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Issues/Programs List

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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* and *Living on Earth*.

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Topic	Airdate	Newscast	Duration	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	4/3/2019	5:51 am 7:51 am	5:14	CT	In the northwest corner of Connecticut, just a few miles from the Massachusetts border, stands the New England Accordion Connection & Museum Company. The museum houses over 600 accordions, thousands of pages of sheet music, and a jukebox filled with accordion music.
Arts & Culture	4/5/2019	6:34 am 8:34 am	2:56	MA	A whole lot of murals are coming to the largest city in western Massachusetts. It's part of a project called Fresh Paint Springfield. Officials say they hope it'll contribute to a changing perception of downtown.
Arts & Culture	4/5/2019	6:34 am 8:34 am	5:57	MA	Now our Spring Music Series continues with a profile of the Holyoke-based electronic music duo Boy Harsher. They released a new album in February.
Arts & Culture	4/11/2019	4:44 pm	3:58	MA	The two big names in public radio and public television in western Massachusetts are joining together.
Arts & Culture	4/11/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:38	MA	What do musical acts The Pixies, Staind, and Taj Mahal have in common? They all had their start in western Massachusetts. Since at least the 1950s, Pioneer Valley venues have been a frequent destination for nationally renowned acts. But there's even more going on beneath the surface---literally. In basements throughout the Valley, the underground music scene thrives.
Arts & Culture	4/12/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:14	MA	More than 130 years after Emily Dickinson's death, scholars and devotees continue to scrutinize her poetry and life story. Writers of screen and stage have also been giving her the treatment.

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Arts & Culture	4/16/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:22	MA	The Springfield Armory National Historic Site has a new leader. Since April 1, Kelly Fellner has served as superintendent of both the Armory and of what will become the Coltsville National Historical Park in Hartford.
Arts & Culture	4/26/2019	7:50 am	5:32	MA	As our Spring Music Series continues...a multigenerational chorus based in Pittsfield is bringing together singers from around Berkshire County---and beyond.
Arts & Culture	5/2/2019	6:22 am 8:22 am	7:27	CT	We continue our Spring Music Series now with the band Phat Astronaut. Members claim they hail from "the funkier parts of Connecticut"...not literally, but musically.
Arts & Culture	5/3/2019	5:51 am 7:51 am	2:43	CT	The time has finally come for Connecticut's newest pro soccer team to debut in the Hartford area. The Hartford Athletic has a home game at Pratt & Whitney Stadium in East Hartford Saturday night.
Arts & Culture	5/3/2019	5:51 AM 7:51 AM	5:03	MA	While the only recent NFL action was the draft last weekend, Arena football players are now well into their regular season. The DCU Center in Worcester is home to the Massachusetts Pirates.
Arts & Culture	5/9/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:12	MA	The Boston Bruins play game one of the eastern Conference finals tonight at TD garden. They're up against the Carolina Hurricanes in the best-of-7 series.
Arts & Culture	5/10/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:17	MA	Our Spring Music Series continues with the Massachusetts Chamber Players, a professional chamber ensemble based at UMass Amherst. The new recording of chamber wind music is conducted by Matthew Westgate, who says the idea for this project was planted ten years ago at a composing workshop.

