in four days following tsunamis
Volcanic eruptions in the South Pacific triggered tsunami waves from Tonga to California and Alaska.

'The Three Mothers' uncovers hidden histories of the mothers of MLK, Malcolm X and James Baldwin
Author Anna Malaika Tubbs makes the case that knowing these stories helps us better understand the United States.

Boris Johnson weathers calls to resign over outdoor parties he attended during lockdown
The British prime minister went to parties nearly a year ago during the height of the country's pandemic lockdown.

Rep. Barbara Lee talks stalled voting rights legislation this Martin Luther King Jr. Day
The congresswoman sponsored a bill to make Maya Angelou the first Black woman to have her image displayed on an American quarter.

Is abundance the answer to America's problems?

More spending, more building and more education can boost the supply of essential goods and services, The Atlantic's Derek Thompson argues.

'Four Hundred Souls' compiles single-volume history of Black Americans
The book begins with the story of the first 400 enslaved people brought to the Americas.

Warming temperatures lead these dog sledders to race on dry land
Because there is less snow in Flagstaff, Arizona, racers are competing by harnessing their dogs up to bicycles and carts.

What a terminal cancer diagnosis is teaching this neuroscientist about the human mind
Neuroscientist David J. Linden unpacks what he's learned about how the human mind works in the face of impending death.

New U.S. daily COVID-19 infections top 800,000
COVID-19 patients are overwhelming many hospitals across the country.

Texas rabbi describes the trauma, sadness following Colleyville hostage-taking crisis at synagogue
Rabbi Steven Folberg talks about the uptick in antisemitic incidents across the country.

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How climate change could increase deer ticks and the diseases they carry
Maine's York County has long been a favorite home for deer ticks and the vector-borne diseases they carry.

After weathering the pandemic for nearly two years, Ohio restaurant faces the omicron surge
Salt has weathered a shutdown, having to lay off staff, applying for a Paycheck Protection Program loan, transitioning to a take-out menu for curbside pickup and a cautious reopening.

BlackRock CEO Larry Fink defends stakeholder capitalism
Fink says stakeholder capitalism — the corporate movement designed to put social interests ahead of profits — is not "woke."

Defining rural: How one word's meaning determines eligibility for crucial funding
Depending on where a small town falls in the pecking order, it could be ineligible.

Boundless creativity or labor? Critics say Roblox hoards profits and shortchanges kids' safety
The company doesn't adequately protect kids from harassment and abuse or share enough of its income with the young developers who've made the platform so successful, critics say.

Chinese government is targeting Hong Kong's free press, critics say
It's unclear whether Hong Kong Journalists' Association can protect freedom of the press.

The state of voting rights legislation on the local and national levels
The measure that will be debated combines bills previously passed in the House but faces stiff opposition from Republicans and some Democrats.

Report outlines how India's ruling party turned social engineering into an app
The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has built an app that makes social engineering easier. That can be anything from artificially promoting a hashtag to harassing journalists.

Louisiana wildlife rescuers make alligator cleaning a real snap
In Louisiana, more than 30 alligators have received the scrubbing of a lifetime after an oil spill left them covered in diesel last December.

France warms to nuclear power as Germany continues to embrace renewables
German public opinion has forced the closure of nuclear plants.

Australian Open begins under the shadow of Novak Djokovic debacle, Chris Evert's cancer diagnosis
The attention in Australia has shifted from the legal courts to the tennis courts.

Disturbing website encourages vulnerable users to die by suicide. What's being done about it?
New York Times investigative journalist Megan Twohey co-reported the story as a cautionary tale for those who find these sites while they're looking for support.

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Supreme Court ruling on COVID-19 vaccine mandate creates confusion for hospitals in Florida
State rules allow for a wider range of exemptions than Biden administration rules upheld last week by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Senate begins debates on key voting rights legislation

The bills to standardize ballot access laws and restore parts of the Voting Rights Act are not likely to pass.

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New investigation finds massive undercount of COVID-19 death toll in U.S.

An investigation by Documenting COVID-19 and the USA Today Network revealed that inaccurate death certificates filed across the country are hiding the pandemic's true death toll.

Fashion icon André Leon Talley dies at 73

We remember his legacy as Vogue's first Black male creative director and advocate for diversity in the fashion world.

Indigenous Canadian chief expresses relief, hope, after \$31 billion child welfare abuses settlement

About 115,000 children were put into foster care for what Manitoba Indigenous Chief Cindy Woodhouse says had to do with poverty and racism, not parenting.

Building customized homes to address mobility concerns for wounded veterans

The mobility concerns of wounded veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan remain an urgent issue.

Breeders ponder the future of large-scale alpaca fiber production in Ohio

Questions about how to bolster the production of alpaca fiber into the local textile industry are resurfacing.

Despite FDA's greenlight, many telehealth companies choose not to offer abortion pills by mail

In December, the Food and Drug Administration permanently lifted a major restriction on access to abortion pills. But many health care companies aren't taking advantage of it.

How Latinos in Arizona and beyond may respond to Sen. Kyrsten Sinema and voting rights

The Arizona senator is facing mounting pressure over her refusal to change filibuster rules in the Senate to pass legislation on voting rights.

Student boycott underway in Oakland over COVID-19 safety in schools

The boycott coincided with a teacher sickout that forced three schools to close.

Microsoft to buy video game giant Activision-Blizzard for a historic \$70 billion

But what does this mean for Activision Blizzard's investigation into years of sexual misconduct allegations?

Chef Tanya Holland looks ahead to her next chapter

After closing her trailblazing restaurant Brown Sugar Kitchen in Oakland, California, Holland shares what soul food dishes give her comfort these days.

AT&T, Verizon limit deployment of 5G near airports

Airlines are still canceling some flights Wednesday or changing aircraft because of potential safety concerns.

HBO documentary 'Simple As Water' looks at the Syrian conflict through its impact on families

The film is on the shortlist for an Oscar nomination for best documentary feature.

Ukrainians prepares for possible Russian invasion

Ukrainians say Kremlin aggression since 2014 has solidified their sense of nationhood, which is very different from Russia.

Free at-home COVID-19 tests are now available. Here's how it's going so far

It's part of the Biden administration's effort to control the omicron-driven COVID-19 surge across the country.

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A group of researchers in Mass. wants to rename schizophrenia. Can it reduce stigma?

Others say the term itself is not the problem.

The state of unity, democracy and religion in the U.S. since President Biden took office

One year ago at his inauguration, Biden promised to unite a deeply divided nation, still reeling from the attack on the Capitol and struggling with the pandemic.

Unpacking the new NCAA policy update for transgender athletes

Under the new rule, transgender athletes are required to document sport-specific testosterone levels four weeks before their sport's championship selections.

School closures spell trouble for Democrats ahead of midterms

Republicans plan to take advantage of school closures ahead of midterm congressional elections this year.

A closer look at the New York AG's investigation into Trump's business practices

New York Attorney General Letitia James released a lengthy filing about financial irregularities in Trump's businesses.

Blinken in Berlin to smooth tensions after Biden suggests some Russian aggression would be tolerated

White House officials walked back Biden's statement.

The big business of the Olympics: Corporate sponsors silent on human rights abuses ahead of Beijing

Members of Congress are asking Coca-Cola and other corporations to consider a more critical approach to China.

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Here & Now's Tonya Mosley takes on new role of special correspondent
Mosley shares the details of her new position with host Scott Tong.

Patients die waiting for care in Massachusetts as hospitals struggle with COVID-19 surge
There are reports of patients dying because they couldn't be transferred to higher-level care.

Rare Stellar's sea eagle has birdwatchers flocking to Maine
The bird is native to Siberia and rarely even seen in Alaska.

'The Rise and Fall of Mars Hill': The abuses of a superstar pastor and megachurch ruins left behind
The podcast tells the inside story of one of the country's first internet celebrity pastors.

President Biden's first year in office: Successes, struggles and what's to come
NPR's Ron Elving discusses whether Biden needs a new path forward to make progress with his legislative agenda.

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Classes held in gyms and cafeterias: Hawaii teachers struggle to cope with COVID-19 surge
The education system is at an inflection point as we enter year three of the pandemic.

Researchers piece together what caused volcanic eruption in Tonga
Scientists believe the explosion was triggered by seawater flooding into a chamber filled with magma.

In New Zealand, a Maori journalist's journey to restore a culture erased
Oriini Kaipara became the first woman with a traditional face marking to anchor a primetime news show last month.

Supply chain problems, worker shortages, omicron: Why grocery store shelves are empty
Shelves at grocery stores across the country are bare and fresh produce is sparse. Checkout lines snake through the aisles because of a shortage of workers.

Maxwell reflects on the 25th anniversary of his debut album, 'Maxwell's Urban Hang Suite'
Around this time 25 years ago, a new artist planted the seed for what would become a new genre.

Week in politics: Biden marks one year in office with strategy shift
President Biden acknowledged this week that he did not have the FDR-style first year in office that he had hoped for, after his legislative agenda stalled.

'Ozark' returns for 4th season; Costume drama 'The Gilded Age' premieres Monday
"Ozark" follows Laura Linney and Jason Bateman, heads of a family-run money laundering operation.

What many women went through before abortion was legalized, as told by a former 'Jane' member
The Abortion Counseling Service of Women's Liberation, or Jane, provided abortions to women illegally before the Supreme Court legalized the procedure in the 1970s.

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VA medical center staff face staff shortages amid COVID-19 surge
More than 70 medical centers have taken special measures to try to cover essential jobs.

'Tired of the inaction': Teens behind COVID-19 walkouts in Colorado, Texas want schools to do more
High school students across the country are concerned about COVID-19 safety and demanding more protections from their districts.

Some people who got COVID-19 at work are being denied workers' compensation
Claims are being denied because insurance companies say it's not possible to prove someone got the virus at work.

U.S. and Russia hold talks in Geneva over Ukraine crisis
100,000 Russian troops remain on Ukraine's border.

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Chiefs outlast Bills in nail-biter overtime playoff game as legendary quarterbacks clash
The sudden-death overtime victory will certainly go down in Chiefs history.

Philly organizations experiment with ways to present art to the visually impaired
One museum is offering people printed graphics with textures they can touch.

Saudis retaliate against Houthi rebels in further escalation of Yemen conflict
Saudi-led airstrikes in northern Yemen last week killed at least 70 people.

Tips to make filing taxes a tad easier this year
Tax filing season officially opens Monday.

The 5th Dimension's Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis Jr. remember the 'Summer of Soul'
The documentary tells the story of the Harlem Cultural Festival, which took place during the summer of 1969.

How one Ukrainian family's lives have changed since the Kremlin seized Crimea
For nearly eight years, Ukrainians have learned to live with a war against Russian-backed separatists on their country's eastern border.

A view from Moscow as tensions on the Ukraine border ratchet up
Washington is pulling staff out of Kyiv ahead of a potential invasion from Russia.

Silicon Valley's solution to the life science innovation rut
Silicon Valley startups are now investing in science research and labs in an effort to address the slow funding process with traditional science institutions like the National Institutes of Health.

How climate change is complicating the winter Olympics in Beijing and in the future
Climate change is making the winter games harder to pull off — both in the future and the present.

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Federal trial begins for police officers involved in George Floyd's death

J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas K. Lane and Tou Thao face federal charges for violating George Floyd's civil rights.

Courts and caseworkers unite in New Hampshire to help renters

A new partnership between courts and caseworkers is proving effective at helping both landlords and renters in the state avoid evictions.

New California law aims to bring down STDs with at-home testing

Between 2015 and 2019, there was a 30% increase in the most commonly reported infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention....

COVID-19 cases slow in Northeast, surge continues in Southern, Western states

Nationwide, the U.S. is seeing 700,000 cases a day on average, down from more than 800,000 earlier this month.

What should Biden do now on Ukraine? An expert weighs in

The president is weighing whether to send American troops to eastern Europe to push back against recent Russian military aggression there.

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How high school students and counselors feel about SAT going online

The shift for the college admissions exam goes into effect for all U.S. test-takers starting in 2024.

'76 Days' documentary goes inside Wuhan ICUs in the earliest days of the pandemic

Multiple attorneys general sue Google over deceptive practices

Three states and the District of Columbia are suing Google over deceptive practices related to tracking its users.

Aoife O'Donovan reflects on her musical life — and shouts out to Joni Mitchell — on 'Age of Apathy' Grammy-winning singer-songwriter just released her third studio album.

Obama-era defense expert on how Biden should handle Russia

Thousands of American troops are now on high alert for possible deployment to Ukraine.

Judge approves grand jury to help investigate Trump's handling of 2020 elections in Georgia

A special grand jury has been approved for the investigation into former President Donald Trump's efforts to overturn Georgia's 2020 election results.

Experts question whether illegal homeless camps generate more crime

Police and neighbors fear the camps generate more crime — but criminologists aren't so sure.

Understanding the long view of Russian aggression

Author Anne Applebaum argues that the West has forgotten many important history lessons about Russian aggression and the need for ongoing deterrence.

Burkina Faso military takes power in coup

It follows a string of military coups in several African countries.

Assessing Vice President Kamala Harris' first year in office

As Harris begins her historic second year in office, she's taken on the traditional second-in-command role: reinforcing the president's message.

How foreign policy can shape a presidency

As Biden considers deploying troops to NATO allies in Eastern Europe, historian Julian Zelizer discusses how foreign policy issues can influence a president's domestic agenda and approval ratings.

U.S. looks to non-military methods in move to pressure Russia away from Ukraine

NATO countries are putting their troops on stand-by as fears rise of a Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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Justice Stephen Breyer announces retirement from Supreme Court

Justice Stephen Breyer was appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1994.

The existing barriers to abortion — which may get further restricted

Abortion will likely be further restricted later this year when the Supreme Court is expected to overturn *Roe v. Wade*.

What a ban on the export of technology products, other sanctions could mean for Russia

Biden has warned Putin of “enormous consequences” if Russia decides to invade Ukraine.

Immigration activist on what Biden has done right and wrong in his first year

Ali Noorani of the National Immigration Forum discusses the consensus among activists that the Biden administration needs to do more on the issue.

What new research reveals about the effects CBD has on COVID-19

Two recent studies suggesting the cannabis compound CBD could have some effect on coronavirus have gotten a lot of attention.

The child care industry is a failed business model: How the pandemic made it worse for families

The omicron surge has made it even harder for child care providers to keep doors open and give reliable, consistent care that families need.

As Afghans starve, many say U.S. policy is making the country's economic crisis worse

Afghanistan's economy is in a dangerous downward spiral — pushing millions closer and closer to starvation.

Justice Stephen Breyer to retire after serving more than 20 years on Supreme Court

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At 83, Stephen Breyer is the oldest member of the nation's highest court.

Plummeting cryptocurrency collapse has investors questioning the industry. Can it be safe?
Some cryptocurrency holders say they're not worried about the market dip. But that's a view not shared by many who are calling for stronger regulation of the industry.

How the Russia-Ukraine conflict started decades before Putin — and why the West ignored the signs
From Russia's perspective, NATO's expansion westward has been a threat since eastern Germany joined a unified Germany back in 1990.

Big Papi heads to Cooperstown: Red Sox legend David Ortiz elected to Baseball Hall of Fame
The Boston Red Sox slugger was elected to Baseball's Hall of Fame over the likes of Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Sammy Sosa.

Reaching to the stars to create fusion energy
American billionaires are funding companies to create fusion energy which uses super magnets to harness the energy of the stars and create a clean source of energy.

The state of subway systems in 2022
The pandemic forced many major metro systems to cut back significantly.

Philadelphia school community processes grief after rowhouse fire kills multiple students
Parents, teachers, coaches and trauma experts are helping students and staff grieve.

Where diplomatic solutions stand over Ukraine and Russia tensions
It's still unclear if — and when — Russia will invade.

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Former Polish ambassador to Ukraine on the consequences of an invasion for Eastern Europe
As the West moves ground forces and equipment around in Eastern Europe, the newer members of NATO — like Poland — are watching the growing crisis closely.

Red Cross aid worker on Ethiopia's Tigray war: 'People just want to go back to normal'
The conflict in Ethiopia's northern region of Tigray has left millions in need of humanitarian assistance.

Debate over expanding Medicaid takes center stage in Georgia politics
Georgia is one of 12 states that has not expanded Medicaid.

For moms, balancing pandemic parenting and work is like trying to solve an 'explosive Rubik's Cube'
Our listeners weigh in with their stories of pandemic parenting.

Why natural gas is a factor in pushback against Russia
European dependence on Russian natural gas has made it harder for NATO allies to remain united on pushing back against a possible Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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U.S. economy grew at fastest pace since 1984, new GDP data shows
The data showed economic gains that were stronger than expected.

Pennsylvania teen finds loophole to get vaccinated without his parents' consent
Nicolas Montero wanted to get vaccinated but his parents said no.

How 'Critical Role' players turned their Dungeons & Dragons role-play into new animated series
Amazon Prime Video's new animated series "The Legend of Vox Machina" tells the story of the misadventures of a group of unlikely heroes in a fantasy realm.

Soon, Beijing will be the first city to host both the Summer and Winter Olympics
To China, it's a big deal — even if a handful of countries are protesting China's human rights record.

The largest archive of Jewish history is now online
A digitization process lasting seven years and costing \$7 million has preserved the largest archive of Jewish documents in history.

U.S. rejects Russia's demand to ban Ukraine from NATO
Instead, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is pushing for a diplomatic solution to the crisis.

One activist pushes Biden to keep pledge to nominate a Black woman to the Supreme Court
Activist April Reign talks about some of the Black women Biden may nominate and about why seeing a Black woman Supreme Court justice is important to her.

