



**NBC10 WJAR
REPORT ON COMMUNITY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS**

January 1 - March 31, 2002

The following represents a sample of community issues and problems addressed by NBC10 for the period January 1-March 31, 2002.

On a daily basis, through Newschannel 10's newscasts at 5:30 AM, Noon, 5:00 PM, 5:30 PM, 6 PM and 11 PM, public service programs, public service announcements, comprehensive specials on issues, as part of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), and via the Internet, NBC 10 strives to bring the most information concerning critical issues and problems to the community it serves.

NBC10 addressed the following community issues and problems:

1. Crime & the Administration of Justice
2. Public Safety
3. Health
4. Child Safety
5. Consumer
6. Domestic Violence
7. Education
8. Environment
9. Law Enforcement
10. National Security

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QUARTERLY ISSUES AND PROBLEMS REPORT

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DATE	DURATION	DESCRIPTION	NBC NEWSCHANNEL 10 AT	ISSUE
01/15/2002	Various	Attleboro Sect. It's back to court for Rebecca and David Corneau. Once Again the state of Massachusetts is trying to find out if the Corneau's had another child.	All Newscasts	Child Safety
01/15/2002	Approx. 2:15	Katie Brown Program. It was one year ago this week that Katie Brown of Barrington was murdered...allegedly by her boyfriend. Shortly after her murder, a family friend, a doctor in Fall River knew he had to do something--something that would make a difference in other young lives. Something to combat domestic and dating violence. So, Dr. Jay Schachne started the Katie Brown Educational Program.	All Newscasts	Public Safety
01/15/2002	Approx. 1:31	Affordable Housing. How to pay for affordable housing in Rhode Island. That was the hot topic today at the State House.	All Newscasts	Housing
01/15/2002	Approx. 2:15	Massachusetts State of the State. Taxes, security and Education were touched on in the "State of the State" address in Massachusetts, and NewsChannel 10's Gene Valicenti has more.	All Newscasts	Government Administration
01/16/2002	Approx. 2:15	Priest Recruitment. The Diocese of Providence has launched another major media campaign to recruit new priests. And this time they're venturing in areas they've never gone before.	11:00 PM	Faith
On-going	Various	War. It could be a big win in the war on terrorism. The man who managed money for the Taliban has volunteered to be questioned by the U-S military.	All Newscasts	War
01/16/2002	Approx. 2:45	Blood Shortage. We've been hearing alot about blood shortages...NATIONALLY. Parts of Massachusetts are seeing critically low supplies-- In Rhode Island...it's NOT YET critical but your donations ARE needed so we don't get in trouble. BESIDES saving lives...there's another incentive to give all this month...it IS, afterall National Volunteer Blood Donor Month.	6:00 PM	Health
01/17/2002	Approx. 2:15	Insurance Fraud. An undercover state police investigation is targeting alleged insurance fraud at a local auto body shop. State police showed up at a Cumberland shop yesterday with a search warrant--and a warrant for the arrest of the owner.	11:00 PM	Crime and the Administration of Justice
01/07/2002	Approx. 2:15	Johnston Raid. Johnston Police raid an adult establishment in town. 7 people arrested and charged with sex offenses.	11:00 PM	Crime and the Administration of Justice

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On-going	Various	Enron Scandal. New developments in the Enron scandal. The energy-trading giant may have dodged paying some of its taxes.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
On-going	Various	Providence Gay Bathhouse. The Massachusetts Department of Health has linked 4 cases of infectious syphilis to the club, and sources familiar with what goes on there call it "more a male brothel than a social club"--with alleged prostitutes and drug use.	All Newscasts	Health & Gay/Lesbian Rights.
On-going	Various	City Shuts Down Providence Pizzerias. Saki's Pizzeria and Pizza Queen on Weybosset Street--right across from PPAC were shut down by the city tonight--the Mayor says enough is enough --Saki's owner say not fair.	All Newscasts	Commerce
01/19/2002	Approx. 1:30	Fall River Schools. The Fall River School Committee painted a pretty bleak financial picture. It warns the district could face a two million dollar short fall.	11:00 PM	Education
01/19/2002	Approx 1:30	Snow. Depending on the storm's track, some parts of Southern New England could see a half-foot of snow. Maybe more. That put the Rhode Island Department of Transportation on alert.	11:00 PM	Environment
01/20/2002	Approx 1:30	Domestic Violence. In Rhode Island, over 5-thousand people are charged with domestic violence offenses each year..yet only a small percentage end up with any jail time. Most of the cases are handled at the district court level, with the vast majority being plea bargained. The Deborah Debarre, Executive Director of the Coalition Against Domestic Violence, says when somebody pleads guilty to a domestic violence charge and receives only probation or less as a sentence..it sends chills up a victim's spine.	All Newscasts	Domestic Violence
01/20/2002	Approx 1:30	Providence Gas Labor Negotiations. Will New England gas workers, or its customers, be shut out in the cold? Members of one of the company's employee unions are attempting to negotiate a new contract before it expires.	All Newscasts	Labor Negotiations
01/20/2002	Approx. 2:05	K-Mart. One of the country's largest discount retailers is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. K-Mart's troubled finances have been the topic of speculation for weeks now. Company officials say they hope to re-emerge from Chapter 11 next year, as a stronger company.	All Newscasts	Economy
01/23/2002	Approx. 2:05	Port. Governor Lincoln Almond came to East Greenwich to urge the town council to keep an open mind about a port at Quonset.	All Newscasts	Economy & Environment
01/24/2002	Approx. 2:00	Aggressive Drivers. Aggressive drivers in Massachusetts need to be aware of a new tool for catching offenders. Videotape, shot from a helicopter.	All Newscasts	Public Safety

