

## NEPR News Network

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## Issues/Programs List

October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

During this period, the NEPR News Network broadcast programming about local issues that aired during program segments reserved for local feature-length reports, interviews and commentaries, Monday through Friday at (typically) 5:51 a.m., 6:22 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:22 a.m., 7:45 a.m., 7:51 a.m., 8:22 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 4:44 p.m., 5:44p.m. and 5:50 p.m. or similar times within the morning and afternoon news programs.

Weekly installments of *The Short List* were (typically) broadcast on Fridays at 5:50p.m. during NEPR's broadcast of *All Things Considered*. In this segment, a rotating panel of seasoned journalists and media professionals analyzes the major issues in the news during the current week. They provide context, and a fresh unpacking of information from three stories in a roughly eight and a half minute roundtable discussion.

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., 9:35 a.m., 10:35 a.m., and on local newscasts following national newscasts on the hour from 8:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. inclusive, and at 12:00 p.m. On Sunday, local newscasts were broadcast following national newscasts on the hour at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Many reports on the same and related subjects were broadcast daily and weekly through NEPR's broadcast of such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered*, *Marketplace*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *Weekend Edition* and others.

## Issues

Arts & Culture  
Commentary  
Economic Development  
Education  
Energy/Environment  
Justice, Law & Public Safety  
Politics/Public Policy  
Public Health  
Science

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

| Topic          | Air Date | Newscast            | Duration | State | summary  |
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| Arts & Culture | 12/18    | 6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m. | 6:17     | MA    | It's that time of the year again when we turn to author and illustrator Grace Lin for her list of the year's best children's books. The Florence, Massachusetts writer has gathered together a list for parents and grandparents who are looking to not only expand their children's book collection but add some diversity.   |
| Arts & Culture | 11/6     | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:27     | CT    | Hundreds of years ago in Europe, as the Renaissance came to an end and the early modern era began, banquet tables among the wealthy were filled with more than food. On special occasions they had long centerpieces depicting scenes of war. They were made from sugar and porcelain-- both really expensive commodities back then. Now, an artist has made a 21st century version. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman went to see it at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. |
| Arts & Culture | 11/22    | 7:45 a.m.           | 4:03     | CT    | Thanksgiving is a time when we celebrate with family and friends, and share a meal together. For many U-S families that means roast turkey, stuffing, cranberry and pumpkin pie. But for some refugee families, the holiday can also be a time to share dishes from their home culture. Connecticut Public Radio's Diane Orson visited with a refugee family from Sudan living in New Haven to learn about native food and new holiday traditions.                                 |
| Arts & Culture | 10/18    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:56     | MA    | Later today [Thursday], just down the Atlantic City boardwalk from last month's Miss America contest, the next Ms. [mzz] Senior America will be chosen among a crowd of women over 60 -- and some way over 60. Almost every state has a queen in the national competition. New England is well represented. NEPR's Jill Kaufman reports on one contestant, from the state of Massachusetts.  |

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| Arts & Culture                | 10/16    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:31     | MA    | It was a big deal in 2016 when “Get In Trouble”---Kelly Link’s collection of short stories---became a finalist for a Pulitzer. Now a new accolade for the Northampton, Massachusetts writer. Following a secretive nomination process, Link was one of 25 people to be named a 2018 MacArthur Fellow for “exceptional creativity.” Sometimes called “genius grants”---the award comes with a 625-thousand dollar no-strings-attached grant. Link spoke with New England Public Radio’s Jill Kaufman about winning this award, and her work as a fantasy and science fiction writer. |
| Arts & Culture                | 10/12    | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 5:33     | MA    | Some photos of Puerto Rico are featured in a new exhibit at Hampshire College. None are from Hurricane Maria or its ongoing aftermath. These photos are from decades ago -- some are more than a hundred years old. They include shots of lush flora and fauna, farmers, parades, people in jail, people living in poverty, and beauty pageants. In most of the photos, as New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, there's some connection to the U.S. government.   |
| Arts & Culture                | 10/11    | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 5:46     | MA    | The first Native American to write and publish book-length memoirs was born in Colrain, Massachusetts in 1798. His name... was William Apess. Colrain this weekend will place a historical marker honoring the Pequot writer and preacher outside its library. That's where I met Drew Lopenzina [low-pen-ZEE-nuh], a literature professor at Old Dominion University...who's researched the life of William Apess.   |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/5     | 7:50 a.m.           | 2:43     | MA    | Now let’s go on a hike with commentator Susan Johnson. She’s realized something mountains and books have in common. Like books, Johnson says, mountains need to be read.  |

