

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

“Morning Edition and All Things Considered”

(October, November, December 2023)

General:

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Aired:	Dur:	Segment Content:
10/10/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:10	WINDPHONE/Dalton: Across New England. old telephones are becoming a new way to help process grief.
10/11/23 6:22 & 8:22	5:33	NSC-131/Becker: Rising concerns of a neo-Nazi group that has held demonstrations targeting migrants living in shelters in Massachusetts:
10/13/23 5:51 & 7:51	2:40	HARVARD DOXXING/Larkin: A conservative activist draws anger on the Harvard campus for displaying names and faces of students linked to a controversial pro-Palestinian statement, and labeling them as Anti-Semites.
10/23/23 5:51 & 7:51	8;15	THIRD ACT: TOM ANDREW/Brooks: Tom Andrew retired as New Hampshire's state medical examiner to become a youth pastor. He's one of many people living a third act--charting a new course for themselves beyond middle age.
10/30/23 5:51 & 7:51	8:00	THIRD ACT: RICHARDSON/Brooks: From Harvard Law School to cable TV entrepreneur to documenting Black history--the Third Act story of Julieanna Richardson.
11/6/23 6:22 & 8:22	6:30	THIRD ACT: NATALIE JONES/Brooks: The Third Act story of Massachusetts resident Natalie Jones. After a divorce, and needing to raise two kids in her 40's, she overcame her fear she wasn't smart enough to go to college.
11/7/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:26	ENSLAVEMENT DATABASE/2-Way: A new database details the lives of thousands of people who were enslaved in Boston.
11/13/23 5:45 & 7:44	8:25	ACE OF CUPS/Brooks: The Third Act story of the Ace of Cups. The all-female band burst onto the San Francisco scene in 1967, but didn't record their debut album until half a century later.
12/8/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:15	NOBEL GOLDIN/Shenoy 2-Way: We talk with Harvard Professor Nobel Claudia Goldin. This weekend, she receives the Nobel Prize in Economics for her research on gender pay inequity.
12/15/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:46	Boston Tea Party/Emanuel: This weekend marks the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party when colonists dumped chests of British tea into the harbor. The true story may not be what you think:

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10/11/23 5:50:00	5:29	Brian O'Donovan Obit feature/Mullins [ATC-W11C DUR: 1:36 (Plus 2:53 MUSIC)] A memorial service was held today for Brian O'Donovan, the longtime host of "A Celtic Sojourn", who died on Friday.
10/17/23 5:44:00	4:19	Israel-Gaza Demonstration feature/Rios In the midst of the conflict in Israel and Gaza, hundreds of people took part in a demonstration last night on the steps of the Boston Public Library in Copley Square. WBUR's Simon Rios was there. [ATC-17C DUR: 4:19]
10/23/23 5:50:00, 6:20:35	5:19	USS LEYTE feature/Mullins There's a modest historical plaque at the Charlestown Navy Yard that marks a blast that happened 70 years ago this month, killing 37 men. The U-S Naval Institute says it was the largest loss of life ever on the Boston waterfront. [ATC-M23A DUR: 5:19]
10/23/23 5:35:35	8:11	Third Act Tom Andrew feature/Brooks We're living longer than we used to. And many people are finding new chapters at age 60, 70 -- or even later. WBUR's Anthony Brooks has the story of Tom Andrew, a former coroner turned youth pastor. [ATC-M23B DUR: 8:11]
10/30/23 5:35:35	8:10	Third Act feature/Brooks [ATC-M30A] Americans are living longer than we used to. And many are rejecting the old notion of 3 life stages -- learning, earning and retiring. Instead, they're finding new chapters at age 60, 70 -- or even later. We have Part-2 of Anthony Brooks' series about people reinventing themselves in surprising and inspiring ways.
11/1/23 5:44:00	3:48	Mass & Cass Encampment Removal feature/becker ATC-W01A Boston officials spent the day removing a tent encampment near the area known as Mass & cass. WBUR's Deborah Becker visited the center of the encampment on Atkinson Street.
11/6/23 5:35:35	6:32	Third Act feature/Brooks [ATC-M06A] Natalie Jones grew up believing she wasn't smart enough to go to college. That changed with her 'Third Act'. She's one of several people WBUR's Anthon Brooks is profiling who've re-invented themselves later in life, in unusual and inspiring ways.
11/8/23 4:44:00	5:20	Boston Accents Feature/brody [ATC-W06A] The Boston accent is loved, hated, misunderstood and mocked, and for some people, it's a lifelong badge of honor. WBUR's Sharon Brody takes a closer listen.
11/13/23 5:50:00	8:40	Third Act feature/Brooks [ATC-M13A ... plus 1:00 music] In the 4th installment of Anthony Brooks' Third Act stories, he catches up with Ace of Cups. The all-girl band burst onto the SF Rock & Roll scene in 1967, then disappeared for more than half a century.
11/20/23 4:20:35 6:20:35	6:30	Adult Shelter Crisis/Jolicoeur [ATC-M20A Dur:] We've been hearing for months about the crisis in Massachusetts' shelter system for families that are homeless. But emergency homeless shelters that serve individual adults are also on the brink of a crisis. WBUR's Lynn Jolicoeur has been looking into this.
12/21/23 4:35:35 6:20:35	7:02	Cannoli Field Guide feature/Mullins ATC-R21A As part of WBUR's Field Guide to Boston, we went to find out what goes into making cannolis at the North End's most venerated bakeries. They're all run by the immigrant families that founded them.

12/22/23 4:44:00 6:20:35	5:13	Globe Santa feature/Mullins ATC-F22A This holiday season some 30-thousand children in Massachusetts will be guaranteed a present when they otherwise might have had nothing. The presents are from Globe Santa-otherwise known as The Boston Globe Foundation. Lisa Mullins speaks to Globe Santa editor Linda Matchan about some of the letters they've received.
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Economic and Business:

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10/5/23 6:48 & 8:48	3:45	BECMA EXPO/Shenoy 2-Way: The Black Economic Council of Massachusetts begins their annual expo today. They're hoping to boost Black businesses and level Boston's racial wealth gap.
11/1/23 5:23 & 7:23	6:30	NEW BEDFORD HOUSING/Rios: New Bedford has become attractive to developers. But longtime residents say they're being priced out.
11/8/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:35	AFL-CIO/Shenoy 2-Way: The new leader of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO hopes they can build off momentum from recent union victories.
11/27/23 6:45 & 8:44	4:58	APPLICATION FEES/Ríos: In New Bedford, people applying for apartments are being forced to pay an application fee. Those are illegal and sometimes not even refunded.
11/29/23 6:50 & 8:50	1:50	HOLIDAY SHOPPING/Matchavariani: Holiday shoppers in Massachusetts are spending big bucks, but more calmly than in past years.
12/7/23 6:22 & 8:22	2:15	HOME CARE UNION/Wuthmann: Home health care workers in Massachusetts can now unionize, thanks to a provision in the budget approved this week.
12/22/23 5:51 & 7:51	2:00	MOBILE HOMES/Rios: Residents of a mobile home park in Western Massachusetts say they're relieved, after they managed to buy the property and keep it away from investors.

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11/21/23 4:20:35 6:20:35	2:19	Thanksgiving Pies/Ruckstuhl [ATC-T21B] Thanksgiving is less than 48 hours away-- which is especially essential information for local bakers who are hard at work, crafting desserts for hundreds of customers- and their own families. WBUR's Laney Ruckstuhl checked in with one baker in West Roxbury, and got a look behind the scenes.

Education:

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10/26/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:30	BUS DRIVER SHORTAGE/Jung: Framingham is facing a shortage of school bus drivers. It's left some kids with long walks on busy roads, or unable to make it to class.
11/9/23 5:45 & 7:45	3:30	HEAD START/Piper-Vallillo: Head start programs in Massachusetts are facing a teacher shortage, and some families are struggling to find early education programs.
12/5/23 6:34 & 8:34	5:30	HARVARD MIT CONGRESS/Larkin Debrief: The Presidents of Harvard and MIT testify before a Congressional committee today, facing accusations they didn't do enough to address anti-Semitic acts on campus.
12/6/23 6:50 & 8:50	4:20	HARVARD MIT HEARING/Larkin debrief: In an often combative Congressional hearing, leaders from MIT and Harvard try to defend their schools' responses to anti-Semitic acts on campus.
12/13/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:35	PARAPROFESSIONALS/Piper-Vallillo: An effort to ease Massachusetts' teacher shortage by making it easier for paraprofessionals to become licensed.

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Medical and Healthcare:

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11/20/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:26	Family Role Addiction/Becker: A new approach to recovery that departs from the "tough love" orthodoxy

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Politics and Government:

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10/2/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:30	SHELTER FUNDING/Emanuel Debrief: The cost of sheltering families in Massachusetts is rising. The state is taking in more migrants, and a housing shortage means they're staying in shelters longer.
10/13/23	4:00	SKELTON ROBERTS/2-Way: We talk with Boston's new appointee to the

6:45 & 8:45		MBTA's Board of directors. Mary Skelton Roberts acknowledges the T's problems, but says things will get better.
10/16/23 5:23 & 7:23	6:10	SHELTER DISPLACEMENT/Emanuel: As Massachusetts rents motel rooms to shelter families, rates are going up, and other occupants seeking shelter say they're being displaced.
10/18/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:40	GUN BILL/Wuthmann: As Massachusetts lawmakers prepare to vote on a sweeping new gun control bill, they're hearing loud opposition from some police chiefs and gun owners.
10/19/23 5:23 & 7:23	5:50	HALEY'S MOMENT/Brooks: Polls suggest Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley is gaining traction in the New Hampshire Presidential Primary. Her campaign includes telling fellow Republicans what she calls "hard truths".
10/25/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:15	SHELTER KIDS/Emanuel: Thousands of children in the Massachusetts family shelter system are too young for school. Providers are making a push to find activities and play-spaces for them.
10/27/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:00	SHELTERS FULL/Emanuel Debrief: Homeless advocates are alarmed as Massachusetts prepares to stop guaranteeing shelter beds to families next week.
10/31/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:40	NO SHELTER/Emanuel: Massachusetts is introducing a wait list for some families seeking shelter. But families already left out of the shelter system often face dire situations.
11/1/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:05	MASS AND CASS ENFORCE/Becker: Boston police plan to clear a tent encampment today near the intersection of Mass Ave and Melnea Cass Boulevard. Advocates and those who've been working in the area are concerned about the safety of people being displaced.
11/2/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:20	SOUTH COAST RAIL/Perdomo Hernandez: After decades of delays, can direct rail service between Boston and New Bedford deliver on its promises?
11/3/23 5:45 & 7:44	5:25	BAKER COUNCIL/Rios: Dorchester's Frank Baker is nearing the end of his run as City Councilor. Baker has become an outspoken critic on the council's progressive majority.
11/3/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:15	COUNCIL PROGRESSIVES/Wuthmann: Boston voters could reshape the City Council in next week's election, after two prominent progressives lost their primaries.
11/8/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:10	DEAN PHILLIPS/Brooks: Minnesota Congressman Dean Phillips launches a longshot primary challenge to President Joe Biden in New Hampshire.
11/10/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:20	SHELTERS FULL/Emanuel Debrief: Massachusetts officials say the state's family shelter system has reached its limit, so starting today families seeking shelter will be placed on a waitlist.
11/15/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:48	BROOKLINE ZONING/Shenoy 2-way: [Some communities along the MBTA corridors have resisted plans for more multi-family housing, which would lower home prices. Last night, voters in Brookline voted to approve a re-zoning measure.]

11/17/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:38	SAME-SEX MARRIAGE 2-WAY/Shenoy: [Tomorrow marks two decades since Massachusetts became the first state in the nation to allow same-sex couples to marry]
11/21/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:50	LIBBY FOLO/Wallack: Massachusetts officials are starting to fill the many vacant units of state subsidized housing revealed by a WBUR investigation. But still many are empty - with people lingering on wait lists:
12/5/23 5:45 & 7:45	3:55	MASS CASS UPDATE/Becker: One month after tents were removed from an encampment in Boston, people experiencing homelessness say police are everywhere, and they have to shuffle from one place to the next.
12/19/23 6:38 & 8:38	4:27	PROBATION COMMISSIONER/Shenoy 2-Way: Massachusetts' new Probation Commissioner is the first Black person to hold the position. Pamerson Ifill is aware of racial inequalities in the probation system, including his own experience.
12/28/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:13	HOUSING FINES: Massachusetts has failed to collect millions of dollars in fines levied on communities for keeping subsidized housing units vacant.

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10/16/23 5:50:00	5:04	Shelter Crisis Debrief/Mullins & Emanuel [ATC-M16 5:04] The crisis in the state's shelter system for homeless families is forcing officials to take a step they had hoped to avoid: they'll soon have to stop guaranteeing shelter for families. WBUR's Lisa Mullins and Gabrielle Emanuel discuss.
11/21/23 4:20:35 6:20:35	5:18	Libby Folo/Wallack [ATC-T21A DUR:] MASSACHUSETTS HAS FILLED ONLY A FRACTION OF ITS VACANT STATE-SUBSIDIZED APARTMENTS SINCE A WBUR INVESTIGATION FOUND MORE THAN TWO-THOUSAND UNITS SITTING EMPTY. WBUR'S TODD WALLACK CHECKS IN WITH A WOMAN WHO IN ON THE WAITLIST FOR ONE OF THESE UNITS.

Crime:

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10/26/23 6:20:35	???	ME Shooting Debrief Live WBUR's Anthony Brooks has the latest information from officials on the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine.

Science and Technology:

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Religion:

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Aired:	Dur:	Segment Content:
12/19/23 6:34 & 8:34	3:15	BLESSINGS/Rios: Massachusetts Catholics have mixed reactions to the Vatican's new rule allowing priests to bless same sex couples.

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Weather and Environmental:

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Aired:	Dur:	Segment Content:
10/3/23 6:50 & 8:50	3:55	Solar Tree Study/Moran: Massachusetts has increased its solar production over the years -- but it's come at the expense of clearing trees. Researchers say it doesn't have to be that way.
10/4/23 6:48 & 8:50	5:30	FLOOD PREVENTION/Moura: With climate change contributing to heavier rainfall, Massachusetts communities are trying natural solutions to cope with flash floods.
10/6/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:50	FOLIAGE/Shenoy 2-Way: A rainy New England summer means a more muted fall foliage season.
10/12/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:35	OCEAN ENRICHMENT/Moran: To slow climate change, some Massachusetts scientists are taking another look at a controversial approach --enriching the ocean with iron.
10/13/23 5:54 & 7:54	5:15	GREEN CEMENT/Ackerman: One of society's basic building blocks is a major source of carbon emissions. A Massachusetts start-up is trying to change that by developing climate-friendly cement.
10/23/23 6:23 & 8:23	6:25	CSO OVERFLOWS/Wasser: This past summer's heavy rains caused heavy flooding throughout Massachusetts--and, in some places, sewage overflows.

10/24/23 6:45 & 8:45	5:15	BEECH LEAF DISEASE/Moura: Beech leaf disease--an infection that's spreading rapidly among Massachusetts beech trees, and thinning their ranks.
11/6/23 5:45 & 7:51	5:00	POLLINATOR SOLAR/Moran: Some Massachusetts solar farms are also housing bees, rabbits, plants, and other wildlife. The goal is to bring biodiversity to clean energy.
11/9/23 5:48 & 7:48	3:55	COG: 1.5/Moran: Our environmental correspondent asks, are we trying too hard to spare people's feelings when talking about warming?
11/14/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:46	EV EQUITY/MOURA: A new project in Massachusetts aims to build electric vehicle chargers in neighborhoods of color ... and also create jobs that stay in the community.
11/15/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:43	SOLAR HISTORIC/Zuckoff: Many Massachusetts historic districts are focused on maintaining a certain old-world look, and that can be at odds with some efforts to confront climate change.
11/16/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:37	CLIMATE DEBRIEF/Moran: A new federal report finds climate change is driving more expensive disasters
11/22/23 7:42	2:56	HOLIDAY WEATHER/Noyes 2-Way: We talk about today's rain and tomorrow's Thanksgiving forecast
11/27/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:25	STRIPED BASS SURGERY/Zuckoff: Striped bass usually populate Massachusetts waters in the summer. Researchers are trying to figure out why the fish are sticking around as temperatures drop.
12/11/23 6:20	2:48	Nor'easter?/Noyes: The latest on the storm moving through the region.
12/27/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:25	GREEN STEAM/Moura: A local energy company is trying to help Boston and Cambridge reduce carbon emissions by providing steam heat without using fossil fuels.
12/29/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:25	NEW BEDFORD FIREHOUSE/Zuckoff: Future architects find inspiration for climate-friendly designs in a long abandoned New Bedford firehouse.

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Arts, Culture, Media:

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10/3/23 5:45 & 7:50	4:00	MassMoca Accessibility/Kelleher: The contemporary art museum Mass Moca in western Massachusetts is working with deaf, blind and hard of hearing artists to create a more accessible exhibition:

10/6/23 5:22 & 7:23	6:10	JAZZ ALONG THE CHARLES/Shea: Tomorrow on the Boston Esplanade, 25 jazz ensembles play the same set, at the same time, each in their own style.
10/9/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:35	INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY/Shenoy 2-Way: Indigenous groups are pushing for Massachusetts to rename today's holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day.
10/16/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:45	KIMAYA DIGGS/Mason: We meet Massachusetts singer-songwriter Kimaya [key-MY-uh] Diggs. Her songs are emotive, but not too sentimental.
10/17/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:25	MAKERS: RIXY/Gray: We profile Boston visual artist Rixy [RIX-ee]. She paints large murals of fictional words are inspired by her childhood in Roxbury.
10/18/23 5:52 & 7:52	6:55	MAKERS: ARSON FAHIM: Pianist and composer Arson Fahim [ARE-son fuh-HEEM] took refuge from Afghanistan in 2021. He's now in Cambridge, raising awareness about the brutality of the Taliban.
10/19/23 6:22 & 8:22	5:15	MAKERS:DZIDZOR/Mason: We profile Boston poet and performance artist Dzidzor [JEE-jaw]. Her performances become jam sessions where anyone can take the mic.
10/20/23 6:45 & 8:45	5:15	MAKERS: YUN/Gray: Boston artist Yun Szu-Chieh [YOU-ing SUE-tchey] explores power and identity in her work. Her most recent exhibit focuses on "The Karen".
10/20/23 5:55 & 7:55	3:45	COG:CHARLES RIVER/Hewett: On Head of the Charles weekend, a long-time Bostonian celebrates the river, more than the race.
10/20/23 5:51 & 7:51	3:55	SALEM MAYOR/Shenoy 2-Way: It's prime spooky season--if you're planning to head to Salem, the Mayor of Witch City has some advice.
10/30/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:20	BATS AT PEM/Shea: A Salem museum exhibition celebrates winged creatures of the night, bats.
10/31/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:35	HALLOWEEN MAYHEM/Shea: In the days before trick or treating, Massachusetts communities had to get creative to prevent pandemonium on Halloween.
11/7/23 5:45 & 7:45	5:30	LITTLE SAIGON/Shenoy w/Murphy: Our Field Guide to Boston explores Little Saigon, a section of Dorchester that's become a nucleus for the Vietnamese community.
11/9/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:30	JEFF RAPSIS/Mason: We meet New Hampshire musician Jeff Rapsis. He's realizing two of his childhood dreams by playing live music to accompany silent films.
11/10/23 5:45 & 7:45	5:05	RUPEE DIWALI/Shea: A Boston-brewed Indian craft beer company celebrate Diwali (dih-VAH-lee) with its first India Pale Ale. It's part of its mission to share Indian culture through hops.
11/22/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:30	MAESTRO/Shea: A new movie about composer-conductor Leonard Bernstein highlights his ties to Tanglewood in the Berkshires.
11/24/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:20	LEFTOVERS/Kelleher 2-Way: From soup, to pie, to stuffing waffles--some ideas for re-purposing Thanksgiving leftovers.

11/30/23 6:45 & 8:44	5:05	HOLIDAY POPS/Mpofu: The Boston Pops celebrates its holiday concert's 50th anniversary, and aims for at least 50 more.
11/30/23 5:51 & 7:51	2:15	TREE LIGHTING/Postcard: Hanging lights on Boston's Christmas tree requires keeping an eye out for high winds, and hungry squirrels.
12/7/23 6:25 & 8:25	4:10	BOSTON BLACK HISTORY/Gray: Uncovering the mostly hidden history of Black people in Boston, by foot.
12/8/23 5:52 & 7:52	5:30	SOLSTICE/Shea: A large art installation celebrating the solstice returns to Mount Auburn cemetery, after a successful debut last year.
12/14/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:30	QUEER COMEDY/Nicholson-Messmer: A night at Fruits by the Foot--the queer comedy showcase is trying to make Boston's comedy scene more inclusive.
12/19/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:25	REAL WOMEN/Gray: A musical adaptation of the acclaimed play and movie, "Real Women Have Curves" premieres in Cambridge.
12/20/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:20	LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER/Shenoy: The last Coast Guard lighthouse keeper in the U-S is retiring at the end of the month. Sally Snowman looks back on two decades tending to Boston Light in Boston Harbor.
12/20/23 6:25 & 8:25	4:00	MUPPET XMAS/Shukla Cog: The Muppets' take on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" came out more than 30 years ago, but our commentator finds it relevant today.
12/21/23 6:45 & 8:45	4:15	STEERING WHEELS/Rios: More than two centuries after it was founded, A Massachusetts association for craftsmen has welcomed its first craftswoman.
12/22/23 5:54 & 7:54	5:15	XMAS OYSTERS/Shea: How oysters became a key and versatile ingredient in the New England holiday dinner.
12/26/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:45	DINORA JUSTICE/Garcia: Newton-based artist Dinora (dje--NOR-ah) Justice's work is now on display at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. Justice's paintings re-imagine how women were portrayed by male artists in 19th century masterpieces.

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10/16/23 4:50:00, 6:20:35	5:17	Maker's/Asian-America Theatre Company/Kelleher In our series "The Makers", Solon Kelleher features a Boston theatre company that is dedicated to presenting Asian-American stories in two languages. [ATC-M16A 5:17]
10/17/23 4:50:00, 6:20:35	7:00	Maker's/Danny Rivera Profile/Shea In our series "The Makers", Andrea Shea profiles Danny Rivera, a 22-year old vocalist who re-imagines songs by enslaved Black people in America. [ATC-T17A DUR: 7:00]
10/19/23 4:44:00, 6:06:30	4:15	Maker's/Breakdancer Alex Diaz/Garcia In our series "The Makers", Jacob Garcia features a Boston break-dancer who is a Red Bull sponsored athlete and an Olympic hopeful. [ATC-R19A 4:15]

10/20/23 4:50:00, 6:20:35	5:13	Maker's/Woodworking Artist Alison Croney/Guerra In our series "The Makers", Cristela guerra features Woodworker and artist Alison Croney Moses, who shapes wood as if it were clay. [ATC-F20A 5:13]
10/31/23 4:50:00, 6:20:35	4:55	Louisa May Alcot feature/kelleher ATC-T31A A local researcher believes he has found a short story by the author of "Little Women" - written under a pseudonym. WBUR's Solon Kelleher reports this may be the first discovery of a new pseudonym for Louisa May Alcott since the 1940s.
12/13/23 4:50:00, 6:20:35	6:37	Stanley Sagov/Mullins ATC-W13A This Saturday night, Stanley Sagov will be doing one of his favorite things: Playing keyboard at the Regattabar in Cambridge with his longtime bandmates.. He hasn't performed in public since the pandemic began. And he's hoping this won't be his final gig.

Sports:

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Aired:	Dur:	Segment Content:
10/2/23 5:55 & 7:55	4:35	COG: BOSTON SPORTS/Axelson: Being a sports fan in Boston can mean a lot more than just a final score.
10/11/23 5:45 & 7:45	4:13	Bruins preview/Becker: and the Bruins take to the ice tonight to start the season -- we break down what's ahead for the team this year.
10/25/23 5:45 & 7:45	3:53	CELTICS PREVIEW/Washburn 2-Way: After a busy summer of trading players, the Boston Celtics tip off their regular season tonight with high hopes.
12/18/23 6:45 & 8:45	5:20	READING RUSSELL/Reading, Massachusetts residents debate how to honor former resident and Celtics great Bill Russell. For some, it's an opportunity for the town to acknowledge past racism, and become more inclusive.

