

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA**  
**QUARTERLY ISSUES**  
**Fourth Quarter 2018**

This listing includes some of the significant issues responded to by WICN(FM), Worcester, Massachusetts along with the most significant treatment of those issues for the period October 1st – December 31st, 2018. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

## **Arts**

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 9:00pm

On April 2, 1969 the film 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY opened. Fifty years later, tonight on Inquiry, we talk with writer, artist, and filmmaker MICHAEL BENSON about his revealing new book SPACE ODYSSEY: STANLEY KUBRICK, ARTHUR C. CLARKE, AND THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE. Tune in and learn what the monolith originally looked like.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes MARTHA H. KENNEDY. She is the curator of popular and applied graphic art in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. Her new profusely illustrated book is a history of women artists who worked as cartoonist, comic book artists, political cartoonists, commercial illustrators and even courtroom artists: DRAWN TO PURPOSE: AMERICAN WOMEN ILLUSTRATORS AND CARTOONISTS.

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week on Public Eye Al speaks with Sutton playwright Michael Walker. His new play "Bare Stage" sat the Plaza Theater in Boston on February 8 and confronts the issue of nudity in plays and the actors who are asked to undress in front of an audience. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for a very revealing segment.

## **Business**

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an all-new 'The Business Beat,' Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Economics Professor [Robert Baumann](#) of the College of the Holy Cross, shown at the site of the proposed PawSox park along Madison Street in Worcester. They talk about whether Worcester is getting scammed in the controversial PawSox deal.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore "The Business Beat," Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Jesus Pereira, founder of [Vet Air](#). They talk about flying veterans in need of medical care. This episode aired originally on November 12, 2017. Vet Air is taking flight in a meaningful way. Founded in 2015 in Holyoke, the charitable non-profit is committed to ensuring that veterans have the necessary travel solutions to and from their medical-care appointments - free of charge.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of "The Business Beat," Steve D'Agostino interviews Don McPherson, who runs [Minute Man Air Field](#) in Stow. They talk about running a local business with an "economy, community, environment" pledge. This episode aired originally on November 19, 2017. Minute Man Air Field is a rarity – it's still a family-run operation. Don McPherson runs the Air Field while his wife, Nancy runs [Nancy's Airfield Cafe](#). Minute Man has a 2,800-foot paved, lighted, instrument runway and a 1-600-foot visual runway, and is known as the I-495 region's "24 hour, All-Weather, Public Use Airport."

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of "The Business Beat," Steve D'Agostino interviews Bill Moore, founder and voluntary president and CEO of [Project New Hope](#). They talk about helping veterans rebuild with honor. This episode aired originally on December 3, 2017. After attending a weekend retreat in 2010 with Project New Hope of Minnesota and talking with founder Bruce Billington, Worcester resident Bill Moore established his own charitable non-profit in 2011 in Worcester, called Project New Hope Inc.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of "The Business Beat," Steve D'Agostino interviews Gabe Brown, who, along with his wife, Shelly Brown, owns and operates [Brown's Ranch](#), located east of Bismarck, North Dakota. They talk about the business of healthy, sustainable soil regeneration. This episode aired originally on December 10, 2017

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of "The Business Beat," Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Samuel Kariuki, founder and president of both [FOCUS](#) and [FOCUS Dream Center](#) and a pastor with Liberty Church in Shrewsbury, and James Cahill, an engineer with Framingham-based [J.F. White Contracting](#), who is providing volunteer engineering services to both FOCUS and FOCUS Dream Center. They talk about making a difference in the lives of families, orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya. This episode aired originally on January 7, 2018.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an all-new "The Business Beat," Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews [Jerry Caruso](#), co-founder of Comics for a Cure. They talk about the business of making people laugh for a cause. Growing up in Lynn, Massachusetts, Jerry Caruso always had an interest in comedy. Beginning to be funny at the age of 12, he would impersonate different celebrities at the St. Patrick's Elementary School schoolyard. Entering high school, Jerry didn't lose his sense of humor as he continued to make students laugh at St. Mary's. Being the life of the party both junior and senior years, he emceed all sports pep rallies, entertained students on the school grounds, and was the feature act at the Senior Class Banquet.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve D'Agostino interviews Rick Lent, a member of the Leadership Team of the Massachusetts chapter of [Elders Climate Action](#). They talk about mobilizing elders to address extreme climate change. This episode aired originally on February 11, 2018.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve D'Agostino interviews Amy Schectman, executive director of [Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly](#). They talk about ending senior poverty and homelessness. This episode aired originally on March 25, 2018.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve D'Agostino interviews businessman Satya Mitra (*shown, on left*) of [Joy Guru Humanitarian Services](#), and sitarist [Shahid Parvez Khan](#) (*shown, on right*) of [SPK Academy](#), who performed during [The Essence: Where East Meets West](#) on April 13 at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. They talk about the purpose of humanitarian service, and the power of sitar music. This episode aired originally on April 8, 2018.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve D'Agostino interviews Jason Lefferts, director of communications for [Mass. Health Connector](#). They talk about the new Health Connector for Business platform. This episode aired originally on April 15, 2018.

