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Issues/Programs List

April 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015

During this period, WFCR broadcast programming about local issues during program segments reserved for local feature-length reports, interviews and commentaries, Monday through Friday at (typically) 6:20 a.m., 6:43 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 7:43 a.m., 8:20 a.m. and 8:43 a.m. and 5:44 p.m., or similar times within the morning and afternoon news programs. In addition, local newscasts were broadcast immediately following national newscasts on the hour from 6:00 a.m. through 8:00 a.m. inclusive, and 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 p.m. inclusive. On Saturday, local issue programming was presented at 8:35 a.m. and 9:35 a.m., and local newscasts followed national newscasts on the hour from 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. On Sunday, local newscasts were broadcast following national newscasts on the hour at 8:00 and 9:00 a.m.

In addition to this programming produced locally, many reports on the same and related subjects were broadcast daily and weekly through WFCR's broadcast of such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and others.

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What's Going On/The Short List – The Week in Review

A panel of journalists and media professionals analyzes the major issues in the news during the past week.

Topic	Date	Time	Length	St.	Summary
Politics, Economic Development, Science	5/15/2015	5:50 p.m.	8:13	M A	Massachusetts U.S Senator Elizabeth Warren got under President Obama's skin, as she helped block (well, for a couple days at least) legislation allowing for fast-track trade negotiation authority. Meanwhile, the Amtrak tragedy in Philadelphia raises questions across the region about who is responsible and who is going to pay for track improvements and maintenance. And finally, the Patriots and Tom Brady are fighting back after the NFL slapped the team and its longtime QB with some harsh punishment for improperly deflated playoff footballs. An exploration of these issues with Ron Chimelis of the Springfield Republican and Larry Parnass of the Daily Hampshire Gazette.
Politics, Economic Development, Education, Public Policy	5/22/2015	5:50 p.m.	8:38	M A	What's Going On: Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno makes his re-election campaign official, Massachusetts' unemployment rate falls yet again, but pockets of the state — including Springfield — still feel the jobless pain... and what can school officials do about bomb threats?
Public Policy, Law Enforcement, Civil Rights, Community Development	6/5/2015	5:50 p.m.	8:36	M A	Massachusetts Senate President Stan Rosenberg proposed making a marijuana ballot question “non-binding” so the legislature could control the drafting of any eventual law. The panel ponders where that leaves us and will Mass. residents be allowed to smoke pot legally in a couple years? This week brought news of a foiled plot to kill police officers, ending with a member of the alleged conspiracy shot and killed in Roslindale. Our panel breaks down the threat, and whether the media coverage of the incident makes future ones all the more likely. And a look back at four years ago, when a monster tornado ripped through western and central Massachusetts. Has the rebuilding been successful, and did that deadly storm actually help bring a casino to the region?

Public Policy, Education, Civil Rights, Law Enforcement	6/19/2015	5:35 p.m.	8:36	M A	The Bishop of Springfield's Catholic Diocese announces where he'll locate the new Pope Francis High School -- a panel discussion on the politics of parochial schools and public funding ensues. The UMass board this week voted to boost tuition and fees up to 5 percent. The panel discusses. The devastating murders in a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina, this week bring up questions of hate, gun laws and the definition of terror.
Civil Rights, Economic Development	6/26/2015	5:50 p.m.	8:40	M A	Chris Collins, a columnist for the Greenfield Recorder newspaper and Wayne Phaneuf the Springfield Republican and Masslive.com's executive editor discuss the issues of the week: The lawyers for the convicted Boston marathon bomber have been handed a death sentence, and now the automatic appeal process begins. Two major decisions came out of the Supreme Court this week: Obamacare and same sex marriages. MGM Springfield is asking for a construction delay, to align with the Interstate 91 viaduct construction completion.