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National/International:

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Aired:	Dur:	Segment Content:
10/12/23 8:45	4:00	ABUZAYDA/Becker 2-Way: We speak with a Palestinian-American who lives in Massachusetts, and is visiting her family in Gaza.
10/27/23 5:45 & 7:45	3:55	GOLDEN COLLINS GUNS/Feinberg: The mass shooting in Lewiston prompts a Maine Congressman to re-think his past opposition to gun control laws.
11/2/23 6:45 & 8:45	3:25	LEWISTON LATEST/Rachel Ohm 2-way: One week after the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine, what have we learned about the gunman

12/12/23 6:23 & 8:23	6:25	LEWISTON GUNS/Brooks: In the wake of the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine, family members of some victims are calling for stricter gun laws in the state.
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10/11/23 5:50:00	5:07	Mass man from Gaza 2way/Mulins [ATC-W11A TRT: 5:07] A Massachusetts man who hails from the Gaza strip is waiting and hoping for word from his family there that they're safe.
10/25/23 6:20:35	3:44	Medway Family Debrief/Becker & Hagopian Live A Massachusetts family that's been stuck in Gaza says they're trying to remain hopeful that they'll be able to get out safely. WBUR's Deborah Becker has been in touch with the family since shortly after the fighting began more than two weeks ago
10/25/23 6:20:35	3:44 3:55	Medway Family Debrief/Becker & Hagopian Live A Massachusetts family that's been stuck in Gaza says they're trying to remain hopeful that they'll be able to get out safely. WBUR's Deborah Becker has been in touch with the family since shortly after the fighting began more than two weeks ago
11/21/23 5:20:35		Docs & Israel hamas Conflict/McCluskey [ATC-T21] The war between Israel and Hamas has triggered a humanitarian disaster in Gaza. Medical facilities have not been spared. And the crisis feels personal for some doctors in Boston, who have strong ties to the region. WBUR's Priyanka Dayal McCluskey reports.
11/28/23 5:44:00	3:46	Needham Man's Relatives Freed/Mullins [ATC-T28A] A Needham man is celebrating the release of two young cousins who were being held hostage by Hamas in Gaza. Jason Greenberg got word yesterday that his cousin's children -- 16-year-old Sahar Kalderon and her younger brother, Eres Kalderon, were let go in the latest round of hostage releases. He spoke to WBUR's Lisa Mullins.

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October 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023

What the rise of ultra-processed foods means for our health and society

Ultra-processed foods now make up the majority of calories in the typical American diet. Studies show the health effects are about as bad as smoking. What would it take to...

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Disability rights enforcement could be weakened in latest SCOTUS case

The Supreme Court is hearing a case this week that could hamper federal enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The case may also change the way the government enforces...

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

U.S. v. Google: Will Washington’s antitrust push change the web?

The Justice Department is suing Google for allegedly using its power to stifle other search engines. It’s the first major tech antitrust trial in decades.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Is Donald Trump normalizing political violence in America?

When Donald Trump suggested that General Mark Milley should be executed, it was the latest in a long line of violent rhetoric from the former president.

Friday, October 6, 2023

Unraveling the secrets of the human Y chromosome

For the first time ever, scientists have fully decoded the Y chromosome. Long thought to be the stubby counterpart to the X chromosome, turns out there's far more to the...

Monday, October 9, 2023

A new approach to science rooted in Indigenous tradition

The National Science Foundation has funded its first ever research hub focused on Indigenous knowledge. This \$30 million investment will fund projects from ancient clam-farming to mapping climate change on...

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Guyana’s oil boom: The world’s newest petrostate plans to combat climate change with oil revenues

An oil boom has arrived in the South American nation of Guyana. Is it a contradiction that a country threatened by climate change could get rich selling fossil fuels?

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

California has new ideas about how to teach math, but critics argue it won't work

California public schools have a new way of teaching math, to achieve more equitable outcomes. Critics say the math guidelines are flawed to the core.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

What Israelis are thinking and feeling since the Hamas attack

The U.S. is warning Hezbollah, and the United Arab Emirates are warning Syria, not to enter Israel-Hamas conflict. Could the war spill over into a regional tragedy?

Friday, October 13, 2023

Nobel prize winner Claudia Goldin on women, the work force and the pandemic

Earlier this week, Harvard professor Claudia Goldin won the Nobel Prize in economics, only the third woman in history to do so. In this conversation with Goldin from last year,...

Monday, October 16, 2023

Hamas: A history lesson

Hamas is an Islamist militant group, designated by the U.S. and EU as a terrorist organization. It's now delivered the biggest blow ever to Israeli security. What are Hamas's origins?

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

How elites captured the social justice movement

After the murder of George Floyd, there were mass protests, corporate pledges and swelling public support for Black Lives Matter. But what came out of it?

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

The adventures and complications of a child-free life in Maria Coffey's 'Instead'

More Americans are saying they don't want to have children. But what does life without children really look like?

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Roundtable: Jewish Americans share their perspectives on conflict in Gaza

As war continues to devastate Israel and Gaza, 7.5 million American Jews are sharing their own struggles. We hear their stories and differing perspectives on the ongoing tragedy.

Friday, October 20, 2023

100 is the new 65: The new world of super-aging

Half of 5-year-olds in America today can expect to live to age 100. So how can we age well and live with purpose well into retirement?

Monday, October 23, 2023

The risk that the Israel-Hamas conflict becomes a wider war

Tensions are high not only in Israel and Gaza, but across the region, as fear of the conflict spilling over grows.

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Roundtable: Palestinian Americans share their perspectives on conflict in Gaza

The health ministry in Gaza reports at least 3,700 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli strikes since October 7. How are Palestinian Americans processing the ongoing conflict?

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Israel's decisionmakers

The politics and dynamics influencing Israel's top leaders, and how that could shape the course of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

The border crisis arrives in Chicago

The border crisis is no longer just a border issue. Northern cities like Chicago are scrambling to accommodate busloads of migrants arriving daily, causing political backlash at the local and...

Friday, October 27, 2023

The Catholic Church considers its future

Hundreds of Catholics are gathered in Rome this month for a major meeting about the future of the church. For the first time ever, women and laypeople are invited –...

Monday, October 30, 2023

The latest in the lawsuits surrounding Donald Trump

As the Donald Trump trials continue, the list of key witnesses are growing. From his former lawyer Michael Cohen in New York, to several more taking plea deals in Georgia.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

The NCAA, antitrust and the future of college sports

The NCAA is asking Congress to keep college athletes as students, not employees. They say it's to protect the students. Opponents say it's about the money. Will the NCAA get...

November 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Lessons for Israel from the U.S. invasion of Iraq

Israel vows to eliminate Hamas. But is there a plan for the aftermath of the Israel-Hamas war?

Thursday, November 2, 2023

How to rid the world of plastic waste

The worldwide production of plastic has doubled in the past 20 years worldwide. Plastic waste in the environment has grown too. Can a new global treaty help?

Friday, November 3, 2023

What's behind the sharp rise in U.S. antisemitism

Antisemitism is on the rise in the United States, with threats against Jewish people reaching near-historic levels, according to FBI director Christopher Wray. What historical and intellectual undercurrents are driving...

Monday, November 6, 2023

The Influence of Christian nationalism in American politics

Republican Congressman Mike Johnson is a hard-right evangelical from Louisiana. Now, he's speaker of the house.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

How private equity is changing American health care

The FTC is suing a private equity firm, and the anesthesiology companies it owns in Texas for monopolistic practices that it says harm patients' health and their pocketbooks.

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

What drove Mitt Romney to stand up to his own party?

In "Romney: A Reckoning," journalist McKay Coppins gets unfettered access to the senator's journals, emails and dozens of private interviews to unpack what led Romney to combat the GOP's embrace...

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Gaza's widening humanitarian crisis

Gaza's health care system has collapsed. Food and water are scarce. More than 10,000 Palestinians have been killed so far in the Israel-Hamas war, as international pressure for a broader...

Friday, November 10, 2023

What clues do this week's elections hold for 2024?

In Ohio, Virginia, Kentucky and other states, voters made some big statements about what they want in state and local government. What this could mean for races next year and...

Monday, November 13, 2023

Israel, Hamas and the laws of war: A primer

The UN is investigating whether war crimes have been committed by Israel and by Hamas. But what exactly qualifies as a war crime? And why are they so hard to...

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

UFOs and the U.S. government: The push towards greater transparency

Unexplained aerial phenomena. Is the government covering up what it knows? We dive into 75 years of UFO history and the beginnings of government mistrust.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

How to fix America's aviation system

It's been almost 15 years since the last deadly plane crash on a U.S. airline. But near misses in U.S. aviation have grown 25% in the last decade. What's behind...

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Why this U.S. government arms dealer resigned over weapon transfers to Israel

Former State Department official Josh Paul was in charge of U.S. arms transfers to other nations for years. But when it came to the current arms sales to Israel, he...

Friday, November 17, 2023

Debunking myths about the Asian American academic experience

No stereotype can tell the story of more than 20 million people. We look at the true diversity of the Asian American academic experience.

Monday, November 20, 2023

The plight of the hostages in Gaza

It's been more than 40 days since Hamas kidnapped some 240 people in Israel. Only four have been released. What's next?

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

How to teach media literacy to children

School systems around the country are grappling with ways to teach students media literacy. California has just passed a law to do that, and experts say they're doing it right.

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Former poet laureate Tracy K. Smith's 'plea for the American soul'

The former U.S. poet laureate Tracy K. Smith has a new memoir. In it, she discovers a surprise in her late father's military records that changed how she sees herself...

Thursday, November 23, 2023

Rebroadcast: Pitmaster Ryan Mitchell on America's complicated history with barbeque and the art of cooking whole hog

On this Thanksgiving Day, we talk with pitmaster Ryan Mitchell about how whole hog barbeque is the original style of American barbeque and its deep roots in indigenous and Black...

Friday, November 24, 2023

Rebroadcast: Why more Americans are choosing to live in multigenerational housing

One in five Americans now live under the same roof as their parents, grandparents or adult children. It's a remarkable change from a few generations ago. Why more Americans are...

Monday, November 27, 2023

The benefit of 'the two-parent privilege'

Almost a quarter of U.S. children under 18 live with a single parent and no other adults. That's the highest rate in the world. So, what does it mean for...

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

The legacy of the 1993 Oslo Accords

The 1993 Oslo Accords were a milestone in the Arab-Israeli peace process. But after 30 years of talks, there's no peace yet. Lessons for the future from peace efforts of...

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

How foreign authoritarian rule reaches into the U.S.

The U.S. government says authoritarian regimes are threatening, coercing and even attempting to kidnap and murder citizens living in the U.S. It's called transnational repression, and the FBI says it's...

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Can offshore wind help power the U.S. economy?

The U.S. has struggled to build wind farms at sea. What's causing the setbacks?

December 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023

Power, profits and labor practices in the video game industry

Video games. A massive global industry expected to generate nearly \$190 billion in revenue this year, according to industry estimates. So why have there been unprecedented layoffs across the gaming...

Monday, December 4, 2023

The looming pharmacy crisis in America

Pharmacists at major chain stores like CVS and Walgreens are at a breaking point. Many workers have staged walkouts, saying they are overworked, understaffed and risking patient safety.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

How politics corroded the American evangelical movement

Tim Alberta is one of America's top political reporters. He's also the son of an evangelical preacher. In his new book, Alberta investigates how politics has corroded the Evangelical movement...

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

How to talk to kids about climate change

Parents have delicate conversations with their kids on intimacy, violence, even the meaning of life. Now, kids want to talk about climate change. Parents, are you prepared?

Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Biden approach to Israel

Some voters want President Biden to condemn Israel's bombing of Gaza. Biden believes his public embrace helps him influence Israel -- but that may be changing.

Friday, December 8, 2023

Inside the 'rewilding' movement

In places where human beings have done everything they can to pave and plow over nature, what might happen if we just left those places alone?

Monday, December 11, 2023

Chile's lessons and failures in writing a new constitution

In 2020, Chileans overwhelmingly supported writing a new constitution. Two years later, Chileans overwhelmingly rejected it. This month, they will vote on a different version, but many say it's worse...

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

What happened to Sports Illustrated?

Sports Illustrated recently pulled authors and articles from its website after reporting found that they were generated by AI. How did the once legendary publisher fall so low?

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Is there a path to ceasefire in Gaza?

With a worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza, global calls for an Israel-Hamas ceasefire are growing. Israel says it will not stop until the Hamas threat is gone. Is there any...

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Pharmacy benefit managers: The middlemen who decide what you pay for medications

There are middlemen between you and pharmaceutical companies that make huge profits from drug prices. They're called pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs.

Friday, December 15, 2023

The Taylor Swift and Beyonce economy

Taylor Swift and Beyoncé have generated some \$10 billion for the U.S. this year. What does the staggering rise of these two women say about our economy -- and about...

Monday, December 18, 2023

Is shoplifting getting worse in the U.S.?

You've seen baby formula and razor blades locked behind plastic cases. Retailers say it's partly because of a rise in shoplifting. But analysts say there's no clear data to back...

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

How Big Oil helped push the idea of a 'carbon footprint'

Your carbon footprint helps you identify actions you can take to personally fight climate change. It also shifts responsibility away from petrochemical companies. If that seems convenient for Big Oil,...

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

The largely unknown man behind the U.S. judiciary's shift to the right

Leonard Leo has been described as a puppet master – pulling strings between rich and powerful conservatives to turn the American judiciary to the right. Who is Leonard Leo and...

Thursday, December 21, 2023

With 'long letters,' how 2 writers — one Arab, the other Israeli — formed a rare friendship

An Arab and Israeli writer have developed an unlikely friendship, writing long letters back and forth for years about how to achieve peace in the Middle East. They've never actually...

Friday, December 22, 2023

The art of Italian home cooking with Lidia Bastianich

When PBS first asked Italian chef Lidia Bastianich to cook for a television audience, she had one condition: She wanted them to film in her actual kitchen. A quarter century...

Monday, December 25, 2023

Rebroadcast: What do American Christians believe about their religion?

A survey has found that American Christians' beliefs are as diverse as the country they live in. A conversation about the broad spectrum of belief in American Christianity.

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Rebroadcast: The power of American English to unite a fractured nation

American English has many forms. It's evolved over 400 years to match this country's dynamic history. Humanities professor Ilan Stavans says that because it's so adaptable, American English is the...

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Rebroadcast: Author Achut Deng's journey of survival from Sudan to America

Before she was a teenager, Achut Deng escaped civil war in South Sudan and life in a Kenyan refugee camp. Until recently, she carried that secret history with her.

Thursday, December 28, 2023

Rebroadcast: Why Americans are spending less time with friends — and what to do about it

Americans are spending more time alone and less time with friends. The dramatic drop in how much time you spend with friends, and why it's so important to reverse the...

Friday, December 29, 2023

Rebroadcast: Cartoonist Barbara Brandon-Croft on being the first Black woman with a nationally syndicated comic

Barbara Brandon-Croft is the first Black, female nationally syndicated cartoonist. "Where I'm Coming From," featured nine Black women who talk about everything from racism, politics and love.

“Here And Now”

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October 2023

Monday, October 2, 2023

Civil fraud trial against Trump underway in New York

The judge already determined Trump committed fraud. The question now is how much Trump will pay for it.

'Every Drop is a Man's Nightmare' short story collection explores lives of Hawaiian women

The stories focus on mixed native Hawaiian and Japanese women and explores their often hidden lives and desires.

One teen explains gender dysphoria in a unique way: With a toilet plunger

Gender dysphoria affects more than 120,000 American children and teens, according to data from Reuters.

Student loan repayments resume after 3-year hiatus

What do people with student loan debt need to know as they begin to pay it off?

Video game actors rally against industry amid AI fears

Voice performers authorized a strike against the industry to protect jobs as AI has already transformed how games get made.

New Broadway season features revivals, beloved actors, and a lot of Sondheim

It's fall, and that means several things — gorgeous leaves, too much pumpkin spice, and a new Broadway season.

New York City requires businesses to use trash bins to curb growing rat population

For decades, New York City has piled its trash in heaps of bags on city sidewalks. Now, the city is rolling out trash bins — and requiring its businesses to...

How communities in Northern India are fighting to revive springs dried by climate change

In Northern India, climate change is exacerbating the drying up of crucial mountain springs that millions depend on for survival. Now, some communities are fighting to revive these vital springs.

Who is Laphonza Butler? What to know about the woman who will fill Dianne Feinstein's Senate seat
Butler will become the third Black woman senator.

Supreme Court begins new term under ethical questions

The Supreme Court begins its fall term on Monday. But the court is facing loud calls for ethics reform, and blowback over recent decisions.

Nobel Prize winners 'never doubted' RNA COVID vaccine potential throughout 15 years of research

The winning scientists' work helped lead to the development of mRNA vaccines.

Stopgap bill averts government shutdown
The bill includes \$16 billion in emergency disaster assistance.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

'Starling House' Gothic fantasy novel depicts a fictional coal town's real-life horrors, dark past
In Eden, Kentucky, the air is thick with dust. The dying coal town is the fictional setting of Alix E. Harrow's "Starling House."

How 'soundies' spotlighted Black performers in the 1940s
The 1980s ushered in the era of MTV music videos. But decades earlier, in the 1940s, there were short music films called "soundies."

Republican Rep. Tim Burchett weighs in on the move to oust Speaker Kevin McCarthy
On Sunday night, Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz made good on a threat and brought up a resolution declaring the speakership vacant.

California is losing the fight against sea-level rise. Is it time to regroup?
What is California without its golden shore? Rising seas are eroding California's 1,000 miles of coastline, from sandy surf spots in Southern California to tidal marshes and rugged cliffs topped...

A new California bill could expose bias in venture capital funding
A new bill would require venture capital companies in California to disclose the race and gender of those receiving funding.

'Crave' cookbook offers recipes from chef Karen Akunowicz for foods you're always yearning for
Many know chef Karen Akunowicz from her appearances on Food Network's cooking competitions. But that's just scratching the surface of the young chef's already distinguished career.

Tarantulas look for love at annual festival in Colorado
It's mating season for the big hairy spiders.

Atlanta health education effort aims to bolster access to HIV prevention medication
A significant number of new HIV infections happen among Black women in the South, but even doctors are not familiar with the medicines known as PrEP, pre-exposure prophylaxis.

There's a shortage of doctors in rural America
There's a shortage of primary care physicians for the more than 46 million Americans living in rural areas.

Supreme Court hears Consumer Financial Protection Bureau case
The case could have vast implications for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a slew of bedrock federal agencies and programs.

Rising book censorship is also targeting public libraries, American Library Association says
Most of these books deal with race, gender identity or sex education.

As temperatures rise, climate scientists ask: Does net zero CO2 goal go far enough?
When it comes to climate change, you can study statistics, graphs and charts. Or, you can just look.

Imports threaten Gulf Coast shrimp industry

Shrimpers in Gulf Coast states, including Texas, want the federal government to help.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

MacArthur Fellow Imani Perry shares what drives her in this political moment

Imani Perry is a professor and scholar of race, gender, sexuality and African and African American Studies at Harvard University.

Psychologist Carol Gilligan revises revolutionary 'different voice' work to include 'human voice'

In the 1960s, people believed that males made decisions based on justice, whereas women made theirs based on emotions and sensitivity. Those qualities were not valued.

How about them apples? Fall into autumn with sweet and savory recipes

It's peak apple season. Try these three new recipes and appreciate the humble apple all over again.

More than 75,000 Kaiser Permanente workers launch strike over wages and staffing shortages

This may be the largest health care strike in history.

We already know what helps heatproof cities. Why haven't we done it?

Last summer might have been one of the coolest we experience for decades. We know the effects of climate change are exacerbating the extreme heat, so how do we heatproof...

Text before you call, don't leave voicemails: Unwritten rules around telephone etiquette

The phone isn't a new invention, but the rules around how we use our phones are constantly changing.

Virtual teachers fill in gaps left by staff shortages in Montana

The pandemic worsened a longstanding shortage of qualified teachers in districts across the nation.

Displaced by Hurricane Idalia, flamingos land in Florida

Some residents hope the birds will stay and breed here.

Republican Congressman Lawler criticizes vote removing McCarthy from speakership

Kevin McCarthy is the first House speaker to be removed from office in history.

'Artbound' tells Asian American stories from LA's Chinatown punk wars to theater representation

Every episode reflected a different artform, including punk music, muralism, publishing, theatre and film, and Southern California's multiracial communities are at the heart.

Armenia faces flood of refugees

A sudden offensive in Azerbaijan that forced more than 100,000 ethnic Armenians to flee to neighboring Armenia has left the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh nearly abandoned.

Emergency Alert System test set for 2:20 p.m. ET

The test is necessary in order to check how people can be warned in case of a natural disaster or other emergency.

House votes to remove Rep. Kevin McCarthy as speaker.

It's the first time in American history that a Speaker of the House has been forced out of the position.

Thursday, October 5, 2023

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 1: Examining the origin of the U.S.'s gun industry

In the 1790s, the Founding Fathers created an open-source think tank in Massachusetts: the Springfield Armory.

How Biden is charting student debt relief after setbacks

Biden said this relief is separate from his previous plan months ago that got knocked down by the Supreme Court.

'The Caretaker' novel draws from author Ron Rash's own memories, family history

"The Caretaker" is Ron Rash's first book in a decade.

Congress divided over sending more money to Ukraine

Lots of Washington business has ground to a halt while the House waits for a new speaker, but Russia's war continues.

Jon Fosse wins Nobel Prize in Literature

His dramatic works are so acclaimed in Norway that the government gave him a lifetime stipend and a residence near the Royal Palace in Oslo.

Checking in on Gabon, more than a month since military takeover

The coup in Gabon was the latest in a series of coups in Africa.

What you think you know about dinosaurs might be wrong

Stephanie Warren Drimmer is the coauthor of "Jurassic Smarts," published by National Geographic for Kids.

How genetics may play a role in going vegetarian

Eating less meat is good for your health and the environment. Now, a new study suggests genes may play a role in people's ability to stick to a strict vegetarian...

Why a UNESCO site and a golf course share the same place in Ohio

The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks in southern Ohio are the U.S.' latest landmarks to be designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Dianne Feinstein honored in San Francisco

The longest-serving woman senator ever will be laid to rest Thursday after a memorial service at San Francisco's City Hall.

What happens when drillers abandon oil and gas wells

Drillers are supposed to plug wells before moving on. But that doesn't always happen.

The latest from Trump's fraud trial in New York

Trump's lawyers have cross-examined the former president's former accountant in an effort to damage his credibility.

Republicans Scalise and Jordan vie for House speakership

Majority Leader Steve Scalise and Congressman Jim Jordan have thrown their hats in the ring to become the next House speaker after Kevin McCarthy was ousted.

Friday, October 6, 2023

What Earth's past can teach us about climate change and our future

When we talk about climate change, we usually talk about the future, like how much sea level and temperatures are expected to rise.

This week in politics: Trump to visit Capitol, race for House speaker

Former President Donald Trump says he would be open to serving as speaker of the House on an interim basis.

Meet the enthusiasts who collect license plates

There are a lot of collections out there: coins, antiques, stamps.

MIT professor wins Nobel Prize in chemistry

Bawendi and two other chemists won the award for their work on quantum dots, or tiny particles that can release very bright colored light and are used in electronics and...

Marching bands navigate extreme heat, irregular weather conditions

One band director in Arizona has been sharing tips with marching bands around the country who are dealing with an unusually warm season.

Late-night talk shows return after writers' strike

Jimmy Fallon still hasn't addressed allegations that he led a toxic work culture at "The Tonight Show," while "The Daily Show" is saying goodbye to guest host Roy Wood Jr.

'Barbie' hits theaters in Russia

The summer hit "Barbie" has arrived in Russia, more than a year after Hollywood studios left in protest over the Kremlin's invasion of Ukraine.

The iconic 'Wild Kingdom' is coming back to TV

A brand new iteration of the iconic show premieres this Saturday.

UAW's Shawn Fain: 'Strike is working'

United Auto Workers President Shawn Fain said Friday there's been progress in talks with the Big Three automakers and that the union won't expand its strike.

Employers added 336,000 jobs in September

A healthy job market is good for people seeking work but might make the Federal Reserve's job of controlling inflation harder.

This building was designed to withstand future heat waves

What if this desert city was better designed to protect against the deadly heat that is inevitably coming with climate change?

How pregnancy changes the brain

Scientists have shown how pregnancy hormones alter a brain circuit in mice. The finding helps explain how hormones induce maternal behavior in a range of mammals.

Iranian activist Narges Mohammadi wins Nobel Peace Prize

She is currently serving a sentence of more than 10 years in Iran's infamous Evin Prison.

Monday, October 9, 2023

Human rights lawyer reflects on what ongoing conflict with Israel means for Palestinians
Human rights lawyer Zaha Hassan weighs in.

'Sweet Land' composer Raven Chacon named MacArthur fellow
The opera explored the idea of Manifest Destiny.

