

**WICN-FM WORCESTER, MA  
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Second 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 April 1 to June 30, 2018. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

## **Arts**

Sunday, April 1, 2018 - 9:00pm

Georgia-born Otis Redding was one of the great soul singers of the 1960s with his intense performances of his songs like "Try a Little Tenderness" and "I've Been Loving You So Long". Sadly his career was cut far too short when he died in a plane crash in 1967. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with musician and writer JONATHAN GOULD about his new biography: OTIS REDDING: AN UNFINISHED LIFE.

Sunday April 1, 2018 – 9:30pm

Frogs with iPads? Find out tonight on Inquiry we welcome back HONEE A. HESS, Executive Director of the WORCESTER CENTER FOR CRAFTS and award-winning artist VICTOR PACHECO. They are here to talk about a new exhibition at the Worcester Center for Crafts: VICTOR PACHECO: A BEAUTIFUL CONNECTION.

Sunday April 22, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with LAURA DASSOW WALLS. She is the William P. and Hazel B. White Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. Her new biography is a lively portrait of one of America's most celebrated authors: HENRY DAVID THOREAU: A LIFE.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 - 9:00pm

The last half of the 19th Century saw a revolution in color in Europe. New bright artificial colors like mauve, fuchsia, viridian, and magenta changed the look of fashion, fireworks, interior design and printing. But the tastemakers of the time hated this riot of colors, and criticized the Impressionist artists for employing this "unconventional" palette. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with LAURA ANNE KALBA, Associate Professor of Art History at Smith College about her new fascinating book COLOR IN THE AGE OF IMPRESSIONISM: COMMERCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ART.

Thursday, May 17, 2018 - 12:00pm

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, June 10, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight we welcome back film maker, natural historian and gonzo-visionalist CERI LEVY. His latest book, written in collaboration with legendary artist RALPH STEADMAN, is CRITICAL CREATURES. This is the third volume of stunning art volumes that deal with conservation, extinction and well, it's hard to describe. Tonight we talk about Steadman's "Dirty Water Period" and introduce experts Dr. Bent Girders and Professor Lars Overhang. Look, just listen and all will become clear. Or not.

Sunday June 10, 2018 - 9:30pm

Tonight, on Inquiry we talk with musician, song writer and video director DANIEL CARLSON. His new album is NOT A DRAWING.

Sunday, June 24, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome writer and researcher ZOË LESCAZE. Her new, magnificent book is PALEOART: VISIONS OF THE PREHISTORIC PAST. It is a sumptuous celebration of those historic artists whose work helped the public visualize dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures.

## Business

Sunday, August 26, 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.

For almost two decades, the [New Entry Sustainable Farming Project](#), led by Jennifer Hashley and based at Tufts University's Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, has helped aspiring farmers to learn about the industry. The Project has also helped them to learn the vocation through trial and error on the program's own farmland.

In a [2017 Telegram & Gazette article](#), Jennifer Hashley said the initiative developed from a concern about farming's future - with many farmers aging and too few young people to inherit their land and occupation. The resources and instruction that New Entry provides have allowed my guests, Martyn Botfield and Ted Fox of Dancing Plover Farms - then, in Concord, and now, in Boxboro - to get into the business.

Having had a fruitful career in the pharmaceutical industry, Martyn told the *T&G*, he decided it was "time to grow some vegetables."

## Culture – Popular, including Music

Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 9:30pm

What did it mean when Lester Young or Miles Davis used the word "cool". Cool as a concept came into being after World War II and was influenced by certain jazz musicians, film noir and French existentialists like Albert Camus. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer and professor of English at Tulane University JOEL DINERSTEIN. He was the curator of the American Cool exhibit at the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery. Tonight we will be discussing his book THE ORIGINS OF COOL IN POSTWAR AMERICA.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome singer, song writer and producer LAURA CRAMER. She has toured or recorded with artists like Bob Segar, Eric Clapton, Bruce Hornsby, Thomas Dolby. She is also an independent recording artist. Tonight we will also talk about her record West of Detroit and her single So Romantic.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 9:30pm

Are emojis a language or are they destroying our language? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with VYVYAN EVANS, Professor of Linguistics at Bagor University and expert on language and communication about his new book THE EMOJI CODE: THE LINGUISTICS BEHIND SMILEY FACES AND SCAREDY CATS.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 - 11:00am

"The role of the television is in large part to remove itself from the world in order to produce images." Tonight on Inquiry we talk about the strange evolution of the television set with CHRIS HORROCKS. He lectures and researches in the Department of Critical and Historical Studies at the Kingston School of Art, Kingston University. Horrocks' new book is THE JOY OF SETS: A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TELEVISION.