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| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/3     | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 2:08     | MA    | Commentator Robert Chipkin has taught for roughly four decades at a small liberal-arts university in Springfield. But it was only recently he noticed something that'd been happening there all along. Students, staff and faculty hold doors open for each other.  |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/28    | 6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m. | 5:35     | MA    | History or science questions? How much sugar goes in a recipe? What's the latest on election recounts? Nothing remains a mystery for too long in the digital age. But it's those rare mysteries of life that inspire an Amherst College philosophy professor. He attempts to read minds---demonstrating a mix of seemingly impossible feats. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports. |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/24    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 6:37     | RI    | Not too many people in the U-S hand-carve headstones and monuments. Karen Sprague does, in Scituate, Rhode Island.  |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/17    | 4:44 p.m.           | 3:58     | MA    | The word 'justice' has been intertwined with our culture and society for hundreds of years. It's also Springfield-based Merriam Webster's 2018 word of the year.  |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 12/12    | 6:45 a.m 7:45 a.m.  | 6:34     | MA    | In a western Massachusetts newspaper a few months ago, a little announcement mentioned the start-up of a Middle Eastern music group. No auditions were necessary---just an interest, an instrument, and a willingness to be directed. The first performance of the "Pioneer Valley Arabic Music Ensemble" is this week, as New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports.                   |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 11/8     | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 2:35     | MA    | On November 11, 1918, at 11 a.m.---the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month---an armistice went into effect between German and Allied forces. Commentator and historian Tinky Weisblat meditates on what that war has to teach us a century later.   |

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| Community Voices & Commentary | 11/15    | 4:20 p.m. | 2:35     | MA    | Now, a story about a cemetery, a dead writer, and a living one. It starts years back, when commentator Michael Carolan first moved to Belchertown, Massachusetts. Its charms eventually emerged---like the discovery that one of America's most forgotten once-famous authors was born less than a mile down the road from Carolan's home.   |
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| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/5     | 5:44 p.m. | 4:09     | MA    | The Red Sox open the playoffs tomorrow night at Fenway against the New York Yankees in the best-of-5-game American League Division Series. This year, Boston set a franchise record for wins in a season with 108, but New York managed to win 100 of their own, and the head-to-head series between the two teams was nearly even. For a preview, I spoke with Christopher Smith, who covers the Red Sox for Masslive. He says this is a tough draw for the Sox. But there are some pitching matchups that could work in their favor. |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/4     | 4:44 p.m. | 2:40     | MA    | As we've been hearing lately, Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh says he likes beer. Commentator and college teacher Andrew Varnon says it's important to consider that claim in its historical context.  |
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| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/31 | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 2:47 MA | This time of year farmers are tidying up after the harvest. Commentator Martha Ackmann has noticed many fields still have a handful of cornstalks that haven't been cut down. She wondered why.  |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/19 | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 6:15 MA | Seven days a week churches and other groups in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, give away food. With nearly 17 percent of residents living in poverty...many struggle to earn enough to feed their families. But asking for a handout can stir up shame. That's why one food pantry is working to take the sting out of that stigma. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports. |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/12 | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 2:32 MA | Commentator Bruce Watson believes the American flag is more than a political symbol. He says the stars and stripes belong to all Americans.  |
| Community Voices & Commentary | 10/11 | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 2:27 MA | Over the past year...commentator Shoshana Marchand has listened as her patients deal with their feelings during our country's public examination of sexual assault. Marchand -- a psychiatric nurse practitioner -- says those feelings have intensified recently.   |
| Economic Development          | 11/22 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:23 NH | A farmer in Loudon, New Hampshire, is calling it quits on a years-long project to breed a rare type of turkey, called the 'chocolate turkey.' They're thought to be one of the tastiest breeds in the world, but that has not been enough to sustain them. New Hampshire Public Radio's Annie Ropeik explains why.   |

