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Issues/Programs List

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WAIC includes in its broadcasts local news and information programming provided by New England Public Radio. This report lists representative examples of reporting 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 minute roundtable discussion with a rotating panel of journalists and media professionals that analyzes the major issues in the news.

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

Finally, many reports on the same and related subjects were broadcast daily and weekly through WAMH's broadcast of such national news programs as *Morning Edition*, *Weekend Edition*, *Here & Now*, *Fresh Air*, *On Point*, *The Takeaway* and others.

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## Reports on Morning Edition and Weekend Edition

Topic	Airdate	Newscast	Duration	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	1/11/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	4:48	MA	For many middle and high school students, the bar is set high for getting good grades, making the team, landing the lead role in a play. So for a single night, a library in western Massachusetts set the bar really *low*. As New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, one of this month's events was a carefree evening of making bad art.
Arts & Culture	1/15/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	7:27	MA	One hundred years ago today (January 15, 1919) a tank of hot molasses burst, releasing a thick, sugary tsunami into the streets of Boston's North End. It killed 21 people, injured 150, and shaped the relationship between business and government as we know it. On its centennial, reporter Julia Press looks back at the history, the science, and the impact of the Great Molasses Flood.
Arts & Culture	1/18/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:52	CT	Connecticut Public, which operates Connecticut Public TV and WNPR radio has hired Quinnipiac University communications dean Mark Contreras as its new president and CEO. He replaces Jerry Franklin, who has been there for 34 years. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.

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Arts & Culture	1/24/2019	6:21 a.m. 8:21 a.m.	7:12	CT	A documentary that tells a lesser-known story from the Holocaust is showing around the world this weekend. It's about a hidden archive created in secret by a group of Jewish men and women. For more than two years, starting in 1940, they collected artifacts to document their lives, as German Nazis began to send millions of Jews and others to extermination camps. The film, 'Who Will Write Our History', is based on the book by Samuel Kassow, who teaches at Trinity College in Hartford. He told New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman that the man behind the archiving effort, Emmanuel Ringelblum, was an academic, like himself. ... 'Who Will Write Our History' will be shown around the world this Sunday, the day the UN designates to remember the millions of Jews and others killed in the Holocaust.
Arts & Culture	1/29/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:13	MA	The American Hockey league, which is made up of the top NHL farm teams, held its annual All Star Classic in Springfield last night before a sell-out crowd. Three years ago such an event taking place in the city seemed unlikely, with Springfield's team at the bottom of the league in attendance, and poised to move to Arizona. But a new team came in and is having much more success than its predecessor. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.
Arts & Culture	1/30/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:58	MA	On roads, ice plays quite the notorious role in winter. But black ice on a lake---fast frozen with no snow---is a star. Among the earth's elements, it's unique. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman strapped on her skates and has this story of a recent fleeting moment.



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Arts & Culture	1/30/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	3:48	MA	On Sunday, the Patriots will go for the franchise's sixth Super Bowl title as they take on the Los Angeles Rams. A victory would tie New England with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most Super Bowls won by a franchise. This is the third consecutive year the Pats are playing for the NFL title, but their return was not always a foregone conclusion. Matt Vautour of MassLive is in Atlanta this week covering the head-up to the game. He says he's noticed a difference in the Patriots over the last month or so.
Arts & Culture	2/1/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:15	MA	Old versus young: that's one way to look at Sunday's Super Bowl matchup. On the old---or should we say 'experienced'---side, you have the New England Patriots. On the young side, the LA Rams. WBUR's Shira Springer takes a look at the Rams' young head coach and quarterback, and what they think of facing the more 'seasoned' Patriots.
Arts & Culture	2/4/2019	7:45 a.m.	4:00	MA	New England is once again home to the Super Bowl champions. The Patriots beat the LA Rams 13-3 last night in Atlanta to win Super Bowl 53. It was the lowest-scoring game in Super Bowl history. But after the game, that didn't matter to the Patriots; they were happy to celebrate the 6th title in franchise history. WBUR's Shira Springer reports from Atlanta on what the win meant to the Patriots.
Arts & Culture	2/13/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:34	MA	Timely Valentine's Day messages? A Worcester bakery is all over it. Alexis Kelleher is the owner of "Crust." This time of year, she and her crew bake and decorate heart-shaped cookies with some not-so-loving messages.
Arts & Culture	3/21/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:42	MA	If you know opera---and even if you don't---you've likely heard this famous 19th-century aria from Bizet's "Carmen." It's among the beloved compositions regularly performed worldwide. Lesser known to audiences are new operas, like one being performed in Northampton this weekend. As New England Public Radio's Jill

