

**WBOS-FM**

**QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT**

**STATION: WBOS-FM  
1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER, 2017  
(January, February, March)  
Due April 10, 2017**

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**Description of Issues of Concern to Boston, MA**  
**Addressed in Responsive Programming in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017**  
**Airing Sundays 6am to 7am – Greater Boston Today/Viewpoints**

1.     **PUBLIC HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH** - The need for help battling opiate addiction. The need for dealing with stress in the workplace. Ways to stay healthy by learning to keep calm under stressful conditions.
  
2.     **PUBLIC SAFETY** - The very real dangers of texting while driving and distracted driving in general. The need to understand why violent attacks happen. Understanding the minds of those who commit violent attacks.
  
3.     **HEALTH CARE** – The need to understand what is being proposed for national health care. The need for high quality, local health care facilities. Understanding current regulations and uses for medical marijuana
  
4.     **CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING / RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE** - The need for tolerance of different religions. The need to understand how cultures in other countries differ from ours. Use of nursery rhymes as social protest. Understanding of Japanese internment camps.
  
5.     **ENVIRONMENT / COMMUNITY** - The need for clean air and water - and places for recreation - with a city. The role major cities play in our culture. Solving big problems at the local level.
  
6.     **CYBERSECURITY / TECHNOLOGY**– The need to keep one’s personal information secure to avoid identity theft. Uses of technology in solving crimes. Exploring time travel.
  
7.     **EDUCATION / FAMILY ISSUES** – The need to instill in kids the importance of being responsible members of a community. The importance of reading, in teaching kids ethics. The need for kids with developmental disabilities to get out and have fun, despite the challenges they face. Teaching philosophy. Teaching children how to get a handle on money affairs. Challenges facing families with a transgender child.
  
8.     **RACE RELATIONS** – Racism within the music world. Minority representation within political parties. Civil rights pioneer James Meredith.
  
9.     **POLITICS / GOVERNMENT** – Understanding the Bill of Rights. Controversy over the Electoral College.

**WBOS-FM**  
**Programs That Address Community Issues**  
**(Regularly Scheduled Public Affairs Programs)**  
**Greater Boston Today/Viewpoints - First Quarter Report 2017**

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**Issue: Public health / Opiate Addiction crisis**

**Aired:** January 1, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 20 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We spoke with Brad Greenstein who operates recovery centers in Massachusetts, about how the opiate addiction crisis got to be so severe, and what resources addicts have to help them overcome their addiction. He spoke about what law enforcement is doing to put the emphasis more on treatment of addiction rather than punishment.

**Issue: Technology / legal issues**

**Aired:** January 1, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

Today's technology can be used to make life easier, and can ALSO be used to help law enforcement solve crime. Through interviews with technology experts, we got the inside scoop on how mobile devices, 3D models, and even "smart home" devices like a refrigerator can be used to crunch the data, solve crimes, and present cases in court.

**Issue: Technology**

**Aired:** January 1, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 13 minutes of 1 hour

The concept of time travel has dominated our books, movies, and television for decades. Dr. Travis Langley, a pop culture psychologist, uncovered what lies underneath the fantasy we've all indulged from time to time: traveling backwards and forwards through time.

**Issue: Public safety / Distracted Driving**

**Aired:** January 8, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 15 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We spoke with Emily Stein, President of the Safe Roads Alliance, about the extreme dangers of texting while you're driving. She talked about what laws are in place that deal with distracted driving, gave tips on making sure you stay safe while you're driving, and relayed how she had lost her own father because of a distracted driver.

**Issue: Health Care**

**Aired:** January 8, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We learned about the cutting edge burn therapies being used at Shriners Hospital by speaking with the hospital's Public Relations Director, Elizabeth Fisher. She discussed why having a medical facility like Shriners is so important to Boston, and discussed the role of research in improving health care.

**Issue: Race Relations****Aired:** January 8, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** We spoke with Jazz singer Sheila Jordan, about the racism that jazz musicians – both black and white – experienced, and about her need to rise above that racism during her career.**Issue: Public Health / Mental Health****Aired:** January 8, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 14 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** We talked with two experts on conflict about how to make disagreements with anyone - from your work life to your home life - into a more peaceful, enlightening experience. They discussed ways to keep stress to a minimum.**Issue: Cultural understanding****Aired:** January 15, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** AFS is an organization that works to promote better understanding of cultures around the world. We talked with Astrid Lamparter-Nowak about how the foreign exchange program works, and what can be learned from the experience of living in another country.**Issue: Public safety / dealing with violent attacks****Aired:** January 15, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** With the world dealing with more violent attacks, it's important to know how to handle information coming in about what's happened. We spoke with parenting expert Tom Gagliano, who gave tips on making sense of disturbing news, and what role social media plays in relaying information.**Issue: Politics / Race Relations****Aired:** January 15, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 13 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** We talked with expert and author Corey Fields about what motivates black Republicans, how they're treated both at home and within their party, and what the future may hold for the direction of minorities within the Republican voting bloc.**Issue: Public Health / Mental Health****Aired:** January 15, 2017**Time:** 6am to 7am**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour**Show Description:** We spoke with author Christina Cook, who decided to take a 31 day vacation away from the Internet to reconnect with her loved-ones and learn about how online life needs to be balanced with face-to-face communications and relaxation.