New Texas special session focuses on issues of border security, education reform
The Texas special legislative session kicks off Monday.

How the ongoing speakership fight in the House could impact U.S. support for Israel
The House is under pressure to quickly elect a new speaker so it can approve more military funding for Israel.

War in Israel: Military and diplomatic analysis
The Israeli military has said it is still fighting with Hamas militants three days after militants attacked Israel.

Indigenous cuisine becoming more prominent on fine dining menus
For years, finding an elk taco or bison pot roast on a restaurant menu was nearly impossible.

How Hamas launched a surprise attack on Israel
Hamas militants attacked from land, sea and air.

Who drew the cover of 'A Wrinkle in Time'?
The artist's name wasn't on and page of Google or any page of the physical book itself.

Death tolls in Afghanistan earthquakes surpasses 2,000
Entire villages have collapsed and rescue teams are working around the clock to find survivors.

Military analyst on Israel and Palestine attacks
Palestinian group Hamas attacked Israel over the weekend.

New findings indicate that humans may have lived on the Americas for longer than previously thought
How long have humans lived on this continent? For decades, the most common answer has been roughly 14,000 years.

The latest from Israel
After Hamas militants attacked Israel over the weekend, Israel is still fighting to get back control of its territory.

Israel and Palestine embroiled in deadliest conflict since Yom Kippur War of 1973
More than 1,000 Palestinians and Israelis have died so far.

Climate Fresk workshop gives participants a look at causes, consequences of climate change
A creative workshop to learn about global warming is a smash hit in Paris and is gaining popularity worldwide, including in the United States.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Biden addresses war in Israel

Reuters Correspondent Emily Rose talks about the president's comments and shares the latest from Israel.

State Department official on war between Israel and Hamas
It's reported at least 11 American citizens were killed in Israel.

Western Afghanistan devastated by earthquakes that killed more than 2,000
In Afghanistan, desperate hands and shovels are digging through the rubble, hoping to find survivors of this weekend's devastating earthquakes.

The latest from the Israeli-occupied West Bank
In the war between Israel and Hamas, the latest death tolls show more than 900 Israelis and 800 Palestinians killed — a third of whom are women and children. Thousands...

Federal dollars helps schools serve fresh farm food for lunch
The path from cropland to cafeteria is full of complicated twists and turns.

In 'Of Time and Turtles,' best-selling author Sy Montgomery dives deep into turtle rescue
Montgomery writes about her work volunteering with a turtle rescue organization.

FTX co-founder testifies against Sam Bankman-Fried in multi-billion dollar crypto trading fraud
The multi-billion dollar fraud trial against Sam Bankman-Fried resumes Tuesday after beginning last week.

London's White Cube gallery opens New York space
The subversive inaugural exhibit, "Chopped and Screwed," takes its name from the 1990s Houston hip-hop scene.

How doctors are forced to navigate the intensifying conservative focus on health care
Health care professionals are being forced to navigate an increasingly politicized landscape with Republican lawmakers focusing on vaccines, abortion access and gender-affirming care.

Mother pleads for 21-year-old daughter last seen at music festival in Israel to return home
Maizel's daughter Adi is missing after attending a music festival near the Gaza border that was attacked by Hamas militants.

Biden, Israel and the Middle East
President Biden will address the war between Hamas and Israel Tuesday.

CNN's Clarissa Ward shares latest from Israel
Israel struck the Gaza Strip, reducing buildings to rubble, in retaliation for the surprise weekend attack by Hamas.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Humanitarian crisis in Gaza grows: Israeli airstrikes displaced almost 200,000 people
There are concerns about food and water shortages.

Bob Boilen, All Songs Considered founder and Tiny Desk Concerts co-creator, is retiring
We look back with Boilen on his career highlights.

What to know about Hamas, the armed group that controls Gaza

Hamas has ruled the Gaza Strip since 2007, but not many people its origin or what the group stands for.

Test scores indicate students are still recovering from COVID-19 pandemic schooling changes

Most states across the country saw improvements in math. But in many states, reading scores either stalled or fell further behind where they were before the pandemic.

Supreme Court hears redistricting case out of South Carolina

The Supreme Court will weigh whether the redistricting maps out of South Carolina constitute as racial gerrymandering.

Why many state-subsidized Massachusetts apartments are empty

Homelessness is a major problem in cities and towns nationwide, including in Massachusetts. An investigation by WBUR and ProPublica finds that many state-subsidized apartments in Massachusetts are sitting empty.

The power of satire and the return of late night shows

Late-night talk shows are back on the air after months off because of the writers' strike.

Ohio craftsman is restoring town's reputation for handmade carousels

An Ohio town once known for its handmade carousels lost the last manufacturer during the pandemic. But one craftsman is picking up the chisel to revive the lost art form.

How a wedge of salt water moved into Mississippi River — and what it may mean for drinking supply

The wedge threatens the drinking water supply for several Louisiana communities.

Update from Israel amid airstrikes in Gaza

In Gaza, residents are stranded as Israel continues to pound the area with airstrikes.

Who will be the next Speaker of the House?

With no elected Speaker of the House, not much can get done in Washington.

No food, no water, no escape: Palestinian aid worker describes desperate situation in Gaza

Israeli air strikes rained down on the city over the past four days as retaliation for Hamas' attack on Israel over the weekend.

What Palestinians trapped in Gaza are saying about the war

In Gaza, officials say the power is cut off for the two million people who live there on day five of Israeli airstrikes in retaliation for Hamas's brutal attack inside...

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Millions of Palestinians remain trapped in Gaza

They're running out of food, water and electricity as Israeli airstrikes rain down around them.

Why rural villages in Japan are shrinking

NPR's Anthony Kuhn visited Japan's most aged village, where most residents are over age 65.

When conservative politics contradict with health care practices, doctors are caught in the middle

Vaccine researcher Peter Hotez warned that unfounded attacks on science will cause health disparities.

El Tiny Desk: 4 artists you can't miss during Hispanic Heritage Month and beyond
Alt.Latino hosts Anamaria Sayre and Felix Contreras about the artists taking on El Tiny Desk this year.

Father of missing Israeli man recounts the events leading up to his disappearance
Sagui Dekel-Chen was last seen fighting off Hamas militants who stormed his kibbutz on Saturday morning.

An electric vehicle future, paid for by gas
Companies are still committed to building EVs — but they're funding those plans with lots of gas-powered moneymakers.

The cost of Girl Scout cookies is going up
Inflation is hitting almost everything these days, including Girl Scout cookies.

NASA reveals asteroid sample
NASA has unveiled photos of some of the asteroid rocks returned by the OSIRIS-REx asteroid mission.

New York Republican Rep. Lawler: Speaker-elect Scalise does 'not yet' have votes to win
Republicans in the House of Representatives are still scrambling to elect a speaker, a week after ousting Kevin McCarthy.

Palestinians in the U.S. grapple with displacement, humanitarian crisis in Gaza
The Palestinian community is trying to cope with news of family members in Gaza facing displacement, and lack of food, water, or power.

States pay for housing with Medicaid
Some states are trying out a radical new kind of medical treatment.

Gaza under siege: The latest on Israel's conflict with Hamas
Israel is continuing to pound Gaza with airstrikes for the sixth day following the brutal terror attack by Hamas.

'Lost Weekend' film explores John Lennon's relationship with May Pang
May Pang and the late John Lennon had a relationship from 1973 to 1975 that was later characterized as Lennon's "lost weekend."

A culture of fear sells guns. This is how we got here.
'The Gun Machine' Ep. 2: Tracing the roots of the culture of fear used to sell guns
Gun advertising sows seeds of mistrust and the promotes need to carry a gun for self-protection. But protection from whom?

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How to safely see the annular solar eclipse

On Saturday parts of the Western and Southwestern United States and parts of Mexico and South and Central America will be able to see an annular eclipse.

How the 'Hillbilly Highway' transformed labor politics and remade the white working class

Author Max Fraser's new book traces the largely untold story of the 20th-century migration of white southerners to the industrial Midwest.

San Diego adorns sewage system in public art

San Diego's world-class public art scene now includes installations from public bathrooms to sewage treatment plants.

Japan revokes legal status of Unification Church

The controversial group was founded in South Korea by the Rev. Sun Myung.

Polish voters go to polls for important election

The country will choose between the ruling party, which has chipped away at democratic institutions, and another party which promises to restore the principles of the EU.

Longtime Washington watchers weigh in on American political support for Israel

In Israel today U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin told Israeli government officials that "we have your back" with military support after last Saturday's deadly attacks by Hamas.

The barrage of misinformation around the Israel-Hamas war

It's been nearly a week of the escalation of violence in the Middle East — and the level of misinformation being shared is unprecedented.

New NHL season hits the ice

The regular season is officially underway with 32 teams facing off for the opportunity to raise the coveted Stanley Cup.

'World Central Kitchen Cookbook' details recipes chef Jose Andres makes to feed people in crisis

All proceeds go to support World Central Kitchen's emergency response efforts.

With 'Time's Echo' Boston Globe classical music critic Jeremy Eichler explores the music of memory

In his book, Jeremy Eichler examines works by Strauss, Schoenberg, Britten, and Shostakovich.

UAW expands strike to major Ford truck plant in Kentucky

Negotiations between Ford and the UAW broke down on Wednesday when Ford said it had reached its spending limit on how much more it can offer autoworkers in this new...

Dollar General implements mobile health van

Chilly reception so far indicates this is probably not the answer to the shortage of health care in rural communities.

The latest from Gaza as Palestinians evacuate

Many of them are fleeing the northern part of Gaza, after an order from Israel telling them to evacuate.

Monday, October 16, 2023

Biden says he stands with Israel, but says there needs to be a path to a Palestinian state

The Palestinian Health Ministry says more than 2,700 people have died in Israeli airstrikes as Israel continues to bombard Gaza in the second week of its war against Hamas.

How Paris prepared for water shortages caused by climate change

Climate change is causing large cities around the world to face water shortages. But in Paris, the city has been working proactively for years to conserve and clean water.

Book dives deep into the lives and work of 'The Ransomware Hunting Team'
The book profiles the cyber experts who go after those who hack and hold companies' and organizations' data hostage.

New outdoor program alleviates stress for asylum seekers in Maine
Asylum seekers in the U.S. face myriad of challenges: housing instability, financial stress and legal uncertainty. One new outdoor program in Maine is helping to ease that stress for young...

How aid groups are responding to humanitarian crisis in Gaza
About half a million residents have evacuated northern Gaza ahead of Israel's planned ground invasion.

Medical debt is crushing working-class people. Organizers in Florida hope federal funds can help
State, local and tribal governments are coming up on a deadline to set plans to spend an infusion of pandemic-recovery dollars before the funds go away for good.

Will a Social Security cost of living adjustment be enough to offset inflation?
For many Americans, saving for retirement can be a serious challenge, especially when inflation is rampant. Higher prices erode the buying power of money that retirees save for their future.

A look into the rich history of Palestine
To understand the context of the ongoing Israel-Hamas war, one must understand the history of the country of Palestine and the different forces that led to it being occupied by...

The latest on Israel's war on Hamas
Palestinian civilians trapped in Gaza face a mounting humanitarian crisis.

How people in the Middle East are reacting to Israel-Hamas war
New York Times Gulf bureau chief Vivian Nereim talks about a surge of support for Palestinians across the Middle East as Israel considers a ground invasion of Gaza in retaliation...

Poland election: High voter turnout signals likely end to right-wing party's rule
Voters waited up in long lines on Sunday and a record 72% turned out to cast their ballots. Votes are still being counted.

Vauhini Vara's 'This is Salvaged' explores womanhood, art as social activism
Vauhini Vara's debut novel "The Immortal King Rao" is a Pulitzer-Prize finalist this year.

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Homeowners are increasingly taking legal action over pickleball noise
The pickleball craze has some detractors: Neighbors who don't like the constant noise from the courts. The constant racket has led to community disputes — and some lawsuits.

What's for dinner? Chicken, prepared 3 unique ways inspired by 3 different cultures
What's for dinner? So often the answer is chicken. It's relatively inexpensive, easy to cook and highly adaptable.

The mighty bur oak could give researchers clues to the effects of climate change
Scientists have seeded bur oak gardens in Illinois' Morton Arboretum with saplings from Illinois, Minnesota and Oklahoma.

Military analysts on what's next in Israel's war on Hamas
Military experts are studying the first video of a hostage captured by Hamas at a music festival in southern Israel. It is a minute-long clip of 21-year-old Mia Schem, whose...

Who is Jim Jordan, the Ohio Republican vying for the House speakership?
Some lawmakers — including some Republicans — have argued that Jordan shouldn't be speaker because he is an extremist, citing his role in Jan. 6.

Gaza and Israel: Body recovery underway, deteriorating humanitarian conditions
Conditions are deteriorating in Gaza as Israeli airstrikes continue. Meanwhile, teams are still recovering bodies after Hamas' attack in Israel.

Low serotonin levels linked to long COVID, new study says
Long COVID has been around since COVID first emerged in 2020, but much is still unknown about what causes it and how to treat it.

'Like a fiefdom': How one California family controls who floods and who doesn't
California has had one of its wettest years in recorded state history after enduring extreme drought, which caused widespread flooding.

President Biden to head to Israel
Biden will also be stopping in Amman, Jordan, to meet with Jordan's king, Egypt's president and the head of the Palestinian Authority from the West Bank as the White House...

Social media users accuse platforms of suppressing posts about Palestine
Users report their Palestine-related content to have lower engagement than other posts, sometimes getting taken down from their page entirely.

U.S. settles with ACLU over Trump administration immigration policies
The government has reached a settlement with the American Civil Liberties Union over the controversial Trump Administration immigration policies that separated thousands of families at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Israeli airstrikes kill more than 2,700 people in Gaza, says Palestinian Health Ministry
With Israel's counter-offensive against Hamas in its second week, a ground invasion is anticipated as a humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsens.

Alexandra Pelosi's 'The Insurrectionist Next Door' profiles everyday Americans involved in Jan. 6
Filmmaker Alexandra Pelosi spent time with Jan. 6 participants, in their homes and in some cases, their families too.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

On 'Where Are We,' saxophonist Joshua Redman takes listeners on a journey
The new album both celebrates and critiques the country.

'The math is pretty simple': Advocates testify for child care assistance in Massachusetts

This comes as much of the pandemic-era aid that kept the industry afloat has ended.

Explosion at Gaza hospital: What we know

The explosion at the hospital killed hundreds of people.

How San Francisco detectives influenced a man's wrongful conviction

A man named Joaquin Ciria was wrongfully convicted of murder in San Francisco in 1991. His friend stayed silent about the truth for decades.

Community clinic doctors work to mitigate damage from extreme heat waves

The new initiative rolled out in Florida, Louisiana and Arizona,

Intelligence around Gaza hospital bombing remains murky

President Biden says that an explosion at a Gaza hospital appears to have been set off by Islamists. But intelligence remains murky.

Pepper X crowned hottest pepper in the world

A regular jalapeño comes in at about 8,000 on the Scoville Scale ranking heat of peppers. Pepper X is about 2.7 million.

Prime Minister Netanyahu's popularity sinking amid Hamas war

Wartime leaders often get a wave of popular support. But in the case of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, that does not appear to be the case.

Roots singer Allison Russell orchestrates artistry and communal creativity

Singer-songwriter Allison Russell has been in the spotlight lately. It's not only her artistry that is drawing acclaim but her community activism that's being lauded.

Reflecting on the social and academic impacts of the pandemic with our Class of 2024

Between more students missing class and lower ACT test scores across the board, students in school are suffering.

Pro-democracy protests continue in Guatemala

The protests, which started out peaceful, turned violent on Monday as masked men threw rocks through windows and clashed with the police. At least one person died.

Putin and Xi meet in Beijing

It's the second time the two leaders have met since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Rep. Dusty Johnson on his vote for Jim Jordan to become speaker of the House

The South Dakota Republican explains why he voted for Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House, and what the inability over the past two weeks to elect a Speaker has...

Biden visits Israel amid outcry over hospital explosion

President Biden is visiting Israel ahead of an expected ground invasion of the Gaza Strip, and after Tuesday's explosion at a hospital in Gaza that killed hundreds.

Thursday, October 19, 2023

The latest on the Speaker of the House election

Republicans have emerged from a closed-door meeting on Capitol Hill to try to unite behind a candidate for Speaker.

Egypt agrees to let aid trucks into Gaza
The humanitarian situation in Gaza has only worsened.

House Republicans will try again to elect a Speaker
Members of Congress say they've been harassed and one member of Congress says she received a credible death threat.

Sam Bankman-Fried trial latest: Former FTX employee talks of intimidation
The jury has been hearing from former employees in recent days about SBF's conduct and decision-making at the company.

What Israel-Hamas war means for peace process
The devastating war between Israel and Hamas is the latest chapter in decades of turbulence in the region.

Las Vegas Aces clinch second straight WNBA title
A strong last few minutes of defense helped the Aces prevail over the New York Liberty as Las Vegas star power forward was crowned the WNBA Finals MVP.

Threats on Muslim and Jewish communities rise amid conflict
As the brutal war between Hamas and Israel continues, the conflict has sparked an increase in threats and attacks on Muslim and Jewish communities around the world.

Pressure mounts on Egypt to open its border to Gaza refugees
Egypt controls the Rafah crossing, which is the way out for desperate Palestinians trapped by Israel's blockade and attacks.

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 3: Why American citizens buy guns
Samuel Colt helped seed the fantastical version of the American West that is often misremembered as fact today.

Violence between Hamas and Israel is spilling into the West Bank
Dozens of Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West Bank have been killed.

Banking seeds for climate change in Ohio
Workers at an Ohio arboretum are collecting thousands of seeds to help restore forests and fight climate change.

Community leader on uptick in Islamophobia amid mideast conflict
The two faith leaders have been thinking and praying about the violence in the Middle East.

GOP presidential hopeful Nikki Haley generates buzz in New Hampshire
Former President Donald Trump is leading the polls as the Republican favorite months ahead of the primary season. But his former United Nations ambassador Nikki Haley has jumped to second...

Concerns that Lebanese militant group Hezbollah will join Israel-Hamas conflict grow

On the northern Israeli border, there are growing fears that the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah may join the conflict and retaliate against Israel.

Friday, October 20, 2023

Invading Russian troops have allies in Ukraine

They're a small minority of the population, but their impact can be deadly.

Jim Jordan's speakership bid ends

Jim Jordan lost a third round of voting on the House floor.

Week in politics: Leadership crisis in the House, political fallout from Biden's Israel trip

The leadership crisis in the House GOP deepened this week.

Filmmaker Raoul Peck tells the story of Black landowners losing their property

He has a new documentary out called "Silver Dollar Road." It centers on one family who had their land taken from them even though several family members live on the...

'Marvel's Spider-Man 2' game features 2 web slingers: Peter Parker and Miles Morales

The blockbuster new video game coming out Friday on the PlayStation Five.

Concerns are mounting over free speech in Israel as war rages on

Palestinians, as well as some left-wing Jewish-Israelis, are facing death threats, suspensions from school, and are even being fired from their jobs for their social media posts expressing solidarity with...

Rural hospitals threatened by Medicare Advantage increases

Medicare Advantage includes coverage offered by private insurance companies rather than traditional Medicare.

Author Bonnie Garmus talks about bringing her hit novel 'Lessons in Chemistry' to streaming

The 2022 novel was a best seller — and now it's a streaming video experiment.

MLB Championship series stays close

The MLB playoff championship series tightened Thursday night as the Arizona Diamondbacks pulled a game back against the Phillies and the Astros leveled their series with the Rangers.

How Israeli analysts see the path ahead

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said the war against Hamas could go on for weeks or months.

Voices cry out in desperation: Hearing from those in Gaza

As war rages on between Israel and Hamas, civilians across the region are suffering.

A new memorial to the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire reminds us of labor history

In 1911, 146 people, mostly women and girls, died in a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City after locked doors and a collapsed fire escape prevented...

New arrest in Haitian president assassination case, as UN renews sanctions

The suspect, Joseph Felix Badio, had avoided capture for two years and was a former anti-corruption official in the government until just two months before the assassination.

What Egyptian protesters are saying about the Israel-Hamas war

Protests have been banned in Egypt for years, but now the government is allowing people into the streets to support Gaza.

How U.S. stance on Israel impacts conflict

In his Oval Office address Thursday night, President Biden spoke about the brutality of the Hamas attack on Israel, but he also spoke about Palestinian suffering and said, "We cannot..."

Monday, October 23, 2023

Maine residents weigh overhaul to state's power providers

Next month, Maine residents will vote on whether to return power to the people.

Joy as resistance: Meet Youth Poet Laureate Salome Agbaroji

The Harvard freshman says amid disheartening moments, she finds joy, celebration and laughter are among the greatest forms of resistance.

UAW expands strike to Michigan assembly plant

In a statement, United Auto Workers said 6,800 people had walked off their jobs at an assembly plant in Michigan on Monday morning.

Recreational hunters now have easier access to use private land, thanks to an app

More landowners are turning to apps to help connect them with potential customers who want a more diverse hunting experience on private property.

What attorneys' plea deals mean for Trump in Georgia 2020 case

Sidney Powell and Kenneth Chesebro were charged alongside Trump for alleged efforts to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia. But last week, the attorneys took plea deals and agreed...

Gen. David Petraeus on a possible Israeli invasion of Gaza

Petraeus discusses the complexities of the terrain, the lack of an exit strategy and the expansion of the conflict to other Middle Eastern countries.

How do Republicans get out of Speakership mess?

There are nine candidates running for House Speaker

Aid trickles through to Gaza as conflict enters 3rd week

Humanitarian aid is finally being allowed into Gaza. However, Israel is not allowing fuel to cross — even as aid organizations warn that fuel is vital for those in Gaza.

Google sued after man drives off collapsed bridge following Google Maps

Philip Paxson's family says he was following Google Maps on a dark and rainy night when he drove off a collapsed bridge.

Antisemitism on the rise following early October attacks in Israel

The Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism has recorded at least 153 antisemitic incidents from Oct. 7 to Oct. 18.

Estate planning: Sorting it early can be a gift to you and your heirs

Planning what should happen with your or a loved one's assets can be tricky, especially if you are doing it in a moment of heightened emotion.

Research looks at how poison ivy leaves changed by climate change
Increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere has altered the leaves of poison ivy in Pennsylvania.

Ruth E. Carter has been costuming Black history for decades
The legendary costume designer won Oscars for her designs on "Black Panther" and "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever."

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Majority Whip Tom Emmer nominated for Speaker of the House
It's not clear Emmer has the votes to win.

Debate over drilling on U.S. federal land
The Biden administration wants to drastically scale back drilling.

Grandson of Israeli hostages — one released, one still captive — maintains hope for peace
Daniel Lifshitz' grandmother has been released, but his grandfather is still being held captive.

Republican who ousted McCarthy weighs in on next vote for Speaker
House Republicans have been divided on their next leader for nearly three weeks now.

Should Democrats work with Republicans to elect a Speaker?
Many republicans are placing blame on the Democrats for not voting to keep Kevin McCarthy in place as Speaker.

Chevron to acquire Hess Corp for \$53 billion in second big oil merger in a month
The acquisition follows Exxon Mobil's acquisition of Pioneer Natural Resources just weeks ago.

Some food additives banned in the EU still used in the U.S.
Food and Drugs Administration has been slow in banning those potentially harmful additives.

'Say My Name' picture book explores the importance of saying names correctly
Names reveal so much of ourselves: cultural and generational ties, tradition and power.

NBA tips off tonight with old and new stars aiming for glory
The NBA season gets underway Tuesday night with the Denver Nuggets led by star center Nikola Jokic hoping to repeat as champions. They will face the Los Angeles Lakers, led...

A new toy certification is embracing mental and social health
MESH being used as a designation for toys that teach kids conflict resolution, problem-solving and adjusting to change, among other skills.

Texas Rangers head to World Series
The Texas Rangers advanced to the World Series after defeating the Astros Monday night in Houston to win the American League pennant.

Trump fraud trial latest: Michael Cohen testifies
Michael Cohen — the 'fixer' and personal lawyer to former President Donald Trump — is testifying Tuesday as a part of the civil fraud case against Trump.

A look at Hamas' ideology and history

As the war in the Middle East enters its tragic third week, Hamas — the political and military organization that governs Gaza — is in the spotlight.

What the fight over House speaker means for Republicans

House Republicans are meeting again Tuesday to try to pick a new nominee for speaker.

Israel continues to strike Gaza in preparation for possible ground invasion

Palestinian authorities say Israeli attacks have killed at least 5,300 people since the war started after Hamas' attack on Israel, which killed around 1,400 people.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

House elects Mike Johnson as new speaker

After three weeks of lacking a leader, House Republicans have finally elected a speaker.

