

WWLP

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Crime, Education, Environment, Government, Health/Smoking, Jobs

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Housing	6am	1/3/24	120 seconds	6am Morning News	A new report shows that the state will need 100 million more dollars to keep up with the housing and migrant crisis. Governor Healey capped the number of families allowed in the state's shelter system at 7,500 back in November. Now, there are nearly 400 families on a waitlist for shelter. In the supplemental budget, lawmakers steered \$250 million more into the shelter system for the winter. But this report suggests that more than \$350 million in additional funds may need to be authorized to keep the system funded through June and to keep key programs for these families running.

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22.1	National Security	430am	1/8/24	120 seconds	430am Morning News	<p>There's growing fallout over Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's secret hospital stay and treatment in the I-C-U. Who knew what and when is raising questions after the Pentagon announced the 70-year-old Austin was hospitalized the evening of January first "for complications following a recent elective medical procedure." A Pentagon official says Austin transferred responsibilities to Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks on January 2nd. But notably, Hicks was not notified until Thursday January 4th. A full three days after he was admitted. According to a U-S official, that's the same day the Pentagon also informed White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan, who then told President Biden. The Defense Department then waited one more day - until Friday January 5th - to inform the American public and lawmakers on Capitol Hill - some of whom are calling for Austin to face consequences for the delayed disclosure that Austin says was his decision.</p>

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22.1	Healthcare	11pm	1/15/24	60 seconds	11pm Late News	Tomorrow is the last day in most states to sign up for health insurance coverage or make changes to current coverage under the Affordable Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. The open enrollment deadline was extended a day since today was a federal holiday. Open enrollment began on November 1. New coverage will begin next month. Nearly 75-thousand people have transitioned into plans through the Massachusetts Health Connector. MassHealth lost about 203-thousand members from the eligibility re-determination process.
22.1	Business & Industry	Noon	1/19/24	120 seconds	Noon News	A new study out of the Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau shows that tourism in Western Massachusetts has had a \$1-point-3-billion-dollar economic impact on the region. \$872 million dollars was spent in western Massachusetts in 2022 at places like the Big E, MGM Springfield or Six Flags. That generated \$136 million in tax revenue. 4 million people visited Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties in 2022 - most coming from Boston, New York, Connecticut, Providence, and Philadelphia.

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22.1	Legal Matters	5pm	1/23/24	90 seconds	5pm Evening News	Former Chicopee School Superintendent Lynn Clark pleaded guilty to federal charges this week after she allegedly sent threatening text messages. Clark was scheduled to appear for a pre-trial conference today but her attorney filed paperwork saying, "The defendant has entered a plea agreement with the government and intends to plead guilty to the indictment." Clark was indicted back in April of 2022 after prosecutors said she sent 99 threatening messages to a candidate for the open position of Chicopee Police Chief. She initially pled not guilty to the charges.

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22.1	Community	9am	1/28/24	60 seconds	9am Morning News	Repairs continue after the explosion on Thursday at the X intersection in the Forest Park area in Springfield. DPW Director Chris Cignoli told 22News that this work is expected to continue through this weekend, so it is advised to avoid this area if you can for traffic concerns. The City of Springfield Mayor's Office Spokesperson Bill Baker told 22News that Eversource said the damage to the electrical system is more extensive than initially thought. According to Eversource Spokesperson Priscilla Ress, the exact cause of the damage has yet to be determined. With the winter storm expected today into tomorrow, crews are working around the clock to get as much done as possible before weather conditions worsen.

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22.1	Consumer Issues	6pm	2/1/24	180 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Car insurance rates are going up across the northeast, some as much as 40 percent even for people without any claims. Multiple factors, including supply chain issues with parts and microchips, severe weather, more insurance claims because of more crashes, and more fatalities and injuries during those crashes. On top of that, cars are just more sophisticated now with new technology like sensors, which makes getting them repaired more expensive. Something else that determines what you pay is where you live. A bill being considered by state lawmakers would change the formula so it doesn't weigh your zip code as heavily when determining your rate. You can jumpstart savings by having a higher deductible, bundling home and auto, and paying your annual premium upfront instead of monthly. But the best thing to do is just drive safely. Call your insurance agent or company to make sure all your information is correct and you're getting the best price. Insurance companies are looking at 6 to 9 percent rate increases for this coming year as well. And these same kinds of increases are also being seen for homeowners insurance too.</p>

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22.1	Education	6am	2/5/24	60 seconds	6am Morning News	Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia is responding to the state's decision to keep public schools in the city under receivership. D-E-S-E took control over Holyoke Public Schools in April of 20-15 to improve the district. The city then created a turnaround plan that outlined goals and improvements in hopes that local control would be restored. But D-E-S-E decided to defer, keeping control of the district in state hands for now. The mayor is asking Holyoke residents to contact the state board of education and the governor's office to tell them the city of Holyoke needs a clear path to regain local control.

