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Issues/Programs List

April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017

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*, *On Point*, *The Takeaway* and others.

Issues

Arts & Culture
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Reports on <i>Morning Edition</i>, <i>All Things Considered</i>, and <i>Weekend Edition</i>					
Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	4/14	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	MA	The film "A Quiet Passion" opens today. It's a period piece about the life of Emily Dickinson - who lived in Amherst, Massachusetts - where parts of the movie was filmed. Chris Kobylinsky is an adjunct Professor at Holyoke Community College and a poet - he regularly reads both Dickinson's poetry and his own at monthly open mics at the Emily Dickinson Museum in Amherst. He saw the film last year, and says it does a good job of telling her story.
Arts & Culture	4/18	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:42	MA	A church in Great Barrington, Massachusetts that civil rights activist WEB DuBois attended as a young man may have a new lease on life. The Clinton AME Zion Church is on the National Register of Historic Places, but has been closed for a few years and has fallen into disrepair. But community members are buying the 130 year old structure - with hopes of renovating it.
Arts & Culture	4/20	5:44 p.m.	5:26	MA	There's legal uncertainty at this hour about whether Arkansas will be allowed to go ahead with a pair of executions tonight. Eight executions had been scheduled to begin on Monday - and there have been conflicting court decisions since then. While this has been playing out in court... a Western Massachusetts folk singer has been playing a song he wrote called "Eight Men Dying." Greenfield, Massachusetts folksinger Tom Neilson is on tour now.
Arts & Culture	4/27	4:44 p.m.	3:55	MA	"A Probing and Deeply Ruminative Cross-Genre Odyssey." That's how Kirkus review describes the newest book of short stories from UMass Amherst Professor Edie Meidav... called "Kingdom of the Young." We asked Meidov how she describes her writing.

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	5/4	5:44 p.m.	3:58	MA	The Boston Celtics are in the nation's capital tonight to play the Washington Wizards in the second round of the NBA Eastern Conference playoffs. Guard Isaiah Thomas has continued his impressive play, despite the death of his sister nearly three weeks ago. Gary Washburn is the national basketball writer and Celtics reports for the Boston Globe. He says despite the heartbreak, Thomas has continued to carry the team.
Arts & Culture	5/5	7:51 a.m.	5:24	MA	Women barbershop singers will gather in Springfield for a regional competition. The top groups from all over New England and some parts of Canada are competing for spots in the international competition taking place in Las Vegas this fall.
Arts & Culture	5/12	7:51 a.m.	5:57	MA	Author Lynda Mapes spent a year in the Harvard Forest in Petersham, Massachusetts chronicling a single tree. It's what was called a "Witness Tree" in the 18th century - used by surveyors as landmarks.
Arts & Culture	5/16	6:33 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:08	MA	The iconic cover art of Radiohead's album "OK Computer" shows a heavily distorted picture of an anonymous highway interchange. The band never said where the picture came from. WSHU's David Dunavin reports some internet sleuths think they've found it - in Hartford.
Arts & Culture	5/19	7:51 a.m.	4:51	MA	This weekend on Long Island, the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus will perform its final show... ending a 146 year run. The circus is also at the center of David Fromm's book, "The Duration." It's based in the Berkshires in a fictional town called "Gable" - modeled on Lenox, Massachusetts - where the author grew up.

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Arts & Culture	6/2	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	5:25	MA	He was not a real doctor. His friends and family called him Ted. Since his death in 1991, Theodore Seuss Geisel has become a best-selling author of children's books in the world. Now the city of Springfield, Massachusetts is paying homage to its favorite native son with the first-of-its-kind Seuss Museum. New England Public Radio's Charlene Scott has this preview.
Arts & Culture	6/6	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:03	MA	In 1979, 12-year old Lou Cove had just moved to Salem, Massachusetts -- his family's eighth home in a decade -- when an eccentric family friend named Howie came to live with them. Howie also happened to be a centerfold model for Playgirl Magazine, and he asked a young Lou Cove to lead a neighborhood campaign to get him voted Playgirl's Man of the Year. Almost forty years later, Cove -- now a fundraising consultant in Northampton -- has written a memoir about that period. It's called "Man of the Year". He told New England Public Radio's Karen Brown he visited Howie and his wife Carly a few years ago, shortly before he started writing. Lou Cove's new memoir is called, "Man of the Year".