Iceland Women's Strike protest organizer on the fight against gender inequality

Tens of thousands of women took to the streets Tuesday in Reykjavik, Iceland, to take part in a nationwide strike and march against gender inequality.

Lawyer defending pro-Palestinian students and workers on the backlash she's seeing around the county
Supporters of Palestinian rights are experiencing a remarkable backlash for expressing their views on the conflict in the Middle East.

UN says fuel shortage will halt relief efforts in Gaza

Israeli Defense Force continues to block the supply, saying they have evidence that Hamas is hoarding fuel that could be used for humanitarian purposes.

An artist wants to honor a Black man killed in the 1930s in the Adirondacks

Massachusetts artist Keith Morris Washington is painting a landscape of the area where a Black man was brutally murdered by three white men in 1932.

New research connects long COVID brain fog to low serotonin levels

New research reveals an intriguing connection between low levels of the chemical serotonin and brain fog symptoms in some long COVID patients.

China's government cracks down on queer, feminist groups

Chinese-speaking communities outside the country are creating spaces for free expression.

Health care workers face rise in threats and verbal abuse

The harassment is linked to high levels of anxiety, depression and burnout.

In 'Familia,' Emmy-nominated chef Marcela Valladolid shares her take on Mexican dishes

The cookbook arose out of an online cooking class that Marcela and her sister Carina gave during the pandemic.

States to receive \$12.5 million to desegregate schools

A dozen states will receive grants as part of a program aimed at making schools more diverse.

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser on Meta lawsuit

The states allege Meta intentionally uses features designed to get children and teens addicted to social media sites, which in turn impacts their mental and physical health.

EPA opens civil rights probe in Alabama over sewage and disease failures

It centers on the Alabama Department of Environmental Management's implementation of a federal program that was meant to sort long-standing issues with water infrastructure across the country.

The latest from Gaza

Humanitarian aid is slowly making its way into Gaza as heavy Israeli bombardment continues.

House to vote on Republican Mike Johnson for speaker

Louisiana Republican Mike Johnson emerged as the fourth House Speaker nominee this month after Minnesota's Tom Emmer withdrew Thursday.

Sundance Audience Award-winning family dramedy 'The Persian Version' is released nationwide
Writer-director Maryam Keshavarz won the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival for a second time — a first for the festival.

Remembering actor Richard Roundtree

Groundbreaking actor Richard Roundtree has died at the age of 81.

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Palestinian journalist on what it's like covering and living through atrocities simultaneously
Hind Khoudary is covering the Israel-Hamas war while living through the atrocities herself.

At least 24 journalists have been killed in the Middle East since Oct. 7

Journalists on the ground in Gaza face particularly high risks, especially with Israel's intense bombing campaign on the region.

Who is the new House Speaker Mike Johnson?

The Louisiana representative's conservative agenda includes work as general counsel for a group that supported hardline stances on LGBTQ rights.

Lewiston, Maine shooting update

A mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine Wednesday night left at least 18 dead and 13 injured.

Gaza humanitarian crisis grows more dire by the day

Palestinians fleeing from Israel's air strikes are running out of food, water and fuel.

What's in Ford's tentative deal with UAW?

The deal includes a wage increase of about 25% and other wins for the union.

Amid heavy humanitarian toll, war also brings political implications in Israel

Israel's war with Hamas after the Hamas attack is causing a devastating humanitarian toll in Gaza.
Much less importantly, the war also raises questions in Israel about Prime Minister Benjamin...

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 4: Many guns on the streets of the U.S. are illegal

These days, guns on the street include military-grade weapons.

Lebanese flee border region as Hezbollah strikes, Israeli response escalates

More than 19,000 Lebanese residents from towns bordering Israel have left their homes seeking safety as tension in the region rises.

Police continue search for suspect in Lewiston, Maine, mass shooting
Maine officials says 18 people were killed and 13 injured on Wednesday night.

'To Kill a Tiger' tells of a family fighting for justice after a sexual assault in Jharkhand
Disobeying the wishes of their village, one family in the Indian state of Jharkhand filed criminal charges against the people raped their daughter.

Kentucky is dissolving ghost cities, some of which residents don't even know exist
Officials are using a relatively new state law to dissolve ghost towns in.

Friday, October 27, 2023

Huge golden spike in Utah drives home the role of Chinese railroad workers
Thousands of Chinese and Irish laborers risked their lives without recognition on a project that would revolutionize the United States after its completion in 1869.

Need more context on Israel and Palestine? Check out one of these books
Traci Thomas of "The Stacks" podcast has been turning to books to give her more insight into the crisis in Israel and Gaza.

What's ahead for new House Speaker? And more in politics
New Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is weighing in on the conflict in the Middle East.

For pilots, seeking mental healthcare could cost them their jobs
Many pilots put off seeking help for mental health issues because they're worried about losing their jobs.

How Singer-songwriter Lera Lynn's music underpins a new space-western video game 'Endless Dungeon'
While "Endless Dungeon" may be set on a fantastic space station, players can hear Lynn's new music serenade them at a Western-style saloon.

Witchy novels are dominating romance shelves
Witchy novels are making contemporary romance just a little bit more magical.

Judge orders Georgia lawmakers to redraw congressional maps
Also this week, North Carolina lawmakers gave final approval to a new congressional map that could allow Republicans to gain at least three House seats next year.

MLB World Series begins as Texas Rangers host Arizona Diamondbacks
Some fans are calling it the most unlikely final in many years.

Who were the militants who attacked Israel?
NPR spoke with a neighbor and family member of one perpetrator for clues on where they come from.

Former Chinese Premier Li Keqiang dies
His death is a shock to Chinese citizens. He was 68 and retired in March.

How the summer's economic growth might impact inflation

New data out this week from the Commerce Department shows the U.S. GDP surged at an annual rate of 4.9% from July through September.

Residents struggle after Hurricane Otis hits Acapulco, Mexico

Category 5 Hurricane Otis killed at least 27 people earlier this week, destroying homes and flooding streets.

The problem with Hamas for many Palestinians

Yasmine Mohammed grew up in Vancouver in an Islamic fundamentalist home, and at age 19, was forced into marriage to a man who turned out to be an al-Qaeda operative....

Manhunt continues for suspect in Lewiston, Maine, mass shootings

Police are asking people in Lewiston and surrounding areas to take extra precautions.

Monday, October 30, 2023

Former gang members, trafficking victims escape dangerous past with free branding tattoo removal

About one-third of American adults have a tattoo, according to the Pew Center; the most popular are butterflies, dragons, roses and flowers. But for some Americans, there's no joy in...

Update on Israel's ground invasion of Gaza

The Israeli military says its troops have killed four prominent Hamas militants.

Teens and social media: What's true, what hurts and what stays around forever

Between cyberbullying, tackling misinformation, and higher depression rates in young adults, social media is a platform with unending potential.

How to make sound investments this fall

Interest rates are still at a record high.

Biden issues executive order to regulate AI

Pregnant migrants often lack basic prenatal care

Chicago doesn't have specific protocols related to women who arrive pregnant.

Fall in love with 3 pumpkin recipes this autumn

These three recipes use pumpkin in unexpected ways.

The psychological impact of witnessing a mass shooting on youth

Dr. Sandro Galea talks about the mental health toll of witnessing a mass shooting on kids and teenagers.

A baby is born in Gaza, as her family pays a tragic price under Israeli bombardment

Hospitals in Gaza are barely running because of the Israeli air strikes, which started more than three weeks ago after the Hamas attack on southern Israel.

Remembering Matthew Perry's work as an addiction and recovery advocate

The world is mourning actor Matthew Perry — best known for his iconic role as Chandler Bing on "Friends" — who died on Saturday at age 54.

Shrinking cement's massive carbon footprint

One startup in Massachusetts is working to shrink cement's carbon footprint.

Disgraced crypto guru Sam Bankman-Fried testifies in fraud trial

Bankman-Fried testified on Friday too in an effort to win over the jury after several weeks of former colleagues speaking in court about his handling of the company and investor...

Israeli troops reportedly move further into Gaza

The Health Ministry in Gaza reports that the Palestinian death toll from the war has surpassed 8,300 people.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

What does international law say about Israel-Hamas war

What do the Geneva Conventions say? What do terms like "collective punishment" mean?

Israeli mother learned her daughter was among those killed at Oct. 7 music festival

Hamas attacked a music festival in Israel on Oct. 7.

New report: If current levels hold, as little as 6 years remain to limit global warming to 1.5°C

Amid wars, a mass shooting, and tumult in Congress, risks of climate change still loom large.

'The Exorcist' has possessed the horror genre for 50 years

Some call it the "scariest movie ever made," and it has influenced the horror genre since its release.

'Alan Wake' creator Sam Lake on how sequel scares by blending filmed acting and gameplay

Inspired by Twin Peaks and Stephen King, the new game plunges players into a Pacific Northwest town and the nightmare world connected to it.

UAW strike ends: The Big Three, electric vehicles and the future

Among the various deals struck are new protections for employment and electric vehicle production.

Blind sports broadcaster Allan Wylie is in it for the love of the game

The 17-year-old did a stint this summer in the broadcast booth of Cleveland's high-A affiliate baseball team, The Lake Country Captains.

What behavioral science says about working through entrenched divisions

Many of us don't stop to consider how brain science might be at play when we're at odds.

UAW reaches tentative agreement: What one Ford worker thinks

The tentative deals reached with the Big Three automakers could end the six-week strike by the UAW.

Supreme Court to weigh in on government officials and social media

Two cases before the high court Tuesday involve government officials blocking critics from their private social media pages.

The latest from Gaza as Israel continues its advance

Israel is steadily expanding its presence in Gaza with troops in both the northern and central parts of the coastal territory.

Lewiston shooting killed 4 members of the deaf community

The shooting in Lewiston is believed to be the deadliest incident of its kind.

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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Even as news from Middle East dominates headlines, Ukraine-Russia war rages on

On Wednesday, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addressed Ukrainian troops, saying there would be no easy victories in the counter-offensive to retake Russian-occupied territory.

'Exposed' podcast charts gynecologist's abuse and Columbia University's failure to stop it

The podcast unfurls the story of Dr. Robert Hadden, who assaulted hundreds — perhaps thousands — of unsuspecting patients and the efforts to bring him to justice while his employer...

Following the aftermath of Hurricane Otis

Nearly 100 people are dead or still missing in Acapulco, Mexico, after Hurricane Otis rampaged through the region.

Israeli Defense Forces struck Gaza's largest refugee camp twice

The strike killed dozens of people.

Mail-order abortion drug ban is part of a must-pass Republican spending bill

The ban is currently tucked into a normally non-controversial spending bill on agriculture.

How \$8 billion in infrastructure projects may help America's groundwater crisis

Rural communities across the country are running out of groundwater.

What Werner Herzog reveals in new memoir 'Every Man for Himself and God Against All'

German-born filmmaker actor and author Werner Herzog has 50 feature films and documentaries under his belt.

In 'Big Heart, Little Stove,' Erin French gives tastes of The Lost Kitchen experience

Erin French's The Lost Kitchen in Freedom, Maine, is one of the hardest restaurants in the country to get into.

Get down at Kansas City's new gender neutral square dance

A new square dance group in Kansas City is putting a gender-neutral spin on the traditional American art form.

What's behind the United States' strong support for Israel?

More than three weeks into the Israel-Hamas war, President Biden continues to signal his strong support for Israel. That support goes back decades.

Donald Trump Jr. to take the stand in civil fraud trial against former president

The case accuses the Trump organization of committing fraud for decades.

Injured Palestinians reach Egypt through Rafah crossing: The latest on the Israel-Hamas war

Israel takes responsibility for Tuesday's strikes on a Palestinian refugee camp in Gaza.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Democrats divided on Israel-Hamas war

President Biden said he thinks there should be a humanitarian pause in the war between Israel and Hamas.

'Now and Then,' new Beatles song with John Lennon's voice, drops

Completed this year, the song has been 45 years in the making: The first bars were written by John Lennon in 1978.

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 5: The police are one of the gun industry's biggest customers

This episode looks at the rise of military-style weapons, like the Glock pistol, in police departments and federal law enforcement.

Texas Rangers make history with first World Series win

The Texas Rangers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday.

Crisis in the West Bank grows: Israeli forces kill more than 100 Palestinians

2023 has been the deadliest year for Palestinians in the west bank in two decades, and it's only gotten worse since the war in Gaza began.

What does the Israel-Hamas War mean for global stability?

About a week into the Israel-Hamas war, New York Times columnist Tom Friedman wrote: "I have never been more worried about how this situation could spin out of control..."

Latest updates on Israel-Hamas war

Evacuations out of Gaza are continuing for a second day. Hundreds of foreign nationals, including 400 Americans, are scheduled to cross into Egypt through the Rafah border crossing.

It's best in show for kids and their animals at the American Royal Livestock competition

The American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri, attracts thousands of competitors each year to show off their livestock. This includes many children and teens who raise and show...

Former hostage negotiator on breaking contact with Hamas

Gershon Baskin, a peace activist known as the only Israeli who has kept up direct contact with leaders of Hamas, is publicly breaking ties with one of them.

China holds muted cremation ceremony for former Premier Li Keqiang

That contrasted with the outpouring of public grief and shock over his sudden death last week at the age of 68. And that display of emotion has continued for days.

Minnesota and Colorado consider removing Trump from ballot

At issue is a section of the 14th Amendment, which disqualifies anyone from running for president if they "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against the Constitution, after taking an oath...

'Ceasefire now': A conversation with the protestor who interrupted President Biden

Rabbi Jessica Rosenberg of Jewish Voice for Peace talks about her call for a ceasefire in Gaza and her interruption of President Biden.

National Security Council's John Kirby on Biden administration's response to Israeli strikes on Gaza

John Kirby, spokesperson for the National Security Council, talks about the Biden administration's response to Israel's strikes on a refugee camp in Gaza, calls for a pause or ceasefire, and...

Friday, November 3, 2023

Why birds like Cooper's Hawk and Anna's Hummingbird are getting new names

The official English-language naming organization for birds in the U.S. is making a bold move to prevent potentially offensive bird names.

Democrats, Republicans remain divided on aid to Israel and avoiding a government shutdown

We discuss political fallout in the U.S. from Israel's war in Gaza.

New book 'Romney' charts Mitt Romney's path from presidential candidate to party pariah

The book offers a profile of the senator and former presidential candidate Mitt Romney done with Romney's full cooperation.

What to watch this November: 'All the Light We Cannot See,' 'Invincible' season 2

Despite an ongoing actor strike, November is shaping up to be a big month for TV.

The legend of the Goatman haunts Denton, Texas

The fable is grounded in the real-life horror of lynchings in 1930s Texas.

Life expectancy in the U.S. is falling amid chronic illness epidemic

Many people are dying early of chronic illnesses like diabetes, obesity, hypertension and fatty liver disease.

Harvard student launches hotline to promote peaceful dialogue amidst ongoing Israel-Hamas war

The initiative already has two dozen volunteers, spanning across religions, ethnicities and countries.

'Fear and anxiety': Daily life of a student in Gaza

Young people in Gaza have seen their lives upended since the beginning of the conflict in Israel.

Jury finds conspiracy over real estate broker fees

A jury ordered the National Association of Realtors and other large brokerages to pay nearly \$2 billion in damages to home sellers, saying the groups had conspired to inflate real...

Drug shortages put strain on hospitals

Hospitals are adapting to chronic interruptions in the supply of medicines.

Ken 'TK' Mattingly, Apollo 16 astronaut, dies at 87

He circled the moon and flew the shuttle but may be best remembered for the mission he didn't fly:

The ill-fated Apollo 13.

A major encampment of unhoused people in Phoenix is gone. What happens now?

After a group of business owners near the camp filed a lawsuit last year, complaining of rampant drug use and violence, a judge ordered the city to clear up to...

Sam Bankman-Fried found guilty of fraud

The former CEO of cryptocurrency exchange FTX, has been found guilty of all charges relating to his fraud trial in New York.

The latest from the Israel-Hamas war

The Israeli military says it has encircled Gaza City and is engaging Hamas in close combat.

Monday, November 6, 2023

Blizzard president discusses gaming giant's future after Microsoft acquisition

Blizzard President Mike Ybarra joins us to discuss the future of the company after a sex abuse scandal tarnished the company's once-gleaming reputation.

Chicago police officers appeared on membership rolls for the Oath Keepers

At least 27 Chicago police officers appeared on leaked rosters for the Oath Keepers, an anti-government extremist group.

More than 2 dozen eyedrop products recalled because of dangerous bacterial contamination

The Food and Drug Administration says the products could cause partial vision loss or blindness.

The latest on Trump's civil fraud trial: Former president takes the stand

Former President Donald Trump's testimony follows that of his son Eric Trump, who testified Friday.

National Book Award finalist 'Fire Weather' explores the links between fire and our warming planet

Climate change is shaping fires present and future.

Health care enrollment opens for 2024: What to know

While it's easy to just pick what you went with last year that may not be the best idea.

New network aims to expand emotional support care farms in the U.S.

Care farms are agricultural farms that help people address mental health issues such as anxiety, depression and grief.

Students are losing interest in college

From 2019 to 2021, the rate of students who enrolled in higher education within six months of graduation fell by 10%.

Musical trio The Sampaguitas seeks to bring sounds of the Philippines to the U.S.

The Sampaguita released an album, also called "The Sampaguitas," which contains Filipino folk songs sung in Tagalog, one of the languages of the Philippines.

Abortion rights are on the ballot in Ohio

A six-week abortion ban briefly went into effect last year but is under review by the Ohio Supreme Court.

Sec. of State Blinken continues trip in Middle East

Secretary of State Antony Blinken visited Israel on Friday and called for a pause in fighting.

Death toll in Gaza surpasses 10,000 people, 1 month into Israel-Hamas war

It's been one month since Hamas attacked Israeli towns, killing an estimated 1,400 people according to Israeli officials. In the ensuing war, Israeli airstrikes have killed more than 10,000 people,...

Palestinian children experience high rates of PTSD, depression from chronic violence

Studies have also documented more aggressive behaviors and a greater likelihood of participating in violent political protests as adolescents and young adults.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

WeWork files for bankruptcy after being lauded as the future of co-working
WeWork was once valued at over \$40 billion in 2019.

Supreme Court hears important case on gun ownership and domestic violence
The case looks at whether someone under a domestic violence restraining order should be able to possess a firearm.

Collapse of Utah's Great Salt Lake is 'so close you can feel it'
The crisis has set off a race among state lawmakers, scientists and environmental advocates to save the largest salt-water lake in the Western Hemisphere.

What next for UAW and its leader Shawn Fain after successful strikes?
The collective action outcome has been seen as a huge victory for the labor movement.

Name changed of last army base named for Confederate general
Fort Gordon in Georgia is now Fort Eisenhower.

Families of Israeli hostages plead for loved ones' safe return
Some Israelis came to Washington D.C. to plead for international action to negotiate the safe return of family captured by Hamas.

Robert McCormick's blues collection becomes public
A massive and closely held collection of blues music and research from the 1950s and 60s is seeing the light of day.

Is Nevada trending red or blue as 2024 approaches?
A New York Times poll showed former President Donald Trump leading President Biden by 10 points in the state, which Biden won in 2020.

Celebrating 10 years of 'Crazy Rich Asians' novel with author Kevin Kwan
When Kevin Kwan's novel "Crazy Rich Asians" was published in 2013, it became a best-seller, a hit film, and a bit of a cultural phenomenon.

The impact of making the definition of infertility more inclusive
As of last month, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine officially expanded the term to include LGBTQ+ and single people.

What history tells us about the antisemitism stoked by the Israel-Hamas war
There has been vandalism at Jewish synagogues and horrendous videos on social media threatening violence against Jews.

Save the Children and other humanitarian aid agencies call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu continues to reject growing calls for a ceasefire in Gaza, despite mounting international pressure,

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Medicaid is unwinding, and families feeling the strain push back
The ending of pandemic-era protections means millions of people across the country are losing their health insurance coverage through Medicaid.

'What it's doing now is indefensible': What should Israel's approach be in Gaza?

Israel's response — bombing thousands of targets in Gaza — has killed more than 10,000 people according to Palestinian authorities. That has led to outrage and protests in the U.S....

Amtrak's Northeast Corridor, the nation's busiest line, gets \$16 billion boost

The funding will go to almost 30 projects along the lines connecting cities such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Washington D.C.

In 'The Race to be Myself,' Olympian Caster Semenya shares battle to be recognized as a woman

The International Association of Athletics Federations sought to ban Semenya from racing because of her elevated testosterone levels.

Ivanka Trump takes the stand in civil fraud case against Donald Trump

Ivanka Trump's father and brothers have been found liable for persistent fraud.

How Democrat Andy Beshear won re-election as governor in deep-red Kentucky

Beshear defeated Republican challenger and state Attorney General Daniel Cameron in what was regarded by many as a close race.

Thousands dead as Sudan civil war continues between government and paramilitary forces

Sudan's civil war nears its seventh month.

Community fridges offer a creative solution to fight both hunger and climate change

Volunteers stock community fridges with free food.

New CDC director on latest COVID-19 booster, other vaccines

The CDC is encouraging everyone eligible to get the latest COVID-19 booster, flu and RSV vaccines.

Mass expulsion of migrants underway in Pakistan

Pakistan is expelling its undocumented migrants, most of whom are Afghans who've fled decades of war and instability.

5 years after the Camp Fire, recovery has 'quite a distance to go'

The Camp Fire went down in history on Nov. 8, 2018, as the state's deadliest and most destructive wildfire ever, killing at least 85 people in Butte County.

Americans overwhelmingly support congressional term limits

A whopping 87% of Americans say they support congressional term limits.

UAW president Shawn Fain on union victories in tentative contracts

The United Auto Workers union scored major victories in tentative contracts with Detroit's Big Three automakers.

Abortion rights victories on election day

Abortion rights victories are energizing Democrats across the U.S.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Music labels take steps to prevent artists from replicating Taylor Swift's re-recording success

We are never re-recording together. Like ever.

In 'The Core of an Onion' Mark Kurlansky peels back the layers of the ubiquitous allium
The book looks at onion history, fun facts and recipes.

SAG-AFTRA secures key AI agreement in contract with Hollywood studios
The tentative contract sees large wage increases, but also features language about the use of artificial intelligence in the industry.

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 6: How the NRA came into power
How did the NRA become influential enough to pressure Congress for laws that benefit gun companies?

Doctors Without Borders pediatrician on Gaza humanitarian crisis
Over the past decade, Dr. Tanya Haj-Hassan has worked in Gaza and the West Bank as a medical trainer with several organizations.

Takeaways from third GOP presidential debate
The five candidates onstage largely refrained from attacking frontrunner former President Donald Trump, who was not there.

Surgeon on what he's seen in Gaza
Hospitals overflow with people injured by Israeli airstrikes.

Organizers in Ohio work to engage 'rightfully cynical' Black voters
Activists there have been on the ground working to engage and register Black voters from different walks of life, and are now reflecting on the importance of these efforts ahead...

Stray dogs terrorize rural California town
The wild dogs have been killing livestock and chasing people, and are the talk of the town.

'Fast Car' by Tracy Chapman won country song of the year at the CMAs
The song reached a new generation of fans thanks to a cover by Luke Combs.

Look up: See Leonid, Taurid meteor showers and Euclid images of galaxies far away this season
The Euclid space telescope is sending its first images from a million miles away. The mind-blowing and glittering images capture hundreds of thousands of galaxies.

SAG-AFTRA strike ends: What we know so far
A tentative agreement was reached between the union and Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez on GOP field and debate
The frontrunner, former President Donald Trump was not there.

Israel agrees to 4-hour daily pauses in fighting to allow civilians in Gaza to safely flee south
On Wednesday, thousands of civilians fled northern Gaza, many on foot, after Israel opened a brief humanitarian corridor for civilians to evacuate the north.

Friday, November 10, 2023

NWSL final: Gotham FC and OL Reign battle for the women's soccer championship

The National Women's Soccer League final is in San Diego this year.

Palestinian American poet reflects on a month of violence in the Middle East
Priscilla Wathington has tried to find the words to contextualize conditions for Palestinians.

NASA's oldest living astronaut has died
Frank Borman commanded two of the space agency's early missions including the first trip to the moon.

Advocates call for mental health support for toddlers
Child care providers in Alabama say they are struggling to address an uptick in aggressive behavior in young children. The situation is putting a strain on teachers.

Abortion reverberates through week in politics
Election day saw a slew of abortion victories for Democrats.

Is BravoCon just another way for a deep-pocketed media platform to exploit reality TV stars?
The event came after Vanity Fair investigated claims of alleged abuse at Bravo's shows, and as some past stars advocated for reality stars to unionize.

