

WWLP

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Pursuant to the disclosure requirements in 47 C.F. R. 73.3526(11)(i), and during the quarter referenced above, this station provided information to its viewers regarding the following significant issues, including:

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

Channel	Issue	Time	Date	Duration	Title of Program	Narrative Description
22.1	Government	Noon	1/3/23	90 seconds	Noon News	The RMV is no longer allowed to offer the option for customers to opt out of automatic voter registration. This is in accordance with "The VOTES Act", a new election reform law which was passed last summer. Every day the RMV will be required to send the Secretary of the Commonwealth, specific applicant information on all eligible transactions with the RMV. RMV customers will be allowed to decline voter registration after receiving the acknowledgment notice from their local election officials.

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22.1	Immigration	5am	1/8/23	90 seconds	5am Morning News	Ahead of the North American Leaders Summit today in Mexico City, President Biden, on Sunday, made his first trip to the U.S.-Mexico Border since taking office. Faced with intense pressure from Republicans and amid the growing migrant crisis, the president visited El Paso where he met with law enforcement and touted his new plan to control the flow of illegal immigration. The president is also calling on congress to pass comprehensive immigration reform, something lawmakers have failed to do for more than two decades.
22.1	Crime	11pm	1/11/23	60 seconds	11pm Late News	The suspect wanted by police for a shooting at the Unicorn bar in December has turned himself in. Holyoke Police Captain Matthew Moriarty said 35-year-old John Brown Jr. of Springfield was escorted into the police department by his father today. Brown Jr. is charged with attempted murder after officers were called to a shooting at the Unicorn Bar on High Street, December 17th. He allegedly shot a Hispanic man and then walked away from the incident. The victim is still in the hospital for his injuries.

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22.1	Community	6pm	1/16/23	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>Today we celebrate the life of Doctor Martin Luther King Junior, in observation of his birthday, Sunday. And at the Mass Mutual Center, children gathered to honor him. Preparing for a performance that's meaning stretches beyond music. This year's theme is Chasing the Dream, encouraging reflection on Martin Luther King Junior's contributions to end segregation. It was an effort that required steps beyond his famed March on Washington in August 1963, almost 60 years ago. But that history still holds space in the present. Organizers are hoping to keep his memory going through this next generation.</p>

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22.1	Housing	11pm	1/23/23	180 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>The American housing market is in uncharted territory approaching a level of uncertainty not seen since the financial crisis. The American Housing Market to start 20-23, in short, confused. Prices increased in December for the 130th consecutive month, a modern record dating back to 19-68. Meantime, sales dropped for an 11th straight month, responding to hikes in interest rates. Those trends keeping both buyers and sellers on the sidelines. Here in the Pioneer Valley, closing prices in December 20-22 were 12-percent higher than the year before and sales down 36-percent. To add to the squeeze, continued drops in inventory. 13-percent fewer homes went on the market in December than even the month before. Still, almost a third of home sales across the country last month went above asking price. That fact alone is forcing many first-timers off the market. Historically, about 40-percent of home sales are first homes. In December, that number was just 26-percent.</p>

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22.1	Environment	6am	1/27/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Back in Hampden County, the Holyoke DPW announced a sewer overflow from the city's collection system to the Connecticut River, consisting of rainwater along with untreated and partially treated sewage. These overflows happen during rain storms, preventing backups and street flooding, temporarily impacting the water quality downstream. Sewer officials are asking residents in Holyoke and the connecting communities of South Hadley and Chicopee to avoid swimming, boating, or fishing in the Connecticut River for the next 48 hours.</p>

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22.1	Crime	4:30am	2/1/23	90 seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>A weekend of violent crime here in Western Massachusetts has some community members calling for increased public safety. On Saturday, a shooting at the Holyoke Mall left an innocent bystander dead. And here in Springfield, a woman was found stabbed over the weekend in the parking lot of 100 Liberty Street. She later died of her injuries. Another shooting on Sunday in Springfield injured a juvenile victim and an adult woman. These incidents, raising questions on public safety practices. 22news asked local residents their thoughts on current safety measures, and if there's anything they'd like to see change. Some believe current public safety measures are sufficient but individual aggressive behaviors need to be addressed. According to a recent report from the Springfield Police Dept, overall crime decreased last year by 6-percent and the number of murders in the city has also been on a downward trend. The Holyoke Mall has also held emergency response drills in the past, as recently as September of 2022 to enhance preparedness and training</p>