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Arts & Culture	5/14/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	2:49	MA	A new museum opened this month in Stow, Massachusetts, and it features one of the largest collections of military tanks ever assembled in one place.
Arts & Culture	5/16/2019	7:45 am	3:51	MA	"Immersive art" puts you, the viewer, in the art. At a theater you're not just part of the audience watching a show on stage. You might be "on the stage" interacting with actors. Immersive art at a gallery or a
Arts & Culture	5/29/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:09	ME	The sea chantey, once the soundtrack of the golden age of sail, has gone the way of other traditional work songs---relegated to folk festivals and history museums. But in midcoast Maine, chanteys that have sat in the archives for nearly 100 years are getting a new life, and being put back to work on Penobscot Bay.
Arts & Culture	6/14/2019	7:50 am	8:05	MA	We conclude our Spring Music Series this morning with a multimedia project by saxophonist Felipe Salles on a subject very much in the news. His latest work is called "The New Immigrant Experience." Funded by a Guggenheim Fellowship, it's inspired by conversations he videotaped with people brought to this country as children, and currently protected from deportation under DACA, the Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals program.
Arts & Culture	6/25/2019	6:35 am 8:35 am	6:02	MA	The movie 'Diane' shows the mundane and extremely generous measures a woman takes to help her friends and family. The film is set in the city of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where writer and director Kent Jones grew up.
Community Voices	4/2/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:29	MA	Six Flags New England in Agawam, Massachusetts, opens this weekend. And like that other large amusement park in Florida, a day at the park is not just about the thrill rides. There's a lot of live entertainment. And that means the park needs employees who can sing, dance---and possibly ride a unicycle. museum is similar.

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Community Voices	4/9/2019	7:45 am	4:25	MA	The Boston Red Sox play their home opener against the Toronto Blue Jays this afternoon at Fenway Park. Fans are hoping the return to home turf can help the struggling team get back on track. But the toughest job at Fenway today might not belong to a player or coach. It's arguably the job Donnie Gardiner has. He's the Fenway facilities superintendent who has to keep everything at the oldest major league park standing and running.
Community Voices	4/15/2019	7:51 am	7:35	MA	Today, Des Linden returns to the Boston Marathon course to defend her title. It was one year ago she became the first American woman champion in more than three decades. She was 34 years old, a 2-time Olympian with an impressive resume. But she almost didn't make it to the starting line of the 2018 Boston Marathon because of something that happened 10 months earlier, in a race on the other side of the world.
Community Voices	4/26/2019	7:50 am	2:23	MA	We're just a few weeks away from the return of camping season in Massachusetts. Our commentator on all things hiking, Susan Johnson, also enjoys camping---but that wasn't always so.
Community Voices	5/1/2019	6:33 am 8:33 am	2:32	MA	Seventy-five years ago today---May 1, 1944---a group of American soldiers left the United States for Italy. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team, comprised of Japanese-Americans, would become the most decorated unit in US military history. But, says commentator Andrew Lam, our country treated them like the enemy.
Community Voices	5/7/2019	4:20pm 6:20 pm	8:14	MA	Frances Crowe, the longtime peace activist and anti-nuclear campaigner, recently celebrated a milestone. She turned 100 years of age in mid-March, and although physical ailments have slowed her down and left her largely wheelchair-bound, she shows no sign of quitting her activism.

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Community Voices	5/8/2019 6:45 am	8:45 am	2:44	MA	Jerrie Cobb died this spring in Florida ta age 88. You may not have heard of her, but back in the early 1960s, Cobb tested to become the first woman in space. Commentator Martha Ackmann knew Jerrie Cobb and offers this reflection
Community Voices	5/14/2019 6:45 am	8:45 am	2:49	MA	Commentator Shoshana Marchand is a psychiatric nurse-practitioner. She knows that worrying---especially worrying alone---doesn't make anything better.
Community Voices	5/15/2019 6:22 am	8:22 am	7:42	MA	A Northampton, Massachusetts resident recently published a thick history of a small river that winds down from the hilltowns of Hampshire County. Over the centuries, the Mill River has shaped the landscape and defined where people live.
Community Voices	5/21/2019 6:45 am	8:45 am	2:43	NH	There's a cliché in politics: who's the candidate voters would want to have a beer with? It's a euphemism for likeability. But this year, it's also a question New Hampshire voters might be able to answer. Breweries have joined diners and living rooms as go-to venues for presidential candidates.
Community Voices	5/31/2019 6:45 am	8:45 am	5:49	MA	At a certain point during mud season in New England, you can go to any number of restaurants and find 'fiddleheads' on the menu. That young, small, coiled edible plant is called the ostrich fern. Author and forester Lynn Levine cautions readers of her new fern identification book to not confuse the edible fern with two similar-looking types that don't taste good and could cause digestive distress.
Community Voices	6/6/2019 6:45 am	8:45 am	2:17	MA	As a retired teacher who misses the kids, commentator Toby Goodrich returned this spring to the classroom as a substitute. In one day, he had the occasion to observe how kids in three different grades responded to the same challenge.