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	6/16	7:45 a.m.	3:59	MA	Summer begins next week, and so we'll be kicking off our summer fiction series. That's when NEPR reporters interview local authors about novels released in the past year. That's Williamsburg, Massachusetts author Roland Merullo -- who could visit his local library and count up how many of his books are on the shelf. To find the right shelf, he'd need to understand how books are organized. For many libraries, fiction is alphabetical by the author's last name -- and for non-fiction, it could be the Dewey Decimal System, created by Melvil Dewey. Dewey proposed his new way to arrange books while a student at Amherst College -- way back in 1873. I visited Mike Kelly, the head of Archives and Special Collections at Amherst College, and asked for a simple explanation of Dewey's master plan.
Arts & Culture	6/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:35	MA	It's the first Friday of the summer...and that means it's time for our annual summer fiction series. We begin with a heartfelt look at two world religious leaders. The author is Roland Merullo from Williamsburg, Massachusetts, and the title is "The Delight of Being Ordinary; A Road Trip with the Pope and the Dalai Lama." New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen sat down with Merullo and talked about the book -- which doesn't ever take itself -- too -- seriously.

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	6/30	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	3:45	VT	Today, our summer fiction series turns to the world of cyber-thrillers and David Huddle's new book: <i>My Immaculate Assassin</i> . In it, Maura Nelson, a technological dynamo, develops the capability to kill remotely -- from her home office. She does it in a way that makes the death appear completely natural. Huddle chronicles a romance that develops between Maura and a shy, middle-aged divorced man she invites to help her rid the world of people she deems unworthy. New England Public Radio's Tema Silk asked Huddle, who taught for decades at the University of Vermont, what led him to depict the act of killing in this antiseptic way.
Community Voices	4/3	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	2:50	MA	The Red Sox open the season today against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Fans will head to Fenway for the first pitch. Commentator Martha Ackmann says one of baseball's greatest fans was a player you've probably never heard of... Ackman is the Author of <i>Curveball - The Remarkable Story of Toni Stone</i> , First Woman to Play Professional Baseball in the Negro League. She lives in Leverett Massachusetts, and teaches at Mount Holyoke College.
Community Voices	5/5	7:51 a.m.	2:39	MA	Ringling Brothers' greatest show on earth performs for a final time in New England this weekend in Providence, Rhode Island. The famed circus is slated to go entirely dark later this month. Commentator Robert Chipkin says that in his childhood, the annual appearance of elephants parading down Main Street should have stirred his suburban heart, but there was serious competition.

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Community Voices	5/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:20	MA	Commentator and journalist Shaheen Pasha was a 19 year old newsroom intern when a male colleague behaved in ways she felt crossed a line. As stories of sexual harassment in the media are surfacing more often these days, she's got some requests of her colleagues. Pasha teaches journalism at UMass Amherst.
Community Voices	5/12	7:51 a.m.	2:32	MA	Finding cures for the blues can sometimes take some ingenuity. Commentator Sarah Kanabay wondered whether relief might come from putting together a radio variety show. She says it's worked wonders.
Community Voices	5/16	6:33 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:52	MA	For many drivers, GPS is the greatest thing since unleaded gas... anti-lock brakes... and cup holders. But for commentator Martha Ackmann, not so much. Ackmann is a journalist and author who lives in Leverett, Massachusetts and teaches at Mount Holyoke College.
Community Voices	5/19	7:51 a.m.	2:35	MA	Commentator Hannah Tran-Trinh graduated a week ago from UMass Amherst. She says she learned a lot there, but the best lessons were hard won.
Community Voices	6/9	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:06	CT	In President Donald Trump's proposed budget, he eliminates federal support for public libraries throughout the country. The White House has said these cuts -- and others -- are about fiscal responsibility, and an effort to -- quote -- "redefine the proper role of the federal government." But the move has got commentator Erin Valentino thinking about the crucially important places libraries take us.