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NFL teams fight for a spot at the Super Bowl
In the AFC championship, the Cincinnati Bengals will try to stop the Kansas City Chiefs from a potential third consecutive appearance at the Super Bowl.

How Ukrainian Americans feel about the crisis in Eastern Europe
In many U.S. cities, there are communities of Ukrainian Americans who are now watching the crisis in Eastern Europe unfold.

Prices continued to rise in December while consumer spending fell
Consumer spending was down in December for the first time in months as inflation continued to climb.

Sundance roundup: Films to watch out for from NPR's Aisha Harris and film critic Ty Burr
The festival wraps up this coming weekend.

Week In politics: Biden gets Supreme Court pick, Russia threat still looms large
ABC's Rick Klein and NPR's Ayesha Rascoe explore whether getting to pick his first Supreme Court justice give Biden a much-needed reset.

Author Art Spiegelman decries school ban of his novel 'Maus' and other banned books

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The book is based on Art Spiegelman's parents' story of surviving the Auschwitz concentration camp and has been included in school curricula since its release in 1980.

Social media pressure on body image linked to teen anxiety and eating disorders
Three high school students bring us the story of a friend who is struggling with her body image.

Massive nor'easter to bring snow, heavy winds to the East Coast
Meteorologists are warning the winter storm could reach hurricane intensity in parts of the country.

What the world's largest telescope will reveal about the universe
Approximately 30 days after its launch, the James Webb Space Telescope landed at its final destination.

Hollywood inspired the massive video game series 'Uncharted.' Now it's inspiring Hollywood
Inspired by blockbuster action-adventure movies, "Uncharted" has become such a success that Hollywood is adapting it into an upcoming film.

Prof. Gang Chen: China Initiative had a 'chilling effect' that 'terrified the science community'
Gang Chen, a MIT mechanical engineering professor, was arrested a year ago and charged with hiding financial ties to China on his applications for U.S. government grants.

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Despite Roe v. Wade protections, women still face many barriers to abortion in U.S.
Abortion will likely be further restricted later this year when the Supreme Court is expected to overturn Roe v. Wade.

'Humankind' documentary creator David Freudberg celebrates 50 years on air
Five decades ago this month, journalist David Freudberg filed his first story for National Public Radio.
He was 16 years old.

As more unions strike, number of members remains low
Strikes and organizing efforts at big companies such as Amazon, Starbucks and John Deere have generated new enthusiasm about the prospects for organized labor.

Rafael Nadal scores 21st Grand Slam title; Ashleigh Barty ends Australia's winner drought
Tennis star Ashleigh Barty won it all for Australia.

Cincinnati Bengals and Los Angeles Rams head to Super Bowl LVI
Sunday night's NFL Championships brought us the contenders for Super Bowl LVI — the Cincinnati Bengals and the Los Angeles Rams.

U.N. Security Council meets to try and resolve Russia-Ukraine crisis
The U.S. and its allies have been pushing for a peaceful resolution to Russian aggression in the region for weeks.

Is now the time for states to learn to live with COVID-19?

As the National Governors Association meets with President Biden, the call from state leaders to shift the nation's pandemic response to an endemic stage is growing.

For Americans struggling to sleep, does the answer lie in how people slept in medieval times?

If you're one of the 70 million Americans who suffer from sleep disorders, finding solutions is never simple.

Jedi the dog reunites with his Colorado family after Marshall Fire

Many pets are still missing after the devastating Marshall Fire that swept through neighborhoods in Boulder County, Colorado, in late December.

Environmentalists cheer latest court ruling on gulf oil and gas leases

Last week, a judge in Washington invalidated leases for companies to begin drilling in a huge swath of the gulf in what would have been the largest offshore oil and...

Advice for investors during a difficult time for the stock market

The stock market has had a rough few weeks: January is set to be the worst month for the S&P 500 since March 2020.

'The Light Of Days' puts spotlight on the young Jewish women who fought Nazis in WWII Poland

In the 1940s, a group of young Jewish women living in the ghettos of Poland reacted to Adolf Hitler's murderous campaign with unfathomable courage.

Child care workers in California face health insurance challenges

The risks are even greater as child care workers deal with the youngest among us still not eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

Ukrainians brace for 'likely' Russian invasion

NPR's Mary Louise Kelly brings us the latest news from Kyiv, Ukraine.

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What's a 5 letter word for 'acquisition?' NYT buys Wordle, Sony buys Bungie

The developer of Wordle says the game will stay free for all.

Follows the footsteps of polar explorer William Barents in 'Icebound'

On their third expedition north, one ship was lost to ice and the men fought to stay alive in the hostile climate.

Black History month opens with bomb threats against HBCUs

The threats come as many major cities report a rise in hate crimes.

Vermont embraces the safety of outdoor classrooms during the pandemic

A father and his two sons in Rochester, Vermont, have designed a portable, easy-to-assemble structure that is being used as an outdoor classroom during the pandemic.

How antisemitism can serve as a catalyst for dismantling democracy

Jews are the top target when it comes to anti-religious hate crimes in the U.S.

San Francisco eases indoor mask mandate for some

Starting Tuesday, if you're fully vaccinated and boosted, you do not have to wear a mask anymore in the city in certain places such as the office, the gym or...

Hospital chaplain helps treat combat-like 'wounds to the soul' of medical workers during pandemic

Chicago hospital chaplain and army veteran Mark Schimmelpfennig noticed that hospital nurses and doctors sounded an awful lot like the combat veterans he helps treat for PTSD.

The IRS plan to require face scans raises concerns about privacy and security

Beginning this summer, the Internal Revenue Service will require taxpayers to use a video selfie to access records online.

Ice dancers Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-luc Baker on the cusp of their first Olympics

Jean-luc Baker and Kaitlin Hawayek are partners in the event called ice dance, known as a cross between figure skating and ballroom dancing.

Federal trial of former Minnesota police officers involved in George Floyd's killing continues

J. Alexander Kueng, Thomas K. Lane and Tou Thao face federal charges for violating George Floyd's civil rights.

Author Weike Wang explores issues of family and identity in new novel 'Joan is Okay'

"Joan is Okay" centers around a Chinese American ICU doctor trying to chart her own course through family troubles and the pandemic.

British PM Boris Johnson heads to Ukraine, is criticized at home in report on lockdown parties

The initial findings of an investigation were published into allegations of parties at Downing Street during the U.K.'s strict coronavirus lockdowns.

Youngest children could be eligible for vaccines by month's end. What do we know about it?

If the Food and Drug Administration signs off on the approval, the nation's youngest children could be getting the first dose before the end of the month.

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One parishioner in Vermont tries to move on from loss of his church community

Over the last 50 years, Vermont has lost more than 80% of its dairy farms, and with that, plenty of farmers. That essentially evaporated a congregation in one farming town....

At Beijing Olympics, speedskater Erin Jackson looks for her second chance

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The top-ranked speedskater slipped in a 500m qualifying race and almost missed the Beijing Olympics. But her friend and teammate Brittany Bowe gave Jackson her spot.

Rise in hate crimes is a disturbing backdrop to San Francisco's Lunar New Year
The number of hate crimes against the Asian American Pacific Islander community skyrocketed last year in San Francisco.

Ursula Burns details her path from NY tenements to Xerox CEO in 'Where You Are Is Not Who You Are'
Ursula Burns is one of the first Black women to rise to the top of corporate America.

North Carolina Supreme Court takes up constitutionality of redistricting maps
The Democratic-leaning North Carolina Supreme Court will decide whether to uphold newly drawn redistricting maps that will increase the number of Republican-leaning districts.

OPEC countries meet to discuss oil production
Oil prices are approaching a seven-year high at nearly \$90 a barrel.

Founder of databases containing health information of 270 million Americans raises privacy concerns
The man who first created the databases forty years ago, Ernie Ludy, is raising concerns about patient privacy.

Life slowly returns to normal as South Africa eases most COVID-19 restrictions
Authorities in South Africa point to data that shows up to 80% of the population was immune to the disease.

Meet the Washington Commanders, the NFL team's new name
Washington's NFL team had given up its former name in July 2020.

Is NBC facing pressure from China to forgo human rights coverage during Olympics?
Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee raised questions about whether the network's coverage could be compromised by pressure from the Chinese Communist Party.

The Olympics are days away. Here's what to watch for
Despite a series of logistical challenges and the ever-present threat of COVID-19, the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics is set to begin this Friday as planned.

Iowa resettlement groups struggle to find affordable homes for Afghan refugees
More than 600 Afghan refugees are being resettled in Iowa. But the state has a housing shortage which makes finding new homes for the refugees challenging.

For many in Eastern Ukraine, the war with Russia never ended
In eastern and southeastern Ukraine, the conflict between pro-Russian separatists and the Ukrainian government forces still rages on, eight years later.

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VA caregiver program revamp requires people in the program reapply

Veterans Affairs is expanding its popular post-9/11 caregiver program to include vets from Vietnam and Korea, but caregivers currently in the program say they're being purged in the process.

Trump's hold on power: What the latest news and polls tell us

Polls that indicate former President Donald Trump's hold on the GOP is slipping, but he's raised \$122 million dollars for another possible presidential run.

Winter storm travels 2,000 miles across the U.S. from New Mexico to Maine

Across the country, we're seeing school closures, thousands of canceled flights and thousands of people without power.

In 'Mercy Street,' Jennifer Haigh mines memories of volunteering at a clinic that provided abortions

Claudia, the main character, has to pass through gatherings of protestors every day and deals with layers of security to get to work.

Cybersecurity experts prepare for Russian cyberattacks on Ukraine, as tensions in region rise

Earlier this week, the U.S. sent its top cybersecurity official to NATO in a joint mission to prevent and thwart cyberattacks on Ukraine.

What we know about U.S. operation in Syria that resulted in death of ISIS leader

Biden said Abu Ibrahim al-Qurayshi was the driving force behind several attacks in recent years, including against the Yazidi people in Iraq in 2014.

Boeing's 737 Max plane returns to the skies in Ethiopia

The first flight came nearly three years after an Ethiopian Airlines 737 MAX plane crashed, killing 157 passengers and crew.

Amateur Night returns to the Apollo Theater after two-year pandemic pause

The Apollo's talent competition helped launch the careers of Billie Holiday, Michael Jackson and The Jackson 5, Lauryn Hill, D'Angelo and Machine Gun Kelly.

Medical schools add climate change into curriculum

At the urging of some medical students, some medical schools have started to teach future doctors about the health impacts of a warming planet.

What you need to know as the Beijing Winter Olympics begin — athletically and politically

Politics and strict COVID-19 protocols threaten to overshadow the games.

Millions of immunocompromised Americans face vulnerable future with COVID-19 risk

Even after the omicron surge ends, COVID-19 will still be with us. Learning to live with an endemic virus will be especially challenging for people with certain disabilities.

Biden says ISIS leader is dead after U.S. counterterrorism strike in Syria

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President Biden confirmed that an ISIS leader died on Thursday in Syria.

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New classical music for our times: To 'give people a sense of hope'

Up and coming classical composer Kevin Day and cellist Leo Eguchi of the Sheffield Chamber Players talk about the premiere of Day's "String Quartet No. 5."

New York National Guard trains soldiers to become EMTS to help in nursing homes
The pandemic has stretched the health care system thin.

'Sanford and Son' turns 50 this year. But the pioneering TV show's legacy is complex
The comedy hit brought Black talent to a mainstream TV audience — but it also traded in stereotypes.

Week in politics: Biden engages with foreign, domestic foes
President Biden's foreign policy moves are under the microscope.

Vogue France complimented actress Julia Fox for her headscarf. Critics say its a double standard
Many took offense to Vogue France's caption, accusing the magazine of hypocrisy given France's political campaigns against Muslim headscarves.

Xi and Putin disavow NATO expansion as tensions with Ukraine rise
The statement came soon after American officials alleged that Russia was preparing to create fake videos of Ukraine attacking Russia to use a pretext for an invasion of Ukraine.

The legacy of Taffy Abel, the first Indigenous athlete to carry the American flag at the Olympics
Feb. 4 is known as Taffy Abel Day after hockey player Clarence "Taffy" Abel.

Queen Elizabeth II marks 70 years on the throne with a year-long Platinum Jubilee
Buckingham Palace has planned many events to celebrate Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

HBCU students coping after bomb threat scares
Students at historically Black colleges and universities across the country are concerned after a series of bomb threats threatened their campuses earlier this week.

From rhymes to reading: Run-DMC's Darryl McDaniels publishes children's picture book
The hip-hop artist's book features a little boy named Darryl who learns to overcome bullies and speak his poetry.

Chinese app required at Olympics has security flaws
Athletes and other attendants are required to use an app to track their health and travel data.

'Constant drumbeat' of legal woes are piling up against Trump ahead of 2022 midterms
We check in on where the cases stand and how they may hamper Trump's future as the 2022 midterms approach.

A look at January's big employment gains

The Labor Department reported an unexpected gain in employment: 467,000 jobs in January despite the omicron surge.

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Traveling nurses get high pay but some find it difficult to work locally

A nurse who left her hospital job for much higher wages as a traveling nurse found the lifestyle hard on her family.

Why new music can't compete with old music

One analysis finds 70% of the U.S. music market comes from songs at least two years old — with much of it decades old.

Why the Great Resignation looks more like the Great Reshuffle

Labor force participation has reached its highest level since the start of the pandemic.

National Book Award winner 'All That She Carried' tells the story of generations of Black women

Author and historian Tiya Miles explains how a simple cotton bag ended up "clearly expressing the importance of love and care and continuity and resilience."

Minneapolis police, mayor under scrutiny after no-knock warrant turns deadly

Minneapolis police killed 22-year-old Amir Locke after using a no-knock warrant last week.

French President Macron meets with Putin to discuss crisis brewing between Russia, Ukraine

French President Emmanuel Macron is trying to reach a diplomatic solution to the quandary in Eastern Europe.

Coyotes thrive despite efforts to get rid of them

The coyote population in America is growing, from the biggest cities to the open range.

Why Brian Flores filed a lawsuit against the NFL for racial discrimination

In response to the lawsuit, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the lack of Black head coaches in the league is "unacceptable."

Employers adjust job requirements in an effort to fix labor shortages

Desperate employers are finding creative ways to lure talent.

LGBTQ Afghans face violence and sexual assault under the Taliban regime

While Afghanistan has never been safe for LGBTQ people, activist Basira Paigham says she did enjoy some level of community before the Taliban seized control of Kabul in August.

Epidemiologist Michael Osterholm explains what we're getting wrong about COVID-19 in 2022

Case numbers are down 50% from 2 weeks ago, though the virus is still claiming some 2,400 lives in America every day.

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Remote work isn't the problem. Working too much is, experts say

As we head into year three of the pandemic, many workers and their employers remain at odds about the future of work.

The history — and future — of Olympic boycotts

The U.S. is engaging in a diplomatic boycott at the Winter Olympics, along with a handful of other countries, to call attention to China's alleged human rights abuses.

Budget airlines Spirit and Frontier plan to merge

The airlines — both known for their low costs and no-frills service — announced a \$6.6 billion merger this week.

And the nominees are: 'The Power of the Dog,' 'Dune' lead Oscar nominations

Nominees for the 94th Academy awards were announced Tuesday morning in Los Angeles.

Biden yet to address anti-government extremism in the West

The administration hasn't addressed what's happening with Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy.

Supreme Court upholds congressional map accused of racial gerrymandering

In a 5-4 decision Monday night, they upheld a congressional map a lower court had tossed out.

Langston Hughes' poetry celebrates Black culture, addresses racism in America

Langston Hughes is best known for writing powerful poetry and prose, but he was also a librettist.

Beijing Winter Olympics off to an historic start

Two young figure skaters make history for their gravity-defying jumps and record-breaking scores.

In Canada's capital, massive protest against pandemic restrictions mandated to quiet down

A Canadian judge granted a temporary injunction to ban protesters from blowing horns in downtown Ottawa for 10 days.

As cases of kids with long COVID rise, one mom warns: 'It can happen to literally anyone'

Doctors are noting an increase in cases of kids presenting with long COVID — a huge constellation of symptoms, many debilitating, that can follow even mild infections.

President Biden's dilemma: How to reform the police and confront increasing crime

Historian Julian Zelizer argues Biden should “promote policies that address racism in policing, sentencing and prisons because it is the right thing to do,” even though it may be unpopular.

Synthetic opioids account for the majority of drug overdose deaths

From April 2020 to April 2021, more than 100,000 people died of a drug overdose in the U.S.

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The massive growth of sports gambling

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This year's match-up between the Cincinnati Bengals and the Los Angeles Rams is expected to be the most bet on Super Bowl ever.

Electric air taxis may soon fill the skies for commuting

A number of companies are developing sustainable vertical aircraft for flying short distances.

Once the darling of the pandemic, Peloton is facing an uncertain future

Peloton has laid off 20% of its workforce and lost more than \$400 million in its most recent quarter.

How Biden is using his influence in the Senate as he plans Supreme Court Justice nomination

President Biden said he's been told that voters don't want him to be the "President Senator."

Kirsten Dunst loved getting 'ugly' for her Oscar-nominated role in 'The Power of The Dog'

Kirsten Dunst has been nominated for a Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her portrayal. It's one of 12 nods that the film received.

How the fallout around Biden's top science adviser Eric Lander impacts the administration

Eric Lander was sworn into office last June, but earlier this week he resigned from his position as director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Are extremists co-opting COVID-related protests?

The Freedom Convoy began as a rejection of a mandate requiring truckers entering Canada to be fully vaccinated or face testing and quarantine. But the protests have since morphed into...