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Community Voices	6/14/2019	6:33 am 8:33 am	2:36	MA	It's Father's Day on Sunday. Commentator Tinky Weisblat's father this year would have turned 100. He's been dead for twenty years. Sometimes, Weisblat says, she forgets what it was like to be around him. Then a sight, a taste, or a sound brings him back.
Community Voices	6/27/2019	7:50 am	5:09	MA	More than 60 downhill skateboarders from as far away as Spain, Australia, and Mexico convened this month in Florida, Massachusetts, in northern Berkshire County. They came to the quiet town for one reason only: speed.
Economic Development	4/17/2019	5:50 pm	4:28	MA	It's been a week since 31-thousand Stop & Shop employees went on strike in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Most of the store's regular customers are buying their food elsewhere---either to support the strikers or to avoid the awkwardness of crossing a picket line.
Economic Development	4/18/2019	8:34 am	4:28	MA	It's been a week since 31-thousand Stop & Shop employees went on strike in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. Most of the store's regular customers are buying their food elsewhere---either to support the strikers or to avoid the awkwardness of crossing a picket line.
Economic Development	6/7/2019	7:45 am	3:19	ME	Maine is wading into the latest---but likely not the last---skirmish in a long-running conflict between Canada and the U-S over fishing rules in the Bay of Fundy. Maine lobstermen hauling traps in an internationally disputed section of the bay known as the Gray Zone will be allowed some extra hours working at sea this year, under a recent move by the Maine legislature.

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Economic Development	6/11/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:58	MA	The Hulu series 'Castle Rock' recently resumed filming in Orange and other central Massachusetts locations. Productions like this are drawn to the state in part because of a tax credit for film-makers. Like most tax issues, this credit has sparked a lot of debate and some criticism. A legislative committee today will hear testimony on whether to extend it permanently. It's currently scheduled to expire in 2023.
Education	4/10/2019	4:24 pm 5:54 pm	4:17	MA	How fluent are you in emojis, those smiles and icons used in texts and on social media? Little has been written on the subject, so recent Westfield State University graduate Alecka Camp and her psychology professor, Alex Daniel, made it the basis of a research project. Their findings were published recently in the journal 'Psychology Of Popular Media Culture,' a first for the school.
Education	4/17/2019	7:45 am	4:10	MA	It's hard for rural schools to get kids to and from class. Especially now---in muddy season--when the snow has melted and the rain begins.
Education	4/25/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:03	MA	As Hampshire College continues to restructure and raise money, the institution is facing the possible loss of accreditation and has been asked to appear before the New England Commission Of Higher Education late next month. Interim college president Ken Rosenthal says he's confident the school will keep its accreditation.
Education	5/1/2019	7:45 am	3:42	MA	A new study from UMass-Amherst suggests that many reality shows about teen parenting do more harm than good, especially when it comes to stigma. Yet many teen parents themselves still like to watch the programs.
Education	5/8/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	2:39	MA	Some colleges and universities across the country have taken a more egalitarian approach to admissions---removing a student's ability to pay from the decisions. But one college in central Massachusetts has inched back in that direction.