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On-going	Various	Sexual abuse. Cardinal Bernard has issued a public apology for sexual abuse by priests--- in particular John Geoghan. AND--the Catholic church is taking on a new policy addressing molestation charges involving priests. It's a zero tolerance approach...from the screening process into the seminary to priests currently on the altar.	All Newscasts	Sexual Abuse
01/26/2002	:20	Westport Coyote. They met in Westport last night to discuss a recent COYOTE problem. Residents say house cats and small dogs are being eaten. Its actually not a new problem. Coyotes were first sighted in Westport about ten years ago. The population has been steadily growing ever since.	All Newscasts	Environment
01/26/2002	Approx. 3:00	Pit Bull Attack. The victim of a vicious pit bull attack in Woonsocket is speaking out. And the city of Woonsocket is listening. Once again the city is revisiting possible dog ordinances.	All Newscasts	Public Safety
01/26/2002	Approx. 2:00	National Guard Leaves. A group of Southern New Englanders is on its way to the Winter Olympics... not to compete... but to work. One hundred soldiers from the Rhode Island National Guard left this morning to join almost five thousand other military personnel in Salt Lake City.	All Newscasts	National Security
01/26/2002	2:00	Drug Sweep. Police spent more than a year setting up a huge drug sting. Thirty people are in custody facing state and federal drug trafficking charges. And more arrests are expected.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
01/26/2002		Church Robbed. A string of crimes at a Fall River church has police on alert. And the church's pastor says the recent problems center on a bigger issue.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
01/28/2002	Approx. 2:00	Pascoag Benzine. It's been five months since the gasoline leak at that Mobil station in Pascoag contaminated the water supply. Today, a family that lives near the station is moving out of their home. The home is contaminated with benzene - and no filtration system have been able to fix the problem.	All Newscasts	Public Safety & Environment
01/28/2002	Approx. 2:00	Racial Profiling. The Providence Police Department is back in court today. The state is trying to find out if they are complying with a statewide study on racial profiling of traffic stops.	All Newscasts	Racial Profiling
01/29/2002	Approx. 2:00	Separation of Power. We want our government to be strong-- but does the General Assembly in Rhode Island have too much power? Governor Lincoln Almond thinks that power should be scaled back- and wants voters to change the constitution.	All Newscasts	Separation of Power