One woman turned her Connecticut garden into a hotbed for healing
Research has proven nature's dynamic healing powers for people who have experienced trauma.

It's been 81 years since the formation of the Navajo Code Talkers
More than 400 young men from the Navajo Nation enlisted in the Marines during World War II.

Jezebel, online feminist magazine, shuts down after 16 years
Caitlin Cruz, one of the magazine's senior reporters, says this is a loss for the coverage of reproductive rights in the country.

Texas prisons face staffing and training crisis
As many as two-thirds of all positions are vacant at some state facilities.

Reporter trip to Middle East unpacks conflict, leader responses
Steve Inskeep spoke to locals, leaders and experts about the conflict, spending time in the West Bank and Israel.

Democratic Sen. Manchin not seeking re-election
Centrist Democratic Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia has been at the center of many battles in Washington over spending and other bills because of Democrats' slim majority there.

Aid relief organizations report trouble getting in to Gaza
Dozens of truckloads of aid have been getting in each day when there should be hundreds of truckloads each day.

Monday, November 13, 2023

'The Upstairs Delicatessen' tells of Dwight Garner's lifelong love of reading and eating
The New York Times literary critic takes readers on a journey through his food and book-obsessed childhood, infusing it along the way with the words of the great writers who...

Florida Rep. faces condemnation for calling for ceasefire
Florida Democratic Rep. Angie Nixon was harshly condemned by members of both parties.

LA freeway fire left a crucial stretch of Interstate 10 closed
A fire over the weekend destroyed critical columns.

Humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsens as hospitals go dark amidst fuel shortage
This comes as fighting between Israel's military and Hamas intensifies around Al-Shifa, Gaza's largest health facility.

Polls show voter concern about rise of China
President Biden meets with China's Xi Jinping this week.

Beyond turkey: How to start a conversation with children about Thanksgiving
A Native American children's book author who often goes to schools to talk about gratitude has advice about how parents can reframe the story of Thanksgiving for their young children.

Sacramento's top prosecutor defends homelessness lawsuit
Thien Ho, district attorney of Sacramento, California, says a spike in homelessness has led to a public safety crisis.

Alaska's massive Willow oil project moves forward after judge rejects challenge by environmentalists
Alaska's Willow Project will be the largest oil development on federal land in decades.

Trauma therapist describes work with kids after kibbutz killings
When Massachusetts-based trauma therapist Lisa Fliegel heard about the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks in Israel, she had only one thought: "How quickly can I get there?"

What stands in the way of lowering inflation?
Inflation is now 3.7%. But the Federal Reserve Chair says we should be closer to 2%.

Why this Mid-Atlantic crab is showing up in Maine
Scientists say it's due to the state's quickly warming ocean waters.

Denver mayor pushing for work permits to ease migrant crisis
Denver Mayor Mike Johnston is leading a group of four more Democratic mayors pushing for solutions from the Biden administration, and he recently met with some Biden advisers.

The latest from Gaza as conditions worsen in hospitals
The World Health Organization reported on Sunday that Gaza's largest hospital — Al-Shifa — "is not functioning as a hospital anymore."

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Climate change is affecting us now: Takeaways from the 5th National Climate Assessment
The National Climate Assessment comes out once every five years.

U.S. launches airstrikes at Iranian facilities in Syria
The Pentagon says the strikes are linked to recent attacks on U.S. troops in Syria and Iraq.

'It just felt right': Students fight back against wage theft

A federal court is now holding the business owner accountable for his actions.

'Lost Caverns of Ixalan' centers Aztec, Olmec, Mayan culture in huge new 'Magic: the Gathering' set
"Lost Caverns of Ixalan" incorporates Mesoamerican cultures, dinosaurs, vampires and pirates.

In California, 20 farming families use more water than some Western states
Water conservation efforts are falling short of fixing the West's megadrought. A new investigation by ProPublica and The Desert Sun reveals one reason why: not every water user counts equally.

3 Thanksgiving sides to steal the show this holiday
I feel the need to always include at least a few new side dishes each Thanksgiving to keep things fresh.

How climate change is impacting the U.S. economy
The effects of climate change are costing the U.S. nearly \$150 billion every year, according to a new National Climate Assessment.

Have we lost empathy amid war in the Middle East?
People often take sides in a conflict and perhaps even demonize those who disagree with them.

Maui hotel manager on the return of tourists after wildfires
Brandon Chu, general manager of the Paia Inn on Maui's North Shore, talks about how the island is recovering from the wildfires.

Israel claims there's a Hamas military compound underneath a hospital in Gaza: What we know
Details from the military, including video, couldn't be independently confirmed.

Supreme Court releases new code of ethics
The Supreme Court released the new code of ethics Monday after months of criticism, but there isn't an enforcement mechanism.

Another sequester? What's likely as a government shutdown looms
Democrats and Republicans appear to be closer to agreeing on a short-term spending measure to keep the lights on for a bit longer.

President Biden to meet Xi Jinping at the APEC summit
It will be just their second meeting since Biden became president almost three years ago.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Why this index ranked Hawaii as the most inclusive state in the U.S.
The University of California Berkeley's Othering and Belonging Institute releases an annual index that measures the inclusiveness of U.S. states and countries around the world.

Learn to make 'The Cookie That Changed' Nancy Silverton's life and more in her new book
Can a cookie change your life? Well, according to award-winning chef and restaurateur Nancy Silverton, the answer is an unequivocal yes.

U.S. Steel rolls out electric locomotives at Pennsylvania plants
The electric trains will replace two diesel locomotives and emit zero carbon dioxide.

On a first date? Watch out for these financial red flags

We've all been trained to look out for red flags on first dates. But what about financial red flags?

Thousands of veterans face foreclosure to no fault of their own. Here's how the VA can fix it
The Department of Veterans Affairs is working on a fix, but it could be too late.

Remembering Israeli peace activist Vivian Silver

Vivian Silver, who dedicated her life to building bridges between Israelis and Palestinians, was believed to have been taken hostage on Oct. 7 by Hamas. She was confirmed dead this...

Mother presses Biden to protect Colombians after losing two sons to violence

Some families in Colombia still worry about their safety as illegal groups continue to fight the government and kidnap people.

'No help came': How a Palestinian-American family escaped the war in Gaza

Helal Kaoud spent over a month pleading with American officials to help her father, brother and uncles — all American citizens — return home after they became trapped in Gaza...

Bernardo Arevalo, Guatemala president-elect, visits Washington, D.C.

His visit comes as the ruling class in Guatemala attempts to thwart his attempts to take the seat he won this summer. His party has been suspended and multiple courts...

How do we know whether we're healthy?

A slew of new health tests could become routine for check-ups in the future, including those examining the biome, the immune system, chronological versus body age, and metabolism.

Israeli forces enter Gaza's Al-Shifa hospital

The Israeli military says it entered Al-Shifa hospital in a precise and targeted operation against Hamas.

Government shutdown avoided with House bill

The House passed the bill yesterday with a bipartisan vote.

Iceland rocked by thousands of small earthquakes, volcanic eruption imminent

A town had to be evacuated and scientists believe an eruption could happen at any moment.

Poll finds Biden's Democratic support slipping, Americans divided about the Israel-Hamas war

Americans mostly support Israel, but they're divided about its actions in Gaza following Hamas Oct. 7 attacks.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Everything you need to cook a mouthwatering Thanksgiving meal, from the bird to sides to dessert
Every year, our resident chef Kathy Gunst serves up new recipes and tips to help home chefs cook a delicious holiday feast. So, we're looking back on some of Kathy's...

Researchers discover distant planet has clouds made of sand

Clouds aren't always made of water on other planets.

NBC's 'Found' explores what it means to look for those society has little interest in finding

In NBC's new TV procedural, one woman makes it her job to find missing people who have slipped through the system.

The latest from the Russia-Ukraine war
Russia and Ukraine are engaged in heavy fighting along the eastern side of the Dnipro River near Kherson.

'Barbie' ushered in a big year for women in Hollywood
2023 is becoming a banner year for women in film.

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 7: What challenges the federal law enforcement agency in charge of guns faces
This episode of "The Gun Machine" looks at the agency charged with regulating guns, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, known as the ATF.

U.S. ambassador to China on Biden's meeting with Xi Jinping
Biden said the two discussed Taiwan and agreed to curb fentanyl production.

The government is fighting back against a barrier to Black homeownership
The Department of Justice is going after banks for illegal mortgage lending discrimination, opening the door to homeownership for some families of color.

Rep. Kilmer on spending fights, leaving Congress
The two-track government funding bill is heading to President Biden for his signature, after passing the House and Senate, but it doesn't fund additional military aid to Israel and Ukraine.

UN says record 6.9 million displaced amid fighting in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Most of those displaced are in the eastern provinces where fighting has been ongoing for decades.

Why Canadian teenagers say peer drug education is vital to keeping youth safe amid opioid epidemic
Sisters Taliah and Zara Lyons are educating their peers about drug safety using harm reduction techniques.

White house launches program to create recovery-friendly workplaces
An estimated 20 million Americans are recovering from drug addiction. The new program would help them obtain and maintain a job.

A year after the Southwest's epic meltdown, what has changed?
Last December, an estimated 2 million passengers were stranded after a blizzard led to day after day of cancellations at the airline. Now, Southwest says it's better prepared to handle...

Hamas took more than 2 dozen Thai nationals hostage
They worked at farms in southern Israel.

'Time has not been exhausted yet' for hostages being held by Hamas
Gershon Baskin, who is called Israel's most famous hostage negotiator, talks about a deal that's said to be in the works for the release of some hostages being held by...

Friday, November 17, 2023

GiveDirectly wants to help people move before climate disaster strikes
The group surveyed residents of a dangerous mountainside in Uganda to find out how much money they would need to relocate to a safer setup. The answer was about \$1,800....

Investigation into indigenous Canadian icon Buffy Sainte-Marie reveals European heritage

Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is considered an indigenous icon in Canada. Sainte-Marie has long claimed she has Cree Nation ancestry.

Government shutdown avoided after weeks of tension and more in politics
Migration, fentanyl trafficking and relations with Cuba are on the agenda when President Biden meets with the President of Mexico on Friday.

Chinese leader Jinping says country will open for business
This comes as foreign direct investment in China went into negative territory for the first time in 25 years.

How eSims are helping thousands in Gaza stay connected to the world during communications blackouts
The latest communications blackout in Gaza entered its second day Friday, forcing aid agencies to stop deliveries of food and supplies into Gaza.

What's up with white rhinos' gut bacteria? Scientists want to know
Researchers in North Carolina are studying white rhino poop for clues that could aid in conservation efforts.

David DePape found guilty of attacking Paul Pelosi
A jury found David DePape guilty of all federal charges for breaking into the home of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and attacking her husband Paul Pelosi last October.

The Supreme Court's new ethical rules, dark money and Leonard Leo
Questions also arise about how conservative justices are selected and influenced. The story centers on a man called Leonard Leo and his web of hidden donors.

'Latingrass' duo re-interprets Bluegrass and traditional Venezuelan music
The duo from North Carolina is reinventing traditional Bluegrass from Appalachia by combining it with traditional music of Venezuela.

The latest on the federal investigation into NYC Mayor Eric Adams' campaign
Did Eric Adams' mayoral campaign conspire to accept illegal donations from Turkey? That question is at the root of the federal investigation that included FBI agents searching the home of..

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport tops the list of best airports
The Wall Street Journal is out with its list of the best large and midsize airports of 2023.

'Black AF History' centers Black history in the story of America
Author and political commentator Michael Harriot re-tells the story of America from the perspective and experiences of Black people — casting well-known historical narratives in an entirely new light.

Fuel shortages cut Gaza off from the world as phone lines and internet connections go dark
After Israeli forces raided Gaza's largest hospital, the Palestinian death toll from Israeli airstrikes continues to rise as the communication blackout has halted vital aid distribution.

Monday, November 20, 2023

What we know about how U.S. weapons sent to Israel are used in war

Israel is the largest recipient of U.S. military aid, but there are questions about how that aid is being used in the war against Hamas and concerns about whether a...

Remembering Rosalynn Carter and her mental health advocacy

Rosalynn Carter, the late wife of former president Jimmy Carter, dedicated much of her life after the White House to advocating for mental health care.

Milei wins: What to know about Argentina's election results

Ultra conservative economist Javier Milei will be Argentina's next president after a stunning upset in Sunday's runoff election.

Holiday spending in decline this year

It's a key signal for where the economy might be heading in 2024.

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter dies at age 96: Remembering her legacy

Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was an advocate for mental health care and caregivers, and an international humanitarian. She was considered an activist as a First Lady.

How K-12 schools are responding to the Israel-Hamas war

There's been a rise in anti-Semitism and Islamophobia since the Israel-Hamas war began.

Period simulator allows men to experience the pain of menstruation

The device simulates the experience of period cramps.

Sam Altman is out at OpenAI: Unpacking what that means for artificial intelligence in tech

In a shock firing, the board at OpenAI ousted CEO Sam Altman last Friday. The move has left the start-up in turmoil as hundreds of employees threatened to resign in...

Journalist David Ignatius talks about reporting from Gaza

Washington Post columnist David Ignatius talks about negotiations to release Israeli hostages and his recent reporting trip to Gaza.

The world faces 'hellish' warming as climate policies fall short, UN warns

Last week the world's top two emitters, China and the U.S., announced new steps to reduce global emissions of methane, a potent and sometimes overlooked greenhouse gas.

Hostage release negotiations are ongoing as Israel and Hamas battle around another hospital in Gaza

The pending agreement could result in a possible pause in fighting.

Paul Giamatti on finding humanity in the unlikable in his new film 'The Holdovers'

The actor stars as a curmudgeonly teacher at a New England prep school who bonds with a student and a kitchen worker over the 1970 Christmas holiday.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Ibram X. Kendi's book 'Stamped from the Beginning' adapted as a documentary

"Stamped from the Beginning" is about the history of racism, how and why concepts of Blackness and whiteness were invented, and how policies used to divide people led to persistent,...

More Americans turn to retirement savings in emergencies

Most financial experts say not to touch your retirement savings until it's actually time to retire.

Exploring the United States through pie

The cookbook is an homage to the ingredients, traditions and flavors of every state in the nation.

Arkansas activists will fight back against voting rights ruling, calling it a 'setback'

On Monday, a 3-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that private individuals and groups such as the NAACP cannot sue over...

UnitedHealth pushed staff to follow an insurance payment algorithm. Patient care suffered

Some Medicare patients didn't get the rehabilitative care they needed.

In 'Critical Hits,' writers gets personal about video games

The new book "Critical Hits: Writers Play Video Games" features essays about video games from acclaimed memoirists and fiction writers.

Qatar's careful balancing act in Israel-Hamas war

Qatar is mediating hostage negotiations between Israel and Hamas. The country is also a U.S. ally with a major U.S. base there. Qatar is also home to a Hamas office...

Women's sports coverage reaches new heights, but has a long way to go

New research from Wasserman has found that 15% of all sports coverage in the US is focused on women's sports

Trump called his opponents 'vermin' in New Hampshire: Why that language matters

That language echoes language used by Adolf Hitler and raises questions about authoritarianism rising in the U.S.

One Canadian says he wants compensation from his government after arrest in China

Michael Spavor is one of two Canadians who were jailed by authorities in China in 2018. The arrest came after Canada detained a top executive from the Chinese tech company...

George Santos announces he will not seek reelection following House report

A report by the House Ethics Committee found he violated federal laws by fabricating his life to get into Congress.

The latest on hostage negotiations between Israel and Hamas

A humanitarian pause from Israel's bombardment of Gaza is expected as part of the deal.

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White House official says hostage deal is 'not the end of the war'

After this hostage operation, Israel says the war will continue until it accomplishes its objectives.

Atari re-releases pioneering 2600 console

It packs plenty of nostalgia and drops as high-tech gaming gadgets flood the market ahead of Black Friday.

Professor says Israel is not conducting genocide now, but worries it might happen

Since the outbreak of violence in Gaza in October, Omer Bartov has watched the treatment of Palestinians at the hands of Israeli forces closely.

Record travel surge over Thanksgiving hampered by weather
Millions of us are traveling for Thanksgiving this year, despite inflation, recent holiday transportation meltdowns and bad weather.

Cousin of 3-year-old Israeli hostage speaks about release deal
Abigail Mor Idan was orphaned by the Oct. 7 attacks in Israel and has been held since then with more than 200 other hostages.

Recovery Idol in Wichita offers a safe space for performers in recovery
Drugs and alcohol are often part of the music scene.

Black residents of small North Carolina town demand cleanup from aluminum giant Alcoa
Badin, North Carolina, was a company town until Alcoa closed its aluminum smelting plant after more than 90 years of operation.

Cracks in European unity are showing over Israel-Hamas conflict
The violence in the region had exposed some divisions within Europe's usually tight nations, both within and outside borders.

U.S.-China relations: What's next after Biden, Xi meeting
President Biden and Xi Jinping met recently to discuss climate, fentanyl and military communications.

What hostage deal means for Israel-Hamas war
Qatar announced a deal to release some Israeli hostages and Palestinian prisoners and pause fighting.

Parking minimums: Why critics say these little-known laws are pushed to the limit
Some cities, including Austin, Texas, are moving away from parking minimums.

Israel and Hamas agree to hostage release and 4-day pause in fighting: What you need to know
The deal will swap 50 Israel hostages for 150 Palestinian prisoners.

Celebrating 100 years of Disney
It all started 100 years ago with a mouse.

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U.S. oil prices are still dropping, but OPEC could change that
Prices for oil continue to drop. However, the OPEC+ group of oil-producing nations are set to meet next week and that could cause prices to go back up, depending on...

Ukraine war update: Heavy fighting along Dnipro River
The river has emerged as a new front line in the war as Ukrainian troops try to get closer to Russian-annexed Crimea.

What happens when public schools don't meet their federal obligation to children with disabilities
Federal law requires public schools to accommodate special needs students.

'Maestro' biopic features Bradley Cooper as Leonard Bernstein
The film was directed by Bradley Cooper, who stars in it.

Phishing, smishing: Beware of online shopping scams

Black Friday is coming up, and scammers are working overtime.

Tango! Waltz! Rumba! As southern Utah ages, dance keeps them active and young at heart
As baby boomers enter their retirement years, old age is looking different than previous generations.

'The Gun Machine' Ep. 8: Accounting for the true cost of gun violence
This final episode features a conversation about what it means to survive a shooting.

How much attention do you pay to product packaging?
Packaging can be a big part of a brand or product's appeal, and there are many examples through history of a product's packaging dramatically changing its fortunes.

Grandparents reflect on the struggle — and love — of raising their grandchildren
Many grandparents raising their grandchildren are struggling with their mental health following the hardships of the pandemic and the opioid epidemic.

Taking our annual trip back in time to see snow geese in Vermont
We revisit Robin Young's trip to see snow geese in Vermont with her late uncle, Lachlan Maclaughlin Field.

Human rights groups report spike in discrimination against Palestinian citizens of Israel
The war between Israel and Hamas has sparked internal struggles for one-fifth of Israeli citizens who also identify as Arab or Palestinian.

Israel continues airstrikes on Gaza ahead of hostage release
A number of Israeli hostages held by Hamas could be free by 4 p.m. local time Friday morning, according to Qatari officials who helped negotiate a breakthrough deal between Israel...

Friday, November 24, 2023

Top TV to catch up on this holiday weekend
Recommendations include "Fargo" and "The Crown."

NPR's favorite books of the year
The list includes books for all ages and tastes.

Staff shortages lead to prison lockdowns
In Wisconsin, some prison lockdowns have been in place for months.

Meet the book club that spent 28 years reading 'Finnegans Wake'
They finished their long quest last month, and now, members have started over again on page one.

What pause in fighting means for Palestinians
As the four-day pause takes effect, no fighting has been reported.

150 Palestinians to be released in prisoner swap
The first Israeli hostages have been freed by Hamas too.

Recipes to make Thanksgiving leftovers even better the second time around
Don't get bored by leftovers. Take all that beautifully cooked food from your Thanksgiving feast and turn it into something brand new.

Isaac Fitzgerald reflects on hardscrabble beginnings in 'Dirtbag Massachusetts'
"Dirtbag Massachusetts: A Confessional" came out in paperback this month.

Checking in ahead of Small Business Saturday

Since President Biden took office, there has been a small business boom with more than 14 million applications filed for new businesses.

Managing and rehoming wild horses on tribal lands

As sovereign nations, tribal governments can choose how to manage those herds.

Aid to Israel, Ukraine among the agenda items for Congress next week

Passing government spending has been very difficult recently.

Hamas releases 13 Israeli hostages

Israel will also release 150 Palestinian prisoners it has held.

Monday, November 27, 2023

Suspect arrested in connection with shooting of 3 Palestinian men in Vermont

Civil rights organizations and families of the victims are urging police to investigate the shooting as a possible hate crime.

How AI has and will affect the workplace

Artificial intelligence has the potential to change our jobs and our lives for better or worse.

Montana and Ohio races could determine which party controls the Senate

The election is a year away but, ads are already running on TV in Montana.

Palestinian prisoners return amid hostage exchange

The ceasefire between Hamas and Israel will continue for another 48 hours.

Helping former hostages readjust

Most of the dozens of hostages freed under the deal with Hamas have remained in hospitals since their release as they begin the process of adjusting to the lives they...

In new book, TikTok star CrossCultureKev shares 'The Way of Chai'

Kevin Wilson has become a TikTok star through his videos about making chai.

Asset limits are just one economic hurdle people with disabilities face

It's been decades since the government set how much money someone with a disability can keep in savings and still be eligible for Supplemental Security Income benefits.

11-year-old girl confirmed as fourth victim of Alaska landslide

The other three victims are all confirmed as her family members. Two people — including yet another member of the family — are still missing.

How to give to charity and avoid scams while planning for the 2023 tax season

There are new ways to make the most of your charitable donations while getting serious tax deductions.

Not your grandmother's quilts: Artist Bisa Butler creates electrifying portraits
She uses fabric with bright colors to "paint" the portraits depicting African American life and history.

If you didn't get a good night's sleep, there's a simple way to do better: routine
A new study finds the key to feeling rested may rely on a regular routine.

Inflation has come down, but the price of everything remains stubbornly high
We speak with Vox senior correspondent Emily Stewart about what consumers can expect when buying anything from eggs to cars.

Father of Israeli hostage waits to hear if Hamas will release his daughter
Yehuda Bein's American-Israeli daughter Liat and son-in-law were taken hostage on Oct. 7 by Hamas.

Possible extension for ceasefire between Hamas and Israel
Egypt says that the two parties are close to agreeing to a two-day ceasefire extension.

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The American West has a mustang problem
Scientists say there are too many horses and the land cannot support them all. But some believe the horses should be left to run free.

Former U.S. hostage negotiator on what it takes to free hostages
White House officials expect Hamas to release another 20 hostages captured in Israel over the next two days, during an extension of a pause in fighting in Gaza.

Some of the bylines in Sports Illustrated likely aren't real people. They're AI-generated writers
When confronted by actual journalists, Sports Illustrated deleted the evidence.

Amazon becomes top deliverer, surpassing UPS
The feat has only heightened concerns about Amazon and monopolization.

Celebrating 50 years of album 'The World is a Ghetto' with War founding member Lonnie Jordan
The newly released box set not only includes songs from the original album, but also unreleased tracks.

Israel frees scores of Palestinian prisoners under deal with Hamas, but arrests dozens more
Thousands of Palestinians remain in Israeli prisons, some held without a charge or a trial.

The identifier Asian American can mean health disparities are overlooked
Identifying people of Asian ancestry as Asian American means nearly 25 million people, speaking more than 100 languages, are often lumped together in health data.

How a prison education program is building community on the inside — and out
Northwestern University is celebrating the first graduates from its bachelor's degree program for incarcerated students.

Historic Black towns are trying to attract tourists to Oklahoma
Oklahoma has a number of historic freedmen towns that are enduring economic hardship.

Massachusetts incentivizes 'pollinator-friendly' solar farms

Solar panels are a green energy solution but can destroy habitats for insects, animals and a variety of plants.

Republican voters want support for child care. So where are GOP lawmakers on the issue?
Republicans are feeling less pressure to talk about how to support working families with child care, according to The 19th.

Memorial service honors former First Lady Rosalynn Carter
A tribute service for former First Lady Rosalynn Carter is taking place Tuesday in Atlanta. Dignitaries in attendance including former President Jimmy Carter.

Israel and Hamas extended a temporary ceasefire
The pause in fighting was extended to allow for the exchange of more hostages for Palestinian prisoners.

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

After deadly wildfires, West Maui residents work to protect water rights
One of Maui's biggest developers stands to greatly benefit from the recovery effort — and local residents are worried that this will threaten Maui's water supply even more.