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Education	5/17/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:53	MA	Officials at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts, are preparing to defend the school's accreditation later this month. At the same time, seniors are wrapping up their studies---with commencement this weekend. The mood is upbeat but bittersweet, as this could be the final graduating class before drastic changes are made to the experimental school.
Education	5/20/2019	7:45 am	3:26	MA	Concern about the future of Hampshire College in Amherst isn't interfering with the celebrations of this year's graduates. Almost 300 students walked across a stage there to pick up their Bachelor Of Arts degrees. Reporter Carrie Jung checked out the mood at a school trying to address financial hardship.
Education	6/4/2019	7:34 am	5:34	MA	In recent weeks, two students, one in high school and one in college, died saving others after lunging at gunmen. Some teachers and older students in New England and across the country are being told to be ready to fight back.
Education	6/12/2019	6:22 am 8:22 am	4:34	MA	Officials in Springfield say they're going all-in to reduce hunger and serve healthier meals to its 25-thousand public school pupils.
Energy & Environment	4/1/2019	7:45 am	3:26	MA	Some environmental groups say they're frustrated with the lack of progress on talks over the cleanup of the Housatonic River. The key dispute is where to dispose of river sediment containing toxic PCBs.
Energy & Environment	4/29/2019	6:33 am 8:33 am	5:04	MA	The Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts, releases small amounts of radiation into the air and water. Pilgrim's owner says they fall within federal limits, but there have been few independent studies. With Pilgrim shutting down next month, some local residents worry what'll be left behind.

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Energy & Environment	4/30/2019	6:22 am 8:22 am	6:36	MA	The Pilgrim nuclear power station in Plymouth, Massachusetts, has pumped about half a billion gallons of water out of Cape Cod Bay every day for 46 years. The plant uses the water to cool down, and then releases it back into the bay. This raises the water temperature near the plant and kills local marine life.
Energy & Environment	5/22/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:00	VT	At the end of this month, New England will be down to its last two nuclear power plants---in Seabrook, New Hampshire, and at Millstone in Connecticut. Plymouth's Pilgrim nuclear plant will go offline soon and begin the process of decommissioning. The Vermont Yankee power plant in Vernon began that process about four and a half years ago.
Energy & Environment	5/31/2019	7:34 am	6:52	MA	Today, after 46 years of generating electricity, controversy, and community concerns over safety, the Pilgrim nuclear power plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts, is shutting down for good. While the precise time of the 'cold shutdown' is secret, Pilgrim has been planning this day for months. Operators of the nuclear plant have been training for the historic shutdown at a special off-site facility.
Energy & Environment	6/6/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	2:18	CT	At its peak, the Hazardville section of Enfield, Connecticut, produced thousands of pounds of gunpowder each day. But about a hundred years ago the town's industry literally blew up.
Energy & Environment	6/25/2019	6:35 am 8:35 am	2:24	CT	Connecticut officials say there are still elevated levels of a toxic chemical present in the Farmington River. As Connecticut Public Radio's Patrick Skahill reports, the finding comes more than two weeks after an accident at a private aircraft hangar sent thousands of gallons of contaminated water into the river.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	4/9/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:31	MA	A Massachusetts House investigation last month cleared a lawmaker of alleged sexual harassment of a member-elect. First Hampshire District representative Lindsay Sabadosa says Beacon Hill lawmakers and staffers need better protections in sexual misconduct cases, including a framework for impartial fact-finding.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	5/6/2019 5/7/2019	5:44 pm 7:45 am	3:23	MA	The Berkshire District Attorney's office said in March that it was investigating a decades-old child sexual assault case.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/14/2019	6:33 am 8:33 am	4:29	MA	The debate over how to deal with young criminal offenders continues in Massachusetts. There's a focus on what are called 'emerging adults'---people in their early twenties who might benefit from structured rehabilitation. Many European countries have already created different ways of handling this population.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	6/19/2019	7:35 am	10:48	MA	Since buying Northampton's Iron Horse Music Hall in 1995, Eric Suher has built a live-music enterprise in western Massachusetts. His five venues are known collectively as the Iron Horse Entertainment Group, or IHEG. Some of the big names who've crossed IHEG stages have publicly criticized conditions at Suher's venues. Public officials have also fought with Suher over liquor licenses he kept for years on vacant properties. Now, new complaints: former IHEG employees are coming forward with claims of wage theft and intimidation.
Politics & Public Policy	4/1/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:43	MA	BH In 5: State budget for 2020---weeks away? Don Humason was the lone vote against lifting the family cap on welfare benefits, is this a surprise given that he plans to run for mayor of Westfield? An outside consultant will offer recommendations on a sexual harassment initiative in the Senate. Will the House follow suit?

