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Issues/Programs List

April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

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*, typically 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* and *Living on Earth*.

Issues

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	4/3	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:21	CT	Hartford's minor league baseball team, the Yard Goats, has been getting ready for opening day. As New England Public Radio's Tema Silk reports, recently so were some others, who hope to be among the <i>musicians</i> performing the national anthem at the team's home games this season.
Arts & Culture	4/13	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:56	MA	New England Public Radio's spring music series continues tomorrow with jazz vocalist and Springfield native Sarah Elizabeth Charles.
Arts & Culture	4/27	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	5:48	MA	The country's first national memorial to the victims of lynching opens today [Friday - April 27] in Alabama. One of the thousands of victims was Lent Shaw, a successful black farmer in Colbert, Georgia. He was accused -- many believe falsely -- of assaulting a white woman. Shaw was hanged and shot by a lynch mob in 1936. His tattered body, surrounded by white men, is the subject of a gruesome photo from that time. It often shows up in museums and history books. Shaw's great-grandson -- Northampton, Massachusetts, resident Evan Lewis -- has spent years researching the photo and Shaw's killing. Lewis told New England Public Radio's Karen Brown he grew up in the shadow of that disturbing family history but wasn't personally scared by it.

Arts & Culture	5/8	4:44 p.m.	3:18	MA	The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees open a three-game series in the Bronx this evening. Both are riding hot starts to the season -- the Red Sox lead the Yankees by just one game and the teams have the two best records in all of baseball. To help us break down this always interesting rivalry, I called up Jen McCaffrey. She covers the Red Sox for the website, The Athletic Boston. I asked her about the Sox' keys to success so far this season.
Arts & Culture	5/14	5:44 p.m.	3:29	CT	In Hartford, Puerto Rican families displaced by Hurricane Maria are trying to adjust to their new city. Some have not had a chance to visit the local landmarks. So recently, a group of evacuees were invited on a private tour of the Mark Twain House & Museum. Connecticut Public Radio's Vanessa de la Torre was there.
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Arts & Culture	5/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:56	MA	The humble rhubarb. Its green stalks transitioning to pink marks springtime in New England. Cookbook author Tinky Weisblat has a new one out -- and it's full of ways to prepare rhubarb that don't involve pie. I visited Weisblat at her home in Hawley, Massachusetts. As she prepared a recipe from "Love, Laughter, and Rhubarb" -- I asked where the title came from.
Arts & Culture	5/28	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	2:43	MA	If you drive past a cemetery today, you might notice small American flags planted next to certain cemetery plots. That's because in recent weeks, volunteers have placed flags next to the headstones of military veterans. New England Public Radio's Sean Teehan has more
Arts & Culture	6/7	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:53	CT	For the last 40 years or so, publicly funded buildings in Connecticut were required by law to spend one percent of their total costs on art. The state says that's led to nearly 400 works of art -- from murals to paintings to sculptures. But state budget problems have led Connecticut officials to say the state can no longer afford the price tag. Jon Lender, an investigative reporter at the Courant, has been looking into the cost...of public art. I asked him to describe the program.
Arts & Culture	6/13	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	3:42	MA	If you visit the Worcester Art Museum, you'll find signs with some specific information about the people depicted in some of the paintings there. The signs note which subjects of paintings benefited from slavery. WBUR's Maria Garcia reports.