Kaufman reports, a Smith College professor is taking risks with the sound of music.

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Arts & Culture	3/22/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:02	CT	Our spring music series continues now. We're profiling musical artists from around the region. Today we hear from a Puerto Rican composer who teaches in the music department at trinity College in Hartford. Dan Roman's contemporary classical music swings to the beat of beloved Puerto Rican dances and songs. New England Public Radio's Tema Silk has more.
Arts & Culture	3/26/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:17	MA	More than 100 previously unpublished poems appear in a small recently-released book called "Compass Roads." It was edited by the prolific author and editor, Jane Yolen.
Arts & Culture	3/27/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	7:07	MA	Tanglewood. Jacob's Pillow. Mass Moca. All are go-to places in the Berkshires. But Chesterwood, once the summer studio of sculptor Daniel Chester French, is perhaps more of a "hidden gem." This year the Stockbridge property is celebrating its 50th year as an historic site. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports that although neither the place nor the sculptor are well known, French's artwork is.
Arts & Culture	3/29/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	7:29	MA	A locally produced jazz series is providing a venue for music that some may have trouble sitting through. Others say it's building a community that embraces the unexpected. As part of our spring music series, New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports that "Pioneer Valley Jazzshares" is producing concerts using an outside-the-box business model.
Community Voices	1/11/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	2:49	MA	The Wynn Casino Group, which holds the license to build a casino in Everett, Massachusetts, is mired in controversy over sexual assault allegations against its founder. That's led to an investigation by the State Gaming Commission, which has the power to take away the casino license. The 'Boston Globe' recently chastised commissioners for not acting decisively, saying they were "playing the game like a bunch of country rubes." That term caught commentator Andrew Varnon's attention.





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Community Voices	1/18/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:38	MA	A round of copyrighted works first published in 1923 was about to pass into the public domain in 1998. But after some lobbying by Disney and Sonny Bono's widow, Congress extended copyright protections by 20 years. The extended term expired on January 1, known in some circles as 'Public Domain Day'. Commentator Lauren Ostberg is in those circles, and she's excited.
Community Voices	1/21/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	3:09	MA	In the mid-1800s, long before the work of Dr. King, people in Florence, Massachusetts, were speaking out against slavery while building a community based on egalitarian ideals. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen has more.
Community Voices	1/21/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	4:17	ME	New England's largest horse rescue in Windham, Maine, began offering sanctuary to carriage horses back in 1872. Since then, the Maine State Society For The Protection Of Animals has been working hard to rehabilitate as many horses as possible. And as Susan Sharon of Maine Public Radio reports, the nonprofit has been getting help from a devoted group of volunteers: inmates from the women's prison across the street.
Community Voices	1/31/2019	5:50 a.m. 8:34 a.m.	8:11	CT	A man who spent almost 3 decades in Massachusetts prisons---wrongfully, it turns out---is now opening a chain of smoothie restaurants in Connecticut. Five years after a judge vacated his conviction, and a year after a hard-fought settlement from the government, Mark Schand says he's making up for lost time. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Community Voices	2/8/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:35	CT	The role of fortune and luck is big in some Asian cultures. Playing cards and dice at holidays and other family gatherings goes back generations. But advocates in the Asian community say that tradition can sometimes lead to a hidden problem: gambling addiction. As Connecticut Public Radio's Vanessa de la Torre reports, Southeast Asian refugees who came to the US after the Vietnam War are



especially at risk.