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Politics & Public Policy	4/3/2019	5:51 am 7:51 am	2:39	MA	Stop & Shop will return to the negotiating table with its unions today. The state treasurer of Massachusetts has criticized the company's proposals---and she has a unique perspective on the contract dispute. Her family started, but no longer owns, Stop & Shop.
Politics & Public Policy	4/5/2019	5:50 pm	9:12	MA	TSL: Richard Neal and Trump's taxes; Wynn Resorts' hearings on sexual assault cover-up; frustrations with Housatonic River cleanup; marijuana money and monopolies.
Politics & Public Policy	4/8/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	6:37	MA	BH In 5: Declining school enrollments mean less money and *more* attention from Beacon Hill; Enrollment and school choice figure in 15 bills on the Education Committee's agenda; The legislature's Joint Committee On Higher Education will hear testimony this week about campus sexual violence; last week the Gaming Commission wrapped up 3 days of hearings on the suitability of Wynn Resorts to operate a casino in eastern Massachusetts--- what are the possible outcomes?
Politics & Public Policy	4/15/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:54	MA	BH In 5: Early reaction to budget plan by Rep. Aaron Michlewitz; House cleared of public before budget vote---how is that allowed?; MTA and other cite inadequate funding; after Globe report on DCF staffing and funding, does news reporting influence legislators' budget decisions?
Politics & Public Policy	4/17/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	3:59	MA	Now that he has officially launched his bid for the Republican presidential nomination, former Massachusetts Governor Bill Weld is campaigning in New Hampshire this week. For now, Weld is the only Republican challenging President Trump---hoping the Granite State's first-in-the-nation primary will help his longshot campaign take off.

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Politics & Public Policy	4/17/2019 4/18/2019	5:50 pm 8:34 am	2:23	MA	The Hampshire Council of Governments says it's going to run out of money soon, and is planning to cease operations. The regional agency in western Massachusetts faces nearly 5-million dollars in liabilities largely for retiree pension and insurance costs. As it looks to wind down, the Council is looking to sell off its remaining assets to cover its debts.
Politics & Public Policy	4/19/2019	5:50 pm	9:37	MA	TSL: The Stop & Shop strike; MGM Springfield casino revenues; Weld running against Trump in GOP primary; Farm census has good and promising news.
Politics & Public Policy	4/19/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:47	MA	Two bills at the Massachusetts State House aim to address problems for children and foster families in the state's child welfare system. The Republican and MassLive reporter Shira Schoenberg has been on this story. She's written a number of articles detailing challenges at the Department of Children and Families, which is charged with caring for Massachusetts' most vulnerable kids.
Politics & Public Policy	4/22/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:54	MA	This week, debate begins on the proposed House Ways & means budget---what have emerged as the early points of contention? New numbers show Mass. unemployment steady at 3 percent, does that pretty healthy number factor into the decisions lawmakers have to make at budget time? School funding is always a big and tricky area in the budget---does Speaker DeLeo want to pause that discussion for now and have local school aid considered separately?
Politics & Public Policy	4/26/2019	5:50 pm	9:31	MA	Massachusetts state judge arrested by Feds for helping immigrant escape courthouse; more troubles for Hampshire College; Moulton enters presidential race

