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## Quarterly Issues / Program List

### 2nd Quarter - April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

The Community Issues listed in this section of the report aired during local VPR newscasts. This listing is illustrative of the programs aired on VPR and is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of programs responsive to issues of importance to the community. A daily programming and local newscast schedule is provided at the end of this report.

Issue	VPR News Story Narrative	Air Date(s) & Length
Agriculture	The village of Island Pond, in the Northeast Kingdom, is becoming the maple sugar capital of North America. An out-of-state company called Sweet Tree has bought about 7-thousand acres and tapped 100-thousand trees this year. But as VPR's Charlotte Albright recently learned, they don't want to make syrup.	04/01/15 at 7:44 am & 5:50 pm (3 min)
Agriculture	A new business is mushrooming in Saint Johnsbury - literally. Shiitake [shuh TAH kee], oyster, and reishi [RAY shee] mushrooms are sprouting at the former site of a lumber kiln there. The farmer hopes to sell the thousands of pounds of exotic fungi to local restaurants - and to a produce distributor. VPR's Charlotte Albright dropped by to see how the very first crop turned out.	04/15/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Agriculture	The University of Vermont is cutting money for three positions charged with helping farmers around the state. As VPR's Taylor Dobbs reports - U-V-M says the cuts follow YEARS of stagnant public funding.	05/05/15 at 4:04, 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/06/15 at 6:04, 7:04 am (1 min)
Agriculture	A coalition of lawmakers and land conservation groups had spent the last six years trying to reform the Current Use land tax program. Over the weekend, as the Legislature came to a close, they finally succeeded. But as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, some lawmakers say the changes will deal a heavy blow to longtime farming families.	05/18/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/19/15 at 6:44 am (2 min)
Agriculture	In a little over a year, some Vermont Technical College students will begin living and working on a beautiful dairy farm in Norwich. As VPR's Charlotte Albright reports, the million dollar property was donated to the school.	06/18/15 at 5:50 pm (2 min)
Arts & Culture	It's one thing to like music on vinyl so much that you'll spend fifteen or twenty dollars - or more - to buy a record. It's another thing to like it enough you want to start your own pressing plant. VPR's Steve Zind has the story of a Burlington musician who is doing just that.	06/01/15 at 7:44 am (3 min)
Arts & Culture	The finalists for a first-ever Vermont book award are being announced, and VPR's Mitch Wertlieb has the news this morning about the authors in the running.	06/25/15 at 8:44 am (5 min)
Arts & Culture	This evening at 7, North Bennington will celebrate its annual Shirley Jackson Day, honoring the acclaimed author who lived in the village for many years. Jackson is best known for her disturbing short story "The Lottery," first published in 1948.	06/27/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Construction will begin in Newport on May 14 for a bio-technology research and manufacturing center that will be one of the first of its kind in the nation.	04/06/15 at 5:04 pm (1 min); 04/07/15 at 6:04, 7:04, 7:44 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Shoppers at a Chittenden county health food store could be seeing lower prices in grocery aisles. VPR's Annie Russell has more.	04/11/15 at 12:04 pm (3 min)
Business / Economics	FairPoint Communications is in the midst of a Public Service Board investigation into repair delays experienced by the company's telephone customers. But Fairpoint officials say the fact that they're required to meet certain quality standards.... is unfair. As VPR's Steve Zind reports, the company is pushing to do away with those standards.	04/17/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/18/15 at 8:04 am (3 min)

Business / Economics	Vermont cell phone users may soon have a new option for their cell service. As VPR's Taylor Dobbs reports, the new vendor is a company many Vermonters already use.	04/19/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Vermont has long used tax breaks as a incentive for private-sector job creation. Those jobs, however, have to meet certain wage thresholds in order to qualify for the incentives. But now the Shumlin administration says it's time to lower the wage standards needed to qualify for what's known as the Vermont Economic Growth Incentive. VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports.	04/27/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/28/15 at 6:04, 7:20 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Community National Bank is planning to close two branches in Caledonia County. One in Lyndonville and another in Saint Johnsbury . The company says it needs to consolidate. But as VPR's Charlotte Albright reports - some customers...aren't happy.	04/29/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/30/15 at 6:20, 7:04, 7:44 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	It's a Vermont conundrum - how to protect the picturesque quality of a community yet promote economic development. Right now that debate is playing out in Dorset.	05/03/15 at 9:04 am (2 min); 05/04/15 at 7:04 & 7:44 am (2 min)