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Community Voices	2/13/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:07	MA	For the first time in over a century and a half, would-be lovers and sentimental fools will be deprived of a staple of Valentine's Day every bit as recognizable as Cupid's arrow. Commentator Robert Chipkin has been pondering this development.
Community Voices	2/22/2019	5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m.	2:59	MA	Commentator Ilan Stavans says education aimed at stemming anti-Semitism is not enough to protect against the current threats. He says that's especially true after the massacre last fall at the Tree Of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh.
Community Voices	2/26/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:57	MA	It's easy to love birds in spring with their bright feathers, says commentator Susan Johnson. But she's come to admire birds in winter because, like us, they're here for the duration, no matter how gloomy it gets.
Community Voices	3/6/2019	6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m.	6:13	MA	The final resting place of an elephant named Columbus has baffled and fascinated residents of the Berkshires for more than a hundred years. But now one man is pretty sure he has solved the mystery. I called Leo Mahoney and asked him to explain his relationship with the 19th-century elephant.
Community Voices	3/15/2019	7:22 a.m.	2:11	MA	As the ice melts, canoers and kayakers are getting their boats ready to paddle local rivers and streams. Most of them will be made of brightly colored plastic or fiberglass. But commentator and small-boat enthusiast Toby Goodrich is more of a traditionalist.
Community Voices	3/15/2019	7:22 a.m.	4:04	MA	Seventy-two years ago this Saint Patrick's Day, one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time, Rocky Marciano, came to fight in Holyoke, Massachusetts. The fight was a turning point in his life, as New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports.
Community Voices	3/22/2019	5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m.	2:27	MA	As a liberal, commentator and college senior Pam Larkin is in the vast majority on the Smith College campus...and Larkin says that's a problem.

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Economic Development	2/14/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	7:05	MA	For years, tourists have travelled to the Berkshires seeking a quiet refuge or an infusion of the arts. And Berkshire residents have always rented out rooms in their homes as a way to boost their income. But now, some innkeepers and bed-and-breakfast owners say their room rentals are down because of competition from air b-n-b's. Although Massachusetts recently passed a law governing short-term rentals, it's not clear yet whether it will make a difference. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports.
Economic Development	3/12/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	MA	The MGM Springfield casino has been up and running now for more than six months. The Republican newspaper assigned three reporters to explore whether MGM has kept the promises it made to city and state officials. We sat down with one of those reporters, Peter Goonan, and asked him where MGM stands.
Education	1/16/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:58	MA	Facing a tough financial outlook, Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, says it's looking for what it calls 'a strategic partner'---setting up a possible merger with another school. Meanwhile, college administrators are still deciding whether to admit a new class of students next fall. All this uncertainty is leaving Hampshire's students and alumni concerned about its future. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.
Education	1/16/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:43	MA	The US Department of Education has proposed new guidelines for colleges to address sexual assault and sexual harassment. Victim advocates are critical of this new version of Title IX rules, saying it favors the accused. Commentator Meg Mott has studied Title IX and thinks the new rules actually empower both the accused and the survivors.