**Issue: Environment / Community**

**Aired:** January 22, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 15 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We had a talk with Austin Blackmon, who is Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston, about ways that the city is working to be better for the environment and to make Boston a nicer place to live. He talked about all the progress that has been made to keep down pollution in Boston, and to make it more attractive to both residents and businesses.

**Issue: Public Health / Mental Health**

**Aired:** January 22, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Many people go through mental anguish because of bad employment situations that they are afraid to leave. We spoke with author Peg Streep about steps anyone can take – and steps that SHOUDN'T – when it's time to quit and move on.

**Issue: Public Health / Mental Health**

**Aired:** January 22, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 14 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Talking on a seemingly huge task like writing a book, can cause a great deal of stress. We talk to two experts about the roadblocks many authors find on the way to finishing writing a book, and how to overcome them

**Issue: Public health / Opiate Addiction crisis**

**Aired:** January 29, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 20 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We spoke with Brad Greenstein who operates recovery centers in Massachusetts, about how the opiate addiction crisis got to be so severe, and what resources addicts have to help them overcome their addiction. He spoke about what law enforcement is doing to put the emphasis more on treatment of addiction rather than punishment.

**Issue: Environment / Community**

**Aired:** January 29, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We talked to author Joshua Jelly-Schapiro about the role that cities have come to play in our culture and our lives. Then, we talked to author and former professor William Goldsmith about the problems facing our cities and his ideas on how we can fix them.

**Issue: Cultural understanding**

**Aired:** January 29, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Many nursery rhymes that we heard as kids, were actually protests against religious persecution, corrupt politicians and even sexual conduct. We talk to a

librarian and author about where nursery rhymes came from and how they were used before they ended up in Mother Goose books.

**Issue: Cybersecurity – identity protection**

**Aired:** February 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Data Privacy Day 2017 is a day to help people better understand the need to be careful with information used online. We spoke with Paula Fleming, Vice President of Communications for the Better Business Bureau of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, about ways we all can be careful not to let sensitive information fall into the wrong hands.

**Issue: Health care**

**Aired:** February 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We learned about the cutting edge burn therapies being used at Shriners Hospital by speaking with the hospital's Public Relations Director, Elizabeth Fisher. She discussed why having a medical facility like Shriners is so important to Boston, and discussed the role of research in improving health care.

**Issue: Cultural understanding**

**Aired:** February 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 14 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Japanese internment camps are something we're aware of, but may not fully understand. Photo historian and author Richard Cahan talks about the history of the camps, what makes them so "un-American," and why he says we shouldn't look back at the camps as precedent or a blueprint, but as a black eye we should avoid repeating at all costs.

**Issue: Education / Family Issues**

**Aired:** February 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We encourage our children to read... but what are they reading? We talk to two authors, one for children and one for young adults, who discuss juggling their desire to entertain with the necessity of teaching young people about ethics, history, and tougher topics like drugs and addiction.

**Issue: Parenting / Developmental disabilities**

**Aired:** February 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Tufts Medical Center offers a camp for children with disabilities, which gives kids with challenges a chance to really have some fun. We spoke with Jim Carmody, General Manager of the World Trade Center in Boston, about an upcoming charity event to support the camp. He talked about why it's important to have such a resource.

**Issue: Public safety / parenting**

**Aired:** February 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** With the world dealing with more violent attacks, it's important to know how to handle information coming in about what's happened. We spoke with parenting expert Tom Gagliano, who gave tip son making sense of disturbing news, and what role social media plays in relaying information.

**Issue: Public Health / Mental Health**

**Aired:** February 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We talked with author Douglas Abrams about a week he spent learning from two of the world's spiritual leaders, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Abrams shares the joy practices and little things that the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu do daily to experience joy regularly.

**Issue: Community Issues**

**Aired:** February 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Sarah Van Gelder, co-founder of Yes! Magazine, went on a trip across America to see how change is being made at the local level, and found inspirational stories and examples of community involvement solving big problems while paving the way for a better future. She shared these anecdotes and helpful hints for others out there hoping to make a difference in their area.

**Issue: Environment / Community**

**Aired:** February 19, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 15 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We had a talk with Austin Blackmon, who is Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston, about ways that the city is working to be better for the environment and to make Boston a nicer place to live. He talked about all the progress that has been made to keep down pollution in Boston, and to make it more attractive to both residents and businesses.

**Issue: Education**

**Aired:** February 19, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Teaching philosophy is difficult, because it can be dense and hard to fully process, that it feels impossible to understand and enjoy. Authors Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klein explain how some of the deepest thinkers of all time used humor to get their messages across.

**Issue: Race Relations**

**Aired:** February 19, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We talked with historian Ann Bausum about Civil Rights pioneer James Meredith, who set out on The March Against Fear, a walk to prove black citizens

no longer needed to fear white people – a march that was continued by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., after James Meredith was shot and injured.