Remembering Abraham Galloway, an African American Civil War spy

He's been compared to James Bond and Malcolm X, but his name has largely been left out of the history books.

Space junk is making a dangerous mess of our solar system

Some of this space debris ranges from tiny to the size of a school bus.

Low-income families of kids continuing school remotely lose access to federal food program

Updated federal guidance means many low-income families that want their children to keep learning remotely are losing access to a school program that helped them pay for meals.

What the record number of LGBTQ Olympic athletes in Beijing means around the world

In China, there are no discrimination protections for the LGBTQ community.

How the pandemic has intensified mental health challenges for Black Americans

The pandemic has been especially difficult on the mental health of Black Americans, who had already struggled to access care.

Biden administration reassures Asian nations that U.S. is still focused on competition with China

Secretary of State Antony Blinken will meet with key allies in Australia, Japan and India.

'Legitimate political discourse' ricochets around GOP

A growing number of Republicans are criticizing a resolution passed by the Republican National Committee last week that calls the deadly Jan. 6 riot "legitimate political discourse."

More states plan to drop indoor mask mandates as the omicron surge wanes

However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention haven't budged on their guidelines.

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Olympic athletes confront free speech issues in Beijing

Athletes are confronting a dilemma: stay silent or speak out on human rights issues in China.

Remembering funk singer Betty Davis

Betty Davis is known for her trailblazing funk music performances and also for her brief marriage to Miles Davis. She was 77.

Free community college provision scrapped: What will it mean for low-income and minority students?

Jill Biden recently announced a free community college provision would no longer be included in the administration's Build Back Better plan.

Celebrating record-breaking runner Julia 'The Hurricane' Hawkins' 106th birthday

Julia Hawkins started sprinting at age 100 and shows no sign of slowing down.

Randall Kennedy's controversial book on a racial epithet marks 20-year anniversary with new edition

Harvard professor Randall Kennedy first published his thought-provoking book on the n-word 20 years ago.

Natural gas pipeline ups the pressure in Russia-Ukraine crisis

The Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline is playing an outsized role in the Russia-Ukraine crisis.

2022's inflation looks like 1982 — with food, shelter and electricity all up

January had a 7.5% increase in average prices, a 40-year high for sticker prices in the U.S.

Addressing the shortfalls of flood maps with a local look at climate impacts

A new analysis finds flood risk in the U.S. will increase 26% in the next three decades due to climate change.

The struggle to find this popular plush panda at the Beijing Olympics

Olympic mascot Bing Dwen Dwen has become so popular people have been camping overnight to buy fluffy versions of the lovable-looking animal.

Meet Cincinnati's Aftab Pureval, the first Asian American mayor of a major Midwestern city

Pureval talks about Cincinnati Bengals playing in the Super Bowl on Sunday and his plans to tackle gun violence, climate change and other challenges.

California sues Tesla over racial discrimination

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California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing alleges that workers at the company's Fremont factory experienced racial discrimination and harassment.

New film 'Writing with Fire' spotlights a women-run news service making waves in India
Run by women of the Dalit or untouchable caste, their Youtube channel now has 550,000 subscribers.

U.S. 'pre-bunks' Russian propaganda

As Russian troops threaten Ukraine, the U.S. is trying to "pre-bunk" what it says are Russian attempts to sow disinformation — moves that might be used as a pretext for...

Nathan Chen wins gold as Olympic officials stay largely mum on reports of Russian skater doping
American figure skater Nathan Chen won the individual gold medal that eluded him four years ago, skating to a medley of Elton John tunes.

Friday, February 11, 2022

Tensions over the hijab shuts down schools in southern India

Protests turned violent in the state of Karnataka after some high school students were not allowed to wear their headscarves in the classroom.

The Super Bowl snack time show: Appetizer recipes inspired by the LA Rams and Cincinnati Bengals
Chef Kathy Gunst's blood orange mint cocktail and Cincinnati-style chili give a nod to the stars of the 2022 Super Bowl.

Canada trucker protest halts commerce at the U.S. border, slows supply chain for auto industry
The protests have damaged an already frail supply chain and has particularly hurt car makers.

Scientists announce breakthrough in nuclear fusion, but practical applications still far off
The JET laboratory based in the U.K. has announced a record-setting amount of energy extracted from fusion together two hydrogen atoms.

Koalas are now an endangered species after Australia's devastating bushfires

Conservation groups say the Australian government has not done enough to protect the marsupial from climate change, habitat loss and bushfires.

Week in politics: Is the Biden administration falling behind on COVID-19?

Blue state governors began to relax mask mandates before any new COVID-19 guidance from the Biden administration.

Wendy Sherman takes on difficult task of leading Biden administration's dialogue with Russia

The Biden administration has sent Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman on some tough assignments, from the Iran nuclear negotiations to talks with Russia over Ukraine.

Diabetes deaths soared to 100,000 last year. One expert says societal issues are the cause

The National Clinical Care Commission recently released a report calling for a whole new approach to preventing diabetes deaths.

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Super Bowl LVI ads get advanced hoopla treatment

Brands have blanketed YouTube and social media with ad previews, trailers and teasers — all in hopes of getting more bang for their millions of bucks.

In 'Curls' and 'Glow,' poet Ruth Forman encourages Black children to embrace their identity

The poet set out to write the books she wanted her daughter to read.

Ukrainians in Chicago fear for family back home as tensions with Russia rise

Chicago has one of the largest concentrations of Ukrainians in the U.S.

New Jersey Gov. Murphy explains why the state is ending its school mask mandate

The move is in step with recent decisions to end mask mandates in schools in other Democratic-led states as the omicron surge has begun receding in much of the U.S.

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Doctors-in-training consumed by caring for COVID-19 patients

In Indiana, some medical residents and fellows are emotionally spent and concerned about the lack of broad training.

How the Los Angeles Rams defeated the Cincinnati Bengals

Fox Sports Radio talk show hosts Andy Furman and Jonas Knox share the highlights of Super Bowl LVI.

New proposed congressional map in NH has Democrats, voting rights advocates outraged

Across the country, new congressional maps with new lines are being drawn to create districts that will stand for the next ten years.

On the cusp of the romantic era, composer Franz Schubert loved 'projecting in the extremes'

Music opinionator Fran Hoepfner says she hears "a lot of hope" in the symphony even though the composer tragically lived a short life.

Russian figure skater allowed to compete despite positive drug test; American women win gold

A sports panel ruled 15-year-old Kamila Valieva can compete in Tuesday's individual figure skating event, where she's the gold medal favorite.

More NATO troops head to Eastern Europe

U.S. officials have said a Russian invasion of Ukraine could come at any time.

A look at why there's a scarcity of doctors in the U.S.

The U.S. has one of the lowest numbers of physicians per capita in the developed world.

The Philippines is warming to winter sports this Olympics

The Philippines has only one athlete in the Beijing Olympics.

2021 saw record number of fatal police shootings, despite hundreds of new oversight bills
Police shot and killed 1,055 people in the U.S. in 2021, a record for police killings even in the wake of George Floyd's murder and the pandemic.

Tips on how to fight inflation

As the Federal Reserve prepares to use its tools to control inflation, finance expert Jill Schlesinger shares some tips about how to do our own inflation-fighting.

In the name of love: Romance authors reflect on the genre's importance

In between the stolen glances and witty banter are thoughtful discussions of everything from dating with a disability to sex and consent.

What the Russia/Ukraine crisis means for U.S./European relations

We hear a perspective on how the U.S. and Europe are navigating the tensions with Russia.

Ambassador Bridge cleared, but wide-spread protests continue to gridlock Ottawa

Canadian police cleared out protestors from the border crossing.

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North Carolina Education Corps helps students catch up and recruits new teachers

The program recruits college students with the hope they will be inspired to get into the teaching profession.

Anxiety and depression among kids of color surging during pandemic, new study shows

The study by a team at Boston Medical Center finds 18% of kids of color are now exhibiting symptoms of anxiety and depression — up from only 5% pre-pandemic.

Federal judge temporarily blocks restrictive Texas vote-by-mail provision in new election law

The provision made it more difficult for Texans to vote by mail.

Author Gerrick Kennedy invites you to reexamine Whitney Houston, a decade after her death

The singer's life and legacy have always been clouded with salacious gossip and harsh judgment.

Author Gerrick Kennedy says it's time to reexamine that.

Both sides of Ukraine/Russia border anxiously look across

The largest Russian city near the southern border with Ukraine is Rostov-on-Don. People remember the war in 2014 — and hope there is no repeat.

Pressure continues to build on the Ukraine border

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is calling for a day of unity on Wednesday.

Texas sues Meta over 'secretly harvesting' Facebook facial recognition data

The lawsuit alleges Meta was "secretly harvesting" the facial recognition profiles of Facebook users.

Milwaukee's Bronzeville is making a huge comeback

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Once a dynamic Black neighborhood, it was destroyed significantly by highway construction.

Tennis player Peng Shuai's sexual assault allegations and China's #MeToo movement
Last year, Peng made sexual assault allegations against a former Chinese party leader and then went missing for weeks.

Mother of Nashville shooting victim tries to find positivity through her sorrow
Shirl Baker is the mother of DeEbony Groves, one of the shooting victims who died at a Nashville Waffle House.

Journalist Karen Cheung reflects on turmoil, pop culture in Hong Kong memoir 'The Impossible City'
In the book, she reflects on growing up in Hong Kong following the handover from Britain in 1997 and covering the turmoil following protests against the Chinese government in 2014...

Trump organization's accounting firm says 10 years of financial statements are unreliable
On Monday, court documents revealed Mazars USA has ended its long relationship with the Trump Organization.

3 men convicted of killing Ahmaud Arbery face federal hate crime charges
All three men were found guilty of murder in Georgia.

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How the death of a birth worker illustrates the urgency to record Black history
Claudia Booker lived many lives: teacher, lawyer and staffer in the Carter administration before finding her passion as a doula and midwife.

The film 'Together' asks: How do you quarantine with someone you can't stand?
"Together" follows an incompatible couple through a year of COVID-19 lockdown.

Pilots are in limited supply in the skies
U.S. airlines are currently dealing with a pilot shortage, which has forced many carriers to scale back flight schedules.

U.S. journalist poses as Afghan refugee to accompany interpreter on dangerous path to asylum
"The Naked Don't Fear the Water" memoir chronicles Matthieu Aikins' unlikely decision to pose as an Afghan refugee to help his interpreter escape the country in 2016 at the height...

Georgia Sen. Jon Ossoff on why he wants to stop Congress from trading stocks
Following investigations into lawmakers who made lucrative trades at the beginning of the pandemic, Sen. Ossoff has introduced the Ban Congressional Stock Trading Act in the Senate.

Russia claims to be withdrawing troops from Ukraine border. U.S. and NATO remain skeptical
U.S. and NATO say Russia doesn't appear to be withdrawing troops in any meaningful way.

Sandy Hook shooting settlement raises many legal questions

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The families of nine people killed in the Sandy Hook School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, reached a \$73 million settlement in their civil lawsuit against Remington, the maker of the...

What life is like inside the Winter Olympics quarantine bubble in Beijing
The Beijing Olympics are playing out inside a massive quarantine bubble because of the pandemic.

Election officials in rural Georgia debate reducing number of polling places
Voting rights activist Denise Freeman discusses a proposal in Lincoln County, Georgia, to reduce polling places from seven to three.

How successful is telehealth — and is it here to stay?
Two years into the pandemic, there's not much data about why patients use virtual visits and what the impact is on costs.

In 'Freewater,' author Amina Luqman-Dawson uses fiction to illuminate a little-known Black history
The novel is a fictional account of a society founded by runaway slaves in the Great Dismal Swamp, which stretches between parts of Virginia and North Carolina.

Ukrainians go underground Kyiv into Soviet-era bomb shelters
As the Ukrainian capital city prepares for a possible attack by Russia, residents are wondering where to go.

Families reach \$73 million settlement with gunmaker of rifle used in Sandy Hook shooting
Mark Barden, a plaintiff in the case against Remington Arms, shares his reaction to the settlement.
Barden lost his son in the shooting.

Thursday, February 17, 2022

The challenges behind creating meaningful police reform and accountability
Journalist Rowan Moore Gerety recently wrote an article for Esquire magazine about the policy handbooks that guide police conduct in many departments around the county.

'The Gospel According To Nikki Giovanni' reimagines classic hymns with saxophonist Javon Jackson
"The Gospel According To Nikki Giovanni" is the new album from renowned poet Nikki Giovanni and saxophonist Javon Jackson.

As Russia/Ukraine tensions mount, eyes turn to the narrow waterway that runs through Turkey
In the crowded Bosphorus waterway, boat traffic rules are carefully spelled out.

Duncan, Dennis: In new book, author dives deep into history of the index
"Index, a History of the: A Bookish Adventure from Medieval Manuscripts to the Digital Age"
explores the development of those things in the back of a book that many of...

How to sanction-proof the Russian economy
Russia has been shoring up their economy against sanctions for almost a decade.

Foreign relations committee chair Sen. Bob Menendez talks stalled bipartisan sanctions bill
Senators on both sides of the aisle want to punish Russia for its provocations against Ukraine, but they're divided on how to do it.

FAA to inspect Boeing 787 Dreamliners

Inspectors stopped deliveries of the Dreamliners last year after they found manufacturing flaws in the planes.

Afghan refugee describes chaos at Kabul airport after Taliban takeover: bodies, bloody feet, chaos
In October, Massachusetts welcomed its first refugee family — a young couple and their nearly 2-year-old son.

'The America Diplomat' tells story of three Black U.S. diplomats at the height of the Cold War
NPR's Michele Kelemen caught up with the filmmaker to talk about why their stories resonate today.

Jewish puppeteer bridges gaps: 'I try to fill a dark void in Germany with light, in my own way'
Shlomit Tripp, founder of the Berlin-based Bubales Puppet Theater, uses puppet shows to bridge cultural divides between Jews and non-Jews in Germany.

How NATO's eastward expansion set the stage for the standoff in Ukraine

Russia and the West have been at odds about the role of NATO in Europe since the fall of the Soviet Union.

Philadelphia ends vaccine mandate for indoor dining, looks toward dropping mask requirement

The CDC has signaled it may soon update its COVID-19 guidance as omicron cases drop in the U.S. And more cities are getting a jump start on easing restrictions.

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Plots and private planes: How Henry Kissinger pulled off a secret trip to China

President Nixon and his national security adviser Henry Kissinger make contact with China. But in the midst of the Cold War, they don't want anyone to know.

Grip and grin: When Nixon met Mao

The news of President Nixon's trip to China is public, and he's getting credit for pulling off such a historic event. Now, he and his advisers have to work with...

Shared secrets: How The U.S. and China worked together to spy on the Soviet Union

This episode of The Great Wager includes exclusive information about how Chinese and American intel officials agreed to work together against their common rival of many years.

The break-up: Richard Nixon's great wager reverberates from the '70s to today

Today, the rise of China has changed everything.

New Netflix documentary on Kanye West paints raw portrait of an ascendant artist

The documentary series has been in production for two decades.

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After Phoenix said 'no' to one Black Lives Matter mural, artists paint 28 to amplify Black history
Artists in Phoenix will paint 28 murals in total over the 28 days in February that mark Black History Month.

Ohio city celebrates 'Toni Morrison Day' as the author's novels get swept up in book bans (again)
Toni Morrison's hometown of Lorain, Ohio, is celebrating the renowned author on what would have been her 91st birthday.

Former Minnesota police officer Kim Potter sentenced to 2 years in Daunte Wright's death
The ex-cop was convicted of first and second-degree manslaughter last year after she shot and killed Daunte Wright during a traffic stop.

Richard Nixon's 'crazy' idea: Make befriending the Chinese Communist Party his legacy
Nixon has a plan: He wants to go to China. The only problem? The U.S. and China have had zero contact since the Communist Party took over China two decades...

Week in politics: Biden braces for Russian invasion of Ukraine, prepares to pivot on COVID-19
The White House plans to shift gears on COVID-19 messaging and mandates as the pandemic begins to wind down.

Is the era of cryptocurrency regulation here?
The crypto industry is still largely unregulated. Things may be changing, however, after a \$100 million fine by the SEC.

'Ghostbusters' director Ivan Reitman has died
Ivan Reitman tickled moviegoers' funny bones with '70s and '80s smash comedies such as "Ghostbusters," "Meatballs," "Stripes" and "Kindergarten Cop."

A look at the mental health challenges of community college students
Unlike four-year schools, community colleges often lack mental health services.

Novak Djokovic will not get the COVID-19 vaccine, even if it means sacrificing his No. 1 ranking
Novak Djokovic said this week in a BBC interview that he will not get the COVID-19 vaccine, even if it means missing Grand Slam tournaments like Wimbledon and the French...

Reflecting on the Japanese American internment 80 years after Executive Order 9066
Executive Order 9066 authorized the forced internment of more than 100,000 people of Japanese descent living on the West Coast.

New infrastructure law includes billions of dollars to cap abandoned oil, gas wells leaking methane
Across the country, some two million abandoned oil and gas wells are leaking methane, a potent climate-warming gas.

Doping and the fall of 15-year-old Russian figure skating star Kamila Valieva dominate Olympics

The president of the International Olympic Committee weighed in on the situation.

Touching down in Kyiv as the U.S. warns of a false flag operation in Donbas
Shelling and sporadic breaches of the ceasefire continue along the Russia and Ukraine border.

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Renowned physician Paul Farmer has died at 62

Paul Farmer founded the nonprofit health organization Partners in Health and was known for his efforts to bring health care to low-income nations.

The toll of doing anti-violence work in Chicago

A new survey reveals the trauma that frontline anti-violence workers in Chicago face.