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Education	1/24/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	4:01	MA	On Beacon Hill, legislators are just beginning to pore over Governor Charlie Baker's state budget. The \$42.7-billion spending plan landed in their inboxes yesterday afternoon, and among other things, it recommends that funding for K-thru-12 public education be increased by a billion dollars over the next seven years. More on the governor's budget from WBUR's Steve Brown.
Education	2/8/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:26	MA	Some students who were counting on going to Hampshire College next fall are scrambling to figure out their next move. The school recently decided to admit just the 77 students who were already committed to the college in Amherst. This comes as Hampshire seeks a "strategic partner"...with financial troubles looming. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.
Education	2/25/2019	7:45 a.m.	4:17	MA	A week after a first round of staff layoffs, Hampshire College continues to seek a strategic partner to help get through its financial crisis. And newly released emails show that Hampshire was at one point in serious discussions with Umass Amherst. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Education	3/13/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:17	MA	It's been nearly two months since Hampshire College's president announced the school was searching for a long-term strategic partner to help the school as it faced enrollment declines and financial pressures. Some employees have been laid off, with more expected, as Hampshire prepares for an even smaller student body next year. With all this going on, a group has coalesced on campus around a new vision for the school. I asked Professor Christoph Cox, who is involved in this process, what the vision will look like.
Education	3/26/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	1:44	MA	A Holyoke public school has something new to help students learn. It's not on a chalkboard or in a book---it's on the floor. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne



reports.

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Education	3/28/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:53	CT	The University of Connecticut is offering its students a chance to experiment with cannabis---in the classroom. As Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, UConn is offering students a chance to learn about the science behind growing the plant. And student enrollment has lit up.
Energy & Environment	1/19/2016	7:45 a.m.	3:37	MA	The phrase 'number 1 dining' is often thrown around at UMass Amherst. But with all the great food comes great waste. UMass has been ranked one of the top 50 'green colleges' by Princeton Review for the past four years. The school provides compostable utensils, napkins, and cups in dining areas. But how effective is it? New England Public Radio's Ayelet Ehrenkranz reports.
Energy & Environment	2/22/2019	5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m.	5:35	ME	Maine Governor Janet Mills and two environmental groups are signing on to Central Maine Power's bid to build a controversial new transmission line through western Maine's forests. That significantly broadens the coalition of interests supporting the project, which would send power to energy-hungry Massachusetts. But as Maine Public Radio's Fred Bever reports, the deal is still drawing plenty of opposition.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	2/6/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:34	MA	Women in Berkshire County who are being held on bail are sent to a regional facility for females in Chicopee, instead of in their own county. A report in the Berkshire Eagle examines some of the hardships this places on defendants who have not yet been convicted, but are placed at least an hour from home. For more, I spoke with Eagle reporter Heather Bellow. She says this system treats men and women in the same situation...differently.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/14/2019	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	7:14	MA	This next story may be disturbing to some listeners: it's about a woman whose son says he was sexually abused as a child in a Berkshire County elementary school. So she paid for two billboards this winter to call attention to the case. Her goal is to bring her son's alleged abuser to justice. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen

reports.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/22/2019	5:50 a.m. 7:50 a.m.	6:00	MA	A month ago, Springfield, Massachusetts got a new acting Police Commissioner. Cheryl Clapprood says she wants more transparency and trust between the department and the community, amid a number of police scandals. But this week Clapprood's own record with honesty has faced scrutiny. New England Public Radio's Carrie Healy sat down with MassLive reporter Dan Glaun to discuss Clapprood's story.
Politics & Public Policy	1/4/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:51	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker does some more celebrating today. One day after taking the oath of office for his second term, Baker attends inaugural galas this afternoon in Springfield and tonight in Worcester. In his inaugural address, Baker made quite a few promises, including major work on transportation, affordable housing, and funding for education.
Politics & Public Policy	1/7/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:43	MA	BH in 5: Massachusetts lawmakers and the governor have taken their oaths, but don't look for a lot of legislative action anytime soon. Second term for Charlie Baker, did we learn anything new about his priorities, and will Democratic leaders in the legislature play ball? Will new procedural rules pose an obstacle? And the Senate has a redecorated chamber.
Politics & Public Policy	1/7/2019	7:45 a.m.	5:09	MA	'So, it starts here.' With those words this weekend, Sen. Elizabeth Warren took the first steps in her now all-but-certain presidential run. After establishing a presidential exploratory committee, Warren barnstormed across Iowa, kicking off the presidential caucus and primary season a full 13 months before Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses. WBUR's Anthony Brooks was there.
Politics & Public Policy	1/8/2019	6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m.	5:20	CT	Governor Dannel Malloy leaves office tomorrow after 8 years leading Connecticut. His approval rating has made him one of the least popular governors in state history. But as Connecticut Public Radio's Lori Mack reports, many see the



Democratic governor's changes to the criminal justice system as his greatest success.

