

# RIPR ISSUES & PROGRAMS LIST

## Q1: Jan.1 thru Mar.31, 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 1/1 to 3/31, 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. Education:** Working Group Recommends Changes in School Funding

Debrief (3:57)

Jan 14 6:45 and 8:45 A.m. or 7:45 AM

A task force has found inequities in the state formula for funding public schools, and the group is recommending changes to increase funding for special education and English language learners.

### **2. Education:** St. George's Alums Describe School At Center of Abuse Scandal

Feature(7:17)

January 26 6:33, 7:33 or 8:33 AM

Alumni from an elite boarding school describe a culture of bullying but express surprise and shock to learn the school covered up allegations of sexual abuse dating back decades.

### **3. Education/RI News:** State Law Murky On Reporting Sexual Abuse

Feature(6:46)

January 27 6:33 and 8:33 or 7:33 AM

Two state agencies disagree on the interpretation of a state law on reporting sexual abuse by school employees, leaving some question about whether the school is required to report the abuse to child welfare officials.

### **4. Politics:** Buddy Cianci, RI Political Legend, Dead At 71

Feature, Analysis and news cast coverage (varying lengths)

January 28 Various times

Rhode Islanders remember Buddy Cianci, the longtime Providence mayor who was twice forced from office due to criminal charges.

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## **5. Politics/Health Care/Education/Environment:** Governor Raimondo Releases

State Budget

Features (varying lengths)

February 2, 3 and 8 (various times during ME and ATC)

An overview of Gov. Raimondo's budget proposals and in-depth looks at how they will impact the environment, health care and education.

## **6. Politics:** Scott MacKay Commentary: Tuesday's New Hampshire Primary

Analysis (3:56)

February 5 6:45 and 8:45 AM

An overview of the New Hampshire primary and the most closely-watched cities and towns.

## **7. Politics:** Rhode Islanders Trek North To Get Out The Vote In New Hampshire

Feature(5:48)

February 9 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 7:45 AM

Rhode Island residents participate in campaigns for several presidential candidates in the lead-up to the New Hampshire primary.

## **9. RI News:** James Kennedy on Remaking the 6/10 Connector as a Boulevard

Q&A (7:31)

March 2 6:33 and 8:33 AM

A transportation advocate discusses a proposal to turn a highway into a city road.

## **10. Arts & Culture:** Rhode Island Artscape: Modern Dance And A Jazz Classic Come Together In 'Walking With 'Trane'

Feature(8:12)

February 25 6:60 and 8:50 AM

Dance company celebrates the anniversary of John Coltrane's seminal Jazz album "A Love Supreme."

## **11. Environment:** Battle With The Sea: Minimizing Wind Damage

Feature(4:57)

February 19 6:45 and 8:45 AM or 5:45 and 7:45 AM

New building standards claim to make homes resistant to hurricane-force winds, and they're starting to be used as the state prepares for stronger storms related to climate change.

## **12. Health Care:** The Pulse: Zika Q&A

Q&A (8:43)

February 18 5:50 and 7:50 AM

Maternal fetal medicine expert Brenna Hughes from Women & Infants Hospital answers questions about Zika virus. Hughes also participated in a live twitter chat with RIPR listeners.

## **13. Arts & Culture/RI News:** Mill Buildings Stand As A Reminder of Our Past

Commentary (3:28)

March 1 6:45 and 8:45 AM

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After a major mill fire, RIPR's Bob Kerr reflects on the lives of the mill workers who used to fill the industrial landscape and the new businesses that have sprung up in those former mill buildings.

### **14. Politics:** US SEC Charges RI Economic Development Agency, Wells Fargo In 38 Studios Case

Feature(4:06)

March 7 5:45 and 7:45 AM

Federal officials announce charges against Wells Fargo and the state's former economic development officials for allegedly defrauding investors in 38 Studios.

### **15. RI News:** Despite Controversy, Refugees Find Their Footing In RI

Feature (3:39)

March 9 6:45 and 8:45 or 7:45 AM

Syrian refugees begin to arrive in Rhode Island following controversy over whether the state and the country should allow them to come.

### **16. Environment:** Environmentalists Eager For New Composting Rules

Feature(4:35)

March 10 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Composter hope new proposed rules will help their industry flourish and reduce reliance on the state landfill.

### **17. Arts & Culture:** Dead Animals: Taxidermy In Art

Feature(7:53)

March 10 6:50 and 8:50 AM

Artists and curators discuss the use of taxidermy in contemporary art while touring a new exhibit at Brown University.

### **18. Business:** Should RI Tax Carbon Emissions?

Q&A (9:08)

March 11 5:50 PM

As part of a regular Friday afternoon business feature, RIPR's Dave Fallon discusses a push for carbon taxes with the bill's sponsor, State Rep. Aaron Regunberg and Providence Business News Editor Mark Murphy.

### **19. Environment:** Rising Tides Threaten Historic Properties

Feature (4:44)

March 17 5:45 and 7:45 AM or 6:45 and 8:45 AM

Preservationists look for new ideas to save historic properties located in a flood plain.