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Politics & Public Policy	4/29/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	6:36	MA	BH In 5: This week the Joint Committee on Higher Education will focus on a stack of bills related to investing in higher education. How much 'investment' are lawmakers really talking about? The House Ways & Means budget debate happened, with the budget passing 154-1. Rep. Russell Holmes of Mattapan cast the lone dissenting vote; do you get any sense as to why he opposed the House budget? Paul Craney of the Mass Fiscal Alliance was critical of the closed-door process in the House. Are we likely to see a similar process in the Senate next month?
Politics & Public Policy	5/3/2019	5:50 pm	9:35	MA	Massachusetts' marijuana industry and its lack of racial diversity; recycling price jumps and what it means for towns in the region; Trump and Warren and divisive politics.
Politics & Public Policy	5/6/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:41	MA	Legislators on Beacon Hill will vet more than 200 bills tomorrow, with 5 committee hearings scheduled for the exact same time, leading one Senator to tweet that she "hasn't figured out how to be at [multiple] hearings simultaneously"---is that common? Last week Gov. Baker filed a supplemental spending bill with 23 outside policy sections---what are some of the non-budgetary items the governor stuck in there? Debate is coming up on a distracted-driver bill for the third time, what are the lingering issues with this bill?
Politics & Public Policy	5/10/2019	5:50 pm	8:59	MA	TSL: Richie Neal and fundraising ethics; Mohawk Trail drops Native American imagery but keeps Warriors team name; Red Sox split along racial lines in White House visit
Politics & Public Policy	5/17/2019	5:50 pm	9:26	MA	TSL: Neal reaction to fundraising and possible competition; opioid death rates in Massachusetts and Springfield; school shootings from a parent's perspective; advice to recent college graduates.

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Politics & Public Policy	5/20/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:21	MA	BH In 5: A big week for the always-drawn-out budget process in Massachusetts; senators begin debate on the proposed \$42.7-billion spending plan, and as with the House version we did not see a major tax hike included; about education funding, there was a huge sit-in by student activists at the State House last week, and calls by UMass officials for an extra ten million dollars---what's the reaction from lawmakers? The Mass Municipal Association is disappointed by the Chapter 90 numbers earmarked for road and bridge repair.
Politics & Public Policy	5/24/2019	5:50 pm	9:34	MA	TSL: Talks over the sale of Wynn's Boston-area casino to MGM end; Chinese-owned Springfield rail car factory faces scrutiny; Springfield city councillors criticize mayor over how he treats minority-owned businesses; Bruins in Stanley Cup finals
Politics & Public Policy	5/29/2019	5:44 pm	3:59	MA	Officials in some Massachusetts communities, including Northampton and Holyoke, have pushed to lower the voting age for local elections to 26. And Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley has proposed lowering the age for federal elections too. But a new poll finds that by a 2-to-1 margin, Massachusetts residents oppose that change. Western New England University pollster Tom Vercellotti says they asked respondents to explain their opinions.
Politics & Public Policy	5/30/2019	5:44 pm	3:03	NH	The New Hampshire legislature today banned capital punishment in the state, over the veto of Republican Governor Chris Sununu. As New Hampshire Public Radio's Josh Rogers reports, the outcome was narrow but anticipated. And for opponents of the death penalty, it was a long time coming.
Politics & Public Policy	5/31/2019	5:50 pm	9:17	MA	TSL: Poll finds few in Massachusetts support lowering voting age; Sarno attracts four challengers in Springfield mayoral race; M-G-M employees on the decline; History requirements in Connecticut schools.

