



## **ISSUES/DESCRIPTIONS REPORT**

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**WSBK-TV Boston**

WSBK-TV - Boston, MA  
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Attached are listings of broadcasts or broadcast segments, which, in the station's judgment, reflect the station's most significant programming treatment of ascertained community issues during the preceding three-month period.

### **PROGRAM INDEX**

**WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38** – WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38 is the market's only broadcast newscast available at 9:00 p.m. Anchored by Kate Merrill, the newscast delivers a contemporary half-hour of news filled with comprehensive coverage of local politics, community events, medical updates, and issues of importance to the community. There are also Special Projects Reports, I-Team and Curiosity. I-Team Reporters Kathy Curran and Joe Shortsleeve provide an investigative look at major institutions and events within the viewing area. Issues related to government, politics, big business, financial issues, corruption and crime are explored in-depth during the station's newscasts. Duration: range from two minutes to four minutes. Curiosity is an on-going series where we ask viewers: What intrigues you? What interests you? What confuses you? We find answers to what our viewers are curious about.

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## **WBZ-TV News at 9PM on TV38**

### **Business and Political**

- 4/13 Eileen Curran reports on the credit debt that worsens at Curry College.
- 4/23 Paul Burton reports that some local Asian American store owners are targets of extortion scams.
- 5/1 Jon Keller reports on Vice President Joe Biden's blunder on swine flu precautions.
- 5/1 Supreme Court Justice David Souter is planning to retire at the end of his current Court term.
- 5/15 Jon Keller reports on the dangers of distracted drivers.
- 5/18 Jack Williams conducts a one-on-one interview about taxes and the state's struggling economy with Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick.
- 5/22 Jon Keller reports on Massachusetts Senator James Marzilli role in the financial disaster.
- 5/26 Karen Anderson reports that President Obama nominates Sonia Sotomayor to Supreme Court.
- 5/27 Karen Anderson reports on the Stimulus money that comes to Massachusetts.
- 6/02 Beth Germano reports on Former House Speaker Sal Dimasi's indictment.
- 6/04 President Obama makes a visit to tour Egypt this week, asking for "a new beginning" for the relationship between the United States and Muslims, so that there may be peace in the Middle East.
- 6/05 Jon Keller reports that state lawmakers have supported the bill to keep Bunker Hill Day and Evacuation Day.
- 6/05 President Obama finishes up his tour of the Middle East (where he spoke about attaining peace) and Europe (where he introduced himself to European leaders).
- 6/05 Paul Burton reports that state lawmakers are trying to push for reform on term limits.
- 6/12 Jon Keller reports that cell phones can be a serious hazard for drivers.
- 6/19 Jon Keller reports that sports experts claimed David Ortiz, a player for the Red Sox, was headed for the end of his career after few homeruns in the beginning of the spring season.
- 6/26 Jon Keller critiques Bernie Madoff's lawyer's request for a lenient prison sentence.

### **Health and Medical**

- 4/8 Dawn Hasbrouck reports that Red Sox pitcher Josh Beckett made a \$100,000 donation to help open a new ward at Children's Hospital.
- 4/24 Paul Burton reports that foliage on Worcester trees has been cut down due to the influx of beetles.
- 4/27 Karen Anderson reports on how to avoid getting the Swine Flu.
- 4/28 Eileen Curran reports that the Spencer School is being tested for possible cases of Swine Flu.
- 4/28 The Obama Administration is asking for money to fight Swine Flu.
- 4/29 Swine Flu continues to spread across the country.
- 4/30 The CDC is now moving away from calling it Swine Flu and instead are calling it "H1N1."
- 5/1 Paul Burton reports that a Billerica company has created a fever detector to keep sick people off of planes.

5/6 Eileen Curran reports on a new study that reveals possible ways to detect signs of autism in babies.  
5/7 Dr. Mallika Marshall reports on the risks of the laser treatment Fraxel.  
5/13 Dr. Mallika Marshall reports that next year restaurants must put the caloric count for food on their menus.  
5/19 Mish Michaels reports that cancer has been linked to water on Cape Cod.  
5/27 Eileen Curran reports on teens and how texting may lead to mental health problems.  
6/15 Eileen Curran reports on first Swine Flu death in Massachusetts.  
6/16 Kate Merrill reports on Zicam nasal spray, and how it can cause loss of smell.  
6/26 Bill Shields reports that beaches are closing on the South Shore because of high levels of bacteria.

### **Law Safety and Security**

4/17 Peg Rusconi reports on a woman attacked in RI hotel room. This attack is believed to be tied to the “Craigslit Killer,” Philip Markoff.  
4/20 The tenth anniversary of the Columbine tragedy is commemorated.  
4/21 Kate Merrill reports on the arrest of the suspected “Craigslit Killer,” Philip Markoff.  
4/22 Peg Rusconi reports on the latest developments in the “Craigslit Killer,” Phillip Markoff, investigation.  
4/24 Peg Rusconi reports again on the “Craigslit Killer,” Phillip Markoff, investigation.  
4/27 Eileen Curran reports on more attacks on women in the North End neighborhood of Boston.  
5/8 Regular scheduled programming was cancelled and replaced by coverage of the MBTA train wreckage outside of Boston.  
5/15 Paul Burton reports on the launch of extra Boston police patrols after a toddler and a woman are shot in Dorchester.  
5/18 Eileen Curran reports on the deadly, drug-related shooting at Harvard.  
6/05 Kathy Curran reports on the beginning of a six-month review of safety procedures for Boston firefighters.  
6/10 A Deadly shooting takes place at the Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.  
6/11 Bill Shields reports on lawmakers debating a ban on cell phone and texting use for drivers while operating vehicles.