'How Long Can the Moon be Caged?' documents increasing suppression of free speech in India
The book documents people who speak in favor of Muslims and minority communities have been arrested and imprisoned by the Indian government.

Why the \$100 billion pledged to help developing countries cope with climate change isn't enough
Now, wealthy countries are preparing to set a new funding target.

'Eyeliner: A Cultural History' traces the historical significance of the iconic cosmetic
People have lovingly lined their eyes with some form of eyeliner for thousands of years.

Remembering billionaire investor Charlie Munger
Charlie Munger was instrumental in building the investment company Berkshire Hathaway into a juggernaut. He died Tuesday at 99.

Israel-Hamas war spotlights increasing concerns over free speech on college campuses
There's a growing movement in universities across the country to push back against the censorship and suspension of student groups Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace.

Researchers want to study UFOs. How do they collect good data?
Scientists, including those at NASA, are interested in studying UFOs or, as they're now called, UAPs — unidentified anomalous phenomena. But there's a big challenge: it's difficult to collect the...

Construction works trapped in underground tunnel in India rescued
The rescue mission took 17 days.

Senators negotiating border deal, aid to Israel and Ukraine
U.S. officials are hopeful that a six-day pause in fighting in Gaza will be extended before it ends on Wednesday, and that Hamas militants will agree to release more Israeli...

Remembering Rosalynn Carter's advocacy for Cambodian refugees

Carter advocated for Cambodian refugees in the 1970s, during and after the genocide by the Khmer Rouge.

Far-right victory in Netherlands signals another win for populist ideology in Europe
Populist ideology is making inroads into Europe's political mainstream.

Exceptions to strict abortion bans are rare. Religious lobbyists are largely responsible
Since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last year, lawmakers in at least a dozen states have debated exceptions to strict abortion bans.

UN Relief Agency on getting aid into Gaza amid temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas
The temporary ceasefire in Gaza is in its sixth day, as negotiations to further extend the pause in fighting continue.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

COP28 and controversy: What to know about this year's summit
The United Nations Climate Conference, known as COP, starts on Thursday in Dubai. An estimated 70,000 people are expected to attend.

Small acts of joy benefit everyone involved
People who set aside a few minutes daily to do something nice for someone else can significantly improve their well-being.

Gift suggestions for the book lover on your list
"The Stacks" podcast host and creator Traci Thomas talk about some of her favorite book gift suggestions.

Kibbutz leaders decline to meet with Netanyahu
Many residents are angry at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for what they say is a failure to prevent and respond to the Oct. 7 attack by Hamas which left...

Ceasefire in Middle East extended one day at a time
The brief ceasefire in Gaza is continuing for another day, and mediators are working to extend it longer after that.

How seniors are dealing with college application season
For many people, the last few months of the year mark the start of the holidays. But for seniors in high school, the season is less than jolly as they...

Henry Kissinger's role in bombing Cambodia from 1969 to 1973
The U.S. was embroiled in the Vietnam War at the time and officials believed Viet Cong fighters and other Communist sympathizers were hiding in Cambodia.

Remembering Shane MacGowan, frontman of the Irish punk band The Pogues
He died on Thursday at 65.

Future of oil production to be central debate at both OPEC+ and COP28 this week
COP28, the annual conference aimed at mitigating climate change, begins Thursday, coinciding with the latest meeting of the OPEC+ group of oil-producing nations

California Gov. Newsom to debate Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis
Newsom, unlike DeSantis, is not running for president in 2024. But he sure seems to be considering a run at some point.

Remembering Matthew Shepard, 25 years after his murder
Reverend Anne Kitch, a relative of Shepard's, will deliver a sermon Thursday night at a service at Washington's National Cathedral.

How Henry Kissinger paved the way for Nixon to go to China
We look back on Henry Kissinger's instrumental role in forging relations between the U.S. and China in the 1970s, on the occasion of Kissinger's death.

What war means for future of Palestinian political leadership
The pause in fighting in the Israel-Hamas war continues Thursday, and there are major questions about what will happen next and what the war means for Palestinian political leadership in...

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Govs. Ron DeSantis and Gavin Newsom go head-to-head on Fox News
The two governors appeared on Fox News, squaring off on abortion policy, the cost of living and public safety.

What Israeli political forces tell us about the war
In Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu faced criticism from the right for pausing the fighting and negotiating indirectly with Hamas.

Commercial deep sea mining fight heats up
Activists from Greenpeace boarded a marine research vessel between Hawaii and Mexico on Saturday without the captain's permission over concerns at the environmental impact.

Republican senator proposes sending hundreds of people released during pandemic back to prison
Only a tiny fraction of them committed new crimes during their home confinement.

Unpacking GOP plans to cut funding for prevention and treatment of HIV
Friday is World AIDS Day.

'Down Home Music' documents decades of American music in pictures
Beginning in 1960, the late Chris Strachwitz traveled the country recording musicians who he presented on his label Arhoolie Records.

Is proportional representation the future of voting?
With Congress increasingly polarized, there are growing calls for reformed voting processes.

Remembering Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court
Sandra Day O'Connor died Friday at the age of 93.

Some of the tallest Christmas trees in the country aren't real, but steel

President Biden helped ring in the season Thursday night with the lighting of the National Christmas Tree on the White House Ellipse.

Palestinian journalist on the end of the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas
In Gaza, Israel has resumed bombing after the truce with Hamas fell apart.

Fighting in Gaza resumes as Israel-Hamas truce comes to an end
The weeklong temporary ceasefire between Israel and Hamas has expired, as talks to further extend the truce collapsed.

Vote expelling George Santos caps week in politics
Presidential candidate Ron DeSantis and California Governor Gavin Newsom debated on Fox News Thursday night.

New documentary looks back on career of comedian Albert Brooks
Rob Reiner directs the new HBO documentary.

Monday, December 4, 2023

Year end money moves for a better 2024

Inflation is finally cooling and the Federal Reserve is easing interest rates. Still, many are looking forward to putting 2023 behind them and hoping for a better 2024.

The best cookbooks of 2023, from our resident chef Kathy Gunst
I say the same thing every December: there were so many really good new cookbooks published this year. And 2023 is no exception.

Merger between Alaska and Hawaiian Airlines proposed
Another merger between JetBlue and Spirit Airlines is also underway.

Supreme Court hears case about future of opioid settlement
Purdue Pharma agreed to pay around \$6 billion to victims and state and local governments, but the deal also shields the Sackler family from future liability.

Sara Bareilles' starring role in 'Waitress' comes to the big screen
Sara Bareilles wrote the music for "Waitress" and made her Broadway debut in 2017 in the starring role.

Looking at Israel's use of AI to select targets in its military campaign in Gaza
Israel's military is again demanding that Palestinians in Gaza leave the southern town of Khan Younis.

Interstate trade of marijuana is banned. An Oregon lawsuit hopes to change that
Many states where marijuana has been legalized are now facing a marijuana glut, something that could be solved by shipping weed across state lines.

Venezuela referendum calls for claiming sovereignty over part of Guyana
Venezuela held a referendum Sunday over its long-running border dispute with Guyana.

Remembering journalist Maria Martin
Pioneering Latina journalist Maria Martin has died at the age of 72.

FAFSA errors and delays could impact how much financial aid students receive for college
Changes to the FAFSA could impact the number of students who receive college aid this year.

Meet the official who handles U.S. policy on Taiwan

Sandra Oudkirk handles U.S. policy on Taiwan — which Chinese leader Xi Jinping called th "most important" and "most sensitive" issue driving U.S.-China tensions — daily.

How much screen time should kids get? New guidelines help parents navigate

It's tempting for some parents to let their little ones indulge in some extra screen time — if only to get a break to make some progress on long holiday...

How spreading rock dust on farms could be a climate solution

Some companies are building businesses on a plan to "enhance" rock weathering, one natural pathway that moves carbon from the atmosphere into deep pockets of the Earth.

White House warns aid to Ukraine runs out this month

Aid to Ukraine depends on Republican demands that lawmakers reach a deal on border security.

Israel pushes into southern Gaza where civilians were told to evacuate

As Israel expands its military campaign into southern Gaza, hundreds of thousands of Palestinian civilians are running out of places to shelter from bombs.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Rep. Debbie Dingell on evidence of 'horrific' sexual violence perpetrated by Hamas

Israeli women's groups spoke before the UN on violence they say the international community has ignored.

'America's Family' dramatizes the impact of U.S. immigration policy on one family

The new film "America's Family" focuses on one California family whose lives are upended when ICE agents come to arrest the eldest son.

COP28: What will it take to phase out fossil fuels?

Many of the world leaders who attended the opening of the summit have now left, meaning negotiations over how to move forward will properly start.

Experts fear Supreme Court case could undermine parts of tax code

The case is about a piece of the Trump administration's 2017 tax law that imposes a one-time levy on offshore earnings. Some conservative groups say the tax is unconstitutional. They...

Former U.S. ambassador to Bolivia charged for allegedly working as an agent for Cuban government

Longtime U.S. diplomat Victor Manuel Rocha has been arrested in Florida and charged with committing multiple federal crimes.

Broadway's 'Purlie Victorious' takes on racism through comedy, wit and star power

Six decades after it premiered, "Purlie Victorious" is back on Broadway for a second "non-Confederate romp through the cotton patch," as the show's subtitle calls it.

Climate change is ravaging the oceans. Some startups see a solution in marine carbon capture

As money pours into companies promising to take greenhouse gasses out of the atmosphere, there's a small but fast-growing sector of startups that want to leverage one of the world's...

Spotify lays off staff as it tries to stay profitable

The music platform is also becoming more unpopular with artists who do not feel they are fairly compensated for their work.

Israel's offensive in Gaza challenges humanitarian efforts and delivery of aid

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians are being pushed to move farther south as Israel's military expands its operations from northern and central Gaza.

Reporter in Israel: 'We are entering a decisive period of the war'

Israel intensified its bombing of Gaza's second largest city, Khan Younis in the south, which is where many Palestinians fled when the war started last month.

Are you at high risk for colon cancer? Your colonoscopies might cost more

Insurance companies are placing those high-risk patients in a category that doesn't fully cover colonoscopies.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

The history of Napoleon's piano, used in Ridley Scott's biopic

Napoleon once owned the piano and gifted to his second wife Marie-Louise as a wedding present.

There's an upside to keeping your happiest personal news a secret

Keeping a secret that is joyful — like a promotion at work, or plans for a marriage proposal — can make you feel more alive than sharing the news right...

A Saudi-backed MMA league is challenging the UFC

The Ultimate Fighting Championship, or UFC, has long been the main promotion for mixed martial arts. But now a league backed by Saudi Arabia is challenging that status quo.

Norman Lear's legacy as a producer and screenwriter

Norman Lear has died at age 101.

As the GOP squabbles with Democrats over border funding, what are conditions actually like?

Asylum seekers along the southern border are facing increasingly difficult circumstances, with many being forced to wait for processing without access to food or shelter.

Pilots that deliver Amazon packages prepare for possible strike

Pilots for the largest freight provider for Amazon recently voted to strike, which would take place next year.

These machines suck planet-warming carbon right out of the air

A new report out Wednesday from the group Global Carbon Project says carbon dioxide emissions were up 1.1% in 2023 despite explosive growth in renewables and electric vehicles.

New Air Force training program prioritizes resilience for trainees

A new basic training curriculum focuses on resilience so personnel can be better prepared for the uncertainties of war.

Family member of released Palestinian prisoners highlights abusive conditions inside Israeli prisons

Janna Jihad's cousin Wisam al-Tamimi was recently released.

Previewing final GOP debate before primary voting starts
Former President Donald Trump is skipping the debate yet again.

Deep brain stimulation could aid in recovery from brain injury
his restoration of some executive brain function could offer a path forward for the many veterans and civilians in the U.S. who are living with debilitating impairments due to brain...

Is regifting taboo? How to do it right this holiday season
As the pressure to find the perfect holiday present for your loved ones mounts, you may be considering repurposing something that someone else gave you as a new and shiny...

Lydia Loveless sets out on tour with latest album 'Nothing's Gonna Stand in My Way Again'
Lydia Loveless has moved from the twang of pure country to the funky folk beats of cowpunk.

White House asks Congress for \$106 billion to provide aid to Ukraine, Israel
Several Republicans walked out of Tuesday's classified White House briefing on Ukraine.

Hostage families calling for Netanyahu's resignation
Israel's bombardment on Gaza continues as aid workers struggle to meet a mounting humanitarian crisis.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Dive into the weird and wonderful Depths of Wikipedia
Writer Annie Rauwerda makes a habit of getting lost among the seemingly endless digital archives of Wikipedia.

New survey finds Black Americans face racism at doctor's office
For many people of color in this country, a visit to the doctor means bracing themselves for potential insults or being extra careful about their appearance to be treated fairly...

In southern Gaza, displaced families are struggling to find basic necessities
Many displaced families coming from the north are living on the streets.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy announces retirement
He'll leave the House at the end of the year.

Climate change is already affecting The Marshall Islands. They have a plan to adapt
The Marshall Islands are sinking due to the effects of climate change.

Much of U.S.-Mexico border shut down, devastating the local economy
Hundreds of asylum seekers from all over the world seek to enter the country.

Chaos and violence continue to rage in Gaza, 2 months into the Israel-Hamas war
Israel has been ramping up its air and ground offensive in its fight against Hamas.

Liz Cheney's new memoir 'Oath and Honor' includes warnings about re-electing Trump
The former congresswoman from Wyoming led the Jan. 6 commission investigating Trump's role in the insurrection and badly lost her re-election campaign as a result.

Afghan pianist uses his instrument as a weapon against Taliban oppression

When the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan two years ago, the militant regime deemed music morally corrupt and banned it.

4 GOP rivals — minus Trump — spar in final Republican debate of year

Former President Donald Trump did not attend the final Republican presidential debate of the year, a little more than a month away from the Iowa caucuses.

A 'concrete' solution to climate change

What if a machine could suck planet-warming carbon dioxide out of the air and store the gas forever inside concrete bridges and buildings?

Is inflation really in check?

Last month, inflation fell to 3%, which is close to the Federal Reserve's target rate of 2%.

Phoenix homeless shelter begins screening older clients for dementia

Older adults are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population in the U.S.

Washington Skagit Valley considers limiting agritourism

A debate is unfolding about how to use farmland.

Lewiston, Maine, residents still processing trauma from mass shooting

It's been nearly six weeks since a mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine, left 18 people dead and more than a dozen injured.

Friday, December 8, 2023

Visa restrictions in place amid rising violence in the West Bank

The State Department put visa restrictions on individuals who may have been connected to undermining peace, security or stability in the West Bank.

Senators resume talks on border, aid to Ukraine and Israel

As early as next week the House could vote to approve an impeachment inquiry of the President despite a lack of evidence.

'Poor Things': If Frankenstein was a black comedy

Emma Stone teams up with director Yorgos Lanthimos for "Poor Things."

Wild honeyguide bird learns human calls, aids in finding honeycomb

A new study shows that these wild birds somehow learn the distinct calls used by human honey foragers in different countries to indicate that they'd like to partner up on...

From chiseled abs to discrete illustrations: How romance covers have changed over time

The Pudding takes a look at 1,400 romance novels from 2011 to 2023 to see how things have shifted.

How Norman Lear's 'Sanford & Son,' 'Good Times,' 'The Jeffersons' changed Black representation in TV

Lear died this week at 101.

School board election winner sworn in on a stack of challenged books

After a contested election in Pennsylvania, control of a local school board has flipped from a Republican majority to a Democratic one.

As final approaches, who is the NBA's in-season tournament for?

If you're a person who thought surely there's only one NBA tournament per season, this year you thought wrong.

Beatbox House continues tradition of traveling abroad as cultural ambassadors

The U.S. State Department has been sending American musicians abroad as cultural ambassadors since the 1950s.

The promise — and limitations — of carbon removal technology

As part of the Reverse Course series, Here & Now's Peter O'Dowd and Chris Bentley traveled the country to see how scientists and business leaders are trying to lock away...

Remembering Palestinian poet and writer Refaat Alareer

Alareer was killed Wednesday in an Israeli airstrike that also killed six other members of his family.

Texas judge grants request for emergency abortion

Kate Cox was 20 weeks pregnant when her fetus was found to have trisomy 18, which has a very low chance for survival and also risks her health and future...

Monday, December 11, 2023

How far in the future are plant-fueled planes?

Virgin Atlantic flew a jet powered entirely by plant-based fuel across the Atlantic.

Non-profit amplifies voices in Gaza

In the project, many locals can be heard expressing skepticism and criticism about Hamas and its role in the crisis.

Shohei Ohtani signs contract with LA Dodgers

Baseball pitcher Shohei Ohtani is no longer a free agent.

'How to Dance in Ohio' on Broadway stars 7 autistic actors

The seven starring actors play the young adults featured in a documentary of the same name as they navigate the excitement and fears associated with preparing for their first formal...

How climate change affects New Orleans: Mayor LaToya Cantrell visited COP28

The city is trying to adapt to the threats of climate change.

Israel is detaining civilians in Gaza

The United Nations General Assembly scheduled an emergency meeting Tuesday to vote on a draft resolution demanding an immediate humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza.

New England's love for silent films is one man's dream come true

Moviegoers across New England are reviving their love for silent films.

Test driving artificial intelligence in the classroom

One business school professor is having his students use artificial intelligence in class assignments.

How to navigate holiday traditions, old and new
Traditions are wonderful but they can also feel laborious.

Trump says he'll be a dictator. What does that really mean?
Trump remarked last week that he would be a "dictator" if re-elected only on day one."

Mental health team responds to crises without police in Indianapolis
Advocates say this is a good step forward for safe interventions during mental health crises.

The state of free speech, antisemitism on college campuses preceding Israel-Hamas war
University of Pennsylvania president Liz Magill resigned over the weekend after she faced criticism for her testimony on the rise of antisemitism on college campuses.

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Did you make a big change later in life? Tell us about your 'third act'
Are you an adult who made a significant life or career change later in life around age 50 or 60?

How activists in Mexico are helping people in the U.S. access abortion
Networks in Mexico are providing free abortion pills and support to people who don't have the money or ability to travel.

Historian says there is 'no end in sight' for Israel-Gaza war
Historian Andrew Bacevich writes that the Israel-Hamas War will end in failure for both sides.

Wisconsin tree farm transitions to ecological preserve
One Wisconsin Christmas tree farm is transitioning away from growing trees.

Settlement with Sacklers: Families impacted by opioid crisis losses weigh in
The agreement would protect members of the Sackler family, its heirs and many associated with them from future opioid-related civil litigation.

Ukraine update: War rages on, Zelenskyy visits with Biden
A giant cyberattack disrupted one of Ukraine's largest phone and internet providers in Kyiv on Tuesday.

Texas Supreme Court blocks special abortion case
The Texas Supreme Court blocked a woman seeking an abortion after she learned her fetus had a condition that is almost always fatal.

Minnesota is a hotbed for folk arts schools
There are more than 60 folk arts schools in North America.

Palestinian student shot in Vermont on the importance of hearing Palestinian voices
Last month, three young students of Palestinian descent were out for a walk in Burlington, Vermont, when they were shot in an unprovoked attack.

Federal Farm to Food Bank program cuts down on food waste and helps farmers
Some 160 billion pounds of food go to waste each year in the U.S.

Fake electors face crimes and investigations in battleground states

Whatever happened to the so-called fake electors of the 2020 presidential race? There were quite a number of them.

Harvard President receives unanimous support from college's board
Gay and other college leaders faced backlash over their response to concerns about antisemitism and free speech on their campuses.

Does Trump have immunity from prosecution?
The case is set to begin in March, but lawyers for Trump are seeking delays.

Zelenskyy meets with Biden and Congress in a plea for more aid for Ukraine
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy meets with President Biden on Tuesday.

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LeRoy Foster, 'Detroit's Michelangelo,' honored in largest show of his work ever
What started as a museum show about Black realist painters in Detroit has turned into a search for a forgotten artist who paved the way decades earlier.

How young people are navigating climate change
Young people are among the most concerned about climate change, seeing as they're the ones going to inherit the world.

Mortgage rates are falling, but remain extremely high
While there was a surge in refinancing, it appears to be led by those who bought this year and does little to give prospective first-time buyers hope of a dramatic...

Misinformation expert Joan Donovan on the broken safeguards protecting truth
Now teaching at Boston University, Donovan alleges she was fired from her staff position at Harvard after Facebook executives objected to a Zoom presentation for donors in which she discussed...

White phosphorus: How Israel used it in Lebanon attack, according to investigation
Lebanon residents say the Israeli military fired artillery at them and the rounds were coated in white phosphorus, which burns incredibly hot. Human rights groups say it should be looked...

House impeachment inquiry into Biden: The latest
Hunter Biden is at the center of House Republicans' months-long investigation into President Biden.

'For the Culture': Chef and writer Klancy Miller created the book she wishes she had
In the book, Miller profiles dozens of Black women who have made significant contributions to the food world in a myriad of ways.

Coast Guard intercepts, detains thousands of migrants off Florida coast
Most of the migrants are Haitian. Since Haiti's president was assassinated in the summer of 2021, the Coast Guard has detained more than 27,000 people seeking protection on American shores.

Geminid meteor shower: How to see it at its peak
The Geminid meteor shower peaks Wednesday and Thursday night.

Remembering Andre Braugher, esteemed comedy and drama actor

Braugher starred in "Homicide: Life on the Street" and "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," among other movies and TV shows.

Puerto Rico's crumbling health care system contributes to high death rate

Puerto Rico's death rate last year surpassed that of any year in the past two decades, including when Hurricane Maria destroyed parts of the island in 2017.

Court-ordered NY congressional districts may give Democrats control of the U.S. House

The highest court in New York has ordered congressional district maps be re-drawn.

COP28 agreement: How does carbon capture factor in?

Global leaders agreed to a deal that would transition the world away from fossil fuels, falling short of a plan to phase them out completely.

COP28 leaders call for transition away from fossil fuels

World leaders reached a historic climate deal in Dubai, but many climate scientists say it doesn't go far enough.

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New musical tells the story of Comedian Harmonists

The Comedian Harmonists were a proto-boy band in Weimar, Germany. Their harmonies and musical parodies made them famous worldwide, but the rise of the Nazis posed a grave danger to...

AI tool amplifies, perpetuates racial and gender bias new study shows

The good news? Women and people of color are gaining traction in the once-male-dominated world of surgery and surgical specialties. The bad news? Artificial Intelligence tools continue to perpetuate gender...

What is the economic impact of COP28?

As part of COP28, countries across the world have agreed to triple renewable energy by 2030 and move away from fossil fuels.

Confederate monument set to be removed from Arlington National Cemetery

A giant memorial to the confederacy, which has stood for more than a century, is to be removed by the end of the year.

Who is the Alliance Defending Freedom?

The Alliance Defending Freedom is the group that overturned Roe vs. Wade. Now, they're behind challenges to the use of mifepristone, a commonly used abortion pill.

The latest on the ongoing Israeli military operation in Jenin

The Israeli military has been conducting a multi-day raid on the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank.

Epic Games got its epic win against Google this week. What comes next?

While the case will be appealed, it has big implications for how app markets will work for consumers going forward.

'Call Me Dancer' film chronicles dancing despite the odds

The movie follows Manish Chauhan's journey from street performer to dancer guided by an Israeli ballet master despite his parent's objections.

A brief history of matching pajamas

Unquestionably, matching pajamas are now a clear part of the fabric of American holiday culture. However, it was not always that way.

The truth is out there: Mysterious 'X-Files' song identified

The "X-Files" theme is always a clear signal that mystery is afoot. But what happens when the show is the source of the mystery?

This mother turned to harm reduction to keep her opioid-addicted daughter alive

When Brooke became addicted to opioids, her mother Renae decided there was nothing she wouldn't do to keep her child alive.

Aid to Ukraine hangs in the balance as EU leaders meet

Hungarian President Victor Orban is blocking the effort there.

NPR poll shows tight race with more independent voters breaking for Trump

Polling data shows President Biden and former President Donald Trump at 49% and 48% percent respectively.

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Washington D.C. to lose two more professional sports teams

The announcement was filled with promise, but many people in D.C. and even some of the residents of Alexandria are not thrilled.

Climate change uncovers archaeological finds. Scientists are looking for ways to preserve them

As climate change amplifies severe weather, it's also delivering something unexpected: archaeological finds.

Scientists want to bring back oyster reefs to fight climate change

Oysters are important for coastal ecosystems.

'Far From the Rooftop of the World' book details Tibetans in exile

The Dalai Lama wrote the forward for the book.

Impeachment inquiry passes this week, but border deal likely won't

Biden is facing political pressure to make a deal on immigration before lawmakers go on holiday break.