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Community Voices	6/14	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:22	MA	Legendary Red Sox Center Fielder Jim Piersall died earlier this month at the age of 87. Our commentator, Robert Floyd, had an encounter with the heralded player...he'll never forget. Robert Floyd is a photojournalist. He lives in Southampton, Massachusetts.
Community Voices	6/19	7:38 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	1:59	MA	Commentator and author Grace Lin recently heard her 4-year-old daughter announce, matter-of-factly, "I know a lot of things. I'm very smart." Lin agreed. But immediately, added a word about the value of hard work and compassion. Her daughter's response was not what Lin was expecting. Grace Lin is the author and illustrator of more than a dozen children's books, including the National Book Award finalist, "When the Sea Turned to Silver". She lives in Florence, Massachusetts.
Community Voices	6/29	6:25 a.m. 8:25 a.m.	2:09	MA	No three-year-old realizes it, of course, but at that age, every day is a rite of passage, says commentator Robert Chipkin. And surely few can compare with the day that child leaves the tricycle behind and heads down the driveway on his very first bicycle. Our commentator, Robert Chipkin, lives and writes in Springfield.
Economic Development	5/24 5/25	4:55 p.m. 7:22 a.m.	2:12	MA	News this week that Berkshire Bank plans to move its headquarters from Pittsfield to Boston caught some local officials by surprise. But they're hoping the bank's move could still end up being a positive for Berkshire County, and its largest city.

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Economic Development	5/29	6:44 a.m. 8:44 a.m.	3:14	MA	If you could pay a little extra for your meal to help feed a hungry person, would you? That's what one restaurant in Western Massachusetts is hoping diners will consider when they come in to eat. But making changes to the restaurant business-model...is complicated.
Economic Development	6/13	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:40	MA	After sixteen years, Jeff Immelt -- the longtime CEO of Boston-based General Electric -- is stepping down. He'll be replaced by John Flannery -- the current President and CEO of GE Healthcare. It's a decision that has been years in the making...and reflects where GE is heading in the future.
Education	4/19	7:51 a.m.	7:59	MA	Back in January, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker took a moment in his State of the Commonwealth address to mention struggling school districts that have been taken over by the state, a process known as receivership. He says they've benefited. No more districts have been taken over since then, but there are currently three under state leadership: Lawrence, Holyoke and the most recent, Southbridge, a town of about 16,000 people in the central part of the state, on the border with Connecticut.
Education	5/11	7:51 a.m.	2:38	MA	Can a school prevent students from wearing the Confederate Flag? The school committee in Easthampton, Massachusetts, did just that this week... raising questions about the rights of students and responsibilities of educators.
Education	5/18	8:45 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	4:17 4:00	MA	A group out of Holyoke, Massachusetts, recently created a mobile app meant to educate victims of bullying - and bullies themselves. For the team behind the app, bringing it to life was more of a learning experience than an entrepreneurial endeavor.

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Education	6/22	7:34 a.m.	6:30	MA	Fifteen U-S colleges -- including seven in New England -- are now offering an easy way for applicants to figure out how much their education may actually cost. It's a website created by an economist at Wellesley College. He hopes it helps students realize college "sticker prices" are usually misleading. WBUR's Fred Thys reports.
Energy/ Environment	4/4	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:50	MA	Each year, billions of pounds of food go to waste. That means billions of dollars too. The environmental protection agency says more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other one material in our trash. And for supermarkets, that leftover food equates to lost dollars. Now, one New England supermarket chain is trying to get some of those dollars back - by sending old food once consigned to trash compactors to a giant energy plant in Massachusetts. It's called an "anaerobic digester" - and as WNPR's Patrick Skahill reports - it's basically a big metal stomach, which gobbles up old food - and turns that waste into power.
Energy/ Environment	4/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:04	VT	In the northeast, less than one percent of old growth forest remains. That's forest that's grown largely undisturbed, often for several centuries. Old growth forests provide critical habitat for animals and plants - and can help control flooding. A new study looks at a way to restore some of that habitat... by mimicking old growth forests. Vermont Public Radio's Kathleen Masterson reports.