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| Economic Development | 11/14 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:03 MA | Amazon's decision to snub Boston has reopened some old wounds. The area has a long history of missed opportunities to attract large technology companies. Robert Noyce got his PhD at MIT but picked California to launch Intel. Bill Gates was a Harvard student when he hatched the idea that became Microsoft. Then he dropped out and started the company in Albuquerque. The list goes on. But as WBUR's Callum Borchers reports, Boston needn't feel too sorry for itself. |
| Economic Development | 11/1  | 5:44 p.m.           | 3:59 NE | New England's apple crop this year is slightly behind last year's. The New England Apple Association says the crop is down about ten percent from 2017. Spokesman Russell Powell says apple production was up slightly in Massachusetts and Maine, but down in Connecticut and Vermont.  |
| Economic Development | 10/9  | 6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m. | 6:36 VT | Over the last 20 years, the state of Vermont has authorized more than 10 million dollars in payments to Keurig Green Mountain. The company -- known for its k-cup pods -- is just one of many businesses that have used state incentive programs aimed at creating jobs. But as VPR's Henry Epp reports, how much money Keurig received -- and what they did with it -- that's shrouded in secrecy.  |
| Economic Development | 10/23 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 3:28 MA | The first retail marijuana store east of the Mississippi could open soon in Northampton, Massachusetts. It's received final approval from the state's Cannabis Control Commission...but still has to satisfy a few requirements. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne takes us on a tour.   |

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| Education                    | 12/20    | 4:26 p.m.           | 2:01     | MA    | Massachusetts is known as an educational leader. But opportunity and achievement gaps exist along racial and economic lines. Commentator Nick Donohue, who studies public education, says we can change that.  |
| Energy/Environment           | 12/6     | 7:50 a.m.           | 4:41     | CT    | The latest national climate assessment says forests play a key role in keeping our air clean. According to the report, America's forests stored the equivalent of 11 percent of the country's CO2 emissions over a 25-year period. That's because when trees breathe, they suck up carbon dioxide, release oxygen, and store the leftover carbon in their trunks. But as Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, how scientists determine the amount of carbon stored in a tree is a question open for debate. |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 12/28    | 6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m. | 2:26     | MA    | UMass-Amherst has come under criticism for recently asking a student to take down an anti-Nazi sign from her dorm room window. New England Public Radio's Saskia DeMelker has more.  |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 12/10    | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 2:58     | MA    | The Worcester Fire Department is mourning the loss of one of their firefighters, killed in a 5-alarm blaze early Sunday morning. As WBUR's Max Larkin reports, it's bringing back memories of grief---and gratitude---for the community in the last month of the year.   |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 11/8     | 5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 5:17     | MA    | The backlog of cases in immigration courts is steadily increasing nationally, and it has been for years. In Boston's immigration court, the backlog is spiking---up 76% between October 2016 and this past July. That's the second-largest increase in the country. WBUR's Shannon Dooling takes a look at some of the factors behind the jump...and who bears the brunt of the longer wait times.   |



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| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 11/15    | 7:50 a.m.           | 5:37     | CT    | Three Connecticut elephants are getting national attention after an animal rights organization filed a series of legal petitions on their behalf. The elephants have been giving rides for decades at the Big E. New England Public Radio's Ben James reports.   |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 11/15    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:06     | MA    | Any day now, Northampton Massachusetts will be home to the first---or at least one of the first---recreational marijuana shops in the state. It'll be attached to an existing medical marijuana dispensary, just off the highway. Local officials are getting ready for the opening, and I checked in with police chief Jody Kasper and asked her what she's expecting.  |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 11/15    | 4:20 p.m.           | 5:37     | CT    | Three Connecticut elephants are getting national attention after an animal rights organization filed a series of legal petitions on their behalf. The elephants have been giving rides for decades at The Big E. New England Public Radio's Ben James reports.   |
| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 10/31    | 7:50 a.m.           | 8:27     | MA    | Convicted mobster James 'Whitey' Bulger, who rose to power as a secret informant and counted on FBI agents to help him get away with murder and extortion, has died in a West Virginia prison. A law enforcement source tells WBUR Bulger was killed. The FBI and the US Attorney's Office for the Northern District of West Virginia are investigating the death. Bulger was serving two consecutive life sentences and had just been moved to the maximum-security prison in West Virginia the day before. WBUR special correspondent David Boeri covered Bulger's reign, his run, and his fall. |

