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Issues/Programs List

January 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018

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

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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	1/3	7:47 a.m.	1:15	CT	This February, the 23rd Olympic Winter Games will take place about two-thousand feet above sea level in Pyeongchang, South Korea. As WNPR's Frankie Graziano reports, two Connecticut lugers will race down the ice after qualifying for Team USA in December.
Arts & Culture	1/5	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:24	NE	Christians worldwide celebrate the epiphany tomorrow. It's also known as "Three Kings Day", when three wise men came by camel to Bethlehem to bestow gifts upon the newborn Jesus. In Puerto Rico it's an official holiday and many living in mainland U.S. cities flock home to the island to celebrate. Not this year. And, after Hurricane Maria, thousands of Puerto Ricans who never planned to leave the island are spending their first "Three Kings Day" in the cold and snowy northeast. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports.
Arts & Culture	1/18	6:34 a.m. 8:34 a.m.	7:02	CT	The late 1960's were a turbulent time in the United States. Society was changing: from experimenting with drugs to racial tensions to Vietnam. Leaders were assassinated -- and even the game of baseball was affected by the real-world turmoil. Baseball historian Paul Hensler -- a Connecticut resident -- has written a new book -- "The New Boys of Summer: Baseball's Radical Transformation in the Late Sixties". In the book, Hensler takes a closer look at the imprint these issues had on the game.

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	1/19	7:45 a.m.	4:12	MA	On Sunday, the Patriots play the Jacksonville Jaguars for the AFC Championship and a trip to the Super Bowl. But ten players at the practice can't play in that game. After helping the team get ready, their work week ends tomorrow. They're members of the Patriots' practice squad. Reporter Shira Springer has this look at their role with the team.
Arts & Culture	1/30	7:55 a.m.	2:20	NE	The New England Patriots have arrived in Minnesota for the start of Super Bowl week. Thousands of fans turned out in Foxboro yesterday to give their team a rousing sendoff. WBUR's Steve Brown was there.
Arts & Culture	2/9	4:44 p.m.	3:23	MA	The Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang are now in full swing. These are the third Olympics for Westfield, Massachusetts native, Kacey Bellamy -- part of the US Women's Hockey Team. Bellamy went to Berkshire School in Sheffield before attending the University of New Hampshire. A few days before she left for South Korea, we caught up with her and asked what it means to be named to another Olympic team.
Arts & Culture	2/12	7:45 a.m.	4:48	MA	An art professor just spent four days painting -- in public -- a six-foot tall portrait of Trayvon Martin -- the black teen whose murder in 2012 polarized the country. The performance took place at Westfield State University, where last semester there were numerous reports of racist messages left around campus. As New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, that's changed the way some see their school.

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	3/16	6:22 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:33	MA	Today we begin our Spring Music series -- profiles of musical artists from our region. And we're starting with an especially young performer. Kiam Rennix is a high school sophomore from Springfield and a committed Blues guitarist. He won last year's New England Music Festival against much older contestants. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown has his story.
Arts & Culture	3/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:51	MA	Pianist Khalif Neville is heir to one of the most prominent musical families to come out of New Orleans. Khalif is the son of Charles Neville, of the legendary Neville brothers, who have been performing together since the late 1970's. Khalif Neville, who turned 21 last November, is poised to continue the family tradition. He's just released his second CD and as part of our spring music series, New England Public Radio's Kari Njiri recently caught up with him.
Arts & Culture	3/27	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:44	VT	"He couldn't get elected dogcatcher." It's a political insult that goes back to the 1800s. The phrase is considered hyperbole since there are no longer elected dogcatchers in the US...with at least one exception. And on Vermont's Town Meeting Day, Vermont Public Radio's Amy Noyes set out to meet him.