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Energy/ Environment	4/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:35	VT	The people in Bennington, Vermont who have been dealing with contaminated water - are starting to get frustrated with the state's ability to find a long term solution. About 270 private wells are contaminated with the industrial chemical PFOA, and the state installed carbon filters in each home as a stop gap measure. But the filters affect water pressure, and as long as the contaminated water runs through the pipes, there's little chance of selling a home for its full value. VPR's Howard Weiss-Tisman reports.
Energy/ Environment	5/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:35	CT	By the end of the year, the Environmental Protection Agency is expected to announce new limits on the amount of nitrogen that waste water treatment plants in Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire can release into the Connecticut River. Nitrogen is a pollutant that's blamed for fish die-offs in Long Island Sound, where the CT River winds up.
Energy/ Environment	5/25	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	4:41	CT	Wastewater plants in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont are waiting to hear about new nitrogen regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency. In saltwater, too much nitrogen can be deadly to fish and plants. By the 1980s, it had become a big problem in Long Island Sound, and the EPA started monitoring nitrogen levels there. By 2001, the agency set new nitrogen limitations for wastewater treatment plants in New York and Connecticut. Now...EPA is turning its attention to plants on the sound's largest tributary -- the Connecticut River.
Energy/ Environment	6/1 6/2	5:44 p.m. 7:22 a.m.	3:06	MA	For birds --- this time of year -- it's all about singing. But as New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports, some birds have a different take on song. Rather than singers, they're percussionists.