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Politics & Public Policy	1/8/2019	6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m.	2:51	MA	The federal government has been shut down for more than two weeks. This is affecting thousands of government employees in Massachusetts. They include workers at historic sites and IRS offices, but also those working on environmental research and conservation. New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports.
Politics & Public Policy	1/14/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:51	MA	BH in 5: The first recreational marijuana shop in the Berkshires just opened Friday, in Great Barrington. There's another in Pittsfield. Like all pot shops, they had to craft big-money deals with these towns. All that money in 'host community agreements' has caused some to question the legality of the deals, and whether these towns are demanding so much that it'll price a lot of folks out of the industry. Can you tell us about the Cannabis Control Commission's plan for this? // Mass' public records law gives reporters and non-profit watchdogs headaches because there are so many exemptions in it, and a state commission looking into changes appears to have come up empty for a second straight year. // What's in the new climate bill some legislators intend to file this week? // Is there a favorite for the new chair of the state GOP?
Politics & Public Policy	1/14/2019	7:45 a.m.	5:33	MA	One week after travelling across Iowa, Senator Elizabeth Warren has resumed the early stages of her presidential campaign, this weekend in New Hampshire. Yesterday the Massachusetts Democrat brought her populist message to two events in the state that holds the first primary in the nation. WBUR reporter Anthony Brooks has the story.
Politics & Public Policy	1/23/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:26	MA	The sound of gunfire recently filled the halls of the Hampden County Sheriff's Office in Ludlow, Massachusetts. It was part of a training for employees to learn how to respond to an active shooter. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports.

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Politics & Public Policy	1/24/2019	5:51 a.m. 7:51 a.m.	3:03	MA	Governor Charlie Baker's effort to raise a billion dollars through increased excise taxes on property sales is meeting resistance among realtors. But as WBUR's Simon Rios reports, backers say the new revenue will ultimately go toward protecting property from the threat of rising seas.
Politics & Public Policy	1/28/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:22	MA	BH in 5: Governor Baker's 2020 budget prompts housing advocates to seek more funding to address affordable housing shortage; budget would expand school funding by \$200 million; Democrats seek changes in Senate rules about workplace harassment and diversity in recruiting
Politics & Public Policy	2/4/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:50	MA	BH in 5: With some formalities out of the way, Massachusetts lawmakers try to get moving, passing rules for the upcoming session that include updated sexual-harassment policies, of special importance given revelations last session; What's on the agenda once the real work starts?; Governor Baker heads to Washington to testify about climate change; a big announcement expected next weekend from Sen. Elizabeth Warren.
Politics & Public Policy	2/5/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	2:17	MA	Among the thousands of bills Massachusetts legislators have put forward this year, one would designate a frog called the spring peeper as the state amphibian. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports.

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Politics & Public Policy	2/11/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	7:03	MA	BH in 5: Gov. Baker's pick to lead the Gaming Commission, Cathy Judd-Stein, will chair her first meeting Thursday. Gambling regulators needs to deal with uncertainty over the Eastern Mass resort casino which is supposed to open in a few months and the Commission will aoes have to decide whether to award a casino license in Southeastern Mass as well as staying on top of requirements for existing casinos like MGM Springfield; State Rep Paul Brodeur testified in Washington about the deal that will lead to a \$15 minimum wage in the state, but is there an appetite for a similar federal wage?; legislative leaders are formalizing committee assignments and leadership roles, some of which carry pretty heavy stipends---have all these been worked out behind the scenes or will there be last-minute lobbying?
Politics & Public Policy	2/12/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:21	NH	The new Hampshire presidential primary is scheduled for about a year from now. If history holds, the evening before, the world's attention will turn to the tiny north-country community of Dixville Notch. But a recent investigation into Dixville Notch's elections could threaten the future of its midnight voting tradition. New Hampshire Public Radio's Casey McDermott reports.
Politics & Public Policy	2/18/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:00	MA	BH in 5: A roundup of current Beacon Hill news with State House News reporter Matt Murphy.
Politics & Public Policy	2/20/2019	7:45 a.m.	4:04	VT	Yesterday we learned that the 2020 Democratic presidential primary will be similar to 2016 in at least one regard: Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders is running for the nomination. But political observers say the electoral landscape has changed dramatically since Sanders' last presidential bid. And as Vermont Public Radio's Peter Hirschfeld reports, it's a landscape he may struggle to navigate this time around.