MLB lockout deadlines loom as baseball season approaches

An owner-initiated lockout has created the first work stoppage of professional baseball since the 1994-95 strike.

U.S. braces for 'major invasion' of Ukraine by Russia

A senior defense analyst explains what the Russian military capabilities are in a land invasion of Ukraine.

Some sports organizations focus on athletes' mental health post-Olympics

Challenges with mental health are becoming a priority for sports groups.

Incarcerated mothers work to reunite with their families in new documentary 'Apart'

"Apart" profiles three incarcerated women as they work to leave prison and rejoin their families.

U.S. omicron surge is over, but country's COVID-19 death toll will soon hit 1 million

The country is still seeing 100,000 new COVID-19 cases a day.

High-stakes diplomacy continues as Russia mounts military pressure near Ukraine

Biden says he's "accepted in principle" another meeting with Putin should Russia not invade Ukraine.

A new production of the opera Fidelio offers commentary on justice in America

Beethoven's "Fidelio" features a wrongfully imprisoned man and his wife who tries to free him. A new production puts a modern-day commentary on it.

Mindy Kaling wants more diversity in publishing, so she's starting her own book imprint

The actress will have the first option to develop Mindy's Book Studio novels into films and TV shows.

Family Dollar closes hundreds of stores following rodent infestation at distribution facility

The discount chain has temporarily closed more than 400 of its stores in six southern states following the discovery of a massive rodent infestation at a company distribution center in...

Writer-director Siân Heder returned to her roots to make her Oscar-nominated film 'CODA'

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"CODA" has been nominated for three Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor.

Teaching Black History Month made harder by new legislation limiting schools, educators
More than 35 states have introduced over 150 bills in the past year limiting what schools can teach about race.

Putin recognizes the independence of two territories in Ukraine
It is uncertain how President Biden and the U.S. will respond to the announcement.

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Biden announces new sanctions against Russia
Europe has also swiftly condemned Russia for moving troops into Ukraine.

Putin has his own version of Ukraine's history
Russian President Vladimir Putin is justifying his actions in Ukraine by re-telling the history of modern Ukraine, questioning its legitimacy as a sovereign state.

New 'Fresh Eggs Daily' cookbook shows eggs are for breakfast, lunch, dinner — and happy hour
Cookbook author Lisa Steele, a 5th generation Maine farmer and chicken-keeper, shares everything you need to know about eggs and how to utilize them in your cooking around the clock....

How the Smithsonian spotlights Black history through photography
Curator Aaron Bryant focused on images from Harlem.

South Carolina band Shovels & Rope digs deep for songs about relationships and family
Michael Trent and Cary Ann Hearst are married with two children. Their album features a number of songs about relationships and parenthood.

The on-the-ground view from Eastern Ukraine
The Biden administration is promising to impose tougher sanctions on Russia for what U.S. officials are now calling the invasion of Ukraine.

Germany puts Nord Stream 2 pipeline on hold after Russia sends troops into eastern Ukraine
Russian troops have now entered two separatist regions in eastern Ukraine, prompting a response from Western nations like Germany.

Olympic skeleton racer Andrew Blaser on LGBTQ representation at the games
American broadcasters were quiet on LGBTQ representation at the Olympics — even with a record number of openly LGBTQ Olympic athletes.

Oil, gas prices rise along with tensions on Russia-Ukraine border
Fears of war in Eastern Europe have pushed up the prices of oil, natural gas and other commodities.

Western countries impose sanctions against Russia

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The sanctions come after Russia announced it would move troops into eastern Ukraine to support separatists there.

Jury reaches guilty verdicts for Ahmaud Arbery's 3 killers in federal hate crimes trial
The jury deliberated for less than a day.

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Investigators search for answers in Malawi polio outbreak

A young child has contracted the disease, marking the first reported wild virus case in Africa in 5 years.

Books recommendations to check out for Black History (or any) Month

Traci Thomas, host and creator of the podcast "The Stacks," has recommendations for fiction, nonfiction, poetry and more.

Native voices join conversation around Georgia's quest for 1st national park

In Georgia, an effort is underway to make one historic tribal land the state's first state park.

Singer-songwriter Amos Lee explores anxiety and depression on his new album 'Dreamland'

"Dreamland" takes listeners on a rich and emotional journey, holding up a mirror to Lee's lifelong battle with isolation, fear and anxiety.

Fiona Hill weighs in on Ukraine crisis as Putin and the West trade blows

Hill shares her thoughts on the crisis in Ukraine as Putin orders troops into the eastern separatist republics.

Sleep in and cook up these 3 recipes to brighten up your winter brunch table

Brunch is about sleeping in on weekend mornings and serving a more substantial meal than a regular old hurry-up Monday through Friday breakfast.

Massachusetts church basement becomes temporary home for two Afghan families

Two Afghan families who fled their home country after the U.S. withdrawal are starting anew in Newburyport, Massachusetts.

Some members of Congress want to address soaring gas prices by temporarily pausing federal gas tax
President Biden has vowed to keep gas prices stable.

China is closely watching Russia's moves in Ukraine — and the West's reaction to them

China's alliance with Russia is putting it in an awkward position.

What effect will sanctions on Russia have?

Officials in the Biden administration insist Putin and his inner circle will feel the impacts of the first round of sanctions levied against Russia on Tuesday.

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Museum tells story of Florida civil rights leader killed in Christmas Day bombing
No one was ever charged for his death.

What Russia's attack on Ukraine means for security in Europe
NATO secretary-general Jens Stoltenberg called Russia's attack on Ukraine "a deliberate, cold-blooded and long-planned invasion" and accused Russia of "using force to try to rewrite history."

10 years after Trayvon Martin's death, mothers share lessons on perseverance
This week marks the 10-year memorial of Trayvon Martin's death. Here & Now's Tonya Mosley spoke with his mother, Sybrina Fulton, and two other mothers who lost sons to gun...

As Russia threatens the safety of Europe, what do Russians think at home?
NPR correspondent Charles Maynes in the Russian city of Rostov-on-Don explains Russian attitudes towards the invasion into Ukraine and Western responses.

Co-author of new UN report on wildfire risk pushes for indigenous management solutions
The report finds the risk of catastrophic wildfires will increase 30% by 2050.

President Biden to speak on taking action against Russia after attacks in Ukraine
Biden is expected to impose even tougher sanctions.

Ukrainians sheltering and waiting, as Russian incursion begins
Airstrikes are targeting sites in multiple cities including the capital, Kyiv, and Kharkiv, about 25 miles from the country's eastern border with Russia.

How the White House wants to improve approach to CDC mask guidance
In May, the last time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released mask guidance, the messaging from the White House was a confusing mess.

Putin's invasion shatters world order, now what?
The Russian invasion of Ukraine breaks a peace that has stood in Europe since the end of World War II.

How Europe is reacting to Russia's invasion of Ukraine
Russia's attacks in Ukraine have shocked Europe.

Maryland native explains decision to remain in Ukraine
The U.S. government has been urging American citizens living in Ukraine to leave the country for weeks.

Rep. Adam Schiff on Biden's vow to hold Russia accountable for invading Ukraine
Seemingly overnight, the post-World War II security structure in Europe has shifted dramatically.

Russia invades Ukraine: The view from Kyiv

Russian troops have invaded Ukraine, with missiles raining down on Ukrainian cities and the government there trying to mount a defense.

Friday, February 25, 2022

President Biden speaks on taking action against Russia
NPR's Asma Khalid gives us the latest.

Biden administration imposes more sanctions on Russia
President Biden levied a second round of sanctions on Russian banks and leaders, now that Russian military troops are engaged in a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Anti-China sentiment increases in South Korea
Disputes over sports and culture at the recent Beijing Winter Olympics have increased anti-China sentiment in South Korea, which is likely to increase support there for the U.S.-South Korean alliance.

Retired Lt. Col. Vindman, who testified about Trump's call with Ukraine, reacts to Russian invasion
Russian troops have reportedly entered Kyiv, a significant escalation of the invasion of Ukraine.

Why U.S. and allies are withholding some strong sanctions against Russia
Bloomberg News' Mike Regan takes a closer look at the U.S. sanctions on Russia and their impact on the country.

Biden to name Supreme Court pick, as crisis in Ukraine deepens
Axios' Margaret Talev and NPR's Ron Elving also discuss the criticism Biden faces over his handling of Russia's invasion of Ukraine this week.

Southern Florida among highest rent hikes in the country
Miami and West Palm Beach are among the cities facing the highest increases.

A historic week for racial justice efforts: Guilty verdicts reached in Floyd, Arbery trials
This week, three men were found guilty in one of the most high-profile federal hate crime trials in years, involving the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.

Trial of officer charged in raid that killed Breonna Taylor continues
Former Louisville Police officer Brett Hankison is facing up to five years in prison on three felony counts. Those charges are not connected to Taylor's death, but are for shots...

Retired Adm. James Stavridis says Russia faces 'an enormous challenge' in occupying Ukraine
A day after Russian forces invaded Ukraine, Russian troops are closing in on the capital Kyiv.

President Biden to nominate federal judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court
Jackson will be the first Black woman nominated as a justice.

Do Russian troop advances toward Kyiv foreshadow the city's fall?
Observers on the ground say the city could fall to Russian forces within days.

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Ukraine refugee family flees to Poland

The United Nations says more than 360,000 refugees have fled Ukraine into Poland in recent days.

The rich history of Black cowboys in the American West

Black saddle clubs are found across the country, from rodeos to street protests, including protests for George Floyd

How Germany is responding to Russia's invasion of Ukraine

Germany has shipped weapons to Ukraine and significantly increased its defense budget.

What war in Ukraine means for global economy

As the events in Ukraine continue to unfold, there are big questions about the potential economic impact around the world.

New film 'After Yang' addresses grief, alienation and the unexpected humanity of a robot

The film centers around a family struggling to cope after the robot they bought as a caregiver breaks down.

Biden invests \$1 billion in the Everglades: Where will the money go?

The original plan costs had ballooned as projects dragged on for years and were mired in Florida's complicated politics.

Russia's economy grapples with sanctions

The country has been hit by a wave of international sanctions from a number of Western countries, including traditionally neutral Switzerland.

Hundreds of thousands flee Ukraine into neighboring countries including Poland

More than 500,000 people have left Ukraine since Russia's invasion started last week, according to the United Nations' refugee agency.

How the crisis in Ukraine might end

On Monday, the U.S. and its allies will freeze the \$630 billion in reserves belonging to Russia's central bank, as President Vladimir Putin continues his assault on Ukraine.

Learning to embrace Black History Month

Ivelisse Diaz, an Afro-Caribbean college student, grew up immersed in her Latinx heritage. Only lately has felt comfortable celebrating her Black identity and Black History Month.

Ukraine, Russia meet for talks as Putin raises prospect of nuclear war

Russian President Vladimir Putin put Russia's nuclear forces on high alert over the weekend in a significant escalation of his military threat.

The Supreme Court is weighing whether to scale back EPA's power to combat climate change

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The case could also have larger implications for the way government works.

Bringing back the glory days of West Palm Beach's historic Sunset Lounge
Throughout the '40s and '50s, the venue attracted some of the most iconic Black musicians, who were excluded from other venues in the segregated South.

Ukraines' strategic port city Odessa faces shelling, mounts resistance
Over the weekend, two ships docked there were hit by Russian fire, injuring at least two people.

View from Kyiv as Russia's attack on Ukraine continues
The french government says Putin has agreed to stop all attacks against civilians and civilian residences, and to preserve roads south of Kyiv. But U.S. officials say the Russian military,...

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Ukrainian resistance slows Russian troops — but for how long?
Russia's war in Ukraine has met stiff resistance from Ukrainian soldiers and everyday citizens who've taken up arms against invading troops.

Increased security raises questions about how to keep Capitol secure, accessible to the public
Fencing, increased police presence and National Guard troops have been put in place ahead of President Biden's first State of the Union address Tuesday night.

Smithsonian curator reflects on intimacy of photos of Martin Luther King Jr., others in collection
Curator Aaron Bryant talks about the museum's collection of Black photography.

Attorney general race among those to watch in Tuesday's primary election in Texas
What happens next in Texas could be a bellwether for what will likely be a busy election year around the country.

Russian anti-war protesters take to the streets at home and abroad
An independent Russian human rights group estimates that the police have already detained at least 6,000 anti-war protestors in more than 50 cities.

Pennsylvania manufacturers struggle to find enough workers
Factories are competing for fewer workers as demand for goods continues to surge.

Biden faces challenges in his State of the Union address
Biden's approval ratings are at their lowest as he contends with a host of domestic issues, not to mention a war in Ukraine.

Ordinary Russians feel economic pressure from sanctions, Russian ruble plummeting

The Western economic siege of sanctions against Russia has dropped the ruble by almost 30% against the U.S. dollar.

Kenneth Branagh's childhood memories earn Oscar nominations for 'Belfast'
Loosely based on his childhood in Ireland, the film has been nominated for seven Academy Awards including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Original Screenplay.

The party is back in New Orleans as Mardi Gras returns
The city canceled 2021's traditional parades after Mardi Gras 2020 became a COVID-19 superspreader event.

Regenerative farming goes a step beyond organic farming and aims to be carbon neutral
Some farmers are going back to more traditional practices to try to keep carbon in the earth.

Kyiv resident takes up arms to defend city but says 'the tables can turn at any time'
Dmytro Veselov and other Ukrainians in Kyiv are taking up arms to defend the city from the Russian invasion.

What to expect from President Biden's first State of the Union
Biden's first State of the Union address happens as the Russian invasion of Ukraine unfolds overseas, inflation is at a 40-year high and his legislative agenda is stalled.

Kharkiv bombardment in Ukraine kills civilians, children as Russian tank convoy advances on Kyiv
Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city, remains under Ukrainian control but is now surrounded by Russian troops.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Record number of COVID-19 cases in Hong Kong raises fears of a city-wide lockdown
Reports of a city-wide lockdown and mandatory testing have sparked a wave of panic buying, leaving grocery store shelves picked clean.

Democrats seeing some successes in redistricting
Redrawing congressional district maps happens every 10 years.

The U.S. is taking a swing at airlines over Russia's invasion of Ukraine
The move aims to further squeeze Russia's economy over its unprovoked attack on Ukraine.

View from inside Russia: Reliable news about the war hard to find, authorities jail protestors
Russian journalists are trying their best to do their jobs safely while bringing light to what's going on between Russia and Ukraine.

Ukrainian refugees in Poland, estimated at half a million, say border guards separated them by race
There are reports of Polish border guards separating the Ukrainian refugees into white and non-white groups.

President Biden's message to the country: 'We're going to be OK'
Biden travels to Wisconsin on Wednesday to tout infrastructure spending, a theme he hit on in the State of the Union speech Tuesday night.

Scientists used to think birds couldn't smell. A biologist set out to prove them wrong
Turns out, bird perfume is in the air.

Russian invasion of Ukraine upends longstanding policies of neutrality
Germany, Sweden and even famously neutral Switzerland have broken with decades-long policies to send money and military assistance to Ukraine.

Pfizer's COVID vaccine is not as protective against omicron for 5 to 11-year-olds, data suggests
The vaccines still help young kids avoid serious sickness.

Unpacking the threat of nuclear war as Russia's war in Ukraine intensifies
Russian President Vladimir Putin ordered his nuclear forces on heightened alert over the weekend.

Love on every page: Why is there so much romance in young adult fiction?
Whether it's a book that addresses racial issues like "The Hate U Give" or a thriller like "The Firekeeper's Daughter," YA books are full of romance.

Progressive Caucus Chair Rep. Pramila Jayapal weighs in on Biden's State of the Union address
President Biden went on the offensive in his State of the Union address, slamming Russian President Vladimir Putin for invading Ukraine.

Russian airstrikes in Kyiv target sites of Holocaust massacre, maternity clinic and TV tower
Elsewhere in the country, there are ongoing airstrikes in Kharkiv and disputed reports that Russia has captured the city of Kherson, near Crimea.

Thursday, March 3, 2022

It's pie time: 3 savory recipes to stay warm as winter wanes
The beauty of these main-course pies is that all you need to go alongside them is a hearty salad.

Why lawmakers are concerned about cryptocurrency playing a role in Russia's war in Ukraine
Ukraine is requesting donations in cryptocurrency, while there are questions about whether Russia could use cryptocurrency to evade sanctions.

Kyiv pediatric surgeon says doctors 'live in hospital' as the city is under siege
Dr. Oleg Godik is treating injured children in Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, which is under siege by the Russian military.

Local election officials face increased harassment following 2020 election
Officials say they continue to be harassed and threatened by people who don't accept that the 2020 presidential election was legitimate.

Why Canadian doctors are prescribing National Parks passes and time in nature
Nothing's better than the doctor saying you're fully healthy. But a close second is them prescribing time in nature — including a free National Parks Pass.

Major Hollywood studios pause theatrical film releases in Russia
Disney, Sony, Warner Bros., Paramount and Universal are pausing the theatrical releases of their films in Russia.

How farmers in the Midwest are adapting to warmer winters
Across the U.S., winters are getting warmer. In Missouri, farmers are finding ways to adapt.

Jan. 6 panel alleges Trump committed crimes in attempt to overturn 2020 election
The committee's explosive claim was found in a court filing Wednesday night in an ongoing lawsuit involving a witness subpoenaed by the panel.

The return to in-person offices brings back co-worker small talk, commutes — and romances?
One in three people surveyed in January 2022 had been romantically involved with a colleague, according to a report by the Society for Human Resource Management.