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Energy/ Environment	6/8	6:35 a.m. 8:31 a.m.	3:50	MA	This morning the Environmental Protection Agency's Appeals Board hears arguments on the second phase of cleaning up the Housatonic River in Berkshire County. General Electric polluted it with P-C-B's decades ago when it operated a factory in Pittsfield. G-E is arguing, among other things, it should be allowed to dispose of P-C-B laden soil locally, instead of trucking it out of town, which would cost many millions more. Berkshire Eagle Investigative Unit Editor Larry Parnass is headed to Washington for the hearing. He says this is just another chapter in the Housatonic clean-up saga.
Energy/ Environment	6/9	6:27 a.m. 8:27 a.m.	3:22	NH	Commercial fishermen in New England face their fair share of challenges. Along with declining fish stocks, tight catch regulations and competition from cheap imports, the occupation itself remains one of the most dangerous in the country. With that risk in mind, dozens of fishermen turned out in New Castle, New Hampshire recently for a day-long safety training event. NHPR's Todd Bookman reports.
Energy/ Environment	6/14	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	1:33	CT	Connecticut's top insect expert is banking on more rain -- and a fungus -- to knock back the populations of gypsy moths. As WNPR's Patrick Skahill reports, for the past two years, those hungry pests have plagued trees around New England.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/7	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	5:15	MA	New details were made public this week in a case in Springfield in an alleged fight between several city residents and a group of off duty police officers outside a bar in 2015. An internal investigation by the Springfield Police was obtained by MassLive reporter Dan Glaun. He's been following this story, and tells us more.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/21	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:34	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker says he has faith in his corrections commissioner. That's following the apparent suicide of former New England Patriot's player Aaron Hernandez, who was serving a life sentence for murder at the state's maximum security prison in Shirley, Massachusetts. Hernandez's high profile death is likely to become a point of discussion for beacon hill legislators as they seek to overhaul the state's criminal justice system. WBUR's Steve Brown reports from the State House.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/27	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:42	MA	Earlier this week, a federal judge blocked President Donald Trump's executive order to withhold funding from so-called sanctuary cities. These cities - including some in our region - have explicitly said they won't comply with requests from Immigration or Customs Enforcement - or ICE - to hold detainees. At the same time local prisons are holding inmates on behalf of ICE - including the Franklin County House of Correction in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Franklin County Sheriff Christopher Donelan oversees the facility.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/28	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	5:27	MA	Massachusetts lawmakers are still working on this session's criminal justice reform package. One proposal - among many - would allow many offenders to stay in the juvenile court system longer - until they turn 21. But not all juvenile justice advocates support it.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:48	MA	The Bristol County District Attorney is planning an appeal of a ruling yesterday that wipes out the murder conviction of former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez. While recently acquitted of two murders in Boston, Hernandez was found guilty of the 2013 murder conviction of Odin Lloyd in North Attleborough. A judge has now erased the conviction because of Hernandez's death - apparently by suicide. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/6	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:58	MA	A venerable peace and social justice group -- responsible for many anti-war protests in the Pioneer Valley -- is shutting down. The Western Massachusetts chapter of the American Friends Service Committee says it will close its doors at the end of September after nearly 50 years of activism. New England Public Radio's Kari Njiri reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:20	MA	The Massachusetts House is scheduled to vote on changes to the state's marijuana law today. Recreational pot was okayed by the voters last year, but with legislators wanting to have their say, the law hasn't been fully implemented. And in the months since it became legal to possess, use and grow marijuana, police in many communities say little has changed.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/19 6/20	4:50 p.m. 7:33 a.m.	4:33	MA	Springfield Domenic Sarno today directed city departments to consider public safety and building code violations at South Congregational Church. That's after the church announced it intended to serve as a sanctuary for immigrants who are undocumented and face deportation. This is not a new idea -- churches around the country have housed immigrant families, because federal authorities tend to avoid arrests in places of worship. Reverend Tom Gerstenlauer is pastor at South Congregational Church. He tells me the congregation hopes to be fully prepared to accept immigrants within the next month.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/27	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:16	MA	Alex Ciccolo has been in federal custody for nearly two years. The 24-year-old Adams, Massachusetts, man is charged with attempting to commit domestic terrorism. Ciccolo's father is a Boston police captain and was among the first-responders at the 2013 marathon bombings. He was the one who tipped off federal officials his son was becoming "obsessed" with ISIS. That led to an FBI sting, where Ciccolo described to a government informant his plans to explode pressure cooker bombs in a crowded place. After Ciccolo's arrest, his father made a single public statement. His mother kept an even lower profile -- until recently. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/28	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:51	MA	Reporter Trevor Aaronson and his colleagues at "The Intercept", an online magazine, are investigating the connections between domestic terrorism charges and the sometimes vague, sometimes specific offenses that've led to 800 arrests since 9-11. And it's all in a database. He told New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman how Alex Ciccolo fits in the mix.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/29	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:03	VT	As summer gets started, many New Englanders are hitting up their favorite beach or swimming hole. But some kids from refugee families come from cultures where swimming isn't practiced -- or can be dangerous. A water safety program in Vermont teaches new American children how to be safe -- and have fun -- in the water. Vermont Public Radio's Kathleen Masterson has the story.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/3	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	4:12	MA	It's April, and we're now about three months into a new legislative session in Massachusetts... but there's not much to show for it. However, lawmakers have been holding hearings on Governor Charlie Baker's budget proposal, and those will wrap up this week. State House News Service Reporter Matt Murphy tells us the Massachusetts house is next in line to put out a budget recommendation.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/7	5:50 p.m.	7:48	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Mike Dobbs, of The Reminder newspapers and Matt Szafranski of Western Mass Politics & Insight discuss the issues of the week. Police beating Springfield, texting and driving crackdown, Amherst College mascot.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:22	MA	The next Massachusetts budget moves ahead this week, as the House Ways and Means Committee releases its version today. This comes two and a half months after Governor Charlie Baker put out his proposal. Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy tells us what we can expect to see in the House budget.

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Politics/ Public Policy	4/14	5:50 p.m.	8:00	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Natalia Muñoz of WHMP's Vaya Con Munoz and Greg Saulmon of The Republican discuss the issues of the week. Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy announced he's not running for re-election in 2018. Dangerous rail crossings for a Longmeadow Department of Public Works employee, and The Hartford Yard Goats finally got to play in their new stadium, only a year behind schedule.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/17	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:06	MA	Prosecutors in Massachusetts have to make some decisions by tomorrow. That's the deadline of them to determine whether to follow through with the thousands of cases that were tainted by the 2012 scandal at a state drug lab - where a chemist repeatedly falsified her analysis of evidence. Many of the cases could be thrown out. Statehouse reporter Matt Murphy says 24,000 convictions may have been compromised.
Politics/ Public Policy	4/21	5:50 p.m.	7:47	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Kristin Palpini of the Valley Advocate and Mike Dobbs of Reminder Publications discuss the issues of the week. The 2012 state drug lab scandal in Massachusetts is coming to a close with the dismissal of some 20,000 criminal cases because they were based on evidence potentially tainted by former state chemist Annie Dookhan. The proposal to create a protected habitat for timber rattlesnakes on an island in the Quabbin Reservoir is suspended, but still on the table. Booster organizations for western Massachusetts are pausing their rollout of a new brand for the region: "West Mass."
Politics/ Public Policy	4/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:59	MA	Massachusetts State Representatives will consider about 1,200 amendments that were tacked on to the spending proposal for next year. State House reporter Matt Murphy tells us how this process works.