Reports on *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and *Weekend Edition*

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Agriculture	4/23/15	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	2:44	M A	A goat farm in Western Massachusetts puts out an interesting offer: free manure, as long as you help clean out the barn.
Agriculture	5/30/15	8:35 a.m.	3:48	M A	Recently, a report was released stating that 40% of the U.S. honey bee colonies died over a 12-month period. A check-in on the health of bees in Massachusetts with Hotze Winjnja, an environmental chemist and bee expert from the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture.
Arts	4/3/15	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	4:12	M A	Baseball Spring Training is wrapping up, and the Boston Red Sox play their first game of the regular season Monday afternoon. Masslive.com Sports editor Jen McCaffrey says that after their struggles last season, this year's team looks good, offensively.
Arts	4/18/15	8:35 a.m.	4:00	M A	A Facebook Group called Art Abandonment, has members from all around the world, and here in Western Massachusetts. In East Longmeadow, Carleen Eve Fischer Hoffman explains how she has created and left thirty pieces of art for strangers to find. After founding the group three years ago, Canadian artist Michael DeMeng now takes a hands-off approach to guiding the thousands of members in his group.
Arts	4/20/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:50	M A	Today's Boston Marathon is the second since the tragic bombings of 2013. State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy says that with the passage of time, the event is beginning to return to normalcy.
Arts	4/30/15	8:45 a.m.	1:38	CT	In 2008, a ten-year old fireball pitcher from Connecticut made national headlines when his pitching was so fast that a local youth league decided he shouldn't be allowed to pitch. This month, Jericho Scott - now a teen- was killed in a drive-by shooting in New Haven.
Arts	5/4/15	4:44 p.m.	4:32	M A	Georges Annan-Kingsley was a successful artist and university-level art teacher in Cote d'Ivoire, when he was forced to flee to Ghana during political unrest there. For two years, the Ghanaian government sheltered Georges, funding costly treatment for his grave kidney condition – the government's way of paying Georges back for a series of his paintings he'd donated years earlier. The funds for dialysis ran out, his wife and son come to the U.S on a medical visa. Now, in Hartford, he is waiting for a kidney transplant, painting and teaching. This is part of his story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.

Arts	5/4/15	7:45 a.m.	5:41	M A	Holyoke Community College student Angelica Merino Monge was 10 years old when she, her mother and her older brother fled El Salvador. She lived here illegally until recently, when the DACA Act (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) was passed; enabling her to become authorized to work and receive deferred action status. This is part of her story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.
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Arts	5/5/15 5/6/15	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:55	M A	Hind Mari came from Palestine to UMass Amherst on a Fulbright scholarship in 1986, expecting to return after completing her Master's and doctorate program here. After a tumultuous first visit back to the West Bank, she and her husband, who by then had one child, reluctantly concluded they could not raise a family in their beloved native country. Hind directs the UMass Amherst's Women of Color Leadership Network at the Center for Women & Community. This is part of her story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.
Arts	5/6/15 5/7/15	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:48	M A	University of Connecticut student, Woodlyn Joachim, and her mother had been waiting for visas to leave Haiti long before the massive earthquake of 2010 struck, leaving them homeless. Woodlyn credits her decision to pursue her dream to become a pediatric oncologist to encouragement she received from staff of the Boys and Girls Club of Hartford, where she was awarded youth of the year in 2014. This is part of her story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.

Arts	5/7/15 5/8/15	4:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:39	M A	Heather Neal, a licensed massage therapist currently living in Greenfield, Massachusetts, was born and raised in Ireland to British parents. Heather spent her adolescence in Spanish Harlem, having moved from a home overlooking the ocean to the basement floor of an apartment building, where her father was also the super. She found fitting in in Spanish Harlem quite a challenge. This is part of her story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.
Arts	5/8/15 5/9/15	4:44 p.m. 9:35 a.m.	4:51	M A	Bhuwan Gautam, a Community Support Specialist at Caring Health Center in Springfield, was a child when his family was forced to flee Bhutan during an ethnic cleansing of Nepali-speaking Hindus. His family escaped on foot, landing eventually at a refugee camp in Nepal. Sixteen years later, Bhuwan obtained a visa to come live in Springfield, where he was supported by Jewish Family Services of Western Massachusetts. This is part of his story, which is available in expanded form on the radio station website.
Arts	5/8/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:36	M A	Ever since the first motion picture was made in 1910, Hollywood has stirred the imaginations of millions of people around the world. Many of the movies, from swashbucklers and westerns to military and gangster films, have featured firearms made in Springfield, MA, home to the nation's first armory.
Arts	5/14/15	5:44 p.m.	3:28	M A	Dana Archibald, one of the authors of a new book, <u>Dickens and Massachusetts</u> , sheds light on Dickens' little known fascination with Massachusetts -- including his visits to Springfield.
Arts	5/16/15	8:35 a.m.	3:47	M A	The Great New England Air Show is expected to bring a half million spectators to Westover Air reserve base in Chicopee Massachusetts this weekend. As the military squadrons prepared for their aerial acrobatics, one team of pilots and crew took a break to visit veterans at the Soldier's Home in Holyoke.
Arts	5/20/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:18	CT	May is a big month for the Nutmegs - Connecticut Children's Book Awards. Winners, announced last week, were the result of votes cast from kids across the state. Some students also have a say in which books are nominated. This report talks with two involved in nominations.
Arts	5/22/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:37	M A	In the Pioneer Valley, the only remaining independent movie shop has rented its last DVD. For the customers of this Amherst, Massachusetts storefront, they'll now have to travel to Keene, New Hampshire. Unless they get a Netflix account first.

