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Issues/Programs List

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This report lists representative examples of reporting on local issues that aired in program segments reserved for local feature-length news reports, interviews and commentaries within *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*. It is not a comprehensive list but rather is illustrative of the total programming broadcast.

This local programming includes *The Short List*, broadcast on Fridays at 5:50 p.m. during *All Things Considered*, an eight-and-a-half minute roundtable discussion with a rotating panel of journalists and media professionals that analyzes the major issues in the news.

In addition to the feature-length reports listed here, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts during *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and *Weekend Edition*.

Finally, many reports and discussions on the same and related subjects were also included in the broadcasts of such national news and information programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition*, *On Point*, *The Takeaway* and others.

Issues

Arts & Culture
Commentary
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Science

Reports during *Morning Edition* (Monday-Friday 6:00-9:00 a.m.), *All Things Considered* (Monday-Friday 4:00-6:30 p.m.) and *Weekend Edition* (Saturday/Sunday, 8:00-10:00 a.m.)

Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	1/1	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:41	MA	For many, the start of the new year is a time to make a list of resolutions aimed at creating happiness. Northampton based author Tzivia Gover has some suggestions for creating joy in the new year; her new book is called "Joy in Every Moment."
Arts & Culture	1/14 1/15	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	1:57	CT	A new work based on folk music from Afghanistan will be performed Friday night in Hartford. As WNPR's Ray Hardman reports, these girls survived a suicide attack in 2014
Arts & Culture	1/19	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:52	MA	A Western Massachusetts artist has been fighting Madonna over artistic copyright - though without much success.
Arts & Culture	1/20	7:51 a.m.	1:43	CT	For weeks, the future of the Hartford Symphony was hanging in the balance. But now, as WNPR's Ray Hardman reports, the musicians of the HSO have agreed to the terms of a new contract.
Arts & Culture	1/25	7:45 a.m.	4:54	MA	The New England Patriots will not be back-to-back Superbowl champions. They lost to the Denver Broncos 20-18 in a hard fought defensive struggle. The Patriots failed to complete a two-point conversion to send the AFC Championship into overtime. WBUR's Curt Nickisch reports from Denver.
Arts & Culture	1/28	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	MA	For most musicians, bringing their instruments to play with friends is not a big deal. It's a little harder if you're a classical pianist and you want to bring your own piano. But, as Laurie Sanders reports some musicians have found an easier way.
Arts & Culture	1/29	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:30	MA	If this year is anything like years past, approximately 25,000 model train enthusiasts will head to West Springfield this weekend. It's the annual railroad hobby show, and New England Public Radio's Tema Silk has our report.

Arts & Culture	2/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:36	MA	About a century ago, Jewish refugee families began to appear in upstate New York to do something they'd never tried before - farming. Now, some of their descendants are planning a reunion.
Arts & Culture	2/13	8:35 a.m. 10:35 a.m.	3:49	MA	A collection of poems and stories by Shelburne Falls resident and former park ranger Kathleen O'Rourke called "What I've Seen" highlights her years interpreting nature in Utah, Nevada, North Dakota... and at Mount Greylock, in Western Massachusetts. O'Rourke writes about the critters, the land, the Native Americans... and the litter.
Arts & Culture	2/17	5:44 p.m.	3:19	MA	The Red Sox welcome new ace pitchers at spring training in Florida this week. Boston Globe sports writer Nick Cafardo says the weather today is gorgeous and he thinks team prospects with starter David Price and closer Craig Kimbrel are pretty good. Even though Price's age (he's just over 30) has some wondering if that's too old.
Arts & Culture	2/18 2/19	5:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	3:44	MA	In response to September 11th, 2001, artists in a variety of mediums created work to cope with the events of the day and to memorialize those who died. One such work is currently on exhibit at the Springfield Museums. New England public radio's John Voci has the story of Better Angels, The Firefighters of 9/11.
Arts & Culture	3/10 3/11	5:40 p.m. 7:22 a.m.	5:45	MA	The story behind a newly discovered leaf of medieval sheet music continues to unfold. Thought to be a replica - it was framed and hung in an office at Mount Holyoke College. But it fell to the floor... and a closer look revealed it was indeed the real deal. That's when the experts came in. Among them: Mount Holyoke College Music Professor Adeline Mueller. She spoke with us at the Abbey Chapel, where the medieval sheet music is displayed.