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Topic	Date	Time	Length	State	Summary
Arts & Culture	3/28	5:44 p.m.	3:22	MA	Tomorrow is opening day for Major League Baseball and the Boston Red Sox will begin their 2018 campaign in Florida against the Tampa Bay Rays. Despite winning the American League Eastern Division a season ago, the Sox fired manager John Farrell and replaced him with Alex Cora, who used to play for the team. I spoke with MassLive Red Sox beat writer Chris Smith to get a preview of the 2018 Boston Red Sox and asked him how Cora's approach to managing differs from Farrell.
Arts & Culture	3/30	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	7:17	MA	Our Spring Music Series continues now. We're profiling artists from around our region. The latest release from Abe Loomis is a song that came out last fall called "Refugees Are Welcome Here". The single was a finalist in the USA Songwriting Competition for the folk singer and songwriter. To understand where the song came from, I met Loomis in a recording studio in Conway, Massachusetts. I asked him to take us back a few years.
Community Voices	1/9	7:55 a.m. 4:55 p.m.	2:19	MA	A little over a year ago, commentator Robert Chipkin was on our air talking about research showing dogs love their owners more than cats. He did not pretend to hide his bias. And now Chipkin's back with, he says, new and not-so-revolutionary research findings.
Community Voices	1/16	6:27 a.m. 8:27 a.m.	2:25	MA	During the winter, indoor spaces take on a greater significance. Commentator Steve Shultis thinks Springfield has some wonderful ones.

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Community Voices	1/17	7:56 a.m. 4:54 p.m.	2:24	MA	In a recent commentary on this radio station, Robert Chipkin discussed a new study out of Vanderbilt University that compares the intelligence of dogs and cats. Chipkin unapologetically endorsed the study's conclusion. Well, we invited cat lovers to respond, and writer Naomi Shulman jumped at the chance -- with claws out.
Community Voices	1/26	7:47 a.m. 4:55 p.m.	2:00	MA	In 2003, Greenfield, Massachusetts adopted a mayoral form of government, technically changing from town to city. But Greenfield kept calling itself a town for 14 more years - - until this past December. That's when the Town Council voted to accept a "city" designation. Commentator Andrew Varnon has been pondering what this change in identity means for the place he lives.
Community Voices	2/6	7:55 a.m. 5:54 p.m.	2:23	MA	Commentator Susan Johnson goes on a hike every day she can -- without one. In fact, Johnson lives all parts of her life without a cell phone. And that really worries a certain family member.
Community Voices	2/21	6:26 a.m. 8:26 a.m.	2:18	MA	Commentator Martha Ackmann recently ran across a long-ago letter. It describes a pivotal moment in US history. The letter taught her something about dealing with our own turbulent times.
Community Voices	2/27	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	2:15	MA	Many New Englanders dream of escape during the winter months. When commentator Paul Staiti actually got away, he realized his trip was a break from more than the cold and dark.
Community Voices	3/12	7:56 a.m. 5:55 p.m.	2:14	MA	Before commentator Grace Lin took her five-year-old to a local Women's March in January, she searched for a children's book about the big march a year earlier. The only book Lin found disappointed her.

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Community Voices	3/27	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	2:10	MA	After over a decade, the TV show Star Trek re-entered our universe this past fall. The new series is Star Trek -- Discovery. Since its arrival, commentator and high school junior Alana Sacks has been considering her own place in the universe -- how it has been -- and will be -- changing.
Economic Development	1/19	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:44	MA	A development boom in Massachusetts' second largest city -- Worcester -- may indicate a comeback. Journalist John Dyer wrote about this in Commonwealth magazine. Dyer says there's a worry the projects could push property values -- and rents -- to unaffordable levels. But he tells me developers clearly see something in the city.
Economic Development	2/16	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:55	CT	The city of Hartford is planning changes around its new downtown baseball stadium. This once-busy, historic North End neighborhood now has a lot of vacant lots and boarded-up buildings. Hartford residents are thinking about what should come next, what the area needs and what might be lost. New England Public Radio's Heather Brandon reports.
Economic Development	2/20	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:14	VT	For years, organic farming was a bright spot in the regional dairy economy. Demand for organic milk was growing, and farmers could earn much more than their conventional counterparts. But as Vermont Public Radio's John Dillon reports, organic milk sales are down, and so are the prices that farmers are paid.
Economic Development	2/27	6:47 a.m. 8:47 a.m.	1:35	MA	Riders of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority are crying foul over possible service cuts and fare increases. The PVRTA blames a lack of money from the state. New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports.

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Economic Development	3/20	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:37	VT	We're right in the middle of New England's maple syrup season. In Vermont, after two banner years, syrup producers and processors are trying to walk a fine line between price and production. Production is rising thanks to more efficient technology. And that's putting downward pressure on prices. But that isn't scaring off out-of-state investors -- who are expanding their business to satisfy rising demand for syrup worldwide. Reporter Lorne Matalon has more.
Economic Development	3/21	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:06	NE	Led by the state of Vermont, New England produces far more maple syrup than any other part of the US. But the benchmark global price for bulk maple syrup -- the price paid by processors to maple syrup producers -- is set each year in Quebec. That's where 70 percent of the world's maple syrup is made. The price is set by a powerful...but legal...cartel that's been largely successful in stabilizing prices in an industry where the supply is never predictable because of the weather. Reporter Lorne Matalon has more from Quebec.
Education	1/16	6:23 a.m. 8:23 a.m.	3:29	NH	Snow is in the forecast for later today. Already this winter, you've probably said to yourself: "It's New England - why can't anyone drive in the snow?" From New Hampshire, reporter Chris Jensen visited a school that teaches the lost art of winter driving.