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 - 3:00pm

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, May 6, 2018 – 9:30pm

The Strokes, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, LCD Soundsystem and Interpol are just some of the brilliant bands that came out of New York City in the first decade of the new century in the shadow of the attacks on 9-11. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with journalist LIZZY GOODMAN about her new account of the music scene at that time: MEET ME IN THE BATHROOM: REBIRTH AND ROCK AND ROLL IN NEW YORK CITY 2001-2011.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back business woman, former model and journalist PATTY FARMER to talk about her new book: STARRING THE PLAZA: HOLLYWOOD, BROADWAY, AND HIGH SOCIETY VISIT THE WORLD'S FAVORITE HOTEL. This is a fun and loving tribute to this “grand hotel” and all the films that have featured it.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018 - 4:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry, we welcome back Monmouth University teacher KATHERINE J. PARKIN for a lively conversation about her book FOOD IS LOVE: ADVERTISING AND GENDER ROLES IN MODERN AMERICA. Through the decades, advertisers have marketed food typically emphasizing women's stereotyped roles as the sole cook and caretaker of the kitchen. Tune in and find out how the Green Giant used peas as a tool for romance and Wonder Bread could be used as “date bait.”

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - 10:30pm

The recent passing of Pulitzer Prize winning author Philip Roth has in many peoples opinion left a sizeable void in the literary world. But just who was Philip Roth and how did he gain such notoriety? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Georgetown professor and Philip Roth expert, Jacques Berlinerblau. Find out what made Roth such an extraordinary figure especially in regards to his approach to writing.

Sunday, June 3, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we continue our conversation with JOEL DINERSTEIN. He was the writer and curator of the American Cool exhibit at the Smithsonian Portrait Gallery. He is a professor of English at Tulane University. His new book is THE ORIGINS OF COOL IN POSTWAR AMERICA. Tonight in PART 2 we talk about the concept of cool in Film Noir and post war cinematic icons of cool like Bogart, Mitchum, Brando and Dean.

Wednesday, June 27, 2018 - 5:00pm

It was often total drug fueled anarchy on the set and when the film opened, it was soundly panned by most critics. Yet, Caddyshack has become a comedy classic. Today on Inquiry, we look at the crazy background and history of that film when we talk with CHRIS NASHAWATY, film critic for Entertainment Weekly, about his new book: CADDYSHACK: THE MAKING OF A HOLLYWOOD CINDERELLA STORY.

Sunday, June 24, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight's guest on Inquiry is writer and comic book historian HOPE NICHOLSON. She is the owner and founder of Bedside Press. Her new book is a great and colorful compendium of some of the greatest female heroes in comicdom. From Little Lulu to Ms Marvel, you'll find them in Nicholson's new book: THE SPECTACULAR SISTERHOOD OF SUPERWOMEN: AWESOME FEMALE CHARACTERS FROM COMIC BOOK HISTORY.

## Community

Sunday, May 27, 2018 – 10:30pm

Steve Jones-D'Agostino interviews Ted Conna and Randy Feldman of the [Save Notre Dame Alliance](#). They talk about successfully reimagining good high-level reuses for Worcester's historical and architectural treasures – and how we may get involved in realizing that vision.

Since then, demolition work has begun on Notre Dames des Canadien. In the spirit of full disclosure, Steve is a volunteer member of the Alliance.