Arts	5/29/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:54	M A	Winners of the 27th LAMBDA Literary Awards will be announced Monday in New York City. Gloria Steinem and John Waters will be there, along with two authors from Western Massachusetts.
Arts	6/4/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:24	M A	Actress Karen Allen, a Hollywood success story long before she moved to the Berkshires, gave up much of her film life to raise her son. Now that he's grown, she's finding her way back into the movie business.
Arts	6/26/15 6/27/15	5:35 p.m. 9:34 a.m.	4:33	M A	Airplane travel has gotten a bad rap the last several years - the hassles, the discomfort, the nervousness. Mark Vanhoenacker doesn't buy any of that. The Pittsfield, Massachusetts native has loved flying since he was a boy, and now he is a commercial pilot. His new memoir, "Skyfaring" is a love letter to life in the skies.
Civil Rights	4/1/15	6:23 a.m. 8:23 a.m.	4:15	M A	Later today, Emmanuel Bile will be sentenced on two counts of aggravated rape. State sentencing guidelines suggest he could face eight to twelve years behind bars, according to Daily Hampshire gazette reporter Rebecca Everett, who has been following the trial.
Civil Rights	4/14/15	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	4:55	M A	The Amherst, Massachusetts public schools have been talking a lot about race since last year, when an African- American math teacher was the target of racist graffiti around the high school. In response, the school committee created a task force to advise it on matters of "equity." Now, task force members want the district to tackle a more subtle form of racism - something called "implicit bias."
Civil Rights	4/16/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:56	M A	This Friday, Springfield College will celebrate Tom Waddell, who graduated from the school in 1959. Waddell was an Olympian doctor and civil rights activist. Most notably, he founded the gay games in the early 1980's. Waddell, who was gay, died of AIDS in 1987. His alma mater has been slow to recognize his accomplishments and sexual orientation. Springfield College communications professor Marty Dobrow described Waddell's motivation for creating the gay games.
Civil Rights	4/17/15	5:44 p.m.	3:22	M A	Undaunted, a documentary about the first person with dwarfism to finish the Boston Marathon, premieres tonight on BBC World. Runner Juli Windsor, and reporter and filmmaker David Abel of the Boston Globe, talk about the documentary.
Civil Rights	4/27/15	5:44 p.m.	4:02	M A	The Boston Globe's David Abel says the facility the Boston Marathon bomber will be sentenced to, if he is not sentenced to death, is sometimes call 'the Alcatraz of the Rockies' and is designed for the harshest possible form of solitary confinement.

