

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	10/3/23	60 seconds	Noon News	The expected closure of the Coca-Cola bottling plant in Northampton has been delayed once again. The plant had been scheduled to close in the second quarter of this year but it was later announced that it would remain open until year's end. Now, the building is not set to close until at least March of 2024. In the past, the bottling plant has been described as the city's largest manufacturer, water customer and taxpayer. In a statement, Northampton mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra told 22news "In anticipation of Coke using less water this year, the city proactively passed the user fee increases to make up the revenue required to operate the city's water and sewer utilities." Qualifying residents, including those living in low-income households and seniors can file for an exemption. Those new water and sewer-base rates took effect back in July, increasing by more than 200-percent.

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22.1	Crime	5am	10/11/23	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The Hampden County District Attorney's office has identified the third suspect wanted in a shooting in downtown Holyoke last week that led to the death of an infant. And now police are asking for the public's help to find him. Hampden County D-A spokesman Jim Leydon told 22News police are searching for 28-year-old Kermith Alvarez of Holyoke. Leydon says Alvarez and two other men, Jonluis Sanchez and Alejandro Ramos, are believed to have been involved in a confrontation that led to a shooting last Wednesday on Sargeant Street in Holyoke. One of the rounds from that shooting struck a PVRTA bus hitting a pregnant woman who was on board. That woman was taken to the hospital in critical condition where she then delivered her baby, who did not survive. Sanchez and Ramos have both been caught by police, but Alvarez has yet to be found. Kermith Alvarez is 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing about 230 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes. If you have any information on his whereabouts you are asked to call the Massachusetts State Police Violent Apprehension Section.</p>

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22.1	Immigration	Noon	10/16/23	60 seconds	Noon News	Governor Maura Healey announced that the state's shelter system is nearing capacity and won't be able to accept any more people soon. In a news conference moments ago, Healey said that there are currently 7-thousand families in shelters. That's more than 23-thousand people. Healey said the shelter system cannot expand beyond 75-hundred families and that is expected to happen by the end of the month. Once capacity is reached the state cannot guarantee shelter placement for families. State leaders are asking Congress to pass immigration reform, so the issue does not get any worse.

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22.1	Environment	5am	10/20/23	120 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>The U-S Environmental Protection Agency has announced that it will work with six Massachusetts cities and towns to improve stormwater management and environmental justice through a new research program. Chicopee and Western Massachusetts as a whole, saw the adverse effects of more frequent and more intense rain storms this summer and will use this program to research how to best modernize its stormwater treatment and management strategy to accommodate this new reality. Population growth and development of urban areas are making runoff management more important than ever, increasing the likelihood that rain water will carry harmful pollutants into bodies of water. Proper management can have a huge effect on public health, protect recreational resources, conserve municipal water supply and control flooding. Adapting systems is particularly difficult for environmental justice communities which may not have the city funds or capability to upgrade to modern systems. Amherst and South Hadley were also selected as part of this program.</p>

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22.1	Business	6am	10/25/23	90 seconds	6am Morning News	The head of Boston's M-B-T-A says there's a "spirit of partnership" between the transit authority and Chinese rail car manufacturer C-R-R-C, which assembles rail cars for the T in Springfield. The MBTA was supposed to receive more than 150 Orange Line Cars by last January and more than 250 Red Line cars by this past September, but the process has been delayed. So far, the T has received 94 out of the 152 Orange Line cars and 14 out of the 252 Red Line Cars. MBTA General Manager Phil Eng says senior management from China has arrived in Springfield, which has brought about improvements. He says the new cars exceed requirements for safety and quality.

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22.1	Women's Issues	6am	10/31/23	90 seconds	6am Morning News	A local community center dedicated to serving low-income women held a ribbon cutting on Monday. The Odell Women's Center aims to help women through improving access to educational and career opportunities. It provides free resources and support to help women transform their lives and lead to financial stability for themselves and their families. The center is named after longtime Massachusetts resident and nurse Connie Odell.