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22.1	National Security	6am	2/6/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>The United States has shot down a suspected Chinese spy balloon off the Carolina coast. Pentagon officials said an F-22 fighter jet fired a missile at the balloon, puncturing it while it was about 6 nautical miles off the coast near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It landed in 47 feet of water. The balloon crossed over sensitive military sites in North America. President Joe Biden ordered U-S officials to shoot down the balloon earlier this week. Military officials told Biden that the best time to do this was when it got over the water to avoid fall-out, injuring people below.</p>

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22.1	Elderly	6am	2/10/23	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Northeast Health Group announced it was closing four nursing home facilities in our area. The impacted facilities are Willimansett Center East and West in Chicopee, Chapin Center in Springfield, and Governor’s Center in Westfield. According to testimony from Northeast Health Group to the Department of Public Health, the four facilities had nearly 450 beds. However, that testimony was in opposition to a state requirement that went into effect last year, that limited the number of beds to two per room. At the time, Northeast Health Group said that policy would be “financially devastating.” Senator John Velis said his office will have a meeting next week with the acting Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services about the closure. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires an intent to close notice to be sent within 120 days. Northeast Health Group says they plan to work with the DPH, however both times 22News has contacted them, they did not give a specific timeline.</p>

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22.1	Government	6pm	2/15/23	90 seconds	6pm Evening News	<p>In 2012, Massachusetts voters shot down medical aid in dying on their ballots, but only by a small margin. Now, lawmakers on Beacon Hill are trying to revive the debate. On Wednesday, a coalition of supporters joined to discuss the potential future of medical aid in dying. They believe that it is in the best interest of the patient to allow them to make the decision as to when to end their lives. The bills, filed in both the house and the senate would allow doctors to prescribe life ending medicine to a patient with only six months to live. There are a number of steps taken to ensure the patient is of sound mind, is taking the medicine voluntarily, and that the patient knows all their options. The Alliance Defending Freedom, which opposes the measure, believes there are no amount of safeguards that could be put in place to make this process safe and acceptable. Between the two bills, there are over 50 co-sponsors. Now, Bills on this matter have been floating around Beacon Hill since 2008 but have never been brought forward for a vote.</p>

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22.2	Business	4:30am	2/22/23	90 Seconds	4:30am Morning News	<p>We're learning more about plans to redevelop the Eastfield Mall in Springfield. It comes after years of closures. Mayor Sarno Said he stressed to the ownership and management about being cognizant and thoughtful in reaching out and for relocation assistance whether it's temporary in nature to the existing businesses there. He also pointed to the six million in American Rescue Plan Funding that has already gone out to small businesses - 92 percent minority owned. As for how the property will be repurposed, Sarno said the developers are looking to take a "village approach". State Representative Carlos González added that could look at lot like housing.</p>

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22.1	Crime	Noon	2/27/23	90 seconds	Noon News	<p>Hampden County D-A Anthony Gulluni is investigating the use of force after a deadly police-involved shooting in Springfield early Saturday morning. Hampden D-A spokesman Jim Leydon told 22News police shot and killed a 48-year-old man around 2:30 Saturday morning along Main Street in Downtown Springfield. Leydon said members of the State Police Gaming Enforcement Unit received reports of a man acting aggressively towards others at MGM Springfield and possibly had a gun. Police found the man as he was leaving the casino, heading in the direction of Main and Union Streets and a chase began. Leydon says gunfire was exchanged and the man was hit. He was taken to the hospital where he died. Leydon says the investigation will consist of all available evidence such as body worn camera footage, public and private video recording systems, witness statements, and investigative reports. The D-A will determine whether the use of force was appropriate, and whether criminal charges will be filed. The victim's name has not yet been released.</p>