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Education	2/28	7:50 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	7:28	MA	Earlier this month, students at Princeton University protested when a professor used the N-word in a class about hate speech. He ended up canceling the course. It's hardly the first time this epithet has sparked a debate over racial sensitivity -- including last semester at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. One Smith historian has an interesting connection to the N-word and wants to help teachers address it better. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown has this report.
Education	3/5 3/6	4:44 p.m. 7:35 a.m.	3:31	MA	In Massachusetts, colleges have a bit of a math problem on their hands -- especially among students who need extra help with the basics. Right now, the vast majority of students placed in remedial math classes do not go on to take and pass a college level course. But, as WBUR's Carrie Jung reports, schools around the state are experimenting with new ways to get students caught up.
Education	3/12	7:51 a.m. 5:50 p.m.	4:44	NE	It seems every few weeks there is a hate crime at a college in New England. The groups that keep track say there's a marked increase in the number of racist slurs scrawled on campus walls. There's also an increase in white supremacist group activity. As New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, protests are also on the rise, as students demand their schools and classmates pay more attention to why hate has come to campus.
Energy/ Environment	1/3 1/4	5:44 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	3:57	ME	The recent cold spell has spurred oil-fired power plants throughout New England into action. But the operator of the regional electricity grid says pollution control regulations could throttle supplies from those sources. From Maine Public Radio, Fred Bever reports.

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Energy/ Environment	1/25	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:28	NH	Lobster conservation techniques pioneered by Maine fishermen helped drive a population boom that's led to record landings this century. That's the conclusion of new, peer-reviewed research published today. The paper also finds that lobstermen in southern New England could have used the same techniques to prevent or at least slow the collapse of their fisheries -- even in the face of climate change. The New England News Collaborative's Fred Bever reports.
Energy/ Environment	2/5	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:07	MA	New England Public Radio's Carrie Healy had her weekly conversation with Matt Murphy of the State House News Service. They talked about "Northern Pass" -- an energy project picked by the Baker administration to bring Canadian hydroelectricity to Massachusetts. But the plan was blocked last week by regulators in New Hampshire. Matt says there's no word yet on Governor Baker's next step.
Energy/ Environment	3/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:23	CT	New England residents are charged some of the highest consumer rates for power in the country. And this comes as the budget for the region's electric grid operator rose by more than 30 percent over five years. Greg Hladky, a reporter for the Hartford Courant, looked at tax filings by ISO New England and similar operators around the country. I asked him to first explain what the grid operator does.

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Energy/ Environment	3/29	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:33	MA	Massachusetts energy officials have announced they're going with Plan B to bring Canadian hydroelectric power to the Bay State. They've selected a project that runs transmission lines through Maine, after New Hampshire state regulators refused to allow Plan A - the controversial Northern Pass. But the Maine project, New England Clean Energy Connect, also faces an uncertain future. We have three reports from the region, starting with WBUR's Bruce Gellerman in Boston.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/3	7:45 a.m.	1:15	MA	Not all mysteries pursued by the police are crimes. The Greenfield, Massachusetts police department asked for the community's help in locating the subject.....of a 73-year-old love letter. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/29	6:36 a.m. 8:36 a.m.	1:59	MA	Under a new law...Massachusetts gun owners have until Wednesday to turn in bump stocks to police. The gun accessories allow rifles to be fired more rapidly. So far, there hasn't been a rush to hand them over, as New England Public Radio's Alden Bourne reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	1/30	7:51 a.m.	4:08	NE	Employee theft from non-profit organizations is more widespread than you might think. The Boston Globe's Todd Wallack looked at documents filed with the IRS over the past seven years...and found more than 70 examples of fraud, diversion of assets and other losses at charities in New England. Nationwide, he found 11-hundred examples. I asked Wallack if he gets the sense that number is just the tip of the iceberg.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/8	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	5:19	CT	More than three weeks after a school shooting at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida left 17 people dead, students are demanding that Congress pass tougher gun control laws, but so far lawmakers have failed to act. In the absence of federal action, gun control advocates are urging states to take up the fight -- and point to Connecticut as a successful model. After the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary School more than five years ago, the state passed some of the toughest gun laws in the country, and advocates say they're working. Anthony Brooks reports.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/14	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	6:23	MA	Students across the country will walk out of class this morning to mark one month since the Parkland shooting...and to call for safer schools. In the past decade, it's become the norm for students to practice lockdowns to protect against an intruder with a gun. Now, as New England Public Radio's Nancy Cohen reports, some western Massachusetts educators say they want to do more to secure their schools.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/15	7:45 a.m.	2:22	MA	Students and teachers around New England took part in yesterday's national school walkout. One of them was Mahar Regional Middle and High School in Orange, Massachusetts. At 10 am, with an icy walkway still being treated, they exited the building and stood outside for 17 minutes -- one minute for each victim in the Parkland, Florida school shooting a month ago. New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman was there.