Arts & Culture	3/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:35	MA	The only existing recording of NBA legend Wilt Chamberlain's 100 point game is now in the Library of Congress. NEPR's Kari Njiiri reports that piece of basketball history might have been lost if not for a UMass Student hundreds of miles away.
Arts & Culture	3/26	8:35 a.m. 10:35 a.m.	3:56	MA	The new book, "The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition" takes a fresh, transnational look at the abolition movement in the United States. Sojourner Truth, William Llyod Garrison, Bronson Alcott and other Massachusetts locals appear in Manisha Sinha's book. The author says she was surprised to discover the precursor to Garrison's "Covenant with Death" was a sermon delivered by a Hartford, Connecticut, minister. Manisha Sinha is a professor of Afro-American Studies at UMass Amherst and author of the book.
Arts & Culture	3/29	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	7:04	MA	Feminist activist and writer Gloria Steinem is giving several speeches in Western Massachusetts this week. Steinem spoke at an annual fundraising lunch for the care center in Holyoke. It's an organization helping teen mothers get on a path to college. Before her speech, Steinem talked with about 15 care center students. NEPR's Henry Epp spoke with Steinem, and asked what she took away from her conversation with the group of young moms.
Arts & Culture	3/31	4:44 p.m.	3:56	MA	Big news from the Red Sox. Pablo Sandoval has become a 95 million dollar bench player. 25 year old Travis Shaw will start at third base instead. NEPR's Susan Kaplan spoke with sportscaster Scott Coen about what to expect from the season, which starts Monday, and about Sandoval.
Commentary	2/3	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:50	MA	Writer and commentator Catherine Newman doesn't know a thing about reading tarot cards. But that's never stopped her. As Madame Wishbone, at her kids' school carnival, she's been good at pretending she knows what's going to happen to people. But Madame Wishbone's own future... took her by surprise.

Commentary	2/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:43	MA	There's much interest these days in finding ways to contain health care costs. Just last week, a Congressional hearing examined prescription drug prices. Springfield retinal surgeon Andrew Lam thinks that when doctors decide which drugs to prescribe, they also need to consider health care's bottom line.
Commentary	2/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:41	MA	President Barack Obama this week called Abraham Lincoln "our greatest president." In the past eight years, some have voiced profound disappointment in Obama's presidency. One reason? Commentator Elizabeth Vozzola says many hoped Obama would be the next Lincoln. She says Lincoln didn't start out as a great leader. He evolved.
Commentary	2/18	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:04	MA	Republicans in the U.S. Senate have made themselves quite clear. With the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, they want the next president to fill the supreme court vacancy. Conservative legal victories, like some rulings on gun rights, could hang in the balance. Our commentator Austin Sarat teaches law at Amherst College, and says the language in the second amendment doesn't mean individuals have a constitutionally protected right to the private possession of firearms.
Commentary	3/10 3/11	5:40 p.m. 7:22 a.m.	2:12	MA	Science research has found proof that dogs love their owners more than cats love theirs. It's a tale of spit samples and hormone levels. Commentator Robert Chipkin says the results come special delivery from the department of "everybody knows that"
Commentary	3/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:37	MA	The violence that has claimed and ruined lives in Brussels and Istanbul in recent days comes during the Christian "Holy Week." That has our commentator, Mark Edington, an Episcopal minister, thinking about the power of love and faith for people of all religions.

Economic Development	1/14 1/15	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	1:52	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker helped bring General Electric's headquarters to Boston by offering 120 million dollars in grants and other incentives. And now officials in Berkshire County are hoping that relationship pays off for Pittsfield.
Economic Development	1/26	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:38	MA	The global trade of secondhand clothing is valued in the billions. And locally, clothes that don't sell in thrift shops are often gathered up and offered for sale to consumers around the world. But as that market falls apart, secondhand shops are taking an unexpected financial hit.
Economic Development	1/27	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:47	MA	The butcher is coming to town. Three Western Massachusetts men are providing on-site butchering services for farmers who don't want to haul their animals to a slaughterhouse. NEPR's Katherine Stanton reports they're helping fill a gap in the region's meat processing industry.
Economic Development	2/16	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:53	MA	MGM's Springfield casino is slated to open in September 2018. But less than two hours to the west in Schenectady, New York, a rival operation could open more than a year earlier. It will be just another competitor for MGM in an already crowded northeast gambling market.
Economic Development	3/16	6:27 a.m. 8:27 a.m.	1:52	MA	It's felt like spring has been in the air for a while across Western Massachusetts, even though it doesn't officially start until Sunday. While some have enjoyed the lack of snow and above normal temperatures, the weather has wreaked havoc on businesses who depend on a cold winter.
Education	1/18	5:26 p.m.	4:19	MA	On Martin Luther King Day, library archivists and others are delighted that a missing tape of King speaking in 1964 in New York City has surfaced. It was for some time stashed in the basement of a college library in Amherst, Massachusetts.
Education	1/21	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	MA	The controversy around the unofficial mascot of Amherst College could be nearing an end. On the agenda in the next few days for the college's board of trustees: the future of Lord Jeff.