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Politics/ Public Policy	5/1	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:42	MA	Amid a dispute brewing over an elephant act in the Melha Shrine Circus coming to Springfield, a Beacon Hill committee this week will be taking up bills dealing with wild and exotic animal acts. Of course this also comes as the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus is set to close its tent for good. Katie Lannon from the Statehouse News Service tells us about some of the legislation being considered.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/5	5:50 p.m.	8:03	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Matt Szafranski of Western Mass Politics & Insight and Natalia Muñoz of Vaya Con Muñoz discuss the issues of the week. Springfield city council on sanctuary city resolution, racism at Fenway, Tibetan flag flack at UMass.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/8	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:02	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has said that the health care bill, passed last week by the U.S. House, would mean a massive loss of state funds. That bill now heads to the U.S. Senate. Matt Murphy of the State House News Service tells us how Baker plans to lobby against the bill.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/9	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:07	ME	New England states are considering the idea of sticking with daylight saving time year round. That's the time regime we are in right now, and the idea is to stop "falling back" and "springing ahead" at each change of seasons - and gain a little more light on winter evenings. The New England News Collaborative's Fred Bever reports the movement is gaining momentum.

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Politics/ Public Policy	5/12	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Hernandez and the 'abatement doctrine'//Easthampton, free speech in schools and the confederate flag//goodbye daylight saving time?//Celtics win or lose.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:56	MA	The State Senate Ways and Means Committee released its recommendations for the fiscal year that begins in less than two months. With the state's revenue base eroding, Statehouse News Service reporter Matt Murphy tells us if there's anything surprising that could come out of the Senate spending plan
Politics/ Public Policy	5/19	5:50 p.m.	7:45	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Turners Falls mascot/with Trump's problems, is Baker immune from voter backlash?/VT and CT weigh legalized pot.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:36	MA	At the Massachusetts Statehouse this week, Senators will be busy deliberating the Ways and Means Committee's \$40.3 billion budget proposal. Last week, lawmakers filed more than one thousand amendments to that bill. State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy tells us just how they plan to pile through that huge pile of amendments.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/23	8:45 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	4:01	MA	The election of President Donald Trump is inspiring many people to explore a run for public office, especially those who oppose his policies. A new pop up school in Western Massachusetts is trying to attract potential candidates.
Politics/ Public Policy	5/25	7:22 a.m.	3:34	VT	For now, Massachusetts and Maine will remain the only New England states that've legalized recreational marijuana. That's after Vermont Governor Phil Scott vetoed marijuana legislation. But Scott says he's open to signing a revised version of the bill in June.

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Politics/ Public Policy	5/26	7:50 p.m.	7:49	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Berkshire Bank moving to Boston, AG getting involved at East Hampton and Malden schools, advice for graduates.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/1	6:35 a.m. 8:31 a.m.	5:17	MA	The Massachusetts State Democratic Convention convenes elected delegates on Saturday morning in Worcester. As they do every four years, attendees will revise and agree on a party platform that next year's gubernatorial candidate will be expected to run on. Politico's Massachusetts reporter, Laren Desenski, tells us what we should expect.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/2	5:45 p.m.	8:35	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Immigration enforcement in New England // Healey, Baker and party politics in 2018 elections...Seuss and Springfield museums/Inclusiveness and race
Politics/ Public Policy	6/5	6:35 a.m. 8:31 a.m.	4:28	MA	A clarifying moment will come later today, as the Massachusetts Department of Revenue releases tax collection numbers for May. The current fiscal year and the budget for next year hang in the balance. As we do most Mondays, we check in with state house news service reporter Matt Murphy. Matt told New England Public Radio's Carrie Healey there's a specific group of lawmakers eagerly awaiting these numbers.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/9	5:50 p.m.	7:41	MA	THE SHORT LIST: CT moves on casinos, Housatonic cleanup, Native American mascots in schools, Jery Remy and translators in baseball