Business / Economics	A \$500-thousand dollar state grant will be used to help ensure 80 apartments in Colchester stay affordable. The grant - announced today [Monday] - will also help make them more energy efficient. The apartments are part of Winchester Place - a mixed-income development of more than 150 apartments owned by the "Champlain Housing Trust" and "Housing Vermont." State Treasurer Beth Pearce ALSO announced her office is launching a new effort to make it easier for projects like this to get funding.	05/04/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/05/15 at 7:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Vermont is now one step closer toward getting everyone in the state access to high-speed, broadband Internet service. Today, Democratic Governor Peter Shumlin announced the state will spend \$900-thousand dollars in grants to bring service to eight communities.	05/06/15 at 4:04, 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/07/15 at 6:20, 7:04 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Waterbury-based Keurig Green Mountain is offering the most detailed look yet at a new cold beverage system that's scheduled to be introduced later this year. But as VPR's Steve Zind reports...the early reviews are less than enthusiastic.	05/15/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min)
Business / Economics	Vermont Transportation Secretary Sue Minter says she is incredibly frustrated that Congress will not pass a long term Transportation bill. Minter is putting a contingency plan in place to ensure the Vermont's summer construction projects can stay on schedule. VPR's Bob Kinzel reports.	05/19/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/20/15 at 6:04, 6:44, 7:20,
Business / Economics	A new report finds that many Vermonters are struggling to afford the cost of rental housing. The state was ranked as the 13th most expensive in the country. V-P-R's Annie Russell has more.	05/25/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/26/15 at 6:04, 6:44, 7:20 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	Today Governor Peter Shumlin added his signature to an economic development bill designed to provide incentives to both businesses - and their workers. The new law will expand an existing program - and it also has some new measures aimed at boosting business here. VPR's Steve Zind has details.	06/03/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/04/15 at 6:04, 7:20, 8:04 & 8:44 am (3 min)
Business / Economics	Fourteen state employees got pink slips yesterday. The layoffs are part of a cost-cutting measure aimed at reducing labor expenses across state agencies. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, it's only the first phase of a significant government downsizing.	06/04/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/05/15 at 6:04, 6:44 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	The number of people who identify as homeless in a Vermont town has fallen since last year and improved Vermont's overall homeless rate.	06/07/15 at 8:04 & 10:04 am (1 min); 06/08/15 at 6:44 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Business / Economics	A new project in Bennington hopes to tap into the growing popularity of co-working spaces. VPR's Steve Zind has more.	06/13/15 at 12:04 pm (1 min)
Business / Economics	For many kids, summer vacation is a well-deserved break. But for millions of families who rely on free meals at school, summers can be difficult. As VPR's Nina [Nine-a] Keck reports - nonprofits in Vermont that try to fill that gap say one of the biggest hurdles is getting the word out.	06/20/15 at 12:04 pm (1 min); 06/21/15 at 10:04 am (1 min)
Education and Schools	All this week, VPR is exploring issues of small schools and education funding in our series "Declining Enrollment." Debate about school funding has long involved discussions about tuitioning, where students attend schools in districts other than their own, often with funding from their home districts. For Part Four of our series, VPR's Angela Evancie visited two schools in Chittenden County – one public, one independent – that enroll tuitioned students.	04/09/15 at 8:44 am (3 min)

Education and Schools	Faculty at the University of Vermont are raising concerns about the working conditions of food service workers on campus.	04/23/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/24/15 at 6:44 am (2 min)