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| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 10/3     | 5:45 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 5:04     | MA    | Politics may be hugely divisive these days, but there have been times when divergent groups worked together on common goals. |

A book by Smith College sociologist Nancy Whittier, called "Frenemies," looks at the unlikely alliance of feminists and conservatives over such issues as pornography and sexual violence. Whittier tells New England Public Radio's Karen Brown that three decades ago, feminists and conservatives came together over domestic violence and other violence against women -- but only after it was accepted as a criminal justice issue.

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| Justice, Law & Public Safety | 10/2  | 5:35 p.m.           | 4:30 MA | A western Massachusetts school is in the news after a student came to school with the Confederate flag draped over his back. The student at Monument Mountain Regional High School in Great Barrington was eventually persuaded by his school mates to remove the racially charged symbol, but not before cell phone photos were taken and posted on social media by students and some parents. School officials confiscated the flag after another student was later seen wearing it. The incident last week has generated debate over issues from free speech and students privacy . |
| Politics & Public Policy     | 12/5  | 7:50 a.m.           | 1:37 MA | This past summer, the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority increased its fares after facing a budget shortfall. Now, bus ridership is down but revenue is up. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports.   |
| Politics & Public Policy     | 12/31 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 6:19 MA | Beacon Hill In 5: 2019 brings a pay hike for a bunch of elected officials, including Gov. Charlie Baker who previously said he wouldn't take the raise but now will // Lawmakers, governor being sworn in, what are their priorities? // What's the big story to watch in 2019?  |
| Politics & Public Policy     | 12/3  | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 6:01 MA | Beacon Hill In 5: a roundup of current state political issues  |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 12/21    | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 6:37     | MA    | Starting tomorrow another marijuana store, INSA in Easthampton, will be open for business in western Massachusetts. Selling pot on the legal market is proving to be lucrative. But the legal risks---or at least the perceived risks---are keeping away some banks, credit-card companies and accountants. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports.       |
| Politics & Public Policy | 12/21    | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:31     | MA    | The Short List: Berkshire County trauma // Journalism shrinkage in the region // Homelessness and housing, poverty, education, politics in the 2019 Springfield mayoral election  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 12/17    | 6:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. | 5:32     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Tying up loose ends on Beacon Hill // Worcester to be new home for Cannabis Control Commission, the headquarters of Table Talk Pies, future home of a minor league baseball team // The state's lottery director and interim head of the gaming commission have an interesting (some might say obvious) message for parents about holiday gifts |
| Politics & Public Policy | 12/13    | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 2:59     | MA    | Next week, the Springfield City Council will continue discussion on whether to approve a pay raise of more than 50 percent for its members. That isn't sitting well with the mayor, but the proposed salary is somewhat in line with a few other cities in New England. We get that report from New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier.                          |
| Politics & Public Policy | 12/10    | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 5:16     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Fiscal forecasting // Lawmakers' budget hearing // Revenues, local aid funding by lottery sales projected to be flat if online offerings not added  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/9     | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:37     | MA    | The Short List: Baker reelected; McGovern, Neal headed to House chairs; Lamont wins CT race; Mass. Ballot question results  |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 11/8     | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:58     | MA    | A pair of Massachusetts members of Congress are set up well for the next couple of years. Congressman Richie Neal of Springfield is currently the top |