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes JOHN CARREYROU, a two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter at the Wall Street Journal. His latest book is damning history of the startup company Theranos and its CEO Elizabeth Holmes, who is now under indictment. Carreyrou's book is: *BAD BLOOD: SECRETS AND LIES IN A SILICON VALLEY STARTUP*.

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of *The Business Beat*, Steve D'Agostino interviews Martyn Botfield and Ted Fox, co-founders and co-owners of [Dancing Plover Farms](#). They talk about the business of sustainable farming. This episode aired originally on April 29, 2018.

Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 10:00pm

In an encore of "The Business Beat," Steve D'Agostino interviews Carolyn Read, executive director of [Habitat for Humanity - North Central Massachusetts](#). They talk about truly safe and affordable housing for all people. This episode aired originally on July 15, 2018.

## **Culture – Popular, including Music**

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes singer and Associate Professor for Voice at Berklee College of Music, DIDI STEWART. She's here to talk about her latest album "NO LOVE SONGS: LAMENTS FOR A BROKEN SOCIETY" as well as her long history in the Boston music scene.

Inquiry welcomes back writer, artist, and good friend JARRETT J. KROSOCZKA. His latest book is HEY, KIDDO: HOW I LOST MY MOTHER, FOUND MY FATHER, AND DEALT WITH FAMILY ADDICTION. It's an illustrated autobiography about his growing up with a mother with a heroin addiction, the emotional chaos it brought to his life, and how he got through it all. It's like no other book you have seen from Jarrett before. Be sure to tune in.

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight, Inquiry is pleased to talk with MICHAEL GERBER, Editor and Publisher of THE AMERICAN BYSTANDER, a new, unique and hilarious humor magazine. Tune in and find out how he managed to attract the long roster of talented artists and writers that is featured in every issue.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with RICHARD BLADE. He is one of the most popular rock DJs in America, and has also hosted, directed and/or starred in TV series like Video One, MV3 and Video Beat. He has recently written a new memoir that is a wild ride from blasting dance beats in clubs all over Europe to becoming one of the hottest on-air personalities at the legendary KROQ in Pasadena. It's one amazing wild trip. His new book is titled: WORLD IN MY EYES: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight, Inquiry welcomes writer, poet and recording artist MICHAEL C. FORD. He will talk about his latest collection WOMEN UNDER THE INFLUENCE and talk about his recording work with former members of The Doors.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with poet LEA GRAHAM about her new collection of poems FROM THE HOTEL VERNON. Ms Graham is an Associate Professor of English at Marist College and was a writer-in-residence at Clark University and was a bar tender at the Hotel Vernon.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 9:00pm

You may see them every day, but have you ever thought about their design? If you drink coffee and hot tea from a store, then you have seen coffee lids. These everyday objects have an entire design taxonomy and evolution. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with LOUISE HARPMAN, architect, educator, irrational optimist and SCOTT SPECHT, architect, developer and researcher. They have produced a surprisingly fascinating and beautiful book about COFFEE LIDS: (1) PEEL, (2) PINCH, (3) PUCKER, (4) PUNCTURE. It's all about controlling spillage. Tune in and find out why.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 9:00pm

Have you ever heard of the "Pig-N-Ford" Races? Long to do some Bog Snorkeling? Dwile Flonking? Tonight on Inquiry we welcome British-American graphic designer NIGEL HOLMES to talk about his wonderful and beautiful compendium: CRAZY COMPETITONS: 100 WEIRD AND WONDERFUL RITUALS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with illustrator and artist ANDREW DEGRAFF. Over the years, DeGraff has drawn wonderful maps that delineate the movements through space and time of major characters in popular films like Star Wars, the Wizard of Oz and Fargo. A collection of these can be found in the new book: CINEMAPS: AN ATLAS OF GREAT MOVIES.