Education and Schools	One other thing lawmakers are hoping to wrap up by this weekend? An education bill. House and Senate negotiators are focusing on ways to rein in education costs - in hopes of lowering property taxes down the road. To that end - VPR's Bob Kinzel reports that lawmakers are now considering a way to penalize schools that spend too much.	05/14/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/15/15 at 6:44, 7:20 & 8:04 am (3 min)
Education and Schools	The University of Vermont broke ground on a major development officials say will answer calls for more graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, or "STEM." VPR's Taylor Dobbs has more.	05/17/15 at 8:04 am (3 min); 05/18/15 at 6:20, 7:04 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Education and Schools	Since January, Vermont's Agency of Education has been gathering data and public comment about educational equity.	05/31/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Education and Schools	Trustees of the Vermont State College System have approved another loan to help struggling Vermont Technical College. As VPR's Steve Zind reports, the loan was not unexpected and the college's president says VTC's financial situation is improving.	06/12/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/13/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Education and Schools	Vermont Technical College is holding a meeting for community members on Tuesday evening to lay out plans for the future. College officials are appealing for local support as tries to recover from financial problems.	06/14/15 at 10:04 am (2 min); 06/15/15 at 6:44, 7:20 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Education and Schools	Vermont has just signed an agreement that will make it easier for colleges and universities to offer online courses across state lines. Currently that interstate approval process can be cumbersome, but as V-P-R's Charlotte Albright reports, it's now getting streamlined.	06/19/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/20/15 at 8:04 am (2 min)
Elections 2012-2016	VPR News has learned from several sources that independent U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders will announce his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination on Thursday. As VPR's Bob Kinzel reports, Sanders will release a short statement on that day and then hold a major campaign kick off in Vermont in several weeks.	04/28/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min); 04/29/15 at 6:04, 7:44, 8:04 & 8:44 am (1 min)
Elections 2012-2016	Today he made it official - U-S Senator Bernie Sanders is jumping in to the race for the White House.	04/30/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/01/15 at 6:44, 7:44 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Elections 2012-2016	Former Governor Howard Dean says Senator Bernie Sanders is a strong presidential candidate.	05/10/15 at 9:04 am (1 min); 05/11/15 at 6:04 & 6:44 am (1 min)
Elections 2012-2016	Just hours after the staff of Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign announced plans for his kickoff event, Governor Peter Shumlin Tweeted his intention to support Hillary Clinton for President. Shumlin says he stands by his decision and that the timing of his support was purely coincidental.	05/21/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/22/15 at 6:44, 7:20 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Elections 2012-2016	Satellite trucks and eager supporters of Senator Bernie Sanders are gathering at Burlington's waterfront at this hour. That's where Sanders is set to kickoff his 20-16 presidential campaign this afternoon.	05/26/15 at 4:04 pm (2 min)
Elections 2012-2016	Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts won't yet say if she'll endorse Senator Bernie Sanders for president. Warren says she talks to Sanders "virtually every day" about issues and values.	05/30/15 at 12:04 pm (1 min)
Elections 2012-2016	This morning, Congressman Peter Welch announced that he has opted against a run for governor, and will instead seek reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives. As VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, Welch's early exit from the gubernatorial field means a wide open race in 2016.	06/26/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/27/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	Vermont Gas Systems has stabilized its cost estimates for construction of a pipeline between Chittenden County and Addison County, according to the latest filings with regulators.	04/21/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (1 min); 04/22/15 at 6:04 & 8:44 am (1 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	A Vermont utility is among the first to offer a new storage battery hailed as a boon for residential solar power users. VPR's Steve Zind has more.	05/01/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (1 min); 05/03/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)