Arts & Culture	6/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:46	MA	“Liar's Candle” is a feminist spy thriller by Montague, MA author August Thomas. Carrie Healy interviewed the author.
Arts & Culture	6/29	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	4:36	MA	In Andrea Lawlor’s debut novel “Paul Takes the Form of a Mortal Girl,” readers join the main character on a journey stretching from Provincetown to San Francisco. For this installment of our Summer Fiction series, New England Public Radio’s Chris Ayala sat down with Lawlor to discuss Paul and how his story came to be.
Community Voices	4/5	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	2:26	MA	Commentator Evelyn Resh has delivered many babies. She also provides abortion services, which many politicians, clerics and lay-people alike, argue against. Resh says she's rarely asked what it's like to provide them.
Community Voices	4/12	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	2:15	MA	For years, whenever commentator Robert Chipkin was asked by his family to smile for a group photo, he tried his best. Yet...whenever they came upon him in family photo albums, they'd ask the same question.
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Community Voices	4/20	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:40	CT	For our Spring Music Series, we've been profiling musicians around our region. Our final piece features the work of Thomas Schuttenhelm, a Hartford-based concert guitarist, who's also becoming a sought-after composer. New England Public Radio's Tema Silk reports.
Community Voices	5/2	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	2:16	MA	Some friendships last forever. Others fade away. Commentator Martha Ackermann tells us about one friendship of hers that ended badly....and what she decided to do about it.
Community Voices	5/17	5:54 a.m. 7:54 a.m.	2:05	CT	Commentator Jamil Ragland tutors writing at a community college in Hartford. Recently, a student brought him an essay to look over that keeps crowding his thoughts. In it, she made a statement about being black in America. In light of the rash of recent racial incidents being reported, Ragland feels her observation seems especially apt.
Community Voices	5/23	6:36 a.m. 8:36 a.m.	2:12	CT	The rapper, producer and fashion designer Kanye West recently declared -- quote -- "When you hear about slavery for 400 years... That sounds like a choice." Commentator Andrea Comer thinks West's comments are not only wrong, but speak to his own enslavement.

Community Voices	6/1	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	2:06	CT	Last week, NFL team owners voted to give players the option to stay off the field during the National Anthem. But if they come on the field and don't stand for the anthem, their teams will be fined -- a penalty owners may pass on to their players. Commentator Andrea Comer thinks the NFL's decision is about the bottom line. But also much more.
Community Voices	6/13	6:25 a.m. 8:25 a.m.	2:00	MA	South Carolina recently became the first state to pass a law designed to counter anti-Semitism on college campuses. This follows a violent white supremacist rally last summer on and around the University of Virginia campus in Charlottesville. Commentator Josh Lambert says it would be easy to assume American Jews would welcome the South Carolina law. But most who he knows...aren't happy about it.
Community Voices	6/14	5:25 p.m.	2:10	MA	Last week, there was a city-wide school lock-down in Northampton, Massachusetts. Commentator Shoshana Marchand is a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She spent afternoon listening to the reactions of her teenage patients. They were instructive.

Community Voices	6/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:39	MA	With more empty storefronts than full ones, the 30-year-old Berkshire Mall in Lanesborough, Massachusetts has seen better days. But near Spencer Gifts and a now-shuttered Hollister... something rather unexpected is alive and well: Baseball. The Baseball in the Berkshires museum celebrated its first anniversary this spring. Rebecca Sheir paid a visit to learn more about America's pastime, and its rich -- and surprising -- connections to Berkshire County.
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Economic Development	4/4	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:52	MA/ ME	As Maine and Massachusetts move toward full legalization of marijuana, it's creating a bit of a land rush. Cash-rich marijuana growers are snapping up warehouse space in Portland, Maine. But as Maine Public Radio's Fred Bever reports, some would-be growers are moving on from Maine...to Massachusetts.

Economic Development	4/6	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:17	VT	Vermont dairy farmers are experiencing some of the hardest times in recent memory. The state Agency of Agriculture says 12 farms have gone out of business this year, bringing the number of working dairy farms in Vermont down to around 750 compared to about 11-hundred, a decade ago. But across the border in Canada, dairy farms are thriving. The reason is a complex system that regulates supply of milk -- and sets the price farmers receive. VPR's John Dillon went to Quebec recently to learn more about the Canadian system of supply management.
Economic Development	4/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:21	MA	It's not unusual in New England to see sometimes centuries-old buildings renovated and made ready for another use today. There are plenty of old mills, factories and even churches that've been spruced up for a new purpose...and have become museums, retail space and condominiums. But what about old town halls? Just a few miles apart from each other in southern Berkshire County, two former government buildings are the focus of similar renewal efforts. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier tells us more.