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Politics & Public Policy	6/3/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	6:24	MA	The Senate debates hands-free cellphone use by drivers; For months we've heard of plans for a broader revenue debate later this session and the House did not include any new taxes in its version of the state budget because there would be discussions later---do you get any sense of when exactly 'later' is? Last week lawmakers spent two days discussing legalizing sports betting---one recurring theme was maintaining the integrity of competition, and player safety. What's next for sports betting, or have we heard the last of it for a while?
Politics & Public Policy	6/4/2019	7:34 am	1:56	CT	Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont's office says a bill establishing a paid family and medical leave program has not yet arrived from the legislature. But Lamont has said he intends to sign the bill, which passed the legislature last week. The proposal allows workers to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for a new born or sick family member.
Politics & Public Policy	6/7/2019	5:50 pm	9:30	MA	TSL: Labelling student heroes of school shootings; Springfield city council tries to spur voting turnout; Connecticut casino in Bridgeport, and toll plan left undone; Mike turns 65 and reminds us we need to live life to the fullest.
Politics & Public Policy	6/10/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:48	MA	BH in 5: Senators voted unanimously in support of a distracted-driving measure to put the cellphone down, so it looks like the state is ready to join all other New England states on this. Now lawmakers must reconcile House and Senate versions of the bill; This week the millionaire's tax comes up again---last time it arose from a citizens' referendum and was ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Judicial Court. This time the push aimed at raising up to \$2 billion comes from the legislature, so what's the buzz on this? Also this week there is an effort to delay the paid family and medical leave law for three months.
Politics & Public Policy	6/14/2019	5:50 pm	9:26	MA	TSL: Education funding lawsuit and Baker's comments on rural school 'right-sizing'; Connecticut lawmakers don't pass marijuana legalization; Massachusetts film tax credit: extension or extinction?

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Politics & Public Policy	6/17/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	5:45	MA	As some states move to tighten abortion laws or ban the procedure outright, there's a push in Massachusetts to remove some restrictions, and there's a hearing on Beacon Hill today on a bill known as the Roe Act---lots of impassioned testimony expected, so what's in this bill and what's your sense of the likelihood of passage? Gov. Baker may have some problems with it. ... On education funding, a group of parents from many communities including Springfield, Chicopee, and Orange sued the state saying their schools are chronically and unconstitutionally underfunded---will the lawsuit influence the debate as the governor and legislators look to make a deal on funding and other education policies? Finally, former House speaker Sal DiMasi is in a fight with Secretary of State Bill Galvin over whether DiMasi should be allowed to register as a lobbyist. DiMasi served federal time for steering state contracts to a software company in exchange for kickbacks and Galvin says this is disqualifying.
Politics & Public Policy	6/21/2019	5:46 pm	9:00	MA	TSL: IHEG wage-theft allegations; Sarno vetoes city-sponsored 'get out the vote' effort; Berkshire Mall closes as landlord faces interstate scrutiny.
Politics & Public Policy	6/24/2019	6:39 am 8:39 am	5:21	MA	BH In 5: A western-Mass nomination for the state parole board is making headlines, and not in a good way---a hearing on the nominee by the Governor's Council included 'tears choked back' and allegations of sexism; We're less than a week away from the end of the fiscal year and the governor has filed a stopgap budget because the legislature hasn't passed one yet, but that's part of a track record of late budgets.

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Politics & Public Policy	6/28/2019	5:40 pm	9:09	MA	TSL: Mass. Registrar of Motor Vehicles resigns over New Hampshire accident; Easthampton looks at ranked-choice voting; Springfield parole board nominee confirmed despite contentious hearing; UConn changes conferences
Public Health	5/21/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	2:24	MA	There have been more than 800 cases of measles this year in the US. Although very few have been reported in New England, public health officials are doubling down on their message to vaccinate children. Meanwhile, many adults are wondering if they should get re-vaccinated.
Public Health	6/5/2019	6:22 am 8:22 am	5:53	MA	There's a lot of debate about the safety and value of food that's been processed---from genetic modification to nutritional enhancement. One UMass Amherst food scientist makes the case that there's good processed food...and bad. He maintains the future of the global food supply will rely on some manipulation of nature---and flexibility by consumers.
Public Health	6/18/2019	6:45 am 8:45 am	4:34	MA	Baystate Health is shutting down mental health units in 3 of its community hospitals, in favor of opening a single facility in Holyoke. Commonwealth Magazine took a closer look at the why and how of this, along with the reaction from patients, counselors, and nurses.