Every child's death makes the Ukrainian resolve to fight stronger, says Kharkiv resident
Though there are no official numbers yet, security analyst and Kharkiv resident Maria Avdeeva says the death toll is climbing and that no one in Kharkiv is safe.

Negotiators move closer to restoring the 2015 Iran nuclear deal
Western officials say progress was slowed by new demands from Iran in recent days, but events this coming weekend could clear away some of the sticking points.

Ukrainians in the U.S. watch and pray for loved ones back home
We hear how one priest and his congregation in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, are watching and praying as the war unfolds.

New study clarifies risk of breast cancer overdiagnosis
The new research found that about 1 in 7 cases of breast cancer detected during screenings were false alarms.

International Rescue Committee is aiding refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine
The United Nations says a million refugees have fled across the borders of Ukraine since Russian forces invaded the country a week ago.

Ukrainians face an increasingly desperate reality as Russian assault intensifies
At least a million Ukrainians have fled the country and those who stayed face an increasingly precarious situation.

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Why TV has such a thirst for shows about tech founders-turned scammers

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Showtime's "Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber" is the latest in a TV trend that dramatizes flawed and sometimes criminal real-world tech entrepreneurs.

Biden administration grants temporary protection to Ukrainians living or studying in the U.S. Canada and the European Union have also announced humanitarian protections for Ukrainians, following Russia's invasion.

New poll shows Biden bump after State of the Union address
A new NPR/PBS/Marist poll out Friday shows President Biden's approval rating jumped eight points since last month.

Iowa joins trend of Republican-led states banning transgender girls and women from female sports
Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill Thursday that went into effect immediately.

Biden mulls cutting off Russian oil and gas
ABC News political director Rick Klein and Yamiche Alcindor of PBS and NBC discuss the options President Biden is weighing as the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues.

Rep. Adam Schiff calls for an FBI investigation into misuse of DNA from sexual assault victim
The San Francisco Police Department allegedly used DNA from a sexual assault victim to investigate an unrelated property crime years later — and then filed charges against her.

In 'Lost and Found' memoir, Kathryn Schulz explores life's simultaneous tangle of joy, grief, love
What if you could sum up human existence with three concepts: losing, finding and the word and?

U.S. employers add 678,000 jobs in February
The unemployment rate fell from 4% in January to 3.8% last month.

How a month-long paid break transformed an office and its employees
Scalawag Magazine's Ko Bragg explains how restorative the rest period was for her and her colleagues.

The politicization of Florida's surgeon general
Florida's state senate recently confirmed Gov. Ron DeSantis' appointee for surgeon general.

U.S. ambassador to OSCE on the Russia-Ukraine crisis
The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe is in Ukraine monitoring the fighting.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine spikes fears of a nuclear disaster
Shelling set part of Ukraine's largest nuclear plant complex on fire.

Monday, March 7, 2022

Conservationists fight for protection for jumping slugs
Oregon and Washington state are home to a group of rare species you've probably never heard of.

With players locked out, spring training stadiums are empty in Arizona and Florida
An ongoing labor dispute has delayed the start of the season.

Gas prices are up following calls by some U.S. politicians for an embargo on Russian oil
The prospect of more turmoil in global energy markets is raising questions about the future of energy and climate policy around the world.

Teachers in Minneapolis, St. Paul prepare for potential strike
Contract negotiations failed to reach a resolution over the weekend between teachers' unions and school district leaders in Minnesota's twin cities over higher wages and mental health resources for students.

Ukrainians raise funds in crypto-currency, while U.S. tries to stop Russia from bypassing sanctions
Some are calling Russia's invasion of Ukraine the world's first crypto war.

Massachusetts start-up aims to find a new life for electric vehicle batteries
The company has a unique solution: turning lithium-ion batteries into longer-lasting, cheaper, and less-polluting energy cells.

Mask mandates end and cases are falling: Where we are now in the pandemic
Across the United States, the number of cases and deaths continue to fall after a surge caused by the omicron variant.

Indian medical student on being trapped at Ukrainian university
Hope is in short supply at Ukraine's Sumy State University, where about 600 Indian medical students are trapped with no viable option for evacuation.

UC Berkeley will have to limit enrollment for fall 2022
A group of residents called Save Berkeley's Neighborhood brought a lawsuit against the school, arguing it has not addressed the effects its students are having on housing, homelessness and noise...

The rise of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
Zelenskyy's addresses to the Ukrainian people and the world have become must-see streaming events for many.

Global energy market rattled by threat of potential ban on Russian oil imports
Oil and gas prices have reached record levels, as Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to unsettle global markets.

First-time Paralympian readies for Beijing Games at age 48
USA wheelchair curler Batoyun 'Oyuna' Uranchimeg discusses how she's preparing for the Paralympics in Beijing.

Israel attempts mediating role between Russia and Ukraine, as Ukrainians pressure for more aid
Israeli's Prime Minister made a surprise trip to Moscow this weekend for diplomatic talks.

Russia renews bloodshed and bombing after Ukrainians slow advance over the weekend
Less than two weeks after the war began, almost 2 million Ukrainians have fled to neighboring states.
More than 360 civilians have been killed.

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Giving voice to the world's animals

Martyn Stewart has spent more than 50 years capturing the sounds of creatures from around the world.

Cluster munitions and vacuum bombs, explained: The war crime allegations against Russia
Russian forces continue to attack residential areas in cities across Ukraine.

Kentuckians still wait for FEMA aid months after deadly tornadoes

Months after deadly tornadoes destroyed parts of Kentucky, residents say they haven't received the financial aid that FEMA officials encouraged them to apply for.

U.S. oil talks continue with Venezuela, Iran and Saudi Arabia

Gas prices are at record highs as Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine continues.

The risks that come with China's alliance with Russia as it wages war in Ukraine

China has maintained its ties to Moscow.

Pakistani women march to honor International Women's Day

Women marched in rallies to honor International Women's Day despite growing threats of violence and backlash from the country's religious extremists.

President Biden bans Russian oil in a new escalation

It's a move that will have a huge impact on the world economy.

Two men with contrasting visions for South Korea compete to become the next president

South Koreans will elect a new president Wednesday in what has shaped up to be a close and at times toxic race.

A deep dive into U.S. intelligence in Russia and beyond

While the U.S. has made it clear that American troops will not fight Russia in Ukraine, there is still a lot the U.S. government is doing behind the scenes.

New York restaurateurs pitch in to support Ukraine

New York business owners with roots in both Ukraine and Russia are finding ways to support Ukraine — from replacing Russian alcohol to fundraising for relief efforts.

Food guru J. Kenji López-Alt explains how to 'Wok' this way

Youtube star J. Kenji López-Alt's new book is all about his one must-have in the kitchen — a wok.

Federal trial begins against men who plotted to kidnap Michigan governor

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Four men plotted to kidnap Gov. Gretchen Whitmer after she imposed pandemic-related restrictions in the state.

Families, war crimes investigators comb through ruins in Ukraine for memories, evidence
Ukraine has already prepared to present evidence of Russian war crimes before the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

FDA's plan to diversify clinical trials falls flat, study finds

Five years ago, the Food and Drug Administration began implementing a plan to increase diversity and transparency in its clinical trials of medicines.

Remembering photojournalist Sumy Sadurni

Sumy Sadurni was a Spanish Mexican freelance photojournalist based in Kampala, Uganda. The 32-year-old was known for her evocative work across the region.

Remembering the 6888th Battalion, the only all-female Black unit to serve overseas in WWII
Amidst the chaos of World War II, more than two years of letters had piled up in a tremendous backlog of approximately 17 million pieces of mail.

The case for free public transit

Some communities across the country are considering making at least some public transit free.

Former Echo of Moscow radio correspondent explains how Russia controls war narrative

A new law bans journalists from using words to accurately describe the country's military assault on Ukraine.

U.S. to cut off imports of Russian energy as Ukraine war is fought with guns, money and minds

The war goes beyond the battlefield: Russia's economy relies on the sale of national energy.

In 'I Ain't Studdin' Ya,' blues legend Bobby Rush reflects on finding success on his own terms

For more than 70 years, Bobby Rush has been singing the blues.

Faith Ringgold, pioneering artist who pushed boundaries in the American art world, gets her due

The 91-year-old redefined the history of American art by carving a space for Black women artists.

A timeline of U.S. presidents and Russian President Vladimir Putin

Putin has dealt with at least five U.S. commanders-in-chief.

Minneapolis teachers won't back down on demands on day 2 of strike

Teachers are demanding better wages, especially for the lowest-paid educators, and mental health resources for students.

'Turning Red' director Domee Shi channeled her inner panda to tell a story about adolescence

The new Disney-Pixar animated film is about a girl who turns into a giant red panda when she gets emotional.

Rural school tackles students' mental health issues

A recent study found that anxiety and depression have doubled in children during the pandemic.

Is a limited no-fly zone in Ukraine out of the question — or should the U.S. implement one?

On Wednesday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy pleaded with the British Parliament for a humanitarian no-fly zone.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

As families flee Ukraine, a new children's book aims to help create community for refugees

Author Miry Whitehill founded Miry's List, a nonprofit that helps refugees from around the world settle in the U.S. The nonprofit is already preparing for the eventual arrival of Ukrainian...

Crisis in Ukraine sends adoption plans spiraling

Some children have been evacuated from orphanages there, but the system for approving adoptions is in chaos.

Wisconsin redefines the high school to college pipeline

Higher education and industry in Wisconsin are trying to adapt to pandemic challenges.

A no-fly zone over Ukraine heightens the risk of a nuclear conflict with Russia

NATO has rejected the no-fly zone idea because it comes with significant risks.

Local election officials fear for their safety, new poll finds

Election officials are grappling with safety concerns as they face increasing threats.

VP Harris assures NATO allies of U.S. commitments to the alliance amid Ukraine crisis

"The United States is prepared to defend every inch of NATO territory. The United States takes seriously that an attack against one is an attack against all," Harris said Thursday...

Apple takes a stand on Russia

Along with other big tech companies, Apple recently announced that it would halt sales and services in Russia.

A scrappy DIY spaceflight group shoots for the moon

An amateur group of space enthusiasts from Copenhagen have been spending their spare time building rockets, completely funded through crowdsourcing.

Moldova, facing a separatist region on its border with Ukraine, braces for spillover

Moldova is Ukraine's neighbor to the west and it shares worrying parallels — a former Soviet bloc country with a separatist region asking Russia to recognize their independence.

Election wins for India's ruling party tee up third run for Modi

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India's ruling Hindu nationalist government has won a round of important state elections.

How one parenting coach is trying to break the cycle of racial trauma

When Yolanda Williams got pregnant at 36, she began a journey of studying up on childhood development and getting to the bottom of her own childhood trauma.

Creating a memorial for people lost to COVID-19

Some are pushing for a monument, others are working for a day of remembrance.

Residents in Ukraine's port city Odesa anxiously prepare, wait for possible attack from Russia
Ukraine's third-largest city is an economic hub and a possible future target of Russia.

Friday, March 11, 2022

The rich history of Winston Salem's Black-owned Safe Bus

The Safe Bus was created at a time when trolleys extended into white neighborhoods only.

What's next for U.S.-Venezuela relations amid oil shortage

After breaking off diplomatic contact in 2019, the U.S. may be considering a detente with Venezuela, a country with some of the largest oil reserves in the world.

Oil supply shock part of growing economic concerns amid Russia's war in Ukraine

As oil prices continue to rise, there's growing concern about its potential effects across all sectors of the global economy.

A 'now or never moment': Brewery owner in Lviv, Ukraine, reflects as Russian military advances

Yuri Zastavny, co-owner of Pravda Brewery, explains what life is like after sending his family away for their safety and describes his brewery's pending victory beer.

Week in politics: Ukraine, a \$1.5 trillion omnibus bill and the looming midterms

Democratic lawmakers are in Philadelphia to hammer out their message for the upcoming midterms.

Paramount+ bets new 'Star Trek' shows will draw lasting subscribers

The new streaming service debuted season 2 of "Star Trek: Picard" this month, and more "Star Trek" shows are on the way.

A look at Russia's military as war in Ukraine continues

Russia appears to be broadening its military campaign in Ukraine, carrying out airstrikes on targets in the western part of the country.

Cotton farming is inching north into the Midwest

Climate change — combined with dwindling water resources and new infrastructure — means states like Kansas are becoming cotton countries.

Celebrating Jack Kerouac's 100th birthday: How the Beat author resonates today

Celebrated "On The Road" author Jack Kerouac would have turned 100 on March 12.

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Biden considers domestic drilling as oil prices spike

Russia's war on Ukraine and the resulting oil price spike have forced the Biden administration to consider all kinds of measures for fossil fuels that it once would have shunned.

Red Cross head of emergency operations on humanitarian needs in Lviv, Ukraine

Russia's military offensive has extended into western Ukraine with airstrikes recently hitting the cities of Lutsk and Ivano-Frankivsk.

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Rising prices at the pump put spotlight on California's 'mystery gasoline surcharge'

California has added local taxes, environmental fees and something economist Severin Borenstein calls the "mystery gasoline surcharge."

Hundreds of U.S. military bases tested for chemical contamination

The Pentagon is testing hundreds of military sites around the country for contamination from chemicals known by the acronym PFAS, which have been linked with health problems like cancer.

Hundreds of Indian students safely evacuated after being trapped in Sumy, Ukraine

The Sumy State University students feared for their lives as they ran out of food and water.

How Belarus could play a role in Russia's war in Ukraine

While the Belarusian military has not been involved directly with Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainians fear that could change.

The Fed's expected to begin raising interest rates this week to combat inflation

The hike aims to bring down inflation which is at a 40-year high.

New novel explores the continuing influence of poet Sylvia Plath: 'She is all of us'

"The Last Confessions of Sylvia P" uses three interconnected stories to explore the life and literary legacy of poet Sylvia Plath.

Advocates work to correct a census undercount of Black people, Latinos and Native Americans

Civic groups hope to correct the record quickly.

'I never feel safe': Kharkiv resident describes despair 2 weeks into Russian bombings

With constant attacks, safe moments outdoors — even to get food or medicine — no longer exist in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Salary shock: Some college grads now earn \$100,000 in first job

Recent college grads entering big tech, finance and consulting firms are now earning upward of \$100,000. It's a big shock for their colleagues who came in at a much lower...

As cities open up, dogs are being reined in

Many people adopted dogs during the pandemic — and they often let those dogs run loose in public parks that were mostly empty.

Free Brittney Griner: What could come next after the WNBA star's arrest in Russia

In February, Griner was arrested at the Moscow airport for alleged possession of vape cartridges filled with cannabis oil.

Losing loved ones during two pandemics: AIDS and COVID-19

Vince Crisostomo lost his life partner to AIDS in 1991. Thirty years later, COVID-19 killed his father.

The future of COVID-19 vaccines for young children

Kids under 5 years old are the last age group of Americans without a vaccine available.

Kansas conservatives push for 'curriculum transparency' in schools

The state is considering measures that would prohibit the teaching of certain "divisive concepts" such as white privilege or gender identity.

Russia bombs military base in Western Ukraine; Delegates signal some hope for talks

A pregnant woman and her baby have died after Russian forces shelled a maternity ward in Mariupol.

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How Zingerman's endured 40 years in the restaurant business — including a pandemic

Zingerman's, which first opened in 1982 as a traditional Jewish deli and food shop, celebrates 40 years on Tuesday.

White House briefs TikTok stars on war in Ukraine

In its effort to control the narrative, the White House last week held a private briefing about the war in Ukraine for 30 TikTok personalities.

Suspect arrested in D.C.-New York attacks on homeless men

At least five men were shot — two of them fatally — in attacks between March 3 and March 9.

Shaquille O'Neal helps resurrect the legacy of Lusia Harris, 'The Queen of Basketball'

"The Queen of Basketball" has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Documentary (Short Subject).

Tips to avoid Ukraine charity scams

As the humanitarian crisis continues in Ukraine, scammers are taking advantage of the generosity of compassionate people.

China's largest surge in COVID-19 cases since start of pandemic challenges zero-tolerance strategy

Authorities have responded with strict lockdowns in four key cities and closed off the entire northeastern province of Jilin, a manufacturing hub.

People of Washington state join Duwamish tribe's fight for recognition

In Washington state, the Duwamish tribe has been fighting for decades to be recognized as a sovereign nation.

Kelly Marie Tran on her Oscar-nominated film 'Raya and the Last Dragon'
"Raya and the Last Dragon" has been nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

Prepare your brackets: March Madness begins this week ?
For college players making their way to the NBA, March Madness becomes the last chance to watch them play on a college court.

Kamasi Washington's springtime jazz picks, from Roland Kirk to Letieres Leite
The legendary saxophonist and jazz composer shares his top four songs for the springtime.

Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin: Where the GOP stands now
Trump's failure to condemn Putin for the Russian president's role in interfering in the 2016 election puts the GOP in an awkward position now as Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine...

The latest on-the-ground update from besieged Kyiv, Ukraine
Russian troops are 10 miles away from the Ukrainian capital.

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A year after the Atlanta spa shootings: What has changed for the Asian American community?
One year ago Wednesday, eight people were killed in a shooting spree at Atlanta-area spas. Six of those killed were Asian American women.

New York Times book critic Dwight Garner finds illumination in the works of refugees
More than 2.5 million people have fled Ukraine in what the U.N. is calling the greatest refugee crisis since World War II.

Summer travel expected to increase — and so are airfares
The enthusiasm to travel might be dampened a little by rising fuel prices and persistent inflation which are likely to result in fare increases.

Billie Eilish, Beyonce and Lin-Manuel Miranda all vie for the Best Original Song Oscar
Who's likely to take home the trophy?