Education	1/26	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:17	MA	The Massachusetts board of elementary and secondary education could vote as early as today on a proposal to take over the troubled school district in Southbridge. The board was in the Worcester county community last night to hear from local residents and officials.
Education	2/2	7:45 a.m.	1:51	CT	Advocates for the deaf want college officials to create a Connecticut wide college program for deaf and hard of hearing students. As WNPR's David DeRoches reports, their request comes as both staff and student enrollment at a state program for the deaf has decreased.
Education	2/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:51	MA	Another new charter school will be opening in Springfield. The Massachusetts board of education voted yesterday to approve the Libertas academy charter school. The vote comes at a time when lawmakers, educators, unions, families -- are talking about the value of charter schools, and whether more should be allowed to open. New England public radio's Jill Kaufman has been following the debate.
Education	3/22	5:44 p.m.	4:02	MA	Two months after the state took over the schools in Southbridge, Massachusetts, the district has a new leader. State Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester named Jessica Huizenga to oversee the district. Huizenga is currently an assistant superintendent in the Cambridge schools and has experience turning around troubled schools. But she's a newcomer to Southbridge.
Education	3/25	7:45 a.m. 4:44 p.m.	3:20	MA	Virtual reality could be the next big thing in Media - but it's still expensive to create. So an Amherst College Professor wants to make the technology accessible to people of all incomes.
Energy /Environment	2/24	7:45 a.m.	3:20	MA	Everyone just needs to calm down about the snakes. That was the message last night from wildlife officials in a packed high school auditorium in Orange, Massachusetts. The state is looking to use an island in the Quabbin Reservoir to create a protected habitat for Timber Rattlesnakes.

Energy /Environment	2/29	7:51 a.m.	2:31	MA	Green Party candidate for president Jill Stein opposes the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline through northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire - as are the other Green candidates we interview in the past week. As for the other presidential candidates - they've expressed varying levels of skepticism.
Energy /Environment	3/9	6:35 a.m. 8:31 a.m.	5:07	MA	A huge solar array is planned for Worcester's greenwood street landfill. The project has been celebrated by the city. But it has some naturalists concerned about the future of wildlife in Massachusetts. We get that story from New England public radio's Casey Gilman.
Energy /Environment	3/24	7:45 a.m.	4:01	MA	Massachusetts residents chopping wood or pouring bags of pellets into a wood stove know first-hand how efficient (or inefficient) their heating source is. A quasi-state agency is making a push to replace the oldest of these wood stoves with newer models. Steve Pick heads the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, which runs a wood-stove rebate program. I asked him what's in it for residents to get their old stove replaced.
Energy /Environment	3/30	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	1:24	MA	Massachusetts utility regulators heard from the public last night in Pittsfield on a request by Kinder Morgan to perform land surveys on private property. The company says the surveys are needed to gain federal approval of a natural gas pipeline running through northern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.
Energy /Environment	3/30	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	5:41	CT	Efforts to restore Atlantic Salmon to the Connecticut River watershed have been largely unsuccessful. The once abundant fish are now rare. But recently a state biologist found evidence of wild salmon spawning on a river in Connecticut. The news is a reminder of the hardiness of the species, but also of what's been lost.

Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/6	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:50	MA	DNA testing has earned a reputation as a powerful tool to solve crimes and to exonerate the innocent. But because of its sway over jurors, DNA evidence can also be misused. Massachusetts' highest court says that's what happened in the case of a Pittsfield man who was tried and convicted on charges of rape. He spent 12 years in prison before the high court ordered a new trial. WBUR's David Boeri has been looking into the case and why it took so long for the conviction to be overturned.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/7	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:50	MA	The criminal justice system makes it difficult for anyone convicted of a crime to have that conviction set aside. After serving 9 years in prison for a rape he insists he did not commit, a Pittsfield man expected new DNA evidence would set him free. The new test of DNA that jurors were told might have come from Ronjon Cameron showed that it actually came from a woman. In the second of two reports on this case, WBUR's David Boeri explains why Cameron spent three more years in prison... and why he's free today.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/20	4:44 p.m.	3:58	MA	County jails in central and Western Massachusetts have hundreds of health and safety violations. That's according to the most recent state audits conducted by public health inspectors. Springfield Republican reporter Shira Shoenberg toured Worcester County's jail. She says the superintendent told her maintenance is a constant battle.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/1 2/2	6:13 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	2:52	MA	Five employees of a Berkshire county school for boys and young men with emotional disabilities pleaded not guilty to charges related to assaults on students. The Eagleton school in Great Barrington was the subject of a search warrant this weekend, which brought about 50 law enforcement officers- including some from the FBI- to the campus.

Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/9	7:51 a.m.	1:55	CT	A group of Liberian community members and US Public Health workers were quarantined in Connecticut during the 2014 Ebola epidemic. They've now filed a class-action lawsuit claiming state officials violated their civil rights. WNPR's Lori Mack reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:53	MA	A Springfield man who has spent well over half his life in prison is free this morning... with no cash bail or GPS monitoring required. Prosecutors have to decide whether to put George Perrot on trial again for a 1985 rape. But the judge who overturned Perrot's conviction has sent them a clear message about how he views this ground-breaking case.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/19	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	1:49	MA	Things were back to normal at UMass Amherst last night - just a couple of hours after a school-wide 'shelter in place' order was sent out by campus police. The lockdown followed what police describe as an armed confrontation at a residence hall.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/7 3/8	4:50 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	2:46	MA	A Virginia police officer born in Springfield...was laid to rest today. 28-year-old Ashley Guindon had just been sworn in as an officer.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:55	MA	Holyoke historians are wondering if they can preserve any of the crumbling former 'national guard armory' on Sargeant Street. Over the last two weeks it literally has been falling apart. A portion caved in at the end of February, and then another about 10 days later. It's not the only unstable city building. The fire department is monitoring more than two dozen structures that have the potential to collapse. We spoke with Holyoke fire chief John Pond outside the crumbling structure.

Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/23	7:45 a.m.	3:30	MA	Friends, family and colleagues are taking many lessons from the death of state trooper Thomas Clardy during a Mass Pike traffic stop last week. Hundreds of police officers turned out for the funeral of Clardy in Hudson yesterday. Among the speakers was a friend and fellow state trooper who chose to deliver an indictment of the way police officers are treated in this country. WBUR's Fred Thys was there.
Politics /Public Policy	1/4 1/5	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	3:56	MA	Mayors across the region were sworn-in today. In most cities it was an incumbent taking the oath of office for another term. That was the case for Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno. First - to Pittsfield. The city was the only western MA city to see an incumbent mayor lose in November.
Politics /Public Policy (Econ Dev)	1/8	5:50 p.m.	8:41	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Rick Hurst--publisher of the newspaper--African American point of view and Ron Chimelis from the Springfield Republican Newspaper discuss issues of the week. Massachusetts state lawmakers are considering a bill that would clearly mark replica guns to help distinguish them from the real things. A proposed casino in East Windsor, Connecticut would be less than 15 miles from the MGM casino in Springfield. At the same time, construction is underway on a resort in Schenectady, New York. Our commentators bring predictions for the new year.
Politics /Public Policy	1/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:38	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker meets with legislative leaders this afternoon. It's their first gathering since Baker announced nearly 50 million dollars in state budget cuts late Friday. Henry Epp checks in with State House reporter Matt Murphy, who says Baker doesn't need the legislature's approval to make these emergency budget cuts.

Politics /Public Policy	1/13	5:44 pm.	4:00	MA	The Massachusetts legislature's judiciary committee held a hearing this afternoon on a bill to legalize the recreational use of marijuana. While many doubt the legislature will act on its own, the question will likely be put to voters in November. All this week, members of another committee - the Senate special committee on marijuana - are in Colorado, to see how that state is handling legal pot use. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.
Politics /Public Policy	1/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:46	MA	Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has been taking aim at Ted Cruz about whether the Texas Senator is eligible to run for president because he was born in Canada. The argument about Cruz's birth and eligibility has become a major fight on the campaign trail between Trump, Cruz and a prominent constitutional scholar from Harvard. WBUR's political reporter Anthony Brooks has been following it this week and has our story.
Politics /Public Policy (PH, Econ Dev)	1/15	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Natalia Munoz a contributor to El Sol Latino, and Matt Szafranski, editor of the Western Mass Politics and Insight blog discuss the issues of the week. This week eight Massachusetts state senators flew to Colorado to research how that state navigates legalized marijuana. Big, if not anticipated, news this week about GE's decision to move their headquarters from Connecticut to Boston. Reactions have also been predictable. How could we not talk about Powerball and the chance we all had this week to become billionaires?
Politics /Public Policy	1/18	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:39	MA	The Massachusetts Senate returns to formal sessions later this week after a two month break. On Thursday, they'll take up a bill to ban the use of handheld electronics while driving. The state banned texting while driving in 2010, but law enforcement has complained it's difficult to enforce. Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy says this stricter measure has divided the legislature.

