

SECOND QUARTER 2005 ISSUES AND PROBLEMS REPORT

April 1, - June 30, 2005

DATE	DURATION	DESCRIPTION	NBC 10 News @	ISSUES
5/1/2005	Approximately:25	Sexual Harassment: Two female students at Wheaton College have filed sexual harrassment charges. The students, who are reportedly gay, claim they are the victims of three separate acts of harassment. And they say one of the incidents involved three members of the Wheaton baseball team.	11:00 PM	Sexual Harassment
On-going	Various	Wars in Central Asia: Continuing coverage of the War in Iraq and Afganistan. Coverage includes deployment, homecomings, and the progress in the region	All newscasts	War
5/1/2005	Approximately :20	Urban Renewal The wet weather could not keep volunteers from helping to "Rebuild" Providence. Hundreds of volunteers turned out for the 12th annual Rebuild Day.	Sunrise	Neighborhood Revitalization
5/1/2005	Approximately 3:40	Cell Phone Usage: Using your cell phone while driving is illegal in parts of the U-S but not here in New England. Barbara Morse Silva looks at a local study that may prove why cell phones and driving don't mix.	6:00 PM	Public Safety
4/30/2005	Approximately :30	Nursing Home Death: The state is investigating a patient death at a Pawtucket nursing home. According to a report in the Providence Journal the woman died while she was seatbelted into a wheel chair at the Oak Hill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.	11:00 PM	Nursing Home Safety
4/30/2005	Approximately :20	State Health Insurance: Starting tomorrow, health insurance for Rhode Island state workers will be administered by United Health. The new insurance contract was cleared yesterday by the Department of Business Regulation. The insurance change-over should have happened earlier, but it was delayed when Blue Cross sued the state over its decision to switch employees' healthcare.	11:00 PM	Health Care
04/27/05 & 5/01/2005	28:25:00	Breaking the Silence: A NBC News special focusing on Domestic Violence.	11:00 AM	Domestic Violence
4/29/2005	Approximately 1:50	Water: A reprieve for thousands of customers of the Kent County Water authority. The board WAS considering a very strict ban on outdoor water use. Newschannel 10's Mario Hilario reports on the water worries.	All newscasts	Public Water Supply

4/29/2005	Approximately 1:45	Gasoline: And with gas well above 2 bucks a gallon, a lot of us have been holding off on tanking up on the good stuff.	5:30 PM	Energy Costs
4/29/2005	Approximately 1:35	Scam: This scam is pretty convincing, and if you don't have your guard up, it's easy to get caught.	5:00 PM	Consumer Issues
4/29/2005	Approximately 2:00	Water Ban: A plan to limit the amount of lawn-watering in some communities this summer had a lot of homeowners upset.	Noon	Public Water Supply
4/29/2005	Approximately 1:50	Providence Firefighters: The Providence Fire Firefighter's union faces some disturbing allegations. Earlier this week several union members picketed outside an event attended by Mayor David Cicilline. But a member of the mayor's security team claims the situation got out of hand.	All newscasts	Labor
4/28/2005	Approximately 2:00	Needle Exchange: Local leaders in Westport bow to public pressure in scrapping a controversial needle exchange program.	All newscasts	School Violence
4/28/2005	Approximately 2:05	Parking Tickets: There's kind of a cash cow out there for the taking. The city of Providence is owed MILLIONS in unpaid parking tickets. That's a lot of money for a city that suffers from chronic financial problems.	6:00 PM	Municipal Finance
4/28/2005	Approximately :40	Shoplifting Ring: Police from three Rhode Island Departments bust a shoplifting ring in Warwick.	6:00 PM	Crime & The Administration of Justice
4/28/2005	Approximately 1:30	Casino Plan	All newscasts	Legalized Gambling
4/28/2005	Approximately :20	Death Penalty: Governor Romney's behind the latest effort to reinstate the death penalty in Massachusetts.	All newscasts	Death Penalty
4/28/2005	Approximately:25	Alleged Child Abuse: A retired priest extradited from Canada to face sex abuse charges has been hospitalized. Desilets was arraigned on charges of molesting altar boys at a Bellingham Church in the 19-70's and 19-80's.	All newscasts	Sexual Abuse
Continuing Coverage	Various	Det. James Allen: Providence Police Detective James Allen dies. The victim of his own bullet. His attacker escapes and captured. NBC 10 News covers this unfolding story.	All newscasts	Crime & The Administration of Justice
Continuing Coverage	Approximately 1:25	Water Contamination: People in East Providence still have to boil their water.	All newscasts	Public Water Supply
4/27/2005	Various	Board of Elections: The Steve Laffey Show is off the air. Political reporter Bill Rappleye reports on the decision by the state Board of Elections. It has ordered the Cranston Mayor to stop hosting a radio call-in show.	All newscasts	Ethics