Somali community in Istanbul wants justice for migrants who died trying to cross border into Europe
Recently, five people from Somalia were among 19 who died trying to cross the border to Greece.
Allegations have surfaced that they were pushed back by border patrols.

No-fly zones, explained as Zelenskyy urges Congress for one in Ukraine
The Ukrainian president has implored NATO to close Ukrainian skies to Russian bombers.

Immigrants in U.S. in visa limbo as consulates around the world experience backups
Leaving the U.S. would mean running the risk of not being able to return.

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In 'Eartha & Kitt,' daughter of legendary songstress Eartha Kitt remembers her mom
Kitt Shapiro wrote "Eartha & Kitt: A Daughter's Love Story in Black and White" about her relationship with her mother, Eartha Kitt.

Release of British citizen brings renewed optimism in Iran nuclear agreement
A British aid worker detained in Iran for nearly six years has begun her trip home to her family.

Kids reflect on pandemic school closures 2 years in
Two years ago this month, schools across the country closed because of the pandemic and students switched to remote learning.

To save lives, Tennessee looks for funding to set up its own weather monitoring networks
Mesonets are often built in direct response to severe weather, as in New York after Hurricane Sandy.
But there's no direct federal funding for mesonets.

Rep. Jason Crow on Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's address to Congress
Rep. Crow does not support Zelenskyy's call for a no-fly zone.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy speaks to Congress
He continued his plea for a no-fly zone but also asked for planes or military systems.

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Hungary, with a history of hostility toward refugees, opens its doors to those fleeing Ukraine
More than 250,000 Ukrainian refugees have passed through to Hungary.

Director Matt Ogens' short documentary 'Audible' was a labor of love — and an Oscar nominee
The documentary is about Maryland School for the Deaf's football team.

Knoxville uplifts the works of hometown artist Beauford Delaney
Beauford Delaney, an artist of the Harlem Renaissance and beyond, is resurfacing in a big way.

Missouri lawmaker wants to make seeking abortions in other states illegal
The representative has continued to push for amendments that would allow state residents to sue individuals who help others get an abortion — even if the abortion was performed out...

Pro-democracy Russian activists in U.S. 'stand with Ukraine'
Dmitry Valuev, a pro-democracy activist, is one of the thousands of Russians living in the U.S. who actively oppose their country's invasion of Ukraine.

Baghdad shows how urban growth plays a part in climate change
It's getting hotter and hotter in Baghdad.

Can love be color blind? How Netflix's 'Love Is Blind' underscores complex racial dynamics

The second season of the Netflix reality show "Love Is Blind" pulls back some complicated layers. For instance, can love also be color blind?

Federal student loan payment moratorium quietly extended

The Education Department recently emailed unusual guidance to the companies that manage its \$1.6 trillion student loan portfolio, throwing the May 1 deadline into doubt.

Some say the pandemic's over. For others, 'It's like being told my life doesn't matter'

Those with compromised immune systems say their concerns are marginalized.

For Oscar winner Mark Rylance, 'The Outfit' fits like a fine suit

Mark Rylance plays a maker of fine menswear who tries to stay alive during a night of mob warfare in 1950s Chicago.

Russia's false claims about biological weapons in Ukraine stoke fears of chemical attack

U.S. and allied officials have claimed Russia might use chemical weapons in Ukraine in a "false flag" attack as a retroactive justification for its invasion.

Survivors found in bombed Ukrainian theater where 'children' was marked outside in big white text

Satellite images show that Ukrainians had written the word "children" in Russian on two sides of the theater — but it was hit anyway.

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Netflix to put a price on password sharing

The subscription streaming service is making it harder to share your password.

COVID-19 cases climb in Europe, parts of Asia and the South Pacific. Should the U.S. take note?

Hong Kong is seeing nearly 300 deaths a day, and Germany recorded a record number of cases on Friday.

How the war in Ukraine put Telegram in the spotlight

The app is Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's preferred means of communication.

Week in politics: Biden calls Putin a 'war criminal'; A look at SCOTUS confirmation hearings

President Biden has pledged another \$800 million in weapons for Ukraine.

What leaving pandemic funding out of the omnibus bill means for the next variant

Congress recently passed a \$1.5 trillion omnibus bill, funding everything from climate resiliency to Ukrainian aid. Everything, except for pandemic preparedness.

Thousands of Texas voters had mail-in ballots rejected in primary election

The rejections followed the state's new Republican-backed voting law.

High levels of lead detected in water of Montana public schools

Partial testing finds that about half of the state's schools have lead in the water.

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Boston restaurants look to the future as mask mandates are lifted
Some restaurants are embracing the lack of restrictions, while others want to keep masks on for a while longer.

A wild ride for global nickel market

Russia is one of the world's largest suppliers of nickel. Prices soared after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Transportation Sec. Pete Buttigieg on infrastructure and a new supply chain initiative

Buttigieg discusses FLOW, a new data-sharing initiative aimed at resolving supply chain issues.

Educated young people in India demand jobs

Some of the most educated young people in India are unemployed.

Lviv airport struck by Russian missile in first for Western city considered relatively safe

The bombs fell on a military aviation repair facility only about 50 miles from the border of Poland, a NATO country.

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US-China relations at a crossroads over Russian war in Ukraine

President Biden warned Chinese President Xi Jinping there will be consequences if China helps Russia in its war against Ukraine.

Congress considers bill to make daylight saving time permanent

Nearly 50 years ago Congress passed a similar law, and the country hated it.

With all eyes turned to Ukraine, what's ISIS up to?

Just over a week ago, ISIS announced a new leader, following the killing last month of leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Quraysh in a U.S. airstrike.

Russians opposed to war make way to US via Mexico

Many Russians fleeing the war in Ukraine are seeking asylum in the U.S.

Disney executives hold meeting to discuss Florida gender bill

Disney executives are holding a town hall meeting to discuss a bill in Florida that bars schools from discussing gender issues with young children.

Ordinary Ukrainians help out war effort by staffing checkpoints

Ukrainians across the country are contributing to the war effort in different ways, including staffing checkpoints far from the front lines.

Rising gas prices and war in Ukraine supercharge demand for new mining

Rising gas prices and the war in Ukraine are supercharging demand for new mining.

Confirmation hearing begins for Biden's nominee to the Supreme Court

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Sen. Amy Klobuchar shares her expectations ahead of Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation hearings.

The impact of the economic blackout on Russia
The backlash to Russia's invasion of Ukraine has been swift and severe.

Is cyberwar the next military front in Ukraine?
One element of Russia's military strategy in Ukraine has so far been conspicuously absent: cyber warfare.

Former clerk to Ketanji Brown Jackson looks back on her legal record
Attorney Joe Slaughter was a law clerk to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson.

US oil companies urged to increase production
The Biden administration is encouraging U.S. oil companies to increase their production to help curb record high gasoline prices.

Legendary jazz bassist Ron Carter is going on 85 and still going strong
Jazz bassist Ron Carter is celebrating his 85th birthday with a concert at Carnegie Hall on May 10th.

Bombs fall on civilian targets in Kyiv, killing several people
A shopping mall in Kyiv has been bombed and multiple casualties have been reported.

A week of grueling confirmation hearings begin for Supreme Court nominee Jackson
Senate confirmation hearings for Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson kick off today.

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Coyotes thrive despite efforts to get rid of them
The coyote population in America is growing, from the biggest cities to the open range.

Medical schools add climate change into curriculum
At the urging of some medical students, some medical schools have started to teach future doctors about the health impacts of a warming planet.

Russia's response to Ukrainian rebuffs: Where the conflict goes from here
Whether Putin imagined the Ukrainian people ready to embrace Russian rule or a military that could be easily overpowered, it hasn't happened as planned.

Grubhub faces D.C. lawsuit over alleged deceptive business practices
Grubhub faced a similar lawsuit from the city of Chicago last year.

'Black Food' explores the African Diaspora through food, essays, art and music
Bryant Terry preserves Black American recipes and the stories behind them.

New approach to treating depression could be a game changer

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Researchers have found 80% of the study patients have gone into remission.

Women volunteer to fight for Ukraine

Women are not required as men are to stay and fight the Russian invasion.

Looking at long-lost Jack Kerouac novella 'The Haunted Life'

Jack Kerouac penned the novella in late 1944 but it wasn't published until March 2014.

No black boxes or survivors after sudden Chinese plane crash

In China, searchers at the site of Sunday's plane crash have not found any survivors.

Iraqi groups educate kids about dangers of cluster bombs, mines

The legacy of old wars in Iraq takes the form of mines and cluster bombs that still injure people, often children.

Supreme Court pick Ketanji Brown Jackson takes questions from Senators

President Biden's Supreme Court pick is now facing the most challenging stretch in her confirmation process.

Electric air taxis may soon fill the skies for commuting

A number of companies are developing sustainable vertical aircraft for flying short distances.

Search engine Duck Duck Go downgrades Russian disinformation, angering far-right users

Far-right users once flocked to Duck Duck Go because of its privacy policies, but are now accusing it of censoring content.

Senators Grill Judge Jackson in first day of questioning In Supreme Court confirmation hearing

We'll listen back to some of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's answers Tuesday morning to questions about her judicial philosophy.

Ukrainians take control of strategic town outside Kyiv as heavy shelling continues

As Kyiv residents take shelter, new reports are emerging that Ukraine has driven Russian forces out of the strategically significant town of Makariv, just outside the capital.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright dies at 84

Albright was the first female secretary of state.

The National Park Service wants to protect a B-29 bomber that sits at the bottom of Lake Mead

The World War II-era plane was on a scientific mission when it crashed into Lake Mead.

Freedom Library exhibit highlights Reginald Dwayne Betts' work bringing books inside prisons

After receiving a prison sentence at 16 for a carjacking, Betts is the founder of Freedom Reads, an organization that creates micro-libraries in prison.

Unprecedented heat wave hits Antarctica
Temperatures have risen by 70 degrees over the last week.

Radio Sputnik still broadcasting in Missouri despite calls to stop
In a rare move, the National Association of Broadcasters called for stations to cease airing Russian state-sponsored programming.

Potential presidential candidates use confirmation hearing to appeal to base
Political strategists Alice Stewart and Bill Press weigh in on the political posturing heard this week in Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson's Supreme Court confirmation hearing.

More than 4 million Ukrainian refugee children face food and shelter insecurity, exploitation
One Ukrainian child became a refugee every second in the first three weeks of the conflict — about 55 kids per minute, according to UNICEF.

President Biden heads to Europe
The trip is focused on presenting a united front against Russia as it continues its war in Ukraine.

Dive into spring with 3 delicious fish dishes from chef Kathy Gunst
These fish recipes showcase some of the season's first greens — asparagus, spinach, chives, and scallions — in three light but satisfying spring dishes.

Tornadoes in New Orleans leave at least one dead
At least one person died and others were trapped for a time under debris in destroyed buildings and homes.

Public transport use is increasing, but labor shortages persist
During the pandemic, public transit suffered from nationwide worker shortages. Now some systems are struggling to meet increasing demand because of an insufficient number of drivers.

'The Whiteness of Wealth': Why Black Americans pay higher taxes
Emory tax law professor Dorothy Brown argues in the book that the U.S. systems for generating wealth inherently favor White Americans while also penalizing Black Americans.

American sign up to fight for Ukraine
Thousands of Americans and foreign nationals have signed up to enlist with Ukrainian forces and fight against Russian troops.

Senators enter day two of questioning Supreme Court nominee pick
Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is in the hot seat before the Senate Judiciary Committee Wednesday for the last day of questioning.

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Biden calls for Russia to be removed from G-20

Speaking after a day of meetings with European allies, President Biden called on Russia to be kicked out of the Group of 20 nations because of President Putin's invasion of...

Reno sees a growing number of startups, tackling gaps brought on by the pandemic
High quality of life and lower costs of doing business compared to other metro areas are among the reasons why.

California condors return to ancestral skies
The birds were wiped out from their ancestral territory by the early 20th century.

How Russia's war in Ukraine is shaping American consumers
A majority of Americans support the ban on Russian oil imports, even though it means more pain at the pump.

In 'Troublemaker,' John Cho explores the Rodney King riots through the eyes of a 12-year-old boy
The novel centers around Jordan, a 12-year-old Korean-American boy living in Los Angeles who is caught up in events following the acquittal of the men videotaped beating Rodney King in...

President Biden will visit Poland, where more than 2 million Ukrainians have fled
Biden is traveling to Poland Friday, following emergency summits in Brussels with NATO, the G-7, and the European Security Council.

Ketanji Brown Jackson faces partisan attacks in confirmation hearings
Nobody disputes how qualified she is — but over the course of four days, the hearings have also detoured into ugly partisan attacks.

The wage gap means Latinas could work full-time year-round and never catch-up
Right now, Latinas earn \$.57 for every dollar a non-Hispanic man makes, which adds up to thousands of dollars lost in wages a year.

What Americans can learn from Ketanji Brown Jackson's confirmation hearing
Jackson is expected to become the first Black woman to sit on the high court.

Many African countries have been reluctant to weigh in on the conflict in Ukraine
African countries aren't in favor of Russia's invasion of Ukraine — but they're wary of taking sides.

Pritzker winner Diébédo Francis Kéré wants to 'create beauty for the most underserved populations'
Diébédo Francis Kéré made history as the first Black architect to win the Pritzker Prize.

What's next for Afghan girls turned away from schools hours after opening?
Taliban officials say schools will remain closed until a plan is drawn up that allows reopening consistent with Islamic law.

Biden strengthens NATO ties in Brussels, united around Ukraine

Biden will also meet with the G7 countries, as the continent unites around Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Friday, March 25, 2022

From screen to page and back again: David Duchovny's 'Truly Like Lightning'

The novel is now out in paperback and Duchovny is developing a series based on the book for Showtime.

EU Ambassador to the U.S. on European energy needs, support for refugees

President Biden announced a new task force designed at reducing Europe's reliance on Russian oil and gas.

President Biden warns of potential food shortages

Both Russia and Ukraine produce a significant amount of wheat.

High schoolers on Ketanji Brown Jackson's old debate team inspired by her nomination

Jackson has credited her path to success to her experience on her high school debate team at Miami Palmetto Senior High School

Week in politics: KBJ closer to confirmation, Biden goes to Europe to keep allies united on Ukraine

A new NPR/Ipsos poll shows that almost half of people surveyed think Biden is being too cautious in response to President Vladimir Putin's aggression.

Boston Children's Chorus sings Ukrainian anthem

Many Americans are showing support for Ukraine,

Creating a successful, lively book club: Picks and tips from 'The Stacks' Traci Thomas

Creator and host Traci Thomas talks about her picks for book club reads as well as tips for forming and maintaining a vivacious book club.

Rural Alabama gas prices hit drivers' wallets

Gas tends to be cheaper in the South, but prices have still shot up in southern states.

How the war in Ukraine has changed security, energy, politics in Europe

European countries are trying to wean themselves off Russian energy, taking in millions of refugees and boosting military spending.

American students studying in Russia leave country and continue program remotely

Julian Gonzales-Poirier explains what happened to him and other students when his school suspended its study abroad program in Russia.

Virginia Thomas urged pursuit of overturning 2020 election results, text messages show

Virginia Thomas, conservative activist and wife of sitting Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, urged former White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows to pursue efforts to overturn the results of...

President Biden travels to Poland

The country that has welcomed the largest number of refugees from Ukraine, forced out of their homes by the Russian invasion.

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State, local lawmakers spend near \$1 billion of COVID relief funds on projects unrelated to pandemic
Examples of these "pet projects" include a high-end hotel, renovations to a minor league baseball stadium and new prisons.

Historic wins and the slap seen round the world: A wrap-up of the Oscars

AppleTV+ became the first streaming service to win Best Picture for "CODA" — and Best Actor winner Will Smith slapped host Chris Rock for a joke about his wife's hair...

Spring cleaning tips for your finances

Jill Schlesinger, business analyst at CBS News, shares her tips for a more organized, streamlined way to keep on top of your money.

Best selling novel 'Pachinko' goes from page to screen

Adapted from the bestselling novel by Min Jin Lee, the story follows generations of a Korean family over the course of the 20th century.

Refugee crisis in Ukraine overwhelms local charities

While many have fled for neighboring countries, some 6.5 million people have stayed within Ukraine's borders.

The war in Ukraine: 1 month in

The Russian strategy may be shifting.

Will the CDC's new developmental guidelines help lead to early diagnosis for children of color?

The Centers for Disease Control recently revised the developmental milestones checklist, which all pediatricians use to help identify children with developmental disabilities, such as autism, and intellectual disabilities.

Tired of paying too many digital subscriptions? Here are some free and cheap alternatives

As prices soar, many Americans are looking for ways to cut back on expenses — and entertainment subscriptions are on the chopping block.

Puerto Rico exits bankruptcy

Five years ago, saddled with debts it could not pay, the territory began negotiating a restructuring plan that reduces what it owes.

Mosul, Iraq, gets rebuilt, 5 years after ISIS nearly destroyed 12th Century mosque

The mosque is now well under reconstruction — a symbol of the city's comeback.

Bay Area newspaper Hromada connects Ukrainians to home country

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The Ukrainian language newspaper launched in the San Francisco Bay Area in 2017.

More electric vehicles are on the road, but charging isn't easy to come by
The federal government plans to spend \$7.5 billion on electric charging stations but mostly along highways rather than in cities.

Russian journalists flee as Putin cracks down on press freedoms
The journalists' news channel — facing pressure from authorities — suspended its operations earlier this month and they left quickly for Turkey.

ICRC steps up aid to Ukraine: Humanitarian assistance 'isn't a question of charity, it's law'
In besieged cities like Mariupol, food, heat and shelter are scarce — and people are drinking untreated sewage water.