Politics /Public Policy	1/20	7:51 a.m.	5:30	MA	Massachusetts Senate President Stan Rosenberg has stepped up his rhetoric in recent days, questioning the proposed Kinder Morgan pipeline that cuts through Western Massachusetts. But Rosenberg, an Amherst Democrat, has yet to definitively say where he stands on the project. Rosenberg was also asked about charter school expansion - whether the legislature will take it up, or leave it to be decided by voters on the November ballot.
Politics /Public Policy	1/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:51	MA	Governor Baker's first state of the Commonwealth address has received mostly positive reviews from Democratic legislative leaders. They are vowing to work with the Governor on the major issues he outlined last night as goals for the state in his second year on the job. WBUR's Steve Brown has the story.
Politics /Public Policy (Edu)	1/22	5:50 p.m.	7:59	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Matt Szafranski , editor of the Western Mass Politics and Insight Blog and Natalia Munoz contributor to El Sol Latino discuss issues of the week. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker lays out his 2016 agenda in the State of the Commonwealth. The state education board will hear from parents, teachers and students of Southbridge on Monday. In play is whether or not the state should take over the district, as it recently did in Holyoke. Big storms headed for the east coast.
Politics /Public Policy	1/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:19	MA	This week, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker releases his budget plan for the next fiscal year. Baker hinted at some of his priorities in his state of the Commonwealth last week. Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy says Baker will push to add money to the state's rainy day fund, and increase local aid and funding for vocational education.

Politics /Public Policy (Edu)	1/29	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Larry Parnass of the Daily Hampshire Gazette and Mike Dobbs of The Reminder Newspaper discuss the issues of the week. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker's numbers for local aid to cities and towns, spending for schools are garnering criticism. This week Amherst College trustees made some changes to long-standing traditions, mascot Lord Jeffrey Amherst. The Hampden County sheriff race has a new contender: Mike Albano, a former Springfield mayor and current Governor's Councilor.
Politics /Public Policy	2/1	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:34	MA	Massachusetts' budget season is underway once again. Public hearings start this week on Governor Charlie Baker's version of the state's next fiscal plan. Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy says Baker's budget is marked by a desire to reign-in state spending.
Politics /Public Policy	2/3	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	3:59	CT	569 million dollars. That's the value of cuts proposed by Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy for the state's next two-year budget. Malloy delivers his annual state of the state address today, the same day lawmakers return to Hartford to start a new legislative session. For a preview of the session, we spoke with Hartford Courant Capitol Bureau Chief Chris Keating and asked him where the budget will be cut.
Politics /Public Policy	2/5 2/6	4:44 p.m. 9:35 a.m.	3:49	MA	Massachusetts voters can't cast a ballot until March 1st. But many of them are spending this weekend in New Hampshire... looking to have a say in the first in the nation presidential primaries.

Politics /Public Policy (PH)	2/5	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Rick Hurst Publisher of African American Point of View and Matt Szafranski, editor of Western Mass Politics and Insight Blog discuss the issues of the week. A drug and alcohol rehab center that was in downtown Springfield but got booted by the casino, then rejected by opponents in Springfield's north end, now hopes to occupy a former nursing home on Mill Street. The New Hampshire primary is on Tuesday. We're heading into Superbowl Sunday and the Patriots aren't in it — after a year of deflategate, legal and PR battles.
Politics /Public Policy	2/8	6: 45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:35	MA	The New Hampshire primaries will dominate national and regional political news this week... including in neighboring Massachusetts, where Republican Governor Charlie Baker late last week endorsed New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. We check in with State House reporter Matt Murphy, and asked him what motivated Baker's endorsement.
Politics /Public Policy	2/9	7:51 a.m.	6:01	MA	In Massachusetts, the legislature is back in action. Of the roughly 200 Beacon Hill lawmakers that will hash out a new budget and other issues this year, just 7 percent are millennials, according to the Pew Charitable Trusts. By comparison, that generation makes up 30 percent of Massachusetts residents. And according to recent surveys, young people are overwhelmingly uninterested in running for office, or generally unengaged in politics.