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Politics/ Public Policy	6/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:46	MA	In Massachusetts, there's continued to uncertainty around money. A small legislative committee continues to whittle-down the not-yet-passed budget that takes effect in three weeks. Meanwhile, legislators are preparing for a constitutional convention on Wednesday. Senate President Stan Rosenberg says he sees one matter before lawmakers -- the so-called millionaires' tax - - as a solution to the revenue issues. I asked State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy if now is an especially good time to consider this proposal.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/19	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:11	MA	The Massachusetts House had planned to vote last week on a bill making substantial changes to the voter-passed recreational marijuana law. But after quick objection to the bill -- and an issue with how it was written -- Speaker Bob Deleo delayed that vote. The Marijuana Policy Committee will release a revised version of the legislation today.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/23	5:50 p.m.	7:56	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Lawmakers debate marijuana law changes, Sarno moves against Sanctuary Church, Lesser steps up East-West Rail push, summer reading picks.

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Politics/ Public Policy	6/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:43	MA	It's going to be a busy week on Beacon Hill as Massachusetts lawmakers try to find common ground on some tough topics. The state's fiscal year ends Friday -- and there's no budget agreement yet. Also -- the legislature is aiming to get a recreational marijuana law on the governor's desk this week. But big differences remain between the house and senate bills -- both of which make changes to the voter-passed marijuana law. As we do most Mondays, we check in now with the state house news service in Boston. Katie Lannan is a reporter there. She tells New England Public Radio's Sam Hudzik there's a variety of opinion on whether lawmakers can quickly hash out their differences on marijuana.
Politics/ Public Policy	6/30	5:50 p.m.	8:05	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Charlie Baker nominates Scott Kafker, Baystate Franklin Medical Center nurses' strike, Western Mass re-brand, July 4th vacation spots
Public Health	4/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:50	VT	Many refugees finally feel safe once they arrive in the U.S. - sometimes after decades of threat or torture or loss of family members. But just because they're removed from harm doesn't mean the pain is over. One clinic in Vermont has been working to help treat the mental health issues that many refugees face - both from past traumas and the stress of transitioning into a new culture. As part of our occasional series on immigration in New England - "Facing Change" - VPR's Kathleen Masterson reports.

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Public Health	5/11	7:51 a.m.	5:21	MA	Of the six people in Massachusetts that just released statistics suggest will die today from overdoses, most will have taken drugs laced with the highly potent opioid fentanyl. But they're unlikely to realize it. There's no approved way for users to test drugs before ingesting. But there is an unapproved option making its way through underground networks. Jess Tilley runs the group "New England drug users union," that advocates on behalf of people who choose to use illegal drugs. She's encouraging people to test drugs before using them. WBUR's Martha Bebinger listened in, as Tilley showed staff at a needle exchange in Holyoke the basics of "Fentanyl test strips."
Public Health	6/5 6/6	5:41 p.m. 7:22 a.m.	6:34	MA	The increase in so-called "boarding" in hospital emergency rooms has prompted a push for a special hospital unit in Massachusetts for mental health patients. Right now some patients are waiting days -- even weeks -- in hospitals before they get a psychiatric treatment bed. WBUR's Deborah Becker has been following one patient's struggle to get mental health and substance use treatment.
Public Health	6/7	6:35 a.m. 8:31 a.m.	3:49	MA	Women make up nearly 15-percent of the United States Armed Forces. As they return from service, many are at risk of becoming homeless due to mental health problems, substance use and sexual abuse. As a result, females are the fastest growing demographic of homeless veterans. But nearly all facilities for homeless vets house males and females together. That can be counterproductive for women recovering from trauma. For the New England News Collaborative...Rebecca Sheir takes us to a program in Leeds, Massachusetts, that caters exclusively to the needs of females.

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Science	4/20	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:50	MA	This weekend's national march for science marks a departure for many scientists. Until recently, they did not consider political activism part of their job. But over the past few years, a growing number of researchers - including targets of political attacks - say it's time to come out swinging.