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

More questions gallop around federal horse adoption program in Texas
The federal government incentivizes people to adopt wild horses on public lands in the West. But advocates say the program doesn't have enough oversight or protections in place to properly...

President Biden expected to sign Emmett Till anti-lynching bill into law
The law makes lynching a federal hate crime with sentences of up to 30 years.

DOJ supports anti-trust tech legislation
The Department of Justice expressed support for legislation that would ban digital platforms like Amazon and Google from giving preferential treatment to their own products.

Non-English speakers in the Midwest are among the most vulnerable to little-known housing law
The law allows anyone to claim the deed of someone's house.

Secretary of State Blinken attends summit with Israel, Arab countries
Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Morocco are considering a pitch from Israel: Form a NATO-like military alliance against Iran.

Researchers look at why schizophrenia is risk factor for dying of COVID-19
Having schizophrenia has emerged as the second biggest risk factor for dying from COVID-19, after advanced age.

Ukraine-Russia peace talks reach 'a potential turning point' — but there are 'obstacles ahead'
Russian negotiators said troops will "drastically reduce" military activity in the capital Kyiv and the city of Chernihiv, while they weigh Ukraine's proposal of a security guarantee.

The FDA authorized 4th vaccine dose for Americans over 50. What do we know about whether it works?
Some say a fourth shot could prevent a surge in infections either from the new BA.2 omicron variant or an altogether new variant.

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Where two Belarusian activists stand on Russia and their home country
Russian troops are using Belarus as a staging ground to invade Ukraine from the north, but
Belarussians are against it.

The internet is still processing after Will Smith slapped Chris Rock at the Oscars
The shocking moment came after Rock made a joke about Smith's wife's buzzed hair. Jada Pinkett
Smith has alopecia, a condition that can lead to hair loss.

Pharmacies and labs at crossroads due to loss of COVID funds for uninsured
The federal government has been covering the cost of COVID-19 tests and vaccines for people without
health insurance. That funding is gone for tests already – and will end for...

Comedian Hannah Gadsby opens up about autism diagnosis, sexuality in memoir 'Ten Steps to
Nanette'

The memoir explores her childhood in Tasmania, Australia, where homosexuality was illegal until
1997, her journey to comedy, and her decision to move away from self-deprecating humor.

The GOP's pull toward extremism

In the hearings for nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson, extremism and conspiracy theories seem to have
strongly gripped the GOP, says historian Julian Zelizer.

'Don't Say Gay' bill becomes law in Florida. Bill opponents say it will harm LGBTQ children
The bill restricts schools from talking about sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grade
levels.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Do Americans really hate their jobs?

The Bureau of Labor Statistics said this week that 4.4 million Americans quit their jobs last month, a
near-record high. But why are so many people are quitting?

States move quickly on legislation banning or enshrining abortion access

With the Supreme Court weighing overturning Roe v. Wade, state legislatures have become a hot
battleground for abortion laws.

Questions surround using ECMO machines to treat COVID-19

ECMO machines became a last-ditch treatment for COVID — but only half of the patients who got
ECMO survived.

New photo book chronicling the lives of Ukrainians already feels like 'a dim, distant Ukraine'

Mark Neville set out to create a photography book as a "weapon" to help deter Russia from an
invasion. "Stop Tanks with Books" was released just a week before the...

Missouri advocates work to connect those leaving prison to Medicaid

Recent research shows that states with expanded Medicaid have lower rates of recidivism than those that didn't.

California task force votes to restrict eligibility for slavery reparations

A group in California considering the issue of reparations has voted to recommend limiting eligibility for state compensation to only the descendants of free and enslaved Black people who lived...

When is co-host Robin Young coming back?

Soon, she says in this update.

How schools are dealing with a substitute teacher shortage

School districts in Illinois are now holding one-day online training to get short-term subs, even ones without teaching backgrounds.

'Huda's Salon' looks at social and moral issues in Palestinian lives

In his most recent film 'Huda's Salon', writer-director Hany Abu-Assad continues his career examination of Palestinian society.

A history of early vaccine development and vaccine skepticism

Vaccine skepticism is nothing new. In fact, it has been around since the earliest experiments into vaccines.

'Bring Them Home' tells story of one of many Americans being held hostage by foreign governments
Emad Shargi is an Iranian-American businesses man detained in Iran under unsubstantiated espionage charges since 2018.

Russia looks for ways around global aviation sanctions

International flights are restricted and Western sanctions limit sales of new planes or parts to Russia.

Russian attacks on Ukraine continue as peace talks inch along

Russian forces bombarded the outskirts of Kyiv and other cities in Ukraine Wednesday, even though Russia had hinted earlier in the week that it would scale back its assault as...

History-making health official Rachel Levine says it's 'very hard to predict the future' of COVID-19
USA Today recently named Levine — the first openly transgender official to be confirmed by the Senate — among their "Women of the Year."

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Photographer reminds us of the power of 'Holding Hands'

After a couple of years with little to no human touch, photographer Diane Conn reminds us of the power of human connection in her recent book "Holding Hands."

The Crown Act and other efforts aim to ban discrimination against people based on hairstyle

Chris Rock's recent wisecrack at the Oscars about Jada Pinkett Smith's shaved head has brought renewed attention to the long history of jokes about Black hair.

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Texas Lt. Governor wants to eliminate tenure at state universities

Experts say it's a strategy to ban the teaching of critical race theory and could have widespread consequences.

Biden to order release of oil from nation's petroleum reserve

The plan would involve releasing a total of 180 million barrels of oil over several months — the largest amount ever drawn from the reserve.

Remembering Ukrainian fighter pilot Stepan Tarabalka

In a small village in western Ukraine, family and friends recently buried a 29-year-old MIG fighter pilot who was killed in combat over his homeland.

Russian oligarchs under more scrutiny as Ukraine war drags on

U.S. intelligence officials believe that Russian President Vladimir Putin is being misinformed by advisers about the poor performance of his military in Ukraine.

How the Russian military may change tactics in Ukraine

Moscow says it will scale back its offensive in Ukraine, but the United States and its allies are skeptical it will follow through.

All-Black expedition to attempt Mount Everest summit

More than 6,000 mountaineers have reached this highest point on Earth — but only nine Black people are known to have ever reached that pinnacle.

Americans are having less sex — and researchers want to know why

One of the most comprehensive sex studies to date found evidence of declines in all types of partnered sexual activity in the U.S.

Mexican transgender people celebrate new gender-affirming IDs

The Mexican government recently decided to allow consulates across the U.S. to issue new documents to transgender Mexicans living here, to affirm their gender identity.

New York Times food writer Eric Kim explores his 'Korean American' heritage in debut cookbook

Growing up the son of immigrants in Atlanta, Georgia, meals during Eric Kim's childhood were often a combination of his parents' Korean heritage and the lessons he learned watching the...

As calls grow for Justice Thomas to recuse himself, one Supreme Court watcher urges caution

Some are calling for Thomas to recuse himself from election-related cases, following revelations that his wife pressed Trump administration officials to try to overturn the 2020 election results.

Nearly one month under siege, Mariupol remains desperate

The city's mayor has accused the Russian military of genocide.

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January 2022

Monday, January 3, 2022

Looking ahead at health care and public health in 2022 across Greater Boston

As part of a special weeklong series looking ahead at the year 2022, we dig into the region's health care system — and the short-term and long-term challenges it's facing...

What's ahead for Greater Boston communities in 2022?

We take your calls and discuss the issues that mean the most to your community with outgoing Boston City Councilor Andrea Campbell, and Tito Jackson, also a former Boston city...

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Do rapid at-home tests detect the omicron variant?

Dr. Michael Mina, chief science officer at biotech software company eMed, joins us to talk all things testing.

Ask the Docs: Omicron, masking and vaccines

We talk about the latest COVID headlines, and take your calls, with Dr. Cassandra Pierre from Boston Medical Center and Dr. Simone Wildes, an infectious disease expert at South Shore...

It's a big year in Massachusetts politics. Here's what to watch for in 2022

Politico reporter Lisa Kashinsky and Gary Daffin, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, join us to discuss what they'll be keeping an eye on across the political...

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Mass. schools cope with COVID disruptions, including 'non-medical' use masks

The rampant spread of the omicron variant has caused concern and disruption as schools return from the holidays this week.

Congressman Jim McGovern says democracy is at stake

Massachusetts Congressman Jim McGovern was there when insurrectionists stormed the capital on Jan. 6, 2021. We get his reflections one year later.

Snow is coming. Will there be enough people to plow it away?

We check back in with Jim Stanford, director of public works in North Andover, about its looming snow-removal equipment and operator shortage.

Thursday, January 6, 2022

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Extremism and accountability: How the aftermath of Jan. 6 impacts future plots

We talk about accountability, and what the future may hold for extremism locally and nationally with Joan Donovan, Research Director at Harvard's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics, and Public Policy...

Reflecting on the insurrection, one year later

Massachusetts Congressman Seth Moulton was there one year ago today, when insurrections stormed the U.S. Capitol. Moulton join us, along with David Gergen, an advisor to four former U.S. Presidents,...

Friday, January 7, 2022

Looking back at the first week of 2022

We're joined by Joe Battenfeld, political columnist for the Boston Herald, and Renée Graham, columnist and associate editor for the Boston Globe.

Monday, January 10, 2022

A look at how omicron is impacting vulnerable residents in our community

As omicron cases continue unabated in Massachusetts, we take a look at how the pandemic is still impacting older adults, prisoners, those with intellectual developmental disabilities, and others who live...

Soup's on!

With temperatures set to plummet overnight, and single digits in the forecast, we warm up with a hot bowl of soup and take listener calls with Bryan Roof, executive food...

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Ask the Docs: Testing, omicron and masks

We take listener calls and questions with Dr. Shira Doron, attending physician, and Hospital Epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center, and Associate Professor at Tufts University School of Medicine, and Dr....

Giving it the old college try

Over the next couple of weeks, Greater Boston area college students will be back, at least in some form or fashion. Some schools are starting the semester with remote learning,...

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

The challenges of drugged driving enforcement

We take listener calls with Dr. Kevin Hill, Director of the Division of Addiction Psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Newton Police Chief John Carmichael, a former member of...

Increasing diversity in medicine through mentorship

Brigham and Women's is trying something new - a mentoring program designed to attract people of color into becoming physician assistants, and then helping them get through the program successfully.

Thursday, January 13, 2022

The NFL needs to do better

We discuss Brian Flores' firing, and what it says about the league with Boston Globe columnist and reporter Gary Washburn and Howard Bryant, senior writer for ESPN and sports correspondent...

City removes tent encampment

Social workers and Boston employees removed the encampments in the so-called "Mass. and Cass" neighborhood on Wednesday. We speak with WBUR reporter Deborah Becker who was there.

Mayor Michelle Wu on new vaccine mandate for city businesses

Do you carry your vaccine card? Have a QR code on your phone? Starting Saturday, you'll need it to get into bars, theaters, restaurants and gyms in Boston. And if...

Friday, January 14, 2022

Week in Review: Big moves from local politicians as the pandemic rolls on

This week, we're joined by Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay & Lesbian Political Caucus and president of Isaacson Political Consulting, and media analyst John Carroll.

Monday, January 17, 2022

Boston pastors reflect on MLK's legacy, 'radical love' and striving for a better world

"King saw love not only as a deep commitment and value, but as a means to us framing all of the things that we were experiencing," the Rev. Willie Bodrick...

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

SCOTUS tackles Boston-based First Amendment issue

A 2017 case about a request to briefly fly a Christian flag in front of City Hall has reached the Supreme Court.

A look inside a community hospital in Concord during the omicron surge

Mike Marino, a registered nurse and emergency preparedness manager at Emerson Hospital, gives us a look inside the nearly 200-bed facility.

Ask the Docs: Masking and surge capacity

With us this week are Dr. Sabrina Assoumou, an infectious disease specialist at Boston Medical Center and an assistant professor at Boston University School of Medicine; and Dr. Philip Landrigan,...

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

A story of love, resilience and freedom in the antebellum South

In his new book called Yonder, Jabari Asim tells the stories of six men and women, five of them enslaved, and the plantation owners who "stole" them, in the words...

From pandemic to endemic? Dr. Ashish Jha on the future of COVID-19

After two years of masking, isolating, vaccinating and anxiously wondering, have we finally reached a turning point in the way we should be thinking about the pandemic? We ask Dr....

Mall falling out of style? Report finds retail rethink could help tackle Mass. housing crisis
Massachusetts malls are increasingly empty as the pandemic, e-commerce and even revitalized town centers move in on their territory. But what if malls could help solve our housing crunch?

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Highlighting the work of duo Lerner and Loewe with composer Rob Kapilow
Musician, composer, and author Rob Kapilow is re-upping his work with Celebrity Series of Boston in What Makes It Great this weekend, highlighting the work of songwriting duo Lerner and...

Maura Healey is the latest Mass. Attorney General to run for governor
But the road from the attorney general's office to the governorship hasn't been an easy one historically. Can Maura Healey buck the trend?

Upgraded 5G rollout hits snags, marks the end of 3G
As an upgraded 5G gets rolled out, 3G is getting rolled back.

Friday, January 21, 2022

Week in Review: Voting rights, Healey, and omicron
This week's Week in Review, we tackle the governor's race and the Senate's voting rights fight.

What to do in Boston and beyond this weekend
WBUR arts and culture reporter Cristela Guerra joins us to share fun indoor and outdoor activities to do in and around the city this weekend.

Monday, January 24, 2022

Boston Mayor Wu on extended vaccine mandate deadline, transit, housing
Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joins us to take our questions and yours.

The ripple effect of the 'Great Resignation'
For some, the "Big Quit" is a big upgrade. For others, it's a big obstacle.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

'We need to get this right': Inside the search for Boston's next police commissioner
Mayor Michelle Wu has tasked a five-person committee with answering the question: What does Boston want and need from its next police commissioner? She told WBUR she expects to make...

Baker bingo: Gaming out the governor's final state of the commonwealth address
We'll discuss what you can expect from Gov. Baker's final State of the Commonwealth address with Ed Lyons, Massachusetts Republican writer and activist, and Joan Vennoch, columnist with the Boston...

Ask the Docs: A tale of two pandemics

We welcome back Dr. Davidson Hamer and Dr. Benjamin Linas, both infectious disease physicians at Boston Medical Center and professors at BU's school of medicine.

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Wednesday, January 26, 2022

U.S. Attorney Rollins says her office will bring 'full weight' of legal system against drug and sex traffickers

Former Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins made history this month when she became the first Black woman to take over the position of Massachusetts U.S. attorney. It's the state's...

Cambridge half-brothers brought together by DNA test

Two half-brothers share how DNA testing brought them together. Then, we turn to a bioethicist to look broadly at the gray areas of mail-in genetic tests.

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Teacher shortages plague classrooms statewide

We take your calls and hear more about the shortages with WBUR Education Reporter Carrie Jung, and Michael Thomas, the superintendent of Brockton Public Schools.

Despite evidence of safety, vaccine rates in pregnant people continue to lag

Vaccination rates among pregnant people continue to lag despite growing evidence that the vaccine is safe to get during pregnancy.

The role of the National Guard

National Guard members have been in our communities doing everything from helping in hospitals to driving school buses throughout the pandemic. What don't they do?

Friday, January 28, 2022

Week in review: Gov. Baker's final State of the Commonwealth, infrastructure and voting rights

There's a blizzard rolling into town and we review Gov. Baker's final State of the Commonwealth.

Monday, January 31, 2022

Cocktail and mocktail recipes to keep you warm this winter

Winter, spring, summer, or fall, all you have to do is ... grab a glass and join us to discuss cocktails and mocktails with Lonnie Newburn, owner of the Boston...

How to look before you leap into the 'Great Resignation'

A career counselor and a financial adviser address some of the questions you might face when leaving your job or finding a new one.

February 2022

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Tom Brady hangs up his cleats

We talk about Brady's time here and how to think about his career with listener callers, Boston Globe Patriots reporter Jim McBride, and Howard Bryant, senior writer for ESPN and...

Ask the Docs: Marking two years since the first COVID case in Boston

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We take your calls with Dr. Simon Wildes, an infectious disease expert at South Shore Health, and a new voice to Ask the Docs, Bill Hanage, an epidemiologist and co-director...

Ring in the Year of the Tiger in Quincy, Mass.

We talk with state Rep. Tackey Chan, of Norfolk County's second district, to celebrate and share hopes for 2022.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

Elected officials of color in Boston say the protests aimed at Mayor Wu have gone too far
We talk with Suffolk County Sheriff Steven Tompkins, one of more than a dozen officials that signed a statement condemning the protests, about the ongoing situation and how it's resonating...

Getting outdoors during winter in New England

We speak with two local outdoor enthusiasts and experts to help motivate us to get out from under the covers and snowshoe-up: Kristen Swanberg , Managing Director of Engagement &...

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Podcast brings hyper-local coverage to Hingham

From stories of neighbors, to town history, to local elections, The Hingham 'Cast examines what it means to be part of a community.

Robert Lewis, Jr. founded The BASE, an organization that uses sports to engage young people and help them succeed, in 2013. Now, he's moving onto a new chapter as the president of The Boys and Girls Club of Boston. He joins us to reflect on his career so far, as well as look ahead to this new era.

Meeting the gubernatorial candidates: Attorney General Maura Healey

Attorney General Maura Healey joins WBUR's Radio Boston to discuss what's driving her run for Massachusetts governor, and the values the Democrat plans to bring to the office if elected...