Civil Rights	6/23/15	7:22 a.m.	2:11	CT	Vietnam-era veterans who have dealt with the consequences of getting a less than honorable discharge could now receive certain benefits. The change comes after recent decisions by military boards under the pentagon.
Commentary	5/21/15	8:45 a.m.	4:58	M A	In Las Vegas tomorrow, a public viewing for B. B. King. He died last week at age 89. Like many others, NEPR Jazz host Tom Reney already feels King's absence.
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Commentary	6/19/15	8:22 a.m. 4:29 p.m.	3:05	M A	Silence at the family table can make some people squirm. But when commentator Dennis Caraher was a kid growing up in the Midwest, he loved those periods of quiet. As an adult though, he's been thinking about things not said.
Commentary	6/22/15	5:35 p.m.	2:46	M A	Members of the Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina gathered yesterday for their first Sunday service since the gunning down of 9 parish members, including their minister. Commentator Mark Edington, director of the Amherst College Press, has worked in the past as a terrorism analyst. He says there may be something more important than how we label crime.
Community Development	5/15/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:54	M A	Monsignor John Bonzagni, the Director of Pastoral Planning for the Springfield Catholic Diocese discusses the decision to close Saint Mark School in Pittsfield, as well as the process of the church selling vacated buildings across the region.
Economic Development	4/1/15	6:23 a.m. 8:23 a.m.	2:17	M A	Massachusetts lawmakers are hearing what went wrong at Keolis commuter services. For the past few months the system has been slowed, delayed, overcrowded and often cancelled. The company explained the issues at a hearing at the statehouse.
Economic Development	4/2/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:59	M A	Boston 2024 CEO Richard Davey discusses why his organization needs to win support in Springfield, MA for bringing the Olympics to Boston. "Boston 2024" is holding a public meeting in Springfield tonight.
Economic Development	4/3/15	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:01	M A	Organizers hoping to bring the 2024 Olympics to Boston were in Springfield for a public meeting last night. The proposal is facing a 2016 referendum votes. Some in Western MA say they know how to make the proposal more popular.

Economic Development	4/4/15	8:35 a.m.	4:20	M A	A new study finds that you are more than likely NOT paying your CSA farmer anything close to a living wage when you buy your CSA share of vegetables. Mark Paul, an Economics PhD student at UMass studied sixteen CSA's across the Pioneer Valley and explains his report.
Economic Development	4/28/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:44	CT	A Connecticut legislative committee is using some strategic math to restore funding to social services, Medicaid providers and other programs Governor Malloy proposed cutting. The Appropriations Committee's proposal re-interprets a state law dictating how much can be spent in the budget.
Economic Development	6/9/15	7:51 a.m.	7:17	M A	There's one question at the heart of the debate over bringing the summer Olympics to Massachusetts - would the games be an economic launching pad... or a boondoggle that'll cost taxpayers millions? This report looks at the legacy of the 1996 Atlanta Games.
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Economic Development	6/10/15	5:50 p.m.	6:00	M A	What are Olympics venues good for, when the Olympics re over? Boston is preparing for the 2024 Olympic bid. Above all, Centennial stadium has proven to be a huge success for Atlanta, who hosted the games in 1996.
Economic Development	6/11/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:43	M A	Places like San Francisco, Seattle, and Boston are established hubs of tech giants and start-up companies. A growing number of smaller cities and regions want a piece of the action, including the Pioneer Valley. A Springfield-based organization called Tech Foundry has an ambitious mission: to "turn western Massachusetts into the technology capital of the Northeast." But how? Tech Foundry creator Delcie Bean discusses.
Economic Development	6/11/15	5:44 p.m.	4:01	M A	Olympic Volleyball in Holyoke? Gold in Salem? Organizers of Boston's 2024 Olympics bid are under pressure to spread some of the events around the state. A bigger footprint might hurt the chances of Boston winning the hosting of the games.
Economic Development	6/22/15	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	4:42	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy discusses the new casino opening this week in Plainville, the first gambling facility in the state since casino gambling became legalized three years ago by lawmakers.

Education	4/23/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:34	M A	Holyoke Massachusetts School Superintendent Sergio Paez has advocated against state takeover of the schools, known as receivership. Recently he has changed his stance, and now, though still obligated to oppose receivership because of his position, personally would welcome being appointed the receiver if the state goes that route.
Education	4/24/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:31	M A	A process called receivership has been a hotly debated topic in Holyoke. The only other school district in receivership is in Lawrence - a system was taken over in 2011. Julie Swerdlow Albino is the chief redesign office for Lawrence Public Schools, who talks about the process.
Education	4/28/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:42	M A	Members of the Massachusetts Board of Elementary and Secondary Education were in Holyoke last night to hear from residents about whether the state should take over the city's struggling public schools.
Education	6/2/15	7:45 a.m.	2:35	M A	A school superintendent from Eastern Massachusetts has been named the receiver for Holyoke's under-performing school district. This comes just over a month after school officials voted to take over the city's schools.
Environment	6/6/15	8:35 a.m.	3:57	M A	A week from today, Northampton, Massachusetts will host thirty-six of the region's most skilled professional tree climbers in the 27th annual New England Tree Climbing Competition. In Petersham, Massachusetts, arborist Bear LeVangie explains what the event is all about.
Environment	6/10/15	5:56 p.m.	2:00	CT	Hunting with bow and arrow on Sundays could soon be legal on private property in Connecticut. The state says it's a necessary move to control deer populations.
Environment	6/13/15	8:35 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	4:00	M A	Most of us recycle our waste every day without much thought, but not Jared Starr, the Assistant Director of the Sustainability Science Program at UMass Amherst. Starr wrote a study that looked at recycling in all 351 communities in Massachusetts over a span of thirteen years. He gave an overview of the data to the reporter at the Springfield Materials Recycling facility.
Environment	6/17/15	4:44 p.m.	4:00	VT M AC T	Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin has signed the state's clean water bill into law. In the past, the state has focused on cleaning up Lake Champlain, but this legislation targets lakes, rivers and streams, including the Connecticut River. The law's impact may be felt well beyond Vermont's border.