## Environment

Sunday, April 15, 2018 – 9:30pm

Around the world, in a variety of large cities, an amazing amount of wildlife are adapting to the urban environments and actually thriving. What is this happening? Tonight on Inquiry we speak with MENNO SCHILTHUIZEN, senior research scientist at Naturalis Biodiversity Center in the Netherlands and professor of evolutionary biology at Leiden University. We will be talking about his surprising new book DARWIN COMES TO TOWN: HOW THE URBAN JUNGLE DRIVES EVOLUTION.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 9:00pm

Earth has had five mass extinction events over the millennia, global disasters that have wiped out much of the life on the planet. Most were not caused by an impact by an asteroid. Why do these vents happen and what can they tell us about the results of how we are altering the climate today? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with award-winning science journalist PETER BRANNEN about his new book **THE ENDS OF THE WORLD: VOLCANIC APOCALYPSES, LETHAL OCEANS, AND OUR QUEST TO UNDERSTAND EARTH'S PAST MASS EXTINCTIONS.**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 - 4:00pm

Sea otters are the definition of cute to many people. They are also a keystone species in several ecosystems. They once were almost extinct, but populations have rebounded in recent decades. They still face many dangers from pollution, sharks and some fishermen would rather they be exterminated. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with science and environmental writer TODD MCLEISH about his new book **RETURN OF THE SEA OTTER: THE STORY OF THE ANIMAL THAT EVADED EXTINCTION ON THE PACIFIC COAST.**

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 9:00pm

Can a tiny, colorful aquarium fish help save the Amazonian rainforest? Tune in to Inquiry when we welcome back author and adventurer SY MONTGOMERY. Her new book is **AMAZON ADVENTURE: HOW TINY FISH ARE SAVING THE WORLD'S LARGEST RAINFOREST.** This is an amazing story of how some small local economies in Brazil are having a huge and positive environmental impact.

Sunday, May 27, 2018 - 10:30pm

Serhii Ploky is a professor of Ukrainian history at Harvard University and author of the new book; **CHERNOBYL** where he traces the horrific events of April 1986 when the Chernobyl nuclear power plant exploded spewing nuclear waste into both the local water supply and air, killing thousands. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Ploky about his own personal experience as a former resident of that region.

## Health

Sunday, May 27, 2018 - 9:00pm

Where in your brain is your consciousness? This is an age old question that has puzzled ancient philosophers and contemporary neuroscientists. Tonight, Inquiry talks with MICHAEL S. GAZZANIGA. He is the director of the SAGE Center for the Study of the Mind at the University of California. He is also the president of the Cognitive Neuroscience Institute. His new book provides some very new ideas on how to think about what consciousness is, how the brain is organized, and where your “self” comes from: **THE CONSCIOUSNESS INSTINCT: UNRAVELING THE MYSTERY OF HOW THE BRAIN MAKES THE MIND.**

Sunday, June 10, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight, Inquiry talks food writer TAMAR ADLER about her wonderful new cookbook: **SOMETHING OLD, SOMETHING NEW: CLASSIC RECIPES REVISED.** Tune in and learn about those dishes that were around when you were a kid: Clams Casino, Crepes Suzettes, and Waldorf Salad.

Sunday, June 10, 2018 - 10:30pm

New England based author Susan Ducharme Hoben's husband Bruce was facing terminal cancer, they had a lot of decisions to make. And instead of spending his final days strapped to a hospital bed, they decision to savor every fleeting moment by spending the time he had left doing things he loved, surrounded by his family and friends. She chronicles this journey in her new memoir entitled **DYING WELL.** Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Susan Ducharme Hoben about her book and the emotions that were poured forth.

## History

Sunday, April 1, 2018 - 10:30pm

In a 2017 survey, presidential historians ranked Dwight D. Eisenhower fifth on the list. Today younger generations would hardly find the name vaguely familiar. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by University of Virginia history professor and noted author, William Hitchcock. His new book; **The Age of Eisenhower** highlights the major accomplishments of this most forgotten president and his enduring legacy.

Sunday, April 22, 2018 - 10:30pm

**Blood Moon** the new book by best selling author; John Sedgwick is the story of the century-long blood feud between two rival Cherokee chiefs from the early years of the United States through the infamous Trail of Tears and into the Civil War. The two men's mutual hatred, while little remembered today, shaped the tragic history of

the tribe far more than anyone, even the reviled President Andrew Jackson, ever did. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by author and noted historian John Sedgwick.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week on "The Public Eye" Al is joined by New England author and historian, Patricia O'Toole as she discusses her new book, *The Moralist; Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made*. Was his presidency one of triumph or tragedy?