Economic Development	5/1	5:50 p.m.	4:36	MA	With MGM's casino slated to open in late summer, Springfield residents are increasingly optimistic about the city's economy and quality of life issues. That's according to a new survey by the Polling Institute at Western New England University. It found 61-percent of residents back the casino project...with 26-percent opposed. The phone survey of 853 adults was conducted over a three week period in April, and for the first time in both English and Spanish. Institute Director Tim Vercelloti says this latest poll is a follow-up to a 2010 survey.
Economic Development	5/2	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:20	MA	With two months to go before recreational marijuana shops are allowed to open in Massachusetts, the head of the Cannabis Control Commission is still predicting a slow rollout of the new legal industry. More now from WBUR's Steve Brown.
Economic Development	5/3	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:33	MA	The Worcester Regional Airport will see Jet Blue begin daily service today to New York's JFK airport. And this fall, American Airlines will add a daily flight from Worcester to Philadelphia. But big challenges remain for the airport, a facility with a long history of operating losses, weather delays and few regular flights. Reporter Lisa Eckelbecker has been covering this story for The Telegram and Gazette newspaper. I asked her to explain the evolution of the airport.

Economic Development	5/7	5:20 p.m.	7:33	NE	Cities in New England and elsewhere used to be dotted with SRO's. That stands for "single room occupancy", a type of affordable housing often considered a last resort before homelessness. Residents live in single rooms next to strangers -- who all share a bathroom and a kitchen. This housing option has gradually disappeared in recent years. But advocates are trying to take the idea of SRO's and give them an upgrade...so that even people who don't have to live there, might choose to. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
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Economic Development	6/14	5:20 p.m.	5:26	MA	This weekend, the new Hartford Line commuter rail...will link Springfield to New Haven and cities in between. Commuters can catch more than 12 trains a day and travel up to 110 miles per hour. WSHU's Cassandra Basler reports

Economic Development	6/20	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:47	VT	Visit the beverage cooler at your grocery store and you'll find bottle after bottle of kombucha. The increasingly-popular fermented drink is made from tea, sugar, bacteria and yeast. But now the tart, fizzy, pro-biotic beverage is making its way somewhere new: Behind the bar. Rebecca Sheir introduces us to neighboring entrepreneurs in Vermont who are putting kombucha to a surprisingly "spirited" use.
Economic Development	6/26	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	3:57	MA	If you don't have a car, getting around in western Massachusetts and Connecticut can be tricky. More trains now carry daily passengers between Springfield and Connecticut cities. But the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority is raising bus fares and threatening service cuts. There's a cycle to this: Low ridership can mean weak economic investment near transit stations. And that means even fewer people ride. A new study from Mass-INC explored this in four so-called "Gateway Cities" -- Springfield, Worcester, Lynn and Fitchburg. New England Public Radio's Kari Njiri asked researcher Ben Forman to define a "Gateway City."
Education	4/10	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	1:55	MA	Students at Mount Ida College in Newton are scrambling for information. Even after meetings University of Massachusetts officials held with students at the school yesterday, many say they don't have information they need about what Mount Ida's merger with UMass means to them. WBUR's Carrie Jung has the story.