Politics /Public Policy	2/12	5:50 p.m.	8:00	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Natalia Munoz, marketing consultant and host of the talk show “Vaya Con Muñoz” on WHMP-am, and Mike Dobbs of the Reminder Newspaper discuss the issues of the week. Media frenzy about presidential politics is in full swing, but surveys show millennials aren’t paying close attention. This week Springfield’s Catholic Bishop Mitchell Rozanski released a pastoral letter apologizing to victims of clergy sex abuse, asking for their forgiveness and urging them to come back to the church. Is the move too little, too late or an appropriate olive branch?
Politics /Public Policy	2/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:08	MA	Along with most schools across the state, Beacon Hill is a bit sleepy this week. Most committees are taking a break... and neither the House nor Senate is holding formal sessions. But there is some work going on. We check in with State House News reporter Matt Murphy for a look at the week ahead.
Politics /Public Policy	2/17	5:14 p.m.	3:08	MA	Dueling campaign events on beacon hill today, as supporters of Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders made a play for minority voters. WBUR's Steve Brown picks up the story from outside the Statehouse in Boston.
Politics /Public Policy	2/18	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:38	CT	There are some 160 thousand blind veterans in the U.S. For many, regaining independence has been helped by a guide dog. Today, some in Congress support a measure to fund organizations like Fidelco in Bloomington, Connecticut: which breeds and trains German Shepherd guide dogs.

Politics /Public Policy	2/19	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	5:00	MA	In both Vermont and New Hampshire voters will pick new governors this year. Democratic Governor Maggie Hassan is leaving her post to challenge Republican Kelly Ayotte for a U.S. Senate seat. New Hampshire Public Radio's senior political reporter Josh Rogers gives us a rundown of the candidates looking to replace her//In Vermont, incumbent Peter Shumlin is stepping down. On the Democratic side, former state Senator Matt Dunne faces transportation secretary Sue Minter. For the GOP, former Wall Street executive Bruce Lisman is taking on Lieutenant Governor Phil Scott. Vermont Public Radio's Peter Hirschfeld says Scott has a likely advantage in the race.
Politics /Public Policy	2/19	5:50 p.m.	8:03	MA	THE SHORT LIST: UMass lockdown and dorm security, Clinton/sanders in western Massachusetts, red sox Spring training and team's race history.
Politics /Public Policy	2/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:18	MA	Massachusetts State Senator Brian Joyce made headlines last week when his law office was raided by the FBI and IRS. Joyce is a Democrat... and the state Republican party was quick to call for his resignation. Governor Charlie Baker and Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr stopped short of that. State House reporter Matt Murphy tells us why most lawmakers aren't calling for Joyce to step down.
Politics /Public Policy	2/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:47	MA	Massachusetts holds its primaries next Tuesday. Three parties will choose their nominee - Democrats, Republicans, and the Green-Rainbow Party. Over the next few days we'll hear from candidates who responded to our invitation. First, Sednam Kinamo Christin Moyowasifza Curry who is seeking the Green Rainbow party nomination.

Politics /Public Policy	2/23	7:45 a.m.	3:34	MA	One week from now, Massachusetts and twelve other states get their say in the presidential race as they hold super Tuesday primaries and caucuses. In his appeal for support, Democratic Candidate Bernie Sanders is telling Massachusetts voters they could be difference makers. WBUR's Fred Thys reports on a rally Sanders held last night in Amherst.
Politics /Public Policy	2/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:54	MA	Continuing our conversations with presidential candidates ahead of Tuesday's primary in Massachusetts, we speak with Green Party candidate Bill Kreml. He's an emeritus professor of political science at the University of South Carolina. This isn't the first time he's run for president. In 2000, he filed to run as a Democrat. But he says he's become disillusioned with the Party's move to the center.
Politics /Public Policy	2/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:07	MA	Massachusetts voters head to the polls Tuesday for the state's presidential primary, joining voters in fourteen other states - including Vermont, and American Samoa - NEPR's Kari Njiiri looks ahead with us to Super Tuesday.
Politics /Public Policy	2/26	7:45 a.m.	3:54	MA	Continuing our talks with presidential candidates ahead of Massachusetts' primary on Tuesday, we speak with Rocky De La Fuente. A real estate developer, De La Fuente says he chose to run because he's dissatisfied with the field of candidates.
Politics /Public Policy (En/En, A&C)	2/26	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: The Reminder Newspaper's Mike Dobbs and Matt Szafranski of Western Mass Politics and Insight discuss the issues of the week. Super Tuesday's coming up, pushback on endangered Timber Rattlesnakes in the Quabbin, and producers of a movie on the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings hope to film on the same street where the Watertown shootout took place.