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Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/15	7:48 a.m.	2:06	CT	It was a far different atmosphere at a school district in Connecticut. Administrators had made it clear that if students walked out, they'd be disciplined. WNPR's David DesRoches has the story.
Justice, Law & Public Safety	3/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:07	MA	The central Massachusetts town of West Brookfield is looking for answers -- three weeks after the murder of a local family. 38-year-old Sara Bermudez and her three children -- 8-year-old Madison, 6-year-old James and 2-year-old Michael were found dead inside their home. But since their deaths were ruled homicides, little additional information has been released to the public. And in the absence of updates, many people in town are facing rumors and fear of the unknown. Reporter Shannon Dooling has more.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/3	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:19	CT	A glitch in the republican tax overhaul has created an uncertain future for Newman's Own Foundation and the food company it operates, both created by the late actor Paul Newman. The foundation gives away to charity one-hundred percent of the food company's after-tax profits. The arrangement, which has had congressional support for a decade, is now in jeopardy. WSHU's Dan Katz reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/5	4:50 p.m.	8:15	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Changes in federal marijuana policy, electric rate break in Mass., Springfield church closing, what to call a storm

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Politics/ Public Policy	1/9	7:51 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	4:02	MA	About seven thousand Salvadorans living in Massachusetts will have until September 9th of next year to leave the U.S. or become legal residents. That's after the Trump administration announced the end of the program known as Temporary Protected Status, or TPS. WBUR's Shannon Dooling has more.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/10	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:57	VT	For the first time since 2010, arrests and detentions by the US Border Patrol increased in Vermont, New Hampshire and northeastern New York last year. This escalation in enforcement has brought a new level of anxiety for the several thousand migrant farm workers in Vermont. John Dillon of the New England News Collaborative went to a recent gathering of Mexican workers in Middlebury, to find out how life has changed in the first year of the Trump Administration.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/11	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:07	NE	Some New England electricity customers could get a direct benefit from a cut in federal corporate taxes -- lower utility bills. From the New England News Collaborative, Fred Bever reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/12	5:50 p.m.	7:52	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Stan Rosenberg and ethics, changes in federal marijuana policy, UMass gambling study
Politics/ Public Policy	1/15	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:53	MA	By the end of this week, the federal government will either shut down or pass another spending extension in order to keep the government running. To find out what the ramifications that federal cash has in Massachusetts, we turn to State House News Service reporter Katie Lannan. She tells me one big thing state officials have been watching -- money for CHIP, the children's health insurance program.

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Politics/ Public Policy	1/22	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:31	MA	While President Trump's Federal Tax changes have been associated with some companies paying out big bonuses, much of its impact...on residents, communities and states...is still unclear. To find out if lawmakers in Boston have a good grasp of the tax bill's implications, we check in now with State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:42	MA	Massachusetts voters legalized recreational marijuana more than a year ago. And starting this summer, retail stores are expected to start selling the drug. Some cities and towns have taken steps to temporarily block pot shops within their borders. And others have banned them altogether, as New England Public Radio's Sean Teehan reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/24	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:26	MA	Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker delivered his State of the Commonwealth address last night. And it came as the first-term republican gets ready for a re-election bid later this year. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	1/26	5:50 p.m.	7:58	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Baker's speech and Dem. response, GIC insurance backtrack, Catholic schools study, Chex Mix and Super Bowl.