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - 10:30pm

Renowned historian and author, John Murrin's new book *RETHINKING AMERICA* is a compilation of his seminal essays on the American Revolution, United States Constitution and American Revolution. Tonight Al is joined by historian and Rutgers University professor Andrew Shankman who wrote the introduction for a trip back in time. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30.

Sunday, June 17, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week on "The Public Eye" Al is joined by Pulitzer Prize winning historian and author Jon Meacham. In his new book "The Soul of America" Meacham takes us through tumultuous periods in American history when Presidents and ordinary citizens came together to defeat both hate and fear. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30.

## Humanities

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 9:00pm

The story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden is one of the oddest parts of Genesis. Yet it has "shaped conceptions of human origins and human destiny" thanks to one Saint Augustine and his writings. It was Augustine who promoted the concept of the literal truth of this story. What happened because of his writings is what we will be talking about tonight when we speak with STEPHEN GREENBLATT, the John Cogan University Professor of the Humanities at Harvard University. His new book is *THE RISE AND FALL OF ADAM AND EVE*.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 9:30pm

Tonight we continue our conversation with LAURA DASSOW WALLS. She is the William P. and Hazel B. White Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. Her new book is *HENRY DAVID THOREAU: A LIFE*. Tonight we focus on Thoreau at Walden. Why did he decide to live on his own beside that pond in Concord and what did the experience teach him? Don't miss this conversation!

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - 10:30pm

The recent passing of Pulitzer Prize winning author Philip Roth has in many peoples opinion left a sizeable void in the literary world. But just who was Philip Roth and how did he gain such notoriety? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al speaks with Georgetown professor and Philip Roth expert, Jacques Berlinerblau. Find out what made Roth such an extraordinary figure especially in regards to his approach to writing.

Sunday, June 17, 2018 - 9:30pm

Jazz legend Bix Beiderbecke "is a spectre" says tonight's guest: writer and journalist BRENDAN WOLFE. Many of the stories about Bix are told and retold and have become legends. But are they true? "There is Bix and there is what Bix means". Tune in tonight on Inquiry when Wolfe talks about his journey to uncover the real Bix as told in his compelling book: *FINDING BIX: THE LIFE AND AFTERLIFE OF A JAZZ LEGEND*.

## Politics and Current Affairs

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - 9:00pm

Print newspapers today are very much on the decline and with them is the critical journalism they support. Some papers are struggling to make the switch to digital versions, but have yet to completely succeed in making enough revenue to keep the paper solvent into the future. Tonight on Inquiry, we speak with DAN KENNEDY, associate professor in the School of Journalism at Northeastern University and panelist on WGBH's *Beat The Press*. Tonight we will be talking about Kennedy's important (and entertaining!) new book: *THE RETURN OF THE MOGULS*:

HOW JEFF BEZOS AND JOHN HENRY ARE REMAKING NEWSPAPERS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. Dan Kennedy will be coming to Worcester! June 7 at 7PM, he will be at Annie's Book Stop on 65 James Street doing a presentation about this book.

Sunday, April 15, 2018 - 10:30pm

This week Al speaks with author and 2020 Presidential candidate Andrew Yang about his new book; *The War on Normal People*. In it he argues that it's time for America to adopt a universal income that will stimulate growth and curb poverty. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 PM.

Sunday, May 13, 2018 - 10:30pm

Award winning New England journalist and author Jonathan Green has just released his latest work; *SEX MONEY MURDER* the true story of gang warfare that plagued inner city neighborhoods in the Bronx NY during the 80's and 90's. Green personally interviewed gang members such as Pipe and Suge as well as a host of local and Federal law enforcement. Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 for what is sure to be an eye opening segment.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - 10:30pm

Soon cannabis will be sold as a recreational substance much like alcohol. Are there any ramifications to it's use especially on young people are the majority users? Tune in this Sunday evening at 10:30 when Al is joined by Robert Melion, Ex Director and General Counsel for the MASS Package Store Association. Some new findings might just cause you to question it's legality.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - 9:00pm

Writer KUSHANAVA CHOUDHURY grew up in Calcutta and in New Jersey where he got his PhD in Political Theory from Yale University. Experiencing an early "mid-life crises", he returns to live in Calcutta. Choudhury's new book is an insightful and compelling memoir of his coming to grips with living in contemporary Calcutta and that city's complex and violent history: *THE EPIC CITY: THE WORLD ON THE STREETS OF CALCUTTA*.