Politics /Public Policy	2/29	7:51 a.m.	4:47	MA	Tomorrow is the Massachusetts presidential primary. Today, we hear from Jill Stein - who's running for the Green Party nomination. A Massachusetts resident, she was the party's nominee in 2012. Stein calls Bernie Sander's campaign "wonderful", but she says there's room for a third party.
Politics /Public Policy	2/29	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:34	MA	The super Tuesday primaries are almost here. Massachusetts and Vermont are among more than a dozen states picking presidential candidates. Polling shows Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders pretty evenly split in the Bay State, while Donald Trump leads the Republican field by a large margin. Republican Governor Charlie Baker has expressed his misgivings with Trump. We check in with Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy, who tells us what it might mean for Baker and Massachusetts Republicans if Trump takes the primary.
Politics /Public Policy	2/29	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:36	MA	Massachusetts residents have donated more than 8 million dollars to presidential candidates. That's according to federal campaign finance reports through the last month. And with each donor - comes a story. NEPR's Adam Frenier caught up with some of these people to find out why they decided to write a check.
Politics /Public Policy	3/2	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:03	MA	After a lot of internal party strife in the lead up to super Tuesday, one western Massachusetts democratic committee decided to bring the two main sides together... NEPR's Karen Brown reports from their primary night party. Republican voters have their own divisions, as NEPR's Kari Njiiri visits polling places around the region to chat with voters about their choices.

Politics /Public Policy	3/4	4:50 p.m.	5:00	MA	A big battle over a proposed Muslim cemetery in a small town of Dudley, Massachusetts, carried over into another packed and angry hearing last night. To loud applause, the town's zoning board rejected a plan presented by the Islamic center of Greater Worcester. Opponents insist they are not bigots... while the Muslim's attorney argues the town cannot deny a permit. WBUR's David Boeri has been following the case from the start.
Politics /Public Policy (A&C, PH)	3/4	5:40 p.m.	7:45	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Charlie Baker has said he won't support Donald Trump as the Republican nominee, could his high approval rating have helped another candidate had he made an endorsement? Former Red Sox pitcher Curt Shilling and Patriot's QB Tom Brady have added their voices during this presidential campaign as well. Police departments have moved towards helping treat heroin addicts rather than arresting, and in Montague the police chief is trying to mirror the success of a Gloucester MA treatment program.
Politics /Public Policy	3/7	6:36 a.m. 8:32 a.m.	3:55	MA	Earlier this year, a special senate committee in Massachusetts traveled to Colorado to study how that state has fared after legalizing recreational marijuana. They're tracking the issue because Massachusetts voters could also legalize the drug through a ballot question in November. This week, the committee puts out its report. In our weekly preview of state politics, NEPR's Henry Epp asked State House reporter Matt Murphy what impacts the Senators are concerned about.

Politics /Public Policy (Econ Dev)	3/11	5:45 p.m.	7:51	MA	<p>THE SHORT LIST: Larry Parnass of the Daily Hampshire Gazette and Natalia Munoz of “Vaya Con Munoz” on WHMP discuss the issues of the week.</p> <p>Massachusetts legislators tackled multiple drug issues this week. There’s a battle brewing in Connecticut over how fast a 3rd casino might be built. The argument for moving swiftly often sites the upcoming MGM casino in Springfield. States around the country have debated doing away with daylight saving time.</p>
Politics /Public Policy	3/14	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:23	MA	<p>Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker is scheduled to sign a bill this morning to address the state's opioid abuse problem. The legislature passed it last week. Part of the bill will expand screening of middle and high school students for signs of substance abuse. State House Reporter Matt Murphy tells us how the screening process will work and what it will mean for schools.</p>
Politics /Public Policy (PH, Edu)	3/18	5:50 p.m.	7:35	MA	<p>THE SHORT LIST: The Reminder newspaper’s Mike Dobbs and The Republican’s managing editor Cynthia Simison discuss the issues of the week.</p> <p>Massachusetts Governor Baker recently left the state to attend a conservative gathering, but didn’t make his travel public. A judge this week ruled that Holyoke, Massachusetts’ needle exchange program has to stop giving out syringes in four months if it doesn’t get the City Council’s approval. Opponents of a ballot question to expand charter schools launched their campaign to defeat a ballot measure likely due in November.</p>
Politics /Public Policy	3/21	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:08	MA	<p>The Massachusetts legislature is back in formal sessions this week. Lawmakers will likely act on legislation to end drivers' license suspensions for former drug offenders. That bill came out of conference committee last week. We check in with Andy Metzger of the State House News Service, filling in this week for Matt Murphy.</p>