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22.1	Cultural	9am	2/11/24	90 seconds	9am Morning News	On Saturday evenings the Basketball Hall of Fame closes at 4, but once hoops fans left the building this night, the largest celebration of the Lunar New Year in Western Massachusetts came in. The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Chinese United Association hosted its 2nd annual Chinese New Year festival where there were an array of events celebrating all things Chinese culture and the year of the Dragon 2024. The festival brought in hundreds from the region where everyone got to not only eat the tasty food, but also take part in a tradition that both honors and preserves Chinese cultural heritage as well as promotes Asian-Americans' involvement in all parts of the civil life of communities across the Commonwealth.



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22.1	Minority Issues	9am	2/18/24	120 seconds	9am Morning News	<p>A Black History Month celebration was held in Springfield on Saturday. The Caribbean, American, African Athletic Social Club brought dozens of people together with music, drama, poetry, and speakers that all highlight black culture and history.</p> <p>There were posters with information on the history of notable black Americans, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Representative Budd Williams, Dr. Paula Starnes, and Dr. Ali, all spoke at the gathering where they all expressed the importance of celebrating Black History Month.</p>

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22.1	Crime	6am	2/22/23	90 Seconds	6am Morning News	<p>The mother of a 13-year-old who allegedly faced racist harassment and bullying at Southwick Regional School is expected to meet with the district's superintendent today. The meeting between Allyson Lopez and Southwick School Superintendent Jennifer Willard aims to discuss a plan to ensure the safety and well-being of her daughter at the school. The 13-year-old student has not been able to attend school since February 9th. The alleged incidents include the creation of an online "slave auction" in a Snapchat group where they placed bids of \$2 and \$4 to purchase Black students at the school. 22News attempted multiple times to speak to superintendent Willard about the allegations in person and over the phone but we were denied comment and entry into their office building. Our public records requests were also denied. Willard said previously in a statement that the district conducted an investigation, but was unable to comment further citing strict laws protecting student privacy.</p>

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22.1	Community	5am	2/26/24	60 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The Franklin County Community Meals Program held its Bonus Bag Brigade Sunday afternoon. Families stopped by the Greenfield Second Congregational Church and dropped off non-perishables in brown lunch bags which will eventually go to those in need. The organization distributes around 35-hundred bags every year. The Franklin County Community Meals Program serves a weekly community hot meal at the church and will utilize the bags to provide people with a meal to go.</p>

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22.1	Government	4:30am	3/1/24	120 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>The Governor's Council confirmed Supreme Judicial Court nominee Gabrielle Wolohojian. On Wednesday, the Governor's Council confirmed Healey's nominee, someone who once had a romantic relationship with Governor Maura Healey. Before being elected as governor in 2022, Healey moved out of the apartment she shared with the judge, and they are no longer together. Councilor Tara Jacobs, who represents Western Massachusetts, was the only councilor to vote against the nomination. She said her decision was based on a mixture of Wolohojian being a "super insider", the lack of regional diversity on the bench, and the non-answer she received regarding Wolohojian recusing herself from cases that include the governor. Wolohojian is eligible to sit on the bench until December of 2030.</p>

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22.1	Politics	6am	3/6/24	120 seconds	6am Morning News	With a strong turn out here in Massachusetts, people were eager to cast their votes Tuesday. Voters came in and out of the Frederick Harris school on Tuesday to decide who they want to see on the presidential ballot in November. Many saying that they want to see real change and action. Massachusetts saw 11.8 percent voter turnout this year with over 582 thousand people casting their votes. Ahead of super Tuesday, over 75 hundred people voted early or sent mail in ballots in Springfield. But some still prefer to vote in person. Some key issues that brought voters to the polls were policies aimed at protecting marginalized communities on matters like reproductive rights, and the war in Gaza.