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Politics/ Public Policy	1/29	6:33 a.m. 8:33 a.m.	3:32	MA	The Massachusetts Senate has accepted the resignation letter of Senator Linda Forry. She accepted a job in the private sector. Just weeks before, Forry had been angling to lead the chamber, as Amherst Democrat Stan Rosenberg stepped aside amid a sexual harassment investigation into his spouse. Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler said Senator Forry's departure would leave "an immense gap in our building". As we do most Mondays, we check in with State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/1	5:44 p.m.	4:10	MA	Marijuana regulators in Massachusetts are inching closer to finalizing regulations for the state's new industry. The next step is a series of public hearings across the state, beginning Monday in Pittsfield and Holyoke. Steve Hoffman is a chair of the Cannabis Control Commission.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/2	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:45	NE	There's a strong connection between New England and Puerto Rico. Among the thousands of people who left the island after hurricane Maria hit, many came to this region and plan to stay. "FEMA" is putting up some families in hotels. As New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, that federal assistance is ending soon, and a house hunt is on.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/2	5:50 p.m.	7:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Management troubles and gender pay inequity at The Gazette, gaming regulators and Wynn's sexual misconduct allegations, Connecticut considers highway tolls, Pats return to Super Bowl and football is dangerous
Politics/ Public Policy	2/6	7:51 a.m. 5:50 p.m.	2:14	MA	City councilors in Springfield late last night called for increasing diversity in Mayor Domenic Sarno's cabinet. As New England Public Radio's Sean Teehan reports, Sarno has strongly pushed back.

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Politics/ Public Policy	2/8	7:27 a.m.	2:23	MA	The Massachusetts senate appears ready to move beyond allegations that have raised questions about the chamber's leadership. The senate will stick with Worcester democrat Harriette Chandler as president. The decision blocks any hope beleaguered Senator Stan Rosenberg of Amherst had of quickly re-assuming the post he gave up last year. WBUR's Steve Brown was on hand when the announcement was made.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/9	5:50 p.m.	7:58	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Senate prez shuffling, farmer suicides and controversial letter, diversity in Mayor Sarno's cabinet
Politics/ Public Policy	2/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:28	MA	There's now some budgetary certainty at the federal level...and that could make the budget process a little easier at the state level. Congress agreed to a two-year spending deal after a brief overnight government shutdown on Friday. To find out how the agreement helps Massachusetts, we turn -- as we do most Mondays -- to State House News Service reporter Matt Murphy.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/16	4:44 p.m.	3:18	MA	Massachusetts regulators now have less than a month to finalize the rules for operating retail stores that sell recreational marijuana. The draft rules created by the Cannabis Control Commission include licenses for businesses -- where customers could consume pot products on the premises. But commission members find themselves under pressure from some state officials -- including Governor Charlie Baker -- to scale back the plans. WBUR's Steve Brown reports.

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Politics/ Public Policy	2/19	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:20	MA	Gun laws, mental health issues, marijuana regulations
Politics/ Public Policy	2/21	6:22 a.m. 8:22 a.m.	4:33	MA	Amherst, Massachusetts state representative Solomon Goldstein-Rose made headlines in 2016 when he was elected at the age of 22. Now, he's making news again...for dropping his Democratic Party affiliation. The move caught many of his constituents and democratic officials off guard...and left them to wonder why he would separate himself from the party's powerful majority on Beacon Hill. New England Public Radio's Adam Frenier reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/23	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:49	MA	Massachusetts residents who've been using what used to be called food stamps to buy fruits and veggies from farmers markets and farm stands -- have been getting a bonus for those purchases. The government puts some of that money back on their benefits card. Now, less than a year into what was supposed to be a three-year effort, the Healthy Incentives Program will soon run out of money. I spoke about this with Winton Pitcoff. He leads the Massachusetts Food System Collaborative, which has studied the state's local food system.
Politics/ Public Policy	2/23	5:50 p.m.	7:45	MA	THE SHORT LIST: State Rep. Peter Kocot dies, State Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose leaves Democratic Party, Mass. cities and towns sue opioid makers and distributors, Red Sox and race
Politics/ Public Policy	2/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:59	MA	Western Mass delegation in flux, House sexual harassment analysis due