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Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	4/9/15	8:45 a.m.	3:42	M A	A Jury has found Dzhokhar Tsarnaev guilty on thirty counts. Early next week, all of those jurors will return to the courthouse to decide his fate: either life in prison or the death penalty. Survivors of the attack have mixed feelings over putting Tsarnaev to death.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	4/22/15	8:45 a.m.	3:55	M A	Calling Dzhokhar Tsarnaev an "unrepentant killer" federal prosecutors are urging a jury to impose a sentence of death on the convicted Boston Marathon bomber. The second phase of the trial began yesterday, with an emotional beginning.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	4/29/15	5:35 P.M.	6:08	M A	Conversations and protests continue over how law enforcement interacts with people of color. That includes in Springfield, where the Rev. Talbert Swan of the NAACP has said mistrust with police makes the city vulnerable to becoming another Ferguson, or Baltimore. Springfield Police Commissioner John Barbieri talks about his confidence in that happening under his watch.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	4/30/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:27	M A	Springfield Police Commissioner John Barbieri is offering a lot of promises about how the department can do better to improve trust with the city's residents. Last night he heard frustration and support during a meeting in the Mason Square neighborhood.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	4/30/15	5:44 p.m.	4:00	M A	Springfield Police Commissioner John Barbieri says a resort casino will change the nature of policing in the city... this interview is part two of two in a series.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	5/4/15	8:23 a.m.	5:30	M A	It was an emotional day of testimony in the Boston marathon bombing trial yesterday, as relatives of convicted bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev took the stand... and for the first time, the defendant too, appeared to show emotion, briefly.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	5/14/15	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	7:06	M A	Increasingly, Massachusetts grandparents are stepping in to parent for a second time. The increase in custody petitions statewide is tied to the problem of cheap, easily available and highly addictive heroin and prescription opioid drugs. Today, in part two of this series, we learn how these grandparents are finding resources where they can, and developing friendships in the trenches.

Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	5/15/15	7:45 a.m. 4:44 p.m.	3:12	M A	More than three years after the FBI began investigating him, former Lee, Massachusetts police chief Joseph Buffis is scheduled to go to trial Monday in Springfield. He has pleaded not guilty to fraud, money laundering, and extortion charges related to theft from a Christmas toy fund he administered. Lee residents react to the situation.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/4/15	8:45 a.m.	4:06	M A	An Everett, Massachusetts man accused of plotting with the Roslindale man, who was shot and killed by an anti-terrorism task force, will be held without bail for at least two weeks. David Wright made his first court appearance yesterday.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/9/15	4:44 p.m.	3:36	M A	A former police chief from the small Berkshire community of Lee got some good news as his trial wrapped up today. Joseph Buffis was being tried for federal extortion, fraud and money laundering charges. The jury found him guilty only of extortion. Bob Dunn, reporter at the Berkshire Eagle, has been following the trial and checks-in.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/12/15	5:50 p.m.	8:34	M A	Former Lee, Massachusetts, police chief Joseph Buffis was found guilty of one of eleven counts of corruption. Did prosecutors stumble, or is that just justice in action? Gov. Charlie Baker's opioid task force is set to release its recommendations this coming week. What needs to be done to stop heroin's spread, and does our panel think the state task force will get it right? A poll from WBUR found statewide support was higher for a 2024 Olympic bid that included events outside the Boston area. But for a bid committee that sold its vision based on a "walkable games," what's the end game?
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/15/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:48	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy discusses the next steps the ethics commission may take to determine whether Steven Crosby participated in selecting a Boston area casino after recusing himself.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/19/15	6:35 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:55	M A	It's the last day of school in Springfield, Massachusetts. This has been a violent year in the city, twelve murders so far in 15. To get a sense of what violence prevention efforts are happening as the summer begins, longtime Springfield activist Dejuan Brown, executive director of the organization AWAKE talks about keeping high-risk youth away from violent crime.
Justice, Law Enforcement, Public Safety	6/30/15	4:44 p.m.	4:01	M A	Northampton, Massachusetts swears in the city's first female police chief this evening. Jody Kasper's been with the department for nineteen years.