Why is Israel pumping sea water into tunnels under Gaza?

Israel says the move is part of its campaign to eradicate Hamas.

'Murderbot' science-fiction series returns with 'System Collapse'

"System Collapse" is the seventh installation of the series.

Why do songbirds spend so much time and energy singing?

Females hear if a male has skipped his vocal regimen for only a few days, and they prefer the song of males who did their daily vocal workout.

This mother monitors drug use at home to prevent overdose deaths
She's been helping her daughter inject drugs in a safe environment.

How pandemic relief funds impacted arts and entertainment
A new study crunched the numbers for the arts and entertainment sector. One finding: the money's gone, but the damage persists.

New U.S. assessment details Russian losses in war with Ukraine
Nearly 90% of Putin's ground forces lost since the start of the war.

Major pharmacies send patient records to police without warrant
CVS, Kroger, and Rite Aid have all sent patient records to law enforcement without warrants or contacting a lawyer.

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New bill would ban hedge funds from buying and owning single-family homes
Skyrocketing home prices have pushed many families out of the market.

Wikipedia and the danger of trusting its facts
A recent Harper's Magazine article used a partially fictionalized tale to demonstrate how Wikipedia can be and has been manipulated in small and large ways.

Holiday anxiety affects kids, too: Tips on how parents can manage it
This time of year can be very busy and stressful, and not just for adults.

Why has the pager been so hard to replace in hospitals?
The pager remains the backbone of communication in a large number of hospitals.

What one immigration advocate in El Paso says about Biden's border negotiations
The Biden administration has indicated that it's willing to negotiate on immigration policy to pass aid to Ukraine and Israel.

From pathologist to deacon: Tom Andrew's 'third act'
Tom Andrew thought he had a lifelong career as a forensic pathologist studying the dead — until age 67.

Festive economic optimism reigns ahead of the new year
Inflation has been cooling and the Federal Reserve indicated it will likely ease up on interest rates in the new year.

What the falling math scores 'crisis' mean for today's students
An international test shows that U.S. math scores dropped again for 15-year-old students.

'ONEFOUR: Against All Odds' probes the controversial history of Australian hip-hop group
The Netflix documentary tells the story the Australian-Samoan drill rap group ONEFOUR and their charged relationship with the police.

Michigan automatically restores voting rights for people leaving prison — a first
State officials argue that the law helps former inmates return to society.

How Consumer Reports is adapting to the rise of electric vehicles

Among other things, the nonprofit product testing organization is adding highway range tests where they run batteries to empty (and call a tow truck home).

The U.S. Postal Service's busiest season prompts us to revisit its curious history

Did you know it used to only cost \$.15 to mail a human child?

Trial of pro-democracy activist Jimmy Lai begins in Hong Kong

Critics of the Chinese Communist Party have rallied to his defense since his arrest in 2020.

U.S. secretary of defense visits Tel Aviv, as humanitarian crisis in Gaza deepens

The trip comes as desperation in Gaza mounts, with an estimated 19,000 Palestinians dead.

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

People with disabilities are paid less than minimum wage

Some workers are paid less than \$3.50 an hour.

Simple and delicious homemade food gifts to give this holiday season

Don't most of us own too much stuff? That's where food gifts come in handy.

Sandra Day O'Connor eulogized at National Cathedral

O'Connor died on Dec. 1 at age 93.

Harvard-trained lawyer leaves corporate America to archive Black histories

Julieanna Richardson has re-invented her career several times.

Socialist Kshama Sawant is leaving Seattle's city council

The famous and controversial city council member is moving on, after nearly a decade of making headlines.

Pope allows blessing of same-sex couples

Priests will still not be able to officiate same-sex weddings and the church will not provide approval of them either.

What the world's 'forgotten' refugees want you to know

The UN estimates that there are more than 35 million refugees around the world.

New trial underway for a birth control pill for men

This pill centers not on hormones, but on vitamin A.

The consequences of crumbling U.S. support for Ukraine

Republicans are demanding a border security and immigration overhaul in exchange for funding Ukraine's war effort against Russia.

Houthi rebels attacks in Red Sea create uncertainty for oil, consumer goods prices

On Monday, oil giant BP joined Maersk and Evergreen in suspending Red Sea navigation to protect ships, cargo and personnel.

Train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, sparked push for new safety measures

The Railway Safety Act of 2023 may have run off the tracks.

The role states like Texas play in immigration policy

A new state law in Texas that allows local law enforcement to make immigration arrests will likely be making its way through the courts in the coming months.

The tough realities of being undocumented without a driver's license

More states are allowing undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses.

Hispanic lawmakers say it's 'unacceptable' to be left out of border talks

There are concerns about the White House making major concessions on immigration policy to get Republicans on board with military aid to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

For musician Harold Lopez-Nussa, it was always going to be jazz

Cuban jazz pianist Harold Lopez Nussa just wrapped up his U.S. tour.

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Sleeping at Last's Ryan O'Neal releases 'Christmas Collection'

Every year, Sleeping at Last releases at least one Christmas song.

Natalie Jones didn't think college was for her, until her 'third act'

It's never too late to go to college. That's what Natalie Jones learned at mid-life.

It's no Santa's workshop, but Indigenous artists can craft at this maker's space anytime

In Alaska, in a building just blocks from the Arctic coast, you will find the country's northernmost "maker space."

Crispy salmon with green curry spinach. (Courtesy of Nik Sharma)

'Veg-table' cookbook seeks to make vegetables more central to your diet

Nik Sharma's new book is all about how to make vegetables shine.

As the holiday travel season approaches, fears of a repeat of last year's woes mount

It was almost exactly a year ago when the weather caused the Southwest Airlines system to collapse completely, stranding 2 million passengers.

Hoping to help with food insecurity, one Alabama restaurant encourages you to pay what you can

At Drexell & Honeybee's, a restaurant in Alabama, you won't get a bill for your meal. Instead, there's a donation box — diners drop in what they can.

Chocolate maker Cargill faces lawsuit over child labor

The case is focused on children working on cocoa farms in Ghana. A CBS News Investigation followed up on the allegations and found children as young as 5 years old...

Colorado bars Trump from holding office again

Former President Donald Trump is vowing to appeal the decision barring him from the ballot in the state's Republican primary next year.

What happened after Clarence Thomas said he needed a raise?

In January of 2000, Thomas indicated he might resign if the pay didn't go up. After that, reporting shows Thomas started receiving a stream of gifts that boosted his lifestyle.

Activist group offers debt relief for Morehouse students, urges more federal action on student loans
This fall, The Debt Collective wiped out nearly \$10 million in student loan debt for nearly 3,000 Morehouse College students.

UN Security Council reconvenes to call for halt in fighting as death toll in Gaza approaches 20,000
Nearly 85% of the population has been displaced, and little food and aid allowed to reach them.

Civil rights groups sue over new Texas immigration law
The measure, signed by Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday, allows for state troopers to arrest migrants.

Colorado Supreme Court rules Trump ineligible to hold office
The Colorado Supreme Court has decided that former President Donald Trump is ineligible to hold office again because he encouraged the Jan. 6 insurrection.

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Gaza is 'the most dangerous place in the world to be a child' according to UNICEF
The sanitation infrastructure is crumbling, leading to a widespread outbreak of infectious diseases as the last functioning hospitals in the region continue to be raided and attacked by Israeli forces.

Argentines take to streets in first big protest against new President's austerity measures
They are protesting newly-elected President Javier Milei's austerity measures, which include spending cuts and a drastic currency devaluation.

Looking for great reads? Check out 'The Stacks' Traci Thomas' favorite books of 2023
2023 saw some big releases in the book realm.

How do you raise a child to not be materialistic in a world of consumerism?
This year is expected to see record spending on holiday gifts as American gift spending closes in on \$1 trillion.

A guide to the best new family board games this holiday season
So you're gathering with family and friends, looking forward to quality over the holidays. May we suggest a board game?

Warner Bros. and Discovery in merger talks
Such a merger would be a huge shift in the entertainment industry and is a further sign of consolidation in a year that has seen streaming weaken.

Boston's formative role in the rise of hip hop
New York beams as the birthplace of hip hop but other cities share credit in the genre's early success.

Louis Armstrong's legacy remains strong more than 50 years after his death
Louis Armstrong had a chart-topping album out just last year, more than 50 years after his death.

Snowboarder helps Aspen locals facing food insecurity
Even in glitzy Aspen, some people have trouble affording food. A local snowboard instructor is hooking them up.

Ace of Cups rock band proves it's never too late for a comeback

The all-woman rock band Ace of Cups had a breakthrough in the late 60's. But the limelight quickly faded as they grew older.

How West Tennessee residents are fighting for a voice as an EV factory arrives in the region
Some local residents want to use a Community Benefits Agreement, or CBA, to make sure that the massive electric vehicle manufacturing complex protects what they love about their region.

'It's unsettling': Honoring those who died in 2023 without a home
Cities around the country are holding memorials Thursday to honor people who died this year while experiencing homelessness. This comes as homelessness is up 12% nationwide.

Can Colorado remove Trump from the ballot?
The Colorado Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday that former President Donald Trump is barred from holding public office due to his involvement in the insurrection.

Friday, December 22, 2023

UN Security Council adopts resolution addressing war in Gaza
The resolution calls for expanded humanitarian aid to be allowed into Gaza.

Palestinians in Bethlehem cancel Christmas celebrations as war continues
Bethlehem, a town nearly synonymous with Christmas, is located in what is now the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

2023's best podcasts: 'If Books Could Kill,' 'Murder on Sex Island' and beyond
We always have an ear out for new shows.

Akron Children's Hospital program gives physical therapy patients a chance to get on stage
There is no shortage of holiday dance pageants at this time of year. But not all programs can accommodate kids who have special needs.

Week in politics: Supreme Court readies for consequential decisions
The Supreme Court could shape the 2024 race with a ruling on presidential immunity.

What made TV in 2023 so great?
It's an endless debate — What's the Best TV show of the year?

Veterinary professionals face high levels of stress and mental health struggles
Experts say that occupational stressors like burnout and compassion fatigue play a part.

Happy 50th birthday 'School House Rock'
Learning how a bill becomes a law or how to multiply by 3 became a Saturday morning staple.

Apple stops new smart watch sales amid patent battle
The International Trade Commission sided with medical technology company Masimo, which argued Apple's newest devices illegally mimicked Masimo's blood-oxygen sensors.

Cold water dipping can be exhilarating and life changing
A group of women in Maine don't let the cold of winter get them down.

Reflecting on opportunity and aspirations in China

There is a lot of talk in the U.S. right now about its global rival China. China once seemed on the rise, but what does it feel like now?

Chicago shelter death highlights city's migrant crisis

The news of the death of a 5-year-old comes as Texas Gov. Greg Abbott continues to fly migrants from the southern border to blue state cities — with his new...

UN Security Council votes on resolution to halt fighting in Gaza to distribute necessary aid

After days of discussions over specific language and sticking points, the UN has officially passed the new resolution to halt fighting in Gaza with U.S. support.

Monday, December 25, 2023

International Committee of Red Cross on humanitarian crisis in Gaza

The violence comes days after a United Nations resolution called for increased humanitarian aid, but not a ceasefire.

Holiday tradition: Cracking a Christmas code

A woman talks about how she and her siblings cracked a secret code their mother came up with to prevent them from figuring out the gifts left for them.

Artists and performers retell the story of Cambodia's dark period without music

Artists were targeted for their cultural influence, and a quarter of the country's population was killed.

'Recession,' 'Bear market': The most-searched economic terms from 2023

Investopedia's list of most-searched terms for 2023 offers insights into the collective economic psyche.

Booker T. Jones: The King of Memphis Soul

Booker T. Jones — master of the Hammond B3 organ — is a producer, composer, arranger and Grammy-Award-winning artist who plays multiple instruments.

These startups are in the business of carbon capture technology

The burgeoning carbon capture industry holds promise, as well as limitations.

Soundies — 1940s music videos — put Black performers in the spotlight

The 1980s ushered in the era of MTV music videos. But decades earlier in the 1940s, there were short music films called Soundies.

Memphis' mark on the hip-hop world

Although rap music has exploded around the world, the art form has always been anchored in regional culture.

Family physicians could be the answer to the crisis in rural obstetric care

More than half of American counties don't have an obstetrician. Hospitals have closed, and some that remain shut down their maternity wards.

Celebrating 'Gloria' in all its forms

A celebration of "Gloria" in all of its forms: from Bernstein to Vivaldi with stops at many choirs in between.

Israel-Gaza, Ukraine, Myanmar and more: The top global news stories of the year

This year, conflicts dominated headlines.

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Beatles' 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' released 60 years ago

Though the Beatles were popular in Europe, they hadn't hit the U.S. market yet.

The best of world music in 2023

We get a front-row seat to a delicious and diverse world music smorgasbord.

Refugee camp airstrike, proposal to end fighting: The latest on Israel-Hamas war
Egypt has issued a proposal to end the war.

Immigration shakes up French and European politics

Tensions over Israel's war in Gaza have spilled over in France. Unlike President Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron has called for a ceasefire in Gaza.

New views of the universe, genetic cures, planet-swallowing star: Biggest science stories of 2023
2023 was a banner year in science.

Louisa May Alcott's new pseudonym prompts new questions about novelist

A researcher in Boston believes he has found a new pseudonym used by Louisa May Alcott — the first to be discovered since the 1940s.

'The Exorcist' at 50: Commentary on evil and faith

The horror movie classic came out during the Vietnam War.

'Sesame Street's first Black woman puppeteer creates hip-hop album for kids

A few years ago, Megan Phipus became the first Black woman puppeteer on "Sesame Street." She's bringing her skills to a new project, a hip-hop album for kids, featuring 10...

Exposing the 'arterial motives' behind questionable surgeries

A whistleblower lawsuit alleges the world's largest medical device company "groomed" doctors to push its products in unnecessary surgeries at a veterans hospital.

Enormous glass tree celebrates artistry, recycling and historic observatory

It's being called the world's tallest glass tree.

Hot strike summer? The year in labor

Was 2023 the year of the strike? Hard to say, given that only 6% of private sector workers were unionized in 2022.

Where Ukraine stands nearly 2 years into war with Russia

Ukraine is struggling to get aid from its European and American allies as its war with Russia lags.

Democrats need a reality check going into 2024 election, Princeton historian Julian Zelizer says

In a new CNN editorial, he argues that Democrats are too focused on how the country should be rather than how it is right now — a mistake in strategy...

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Traffic fatalities in 2023: Down from recent years, still higher than pre-pandemic

Pedestrian deaths on roadways remain at crisis levels.

What if everyone stopped eating meat? Unpacking the good and bad
While it would be great for the environment, the damage to the global economy and the health problems it could cause, especially for the poorest on the planet, would be...

How McDonald's was pulled into the fight for equality in Kansas City
A series of protests broke out in cities across America in response to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. A wave of new activists were eager...

Top video games and more from a tumultuous year
It's been a record year for video games and their cultural reach. But it's also been a dire one for the workers who make them.

Eddie Palmieri is a jazz legend, and Grammy winner, but still considers himself a student
He is a 10-time Grammy winner. He is a Jazz Master. He is a pianist and band leader.

Head Start helps low-income families with early childhood education. But it's short on teachers
Low-income families across the country are finding it difficult to get into early childhood education programs.

Abolitionist Sojourner Truth to be celebrated with statue and park plaza in Akron, Ohio
She gave a notable speech at a women's rights convention there that people are still talking about today.

Blinken visits Mexico as caravan of thousands of migrants heads towards the U.S. border
Several top U.S. government officials are meeting with leaders in Mexico.

Why Native American lacrosse greats may not have a spot in the 2028 Olympics
One of the best teams in the world, the Haudenosaunee, might not be on the field because they are not tied to a country.

Some states expanded voting access in 2023 — others limited it
Access to ballot drop boxes is now mandatory in Michigan. But in North Carolina, lawmakers banned ballot drop boxes.

Indigenous teens lead legal battle for climate justice in Hawaii
Most of the plaintiffs in the Hawaii case are Indigenous youth.

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Judicial vacancies could be an opportunity for more Native American representation
In just the last few years, the number of Native Americans serving as lifetime federal judges has doubled.

Best films of 2023 picked by critic Ty Burr
The list includes "Poor Things," "Past Lives," and "The Holdovers."

Remembering musicians we lost in 2023
The world lost music icons like Sinéad O'Connor, Tina Turner and Tony Bennett this year.

Jails limiting in-person visits during holidays makes life tougher for families
Experts say in-person visits are good for people in jail, especially during the holidays. But in many jails, the only option is a video call.

Indigenous chefs are using more original ingredients from this country
Cooking with ingredients that are original to this country is a passion for some Indigenous chefs.

2023 in climate: A year of extremes, normalization and surprises
In Canada, so much land burned that half the world's countries could fit in the charred spaces.

HistoryMakers oral history archive seeks to protect stories of Black lived experience
As red states attempt to limit Black history lessons in public schools, interest in learning about the Black American experience has grown.

Deadly bombing at Maghazi refugee camp in Gaza
Israel continues its heavy bombardment of Gaza from air, land and sea.

Consumer confidence spikes to end on a high for the year
Consumer confidence hit a five-month high in December.

Paul Whelan is still behind Russian bars 5 years after detention
In recent weeks, Whelan has complained of worsening safety in his prison and questioned why the Biden administration has still not brought him home.

What's the latest on 14th Amendment ballot challenges?
There are efforts in states such as Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan and Colorado to remove former President Donald Trump from the 2024 ballot based on the 14th Amendment's insurrection ban.

Reporter's notebook: Rare independent access into Gaza
Western media outlets have been barred unless they embed with Israeli forces and agree to certain conditions.

Friday, December 29, 2023

Pistons equal losing streak record with last-gasp Celtics loss
The Detroit Pistons lost in overtime to the Boston Celtics to equal the NBA record for most consecutive losses last night.

Pop culture moments from 2023 we won't forget
Between the Barbenheimer phenomenon, celebrity breakups and scandals, and record-breaking global tours, 2023 has been a rich year for pop culture.

Russia launches air attack on Ukraine
The attacks killed at least 16 and wounded nearly 100.

'My Boy Will Die of Sorrow': Lawyer recounts family border separations, his own immigration story
The book was recently awarded the 2023 International Latino Book Award in the category of best political/current affairs book.

Civil War and 14th Amendment challenges dominate week in politics
It's been 159 years since the end of the Civil War, but it was very present in our politics this week.

What are conditions and life like inside a Russian penal colony?
Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was moved to a Russian penal colony in Siberia after he was missing for almost three weeks.

The tastes of 2023: Chef Kathy Gunst breaks down her best bites of the year
Looking back on 2023, I see endless images of great meals, visits to fabulous farmers markets and memorable dinners with friends and family.

Prime Video will include ads starting next year
Like those other streamers, it will offer an ad-free option for a price.

Best of 2023: Alt.Latino's top songs
Their favorite 2023 tracks include music from Rawayana, Maria José Llergo and beyond.

'I've given everybody hope': Chicago man on life after exoneration
His case was largely based on the testimony of an eyewitness who was legally blind. Prosecutors reviewed his case. And 12 years later, they dropped all charges. He's now a...

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Breaking down the spending bill that averted a government shutdown

We talk with U.S. Rep. from Massachusetts Jake Auchincloss, as well as former Congressman Mike Capuano and WBUR reporter Walt Wuthmann.

How a local nonprofit is supporting — and shaping — state and national gun control efforts

We talk with Gregg Croteau and Jose Pizzini of Lowell-based violence prevention group UTEC about gun violence prevention on a state and national level.

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Belle Isle Marsh is the last marsh standing against climate change in Boston Harbor

Radio Boston talks with the organization Friends of Belle Isle Marsh about the importance of the marsh in Boston Harbor's fight against climate change.

What Massachusetts' new tax proposal means for Healey's competitiveness goals

WBUR's Radio Boston tackles Massachusetts' new tax relief package.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Healey announces move aimed at spurring offshore wind in New England

An agreement announced this morning by Governor Healey will allow Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island to work together to procure offshore wind energy.

How Rep. Katherine Clark whipped the Democratic votes to oust McCarthy as speaker

Radio Boston talks with WBUR senior political reporter Anthony Brooks about the role Massachusetts representatives played in the historic ouster of Rep. Kevin McCarthy as from his position as speaker...

A conversation with Boston University's next president, Dr. Melissa Gilliam

Dr. Melissa Gilliam will be the next President of Boston University, the school announced Wednesday morning. WBUR's Radio Boston talks with Dr. Gilliam about what calls her to higher education...

Thursday, October 5, 2023

An Arlington news site is using ChatGPT for its coverage. Should we be worried?

Radio Boston's latest Tech Talk focuses on an Arlington news site that relies on ChatGPT.

Mass. Cannabis Control Commission wrestles with internal and external challenges

The Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission is under an unwelcome microscope, as drama between suspended Commission chair Shannon O'Brien and state treasurer Deb Goldberg overshadows the work of regulating a \$5...

Massachusetts' tax reform bill is now law. How big of a boost is it?

Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka joined Radio Boston to talk about the state's new tax cuts.

Friday, October 6, 2023

Rep. Pressley on Massachusetts delegation's united front amid congressional turmoil
Radio Boston talks about the upheaval on Capitol Hill with Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley.

A look at the controversy over new funding for a Boston police intelligence center
Supporters of the funding for the Boston Regional Intelligence Center, including Mayor Michelle Wu, say the center is a key policing tool that's undergone reforms to address concerns about discrimination....

Monday, October 9, 2023

New Ken Burns film explores the life and legacy of the American Buffalo
Filmmaker Ken Burns joins Radio Boston to discuss his new film "The American Buffalo" which explores the life and legacy of the country's national mammal. The film tells the story...

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

A local rabbi reacts to violence in Israel and Gaza
Radio Boston talks with rabbi Joel Sisenwine of Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley about the ongoing violence in Israel and Palestine as the death toll continues to grow.

Congressman Seth Moulton on conflict in Israel, House Speaker uncertainty
We talk with Massachusetts Congressman Seth Moulton as war brews abroad and uncertainty churns in the U.S. House.

Local paleontologist talks Massachusetts' prehistoric past
Radio Boston talks all things dinosaurs and prehistory with Eugenia Gold, an assistant biology professor at Suffolk University.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

How to carve a pumpkin like a pro
While you may have gutted and gouged a gourd before, it's always good to ask the experts for a little advice. Here are tips and tricks to carve a pumpkin...

How the war in Israel is reverberating across faiths in Greater Boston
Rev. Burns Stanfield, chair of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, a nonpartisan multi-faith membership organization, joins us to reflect on the war in Israel and Gaza.

Rep. Jake Auchincloss on war in Israel, House speaker suspense
Democratic Congressman Jake Auchincloss joins Radio Boston from Washington, D.C. as House Republicans meet behind closed doors to pick their candidate for House speaker.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

The MBTA wrestles with transparency
The MBTA had a handful of wins this week, but continues its struggle with its own opaqueness, evidenced by a podcast episode posted by the agency featuring General Manager Phillip...

Bill Belichick has become the villain for Patriots fans. Is his time up?
Radio Boston dives into whether Patriots coach Bill Belichick has finally lost his fastball.

Friday, October 13, 2023

Setting family rules around Halloween candy can get sticky

Radio Boston talks with local writers and parents Quiana Agbai and Jennie Weiner about the traditions and rules around Halloween candy in their households.

Presidential candidates gear up for New Hampshire primary amid tumult

WBUR senior political correspondent Anthony Brooks and Politico's Lisa Kashinsky join Radio Boston from the campaign trail in New Hampshire.

New exhibit looks at how Boston's skyline has changed over the decades

A new exhibit at the Boston Athenaeum showcases images of Boston taken 30 years apart by photographers Berenice Abbott and Irene Shwachman. Radio Boston spoke with assistant curator Lauren Graves...

Monday, October 16, 2023

Meet the 2023 Makers: 10 up and coming artists of color from Massachusetts

Radio Boston speaks with WBUR's Ari Gray and Amelia Mason about this year's Makers, 1 artists of color making waves in the state. Plus, we hear from two of the...

African-born students shine as agents of change in documentary 'Brief Tender Light'

Radio Boston interviews Arthur Musah, director of "Brief Tender Light," about the journeys of five African-born MIT students, including himself, who were driven to study in the U.S. and create...

Tensions continue at Harvard after a letter from student groups blamed Israel for Hamas attacks

WBUR education reporter Max Larkin joins Radio Boston to talk about tensions at Harvard University following a letter signed by student groups last weekend that argued Israel was to blame...

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Healey is capping the state's shelter capacity. What does that mean for families in need?