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Politics & Public Policy	2/25/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:36	MA	BH in 5: Gov. Baker introduced his budget a month ago but nothing's moving yet at the State House. Why the delay, and when will lawmakers look at Baker's proposal which includes quite a few controversial tax proposals; Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz lost her spot atop the legislature's joint committee on education---she is the only woman of color in the Senate and she was replaced by Sen Jason Lewis, who is white. This led to groups representing communities of color to step forward with a number of concerns. Why are Beacon Hill leaders saying Chang-Diaz lost the job?
Politics & Public Policy	2/26/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:22	MA	The Springfield Catholic Diocese has a new protocol for notifying district attorneys of clergy sexual abuse complaints. As New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports, the change comes after a copy of a report could not be found at a D-A's office.
Politics & Public Policy	3/4/2019	7:51 a.m.	5:17	MA	The new House budget represents about \$30-million less in spending than Gov. Baker requested---what programs got sheared? Will budget hearings begin this week? Paid family and medical leave was signed into law as part of last session's Grand Bargain and employers will be assessed an additional payroll tax to fund it---what are the next steps and what has been the reaction from business groups?
Politics & Public Policy	3/11/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:43	MA	BH in 5: Lawmakers put kids at the center of the welfare debate; Gov. Charlie Baker created a package of public-assistance reforms, one of which would roll back to so-called 'Cap On Kids,' a provision that makes children born to families who get assistance ineligible for an additional monthly benefit. We spoke with Matt Murphy of the State House News Service.

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Politics & Public Policy	3/18/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	6:51	MA	BH in 5: With last year's defeat of a Millionaire's Tax lawmakers zero in on other revenue sources with concern growing about education and transportation funding; a second vote on banning conversion therapy for minors was held after one rep said her vote was improperly recorded; last week the state department of health released a report suggesting that about 7 percent of all adults drove under the influence of marijuana in the past month---will lawmakers go along with the governor's proposed new regulations?
Politics & Public Policy	3/25/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:16	MA	BH in 5: Supporters of driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants hope to tap into family-separation anger and the larger issue of deportation; lawmakers will soon take up a road-safety bill; supporters of school funding reform rallied at the State House ahead of hearings on the issue; and is Beacon Hill impacted by workplace distraction surrounding the NCAA basketball tournament?
Public Health	3/11/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	6:37	MA	Half a year since the opening of the MGM casino in Springfield, some mental health counsellors are seeing an uptick in gambling among clients---though not necessarily an increase in people seeking addiction treatment. Meanwhile, services to help problem gamblers seem to be ramping up...but slowly. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Science	2/5/2019	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:42	CT	An elusive wild cat is making a comeback across New England. Bobcats are returning to the region following decades of conservation and forest re-growth. And now that the bobcat population is bouncing back, biologists are seeking to learn more about where they are and what they're doing. Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports.

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Science	2/7/2019	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:01	MA	The New England Aquarium has the world's largest collection of right whale poop. Yes, poop. Fecal matter can actually tell us a whole lot about a whale's health. And for the endangered North Atlantic Right Whale, the information could be critical. WBUR's Miriam Wasser has this story.