Politics	4/6/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:46	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy discusses whether any lawmakers will be calling on new taxes to boost funding for public transit, in the wake of public, poor performance this winter by the Boston Mass Transit system.
Politics	4/13/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:32	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy says that it remains unclear how the House lawmaker's version of the budget will differ from that of Gov. Charlie Baker.
Politics	4/27/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:52	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy says eleven hundred amendments have been filed to the \$38 billion dollar state budget.
Politics	5/4/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:01	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy explains what the holdup has been to allowing up to five thousand state workers take early retirement, a cost-savings plan by the Baker administration.
Politics	5/11/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:35	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy previews what the level of interest is in the Senate budget proposal, which is slated to be released tomorrow.
Politics	5/18/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:49	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy discusses how the Massachusetts Senate budget addresses the anticipated \$1.8 billion dollar gap next year.
Politics	5/25/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:18	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy says State House leaders are objecting to the Senate's decision to freeze the state's income tax at 5.15 percent.
Politics	5/27/15	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:34	CT	There's just a week left in the Connecticut Legislative session. Lawmakers have much left to do, namely, passing a budget. Also on the table, a bill to legalize another tribal casino. Chris Keating, Capitol Bureau Chief for the Hartford Courant discusses the politics behind the issues.
Politics	6/1/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:43	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy discusses the prospects for the Senate's income tax proposal, which is stalled, as they await a ruling from the state's highest court.
Politics	6/2/15	7:45 a.m.	2:06	CT	In Connecticut, Democratic lawmakers are praising a budget deal that emerged over the weekend with Governor Dannel Malloy. Republican legislators say they were left out of the talks.
Politics	6/3/15	7:45 a.m.	4:00	CT	The Connecticut legislatures pulled an all-nighter, as they are down to the wire to get a budget passed before the session ends at midnight tonight. Chris Keating at the Hartford Courant newspaper provides a status update.

Politics	6/9/15	8:45 a.m.	3:51	VT	Vermont will have a new governor in 2017. Governor Peter Shumlin announced this week that we will not seek a fourth term in office. The open seat for governor has made for an early start to the 2016 campaign.
Politics	6/19/15	4:35 p.m.	4:00	M A	There's a lot of fluctuation in polling about Massachusetts politics these days. But one data point is consistent - governor Charlie Baker is a popular guy. He has the highest approval ratings of any new governor in the country. A look follows, at what this might mean for Bakers "agenda."
Politics	6/29/15	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	4:52	M A	State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy explained why the budget process is taking so long, as the new fiscal year begins this week.
Public Health	4/29/15	5:35 P.M.	2:12	M A	The federal government is advising towns that fluoridate their drinking water to cut down on the amount of fluoride - which means a change for 140 communities in Massachusetts.
Public Health	4/29/15	8:45 a.m.	3:26	M A	With the spring weather comes more outside activities, including the less savory kind. Communities with a drug problem are finding more heroin needles in public areas. It's gotten so bad in one Western Massachusetts town that the police chief has asked civilians for help.
Public Health	5/11/15	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	7:24	M A	Last spring, we aired a story about a recovering Heroin addict in Turners Falls, Massachusetts named Lance Rice, and the woman whose house he robbed, Nina Rossi. Despite meeting under those challenging circumstances, Rice and Rossi became unlikely friends... and Rice entered a court program that offers treatment in place of jail. Today, a follow-up and check-in with Rice's progress in recovery, and his relationship with Rossi.
Public Health	5/13/15	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	7:07	M A	It's nothing news that family steps in when family needs help. In Massachusetts, more and more grandparents are raising grandchildren. At the center of this? Prescription drug and heroin addiction. This is the first of two stories on how the region's opioid crisis is hitting generations of families.
Public Health	5/26/15	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:53	M A	Poverty often leads to a poor diet, and poor diets can lead to a host of health problems. Doctors in Springfield, Massachusetts, think they've identified a diet-related condition that many thought disappeared hundreds of years ago. If their research proves correct, it could be quite common. It's scurvy.
Public Health	6/8/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:45	M A	MA Governor Charlie Baker's Opioid Task force will release a report next week on the status of the addiction crisis, following four months of public listening sessions across the state. State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy previews the release.