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|                          |      |                     |  |         | Democrat on the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. With Democrats winning a majority in the House, Neal is in line to chair that committee. ... Also in line for a committee chairmanship, Representative Jim McGovern. The Worcester Democrat is currently the ranking member on the House Rules Committee, and expects to chair the panel come January. I spoke with McGovern and asked what tops his list of legislative priorities. |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/7 | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. |  | 1:57 MA | In Berkshire County, the Democratic nominee for district attorney, Andrea Harrington, has declared victory. But her opponent, the incumbent D-A Paul Caccaviello, is not conceding. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports.  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/7 | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. |  | 2:56 MA | For much of his tenure, Charlie Baker has been rated as the most popular governor in America. Yesterday, Massachusetts voters ratified that label by giving the Swampscott Republican a decisive win over his Democratic challenger, Jay Gonzalez. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/7 | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. |  | 1:56 MA | There will be no mandatory nurse-to-patient ratios at Massachusetts hospitals. About 70% of voters said No yesterday to ballot question 1. WBUR's Martha Bebinger has our story.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/5 | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. |  | 3:08 MA | There's just one state Senate race involving towns in Western Massachusetts on election day: the district that includes parts of eastern Hampden and Hampshire counties. Two-term Democratic incumbent Anne Gobi faces Republican Steven Hall. The winner will have the challenge of representing more than two dozen communities in four different counties. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.                             |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 11/5     | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 4:00     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Charlie Baker and Jay Gonzalez squared off for the third and final time last night. With less than a week to go before election day, Gonzalez has a lot of ground to make up, with polls showing him trailing the incumbent governor by more than 40 points. WBUR's Steve Brown looks at some of the highlights of last night's debate. |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/5     | 7:21 a.m.           | 2:31     | MA    | In the only competitive county-wide seat tomorrow in Massachusetts' Hampden County, Republican Marie Angelides and Democrat Cheryl Coakley-Rivera are both vying to become Register of Deeds. Each has offered differing ideas on how they'd approach the position. New England Public Radios' Sean Teehan reports.                                       |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/5     | 7:51 a.m.           | 7:17     | MA    | Over the weekend, the candidates for Massachusetts Senate and Governor crisscrossed the state in a final effort to rally supporters before election day tomorrow. A pair of reports on both races--first from WBUR's Anthony Brooks on Senator Elizabeth Warren and her challenger, Geoff Diehl.  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/5     | 5:50 p.m.           | 4:34     | MA    | Typically voters pay close attention to a race for governor or senator, but...a district attorney? Not so much. But that is the case this year in Berkshire County, where New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports violent and drug-related crimes are big concerns.  |
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| Politics & Public Policy | 11/30    | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:10     | MA    | The Short List: Big weed revenues // MGM security guards reject union // Athol's daily paper became a little less daily // Berkshire Museum decides \$53 million is enough  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/21    | 7:45 a.m.           | 2:38     | MA    | It's been more than two years since Massachusetts voters approved recreational pot sales. Tuesday, a store in Northampton became the first to open its doors. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne was there.  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/2     | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:30     | MA    | The Short List: Springfield officers arrested // Berkshire District Attorney // Smith College racism report   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/2     | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 3:52     | MA    | Charlie Baker and Jay Gonzalez squared off for the third and final time last night. With less than a week to go before election day, Gonzalez has a lot of ground to make up, with polls showing him trailing the incumbent governor by more than 40 points. WBUR's Steve Brown looks at some of the highlights of last night's debate. |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 11/2     | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 7:53     | NE    | <p>You've heard a lot of coverage on this station in recent months about the governors' races in Massachusetts and Connecticut. But there are also lively races going on in the two states to the north. For more of the gubernatorial race in Vermont we turn to VPR's Bob Kinzel. ...</p> <p>//Meanwhile, across the Connecticut River in New Hampshire, incumbent Governor Chris Sununu is challenged by Molly Kelly. NHPR's Dan Barrick explains what issues separate those candidates. ... //Now to a congressional race in Massachusetts. Democratic Congressman Jim McGovern of Worcester is facing a challenge from Republican Tracy Lovvorn. The winner will represent the sprawling Second Congressional District, which covers much of Worcester County but also runs west to include Northampton and Greenfield. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.</p> |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/2     | 5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. | 5:04     | MA    | <p>Western Massachusetts has been a relative stronghold for the Green-Rainbow Party, the state affiliate of the national Green Party. Franklin, Hampshire, and Berkshire counties had the highest proportion of its voters in the state cast ballots for Jill Stein in the 2016 presidential election. Hampden County wasn't far behind. And this year, all three Greens running for statewide office are from Western Mass. New England Public Radio's Saskia DeMelker has more.</p>   |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 11/19    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:39     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: A Nevada judge will hear arguments today in a case that could have a big impact in Massachusetts. Embattled former casino magnate Steve Wynn wants to stop the state Gaming Commission from making public the findings of its investigation into him and the company he founded. // It's sounding like health care will be among the top priorities for the legislature when the session begins in January. Right now the state has a strong economy, and an unemployment rate that in October just dropped to 3.5%...will a pretty rosy state economy impact what legislators come up with for tweaks to MassHealth and to health care? |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/16    | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:09     | MA    | The Short List: Unionization of papers // CT's expensive campaign for governor // Maine's ranked-choice voting // A push to get animals recognized with more rights under the law  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/12    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 6:18     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Matt Murphy of the State House News Service talks about legislative diversity (gender, racial) post-election; will the new 5 legislative 'newbies' who will represent Western Mass put the region at a disadvantage; Boston Globe info-graphic shows most of the towns that supported Democrat Jay Gonzalez were west of the Quabbin Reservoir---how will this affect Republican Gov. Charlie Baker's to-do list?  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 11/1     | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 6:52     | MA    | NEPR's Carrie Healy moderates a short debate between supporters and opponents of Massachusetts Ballot Question 1, concerning nurse staffing levels.  |