**Issue: Public safety / Distracted Driving**

**Aired:** February 26, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 15 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We spoke with Emily Stein, President of the Safe Roads Alliance, about the extreme dangers of texting while you're driving. She talked about what laws are in place that deal with distracted driving, gave tips on making sure you stay safe while you're driving, and relayed how she had lost her own father because of a distracted driver.

**Issue: Politics / Election**

**Aired:** February 26, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Since the election, protests for issues on both sides of the political spectrum have grabbed headlines. We talk to political science experts about movements that have succeeded in the past, and how change may come about, specifically when it comes to the electoral college system that some feel over-values certain states over others.

**Issue: Public Safety / Human Rights**

**Aired:** February 26, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Author Corban Addison talks about human rights violations around the world, particularly when it comes to sweatshops and unfair labor. He also goes over violations here in the U.S., and what consumers can do to show their disapproval of those practices.

**Issue: Community / education**

**Aired:** March 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We took time to learn about the Medford Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility, by speaking with its founder, Richard Trotta. The center works with the public school system to help students understand the need to be positive members of their community. It offers activities and workshops designed to keep kids on the right path.

**Issue: Legalization of Marijuana**

**Aired:** March 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 20 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Massachusetts has now legalized both medical and recreational marijuana use. We spoke with Nick Vita, founder of a company that has medical marijuana dispensaries in Massachusetts, about how the drug is used for treatment of side effects and pain relief. He talked about why there has been a shift from it being an illegal drug, to one that is legal and commonly prescribed by doctors.



**Issue: Public Safety**

**Aired:** March 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Sue Klebold's son and his friend were shooters at the Columbine High School tragedy - one of the largest mass shootings in US history. Klebold talks about her story and the mental health messages she wants every American to know.

**Issue: Education / Parenting Issues**

**Aired:** March 5, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 20 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We talk to Beth Kobliner, a financial expert and author, about tips and tricks to help our kids, from toddlers to post-grads, handle money responsibly.

**Issue: Cybersecurity – identity protection**

**Aired:** March 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 12 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** We spoke with Paula Fleming, Vice President of Communications for the Better Business Bureau of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, about ways we all can be careful not to let sensitive information fall into the wrong hands. She talked about ways in which personal information can be breached, and what to do to keep that from happening.

**Issue: Public safety / parenting**

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**Issue: Education**

**Aired:** March 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Many students strive to become authors. Bestselling author Mark Greaney talked about his *Gray Man* series, where he gets his inspiration, and how he separates the true elements he learned from real US operatives from the fiction he imagines when writing.

**Issue: Politics / Government**

**Aired:** March 12, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 13 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Civil liberty lawyer Burt Neuborne offers insight into the Bill of Rights, and explains how James Madison used organization skills to ensure the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution build on each other and establish a logical system of government.

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**Length of segment:** 11 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** Biographer Marc Eliot tells us about the lesser known political life of actor Charlton Heston, who during his 84 year life was a soldier, a liberal, a conservative, someone who walked with Dr. Martin Luther King and a president of the NRA.

**Issue: Education**

**Aired:** March 26, 2017

**Time:** 6am to 7am

**Length of segment:** 10 minutes of 1 hour

**Show Description:** For those studying music, they would do well to understand the tremendous influence of legendary reggae musician Bob Marley. Authors James Henke and Vivien Goldman talked about why his career made such an impact, and how his message became so prominent.

**Public Service Announcements  
First Quarter 2017**

Throughout the quarter the station aired PSAs during Public Affairs Programming.  
The information below reflects community activities and issues.

- :30 seconds – Adopt U.S. Kids (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds – High School Diploma Equivalency (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - Safe car seat usage
- :30 seconds - Healthy babies (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Teachers (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - Modell/PI info
- :15 seconds - Pet shelters
- :30 seconds – Primary Care
- :60 seconds - Pulmonary hypertension
- :15 seconds - Stop texting
- :30 seconds - Hepatitis
- :30 seconds - Social Security (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds – Be a Dad (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Autism education
- :30 seconds - Don't text and drive
- :30 seconds – Vaccinations (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Recycling
- :15 seconds - Learning and attention issues
- :20 seconds – Massachusetts Pet Plates
- :15 seconds - Childhood hunger
- :30 seconds - See it say it (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - Second hands smoke
- :60 seconds - Emergency wireless alerts (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - High blood pressure (Ad Council)
- :60 seconds - Don't drive buzzed
- :60 seconds - Kids in nature (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Embrace refugees
- :30 seconds - Cigarettes cause lung cancer
- :30 seconds – Compact Fluorescent Recycling
- :40 seconds – Kidney Donation
- :30 seconds - AARP
- :15 seconds - Child refugees
- :30 seconds – Pre-diabetes (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Drinking and driving
- :30 seconds - Bacteria in food (Ad Council)
- :15 seconds - Autism speaks
- :30 seconds - Safe seatbelt usage
- :30 seconds - Financial literacy (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds – Fatherhood Initiative (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - Type two diabetes
- :30 seconds - Run for the Troops
- :30 seconds - Meals on wheels
- :30 seconds - Sarcoma info
- :30 seconds - Minority education (Ad Council)
- :30 seconds - SCORE