

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q2: April 1 thru June 30, 2016



There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WRNI/Rhode Island Public Radio, Providence, Rhode Island along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of 4/1 to 6/30, 2016. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

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  - Jim Murphy *Date*
  
- WELH 88.1FM Providence, RI \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
  - David Schiano *Date*

### **1. Politics:** Rhody Votes '16 Presidential Primary Coverage

Features, analysis, Q&A and newscasts spots (varying lengths)

April 4-April 27 Various times during Morning Edition and All Things Considered

April 26 Two hours of live coverage on primary night 8 PM-10 PM

Newsroom series including more than two dozen features and newscast stories looking at Rhode Island's presidential primary from the perspective of voters across the state, coverage of candidate visits to RI, and campaign organizing activities.

### **2. Health:** The Pulse: Chronic Pain? Behavioral Therapy Could Help

Feature(6:50)

May 5 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 7:50 AM

The national crisis of opioid addiction has led many doctors and patients to look for alternatives for managing pain. The Pulse has been exploring some of those alternatives, from Buddhist approaches to acupuncture. This week: how cognitive behavioral therapy is helping two very different groups manage chronic pain.

### **3. Health:** Overdose Deaths High Among Middle Aged, Too

Feature(4:14)

May 6 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Evidence is mounting that Prince may have died of a drug overdose. While the medical examiner hasn't given definitive proof of that, drug overdose in middle age is actually more common than some of us might think. Here's why this group is at high risk.

### **4. Politics:** Scott MacKay Commentary: Time To Clean Up Statehouse Grant System

Commentary (3:53)

May 13 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Political Analyst Scott MacKay suggests improvements to a state grant program after controversy involving a state lawmaker found to earn a salary from an organization funded through state grants.

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### 5. **Education:** RI ACLU: Adopt Statewide Policy On Transgender Student Rights

Q&A (5:37)

May 16 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Advocates call for the state Board of Education to adopt a policy on transgender students in schools.

### 6. **Education:** For Immigrant Parents, A Steep Learning Curve in US Schools

Feature(6:20)

May 19 6:50 and 8:50 AM or 7:50 AM

In Woonsocket, the Center For Southeast Asians offers a workshop in three South Asian languages to help immigrant parents understand the local public school system, how to advocate for their children, and what the system both offers and expects of them.

### 7. **RI News:** Pawtucket Synagogue Heartened By Community Support, Shaken By Vandalism

Q&A (3:35)

May 24 6:45 and 8:45 AM; or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Rabbi Raphie Schochet discusses the discovery of a swastika at his synagogue and the community's response to it.

### 9. **RI News:** For More Than A Decade, A Different Approach To Policing In Providence

Feature(3:41)

May 25 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:54 and 7:45 AM

Providence Police Officer Alex Gonzalez takes us on patrol in a housing development as he goes about the daily business of a community police officer. He's part of a special unit focused on public housing, which city officials believe has played an important role in reducing arrests and improving police-community relations.

### 10. **Politics:** Political Roundtable: Raimondo On Good Government, Jobs & Improving Workers' Skills

Q&A (8:39)

May 27 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Gov. Gina Raimondo joins our weekly Political Roundtable to talk about the heightened focus on good government, the outlook for improving Rhode Island's economy, and efforts to improve the skills of Rhode Island workers

### 11. **Environment:** Keeping A Close Tab On Threats To Bees

Feature(6:03)

May 26 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Scientists are still working to understand all of the factors behind massive die-offs of honeybees in what's known as "colony collapse disorder." The problem is partly attributed to a pest called the varroa mite. But pesticides and carbon emissions may also be playing a role, according to new research from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Beekeepers and researchers in the Ocean State are working together to try to understand another potential threat: the small hive beetle.

### 12. **Health Care:** The Pulse: Teaching Anatomy With Or Without The Body

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- Feature(6:50)  
June 2 6:50 and 8:50 AM, or 5:50 and 7:50 AM  
What is lost and what is gained when medical schools use virtual reality to teach anatomy, replacing the traditional cadaver, a trend that is expected to grow due to the cost of cadaver labs.
- 13. Politics:** House Finance Passes \$8.9 Billion Budget; Floor Vote Set For Next Wednesday  
Debrief (6:27)  
June 8 4:50 or 5:50 PM  
Key provisions explained in the 2017 State Budget approved by the House Finance Committee and a look at the top controversies still being played out in the budget process.
- 14. Education:** Bill Would Close Loophole In Child Abuse Reporting Law  
Feature(4:43)  
June 10 5:45 and 7:45 AM, or 6:45 and 8:45 AM  
State lawmakers consider a bill that would explicitly require schools to report employees suspected of sexual abuse to child welfare officials.
- 15. RI News:** Audio Postcard: Young LGBTQ Rhode Islanders Share Hopes, Fears After Orlando  
Feature (3:21)  
June 17 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM  
LGBT teens in Providence share their reactions to a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando.
- 16. Health:** The Pulse: For Overdose Patients, Does Privacy Apply?  
Q&A (8:23)  
June 23 6:50 and 8:50 or 7:50 AM  
Professor Mark Rothstein, Founding Director of the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, weighs in on how patient privacy laws apply in cases of drug overdose.
- 17. Arts & Culture:** Providence Band The Low Anthem Tries New Sound With Latest Album  
Feature(5:00)  
June 27 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM  
Providence musicians discuss latest album and how they are changing the sound that brought them to national prominence.
- 18. Arts & Culture:** RI Artscape: RISD Museum's 'All of Everything' Is All Oldham  
Feature(7:15)  
June 30 6:50 & 8:50 AM  
RISD museum exhibit features work of fashion designer Todd Oldham and collaboration between Oldham and RISD students.
- 19. Environment:** Governor's Budget a Mixed Bag for the Environment  
Debrief (6:58)  
June 30 5:33 and 7:33 AM or 6:33 and 8:33 AM  
Explanations of key funding initiatives that impact the environment in the 2017 budget

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