Friday, February 4, 2022

Week in Review: The race for AG, COVID and higher education, and the GOAT hangs up his cleats
This week, we're joined by Arline Isaacson, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus and president of Isaacson Political Consulting, and Tom Nichols, professor of national security affairs...

Quentin Palfrey is running to be the state's next attorney general

Quentin Palfrey, attorney and former candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has entered the race to be Massachusetts' next Attorney General. We'll be talking with all three of the candidates on the...

Monday, February 7, 2022

The challenge of personal choice and compliance in a pandemic

In a public health crisis, how much weight does an individual's choice get?

Boston musicians respond to the Spotify and Joe Rogan controversy

Boston-area music industry professionals weigh in on the latest controversy at Spotify.

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Redistricting proposal in New Hampshire has some crying foul
We check in with incumbent Democratic Rep. Chris Pappas, who represents New Hampshire's First District.

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Weighing legacy in the college admissions debate

We take a look at the practice of legacy preference, why some schools weigh legacy status among applicants and why some are now saying they won't.

From frappes to Filene's: Demystifying Boston quirks

Broker fees, space savers, frappes, and rotaries are all among "Bostonisms" that may throw a newbie to the region.

Ask the Docs: Is it time to rescind mask mandates?

We answer your coronavirus questions with Dr. Helen Boucher, infectious disease physician at Tufts Medical Center and interim dean of Tufts University School of Medicine, and Dr. Cassandra Pierre, acting...

New survey finds increasing number of Massachusetts residents in need of behavioral healthcare

Dr. Carlos Cappas, Chief Behavioral Health Officer at Lynn Community Health Center, joins us to talk more about the results from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Should your child keep wearing a mask to school after the mandate expires?

Governor Baker announced today that the state mask mandate for schools will be lifted February 28th, though it will be up to individual districts – and families – to decide...

An excerpt of Phillis Wheatley's poetry, courtesy of the Massachusetts Historical Society

Celebrating the first published Black poet in America

Phillis Wheatley, an enslaved woman in pre-Revolutionary War Massachusetts, brought her poetry to the masses.

Andrea Campbell on why she should be the Commonwealth's next Attorney General

Former Boston City Councilor and mayoral candidate Andrea Campbell joins us to talk about her candidacy for Attorney General

Thursday, February 10, 2022

How to make a special Valentine's Day meal at home

Bryan Roof, executive food editor for Cook's Country magazine and an on-screen test cook for Cook's Country, joins us to share some quick and easy five ingredient meals to bring...

Local physician pushes back on vaccine misinformation on Joe Rogan show

Joe Rogan and Spotify have been under fire for spreading vaccine misinformation. Dr. John Abramson went on Rogan's show to set the record straight.

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Friday, February 11, 2022

Week in Review: Masks in schools, Superintendent Brenda Cassellius steps down and free buses
Plus, we talk to Ray Magliozzi, former co-host of Car Talk, about rocky road conditions around Boston and the damage they can do to our vehicles.

Monday, February 14, 2022

Thousands of miles away, the threat of Russian invasion weighs heavily on local Ukrainians
We discuss how the rising tensions on the Russian border with Ukraine are resonating with Ukrainians living in and around the Boston area.

Justin Haynes, center, with two models showing pieces from his most recent ONYX collection.
Springfield designer is bringing global fashion home
He's a regular at Paris, LA, Miami, and New York Fashion Weeks, but Springfield is still home base.

Digging in on efforts to update the Commonwealth's public records law
We talk about the current public records law and efforts to change it with Todd Wallack, Deputy Managing Editor at WBUR, who sued for records from Governor's office while working...

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Navigating the latest pandemic news
We take listener calls and questions with Dr. Shira Doron, attending physician and hospital epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center, and Dr. Lou Ann Bruno-Murtha, chief of infectious diseases at Cambridge...

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Boston skaters weigh in on Olympic doping scandal
Doping allegations against a 15-year-old skater at the Olympics sparked conversations at local skate clubs.

Meeting the gubernatorial candidates: Shannon Liss-Riordan
We speak with Democratic candidate for Attorney General Shannon Liss-Riordan. Plus, we take a look at Harvard professor Danielle Allen's campaign for governor in the light of her announcement that...

Thursday, February 17, 2022

After the "pandemic puppy" craze, where are these dogs now?
Families trapped at home during the quarantine added new pets to the family. How are they doing now?

Ask the Vets: Dog edition
We turned to the phones to answer all of your pressing dog questions with a panel of veterinarians.

These dogs will find your phone so you can call help

From seeing-eye dogs who help their people safely navigate the world, to pups who are ready to jump to the aid of an owner in a wheelchair, these canines seem...

Friday, February 18, 2022

Week in Review: Masks can start coming off, the Olympics bottom out and an update on driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants

This week, we're joined by Renee Landers, professor of Law and Director of the Health Law Concentration at Suffolk University and Ed Lyons, Massachusetts Republican writer and activist.

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley on pandemic reforms and mask mandates

Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, who represents the state's 7th District, joins us to talk about everything from eviction reforms, to the state's expiring school mask mandate, to renewed aid for restaurants.

Monday, February 21, 2022

'Summer: The Donna Summer Musical' brings legendary singer back to Boston

"Summer: The Donna Summer Musical" tour opens in Boston on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Traveling across New England with George Washington

Stanley Cup Champion Shawn Thornton on fighting and hockey

Former Boston Bruin and Stanley Cup Champion Shawn Thornton joins us to talk about his new book, his career as an NHL enforcer, and how he's thinking about the game...

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Ask the Doc: Endemic versus pandemic?

Dr. Gabriela Andujar Vazquez, infectious disease physician and associate hospital epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center, joined us to talk through all of this.

Massachusetts State House reopens to the public

For the first time in more than 700 days, the general public can walk the halls of the Massachusetts State House. WBUR State House Reporter Steve Brown joins us live...

Rep. Jake Auchincloss on Ukraine abroad and at home

More than 30,000 people in Massachusetts identified as Ukrainian, as of 2016. U.S. Congressman for Massachusetts' fourth district Jake Auchincloss has been working with some of them.

Sea level rise is inevitable. Now what?

Rebecca Herst, the director of the Sustainable Solutions Lab at UMass Boston, and Andrew Gottlieb, the executive director of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, joined us to discuss the...

Wednesday, February 23, 2022

Anti-Semitic, racist incidents at schools continue

Threatening messages, swastikas found around campus prompt conversations about inclusivity and safety.

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'The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word'

Harvard Law Professor and author Randall Kennedy joins us to talk about the twentieth anniversary re-release of his book, which examines our nation's most abhorred racial slur, chronicling the word's...

Thursday, February 24, 2022

Boston Russian weighs in on the invasion of Ukraine

Plus, we check in with an organization that is providing aid and support to Ukraine.

Mass. Rep. Jake Auchincloss on the U.S. response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine

Plus, we check in with Ukrainian singer Olga Lisovska about her family in Ukraine.

Two local takes on the invasion of Ukraine from a Republican state representative and a Ukrainian American

Republican State Representative Leonard Mirra, who represents the Second Essex District, including Haverhill, Boxford, and Georgetown, and Ukrainian American Slava Olenik join us to discuss the invasion of Ukraine on...

Friday, February 25, 2022

Week in Review: Snow, local reactions to Ukraine and Mayor Wu's first 100 days

Plus, we check in with WBUR meteorologist Dave Epstein to get the latest on the snow.

After 25 years, we say goodbye to 'Arthur'

The locally-produced television show aired more than 250 episodes before signing off.

Monday, February 28, 2022

Bill aims to ban purchase, consumption of Russian products in Massachusetts

The proposed legislation comes on the heels of similar policies being enacted in New Hampshire and other states.

Mayor Wu on her first 100 days, Ukraine and her hopes to curb 'harassment' with new picketing restrictions

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joins us to reflect on her eventful first few months, and take listener questions.

March 2022

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

How New Bedford shaped Frederick Douglass, and how he then shaped the nation

A whaling industry, a multicultural community, and a people who weren't willing to turn over fugitives from the South all came together to create a place for Frederick Douglass to...

No it's not your boss! What to do when you get a text scam

Stuart Madnick, professor and founding director of "Cybersecurity at MIT Sloan", a cybersecurity association at the MIT Sloan School of Management, joins us to talk more about texting scams and...

How two Mass. school superintendents are navigating the shift to mask-optional
We check in with the superintendents of Burlington and Chelsea public schools, as school districts statewide adjust to their first week with the ability to no longer require masks indoors.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

In case against judge accused of helping man evade ICE, what's at stake?
Plus, we look at the ordinance that Mayor Wu has proposed to limit protests outside personal residences.

Stepping Up: Leadership in politics

We talk with former Newton Mayor Setti Warren, now the executive director of the Institute of Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School.

How gender-affirming voice therapy helps trans people sound like who they are
The human voice is a powerful thing. But what if your voice didn't represent who you are? Within the transgender community in Massachusetts and beyond, that is a reality for...

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Should libraries be safe spaces?
We speak with Anita Cellucci, a librarian at Westborough High School and the K-12 Library Department head. She's also a lecturer for Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, where...

Checking in on the guys checking out Massachusetts libraries

We check in with Adam Zand and Greg Peverill-Conti, co-founders of Library Land, to get the latest update on their quest to visit all 400+ libraries in Massachusetts, and to...

Reading recommendations for this spring

We take your calls and get the latest spring book recommendations from Katherine Nazarro, manager and bookseller at Porter Square Books in Cambridge and in Boston and Caroline Harvey, co-owner...

Friday, March 4, 2022

Week in review: Boston Marathon bomber, Mayor Wu moves to limit protests at private residences and the commonwealth responds to Ukraine
Plus, a story about a dinosaur bone found (and originally mistaken for a rock) on University of Massachusetts Amherst's campus.

They thought it was a nice rock for the garden. It turned out to be a dinosaur bone
Found on a parking lot construction site, the fossil is believed to part of a theropod bone.

Monday, March 7, 2022

Archiving New England Holocaust history

For decades, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum has been collecting and archiving items belonging to Holocaust victims. There's a renewed and urgent push to gather the items before it's...

As MLB lockout continues, businesses dependent on game days wonder what's next
We talk with a brewery in Florida that relies on spring training fans for income, along with the "Sausage Guy" who you may have seen outside Fenway.

From Boston to Springfield, communities mobilize to send aid to Ukraine
Massachusetts organizations, communities and churches are all sending aid in the form of money and supplies to Ukraine

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court to consider patients' right to die
Wednesday, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court will hear a civil suit focused on physician-assisted death, which argues that the lack of such an option for terminal patients with less than...

Despite looming environmental crises, new EPA administrator sees hopeful future for New England
Protecting our environment is a daunting task, but David Cash says he's up for the job.

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Preparing to welcome Ukrainian refugees in the commonwealth
How would that work, and how ready are we?

Highlights from the WBUR CitySpace Ukrainian town hall
Our expert guests were Monica Duffy Toft, professor of international politics at the Tufts University Fletcher School, and Emily Channell-Justice, Director of the Temerty contemporary Ukraine program at Harvard University....

Local Russian-Americans share personal experiences, business concerns
We find out how they're doing as they watch the deadly crisis unfold 4,500 miles away.

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Joy in the time of the coronavirus
Two years of COVID have brought a lifetime's share of loss, grief and loneliness. But there has to be a way to acknowledge the births, marriages, graduations, new friendships, and...

A two-year COVID retrospective through the eyes of a health reporter
We chat with Martha Bebinger, WBUR's health reporter, about what the last 24 months have been like in her world.

Ask the doctors: the latest on vaccines, treatments, and what the future may hold
We're joined by Dr. Cassandra Pierre and Dr. Sabrina Assoumou, both infectious disease specialists at Boston Medical Center and assistant professors at Boston University School of Medicine.

Friday, March 11, 2022

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Soaring gas prices are a tough pill to swallow on top of rising rent and inflation
How can anyone afford to drive to work? But how can anyone afford to live near work?

Ukraine in review

The war in Ukraine has held Boston's attention for two weeks now. Will it last?

Monday, March 14, 2022

Is it time for permanent Daylight Saving?

In honor of sleepy Monday, we talk about two efforts to keep our clocks the same year-round: one local and one national.

The disproportionate impact of COVID in Massachusetts

Recent data analysis by the Boston University School of Public Health and the Boston Globe find disproportionate fatality rates for Hispanic and Black residents in Massachusetts.

Kane's Donuts joins the list of family-owned businesses facing in-family fighting

We talk about the challenges of owning a family business and how common these types of feuds are with Boston Business Journal reporter Grant Welker and Ted Clark, Director of...

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Brigham and Women's doctors teach traumatic wound care for Ukrainian civilians

Two doctors from Brigham and Women's Hospital have created materials teaching Ukrainian civilians the basics of treating life-threatening injuries, as civilian casualties and Russian attacks on medical facilities continue.

Wok this way: Kenji Lopez-Alt makes the case for the pan he loves

We take your calls and talk to J. Kenji Lopez-Alt, food writer, blogger, and author of The Wok: Recipes and Techniques.

Mass. dairy farmers feel the effects of pandemic, inflation, and war in Ukraine

We speak to Mark Duffy, who operates Great Brook Farm in Carlisle, and sits on the board of Agri-Mark Family Dairy Farms, the co-op best known for making Cabot cheese.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Ask the pet vets

Two veterinarians join us to tackle all of your animal questions.

Community activist indicted

We discuss Cannon-Grant's impact on Boston and the significance of the indictment with Boston Globe columnist Adrian Walker.

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Advocates celebrate Neponset River's new "Superfund" status

The Environmental Protection Agency is designating the Lower Neponset a "Superfund site," a label given to the most hazardous and uncontrolled contaminated areas in the country.

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Two women share what it's like living with endometriosis
We learn about endometriosis from two women who have the disease that impacts an estimated 1 in 10 women worldwide.

Friday, March 18, 2022

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Monday, March 21, 2022

*No show on this date

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

'Letting Go of Literary Whiteness'

We speak with Westfield State professor Sophia Sarigianides, co-author of "Letting Go of Literary Whiteness: Antiracist Literature Instruction for White Students."

Local news in Mass. suffers another blow, with Gannett taking 19 papers out of print
The newspaper chain Gannett will stop printing at least 19 weekly newspapers in Eastern Massachusetts after the first week of May. They'll go all digital.

Ask the Docs: what does vaccine immunity mean in an endemic?

We take your calls with Dr. Shira Doron, an attending physician and hospital epidemiologist at Tufts Medical Center, and Dr. Lou Ann Bruno-Murtha, chief of infectious diseases at Cambridge Health...

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Rethinking the rules around facial recognition technology

Right now, at least nine law enforcement offices and departments in Massachusetts use it, as well as offices of some federal agencies, drawing mostly on an RMV database and FBI...

Danilo Pérez and Global Messengers' "Crisálida" imagines a borderless world

In his new album "Crisálida," Panamanian-born and Boston-based jazz pianist and composer Danilo Pérez uses a mix of musical styles from South America to the Middle East to evoke a...

Mass. health officials join call to end discriminatory rules around blood donation

Dr. Carl Streed, physician, assistant professor at the Boston University School of Medicine, and Research Lead for the Center for Transgender Medicine and Surgery at Boston Medical Center, joins us...

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Boston goes to the Oscars with CODA and Don't Look Up

The firmly-Massachusetts rooted film CODA is sitting pretty at the Oscars this year. It's the latest in a long tradition of Boston going to the Academy Awards, so we welcome...

Green Line Extension brings opportunities and challenges for Somerville's Union Square

The Extension is a project years in the making. We talk about these trade-offs and challenges with Zach Baum, president of the board for Union Square Main Streets, and co-owner...

Mass. Republicans make another push at suspending gas tax
AAA reports gas prices are down six cents a gallon since last week, but that doesn't mean they aren't still high, and Republicans in the Massachusetts State Senate want you...

Friday, March 25, 2022

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Monday, March 28, 2022

Meatless Monday: Plant-based cooking with America's Test Kitchen

Whether you're a vegetarian, vegan or just an omnivore looking to cut back on meat, the world of plant-based foods has something for everyone. We're joined by experts from America's...

Wu signals flexibility on controversial North End outdoor dining fee, vows safety review after deadly garage collapse

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joins us and takes your calls on everything from North End restaurants, to the collapse of a portion of the Government Center Garage, to potential receivership...

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Could a desegregation lawsuit help address issues within Boston Public Schools?

We hear from two advocates who believe a lawsuit could bring real, lasting change.

Meeting the gubernatorial candidates: Chris Doughty

Doughty believes he can be the next Republican to win the top office in this traditionally blue state, and he joins us to tell us why.

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

Ask the Docs: Second boosters for adults over 50 and Omicron BA.2 in New England

Dr. Cassandra Pierre and Dr. Sabrina Assoumou take listeners' coronavirus questions -- and ours.

Local music venues keep pandemic adaptations even as cases drop

We take your calls and talk about the future of the local music scene with Matt Smith, managing director of Club Passim, and JJ Gonson, owner of ONCE Lounge, formerly...

A pandemic-era fund for renters is drying up. Advocates say it's too soon to stop.

With the state-funded RAFT program, roughly 6,000 families are helped a year. With the federally-funded ERAP, more than 72,000 people got help.

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Checking in on the Red Sox as opening day approaches

We preview the upcoming season with Boston Globe sports reporter Alex Speier.

The latest on the future of outdoor dining in the North End

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A number of North End restaurant owners are upset over Mayor Michelle Wu's plan to make them pay 75-hundred dollars if they want to continue with an outdoor dining program...

Retraining workers for the future of work

We talk with Senator Eric Lesser, Just-A-Start Director of Education and Training Miriam Ortiz, and Holyoke Community College President Christina Royal.