Education	4/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:05	MA	The president of the UMass system is defending the decision to acquire the Newton campus of Mount Ida College. Mount Ida students will get to attend UMass Dartmouth, but the UMass system gets something too, he says, as students at the flagship campus in Amherst get to work and intern in the Boston area. WBUR's Max Larkin reports.
Education	4/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:59	CT	In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, one elementary school in Hartford, Connecticut enrolled dozens of new students from Puerto Rico. While that meant rearranging classes and getting more bilingual tutors, welcoming the evacuees has taken on a personal tone - the school principal is a former refugee. WNPR's Vanessa de la Torre reports.
Education	5/2	4:44 p.m.	4:00	MA	UMass Amherst is defending its move to take over the campus of Mount Ida College in Newton, Massachusetts. The small college last month abruptly announced it would close after the semester. UMass Amherst will set up new programs on the campus....and offer housing for its students looking for Boston-area internships. All of this has irked students and faculty at UMass Boston. They say eastern Mass location for Amherst cousin will cannibalize enrollment at the Boston campus. For the latest on the deal, we turn to WBUR's higher education reporter Fred Thys.

Education	5/29	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	2:10	MA	Getting accepted to the flagship campus of the University of Massachusetts is easier for students who live elsewhere than for those from this state. That's according to a Pioneer Institute report out this morning. It says since 2010, grade point averages and SAT scores for average out of state accepted students are lower than those of students from Massachusetts. WBUR's Fred Thys reports.
Education	6/1	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	4:18	MA	After Hurricane Maria last September, a few thousand school aged students were among those who left Puerto Rico with their families and came to New England. As the school year wraps up, the seniors among them are graduating, thousands of miles away from home.
Education	6/5	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:59	MA	Five years ago, Holyoke High School had one of the highest rates of suspension for Latino students in the entire nation. The school is now under control of the state, and while suspensions are down, it faces ongoing challenges with discipline. One ambitious program trains students to lead the way in transforming discipline at the school. New England Public Radio's Ben James reports.
Education	6/8	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:49	MA	A UMass-Amherst nursing professor has been named to a national panel of inventors -- the first nurse to be honored alongside engineers and computer scientists from companies like Microsoft and IBM. She says it's about time her profession got credit for its innovations. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.

Education	6/14	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	4:55	CT	In Connecticut, third and fourth graders study the history of their state. In many schools, students choose to research one person or event from an approved list. The people on that list have been mostly men, and all white. But because of an unusual collaboration, it now includes Native American, Latino and African American men and women. New England Public Radio's Tema Silk has the story.
Energy/ Environment	4/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:14	CT	A state-wide census of trail use in Connecticut is underway. As Patrick Skahill reports, last year the census recorded more than one-point-four-million trips taken by hikers, bikers and others looking to get outside.
Energy/ Environment	4/27	4:46 p.m.	0:43	NE	The Environmental Protection Agency has announced more than eight million dollars in "brownfield" grants. As Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, that money will fund assessments and cleanups of old industrial sites throughout New England.
Energy/ Environment	5/1	6:36 a.m. 8:36 a.m.	4:21	MA	Climate change is a growing focus for the New England Aquarium. Educators at the aquarium, on Boston's waterfront, use research-tested language to speak directly about the issue. And they go further, urging visitors to take up the cause of emissions reductions. WBUR's Ben Swasey reports on the efforts.

Energy/ Environment	5/24	7:54 a.m.	4:13	VT	An ancient fish still swims in Vermont's Lake Champlain; its only habitat in New England. The pre-historic lake sturgeon can grow up to eight feet long and live as long as a century. But the population is at risk. A national environmental group now wants the fish protected under federal law throughout its range. As VPR's John Dillon reports, the sturgeon is slowly recovering in Vermont after years of decline.
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Energy/ Environment	6/6	7:51 a.m.	6:17	NH	Right now, a group of hydroelectric dams on the Connecticut River in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont are undergoing a once-in-a-generation process -- a federal re-licensing. New Hampshire Public Radio's Annie Ropeik went to see some of the dams...and talk with people who live, work and play nearby about what they hope might change.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/6	5:55 a.m. 7:55 a.m.	4:04	MA	An Amherst, Massachusetts man has just completed a 400 mile walk from Selma, Alabama to Memphis, Tennessee, coinciding with commemorations in that city marking the 50th Anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. Ken Johnston, who describes himself as an amateur long-distance hiker, started what he calls the walk to freedom on February 25th with a backpack containing a tent, sleeping bag, cooking gear, some clothes, maps and a book. Johnston told NEPR's Kari Njiri he began the solo trek by tracing the 54-mile Selma to Montgomery route that King and other Civil Rights marchers took in March, 1965 to demand voting rights for African-Americans, which he adds are threatened again.

Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/6	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	2:38	MA	The state's highest court has thrown out more than 11-thousand drug convictions because of the actions of a chemist at a Western Massachusetts laboratory. But some defense lawyers want even more convictions overturned. WBUR's David Boeri reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/13	7:51 a.m.	4:52	MA	An undocumented woman from Peru who was about to be deported has been living in a Springfield, Massachusetts church since just before Easter. The church is one of at least three in the state providing "sanctuary". Houses of worship are considered by the federal government, sensitive locations that immigration officials are less likely to enter. While the church says it's a "sanctuary", the mayor of Springfield, Domenic Sarno, made it clear months ago -- his city is not. He's been trying to shut the church down, but the first amendment may block him from getting his way. NEPR's Jill Kaufman reports.
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Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:10	MA	Should a judge who admits to an affair with a subordinate -- an affair that included sexual encounters in his court chambers -- lose his job? That's the case in front of the Massachusetts highest court involving a Western Mass. District court judge named Thomas Estes. Justices will decide the punishment, ranging from a sanction, to an indefinite suspension that could lead to his ouster. If he is removed, it would be the first time in more than 40 years. WBUR's Ally Jarmanning tells us what the justices heard yesterday.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/15	7:25 a.m.	2:13	CT	The Connecticut Supreme Court is likely to decide this week whether to allow 10 families of victims in the 2012 Newton school shooting to sue Remington. That's the company that manufactured the assault style rifle used in the massacre. Law experts say if the case moves forward, it would be the furthest a lawsuit has gone involving a gun manufacturer since 2005 -- when Congress passed a law broadly protecting gun makers from lawsuits. WSHU's Cassandra Bassler reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/18	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:47	MA	What happens when an immigrant facing deportation seeks sanctuary in a church...but then needs to leave to get surgery? That happened in western Massachusetts this week. And when Lucio Perez attempted to return to the church, he worried about getting arrested by immigration officials. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports

Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:15	NE	You hear a lot of news about the nation's southern border. But what about the security on New England's border with Canada? Some people believe when it comes to border security -- the nation should focus instead on potential for terrorists to enter the US -- from Canada. Lorne Matalon reports on the potential security threats along the northern border.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/23	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:50	VT	Over the first weekend in April, US Border Patrol agents arrested 20 people for entering the country illegally in Vermont, New Hampshire and New York. Helping people cross the border illegally -- or human smuggling -- is something people take for granted on the southern border. But it's also part of life on the northern border. In part 2 of our series...Lorne Matalon reports that human smugglers and law enforcement are playing a cat-and-mouse game on the Vermont border.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/24	7:51 a.m.	2:01	MA	Earlier this week, police officers from across Western Massachusetts paid their respects to a fellow member of the force -- a terminally ill dog from the Pittsfield K-9 Unit. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown was there.
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Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/30	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:56	MA	Concern that the US government has lost track of some children who recently immigrated to this country on their own has brought the experience of "un-accompanied" youthful immigrants into the public view. These children are placed with sponsors -- usually parents or other relatives already living here. WBUR's Shannon Dooling has the story of one "un-accompanied" minor's journey to Everett, Massachusetts, to find her mother.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/2	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:19	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Bryon Hefner scandal, turmoil and turn over in the Senate, Gov. Baker's State Police woes, road bills, criminal justice reform.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/6	5:50 p.m.	8:22	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Berkshire museum decision, 11K Farik cases vacated, Sarno vs The Church, Red Sox tease
Politics/ Public Policy	4/9	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:27	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Marijuana law, Cannabis Control Commission, Criminal Justice Bill, healthcare, short-term rentals, budget, road repair funding, small business - millionaire's tax, minimum wage hike, ballot question
Politics/ Public Policy	4/10	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	4:40	MA	It's budgeting season, not only at the state house in Boston, but in communities across Massachusetts. And it's National Library week. Terry Cowgill of the Berkshire Edge wrote about what he calls "the budget cutting ritual" in Great Barrington. Libraries and budget cuts often go together.