Energy / Fuel Costs	A solar company based in Waterbury is expanding its reach into the Northeast Kingdom. VPR's Charlotte Albright reports.	05/12/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/13/15 at 7:04 & 8:20 am (2 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	A power line developer is offering Vermont millions of dollars to lower electricity bills - and to clean up Lake Champlain. That is - IF the state approves one of its projects. State officials say they like the potential windfall - but they maintain it will NOT get in the way of a vigorous review of the plan.	05/28/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/29/15 at 6:44, 7:20 & 8:20 am (1 min)
Energy / Fuel Costs	Today, Green Mountain Power officials stopped in downtown Rutland to unveil the first of 12 high-speed electric vehicle chargers they plan to install across the state. G-M-P hopes the new charging stations will encourage more Vermonters to drive electric cars, and help ease what's known as "range anxiety" for people who already do.	06/09/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Environment	Central Vermonters may be relieved to learn they won't be required to use clear garbage bags. VPR's Amy Noyes explains.	04/04/15 at 12:04 pm (1 min); 04/05/15 at 10:04 am (1 min)
Environment	A developer's plans for land near the Randolph Exit on Interstate 89 could have statewide implications for how prime agriculture land is protected. As V-P-R's Steve Zind reports, environmental groups are concerned that the case could set a precedent.	05/22/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Environment	A new agreement between the "Conservation Law Foundation" and an electricity transmission company could mean hundreds of millions of dollars to help cleanup Lake Champlain.	06/15/15 at 4:04 pm (1 min); 06/16/15 at 8:20 am (1 min)
Environment	From May 30 into June 1, more than a million gallons of sewage and storm water from the Vergennes sewer system flowed untreated from a pump station into Otter Creek.	06/21/15 at 9:04 am (2 min)
Environment	Starting Wednesday, Vermonters will be sorting through their trash to comply with a law that sets new, mandatory recycling requirements. The idea is to reduce the amount of materials sent to landfills.	06/29/15 at 5:04 pm (1 min); 06/30/15 at 6:04 & 7:04 am (1 min)
Gov't & Politics	Late this afternoon, the Vermont House rejected a bill that would have banned teacher strikes - and stopped school boards from imposing contract terms on teachers. It was defeated by just one vote.	04/08/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/09/15 at 6:04, 7:04 & 7:44 am (1 min)
Gov't & Politics	It was a stunning reversal in the Vermont House chamber today. Lawmakers there REJECTED a bill concerning teacher strikes - a bill they PASSED just late yesterday afternoon. VPRs Bob Kinzel looks at the reasons why a bill that originally won approval by 14 votes...was defeated by 61 today when it came up for final approval.	04/09/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Gov't & Politics	Vermont House lawmakers could be dealing a MAJOR blow to one of Governor Peter Shumlin's signature policies. Shumlin wants lawmakers to make huge new investments in health care reform. But the Vermont House has slashed his proposal dramatically. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, even the pared-down bill may now be in jeopardy.	04/13/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/14/15 at 6:44 & 8:04 am (3 min)
Gov't & Politics	Late this afternoon [Wednesday afternoon], House lawmakers gave preliminary approval to a bill that would require Vermont businesses to provide paid sick days to most workers. The Democrats responsible for its passage call it a labor rights victory. But as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, Republicans say it's the latest anti-business measure to come from Montpelier.	04/22/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 4/23/15 at 6:04, 6:44, 7:20, 7:44 & 8:04 am (3 min)
Gov't & Politics	There's big news out of Franklin County today... That's where Vermont State Senator Norm McAllister pleaded NOT guilty to sexual assault and other charges in superior court this morning. The Republican is accused of sexual assaulting three different women nearly a-hundred times since December 2012.	05/08/15 at 4:05, 5:05 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/09/15 at 8:04, 9:04 am (1 min); 05/10/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)
Gov't & Politics	Elected officials across Vermont state government are calling for the resignation of a Franklin County senator accused of sexual assault. Calls for Republican Norm McAllister's ouster come as new details emerge about crimes that allegedly occurred inside a rented home he shared with two other lawmakers.	05/11/15 at 4:04, 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/12/15 at 6:04 am (1 min)

Gov't & Politics	Democratic Governor Peter Shumlin's new plan to cut state labor costs would REDUCE the number of workers who could get laid off. His administration is hoping to reduce those costs by nearly 11 million dollars in the next fiscal year. Back in January, Shumlin had predicted as many as 3-hundred state workers might be laid off. But as VPR's Bob Kinzel reports - that number is now a lot smaller.	05/27/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/28/15 at 6:04, 6:44 & 8:04 am (2 min)