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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/8     | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:25     | MA    | <p>Beacon Hill In 5: This week is the first gubernatorial debate. Last week, we heard from Governor Charlie Baker, who spoke out against a vehicle miles traveled tax that he says would unfairly penalize western Massachusetts residents. His Democratic rival, Jay Gonzalez, has other plans to increasing taxes. What are going to be the main disagreements tomorrow?</p> <p>/// Groping allegations from a few months ago made against Baker's 24-year old son, A.J., came up again last week when the Governor spoke with Mass-Live and the Republican in Springfield. He referred questions to the US attorney but had little else to say. Does it become politically dangerous to remain mum on the issue, as election day nears?///</p> <p>Looking to another statewide race: The Republican candidate for Secretary of State, Anthony Amore, called on the State Ethics Commission and the Attorney General's Office to investigate the actions of his opponent -- William Galvin. Galvin has been accused of mixing politics with the official voter guide that got mailed all over the state at government expense. Can you unpack this a bit?</p> |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/5     | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:34     | MA    | <p>The Short List: Warren taking hard look at 2020 // Big price tag on nurses' ballot question // East Windsor casino sees unfavorable court ruling // State money for Paramount Theater renovation plan]</p>   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/31    | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 5:04     | VT    | <p>The US dairy industry has welcomed a new trade pact with Canada and Mexico because it will open up the traditionally protectionist Canadian market to more US dairy products. But farmers north of the border fear the new trade agreement is the beginning of the end of a system that has kept many of them thriving, while their US counterparts have increasingly gone bankrupt. Vermont Public Radio's John Dillon reports.</p>   |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/31    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:14     | MA    | Once again, it was about President Trump. That's the big take-away from the final debate between the US Senate candidates in Massachusetts. Incumbent Elizabeth Warren and Republican challenger Geoff Diehl clashed last night over Diehl's support for the president and Warren's interest in replacing him. More from WBUR's Anthony Brooks.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/30    | 4:50 p.m. 6:20 p.m. | 8:06     | MA    | As we approach the November 6th election we're hosting a series of short debates on the three ballot questions facing Massachusetts voters this year. Today we look at Question 3. If passed, it would keep in place a law passed in 2016 by the legislature and signed by Governor Charlie Baker that protects transgender people from discrimination in restaurants, stores, movie theaters and other public places. The law also requires full access in those places to restrooms and locker rooms consistent with a person's gender identity. A no vote would repeal the law, which critics call the Bathroom Bill. Advocates say the law protects people from discrimination; opponents say the current law creates a safety issue. Joining me to debate the referendum are Matt Wilder with the Yes On 3 campaign, and Andrew Beckwith, legal analyst for the No On 3 campaign, which opposes the measure. |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/30    | 6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m. | 8:43     | MA    | As we approach November 6th, we're hosting a series of short debates on the three ballot questions facing all Massachusetts voters this year. Today we look at Question 2. It aims to reverse the Citizens United Supreme Court decision. A yes vote would begin a long process that could lead to more limits on political spending, and corporate rights. A no vote would keep the status quo. I'm joined by Jeff Clements, of People Govern, Not Money who supports a yes vote...and Paul Craney with the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance which wants a no vote.   |
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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/29    | 5:34 a.m. 7:51 a.m. | 7:27     | MA    | As we approach the November 6th election, we're hosting a series of short debates on the three ballot questions facing Massachusetts voters this year. Today we   |

look at Question 1. If passed, it would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health-care facilities, depending on the unit and level of care. I'm joined by Patty Healey, a registered nurse and member of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, which supports the ballot question. Here in opposition: Angela Belmont, chief nursing officer with Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton.