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22.1	Healthcare	6am	3/3/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Half of Massachusetts doctors say they have already or intend to soon cut back their clinical hours, and one in four plan to leave medicine altogether in the coming years, according to new data released Thursday. The Massachusetts Medical Society said its survey of more than 500 members found a majority are feeling burned out. Nearly 27 percent of respondents said they have already reduced their clinical work, and another 24 percent said they are "definitely" or "likely" to do so by June. The most common workplace stressors doctors cited were increased documentation requirements, a lack of support staff, non-medical administrators overreaching into medical decision-making, and turnover of staff.</p>

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22.1	Women's Issues	6am	3/9/23	120 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>New numbers that shed light on where our state stands when it comes to the gender pay gap. Saying 'No' to gender discrimination and 'yes' to embracing equity especially within the workplace, is exactly what many are doing this International Women's Day. The gender pay gap is still a major obstacle for women across the country. National data indicating while it has narrowed overall since the 1980's, the gap has remained unchanged for the past 20 years. According to the Census Bureau, in 2021 the gender pay gap varied by levels of education. It was at its greatest for women with lower than a high school diploma and the smallest for women with a bachelor's degree. Nationwide, on average, working women earn 84% of what their male counterparts earn.</p> <p>Massachusetts women overall, make roughly about 85 cents for every dollar a man makes. Black women in the state - about 58 cents and Latin women - about 53 cents.</p>

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22.1	Business & Industry	11pm	3/14/23	60 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>A hike to 15 dollars an hour for minimum wage went into effect on the first of this year, but conversation surrounding livable wages continues on Beacon Hill. A new poll shows that the majority of Massachusetts residents support raising that to 20 dollars an hour. The Change Research survey found that 59 percent are in favor of increasing minimum wage by five dollars. Only 33 percent were opposed, and seven percent were undecided. There are multiple bills that have been filed this session to increase the wage to \$20 by 2027. The proposals have collected 47 co-sponsors. A twenty-dollar minimum wage would be the highest in the country.</p>

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22.1	Cultural	6am	3/20/23	90 seconds	6am Morning News	All eyes were smiling in Holyoke for the 70th annual Holyoke St Patrick's Parade. The weather was cool and bright, and the turnout was incredible. The Holyoke St Patrick's Parade is more than a celebration of Irish heritage, it's a celebration of community and family. Two well-known dignitaries participated, Claire Cronin, the US Ambassador to Ireland and Irish government official Tanaiste Michael Martin. He is the highest ranking, sitting official ever to march in the parade.
22.1	Politics	11pm	3/26/23	90 seconds	11pm Late News	Former President Donald Trump is describing the next presidential election as the final battle. He made the remarks at a campaign rally Saturday night in Waco, Texas where thousands of his supporters turned out at the airport to hear him speak. The former president took aim at his leading rival for the G-O-P nomination, Florida governor Ron DeSantis, although he has not yet announced whether he will run. Trump also blasted government officials who are investigating him calling it a witch hunt.

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22.1	Community	5am	3/30/23	60 seconds	5am Morning News	The Community Behavioral Health Agency Clinical & Support Options, also known as C-S-O, will be taking over the emergency shelter ServiceNet in Greenfield on April 1st. They have plans for a massive 23-million-dollar transformation of the existing emergency shelter. Eventually CSO plans to not just have housing but also services like on-site nursing and behavioral health clinicians. CSO Vice President of Housing, Bill Miller, says this project should take at least a year to be complete.

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

Type of Issue	Duration	Title or Narrative
Education	:30	Mass. Broadcasters Assoc. Scholarship
Cultural	:30	Springfield Symphony Orchestra
Community	:30	Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade
Healthcare	:10	Radiathon for Baystate Children's Hospital
Health	:30	UMass Dash & Dine
Minority Issues	:30	Sickle Cell Disease
Community	:30	413 Cares
Minority Issues	:30	Stop the Hate
Employment	:15	Hub Job Openings
Children/Youth	:30	Childhood Obesity
Health	1:00	Real Stories Hunger
Health	:30	No Time for Flu