Politics/ Public Policy	4/13	5:50 p.m.	8:52	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Springfield City Council sanctuary vote, Mount Ida College sale to UMass, Berkshire Museum art sale
Politics/ Public Policy	4/16	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:10	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: "Victims" - The supplemental budget, Rosenberg's husband and the bombings five years ago
Politics/ Public Policy	4/20	5:50 p.m.	9:00	MA	THE SHORT LIST: MGM negotiating with Wynn, state police financial scandal, Mass stun guns, Bruins/ Celtics
Politics/ Public Policy	4/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:08	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: MA budget debate, sexual assault arraignment 4/24 for Bryon Hefner - Sen. Rosenberg's spouse
Politics/ Public Policy	4/27	4:44 p.m.	2:01	MA	This weekend, Massachusetts Republicans gather in Worcester for their state nominating convention. While Governor Charlie Baker faces some token opposition, he's likely to overwhelmingly be endorsed by his fellow Republicans for a second term. The event comes just days after the Democratic field of candidates hoping to unseat Baker, shrank by a third, as former Newton Mayor Setti Warren dropped out of the race. WBUR's Steve Brown looks at the challenges ahead for the remaining Democrats.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/27	5:50 p.m.	9:06	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Judge sexual misconduct, San Juan Mayor visits Western Mass, MGM opens early and former Springfield mayor skeptical about MGM

Politics/ Public Policy	4/30	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:02	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: MA Senate Supplemental Budget, regional transit funding, special education school funding, conference committee civics lesson refresher, Veterans Bill, House healthcare cost containment bill, Senate ethics investigation expected soon.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/4	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	2:54	MA	After more than 30 years on Beacon Hill, former State Senate President Stan Rosenberg's political career comes to an end today. Rosenberg is resigning from the legislature following a damning report from the Senate Ethics Committee. It concluded he failed to protect the senate from his husband -- Bryon Hefner. As Rosenberg departs, the senate is looking to move beyond a scandal that has hung over it for five months. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/4	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:28	MA	Massachusetts State Senator Stan Rosenberg of Amherst announced he will resign from the legislature later today after more than 30 years of service. His decision follows this week's critical ethics reports and calls from state leaders for him to resign. Many of his constituents say they are sad and disappointed he's leaving, though not all think it's the wrong move. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.

Politics/ Public Policy	5/4	5:50 p.m.	8:01	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Rosenberg resigns, Baker's anti-gay opponent, poll on Spfld residents' attitudes about their city
Politics/ Public Policy	5/7	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:41	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Massachusetts politics, senate/legislature, sexual assault, state budget
Politics/ Public Policy	5/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:42	CT	Connecticut this week wrapped up its legislative session...and an on-time bipartisan agreement marked a departure from last year. That was when Connecticut lawmakers and Democratic Governor Dannel Malloy broke records with the longest-running budget stalemate in state history. This recent deal came as Connecticut Republicans prepare for their big convention this weekend -- with Democrats meeting next weekend. I asked WSHU political reporter Ebong Udoma what spurred the budget agreement.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/11	5:50 p.m.	7:53	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Rosenberg replacement, MGM's commitment to the Berkshires, CT's popular vote commitment, advice for graduates
Politics/ Public Policy	5/14	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:52	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Sec. of State Galvin's employees did political work on state time. Facing criticism from his challengers, he's launched an investigation/ Competing gun bills on how people can keep firearms out of the hands of relatives they're worried about.