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22.1	Politics	6am	11/3/23	180 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>Continuing coverage of the controversy in Springfield's Mayoral Election. Challenger Justin Hurst now responding to accusations of voter fraud against his campaign. Springfield's City Solicitor John Payne has asked the District Attorney's Office to investigate the Justin Hurst mayoral campaign for allegations of paying voters after a campaign volunteer was seen on surveillance video dropping voters off and allegedly handing over a sum of money as they left city hall. Hurst was also seen in the video speaking with the man who allegedly exchanged money with voters. In addition, there are sworn affidavits from city election workers claiming a number of voters on that day - last Saturday - listed a homeless shelter as their home address and asked election staff about receiving a 10-dollar payment for voting. Payment for votes is a violation of state election law regardless of who handed the money over. Hurst held a news conference on Thursday calling the allegations false and a smear campaign by mayor Sarno in an attempt to steal the election, saying these are the actions of a campaign that is threatened. In last month's primary election Sarno received 47-percent of the</p>
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						vote, Hurst totaled 28-percent. Solicitor Payne said the November 7th election will be a fair election and voters do not have to worry. The District Attorney's Office is investigating but could not provide a statement.
22.1	Economy	Noon	11/8/23	60 seconds	Noon News	Mortgage interest rates are reaching new heights while prices still continue to rise. After what looked like a cooling period for home prices at the end of 2022, the real estate market has heated back up to higher interest rates and higher prices. Data from Zillow shows that estimated mortgage payments have increased in more than 500 cities since the end of 2020 with payments doubling in more than half of cities.



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22.1	Healthcare	5am	11/14/23	120 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>Late last week, the senate unveiled what they have dubbed the PACT Act 3.0. This new legislation is tackling high prices of prescription drugs while also making changes to the state's healthcare system as a whole. It first moves to lower drug costs while also growing access at the pharmacy. It also works to improve the states oversight of it's healthcare system. The bill looks at chronic conditions like diabetes, Asthma and Heart Conditions and moves to make insurers offer one generic drug, and one name-brand drug that will be subject to a co-pay cap. For diabetes specifically, that drug must be insulin. For each brand-named drug, co-pays can only be \$25 dollars at most for a 30-day supply. The legislation also directs the Health Policy Commission to create a process for "identifying high drug prices that create access barriers" - it also allows the HPC to recommend pricing measures that will work to increase access to medications. The Senate has passed two previous versions of this bill, but it has never passed in the House.</p>

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22.1	Legal Matters	11pm	11/20/23	90 seconds	11pm Late News	A Title-9 investigation report looking into how staff at Amherst-Pelham Regional Public Schools handled reported LGBTQ+ bullying has been released. After months of controversy, a superintendent and multiple school committee members stepped down as well as school staff were placed on leave. The report included the investigation of counselors from the school district: Tania Cabrera, Hector Santos, and Delinda Dykes, for alleged anti-LGBTQ behavior against students. It concluded there was insufficient credible evidence against Carbera. However, in two separate reports, it determines credible evidence does exist to support allegations against Santos and Dykes for misgendering students. School department administrators, including former Superintendent Michael Morris and Assistant Superintendent Doreen Cunningham, were also investigated for inaction to these claims. The Title-9 report stated the school system failed to take effective action in response to concerns of offensive conduct by staff toward LGBTQ+ students.

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22.1	Employment	9am	11/26/23	60 Seconds	9am Morning News	Retailers have been pulling back on holiday hiring this season - announcing the fewest seasonal job openings since 2013. Retailers have also opted to forego hiring perks like sign-on bonuses as the strength of consumer spending remains in question. Several major employers including the U.S. Postal Service and Macy's plan to take on fewer seasonal workers when compared to last year. While companies like Walmart have indicated they will be relying largely on their regular workforce to meet the increased demand. The slowdown in holiday hiring fits with a larger cooling in the labor market.

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22.1	Crime	6am	11/30/23	90 seconds	6am Morning News	<p>The season of gift-giving comes with a rise in theft. Shoppers checking off holiday gift lists at the click of a button... But criminals can just as easily snatch items left at your doorstep. Ways to mitigate your risk of falling victim to theft include tracking packages and quickly retrieving them once they've arrived, investing in a surveillance camera or porch lockbox, and require signature on deliveries. These have proven to be effective for local shoppers. &lt;SOT: If you think that your package was stolen, you should reach out to the company to make sure it was actually delivered, and then contact law enforcement.&gt;</p> <p>&lt;SOT: It depends what's inside the package, if it costs less than \$1200, that's usually a larceny under which is a misdemeanor. There used to be a stronger law for thefts like that. When it was \$250 or more that would be a felony. If you see someone the biggest key is that if you get video of them share it with our detectives, but also think about pointing your cameras where you might catch a license plate or a vehicle.&gt;</p>