Gov't & Politics	With the stroke of the governor's pen yesterday - Vermont became the 14th state to allow same-day voter registration. Proponents say the measure will help improve low turnout rates in Vermont elections. But critics maintain it could make it easier to sabotage the democratic process. With the stroke of the governor's pen yesterday - Vermont became the 14th state to allow same-day voter registration. Proponents say the measure will help improve low turnout rates in Vermont elections. But critics maintain it could make it easier to sabotage the democratic process.	06/02/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/03/15 at 6:04, 6:44, 7:20 & 8:04 am (1 min)
Gov't & Politics	Vermont state lawmakers may have gone home for the year. But the work of one state House committee...isn't over yet. As VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, a panel of lawmakers will meet this summer to determine whether the state should pursue an alternative to Vermont Health Connect.	06/23/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/24/15 at 6:04, 6:44 & 7:20 am (2 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Dental problems will send about 6,000 Vermonters to the emergency room this year. And advocates say it's because low-income patients can't find a dentist to treat them. But as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, the Vermont State Dental Society says a plan to improve access by adding a new class of dental professional is a move in the wrong direction.	04/03/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/04/15 at 8:04 am (2 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	A decade ago, Vermont embarked on an ambitious project to digitize medical records - and to give health care providers easy access to patients' medical history. But some lawmakers are growing weary of using taxpayer money to pay for that private project. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, a battle over funding now threatens to derail the entire undertaking.	04/07/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min); 04/08/15 at 6:05, 6:44 & 7:20 am (1 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Over the past 14 months, the state of Vermont has paid an out-of-state contractor more than a half million dollars to perform a job that doesn't appear to exist. That's among the findings detailed in a newly released audit of Vermont's online insurance exchange. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, the report from State Auditor Doug Hoffer raises concerns about the future of Vermont Health Connect.	04/16/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/17/15 at 6:44 am (3 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Ken Burns' latest documentary on the history of cancer has generated a lot of media buzz around a disease that touches nearly everyone. Hospitals across the country are showing shortened versions of the film to jump start community discussions about the illness. As VPR's Nina Keck reports, Rutland will host a screening tomorrow night.	04/20/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	According to US News and World Report, Rutland Regional Medical Center is among the best hospitals in the nation for providing what's known as common care. VPR's Nina [Nine-a] Keck has more.	05/20/15 at 4:04 & 5:04 pm (2 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	American Red Cross blood drives are pretty common - and they usually aren't controversial. But an upcoming a blood drive aimed at "ethnic minorities" is UPSETTING some people - and providing a lesson in medical science for others. VPR's Patti Daniels explains.	06/01/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/02/15 at 6:44 am (1 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Health Care Reform Chief Lawrence Miller says he's encouraged by the initial results of new technical changes at Vermont Health Connect, the state's health care exchange. Miller says these changes should significantly reduce a back log of more than 10-thousand cases in the next few months. VPRs Bob Kinzel reports.	06/05/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/06/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Health Care / Public Health / Medicine	Big data is all the rage these days, especially in the world of health care. Vermont is looking to compile a massive repository of insurance claims data - officials say, in order to improve the health care system. But that's become a legal testing ground for the future of health reform nationally.	06/24/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/25/15 at 6:44 & 7:04 am (1 min)
Law Enforcement	An unusual problem with Vermont's Emergency 9-1-1 network this week briefly prevented a number of calls from getting through. VPR's Steve Zind has more.	05/29/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (2 min); 05/30/15 at 8:04 & 9:04 am (1 min)