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01/29/2002	Approx. 2:00	Pontiac Mills. The historic Pontiac Mills in Warwick is set to be restored. The Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation approved an application necessary for the project to proceed.	All Newscasts	Historic Preservation
01/30/2002	2:15	2002 Gubernatorial Poll. Brown University is out with a new poll gauging the fortunes of Rhode Island's political figures.	All Newscasts	Election 2002
01/30/2002	2:30	Johnston Protest. Protestors were outside Johnston Town Hall tonight, in the wake of an undercover sting at an adult video store.	All Newscasts	Pornography
01/31/2002	3:00	Bathroom Surveillance. A hidden camera investigation is underway tonight in Warwick. News Channel Ten has learned that a florist may have secretly videotaped employees and customers...	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
01/31/2002	3:00	Malpractice Case. A Pawtucket couple sued Women and Infants hospital over the death of their newborn son.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
01/31/2002	2:45	School Violence. Parents and educators came together in New Bedford today to talk about school violence. They organized a forum at the high school where, police say, several students plotted a mass murder late last year.	All Newscasts	School Violence
01/31/2002	2:00	Young Memorial. Two years after his tragic death, family and friends once again join to remember the life of Providence Police Sergeant Cornel Young Jr.	All Newscasts	Law Enforcement
02/09/2002	3:00	Indian Casino. The Narragansett Indian Tribe is rolling the dice again. After a failed attempt two years ago, the tribe is launching another effort to build a casino in West Warwick.	All Newscasts	Gambling
02/10/2002	:40	Hispanic Job Fair. Several big name companies are looking for bi-lingual workers - Foxwoods Casino, Cox Communications, and Electric Boat --among others--- headed to the Elmwood Community Center yesterday looking for new recruits. Spanish language radio station WPMZ 11-10 AM helped organize the job fair.	All Newscasts	Minority & Employment
02/11/2002	2:00	Telezapper. How many times does your phone ring each day with offers you can't wait to refuse. Hanging up on the telemarketers doesn't work. That's because your name and number stay in their data base.	All Newscasts	Consumer
02/12/2002	2:10	Rape Suspect. A firestorm of controversy is surrounding a Superior Court judge in Massachusetts. Judge Ernest Murphy sentenced a teenager from Norton to probation after he admitted to raping a fourteen year old girl.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice

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02/13/2002	3:00	Swansea Meeting. The town of Swansea is in dire financial straits. Nearly 2-thousand people packed into special town meeting last night to look for solutions to what's projected to be a 2-and-a-half million dollar deficit.	All Newscasts	Public Administration
02/16/2002	2:30	Lincoln Indictment. Corruption charges in the town of Lincoln. Two public officials including the town administrator have been arrested accused of taking bribes.	All Newscasts	Crime and the Administration of Justice
02/18/2002	2:00	Exeter Plane Crash. The investigation continues in what caused a plane to go down in Exeter.	All Newscasts	Air Safety

First Quarter 02 Specials

Latin Access (new weekly, half hour)

SU 1/7/02-UFN 1:05-1:35AM

New, weekly half-hour focusing on the hottest entertainers and celebrities and trends in the Hispanic community.

Well Shut Ma' Mouth!

SA 1/19/02 4-5:00PM

A retrospective on the evolution of Black humor, combining rare archival footage from films and television with exclusive live interviews of today's top comedic celebrities. This special offers insight, exciting examples and clarification of the impact and phenomena of Black humor over more than 100 years of performance.

Voices of Color

SU 1/20/02 2-3:00PM

One-hour television special celebrating the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month, uniting in one cause for human rights. Voices in Color begins on tour with backstage interviews, concert footage and videos with Sisyers in the Spirit.

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

SU 1/20/02 3-5:00PM

Acclaimed drama covering through the memories of a fictional 110-year-old slave, the black experience from the Civil War to the civil rights movement. Cicely Tyson's outstanding performance helped earn this film 3 Emmy Awards.

Century of Black Cinema

SU 1/27/02 4-6:00PM

Two-hour historical special celebrating the finest African-American entertainers ever to grace the silver screen; an illuminating journey through careers of the fortunate, the unfortunate, the ground breakers, the spectacular, the musical, and the comical performers who have inspired millions of people since the first cameras rolled.

And the Children Shall Lead

SU 2/10/02 12:30-1:30PM

A short movie set in 1964. In Catesville, Mississippi, a 12-year-old black girl finds herself in a town where racial tension escalates when civil rights activists come to town. She and her white friends try to persuade the adults to overcome racial barriers that divide them. Starring Danny Glover, LeVar Burton and Pam Potillo.

NBC10 Timelines #1-10

SU 1/06/02 12N-5:00PM

- 1. A Century of Firefighting:** A look at some of the market's most dangerous fires and the men and women who have fought them.
- 2. Through the Eyes of a Child:** Growing up in Southern New England in the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s.
- 3. For Love or Money:** The colorful history of the Narragansett Race Track and the great textile strikes of the 1930s.
- 4. Our Extreme Weather:** The storms that have shaped this region's history and its people.
- 5. Newport: America's First Resort:** A trip back in time to discover what life was once like in "The City by the Sea."
- 6. Summer in Southern New England:** The people, the traditions and the folklore that make this part of America so unique.
- 7. Science and Discovery:** The inventions and inventors who first worked their magic right here at home.
- 8. War and Peace:** The role Southern New England has played in defending our nation, in war and in peace.
- 9. Women in History:** A look at local women who helped to change history.
- 10. That's Entertainment:** The story of the stars who were born in this market and how they got started in the road of fame.