### **Community and Culture**

4/1 Bill Shields reports on a new security system used by town of Marshfield in its library and public buildings.  
4/3 A thief is found responsible for bank robberies and bomb scares in Needham and Wellesley.  
4/6 Bill Shields talks to local Italians about deadly earthquake in Italy.  
4/8 Bill Shields reports on a deadly fire in an illegal apartment in Quincy.  
4/10 Paul Burton reports on the grand reopening of the historic Strand Theater in Boston.  
4/13 Karen Anderson reports on the happy homecoming for Captain Richard Phillips from Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

4/17 Paul Burton reports on a Natick mother running the Boston Marathon for Children's Hospital because they helped save her daughter.  
4/30 Bill Shields reports on an elderly woman in Brockton who fends off a robber.  
5/12 Eileen Curran reports on the Walpole mother of three who receives a face transplant ten years after being shot in the face by her boyfriend.  
5/13 Eileen Curran reports on how a couple were almost scammed out of a down payment on an Attleboro home they found on Craigslist.  
5/19 Eileen Curran reports on how an animal rights group is angered that the Attleboro Zoo is giving away a lion cub.  
5/28 Karen Anderson reports on Sheldon Adelson, a billionaire from Massachusetts who wants to build a casino in the Bay State.  
5/28 Kate Merrill reports on the first woman baseball coach for the Brockton Rox.  
6/10 Sera Congi reports on a Weymouth boy who helped his family escape a home invasion.  
6/12 Paul Burton reports on a doctor from Newton who dies while hiking in Alaska.  
6/23 Bill Shields reports on a blind principal who retires from special needs school in Dorchester and is honored by having his name assigned to the new name of the school.  
6/24 Beth Germano reports on how police are searching for two rape suspects in Leominster who snatched a woman right off the street.

### **Special Projects: Curious and I-Team Investigations**

4/22 Dawn Hasbrouck-Curiosity: Why can't lawmakers shut down the erotic services portion of Craigslist?  
4/30 Joe Shortsleeve of the I-Team reports on how schools are hiring teachers that are not properly licensed to teach.  
5/1 Kathy Curran of the I-Team reports on how students at Harvard Dental School may have cases of Swine Flu.  
5/4 Dawn Hasbrouck-Curiosity: Is the coyote population rising in Massachusetts?  
5/5 Joe Shortsleeve of the I-Team reports on how lawmakers are using campaign funds to buy elaborate dinners and gifts.  
5/12 Kathy Curran of the I-Team reports on how speeding ticket surcharges are not going to proper state funds.  
5/20 Eileen Curran-Curiosity: How is government cracking down on skyrocketing interest rates by credit card companies?  
5/20 Kathy Curran of the I-Team reports on MBTA accidents not only hurting passengers but also costing taxpayers millions.

### **Non-News Programming:**

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4/8 Raising A Reader is “What’s In Our Community.” Raising a Reader MA is helping low-income families, one page at a time. See how fostering regular early reading between parents and children has profound, lifelong effects.

4/15 The Ron Burton Training Village is “What’s In Our Community.” For more than two decades, the Ron Burton Training Village has been helping thousands of young men and women in their spiritual, physical and educational growth. Learn more about this unique program and its marathon team.

4/22 Jewish Community Centers for Greater Boston is “What’s In Our Community.” The Jewish Community Centers of Greater Boston is offering all different camps and programs for kids from all different walks of life. See why the JCC is the place to be this summer.

4/29 Perkins School for the Blind is “What’s In Our Community.” They say all we see is possibility. For 180 years, Perkins School for the Blind had been an innovative leader in serving people with visual impairments. Learn how they're building a brighter future for students here and around the world.

5/6 Pine Street Inn is “What’s In Our Community.” With homelessness reaching epidemic levels, find out how the Pine Street Inn is on the frontlines to help Boston men and women have shelter... hopefully even a permanent home.

5/13 The Steppingstone Foundation is “What’s In Our Community.” Since 1990, The Steppingstone Foundation has been developing and implementing programs which prepare urban schoolchildren for educational opportunities that lead to college.

5/20 The Guild of Boston Artists is “What’s In Our Community.” The Guild of Boston Artists is an artistic association that provides educational programs as well as exhibit space to Boston artists.

5/27 Angel Flight is “What’s In Our Community.” Learn about the amazing volunteers at Angel Flight who fly patients in need of critical care to hospitals they otherwise would not be able to reach. REPEAT

6/3 The Home for Little Wanderers is “What’s In Our Community.” Right now in Massachusetts, there's a huge need for dedicated foster caregivers. See how The Home for Little Wanderers is helping give new hope to countless kids.

6/10 The Women’s Lunch Place is “What’s In Our Community.” For 25 years, The Women's Lunch Place has been a refuge for Boston's poorest women and their families. Learn how much they help in so many different ways. REPEAT

6/17 Camp Starfish is “What’s In Our Community.” Learn how Camp Starfish provides a one-to-one staffer-to-camper ratio at all times to build social skills, teach coping mechanisms and help children who have difficulty finding success in traditional settings.

6/24 Hebrew SeniorLife is “What’s In Our Community.” Since 1903, Hebrew SeniorLife has been bringing more to life for seniors. Learn about their mission and see how they're expanding their services.

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