## Community

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 10:30pm

The Boy Scouts of America have now started accepting girls into it's ranks and have changed it's name to Scouts BSA. However, not everyone is happy about it. In fact last year the Girls Scouts in a letter accused the organization of upending a paradigm that has served boys and girls well over the years. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30PM when Al speaks with Pattie Hallberg, CEO of the Girls Scouts of America Central MASS and Western MASS.

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week is National Teen Driver Safety Week and teen drivers are the most likely to be injured in an automobile accident. Tune in at 10:30 when Al is joined by Laura Adams, safety analyst at DriversEd. explains the way parents can play a large role in keeping teen drivers safe when driving.

## Environment

Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 9:00pm

We are facing a very uncertain future because of global climate change. Are we doomed without an extreme effort that will cause huge distress to human populations, or will we be able to come up with technological fixes that will allow us to continue to grow? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with journalist, writer, correspondent CHARLES C. MANN about his latest book: THE WIZARD AND THE PROPHET: TWO REMARKABLE SCIENTISTS AND THEIR DUELING VISIONS TO SHAPE TOMORROW'S WORLD.

## Health

Sunday, November 18, 2018 - 9:00pm

"I erase consciousness" writes tonight's guest on Inquiry, HENRY JAY PRZYBYLO, M.D., an Associate Professor of Anesthesiology at Northwestern University School of Medicine. His new book, COUNTING BACKWARDS: A DOCTOR'S NOTES ON ANESTHESIA is an engrossing account of what he does in the operating room.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back TOM KOCH, Adjunct Professor of Medical Geography at the University of British Columbia. We will be discussing his new book: ETHICS IN EVERYDAY PLACES: MAPPING MORAL STRESS, DISTRESS, AND INJURY.

Sunday, December 16, 2018 - 10:30pm

Age is just a number. At least that's how Al's guest this week feels. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with former Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin. After three terms as governor and then deputy secretary of education and ambassador to Switzerland under president Bill Clinton she has a wealth of advice and personal

reflections on life and how aging can be a positive thing. Her latest memoir entitled *Coming of Age My Journey to the Eighties* is both inspiring and insightful. Tune in this Sunday to hear this truly remarkable woman.

## History

Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back comic book artist and historian TRINA ROBBINS. She produced the very first all-women comic books in 1970 and has been promoting and documenting women in comics ever since. Tonight we'll be talking about a very different project of hers, a comic book of stories from her father's Yiddish memoir of life in a shtetl in what is now Belarus: *A MINYEN YIDN (UN ANDERE ZAKHN)* which translates to "A Bunch of Jews (and other Stories)".

V. I. Lenin was the "godfather of post-truth politics" a ruthless politician who "adopted a highly populist style of politics" yet was brazenly cynical and lied unashamedly. Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with journalist and writer VICTOR SEBESTYEN about his critically acclaimed biography: *LENIN: THE MAN, THE DICTATOR, AND THE MASTER OF TERROR*.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry welcomes back Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and writer DORIS KEARNS GOODWIN. Her latest book is a critical analyses of the leadership qualities of four presidents during difficult times: Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Lyndon Baines Johnson. Her book is: *LEADERSHIP IN TURBULENT TIMES*.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 9:00pm

There are many theories about why the Roman Empire fell, but none of them have ever taken into consideration the crucial role of climate change and disease. Tonight on Inquiry, we have a fascinating conversation with KYLE HARPER. He is a professor of classics and letters and senior vice-president and provost at the University of Oklahoma. His thought-provoking new book is titled: *THE FATE OF ROME: CLIMATE, DISEASE, AND THE END OF AN EMPIRE*.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 - 9:00pm

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* was one of the first Industrial Age science fiction novels. But what was the inspiration for the Monster in that book? Tonight on Inquiry, we talk with artist and writer LITA JUDGE about her new book that explores Mary's Shelley's dark and painful life in illustrations and verse. Judge's new book is titled *MARY'S MONSTER: LOVE, MADNESS, AND HOW MARY SHELLEY CREATED FRANKENSTEIN*.

Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week on "The Public Eye" Al speaks with New York Times best selling author Hampton Sides about his new book; *ON DESPERATE GROUND*. In 1950 US troops were sent into harms way by General Douglas MacArthur to counter any resistance by North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir. Thankfully, the level thinking of ground commanders avoided what could have been a massive slaughter. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Hampton Sides.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 - 10:30pm

The 1985 murder of a CIA station chief is still a sensitive issue, especially for those in the intelligence service. This week Al speaks with former CIA operative and author Fred Burton about his new book: *BEIRUT RULES*. In it Burton describes the torture and ultimate death of CIA chief William Buckley, who was born right here in MASS.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 10:30pm

Critically acclaimed historian and best selling author and educator H. W. Brands will be releasing his latest book "Heirs Of The Founders" this November 13th. He joins Al this Sunday evening at 10:30 for an intriguing discussion of how political rivalries and partisan politics are nothing new. In fact they've been around since the founding of this great nation.

## Humanities

## Politics

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - 10:30pm

Will the mid-term elections decide the fate of the country and is the public apathetic? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when AI is joined by Carrie Lucas, president of the Independent Woman's Forum. Hear what she has to say about the political battlefield and who stand to win or lose.

Sunday, November 25, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week AI speaks with author and educator Felicia Kornblugh about her new book; Ensuring Poverty. In it she argues that welfare reform has left 40 million Americans in dire poverty. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 to hear what she feels must be done to help those in need.

Sunday, December 9, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week on "The Public Eye" AI speak with Robert Mellion Ex. Director and General Counsel for the MASS. Package Store Association about the leveling the playing field between alcohol sales and cannabis. To date strict laws and regulations are in place as it relates to sales of alcohol but little to any for cannabis sales. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 to hear a most eye opening discussion on the topic.

## Science & Nature

Sunday, October 14, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back writer, naturalist, documentary scriptwriter, SY MONTGOMERY. Joining her is ELIZABETH MARSHALL THOMAS, a writer on anthropology and animals, wild and domestic. We will be talking about their wonderful new collection of essays TAMED AND UNTAMED: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ANIMAL KIND.

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back internationally acclaimed birder and photographer RICHARD CROSSLEY. He will be talking about the latest volume in the CROSSLEY ID GUIDE SERIES: WATERFOWL. So tune in and find out how to tell a Greater from a Lesser Scaup.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back Dr. MARTHA GACH, Conservation Coordinator at BROAD MEADOW BROOK CONSERVATION CENTER AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY. Tonight Dr. Gach will talk about winter programs at the sanctuary; their Field Naturalist Certification Program; and what the sanctuary is like in winter.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 - 9:00pm

Some new species or plants and animals are found in the far flung corners of the planet, but others are discovered in the dusty corners of natural history collections of museums. These are often found by dedicated scientists willing to put in hours perusing mounds of dried skins and jars of dead frogs. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer and scientist CHRISTOPHER KEMP about his wild new book THE LOST SPECIES: GREAT EXPEDITIONS IN THE COLLECTIONS OF NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS. This book is an amazing tribute to the importance of those vast and often underappreciated specimen collections that are found in the natural history museum basements.

Sunday, December 23, 2018 - 9:00pm

Inquiry- KIRK WALLACE JOHNSON is a writer and founder of the List Project to Resettle Iraqi Allies. One day while fly fishing he learned about Edwin Rist and the theft of a large number of specimens of rare birds from the British Museum. This led Johnson down the rabbit hole as he became involved with the people who tie salmon flies and the very rare feathers they covet. This wild true-life crime case is told in Johnson's new book: THE FEATHER THEIF: BEAUTY, OBSESSION, AND THE NATURAL HISTORY HEIST OF THE CENTURY.

## Technology

Sunday, October 28, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with longtime tech-startup entrepreneur BRIAN DEAR about his new book THE FRIENDLY ORANGE GLOW: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE PLATO SYSTEM AND THE DAWN OF CYBERCULTURE. What started as a computer based system used to teach certain subjects, soon became a place where early computer jocks would spend hours a day creating on-line games, emoticons and the first blog. All this in the early 1970s, long before the Internet as we know it.