Politics/ Public Policy	5/17	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	4:21	MA	There's only one ferry operator that takes vehicles from mainland Massachusetts to Martha's Vineyard -- the steamship "Authority". So it's not surprising that the hundreds of cancellations this year have led to anger and frustration. The dispute came to a head at a public meeting in Martha's Vineyard this week. WBUR's Simon Rios reports from the island.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/18	5:50 p.m.	7:32	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Sports gambling in states, Berkshire District attorney election posturing, meal shaming in school cafeterias, budget deficit and city bailout for Union Station.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/21	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:58	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Online sports betting will get a measured approach in MA - Other states are ready to go after Supreme Court lifted prohibition. MA Senate begins budget debate on Tuesday. Anticipated marijuana revenues in MA can still be adjusted down if lawmakers think \$63 million is too ambitious for year one; California's pot revenue five months in is only a third of its budgeted amount.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/25	5:50 p.m.	7:44	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Berkshire Art auction totals, panhandling and city ordinances and working groups, Memorial Day parades
Politics/ Public Policy	5/28	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:14	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: What's next in the budget after the state Senate passes its version, immigration policy rider debate, rural education funding, sales tax holiday.

Politics/ Public Policy	5/31	7:51 a.m.	6:54	CT	One of the most controversial responses to the spate of deadly school shootings in the US has been the idea of arming teachers. The idea has become a reality in some thirteen states. A new documentary being broadcast tonight on Springfield Public Television WGBY takes a look at Sidney, Ohio. In 2013 the school district there became one of the first in the country to begin arming teachers and administrators. The documentary is co-produced by two western Massachusetts filmmakers, including Kate Way -- a long-time educator. Way told New England Public Radio's Kari Njiri that officials in Sidney, Ohio acted after the 2012 school shooting in Newton, Connecticut -- where twenty children and six educators were killed.
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Politics/ Public Policy	6/1	5:50 p.m.	7:53	MA	THE SHORT LIST: UMass favoring out-of-state students, Slow rollout on marijuana legalization, Dem. Gov. candidate restraining order, legislative races to watch
Politics/ Public Policy	6/4	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:13	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Gun "Red Flag" Bill, Mass Dems get bad poll news, Budget talks over fees
Politics/ Public Policy	6/8	5:50 p.m.	8:30	MA	THE SHORT LIST: New train service, Low number of Western Mass cannabis biz applications, Gender bias in write-in campaigns for state senate, Lawmakers look to require civics in schools.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:22	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: High court close to deciding on "millionaire" tax", Gun "red flag" bill could soon become law, Impact of poor people's campaigns.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/15	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:37	MA	FEMA report -- as of yesterday -- 276 families are currently checked in to Massachusetts hotels under the agency's "Temporary Shelter Assistance" or TSA program. Another 82 families are in Connecticut hotels. Housing assistance from FEMA ends June 30 th .

Politics/ Public Policy	6/15	5:50 p.m.	7:54	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Even more rail announcements, Cannabis Commission may miss self-imposed deadline, Art museum identifies those with ties to slavery.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/18	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:19	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Cannabis Commission may miss self-imposed deadline; education bill a little 'stuck'; Mass. revoking guns as ordered by feds
Politics/ Public Policy	6/19	7:45 a.m.	5:27	MA	Nine months after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, nearly 400 families are still living in hotels in New England---with FEMA and the states footing the bill. That changes at the end of June, when this assistance expires. Many of the evacuees don't know where they'll be living next month. And as WBUR's Shannon Dooling reports, some of their concerns run deeper than finding shelter.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/19	4:44 p.m.	2:57	MA	Massachusetts voters legalized marijuana at the ballot box in 2016. And retail sales are poised to being on or about July 1st. There still isn't much guidance coming from state officials about how businesses should deal with drug testing their employees when it comes to pot. Katie Johnston, a reporter for the Boston Globe, recently looked into what some Massachusetts companies are doing. She says they face a dilemma if they do stop testing for marijuana.