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22.1	Crime	11pm	3/11/24	120 seconds	11pm Late News	An arrest has been made in connection to a shooting that took place during school today at the Springfield High School of Science and Technology but tonight, Springfield Police are still searching for another person involved. According to police, a school resource officer inside the school reported a large disturbance around 2 this afternoon. An altercation occurred between students where one suspect had a gun. That suspect hit a victim then allegedly fired one shot in the hallway. The bullet pierced a window but no one inside the school was seriously injured. A preliminary investigation found a security door was breached by a student to let in the suspect with the firearm. This is a developing story and we will continue to provide updates as soon as they become available.

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22.1	Business	11pm	3/17/24	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>St. Patrick's Day is of course big business, particularly in Holyoke, where bars and restaurants attract many visitors to the city. It's estimated that St. Patrick's Weekend has a local economic impact in excess of \$20 million here in Western Massachusetts. And It's not so surprising after seeing how busy restaurants like Pic's Pub gets right after the parade. The Holyoke St. Patrick's parade is of course, a tradition near and dear to so many throughout the region. For 71 years, hundreds of thousands of people have lined the streets of Holyoke for the St. Patrick's Parade and it's institutions like this one right here at Pic's Pub and Pizzeria where so many of those people that lined the streets come right afterwards. I spoke to the nephew of Pic himself, and he said this may be the busiest day of the year. For some, coming to Pic's is a tradition over a decade old. For others, it's a new ritual to grab a slice and Guinness after the parade. Pic's will be open until 2am tonight and even though people have work and school tomorrow morning, it doesn't matter. It's St. Patrick's Day in Holyoke. This place will be as they described it, popping all night.</p>
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22.1	Economy	4:30am	3/22/24	120 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>Reports that MGM Springfield may be up for sale could be a huge loss for the city and the region. MGM Springfield has been the city's largest tax payer. In a report by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission in the last quarter of 2023, MGM Springfield made just over 66-million-dollars in gaming revenue, putting about 16-million-dollars of that right back into the Commonwealth. Also in the last quarter, the report shows there was an 8% increase in employment at MGM Springfield with nearly 15-hundred employees. State leaders say they need to be protected if the casino is in fact for sale. Senator Gomez says that if MGM Springfield does end up selling, state legislators will make sure the next company is well-vetted and that they follow through on any host community agreements.</p>



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22.1	Business & Industry	Noon	3/27/24	90 seconds	Noon News	Area leaders came together to unveil and tour the new Cyber Security Center of Excellence at Union Station. The tour of this new facility comes one year after Congressman Richard Neal announced 3 million in Congressionally Directed Spending to establish a cyber security hub in Springfield. As one of two such centers in the state, the CCE at Union Station will serve as a dynamic hub where students from area schools can learn to identify and neutralize cyber security threats, eventually serving regional municipalities and businesses by detecting security threats. This dynamic hub will advance cyber security awareness, education and innovation - ultimately helping students gain access to internships and employment opportunity, boosting the local economy.

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The station also aired the following public service announcements during the instant quarter:

<b>Type of Issue</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Title or Narrative</b>
Environment	:15 & :05	<b>Winter Weather Story</b> – Staying Safe and Aware of winter weather hazards impacting property and health (prevention focused)
Education	:30	<b>MBA Scholarship</b> for College Students pursuing careers in broadcast journalism
Health/Healthcare	:30 & :15	<b>Love Your Heart</b> – American Heart Month, heart health focus – awareness, detection, prevention, and lifestyle improvements
Community	:15	<b>The Big Broadcast</b> – College Musical Production
Education	:30	<b>Valley Press Scholarship</b> for High School Students pursuing careers in broadcast journalism
Health/Healthcare	:30 & :15	<b>Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month</b> – focused on early detection of colon cancer and recent advancements in treatment/care
Women’s Issues	:30	<b>Remarkable Women</b>
Women’s Issues	:30	<b>Inspiring Women</b> – Women’s history month and inspiration to young females
Health/Healthcare	:30	<b>UMASS Dash &amp; Dine 5K</b> – Raising funds for food insecurity in our area via community event; educating youth on importance of physical activity for positive health
Government (National)	:30	<b>New Hampshire Primary</b>