Law Enforcement	Vermont State Police are keeping an eye on border crossings between New York and Vermont today. That's after two convicted killers escaped "Clinton Correctional Facility" in Dannemora, New York over the weekend.	06/08/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/09/15 at 8:04 am (1 min)

Law Enforcement	Governor Peter Shumlin joined New York Governor Andrew Cuomo outside the Clinton Correctional Facility with new information about the two prisoners who escaped the prison over the weekend.	06/10/15 at 5:50 pm (2 min); 06/11/15 at 6:04 am (1 min)
Law Enforcement	There are some new developments tonight in the massive manhunt for two killers who escaped from an upstate New York prison more than two weeks ago.	06/22/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 06/23/15 at 6:20 & 7:04 am (1 min)
State Finances	The House Committee on Ways and Means gave approval today to a new tax on soda and other sugary beverages.	04/02/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/03/15 at 6:44 am (1 min)
State Finances	Vermont business leaders are up in arms about some proposed changes to the state's tax law. And now they're doing something about it. And as VPR's Peter Hirschfeld reports, they say the plan would deal a setback to the state's fragile economic recovery.	04/14/15 at 5:04 & 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/15/15 at 6:04, 6:44 & 7:44 am (3 min)
State Finances	State Senate President John Campbell says it's very unlikely his chamber will pass a bill to reduce the so-called Medicaid Cost Shift this session. The governor is pushing a seven-tenths of one percent payroll tax that he says would raise about 90-million dollars a year. But Campbell says the tax would hurt Vermont businesses.	04/18/15 at 9:04 am (1 min); 04/19/15 at 10:04 am (1 min)
State Finances	Governor Peter Shumlin says he'll strongly oppose any effort by the Legislature to expand the scope of the state sales tax.	04/24/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 04/25/15 at 8:04 am & 12:04 pm (2 min)
State Finances	We move now from water - to taxes. As the clock runs down at the capitol - a major fight is developing between the Shumlin administration and legislative leaders over a tax package to help balance the budget. And as VPR's Bob Kinzel reports - both sides have got to reach a resolution before lawmakers head home for the year.	05/13/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/14/15 at 6:20 & 7:04 am (2 min)
State Finances	Vermont House and Senate lawmakers have reached agreement on a more than \$5 billion state budget for next year. The late-session budget compromise pitted lawmakers against Governor Peter Shumlin.	05/16/15 at 8:04 & 9:04 am & 12:04 pm (1 min)
Town Meeting / Town Issues	Voters in Norwich will get a chance to reverse a decision they made on Town Meeting Day. In March, they refused to borrow around three million dollars to replace police and fire stations in disrepair. But as Charlotte Albright reports, the debate lives on.	04/12/15 at 8:04 am (3 min)
Town Meeting / Town Issues	Voters in three towns bordering Lake Fairlee will decide next month whether to finance the repair of a dam in danger of failing. But as Charlotte Albright reports, the owner has some concerns about the new design.	04/26/15 at 8:04 & 10:04 am (1 min)
Town Meeting / Town Issues	This weekend, Brookfield celebrates the grand opening of a brand-new floating bridge. The small lake at the center of town has had a floating bridge for 200 years. VPR's Sam Gale Rosen reports.	05/24/15 at 10:04 am (1 min)
Town Meeting / Town Issues	The future of Concord High School is on the ballot today...again. Last April voters decided to CLOSE the high school program. But as VPR's Charlotte Albright reports, a petition drive forced yet another vote in a deeply divided town.	06/16/15 at 4:04 & 5:50 pm (1 min)
VT History / VT Culture	It's official - Vermont now has a Latin motto. Governor Peter Shumlin signed it into law today at a ceremony at U-V-M. Angela Kubicke [koo-bicky] is the ninth grader who composed the motto.	04/10/15 at 5:50 pm (1 min); 04/11/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
VT History / VT Culture	Vermonters have been LEAVING the state since the early 19th century. The commonly held-belief...has been they leave due to economic concerns. But a new report says those aren't the ONLY reasons for this out-migration. VPR's Ric Cengeri has more.	05/17/15 at 10:04 am (3 min)
VT History / VT Culture	A festival this weekend celebrates the heritage of some of New England's native peoples. The Abenaki Heritage Weekend is being held at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Vergennes.	06/28/15 at 9:04 am (1 min)
Wildlife / Fish / Forests	Anyone who owns property in Vermont might want to listen up. You could soon be on the hook for helping clean up Lake Champlain and other bodies of water. The state Senate will soon vote on the \$10 million dollar water quality bill - that includes a per-parcel fee on residents and businesses.	05/07/15 at 5:50 pm (3 min); 05/08/15 at 6:44, 7:20 & 8:04 am (1 min)