Public Health	6/22/15	5:35 p.m.	4:20	M A	A long awaited report today from Massachusetts governor Baker's task force on opioid abuse. The panel released dozens of recommendations to fight what officials call an epidemic. Springfield Republican State House reporter Shira Schoenberg discusses the findings.
Public Policy	4/10/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:55	M A	The Massachusetts Department of Public Health announced that it will change the way medical marijuana dispensaries are licensed. Boston Globe Health reporter Kay Lazar describes the new process in detail.
Public Policy	4/14/15	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	2:20	M A	Tax returns are due Wednesday, and Massachusetts residents who read closely may notice something odd in their paperwork: it's called the optional income tax rate and it's exactly what it sounds like. Instead of 5.2%, you can opt to pay the state 5.85%.
Public Policy	4/23/15	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	3:59	M A	From a pound of tomatoes to a tank of gas, state regulators make sure you get what you pay for. In Vermont, that duty falls to the Agency of Agriculture's Weights and Measures program. It keeps tabs on thousands of scales, meters and pumps - and even the occasional glass of beer.
Public Policy	5/5/15	8:23 a.m.	1:35	CT	CT Governor Dannel Malloy wants to sell his transportation plan to businesses as a way to boost economic growth. He began with a company that like to think differently about the way its employees get to work.
Public Policy	5/6/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:28	VT	Power struggles between the legislative and executive branches aren't anything new. But one brewing in Montpelier, Vermont, these days is unique: the Administration's decision to block internet entertainment sites has spawned a battle between top state lawmakers and executive branch techie.
Public Policy	5/28/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:00	M A	The mayor of Easthampton, Massachusetts has been hearing from city councilors and residents who disagree with her proposed 20-thousand dollar funding cut for a community center, which, among other services, hosts a food pantry.
Public Policy	5/28/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:51	CT	The State of Connecticut has passed workers compensation bill that towns and cities say would impose new "mega mandates" on them. But it is getting pushback from towns and cities.
Public Policy	6/25/15 6/26/15	5:30 p.m. 8:36 a.m.	4:23	M A	U.S combat missions in Iraq and Afghanistan may be officially over, but constant strife in the region remains. UMass Professor Christian Appy, makes the case in his new book about the Vietnam War, that today's war-weary public has a lot in common with the post-Vietnam generation.

Science	4/25/15	8:35 a.m.	3:56	M A	As the maple sugaring season has wrapped up in New England, researchers in Canada have found a surprising, non-breakfast use for maple syrup. Professor Nathalie Tufenkji at McGill University says her team discovered that syrup compounds can actually make antibiotics even more effective.
Science	5/9/15	8:35 a.m.	3:32	M A	It'll be another beautiful day today... with above average temperatures for this time of year. But it'll cost you. That's the takeaway from a recent study that looked at the role of the environment on household incomes. Solomon Hsuang from the University of California Berkeley is the study's author, who discusses the price tag on heat.
Science	5/26/15	7:45 a.m.	3:03	M A	Memorial Day kicks off the barbeque season. On a quest to invent a smart-smoker a Harvard engineering class is partnering with Williams-Sonoma. Junior-year students have smoked more than 200 pounds of brisket ...
Science	5/27/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	M A	It's been a crazy year for weather: the late winter with lingering snow; a hot and cold spring with hardly any rain. Despite thundershowers predicted for this week, the U.S. Draught Monitor says Massachusetts and Connecticut are experiencing a moderate drought. The dry conditions are keeping farmers busy day and night.