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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/26 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:53 MA | <p>The major-party candidates for Governor of Massachusetts disagree on many issues. But a primary distinction between incumbent Charlie Baker and Democratic challenger Jay Gonzalez is how they view taxes. Steve Brown reports.</p>  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/25 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:21 MA | <p>Both candidates for governor in Massachusetts are promising public education would be a top priority in the next four years. This week we're reviewing the education promises of both Democrat Jay Gonzalez and incumbent Republican Charlie Baker. We heard about the governor yesterday; this morning, WBUR's Carrie Jung looks at the plan of Jay Gonzalez.</p> |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/24 | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:24 MA | <p>In the Massachusetts governors' race, both candidates are making education a top issue. This week we're diving into the candidates' promises and records on education. Today, WBUR's Max Larkin looks at Governor Charlie Baker, starting with his push to expand charter schools</p>  |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/22    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:06     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Your colleague Katie Lannan reports there are groups hoping to boost the political participation rate of millennials. But Massachusetts is an old state -- The median age of residents here is on the rise. Matt, has millennial-specific messaging popped up in any of the statewide races yet? // Last week in a debate, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jay Gonzalez seized on Governor Charlie Baker's wavering over whether he'll vote for his party's U.S. Senate candidate Geoff Diehl. You called this a gaffe, but I think that waver was intentional to reassure Democrats who're on the fence about this moderate governor. Am I the only one thinking this? |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/22    | 5:45 a.m. 7:45 a.m. | 3:56     | MA    | Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren faced her Republican challenger -- state representative Geoff Diehl -- in Springfield last night. It was the second of three scheduled debates, and was marked by Diehl's support of President Trump, Warren's White House ambitions and interruptions by supporters of an independent candidate. New England Public Radio's Sean Teehan reports.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/2     | 4:41 p.m.           | 1:05     | CT    | The New Haven Police Department in Connecticut says more than 60 media outlets across the country have asked to see a report that names Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh. WSHU's Cassandra Basler reports it's about a bar fight that sent a victim to the hospital.  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/19    | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:23     | MA    | The Short List: Warren DNA // MGM casino revenues // Hampden courthouse health concerns // Red Sox   |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/18    | 5:45 a.m. 7:50 a.m. | 4:08     | MA    | In their second debate last night, Massachusetts governor Charlie Baker and his Democratic challenger Jay Gonzalez disagreed about transportation... education... health-care.. and how to pay for it all. But their biggest disagreement was over the governor's support for fellow Republican Geoff Diehl-- the challenger to Massachusetts senator Elizabeth Warren. WBUR political reporter Anthony Brooks reports.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/15    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 5:24     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Guest: Matt Murphy, State House News Service. Carrie Healy, NEPR hosts. ...topics: politics, campaigns 2018; Governor's race, U-S Senate Race between E. Warren and G. Diehl]   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/12    | 5:50 p.m.           | 9:38     | MA    | The Short List: Fall River mayor indicted // Baker-Gonzalez debate // Conn. Governor's poll // Current CT governor less popular than President  |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/10    | 5:44 p.m.           | 3:58     | CT    | In a setback to plans to open a third casino in Connecticut, a federal judge late last month dismissed a lawsuit by the state and tribal operators of the Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun that would have compelled the Interior Department to approve changes to revenue sharing agreements. Those agreements give the state a 25-percent cut of slot machine revenue at Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars each year. The Mashatnucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes want to build a casino in East Windsor that would blunt the competitive impact of MGM's new casino in Springfield, just across the state line. They claim thousands of jobs tied to Connecticut's gaming industry are at stake. Mark Pazniokas is a reporter for the Connecticut Mirror and has been following efforts to build a third casino.] |