4/25/2005	Approximately:25	Faulty Brakes: Amtrak has added more replacement equipment to its Acela routes. The railroad is still working to replace faulty breaks on its high-speed trains. The repairs are expected to take several weeks to complete.	All newscasts	Public Transportation Safety
4/24/2005	Approximately 1:45	Social Security: Democrats in Congress are still trying to rally the forces...to curtail President Bush's plans to privatize Social Security. Senator Jack Reed led a delegation at a town hall meeting in Warwick.	Weekend Sunrise	Social Security
4/24/2005	Approximately :30	Gay Marriage: Gay marriage is once again heading for a battle in the Massachusetts Courts.	All newscasts	Same Sex Unions
4/23/2005	Approximately :45	Brown Security: Preparing for a breach in security - Brown University wants to be ready in case there's ever a bioterrorism threat or health emergency. This is just a drill but an important one conducted by Brown's Medical School.	All newscasts	Homeland Security
4/22/2005	Approximately :20	Sea Squirt: A mysterious marine animal is spreading unabated, off New England and the Pacific Northwest. The new breed of "sea squirt" has been found from Maine to New York, and California to Washington. Marine experts say the colonies are spreading fast. They could overpower ecosystems, and choke off valuable shellfish beds.	11:00 PM	Environment
4/21/2005	Approximately :25	Census Report: The latest report from the U-S Census Bureau could have consequences for Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation. Their latest population projections estimate growth in New England will be significantly outpaced by growth in the south and west. The way the numbers add up, Rhode Island could end up losing one of its two seats in the House of Representatives... the seats currently occupied by Congressmen Patrick Kennedy and Jim Langevin.	Noon	State Representation
4/21/2005	Approximately :25	Fire Watch: The fire watch...in effect in Rhode Island and Massachusetts..has ended. Fire Departments worried about possible brush fires because of the dry weather. So far they've reported twice as many of them as usual this month because of hot, dry and windy conditions.	Weekend Sunrise	Fire Safety
4/20/2005	Approximately 1:45	Traffic Light Systems: A new national survey confirms what you might already have suspected. The nation's traffic light systems are largely inefficient, and lead to delays for motorists.	All newscasts	Traffic Safety
4/20/2005	Approximately 1:55	Summer Businesses: A vote in Washington is going to help summer businesses here in Southern New England.	All newscasts	Local Economy

4/18/2005	Approximately :25	Starbucks Effect: One traffic analyst says... when American commuters to stop for a cup of coffee - they may be tying up traffic. It's being called "The Starbucks Effect." In recent years it seems that more drivers make personal errands on the way to work - like getting coffee, dropping off dry cleaning, and taking kids to school. That trend is causing more congestion during peak travel times.	5:00 PM	Highway Safety
4/18/2005	Approximately 1:45	Senator Indicted: A grand jury indicts former State Senator John Celona on five counts, including three ethics violations.	5:00 PM	Ethics
Continuing Coverage	Various	The Papacy: The College of Cardinals mourns the death of Pope John Paul and convenes to elect his successor.	All newscasts	Religion
4/15/2005	Approximately :50	CT Episcopal Priests: Six priests from Connecticut, including one from Groton could be removed from their pulpits. Their jobs are in danger because of their stance on gay priests in the	All newscasts	Religion
4/14/2005	Approximately 1:55	Deadly Flu Strain: Samples were accidentally sent to medical centers across the country and some of them came to our area. This particular strain of the flu goes back to a deadly outbreak in the fifties.	All newscasts	Public Health
4/14/2005	Approximately 1:50	Shellfishing Ban: Two weeks ago, heavy rains pounded the area, causing flooding, and prompting the closing of a large part of Narragansett Bay to shellfishing. NewsChannel 10's R.J. Heim looks at the impact, and what's being done to minimize the problem.	All newscasts	Local Economy & the Environment
4/14/2005	Approximately 1:30	State Healthcare Switch: As of May First, state employee health plans will be switched from Blue Cross Blue Shield to United Healthcare. Retired state workers are included in that transition, and the changeover will be automatic for most retirees. But, there is a group of retirees whose benefits will NOT be automatically transferred.	6:00 PM	Health Care
4/14/2005	Approximately :30	Tax Filing: Tomorrow is tax day, many are scrambling to complete their forms and, if necessary, pay up. The IRS says electronic filing and payments are up from previous years and experts warn taxpayers not to jump into more debt by paying with	5:00 PM	Taxation
4/13/2005	Approximately 1:55	Drunk Driving Legislation: The Rhode Island attorney general's office is proposing legislation to crack down on drunk driving. But as News Channel ten's Michelle Brown reports, one of the bills is raising some objections by the ACLU.	All newscasts	Drunk Driving Legislation
4/13/2005	Approximately :30	Gay Marriage: Gay marriage advocates are gathered at the State house right now to urge lawmakers to approve a bill that would legalize same sex marriage.	All newscasts	Gay Marriage