This week, Gov. Healey announced that the state will cap the the number of families served by Massachusetts' shelter system at 7,500. Jeff Thielman, president of the International Institute of...

Cuatrista Fabiola Méndez's music reflects journey of acceptance and cultural pride

Cuatrista Fabiola Méndez joined Radio Boston to talk about her pioneering style in Puerto Rican's national instrument and how it connects her to the Boston community.

Chef Joe Gatto makes cake pops as Halloween approaches

It's officially spooky season. To help satisfy our sweet tooth while we wait to trick or treat, we make cake pops on from scratch with Chef Joe Gatto.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Mayor Wu talks 'Mass. and Cass,' housing migrants and supporting local Israelis and Palestinians

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joins us to talk about the latest at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard, the state's decision to cap the number of migrant...

Thursday, October 19, 2023

Pharma companies want to change drug price negotiation rules. Should the government oblige?

Boston Globe reporter Rob Weisman joins Radio Boston to talk about the newest struggle over drug prices.

New project brings the thoughts of famous women in history to life

This year marks two decades since the Boston Women's Memorial was installed. It features statues of Abigail Adams, Phillis Wheatley, and Lucy Stone. On Saturday, a new phase of the...

Rep. Moulton calls Israeli government's treatment of civilians in Gaza 'troubling'
Moulton did not call for an Israeli ceasefire, but said that the U.S. needs to "carefully calibrate" the support it is providing for Israel to make sure it isn't counterproductive...

Friday, October 20, 2023

Breaking down Healey's multibillion-dollar housing bond bill

The plan released this week would more broadly legalize certain types of housing construction, and funnel more than \$1.5 billion to state public housing.

The Green Line Extension was built defective, and top officials knew about it
Yesterday, MBTA General Manager Phillip Eng announced that miles of track on the less-than-one-year-old Green Line Extension were built too narrow. They'll need significant, labor-intensive repair. The most shocking part:...

A local chaplain reflects on the last two weeks of conflict in the Middle East
Radio Boston continues the conversation about the ongoing conflict in Israel and Gaza with local faith leaders with a local Muslim chaplain.

Monday, October 23, 2023

What former slave quarters in Roxbury could teach us about Boston's history

The city uncovered the remains of slave quarters on the grounds of the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury last year. The city archaeologist believes it one of the only known quarters...

Boston Public Schools are doubling down on fully inclusive special education

Radio Boston digs into Boston Public Schools' heavy emphasis on fully inclusive classrooms to help students with special needs.

As more school districts look to ban cell phones in classrooms, some local students embrace the change

Three local high schoolers, from three different school districts, join Radio Boston to talk about the benefits, and downsides, of limiting cell phone use in school. WBUR's Carrie Jung also...

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Local program provides free housing to those traveling to Mass. for medical care

People from across the country travel to Massachusetts for medical treatment, but for some, the cost of staying in the area while receiving care is too expensive and the logistics...

How some older adults are finding new careers and passions later in life

WBUR's Anthony Brooks joins Radio Boston to talk about his reporting on how older adults are finding new careers, passions and directions after the age of 50.

New children's book 'Masked Hero' ties family history, public health and cultural pride together

Radio Boston spoke with Dr. Shan Woo Liu about the new children's book she wrote with her daughter, "Masked Hero."

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

The state's emergency shelter system creeps toward capacity

Massachusetts' family shelter system is expected to reach 7,500 families by next week. At that point, Gov. Healey says, the state will no longer guarantee shelter for qualifying families.

Only a fraction of people eligible for paid family and medical leave program have accessed it
It's been a little under three years since the state's paid family and medical leave program took effect, but only a fraction of people have used it. We talk about...

A guide to the 2023 Boston Celtics for the casual fan

Radio Boston puts together a little field guide on what (and who) to watch for with the Boston Celtics this season.

What Boston's 400-year history can tell us about today

Author Daniel Dain joins Radio Boston to discuss his new book "A History of Boston."

Thursday, October 26, 2023

A look at what's next for those living in tents and encampments near 'Mass. and Cass'

Tent encampments at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue and Melnea Cass Boulevard can now be taken down by law enforcement, provided that people living there have been offered an alternative...

Rep. Lori Trahan reacts to election of new House speaker

Massachusetts Rep. Lori Trahan joins Radio Boston from Washington, D.C., where Louisiana Republican Mike Johnson was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday.

Massachusetts native talks about lockdown experience at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine

Anntonia Taylor, a Lynnfield, Massachusetts native and senior at Bates College, joins Radio Boston from the school's campus, which is reeling in the wake of yesterday's mass shooting.

Friday, October 27, 2023

Local comedians discuss how to laugh in times of crisis

Radio Boston talks with local comedians, Ken Reid and Bethany Van Delft, after a difficult few weeks of news.

Drew Faust explores creating 'Necessary Trouble' in new memoir

Historian and former Harvard President Drew Faust joined Radio Boston to talk about her new book, "Necessary Trouble".

In Maine, a manhunt continues and a community waits in apprehension

Radio Boston checks in on Lewiston, Maine, where police are hunting for Robert Card, the suspect in the mass shootings Wednesday that killed 18 people.

Monday, October 30, 2023

Two historic homes in Plymouth are up for sale, complete with potential paranormal roommates

Plymouth's 31 and 35 North St. are on the market. But there's also rumors that the homes are haunted. Radio Boston learns about the history of the buildings and how...

Lewiston community looks to heal after death of suspected shooter

Radio Boston hears the latest on the Lewiston, Maine shootings with Boston Globe reporter Samantha Gross and looks ahead to the healing process with two grief counselors.

Exhibit looks at how to restore justice to those accused during the Salem Witch Trials

Radio Boston learns more about the new exhibit at the Peabody Essex Museum called: "The Salem Witch Trials: Restoring Justice." It explores the trials and their aftermath through court documents...

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Gov. Healey announces overhaul of executive clemency guidelines

Her office said these guidelines "explicitly outline" for the first time how a governor will deploy executive clemency as a tool to "address unfairness and systemic bias in the criminal..."

November 2023

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Mass. secretary of veterans' services wants to rebuild trust in veteran care

Dr. Jon Santiago, secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Veterans' Services, joins Radio Boston to discuss his priorities ahead of Veteran's Day.

Can Boston's Seaport district be saved from the rising sea?

Radio Boston spoke with Boston Globe reporter David Abel about his film "Inundation District," which explores the future of the Seaport district and what's at stake as sea levels rise.

Thursday, November 2, 2023

Healey scores a court victory, plan to cap family shelter capacity will proceed

A state court's decision yesterday will allow Governor Healey to proceed with her plan to implement a waitlist for family shelter. WBUR senior health and science reporter Gabrielle Emanuel joins...

Breaking down Massachusetts' lawsuit against Meta

Boston Globe reporter Aaron Pressman joins the show for a new Tech Talk on Massachusetts' lawsuit against social media giant Meta.

New Bedford is booming. But who's benefiting?

WBUR reporters Simon Rios and Andrea Perdomo-Hernandez bring their reporting on New Bedford's housing and transportation developments to Radio Boston.

Friday, November 3, 2023

Rep. Jim McGovern on what leadership needs to look like in Congress right now

Massachusetts Rep. Jim McGovern joins Radio Boston to talk about a looming government shutdown and whether compromise is possible in the House to avoid one. Plus, his calls for a...

Looking at the legacy of former Gov. Michael Dukakis on his 90th birthday

Former three-term Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis turns 90 Friday. Radio Boston takes a look at his legacy in the commonwealth, from strong investments in children and the MBTA, to the...

Supreme Court's affirmative action ruling looms over students of color during college application season

Radio Boston talks with a local high school student and two college advisors about the experience of students of color applying to college amid new affirmative action rules.

Monday, November 6, 2023

Voters will give Boston's embattled City Council a remodel Tuesday

Infighting, resentment, and legal trouble have besieged Boston's city council over the past year and a half. Now, the council is getting a makeover. Four district seats, as well as...

How to protect yourself from the 'tripledeemic' of COVID-19, flu and RSV this winter
Radio Boston talks with two Boston infectious disease doctors about how to stay safe from COVID-19, RSV and the flu this fall and winter.

Boston public health director talks about what's next at 'Mass. and Cass'
Dr. Bisola Ojikutu, executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission, joins Radio Boston to talk about what's next at 'Mass. and Cass' now that encampments have been removed and...

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

PAC money showers Massachusetts elections

We take a look at the dynamics underpinning today's municipal elections across the commonwealth.

Local company's AI-generated employee raises ethical questions

Radio Boston spoke with a local company that created a fake AI profile on LinkedIn and the Boston Globe reporter who discovered and wrote about it the ethics of creating...

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

New research uncovers a pseudonym potentially used by author Louisa May Alcott

Radio Boston learns more about new research that links author Louisa May Alcott with more than a dozen titles written under a potentially previously undiscovered pseudonym.

A look the history of clemency in Mass. and how Gov. Healey is using it now

We explore the history of clemency in Massachusetts, and how Governor Maura Healey is tackling it in her administration.

Election recap: Wu allies win big and state Republican party shows signs of life

All three of the candidates Boston Mayor Michelle Wu endorsed for open City Council posts won seats yesterday. Plus, Republicans flipped a state Senate seat in central Massachusetts that had...

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Recapping the third Republican presidential primary debate

Five candidates pitched themselves to voters in the third Republican presidential primary debate

Wednesday night ahead of the New Hampshire primary. Did New Englanders hear anything that could sway their...

MBTA unveils plan to eliminate all T slow zones

MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng announced a plan Thursday to shut down various parts of the T for a total of 188 days through the next year, with...

Two friends seek to bridge the divide between Israelis and Palestinians with love

Radio Boston spoke with an Israeli man and Palestinian woman from Greater Boston about how their friendship models what they hope to see in a divided world.

Friday, November 10, 2023

Marking Veterans Day with three prominent local leaders

We mark Veterans Day by revisiting conversations with prominent local veterans and reservists in Massachusetts.

Monday, November 13, 2023

The latest on Massachusetts' emergency family shelter system

Thursday, the number of households in the state emergency shelter system hit a new cap of 7,500 families set by Gov. Maura Healey. Radio Boston hears the latest from WBUR's...

How Massachusetts plays a part in America's 'Gun Machine'

Radio Boston talks with the host and producer of the WBUR podcast "The Gun Machine" about Massachusetts' past, present and future with gun culture.

Monica Tibbits-Nutt permanently appointed MassDOT secretary

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation has a new leader, from inside its ranks. Monica Tibbits-Nutt has officially been appointed to the position, after nearly two months serving as the department's...

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

What's next for the rent control movement in Massachusetts

The effort to put rent control on the ballot next fall failed after advocates couldn't get enough signatures. We speak with state Rep. Mike Connolly and Boston Globe reporter Catherine...

Stressed about cooking Thanksgiving dinner? Here are tips to make the day manageable, and fun
Thanksgiving is next week, and things can get pretty stressful. Chef Joe Gatto joins us to share tips on how to make the holiday more fun, and manageable.

100 years ago, the first Black performer sang at the Boston Symphony Orchestra

Tomorrow will mark 100 years since tenor soloist Roland Hayes sang at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. It was the first time a Black performer appeared in front of the...

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

How two local companies are joining forces to feed Haitian migrants in Massachusetts

Radio Boston checks in with Nathalie Lecorps, the owner and head chef at Gourmet Kreyol, about her mission to feed Haitian migrants in Massachusetts.

Winter is coming. Here's how to apply for heating assistance

WBUR's Miriam Wasser, and Mary Knittle, of the Worcester Community Action Council, explain what we can expect from energy prices this winter, and how to apply for heating assistance if...

How the war in Israel and Gaza is reverberating on college campuses

WBUR education reporter Max Larkin joins Radio Boston to talk about how the Israel-Hamas war is reverberating on college campuses.

Thursday, November 16, 2023

How workplaces are grappling with diversity, equity and inclusion in a post-affirmative action world

Boston Globe reporter Aaron Pressman and a diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging strategist Lawrence Alexander talk about diversity in workplaces, especially in Boston's tech industry.

New novel shows the journey of a woman who sues her Boston publisher for back wages

Author Virginia Pye joins us to talk about the history of publishing and women in Boston during the 19th century in her new book "The Literary Undoing of Victoria Swann."

Inside the scramble to find migrant families a place to sleep
Now that the state has reached its self-imposed cap on families in the shelter system, newly arrived migrants are running out of places to stay.

Friday, November 17, 2023

Reflecting on 20 years of marriage equality in Massachusetts
On the 20th anniversary of the Goodridge decision, we talk with Hillary Goodridge, one of the lead plaintiffs in the court case that created marriage equality in Massachusetts, as well...

Monday, November 20, 2023

What Boston's chefs and restaurateurs cook for Thanksgiving
It's time for a Radio Boston Friendsgiving! Local chefs and restaurateurs share with us what they eat on Thanksgiving.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Play at Old South Meeting House details Phillis Wheatley's life in Boston in 1773
Phillis Wheatley's first published work of poems was among the cargo of the ship that rebels board the night of the Boston Tea Party. Her quest to the books back...

The MBTA's \$24.5 billion maintenance problem

A new assessment from the MBTA estimates that it would cost \$24.5 billion to bring the T into a state of good repair. We peel back the layers of that...

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Why the OpenAI drama matters in Massachusetts
OpenAI CEO Sam Altman is back at his post, less than a week after the company's board fired him. The chaos is sending shockwaves through the tech industry, and it...

Hidden North Shore history as told through Marblehead's signature rum and molasses cookie
Joe Frogger cookies have been featured on the menu at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

How some families and providers are centering love when helping those suffering from addiction
Overdose deaths reached an all-time high in the state last year. This has experts and loved-ones alike scrambling for new approaches. We hear about one that centers support, rather than...

Thursday, November 23, 2023

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Friday, November 24, 2023

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Monday, November 27, 2023

Greater Boston communities debate multifamily zoning around MBTA as end-of-year deadline approaches

State Rep. Andy Vargas talks about the MBTA Communities Act, the landmark housing law he championed, and how the debate around the law is playing out in communities.

In Newton, a bitter battle over multifamily houses

In Newton, where median home value surpasses \$1.5 million, city leaders are in the midst of a contentious fight over how to comply with a state law that requires zoning...

Courtesy of the Massachusetts Historical Society

Mass. Historical Society podcast explores momentous and bizarre objects from history

The Massachusetts Historical Society preserves hundreds of objects from the commonwealth's history. Some of those items and their pasts are the subject of a podcast from the organization called "The...

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

How to take care of your mental health during the holiday season

For many, the holidays are a time of fun and hope. But for others, the holiday season is a low point. Being in a region where the sun sets by...

What happened to the New England Patriots?

After this Sunday's loss, the Patriots, once one of football's greatest dynasties, is now the third-worst team in the league. And it looks like Bill Belichick's time could soon be...

Conductor Keith Lockhart reflects on 50 years of Holiday Pops and previews what's to come

Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart joins Radio Boston to preview this year's Holiday Pops. The annual holiday tradition turns 50 this year and we look back on what five decades...

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

When will you be able to visit a cannabis café in Massachusetts?

Radio Boston talks with Cannabis Control Commission Bruce Stebbins about where cannabis cafés stand today.

Sen. Warren calls for two-state solution for Israel and Gaza

Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren is calling for peace between Israel and Hamas, but stopped short of calling for a permanent ceasefire. Instead, Warren said peace means a political solution, a...

Kendall Square was almost a central hub for NASA — until the plan fell apart

Boston Globe reporter Scott Kirsner joins Radio Boston to talk about the unrealized promise of Kendall Square as a key NASA hub and what it could've meant for the region.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

Wu on the latest at 'Mass. and Cass,' her transportation goals and Boston's winter plans

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu joins Radio Boston to discuss the latest at the area known as "Mass. and Cass," her transportation goals for 2024 and the city's winter plans.

December 2023

Friday, December 1, 2023

What state lawmakers are debating as they try to pass a supplemental budget

Chris Van Buskirk of the Boston Herald joins us from the State House to talk about what's at stake as lawmakers try to come to a consensus on a nearly...

Members of this prison debate league are scoring wins on and off the stage

Radio Boston talks with Daniel Throop and George Vicente of the National Prison Debate League. The two men were part of a team of formerly incarcerated people who recently debated...

Monday, December 4, 2023

Your favorite classic Christmas music might have New England ties

Radio Boston revisits its 2021 conversation with Joe Bennett, a professor and musicologist at Berklee School of Music, about some local Christmas classics that we've come to love over the...

How 'Boston Ball' changed the way basketball is played

Clayton Trutor, author of the book "Boston Ball," joined Radio Boston to talk about how a revival of fast, scrappy basketball in 1980s Boston helped change the way basketball is...

Rep. Lori Trahan takes place in key Democratic Caucus position ahead of 2024 election

Radio Boston talks with Massachusetts Rep. Lori Trahan, who will co-chair the Democratic Policy and Communications Commission at a critical time ahead of the 2024 election.

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Checking in on Mass. and Cass a month after the tent sweep

WBUR senior correspondent Deborah Becker joins Radio Boston to discuss what happens to people who come to "Mass. and Cass" for addiction services after the city cleared tent encampments.

Banners in Roxbury's Grove Hall honor Black women leaders, past and present

More than 200 banners are now hung around Roxbury honoring Black women leaders in the city.

Radio Boston is joined by Ed Gaskin is the executive director of Grove Hall...

After weeks of uncertainty, Beacon Hill green-lights extra money for shelter system

After weeks of back-and-forth, state lawmakers passed a supplemental budget on Monday. Gov. Maura Healey signed it as soon as it landed on her desk.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Why we keep sending out holiday letters — no matter how stressful it is

Laura McTaggart, contributor for WBUR's Cognoscenti, and local comedian Bethany Van Delft joined Radio Boston to talk about their traditions of sending holiday cards and letters.

Why misinformation expert Joan Donovan filed a whistleblower complaint against Harvard

Radio Boston talks with Joan Donovan, the misinformation scholar who claims Harvard University stopped supporting her work at the same time the school received a donation from Facebook's founder.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

How to shop locally and sustainably for the holidays

Radio Boston talks with Boston Globe senior opinion writer and fashion designer Kimberly Atkins Stohr, who authored a new series arguing that that the textile industry is broken — but...

Gov. Healey talks about what her new economic development plan means for the state

"I've said for a long time now, the greatest challenge facing our state really is housing and a lack of housing that people can afford," said Healey on WBUR's Radio...

Friday, December 8, 2023

For the first time, the gender wage gap in Greater Boston shrank. But the racial wage gap continued to grow

According to a report released this week from the Boston Women's Workforce Council, the gender wage gap in Greater Boston shrank, while the racial wage gap grew. We talk about...

How one expert believes we can do philanthropy right this season
Makeeba McCreary, president of the New Commonwealth Racial Equity and Social Justice Fund and co-author of a WBUR Cognoscenti piece about equitable and sustainable giving, joins Radio Boston to talk...

A conversation with Toni Lynn Washington, Boston's 'Queen of Soul and Blues'
Radio Boston talks with singer Toni Lynn Washington and WBUR arts contributor Noah Schaffer ahead of a celebration of Washington's career at Regent Theatre in Arlington.

Monday, December 11, 2023

Harvard President Claudine Gay receives anger and support after congressional hearing
Harvard President Claudine Gay enters this week in a midst of a firestorm, after testimony on Capitol Hill last week about antisemitism and free speech riled some members of the...

A conversation with Massachusetts Education Secretary Patrick Tutwiler
WBUR sits down with Massachusetts Education Secretary Patrick Tutweiler to discuss pandemic recovery, chronic absenteeism, and other pressing education issues.

'Murder in Boston' documentary sheds light on the Charles Stuart case that set city aflame
Adrian Walker of the Boston Globe and Boston historian and journalist Dart Adams joined Radio Boston to reflect on the 1989 Charles Stuart case.

How 2 local textiles artists teach peace and community through mending workshops
Rev. Laura Everett and Vernee Wilkinson teach classes on sewing and the history of textiles in New England under the name of "Mending Church." Radio Boston speaks to the pair...

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

Comedian Gary Gulman on his childhood in Peabody, upcoming special
Radio Boston talks with stand-up comic Gary Gulman. Gulman's new comedy special, "Born on 3rd Base," is available to stream on Max Dec. 21.

How to keep COVID, flu and RSV at bay during the holidays
Dr. Sabrina Assoumou of Boston Medical Center and Dr. Shira Doron of Tufts Medical Center join the show to give us the latest on our least favorite holiday tradition: respiratory...

Headaches and hope for T riders as system repairs forge ahead
Radio Boston breaks down the ongoing T system repair with the Boston Globe's Taylor Dolven, and Brian Kane of the MBTA Advisory Board.

Harvard says it's sticking with Claudine Gay. What's next for the university?
WBUR education reporter Max Larkin joins the show discuss to the news that Harvard will keep Claudine Gay as its president.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

How one mother is fighting against opioid deaths by allowing people to use drugs at her home
WBUR's Martha Bebinger joins us to talk about a mother who allows people she knows and trusts to use drugs at her home. It's an informal version of the controversial...

New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu endorses Haley for 2024 GOP nominee

New Hampshire Governor Chris Sununu appeared alongside former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley at a campaign stop Tuesday night to announce his support for Haley's bid for the Republican Presidential nomination....

As NoHo Hank in 'Barry,' Winchester native Anthony Carrigan has carved out space for himself in Hollywood

Actor Anthony Carrigan plays the tender, lethal, fashionable Chechen mobster NoHo Hank in the HBO hit series "Barry." He joins Radio Boston to reflect on his roots and career.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Boston's 'Black Nativity' celebrates 53 years of Christmas joy

Boston's production of the Langton Hughes' classic "Black Nativity" closes this weekend. Barry Gaither, director of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, and Adult Choral Director Milton...

Rep. Seth Moulton on the latest in the Middle East, Ukraine

U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton join Radio Boston from Capitol Hill, where military aid for Ukraine is tied up in negotiations over next steps at America's southern border.

Massachusetts' electric vehicle push is stuck in the mud. Charging stations are part of the reason Boston Globe reporter Aaron Pressman joins the show to discuss how a lack of charging stations is contributing to the slow electric vehicle transition.

Friday, December 15, 2023

On the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, who gets called a 'patriot'?

Wellesley College's Kellie Carter Jackson explores the legacy of the Boston Tea Party through the idea of who gets called a rebel and who gets called a revolutionary.

How a doll named Polly Sumner witnessed the Boston Tea Party

Polly Sumner is a doll that's been on display at Boston's Old State House since 1919. Before that, the lore goes, Polly was on one of the ships that held...

A look at the history and legacy of the Boston Tea Party

On Friday, Massachusetts launched official events marking the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. We talk about this watershed moment of Boston, and American, history and its legacy.

Monday, December 18, 2023

Mayor Wu is optimistic about the future of Boston Public Schools

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu says she's approaching the new calendar year feeling hope about the future of Boston Public Schools. During an interview on Radio Boston Monday, she credited BPS...

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

What is higher education's place in today's political climate?

Helen Drinan, former president of Simmons University in Boston and current president of Cabrini University in Pennsylvania, and Harleen Singh, Director of the Women's Studies Research Center and Senior Associate...

Making arancini from scratch with chef Joe Gatto

Radio Boston makes arancini, fried rice balls originating from Sicily, with chef Joe Gatto.

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

New Bedford guitarist Quinn Sullivan brings the blues

Guitarist extraordinaire and New Bedford native Quinn Sullivan brings a taste of the blues to Radio Boston.

New book 'Within Reason' asks us to take a more thoughtful approach to public health

Dr. Sandro Galea, an epidemiologist, professor and dean of Boston University's School of Public Health, asks what we've learned from COVID-19 in his new book "Within Reason: A Liberal Public...

Thursday, December 21, 2023

Holiday treats and essential baking tips from two local chefs

Just in time for the holidays, two chefs open up their recipe books to Radio Boston to share must-bake cookie recipes.

MBTA chief Eng tells Radio Boston the transit system's culture is improving

It's been a little over a month since MBTA General Manager and CEO Phil Eng launched an elaborate repair blitz for Boston's crumbling subway system. Eng joins Radio Boston for...

Friday, December 22, 2023

Unique holiday traditions can create community across religions and cultures

Radio Boston hosted a multicultural holiday celebration with three special guests to learn about how unique holiday traditions can bridge divides between people from different backgrounds.

Uncertainty for Mass. shelter system heading into the holidays

Radio Boston tracks two stories from Massachusetts' struggling emergency shelter system.

Is this Boston movie a new Christmas classic?

Radio Boston discusses the Oscar-buzzy new film "The Holdovers" with film critic Ty Burr.

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Tuesday, December 26, 2023

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Wednesday, December 27, 2023

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Thursday, December 28, 2023

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Friday, December 29, 2023

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