## Science & Nature

Thursday, April 5, 2018 - 11:00am

Tonight Inquiry welcomes WAYNE PETERSEN. He is a long-time educator, trip leader, the Director of the Massachusetts Important Bird Area (IBA) program at Massachusetts Audubon, and co-editor of the Massachusetts Breeding Bird Atlas II. He has written the perfect beginner's guide to the birds of our state: *FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS OF MASSACHUSETTS*. Tune in and find out how birds are doing in our state.

Sunday, April 8, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we continue our conversation about trace fossils with ANTHONY J. MARTIN, professor at Emory University, paleontologist, geologist, and one of the world's most accomplished ichnologists. Tonight we talk about dinosaur sex, eggs and nests. Do dinosaurs exhibit parental care? How does an enormous sauropod lay an egg without having it break? And what about dino sex anyway? Martin's classic book is titled *DINOSAURS WITHOUT BONES: DINOSAUR LIVES REVEALED BY THEIR TRACE FOSSILS*.

Sunday, April 29, 2018 - 9:30pm

Albatrosses, shearwaters, and petrels are just a few of the species of birds who spend most of their life at sea. Some only touch land to breed. Many of these species stage spectacular migration flights covering thousands of miles. But how can we learn about the lives of these birds if they are always at sea? Tonight on Inquiry we talk with MICHAEL BROOKE, the Strickland Curator of Ornithology at the University Museum of Zoology, Cambridge. His new book explores how state of the art new technology are allowing scientists to look into the lives of these ocean wanderers: *FAR FROM LAND: THE MYSTERIOUS LIVES OF SEABIRDS*.

Sunday, May 6, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with BRUCE M. BEEHLER, ornithologist, conservationist, naturalist, author, and lecturer. His new book is *NORTH ON THE WING: TRAVELS WITH THE SONGBIRD MIGRATION OF SPRING*. This book describes Beehler's trip from coastal Texas, north deep into Canada, and around the Great Lakes to the Adirondacks as he follows the spring migration of warblers.

Sunday, May 27, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight on Inquiry we talk with writer JAMES MACDONALD LOCKHART. His new book *RAPTOR: A JOURNEY THROUGH BIRDS* recounts his travels through some of the wildest landscape in Britain looking for all 15 species of breeding raptors (hawks, eagles, and falcons) all the while tracing the journey of one of Britain's great, and largely forgotten, ornithologists and bird artists. This unique book is part quest, part tribute and part history of place.

Sunday, June 17, 2018 - 9:00pm

Tonight Inquiry is excited to talk with passionate birder, world traveler, conservationist and founder of VENT (Victor Emanuel Nature Tours) VICTOR EMANUEL. His new memoir recounts his long career looking for birds around the world and sharing that passion with thousands of others. The book is titled: ONE MORE WARBLER: A LIFE WITH BIRDS. Tune in and find out about his sighting of the last Eskimo Curlew

## Technology

Sunday, May 20, 2018 – 9:30pm

Tonight on Inquiry we welcome back E. PAUL ZEHR. He is an award-winning science communicator and the director of the Center for Biomedical Research at the University of Victoria. His new book, the third in his superhero trilogy, considers whether it will be possible in the near future to create an actual Captain America, an augmented human with the physical and mental prowess of the Marvel superhero. Zehr's new book is: CHASING CAPTAIN AMERICA: HOW ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY WILL PRODUCE A SUPERHUMAN.

Sunday, May 20, 2018 - 9:00pm

Artificial Intelligence is a concept that the public usually misunderstands. Many people fear a future like that shown in the Terminator films. But as tonight's guest writes, the fear shouldn't be for evil robots, but "competence". What will happen to our society if we finally design a machine intelligence that can learn and improve itself? There are a number of scientists and technical experts that are working on such an intelligence right now, so we need to plan ahead for what we want this intelligence to be like and how it will look at us. Tonight on Inquiry we talk with MAX TEGMARK. He is a professor of physics at M.I.T. and president of the Future of Life Institute. His new book should be read by anyone concerned about the future of humanity: LIFE 3.0: BEING HUMAN IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.