4/11/2005	Approximately 2:00	ATM Suit: A Rhode Island attorney has filed a class action suit against four area banks, claiming these banks aren't properly disclosing ATM fees.	All newscasts	Banking
4/11/2005	Approximately 1:55	Warwick Beach Erosion: Beach erosion is becoming a big problem at one popular spot in in Warwick...	All newscasts	Environment
4/11/2005	Approximately :20	School Teachers: Masschusetts could lose a quarter of its school teachers to retirement in the next five years. 23 thousand teachers are expected to retire during that period. That's on top of the 15 thousand that have quit over the PREVIOUS five years.	5:30 PM	Education
4/8/2005	Approximately 1:55	Prom Safety: Concerns over safety and rumors about dirty dancing have prompted school officials in Westery to adopt a new "students only" policy at the high school dances.	11:00 PM	Safety
4/8/2005	Approximately 2:15	Coyote: Coyote sightings are not as rare as they used to be.	6:00 PM	Public Safety & the Environment
5/31/2005	Approximately 1:47	Hope High School: It's been several months since the state intervened at Providence's troubled Hope High School.	5:30 PM	Education
5/29/2005	Approximately :15	Lutheran Church: A church in South Kingstown is spreading the word that ALL are welcome. The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd hosted a forum on the subject of sexual orientation and organized religion. The church is trying to promote tolerance of members of ALL orientations.	Weekend Sunrise	Religion
5/29/2005	Approximately 1:10	New Beach System: If you've already hit Rhode Island state beaches you may experienced a new system in place. And it's going to cost some beachgoers more money than others.	Weekend Sunrise	Parking Permits
5/29/2005	Approximately :20	MA Drunk Driving Laws: Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney wants to stiffen the state's drunk driving laws. He's proposed a bill that would create new criminal categories for DWI offenses.	Weekend Sunrise	Drunk Driving Legislation
5/27/2005	Approximately :30	National Driving Survey: If you think driving around Southern New England is tough, a new survey proves your right. G-M-A-C Insurance says the worst drivers in the continental US, as far as knowing the rules of the road, are from Rhode Island. Massachusetts is just a notch above.	6:00 PM	Driving
5/27/2005	Approximately 1:45	Summer Airport Delays: This summer huge delays are expected at the nation's airports.	5:00 PM	Travel
5/26/2005	Approximately 2:20	Safe Haven Law: It's a story we first brought you last night -- the first time Rhode Island's safe haven law has been used. The baby is healthy and doing well at the hospital. And her mother is being praised for doing the right thing.	All newscasts	Child Safety