Politics /Public Policy	3/21	4:44 p.m.	3:55	MA	President Barack Obama met today with Cuban President Raul Castro in Havana. Among those included in the United States' delegation - is Congressman Jim McGovern of Worcester, a longtime critic of the trade embargo. We reached McGovern while travelling by bus on his cell phone in Cuba.
Politics /Public Policy (PH, A&C)	3/25	5:50 p.m.	7:57	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Ron Chimelis of the Springfield Republican and Natalia Munoz of WHMP's Vaya con Munoz discuss the issues of the week. A Blue Cross Blue Shield survey this week shows that more people in Massachusetts have a primary care physician. But that many continue to struggle with the high cost of medical care. Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno vetoed the City Council's attempt to once again tighten the city's residency requirement for employees. The council plans a veto override vote in early April. Panelist Ron Chimelis asks why repeated NCAA scandals fail to produce any significant improvements.
Politics /Public Policy	3/28	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:32	MA	Massachusetts lawmakers are looking to pump more money into the state budget - about 167 million dollars. Both the House and Senate passed separate versions of a spending bill last week. Now, they need to find common ground. Matt Murphy of the State House News Service spells out the differences between the House and Senate spending bills.
Public Health	1/13	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	7:22	MA	On Beacon Hill today House lawmakers are expected to vote on another opioid bill. The legislation follows on the heels of recent funding - tens of millions of dollars for new treatment beds, drug education billboards, and Narcan, which can stop a fatal overdose. While states like Massachusetts have scurried to find effective solutions to this drug crisis, some doctors say policies need to be fine-tuned - and fast.

Public Health	3/3	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:46	MA	Last year the chief of Gloucester, Massachusetts made an unusual offer on his department's Facebook page. Heroin addicts who come voluntarily to the station will not get arrested; they'll get help. The Gloucester effort has gotten national press and spread to dozens of other police departments around the country. Karen Brown spent time with one Western Massachusetts police chief who was inspired by the Gloucester example - though with not quite the same results.
Public Health	3/3	5:50 p.m.	7:58	MA	Most people seem to fear death. Not surprising, according to Harvard researchers, who say even the word can increase nervousness and sadness. But professor Michael Norton, a behavioral economist at the Harvard Business School, noticed that toward the end of their lives some appear more peaceful, resolved, accepting of death. Norton's now looking more closely at the disconnect. Mount Holyoke College president Lynn Pasquerella gives us a broader context of how conversations about death and dying in the US have evolved. A Brown University trained medical ethicist, she says the subject's been at the forefront of public discussion and private debate for decades.
Public Health	3/7	7:45 a.m.	2:32	MA	As lawmakers continue to hammer out legislation to fight the deadly toll the opioid crisis is taking in Massachusetts, the state department of public health is enacting new limits on painkiller prescriptions for patients on the MassHealth Medicaid program. Tom Relihan of the Recorder newspaper reports on the regulations, which take effect today.
Public Health	3/19	8:35 a.m. 10:35 a.m.	3:24	MA	Doctors tell us it's a good idea to get an annual health checkup. And the same can be said for counties. A report released this week from the University of Wisconsin ranks Hampden county last in Massachusetts for health outcomes and health factors. To explain what that means and what can be done about it, we spoke with Attica Scott, a community coach with the project.

Public Health	3/28	7:45 a.m.	4:57	MA	The growing opioid crisis is requiring Massachusetts hospitals to adapt to a growing number of medical issues. Among them: a surge in the number of newborns exposed to drugs. WBUR's Deborah Becker reports.
Public Health	3/31	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:42	MA	With an opioid crisis still underway across the country, pain and how it's treated is under scrutiny. The Centers for Disease Control this month came out with national standards for prescribing opioid painkillers: clinicians should consider other options first. And a new law in Massachusetts limits access to painkillers and requires doctors and pharmacists to use a prescription medication database.
Science	2/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:59	CT	Could King Henry the Eighth have suffered from the same brain injuries affecting some modern-day football players? As WNPR's Patrick Skahill reports, that's the question at the center of a new study out of Yale that looked at traumatic brain injury
Science	3/17	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:39	CT	Wade into a river this fishing season - and if you're in the right spot, you might encounter something gooey and a little gross. It's called Rock Snot - and it's a microscopic form of algae. Now, as WNPR's Patrick Skahill reports - a new species of rock snot has been discovered... and so far, the only place in America you can find it is in an out of the way part of the Farmington River.