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Politics/ Public Policy	3/1	6:36 a.m. 8:36 a.m.	4:12	VT	Vermont Governor Phil Scott wants to grow the state's workforce -- that was a major focus of his budget address last month. Among the ways in which he hopes to do that -- by adding what he calls "enhancements" to a state business incentive program. It's called the Vermont Employment Growth Incentive, or VEGI [veggie]. VEGI is meant to entice businesses to add jobs in Vermont, and Scott's proposal could end up sending more cash to certain types of companies. Here's the governor. But one top state official questions a core principle of this incentive program. Vermont Public Radio's Henry Epp reports.
Politics/ Public Policy	3/2	5:46 p.m.	8:25	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Mass. House gets sexual harassment report, PVTAs angry over fare increase and service cut proposals, Mass. Cannabis Control Commission delays pot cafes and home deliveries, Springfield Thunderbirds hockey attendance
Politics/ Public Policy	3/5	6:35 a.m. 8:35 a.m.	4:37	MA	Sen. Majority Leadership change may speed up criminal justice reforms, Springfield Dio. sends letter to top lawmakers supportive of offering second chance to offenders as part of criminal justice reform, look at preparing for legal sports betting in MA
Politics/ Public Policy	3/9	5:46 p.m.	8:00	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Deval Patrick and Elizabeth Warren's prez ambitions, Sec. of State Galvin feeling election pressure, Berkshire Museum art sale latest
Politics/ Public Policy	3/12	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:21	MA	Deval Patrick presidential buzz, bad weather slowing legislative business, Supreme Judicial Court and voter registration

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Politics/ Public Policy	3/15 3/16	4:50 p.m. 7:51 a.m.	6:48	MA	There's a lot of talk about democracy going on in Amherst, Massachusetts. The town will vote later this month on whether to put an end to its centuries-old Town Meeting and adopt a new form of government. The debate hasn't always been friendly, as reporter Ben James found out.
Politics/ Public Policy	3/16	5:50 p.m.	7:50	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Student walkouts, civil rights, Smith & Wesson Protest, Puerto Rico update
Politics/ Public Policy	3/19	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:14	MA	Healthcare costs bill, harassment in the legislature and non-disclosure bills, gaming revenue, teacher ed, life science funding
Politics/ Public Policy	3/23	5:50 p.m.	8:55	MA	THE SHORT LIST: State police overtime scandal, Mass. Senate presidency, West Brookfield Mass. murder, recreation tax
Politics/ Public Policy	3/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:59	MA	Current and future senate presidents - Harriette Chandler/Karen Spilka, state budget season, criminal justice hits the floor for votes (an up or down vote; not amendable), Sen. Rosenberg, FMR Sen. Pre. Therese Murray, net neutrality
Politics/ Public Policy	3/30	5:50 p.m.	8:59	MA	THE SHORT LIST: Hefner indicted, Springfield immigration, Amherst votes out town meeting
Public Health	1/17	7:51 a.m. 4:50 p.m.	4:17	MA	A wellness program in Massachusetts links together community resources to help people improve their health. It took a few years to get rolling and will have to end without new funding. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.

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Public Health	1/26	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	2:49	MA	A state of Massachusetts commission will reconsider its decision to reduce the health insurance options for 450-thousand state and municipal employees and retirees. Last week's decision by the Group Insurance Commission, or GIC, has generated anger from insurance recipients. That was evident at a hearing Thursday in Boston - as WBUR's Steve Brown reports.
Public Health	1/26	7:45 a.m. 4:53 p.m.	1:59	NE	The American Red Cross has raised alert on its blood supply to "critical" - the last step before "emergency". Officials are blaming flu and bad weather for keeping donors at home, but some researchers also point to changes in the blood economy. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.
Public Health	2/7	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	3:13	NE	For dairy farms in New England -- the outlook for milk prices is not good this year. The stress has been tied to suicides among dairy farmers. One effort to get them help...is sparking some criticism. New England Public Radio's Sam Hudzik reports.
Science	1/2	6:45 a.m. 8:45 a.m.	4:30	NE	About half of New England's households are on septic systems. That's the highest proportion in the country. For decades most conventional systems have done well removing pollutants and pathogens. But they're not very good at removing nitrogen - which is in human waste. Too much nitrogen can wreak havoc on coastal ecosystems, decimating shellfish beds and causing massive fish kills. As New England Public Radio's Jill Kaufman reports, recent research indicates even the best equipment won't do the job, if it's ignored.

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Science	2/6	7:53 a.m. 5:52 p.m.	2:34	MA	A team of food scientists at UMass-Amherst has come up with a technique they say could make it a lot easier to avoid food poisoning. The main piece of equipment? Your smart phone. New England Public Radio's Karen Brown reports.