Politics/ Public Policy	6/21	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:40	MA	Next month [July], Massachusetts is expected to start licensing retailers of recreational marijuana. That doesn't mean everyone will start lighting up...if they haven't already. But legalization will change many people's access to the drug -- and how they think about its pros and cons. NEPR's Karen Brown reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/22	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	1:58	MA	A Harvard brain scientist who studies trauma in children warns of lasting damage to the young migrants who've been separated from their parents at the U.S. border. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/22	5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	1:23	CT	Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy will be leaving office next year having shaped the state's judiciary. The Democratic governor this week swore in Connecticut's first African American Chief Justice. He's now appointed more than 50 percent of the state's judges, many of them women. WSHU's Ebong Udoma reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/22	5:50 p.m.	8:41	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Big movement on Massachusetts ballot questions, Baker and the southern border, later last call at Springfield's casino
Politics/ Public Policy	6/25	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	5:47	MA	THE WEEK AHEAD: Supreme Court on online sales tax, ballot question changes and a grand bargain; state budget deadline approaches.

Politics/ Public Policy	6/27	7:37 a.m.	3:44	MA	It's unclear when you'll be able to walk into a store in Massachusetts to buy marijuana for recreational use. State officials say their July first target date will come and go without issuing any licenses to retailers. When they do -- the first licenses will probably go to some of the state's existing "medical marijuana" dispensaries. Dispensaries will operate two systems, recreational and medical, under one roof. WBUR's Martha Bebinger walks through the similarities and differences at a Lowell dispensary that's been selling medical marijuana for two and a half years.
Public Health	4/5	6:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m.	1:47	CT	Colleges in Connecticut say they're responding to a huge rise in the need for mental health services on campus. That's according to a report from the Connecticut Mental Health Investigative Team. Harriet Jones reports.
Public Health	5/9	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:27	NH	A former New Hampshire Supreme Court chief justice is visiting schools around New England -- talking about the darkest time in his life. Usually he ends up hearing from the students about some of their dark times too. As WBUR's Deborah Becker reports, he's trying to inspire the next generation to change the culture around mental illness.
Public Health	5/10	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	5:47	MA	In Massachusetts, the opioid epidemic is hitting one group of residents particularly hard: Latinos. In just three years, their rate of overdose deaths has doubled, rising faster than deaths among blacks or whites. State leaders say they don't know why. WBUR's Martha Bebinger went looking for an explanation.

Public Health	5/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:20	MA	The opioid epidemic may have peaked in Massachusetts -- for whites. Fewer Caucasians died after an overdose last year, reversing a seven year trend. Latino deaths dipped slightly, but among Blacks, opioid overdose deaths rose 26-percent. The news baffles some drug users who spoke to WBUR's Martha Bebinger, but makes sense to others.
Public Health	5/29	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	3:56	VT	Maple syrup producers in New England take pride in their pure, natural product. So when the US Food and Drug Administration proposed new labels to say maple syrup contains "added sugar", producers fought back. As VPR's John Dillon reports, the outrage over the proposed label is particularly strong in Vermont, the nation's top producer of maple syrup.
Science	4/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:17	MA	Aerospace may not be something you think about when you think of Vermont. But the state has a long history in aerospace manufacturing and it's as big as the state's iconic dairy industry in terms of economic output. With the Trump administration's increase in defense spending, that may bring new opportunities to New England's aerospace sector, including in Vermont. Lorne Matalon reports.
Science	5/10	5:55 a.m. 7:55 a.m.	1:37	CT	In nature, fascinating biology can be found "on the edges" -- intermingled habitats where biodiversity can flourish. Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill recently traveled to one such edge -- what's called a "head of tide".