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22.1	Government	11pm	12/3/23	90 seconds	11pm Late News	<p>News from Capitol Hill. House speaker Mike Johnson says Republicans might have the votes to launch a formal impeachment inquiry into President Biden. And it could happen as soon as this week. But some prominent Republicans are warning against the move. The inquiry - the first of a multi-step process in the House that could result in an impeachment vote. Speaker Mike Johnson, hopeful his conference has the votes to make this first move despite its narrow majority. Former Speaker Kevin McCarthy opened the inquiry without a vote in September over allegations the president benefited financially from his family's overseas business dealings but it has yet to produce any evidence implicating Mr. Biden. Johnson now pushing to formalize the inquiry in an effort to bolster its position against the president's son, Hunter, and the White House. Even if this inquiry leads to a successful impeachment vote in the House, a possible conviction in the Democrat controlled Senate would likely be doomed.</p>

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22.1	Minority Issues	5am	12/7/23	90 seconds	5am Morning News	<p>African American city leaders in Springfield were called out in an editorial in a local monthly paper -- African American Point of View -- for not supporting Justin Hurst in the mayoral election. 22News reporter Kiara Smith spoke with the President of the Springfield NAACP -- who was ONE OF THE PEOPLE criticized in the article. The author of the newspaper, Frederick Hurst, the father of Justin Hurst, referring to these black leaders as Uncle Toms, saying they will never stop serving their "master." Bishop Talbert Swan, who is the President of the NAACP, was one of many that was called out in this piece. Frederick Hurst wrote that "while the two major minorities of the city are black and hispanic-- who one would expect would work together to elect one of our own to the mayor's seat". The editorial goes on to say, "the fact is that Springfield is a majority-minority city that continues to be politically dominated by an Irish and Italian conglomerate or (mafia?) that wants to stay in power forever."</p>

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22.1	Crime	6am	12/12/23	60 seconds	6am Morning News	On Friday, the Holyoke Police Department carried out Operation Safe Streets 3. They say it led to 24 arrests, 10 criminal summons, and 20 citations. Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia announced Operation Safe Streets in the wake of the shooting death of an unborn baby on a city bus in early October. Holyoke police say so far, it has resulted in 5 search warrants and 121 arrests.
22.1	Community	9am	12/17/23	90 seconds	9am Morning News	Calls for a ceasefire in Gaza growing locally as the War between Israel and Hamas continues. On Saturday, hundreds of Jews, Palestinians, and allies marched 25 miles through Western Massachusetts, the same length as the Gaza Strip, calling for a Ceasefire in the Middle East. The protesters came from several organizations including Jewish Voices for Peace and the Western Mass Coalition for Palestine. The march started in Northampton and ended in Springfield with a vigil and ceremony outside of Senator Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey's office building on Main Street.

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22.1	Health	5:30pm	12/22/23	60 seconds	5:30pm Evening News	<p>The World Health Organization said it is tracking a new coronavirus "variant of interest". It's called J-N-point-one. It descends from omicron but appears to be more contagious than some other COVID forms, as indicated by its rapid spread. The variant is now responsible for between 15% and 29% of COVID cases nationwide. The latest COVID vaccine and treatments are expected to work against variant, despite its mutated form.</p>



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22.1	Environment	Noon	12/27/23	120 seconds	Noon News	Now that Christmas is over, you likely have a lot of trash left over. From boxes to wrapping paper, what can you recycle and what do you have to put in the trash instead? According to MassDEP, items that are considered recyclable are glass, plastics, paper and cardboard, and any metals. Items that you shouldn't place in your bin for collection are plastic bags, clothing and linens, hazardous items, and no food or liquid. Recyclable pickup dates vary by city and town but if you miss your pickup date or have items not listed here, then you can always go to a recycling center in your area. For more information you can visit MassDEP or our website at W-W-L-P.COM.

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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>
Health/Healthcare	:30	Out of the Darkness Walk
Community	:30	Crop Hunger Walk
Health/Healthcare	:30	Go Pink for Breast Cancer
Health/Healthcare	:30	Walk to End Alzheimer's
Community	:30	Stuffing the Pantry
Children/Youth	:30	Toys for Tots
Education	:30	Let's Dance for Pathlight
Cultural	:30	215 <sup>th</sup> Army Band Free Holiday Concert