05/26/2005	Approximately 2:05	Drug Court: Keeping young substance abusers out of prison, and off of drugs. That's the mission of Rhode Island's drug court.	11:00 PM	Anti-Substance Abuse
5/26/2005	Approximately 2:06	Narragansett Indian Bill: The Narragansett Indians have a meeting with Governor Don Carcieri as two competing bills are discussed on Smith Hill.	6:00 PM	Minority/Legislative
5/26/2005	Approximately 2:05	9-1-1 Failure: A glitch in a new 9-1-1 system in some Massachusetts communities may have contributed to the death of an Asthma victim in Hopkinton. Mews Channel ten's Michelle Brown reports that when a Hopkinton, Massachusetts woman called her local dispatch center, the a new high-tech system failed.	Weekend Sunrise	Emergency Management
5/25/2005	Approximately 3:55	State Employment: Why some people seem to have an inside track on employment.	6:00 PM	State Employment
5/24/2005	Approximately 2:00	Warwick Budget Cuts: A school in Warwick may have to close its doors because of budget cuts. But not if parents have any say.	11:00 PM	State Budget & Education
5/24/2005	Approximately 3:15	Casino Plan: The West Warwick casino plan will be heard by the Rhode Island Supreme Court, but the timing of the hearing has lawmakers already talking at the State House.	5:00 PM	Legalized Gambling
5/24/2005	Approximately :40	Kids Count: Plenty of grandparents pick up the slack when it comes to caring for fosters kids, and others in need. And yet many of them remain unaware of the services that are available to help.	5:30 PM	Children
5/22/2005	Approximately 2:30	Winslow Farm. For the last ten years, the farm has provided a safe haven for abused animals.	6:00 PM	Abused Animals
5/21/2005	Approximately 1:45	LING Terminal: Expanding the L-N-G Terminal in Providence would not be a good idea. That's according to a new report by the federal government. But it did give approval for an L-N-G terminal in Massachusetts.	Weekend Sunrise	Energy & the Environment
5/20/2005	Approximately 1:45	Station Fire: A Providence Superior Court judge denied the defense's request to continue interviewing former grand jurors.	5:00 PM	Crime & The Administration of Justice
5/19/2005	Approximately 1:45	Child Molestation: An elementary school teacher from Massachusetts, accused of molesting a 14-year-old girl from Barrington. They allegedly met on the internet.	11:00 PM	Child Abuse
5/19/2005	Approximately 1:50	Coyotes: Residents of a number of Warwick neighborhoods have been complaining for a while now about a growing and aggressive coyote population. Some 25 residents got a lesson in coyote 101.	11:00 PM	Wildlife

5/18/2005	Approximately 1:40	Muslim Reax: Members of the local muslim community weigh in on that controversial Newsweek story, and the retraction that followed.	11:00 PM	Religion
5/16/2005	Approximately 2:00	AED: The push is on for lifesaving heart defibrillators in local schools, following the sudden death of a lincoln baseball player.	11:00 PM	Lifesaving Measures
5/15/2005	Approximately 2:00	The Homeless: Local clergy and their congregations tonight drawing attention to the problem of homelessness in Rhode Island. They've organized a sleep-out in downtown Providence.	11:00 PM	The Homeless
5/12/2005	Approximately 2:15	Smokeshop Raid: The federal appeals court in Boston rules that the state was wrong to raid the Narragansett Indian tax-free smokeshop AND that the tribe was wrong not to collect taxes from non-Indians.	All newscasts	Minority & Administration of Justice
5/12/2005	Approximately 2:10	Wickford Budget Cuts: Budget cuts are threatening to close the Wickford Elementary School in North Kingstown. Parents crowded a school committee meeting last night then lasted well past midnight when the committee voted 4-3 to shut the school down.	Weekend Sunrise	Education
6/12/2005	Approximately 1:00	Weather: An extended stretch of EXTRA warm and muggy weather is leading to air quality issues in Southern New England.	11:00 PM	Public Safety
6/12/2005	Approximately 1:50	Red Tide: Late last week, the state ordered a SECTION of federal waters closed for shellfishing. NOW the ban is expanding by THOUSANDS of miles. The algae can infect shellfish like mussels and clams, making them unsafe to eat.	5:30 PM	Environment & Food Chain
6/9/2005	Approximately 1:50	Lifeguard Shortage: A troubling situation at state beaches in Rhode Island just as the summer heat arrives. There's a shortage of lifeguards.	5:30 PM	Public Safety
Continuous Coverage	Various	Daycare Workers: No vote today in the Rhode Island House on whether to allow home-based day care workers to form a union.	All newscasts	Labor
6/9/2005	Approximately :20	Beef Prices: If you've been to the grocery store lately, you've probably noticed the price of meat is BEEFED UP. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says beef prices are at their highest in two years. The government blames smaller herds, local grocers add that demand remains very high.	6:00 PM	Consumer Issues
Continuing Coverage	Various	Providence Budget: NBC 10 covers the issues and problems of the proposed budget.	All newscasts	Municipal Finance

6/9/2005	Approximately :35	Airline Cutbacks: Are cutbacks in the airline industry compromising safety? That's the question posed in a new report by the Department of Transportation.	5:30 PM	Airline Safety
6/8/2005	Approximately 2:00	Teen Drinking: And new efforts to "keep kids safer", by 'keeping them sober' tops your local news...in a community that's seen it's share of sadness.	11:00 PM	Child Safety
6/7/2005	Approximately :30	Pool Safety: The Red Cross reminds parents to: ---make sure that your children learn to swim... ---and that you have the appropriate life-saving gear on hand. ---and to remember the rule they call "reach supervision	All newscasts	Pool Safety
6/2/2005	Approximately :40	Euthansia: A method of euthanizing animals was another hot topic at statehouse .	5:00 PM	Animal Treatment