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| Politics & Public Policy | 10/10    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:54     | MA    | Governor Charlie Baker and his Democratic challenger -- Jay Gonzalez -- clashed last night in the first of three debates before election day. Baker presented himself as an able administrator ... who has improved the T, reduced homelessness and held the line on taxes. Gonzalez pushed for big programs and big spending -- and attacked the Governor for thinking too small. WBUR's Anthony Brooks reports.   |
| Politics & Public Policy | 10/1     | 6:38 a.m. 8:38 a.m. | 5:41     | MA    | Beacon Hill In 5: Delays in recreational marijuana...and a top casino regulator calls it quits. The calendar reads October today, and today marks another day closer to actual recreational marijuana sales... that's still the plan, right? And I might add, that the state fiscal year is now three months behind in revenue from weed sales...Do you get the sense that any state marijuana regulators are feeling mounting pressure to get the product onto store shelves, as nearby states -- who also have pretty foliage and tourist attractions -- could muscle Massachusetts out of the weed tourist destination industry? last week, the chair of the gaming commission stepped down. Steven Crosby said that he didn't want to be a distraction for the commission, as they prepare to weigh the results of an investigation into Wynn Resorts, which holds the Boston-area casino license. When do we expect Governor Baker to pick a new permanent chair for the commission? The commission has been largely deferential to the casino industry -- as we saw in all the accolades they've showered on MGM Springfield. Is it your expectation a new commissioner would fit that mold, or be someone who would stir things up |

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| Public Health | 12/21    | 4:50 p.m. | 8:24     | MA    | For the past two years, local leaders in Massachusetts' westernmost county have been working on a campaign to bring more empathy and less judgement into their community. It's called "Trauma-Informed Berkshires." As we've reported all this week, the approach has touched a number of people and institutions across this vacation destination. But as New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports today, it hasn't reached everyone. |
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| Public Health | 12/18    | 7:50 a.m. | 10:36    | MA    | We continue our week-long series on a western Massachusetts effort to address trauma in the community. Today: an elementary school in Berkshire County is trying to create a kinder environment, and not just for kids under stress. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown has this report.  |
| Public Health | 12/17    | 7:50 a.m. | 10:52    | MA    | For many people who live outside western Massachusetts' westernmost county, 'The Berkshires' evokes images of beautiful rolling hills and world-renowned arts venues. And that's all true. But a group of locals are recognizing a more worrisome aspect of the region: the trauma many residents live with. They're joining a national trend of communities that preach empathy, awareness, and patience. In the first of a week-long series, New England Public Radio's Karen Brown looks at the genesis of a campaign called 'Trauma-Informed Berkshires.' |
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| Public Health | 12/13    | 6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m. | 3:23     | MA    | If you're over 50 years old, you might be among the many people told by doctors to get the new shingles vaccine. It's two shots taken within a 6-month period. But many people are having trouble finding Shingrix. Pharmacies in Massachusetts and beyond are struggling to keep it in stock. WBUR's Miriam Wasser reports.  |
| Science       | 11/29    | 7:50 a.m.           | 5:02     | MA    | The invaders are here---and they're not going anywhere. The invasive plant at the top of Massachusetts ecologists' Most Wanted list is a tall, bushy-topped reed called phragmites. State, federal and private groups spend tens of thousands of dollars each year trying to control it. But emerging research shows that phragmites may play a more complicated role in climate change than previously realized. WBUR's Barbara Moran has the story.             |
| Science       | 11/23    | 6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m. | 4:30     | CT    | The fungal disease White Nose Syndrome has killed millions of bats across America. Since it was first identified in 2006, it's appeared in bats in more than 30 states, including all of New England, Quebec, and the Maritimes. Now, as Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, scientists are trying to learn more about the impact of this devastating disease---by listening to the calls of the bats left behind.                                |
| Science       | 10/2     | 7:50 a.m.           | 4:22     | MA    | Americans' wireless data consumption has skyrocketed since Four-G technology was introduced nearly a decade ago. Smart phones have become essential for on-the-go work and entertainment, fueling the need for Five-G. But how do you create a cellular network that accommodates everything from streaming services to self-driving cars? The answer may lie in the basement of a UMass Amherst laboratory. New England Public Radio's Lindsey McGinnis reports. |